

SUMMARY OF CAUCUS DISCUSSION AND MINUTES OF THE STRONGSVILLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON, TUESDAY FEBRUARY 19, 2019.

The Council of the City of Strongsville met in the Caucus Room at the Mike Kalinich Sr. City Council Chamber, 18688 Royalton Road, on **Tuesday, February 19, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.**

Present: Council Members: Matthew A. Schonhut, Annmarie P. Roff, Matthew P. Patten, Joseph C. DeMio, Kelly A. Kosek, Gordon C. Short and James E. Carbone. **Also Present:** Clerk of Council Aimee Pientka. **Administration:** Mayor Thomas P. Perciak, Law Director Neal M. Jamison, Finance Director Joseph K. Dubovec, Communications and Technology Director David E. Sems, Service Director Joe Walker, Economic Development Director Brent Painter, Human Resource Director Steve Kilo, Building Commissioner Tony Biondillo, City Engineer Ken Mikula, Recreation and Senior Services Director Bryan Bogre, Public Safety Director Charles Goss, Police Chief Mark Fender and Fire Chief Jack Draves.

Council President DeMio called the caucus to order at 7:00 p.m.

The following Council Committees met to review legislation on the agenda:

Planning, Zoning and Engineering Committee: Chairman Schonhut advised Ordinance No. 2019-029 is to rezone certain vacant property located on South Drive (PPNs 295-07-043 and 395-07-044) from R1-75 (One Family 75) classification to GB (General Business) classification. This was the former Metricks Motel property. This is a ballot issue and will be scheduled for the November 7th election. The recommendation was to refer this to the Planning Commission for their recommendation. Ordinance No. 2019-030 is an ordinance approving and adopting the Strongsville Master Plan 2018. All of council received both a paper copy and digital copy of this plan. Due to the volume of this plan, the recommendation is to place this on first reading so council has the opportunity to review before it gets referred to Planning Commission for their recommendation. Mr. Schonhut advised council will most likely have a special meeting in the future to discuss this plan. Mr. DeMio asked if the master plan could be amended or changed. Mr. Jamison advised yes it could, but advised council to use caution because if something was changed, it could affect other parts of the plan. In addition, county officials that created this plan might not agree with those changes. Ms. Roff would like to have some open dialogue with the county officials and see what their feelings would be if council suggested some changes. Mr. Jamison felt the time for dialogue with them is over. At this stage, council can either accept it, amend it or reject it. Mr. Carbone advised if there is a specific area, council may be able to do an addendum. Mr. Schonhut advised this plan is broad in nature, not overall specific; for example, what color light poles should be. The master plan is broad, but will help the city in potentially securing future funding with the county; therefore, Mr. Schonhut does not want to see the process of accepting this plan take a long time. Mr. Carbone thinks this proposed plan is a great foundation for the city. Mr. Painter advised there has been public meetings with county officials and residents, along with residential surveys. County officials have stated that while they are open to ideas, they are mindful that residents have had a lot of feedback in creating this and if you make significant changes, you are also changing the will of what the residents have expressed.

Communications and Technology Committee: Chairwoman Kosek recommended suspension and adoption for Ordinance No. 2019-031. This is a contract to lease 3 Ricoh copy machines for use by various departments of the city. The cost is \$638.50/month. This is a 48 month lease.

Public Safety & Health Committee: Chairman Short recommended suspension and adoption for Ordinance No. 2019-032. This is to apply for financial assistance under the Ohio EMS Grant Program for the training of personnel and/or the purchase of emergency medical equipment. Chief Draves advised we apply for this every year. The money comes from seatbelt fines. The city usually obtains somewhere around \$2,500-\$3,500.

Finance Committee: Chairman Carbone recommended suspension and adoption for Resolution No. 2019-033; a resolution requesting that the County Fiscal Officer certify certain information to the City of Strongsville. This is for a 1 mill renewal tax levy for Southwest Hospital. This will be placed on the November ballot.

Public Service and Conservation Committee: Chairwoman Roff recommended suspension and adoption for Ordinance No. 2019-034. This is to amend the contract with Construction Resources Inc. for continuing assistance and consulting services required by the Department of Public Service relating to the ongoing building exterior design at the city's wastewater treatment plants "B" and "C". The contract will be amended (original Ordinance No. 2017-196) to increase for a new total amount not to exceed \$230,000.00. Mr. Walker advised there is currently about \$2 million dollars' worth of construction going on right now at the treatment plants. This particular legislation pertains to the construction, inspection and administration side of it. Because of the current projects taking place there, there needs to be additional hours of inspection and testing. This legislation is without public bidding so all 7 votes of council are needed for this legislation to pass.

Committee of the Whole:

Strongsville City School Superintendent Dr. Cameron Ryba was present to discuss the school levy being placed on the May ballot. Also present were school board members Richard Micko, Duke Evans and Jane Ludwig. Dr. Ryba distributed handouts to council which are attached to the back of these minutes. Dr. Ryba discussed what the school district currently provides students in resources and support, as well as cuts that might have to be made if the levy does not pass. Dr. Ryba will be going into greater detail about this levy at the upcoming school board meeting and during his State of the City Schools' presentation on February 27th. Dr. Ryba asked for council and the mayor's public support for this levy.

MINUTES OF THE STRONGSVILLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2019 IN THE MIKE KALINICH SR. CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

CALL TO ORDER:

Council President DeMio called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. All joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

CERTIFICATION OF POSTING:

The Clerk of Council certified that the meeting had been posted in accordance with Ordinance No. 2004-273.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Council Members: Matthew A. Schonhut, Annmarie P. Roff, Matthew P. Patten, Joseph C. DeMio, Kelly A. Kosek, Gordon C. Short and James E. Carbone. Also Present: Clerk of Council Aimee Pientka. **Administration:** Mayor Thomas P. Perciak, Law Director Neal M. Jamison, Finance Director Joseph K. Dubovec, Communications and Technology Director David E. Sems, Service Director Joe Walker, Economic Development Director Brent Painter, Building Commissioner Tony Biondillo, Human Resource Director Steve Kilo, Recreation and Senior Services Director Bryan Bogre, City Engineer Ken Mikula, Public Safety Director Charles Goss, Police Chief Mark Fender and Fire Chief Jack Draves.

COMMENTS ON MINUTES:

The Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on February 4, 2019 were approved as submitted.

APPOINTMENTS, CONFIRMATIONS, AWARDS AND RECOGNITION:

Administration of Oath of Office to newly-appointed Fire Lieutenant Brian Tomcany.

Chief Draves - Brian is a graduate of Eastlake North High School. He earned an Associate's degree in Nursing from Lakeland Community College in 1993. He started his nursing career at University Hospitals, working in the pediatric and adult emergency rooms. Brian joined Strongsville Fire Department in June of 1998. Brian received his Bachelors of Science in Nursing in 2011 from Ohio University and received his Master's in Nursing from Kent State University in 2014. He is a certified family nurse practitioner and works in all of the Westside Cleveland Clinic Express Cares. Brian has a passion for community medicine and he has been the fire department coordinator of the Opioid Quick Response Team for the last 2 years. He has also served as an acting company officer since 2008. Brian is joined tonight by his wife Susan, his son Brian, son AJ and his wife Merry, and his son Joe. Also in the audience tonight are many family members and friends. Brian's wife, Susan and his 1st officer on the Strongsville Fire Department, Captain RJ Janiak will assist with the Oath of Office.

At this time, Mayor Perciak administered the Oath of Office.

(Applause)

Mr. DeMio – Well Brian, best of luck to you. We're proud of you. This council wants to thank all of what the folks you work with, the spouses, all the things they put up with all these years. You make us all look very good. We bless you all and I mean that sincerely from everyone on this council. I know you want to stay here. We have about 72 ordinances to go through...you're more than welcome to wait but if not, you're more than welcome to leave and we'll give you a minute to do so. Thank you all, bless you.

Mayor Perciak – Congratulations Brian.

(Applause)

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

SCHOOL BOARD – Mr. Carbone: There has not been a meeting since the last one. I will be taking the meeting this Thursday, February 21st. The only thing I wanted to add just to what Cameron said, if anybody is interested in being on the levy campaign committee they meet every Monday at 6:30 p.m. at the board office. They increased the committee probably by three times, if not even a little bit more; so they're looking for any help to get the message out there so the voters are informed so they can make a good, educated decision on the school levy.

Mr. DeMio – Anything you want to say about the superintendent?

Mr. Carbone – The Superintendent, Cameron Ryba was in to discuss the levy. He brought up a lot of valid points. They're going to be going into a deficit and they're trying to inform the residents on that. There were a phase 1 of cuts that I mentioned at the last council meeting; but there's also going to be cuts in case the 5.9 mill levy does not pass. One that Mr. Ryba had mentioned is that these are not threats; they're just trying to be very transparent and open with the community. They do not want to do this but they do have to balance the books and State law says they have to balance the books.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

SCHOOL BOARD – Mr. Carbone:

Mr. Carbone (cont'd) - He did an excellent job and if you're on the fence with this levy, I think it's worth a phone call to the board office or to a board member just to get the right, accurate information. A lot of times information is passed on and by the time it gets to some of us it's just not accurate; so to make an informed decision at the ballot the spring, please ask the question to somebody within the school administration or the school board or even one of us. If we don't know that answer, we'll definitely get that for you. That ends my report.

Mayor Perciak – If I may Mr. President, if I can add, Jim-the superintendent will be presenting his State of the Schools message on February 27th at the middle school at 6:30 p.m. At that time, he's invited the residents or anyone who may have questions regarding the levy and regarding some of the cuts that have been already implemented. I know the superintendent has made a very concentrated effort to make certain, as Councilman Carbone said, to be very transparent as to what's going on in our schools. We have to be very grateful in this community for the school system we have and the leadership we have in our schools. Anyone who has questions, has any reservations, any doubts, come to the State of the Schools' address. I'm sure the superintendent along with his central office staff will only be too happy to answer any questions that you may have regarding the levy or the state of our schools; that's it.

Mr. DeMio – Thank you so much mayor, I appreciate the additional information. It's funny, because Aimee and I were searching for the date of that meeting and you came up with it right on time.

SOUTHWEST GENERAL HEALTH SYSTEM – Mr. Short: Thank you Mr. DeMio, we have not yet had a board meeting this year. The first one is scheduled for next Wednesday the 27th so I will have a report at that point. I'll close my committee but take any questions if there are any.

BUILDING AND UTILITIES – Mr. Patten: Thank you Mr. DeMio, no ordinances or resolutions tonight. I'd be happy to take any questions if there are any. If not, then I'll close my committee.

COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY – Ms. Kosek: We have one ordinance this evening, Ordinance No. 2019-031. It is to purchase, or excuse me, lease three copy machines; one for the administration, one engineering and one for the police at a cost of \$638.50 for the three machines per month. The recommendation would be to suspend and adopt that. That's all I have for Communications and Technology.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Ms. Kosek: We will be having our February meeting at the rec center at 7:00 p.m. on February 25th and Brent tells me that we will have an agenda out tomorrow. All are welcome at the meeting. That's all I have unless there are any questions on either committee.

Mr. DeMio – No, but if I could share just one thing and based on what the superintendent talked about today, you may, it's up to you and the board, want to bring someone from the school referring to the student council or one of their committees because...just so they can see what we do with Mr. Painter and your committee. There are so many things we learned tonight that the superintendent talked about-college, vocational and other, it's just so important for us to work with them and I just think if you could open the door, God Bless, let's see if we can do it.

Ms. Kosek – Excellent idea, thank you Joe.

Mr. DeMio – You're welcome.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

FINANCE – Mr. Carbone: Yes, I have Resolution No. 2019-033. This is for a 1 mill tax levy for Southwest Hospital. This tax levy has been in existence since 1976. In 1976, it generated \$340,000.00; that has not changed. It is up at the end of this year, or at the end of 2020; so they are looking at another 5 year levy. It's not an increase and it will remain again \$340,000.00. The recommendation here is to suspend and adopt and give the residents an opportunity this fall and November to vote on this. That ends my report.

Mr. DeMio – Perfect, any questions?

(No comments)

PLANNING, ZONING AND ENGINEERING – Mr. Schonhut: Thank you Mr. DeMio, two ordinances tonight; Ordinance No. 2019-029 is a rezoning request on the north end of Pearl Road for a couple of parcels that sit behind where the former Metricks Motel used to sit. That's going to be placed on first reading and referred over to Planning Commission. Secondly, we have an ordinance, Ordinance No. 2019-030; that is to approve and adopt the master plan that we have been working on with the county. Eventually, we are going to refer that over to Planning Commission as well. We are going place that on first reading tonight and that will probably take a couple of months for us to work through that and digest that document as it is very large. That's all I have for tonight unless anybody has any questions.

Mr. DeMio – I just want to make sure that was okay with Mr. Walker, Mr. Schonhut...speedy and on the matter, we good?

Mr. Schonhut – I like to call it efficient.

Mr. DeMio – We're good, okay, how's the tie?

Mr. Walker – (Unintelligible)

Mr. DeMio – Matt, you've got to get him.

Mr. Walker – (Unintelligible)

Mr. DeMio – Well that and the service department most certainly should be our fashion coordinator as one would think.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEALTH – Mr. Short: Thank you Mr. DeMio, we have one ordinance tonight, Ordinance No. 2019-032. This is for the administration on behalf of the fire department to apply for a grant for the Ohio Department of Public Safety for the ems grant program for the purchase of emergency medical equipment and training. The recommendation there is to suspend and adopt. Thank and I'll take any questions.

PUBLIC SERVICE AND CONSERVATION – Ms. Roff: I have one for Public Service; it is Ordinance No. 2019-034 and this is an increase for the work being done on the sewer and water department area. This is a consulting firm overseeing the design. The increase is about \$35,000.00 and we will need all 7 on this because of the amount. The recommendation here is to suspend and adopt. Also, Mr. Walker informed us in caucus that this is still keeping us under the budgeted amount for both the building and also the roofing project going on over there.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES – Ms. Roff: I do not have anything for Recreation but I would like to throw a plug out there for them. They are putting out their sponsorships for their baseball teams and basketball teams. Small businesses looking to support the youth in our city get a little plug for their businesses..."Matt Schonhut Landscaping" on the back of them. You could pick the color of your shirt.

Mr. Schonhut – There happens to be a couple teams that say that on the back.

Ms. Roff – You can pick the age you want to sponsor; so just for a small, small price, and you can get a hold of somebody over at the rec center. Bryan, do you have a name of who they should go directly to?

Mr. Bogre – You can contact Chris Arold at 440-580-3264.

Ms. Roff – All right, and that's all I have unless anybody has any questions.

Mr. Carbone – If I could add something. Bryan, if you could tell everybody back who is associated with the father/daughter dance-it was an excellent job. I think I speak on behalf of all the fathers, thank you for giving us the opportunity to share a moment with our daughters. It was really neat. This was our second year and hopefully many years to come...just a wonderful job and just the little things that they had there were just so tastefully done. Blow Blow Dry and Nothing Bundt Cakes were two sponsors that did a great job and if I'm missing anyone I apologize; but it was really tastefully done and the kids really had a good time and I think the dads did too; so thank you.

Mr. Bogre – Thank you, I will let them know. There's also a mother/son dance that comes up in May as well.

Mr. Carbone – I can't attend that.

(Applause)

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – Mr. DeMio: Mr. Law Director, it seems like everything is in good form with the council as a whole. Do you see anything we've missed as a committee?

Mr. Jamison – No sir.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR, DIRECTORS OF DEPARTMENTS AND OTHER OFFICERS:

MAYOR PERCIAK:

Mr. DeMio – All right mayor, you left us for a time, took a little break.

Mayor Perciak – Yes.

Mr. DeMio – You're going to have to come down.

Mayor Perciak – I'm going to do what?

Mr. DeMio – Oh, you're coming down. Let's all come down...all of council come on down.

**REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR, DIRECTORS OF DEPARTMENTS
AND OTHER OFFICERS (cont'd):**

Mr. Schonhut – I'm going to invite everybody in the audience too.

Mr. DeMio – You know, he really hates when we do this because he has no idea what we are doing.

Mr. Schonhut – Nobody does.

(Laughter)

Mr. DeMio – Zero, well let's have the two chiefs behind him because I hear he has a quick left so I have to get out of the way here for a minute.. Come here chief, come on public safety director; get over here please. You know, it was really sweet when you were gone mayor on your vacation. It was very sweet.

Mayor Perciak – I'm sure all of the staff agrees.

Mr. DeMio – But it was sweeter when you came back.

Mayor Perciak – Why is that?

Mr. DeMio – We have a little gift for you. These are 7 different chocolate bars. That's how much each council person missed you...seven times.

Mayor Perciak – Oh my, look at that.

Mr. DeMio – And we all missed you.

Mayor Perciak – All from Malleys.

Mr. DeMio – All from Malleys. It was cold out, wasn't it everybody, when he was gone? We missed you and we just want to say we do miss you and seriously, it's nice to have you back.

Mayor Perciak - Thank you.

Mr. DeMio – It's sweet to have you back.

Mayor Perciak – I was happy to go and I'm happy to be back.

Mr. DeMio – Do you all believe that?

Mayor Perciak – I am happy to be back, I am.

Mr. DeMio – Okay, I'm going to have all of council...if someone would be so gracious as to take a picture. I know you're going to get us back sooner or later.

Mayor Perciak – The day will come.

Mr. .DeMio – Let's all hold a candy bar.

**REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR, DIRECTORS OF DEPARTMENTS
AND OTHER OFFICERS (cont'd):**

Mr. DeMio – Mayor, my wife says you look awfully sweet on TV.

Mayor Perciak – Well, Marie, thank you. My wife is in Aruba and I'm sure she's streaming this. She actually streams it. So when I get home she calls me and says, "Well, what did you think of all that tonight?" Anyway, I have no report tonight.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT – Mr. Dubovec: Thank you Mr. President, funds are available for all ordinances and resolutions on this evening's agenda requiring certification of funding. That concludes my report, thank you.

LAW DEPARTMENT – Mr. Jamison: All ordinances and resolutions are in proper legal form. That concludes my report.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Mr. DeMio – There comes a time for audience participation. There is no one signed in, although anyone is welcome if they do want to come up, just their name, first and last and address please. You have roughly 5 minutes, even if you have a common first and last name we would like you to spell that for the record. Does anyone wish to come up?

Ms. Roff – You have to bring a candy bar up with you.

(No comments)

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

Ordinance No. 2019-029 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE ADOPTED BY SECTION 1250.03 OF TITLE SIX, PART TWELVE OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF STRONGSVILLE TO CHANGE THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF CERTAIN VACANT PROPERTY LOCATED ON SOUTH DRIVE (PPNS 395-07-043 and 395-07-044) IN THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, FROM R1-75 (ONE FAMILY 75) CLASSIFICATION TO GB (GENERAL BUSINESS) CLASSIFICATION.

Placed on first reading and referred to the Planning Commission.

Ordinance No. 2019-030 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE STRONGSVILLE MASTER PLAN 2018.

Placed on first reading.

Mr. DeMio – Just for the record, this is the document we got Thursday/Friday and it's a good piece of document so we have to digest that for the record. I appreciate Matt all that you and Jim have done. I mean that. It takes a lot and Mr. Painter, mayor, did an outstanding job as well.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):

Ordinance No. 2019-031 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE REQUESTING PARTICIPATION IN OHIO DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES CONTRACTS FOR THE REPLACEMENT AND LEASE OF THREE UPGRADED COPIERS INCLUDING ACCESSORIES, FOR USE BY VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO DO ALL THINGS NECESSARY TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Carbone to suspend the rules requiring every ordinance or resolution to be read on three different days, second by Mr. Schonhut. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

Motion to adopt by Mr. Carbone, second by Mr. Schonhut.

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2019-031 ADOPTED.

Ordinance No. 2019-032 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY UNDER THE OHIO EMS GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE TRAINING OF PERSONNEL AND/OR THE PURCHASE OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL EQUIPMENT; AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Carbone to suspend the rules requiring every ordinance or resolution to be read on three different days, second by Mr. Schonhut. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

Motion to adopt by Mr. Carbone, second by Mr. Schonhut.

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2019-032 ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 2019-033 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE COUNTY FISCAL OFFICER CERTIFY CERTAIN INFORMATION TO THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Carbone to suspend the rules requiring every ordinance or resolution to be read on three different days, second by Mr. Schonhut. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

Motion to adopt by Mr. Carbone, second by Mr. Schonhut.

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Resolution No. 2019-033 ADOPTED.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):

Ordinance No. 2019-034 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1 OF ORDINANCE NO. 2017-196 TO INCREASE THE APPROPRIATED CONTRACT NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT WITH CONSTRUCTION RESOURCES, INC. FOR CONTINUING ASSISTANCE AND CONSULTING SERVICES REQUIRED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE RELATING TO THE ONGOING BUILDING EXTERIOR DESIGN AT THE CITY'S WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANTS "B" AND "C", WITHOUT PUBLIC BIDDING, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Carbone to suspend the rules requiring every ordinance or resolution to be read on three different days, second by Mr. Schonhut. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

Motion to adopt by Mr. Carbone, second by Mr. Schonhut.

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries.

Ordinance No. 2019-034 ADOPTED.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS AND CLAIMS:

(None)

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Ms. Roff – I just wanted to announce that tomorrow here in chambers will be the first ward 2 meeting. It's a low key, more of a round table type question/answer/ideas at 7:00 p.m. So, if ward 2 can join me, or anybody else in Strongsville also, it would be great to see more people.

Mr. Patten – Also, Mr. President, I would like to announce to and remind everyone that Monday night the 25th at 7:00 p.m. in council chambers we have a meeting for ward 1 residents as well or anybody that wants to attend, thank you.

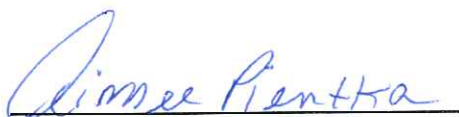
Mr. Short – And Mr. President ward 4, I'm looking to schedule that for March, probably on a Saturday and maybe at the library, depending on the availability here, but we'll get that done in March as well.

Mr. DeMio – Excellent, sounds great. Mr. Law Director, are we good?

Mr. Jamison – Yes sir.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before this Council, President DeMio adjourned the meeting at 8:33p.m.

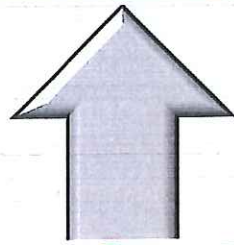


Aimee K. Pientka, MMC
Clerk of Council

3-4-19

Date

What Quality of School District Do We Want for the Children of Strongsville?



Our Community Will Decide

May 2019 Levy

**5.9 Mill Five-Year Limited
Operating Levy**

\$9,300,000
(Annual Tax Revenue)

\$17.21 per month
(Per \$100K Valuation)

\$413 per year
(Per \$200K Valuation)



**Passage of the Levy Preserves a
Strong Educational and
Financial Future and Stops
Reductions Beyond Phase I**



**Failure of the Levy Initiates
Phase II Reductions for the
2019-20 School Year**



**What Quality of City Do We Want for
the Residents of Strongsville?**

Our Financial Reality

	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023
Beginning Cash Balance	\$24.2	\$31.2	\$27.8	\$22.7	\$15.6	\$6.0
Total Revenues	74.7	70.5	71.2	71.1	70.7	70.7
Total Expenses	67.7	73.9	76.3	78.2	80.3	82.3
Deficit Spending	7.0	(3.4)	(5.1)	(7.1)	(9.6)	(11.6)
Ending Cash Balance	\$29.3	\$25.9	\$20.8	\$13.7	\$4.1	(\$7.5)



Ending Cash Balance

5.9 Mill Levy and Phase I Reductions

	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023
Ending Cash Balance	\$29.3	\$26.4	\$26.4	\$28.9	\$28.9	\$27.0
Ending Cash Balance	\$23.2	\$17.6	\$10.1	\$0.7	(\$10.6)	(\$23.7)

Phase II Student Implications

Description	Reduction	Impact
Student Extracurriculars	3 Sports Teams/12 Clubs/Pep Band/Musical/Plays/Increased PTP	\$158,235
Student Opportunities	Field Trips/Multiple Classes/No Travel for SHS Groups	\$215,000
Student Resources	Textbook & Tech Replacement/Learning Resources	\$1,122,464
Student Services/ Supports	SMS, SHS, & Parochial Busing/7th Grade Team/Larger Class Sizes/Staff to Support Students	\$1,208,054
Staff Development/Staffing Reorganization	Staff Training & Support/Reduction of 43 staff and 62 Coaching - Club - Support Positions	\$577,620

\$3,281,373

Our Children Need Their Community...

For less than \$35 a month (\$200k valuation), a Strongsville resident will provide the children of our city with the education and opportunities they need to find success in school and in life. For less than \$35 a month, you will preserve:

- ✓ Student safety with Elementary, SMS, SHS, and Parochial Busing at a 1 mile limit
- ✓ Relevant Textbooks and Technology to Keep Our Students Competitive
- ✓ Comprehensive Courses that Have Students Learning in Classes and Not Sitting in Study Halls
- ✓ Desirable Class Sizes for Student Learning
- ✓ Gifted Services for Elementary Students and College Credit Plus Classes on Campus
- ✓ Student Clubs, such as Student Council, School Newspaper, Pep Band, Key Club
- ✓ Middle School/Freshman Athletics and No Increase to Current Pay to Participate Fees
- ✓ Field Trips and Travel for Marching Band, Show Choir, Orchestra, and Student Competitions
- ✓ School Musicals, Plays, and Orchestra, Band, and Choir Concerts
- ✓ Facility Availability for PTA, School-Affiliated, and Community Groups
- ✓ 115 Coaching, Club, and Support Positions
- ✓ 127 Teaching, Support Staff, and Administrative Positions

...To Support Their Future

STRONGSVILLE CITY COUNCIL

Superintendent makes case before council

Ryba asks city leaders for support of 5.9-mill levy

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STRONGSVILLE — The superintendent of the Strongsville City Schools is getting city leaders involved in an operating levy that will be on the May ballot.

At the Feb. 19 meeting of the Strongsville City Council, Superintendent Dr. Cameron Ryba asked for support for the school district's upcoming 5.9-mill, five-year levy. He also outlined some of the cuts that are on the table — both with the levy's passage and what can be expected in the event it fails.

"I'm asking the council to endorse our operating levy — to endorse the work we are doing, to endorse the future of the kids of Strongsville City Schools so they can have the future they deserve," Ryba said.

He explained the implications of the levy and the reality of the cuts that will be required if the voters do not support it.

"The choice is in the hands of the community — what we want our school district to be, what quality of education we want our students to have, and what opportunities we want our kids to have moving forward so that they can have a pathway to their dreams and goals and aspirations once they leave our school district," Ryba said.

The board of education has already mapped out a Phase I of reductions that they plan to implement regardless of the outcome of the May election. The plan to make reductions came after Strongsville voters turned down a 7.9-mill levy in November and the board decided to move forward with a lower millage. To



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Superintendent Dr. Cameron Ryba explained the implications of the school district's May levy at the Feb. 19 City Council meeting.

offset the difference, the first phase of cuts will save \$1.1 million annually. Cuts will include staffing, technology, textbooks and other items.

If the levy fails in May, another \$3.3 million is on the chopping block. The cuts that are being discussed by the administration include athletic teams, clubs, student performance opportunities, student clubs, field trips, classes, student travel, textbooks, gifted programs, increased pay-to-participate fees, reduced busing, staffing and more.

The levy is critical to keep those opportunities, according to Ryba. It costs homeowners \$17.21 per month per \$100,000 valuation. For the average \$200,000 Strongsville home, that's \$413 per year to support the schools. A levy that is passed in May 2019 would translate into actual funding in fiscal year 2020.

A committee of volunteers is working to get information out to the community — both residents with students in the schools and those without.

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job as a community is to provide the resources, provide the support and provide the services that our students need to find success because what we're doing is providing a future that's strong and bright and healthy for our Strongsville community," Ryba said.

Mayor Thomas Perciak gave Ryba and the school district his support.

"The schools are very, very vital. Without them, our community would not be as good as it is," Perciak said.

Ryba will be hosting a public State of the Schools address on Wednesday, Feb. 27, at 6:30 p.m. in the Strongsville Middle School auditorium. It will include information about the levy as well as a question and answer session.