

**SUMMARY OF CAUCUS DISCUSSION AND MINUTES OF THE STRONGSVILLE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING HELD ON, MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 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 **Monday, October 7, 2019 at 7:30 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: Assistant Clerk of Council Tiffany Mekeel. **Administration:** Mayor Thomas P. Perciak, Law Director Neal M. Jamison, Economic Development Director Brent Painter, Communications and Technology Director David E. Sems, Service Director Joe Walker, Recreation and Senior Services Director Bryan Bogre, Building Commissioner Tony Biondillo, City Engineer Ken Mikula, Human Resource Director Steve Kilo, Public Safety Director Charles Goss, Fire Chief Jack Draves and Police Chief Mark Fender.

Council President DeMio called the caucus to order at 7:36 p.m.

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

Planning, Zoning & Engineering Committee: Chairman Schonhut advised Ordinance No. 2019-154 is to amend section 1252.15(a) of the City's Codified Ordinances concerning yards for accessory uses. The ordinance received favorable recommendation from the Planning Commission. It will be placed on second reading and set for a public hearing on November 18, 2019 at 8:00 p.m.

Public Safety & Health Committee: Chairman Short recommended suspension and adoption for Ordinance No. 2019-159. This is to amend section 432.30(g) of the City's Codified Ordinances in connection with fines associated with stopping for school buses. This will increase the not to exceed amount from \$500.00 to \$750.00. Mr. Jamison stated both the Law and Police Department received correspondences from the Strongsville Superintendent expressing an opportunity for the City to increase fines. This is part of the ongoing measure the Police Department has taken over the last year to protect the students and bus drivers.

Recreation & Community Services Committee: Chairwoman Roff advised Ordinance No. 2019-160; an ordinance authorizing the sale by Internet auction, of certain obsolete property no longer needed for any municipal purpose by the City's Recreation Department. The net proceeds of the sale will be deposited into the Multi-Purpose Complex Fund. The recommendation is to suspend and adopt.

Communication and Technology Committee: Chairwoman Kosek advised Ordinance No. 2019-161 is an ordinance authorizing participation in Ohio Department of Administrative Services Contracts for the purchase of electrical and electronic cabling, connectors, control mechanisms, equipment and supplies in support of the City's radio and communication equipment. This is a contract with Anixter, Inc. in a total amount not to exceed \$100,000.00. The recommendation is to suspend and adopt. Ordinance No. 2019-162 is an ordinance authorizing participation in Ohio Department of Administrative Services Contracts for the replacement and lease of one copier with appurtenances for use by the Communication and Technology Department. This is a contract with Blue Technologies, Inc. an authorized dealer for Konica Minolta Business Solutions USA Inc. in a total amount of \$173.50 per month for a 48-month period. The recommendation is to suspend and adopt. Ms. Kosek recommended suspension and adoption for Ordinance No. 2019-163. This is ordinance authorizing participation in Ohio Department of Administrative Services Contracts for radio infrastructure equipment and supplies in support of the radio and telecommunication needs and requirements of the City, including the Regional Dispatch Center. This is a contract with Motorola Solutions, Inc. in a total amount not to exceed \$35,000.00.

Committee of the Whole: Mr. DeMio advised Ordinance Nos. 2019-150 through 2019-153 are all TIF (Tax Increment Financing) ordinances. The parcels of property that these pertain to are 82-II (PPNs 396-12-033, 396-12-034, 396-12-035 and Vitalia Expansion PPN 392-16-014), 82 & Foltz (PPN 393-01-013 Viccarone Heating & Cooling), North Pearl (Culvers PPN 395-05-019 and La Siesta Redevelopment PPN 395-05-013) and Quality Care (Progressive Quality Care Skilled Nursing Facility PPN 394-31-004), respectively. Mr. Schonhut asked if Arby's would be added. Mayor Perciak stated the City was ready to go; but pulled it until Arby's bring something more concrete. Mr. Painter added the construction for this project is scheduled for 2020. The TIF will be in place then. These ordinances will be placed on second reading. Suspension and adoption was recommended for Resolution No.2019-164. A resolution in support of National Breast Cancer Awareness month during the month of October.

Mr. DeMio stated he received a call about Halloween. Mayor Perciak stated Trick-or-Treat is Thursday, October 31st from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Finance Committee:

Motion made by Mr. Carbone, second by Mr. Schonhut, to approve the Finance Committee meeting minutes of September 10, 2019. All members presented voted aye and the motion carried.

Economic Committee: Mr. DeMio advised the minutes would not be approved at this meeting. Chairwoman Kosek found some minor errors. The errors will be corrected and approved at the next Council meeting.

Mr. Carbone made a motion to adjourn into executive session for the purpose of discussing pending civil litigation. It was seconded by Mr. Schonhut to adjourn from open session into executive session [Article XI, Section 9, City Charter]. All members present voted aye and the motion carried. Council adjourned into executive session at 7:45 p.m. Also present from the Administration: Mayor Thomas P. Perciak, Law Director Neal Jamison and Building Commissioner Tony Biondillo. The executive session concluded at 8:01 p.m. and reconvened into open session.

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CALL TO ORDER:

Council President DeMio called the meeting to order at 8:03 p.m. All joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

CERTIFICATION OF POSTING:

The Assistant 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:** Assistant Clerk of Council Tiffany Mekeel. **Administration:** Mayor Thomas P. Perciak, Law Director Neal M. Jamison, Economic Development Director Brent Painter, Communications and Technology Director David E. Sems, Service Director Joe Walker, Recreation and Senior Services Director Bryan Bogre, Building Commissioner Tony Biondillo, City Engineer Ken Mikula, Human Resource Director Steve Kilo, Public Safety Director Charles Goss, Fire Chief Jack Draves and Police Chief Mark Fender.

Mr. DeMio – And Ann, thank you so much for having your healthy voice again. We were all worried about you...

Ms. Roff – You are so welcome. My husband appreciates it very much.

Mr. DeMio – I bet he does...

(Laughter)

COMMENTS ON MINUTES:

The Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on September 16, 2019 and the Special Meeting held on September 26, 2019 were approved as submitted.

Mr. DeMio – Just a point of record. I know the Law Director understands. We are not going to approve the Economic Development Committee meeting minutes because there are some adjustments that need to be made. I just wanted to put that on the record in case anyone's listening tonight.

APPOINTMENTS, CONFIRMATIONS, AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS:

(None)

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

SCHOOL BOARD – Mr. Schonhut: Thank you Mr. DeMio. I attended the meeting. It was what, two in half, three weeks ago at this point. Actually, Kelly was in attendance there too. They talked about a number of items that actually pertain to us. First and foremost, the vaping problems that I guess continue to go on in school. They thanked Kelly and Ann for their work towards helping us pass some tighter laws in Strongsville. They approved GPSs in buses; which I know Mr. Patten is very thankful for. As well, it is easier to track the kids and see where they're at and where and when they'll be getting off the buses. They actually talked quite extensively about the mall; since they are trying to get their taxes lowered. They're concerned about that and kind of punted it to us saying that it is something we need to look at in the future. Maybe a joint meeting between the School Board and Council in the future may not be a bad idea. Somewhat soon...

Mr. DeMio – I think we're going to let the first part November settle...

Mr. Schonhut – Yep.

Mr. DeMio – Down and work from there. Thank you so much. I know the Mayor is on top of those tax request.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

SCHOOL BOARD – Mr. Schonhut (cont'd):

Mayor Perciak – Yes I am.

Mr. DeMio – As well as helped the school system out with his experience in those numbers.

SOUTHWEST GENERAL HEALTH SYSTEM – Mr. Short: Thank you Mr. DeMio. Lots to report as we finally had our meeting at the health center system. Financially, the health system is very strong. Revenues are up over last year and over budget for 2019. Expenses are on track with budget. Operating income is doing very well. The hospital is very sound financially. Patient admissions are up as is patient quality experiences. Overall, a very good year through August, 2019 for the Southwest Center Health System. The health center has renewed its partnership with U.H. for another 10 years. It was set to expire at the end of next year and will now be through 2030; Southwest will be in partnership with University Hospitals Health System. It was very good news for the system and the community. A reminder to all of you out there that in November, there is a renewal levy for Southwest General for the services they provide. It's part of our tax base here in Strongsville. We're one of the five communities supporting Southwest. Again, it is not a tax increase. It is just a renewal. We encourage the voters of Strongsville to go out and support the levy and support the great hospital system we have right in our backyard. Over the border in Middleburg Heights. This will conclude my report on the health system; but, I'll happily take any questions.

Mr. DeMio – I just want to know if you are a Browns fan tonight Mr. Short?

Mr. Short – Well, now that the Steelers are official done for the year...

(Laughter)

Ms. Kosek – What, the third string...

Mr. Short – The third string quarterback...

Ms. Kosek – Yeah, you have no faith in the third string quarterback?

Mr. Short – I can't root for the Ravens nor the Bengals by default...

Mr. DeMio – Okay. I wanted to make the record clear.

BUILDING AND UTILITIES – Mr. Patten: Thank you, Mr. DeMio. No ordinances or resolutions tonight; but, will happily take any questions if there are any.

Mr. DeMio – Why don't you talk a little bit about what happened with CEI, Illuminating Company, whatever their true name is. First Energy.

Mr. Patten – We did have First Energy tonight in our caucus. We had an opportunity to go over some of the issues we're having in each Ward. If anybody at home has had some issues with their power at all, please do not hesitate to reach out to us or your Council person so we can keep a record and make sure we're getting those reported to First Energy to get fixed for you. With that, that's all I've got.

Mr. DeMio – Excellent. They gave us a clear overview of where they are working, what they're doing and why they're doing it. It's been very helpful. I'm glad this Council joined together and continues to meet with them every three or four months. It really has helped and I appreciate everybody's time.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY – Ms. Kosek: We have three ordinances for Communications and Technology tonight. We have Ordinance No. 2019-161; which is for electrical and electronic cabling, connectors, and control mechanisms. The vendor is Anixter, Inc. and the amount is not to exceed \$100,000.00. Ordinance No. 2019-162 is for a new copy machine at the cost of \$173.50 a month for 48-months. The vendor is Blue Technologies, Inc. This is going down from the previous contract price of \$224.00 a month. Ordinance No. 2019-163 is for our radio infrastructure; which is for our Safety Forces and Regional Dispatch Center. The total amount is not to exceed \$35,000.00 and this is with Motorola Solutions, Inc. All of those, I would recommend we suspend and adopt.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Ms. Kosek: We had a committee meeting on September 23rd and had a lively discussion. We are going to approve the minutes after we make a few changes. Those will be available after the next meeting. Our next Economic Development meeting is going to be on October 28th at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. Jim Carbone, who serves on the Economic Development Committee with me met with his Retail Advisory Board on September 30th. They discussed a plan to address some of the retail issues we have been discussing as the retail board and Economic Development Committee. Jim is going to talk a little bit more about this now.

Mr. Carbone – Yes. Our committee met last Monday. Through multiple times of meeting with our newly created board, we talked about multiple topics surrounding our community; which were recommended in our Master Plan passed last year when we partnered with the County Division of Planning. Our committee determined they wanted to focus on one or two items. They thought our first focus should be the core of our town; which is our downtown area and Pearl Road. This was determined through a lot of collaboration and hours devoted to what steps our committee thought we should take to keep our community moving forward in the right direction. Our committee determined the following; a comprehensive downtown plan would help sustain or potentially sustain retail moving forward. As our City continues to age, and because of this, our committee thought we need to look at adding more amenities for our senior citizens. We discussed our aging community and why...one thing you may have heard, and we've discussed it multiple times. It came out of the Master Plan. A lot of our resident...their kids are graduating from high school and moving onto college or to a career. They're staying in their homes. My sister Chris and brother-in-law Chuck being one example of it. They remodeled their whole house and now are committed for many more years. It is great because it really tells you what type of community we have; but, because of it, we don't have as many houses for a community our size on the market. When the housing market burst in the years to come, we, as a committee looked at are we ready for the next generation of home buyers? The millennials. Do we have the amenities suitable for them to come in and want to be here? To make an investment in Strongsville. We wanted to build off our great civic events we have in the center of town. Our 82 and 42 project. Our water tower. All the new development happening in the downtown. The committee wanted me to represent them tonight and make a recommendation to Council to seek an outside consultant to do a comprehensive study of our downtown area and Pearl Road corridor. The scope of services discussed by our committee over the last multiple times we met were parking; parking issues and identifying new places for parking. Signage; creating one style and location of signage and verbiage of signage. The lighting; adding additional lighting to our connectability and walkability making it safe for our residents. We talked about sidewalks and connecting the whole downtown area together. We talked about breaking down paths and what it would look like. As far as what size paths and what the paths would look like. The type of materials. Connecting parking lots to parking making it convenient for our residents of any age and safe. We also looked at zoning options. Short term and long term. We looked at amenities for millennials to seniors. This might look like a new splash pad. It's been brought up many times; but where is the location of the splash pad. What size and what is the cost. A playground; age appropriate and able to handle special needs children; but, also gives our seniors an opportunity to exercise. How about an outdoor venue and pavilion. Farmer's market ideas.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Ms. Kosek (cont'd):

Mr. Carbone – A sitting area. Where people young and old can come and play various games. Like cornhole, bocce ball, Jenga, etc. A dog park. These are City amenities we're going to have to look at in the years to come. I'm not saying a month, a year or ten years from now; but, a new City Hall at some point is going to have to be considered. Possibly a new fire station. To lower our response time for our Fire Department. Landscape. We look at Pearl Road; some of things brought up through our committee and what we've heard throughout the years is creating guidelines to make it business friendly. Something tastefully done for our community. We know it's like a puzzle. Every piece, every new project we have will fit the puzzle of what we want the City to look like in the years to come. This would constitute multiple things we all, as a committee, pointed out in our last couple meetings. By no means are we saying these items would be immediately constructed nor would the City be financing all of them. This study will be a guide for Council and the Administration on future projects, zoning and vision for our community. This differs from the Master Plan because it is more of an in-depth study. Focusing on our downtown area and standard for our Pearl Road corridor. It is the request of the committee they would give Council the recommendation on what firm. Our scope of services would be the driving force behind the study and our committee would work together with a consultant throughout the entire process and give the final recommendation to Council before the adoption of a new comprehensive downtown criteria and standards for Pearl Road. Council, if this is something you'd be okay with, Neal, I would like you, along with George Smerigan, our City Planner, to start drafting legislation for the RFQ; for the qualifications and have something back to us, Council, in the next couple weeks. I'd like to thank the board members. If you guys can please stand. You put a lot of time and a lot of effort in. Being away from your families. There was a lot of vision and commitment to our community and I appreciate it. Thank you.

(Applause)

Mr. Jamison – If I may Mr. Chairman I would just respond. You have to give me the scope of services before you can have legislation prepared. The legislation is easy. I can do it tomorrow. The challenge is going to be for you to define the scope of services you want the firm or firms you're going to review and consult with and what they're actually going to do. From what you just read to me, there's multiple things you had in there. One of them was amenities like a splash pad. I don't know if you mean to have the splash pad in the downtown area. What you need to do, you and your committee, is you need to give me and the City Planner a clear idea of what you want the firm or individual to do for you in developing this plan. You have to have this before you put it out for a resolution. You have to have the scope of what they're going to do...thank you Mayor. Define clearly before you go forward. I'll do it. It's just a matter of you having to spell it out before we start this. What you're going to review with the potential firms. You then have to send it to the individual firms for them to see if they're even interested in doing it.

Mr. Carbone – Right.

Mr. Jamison – It's not as simple as me just preparing a resolution. You have to get together and specifically say what you want them to do; so they can determine whether they are interested to come in and be interviewed. Then, you determine if they have the qualifications to make it what you want...

Mr. Carbone – Yeah Neal. We have the study location we want. We didn't want to...in talking with George Smerigan, we didn't want to give out a specific location. If we're looking for...we can give some perimeters with them. Maybe going above and beyond if they see something worth wild for the City moving forward. We have about four or five pages of services we'd like to see...

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Ms. Kosek (cont'd):

Mayor Perciak – I need to chime in on this a minute...

Mr. Jamison – Go ahead Mayor...

Mayor Perciak – The Administration is supportive of a study like this; but, it's got to be very clear because all of us who have dealt with studies over the year; like in my case, the last 16 years. You have to narrow it down for these firms. You may be talking more than one firm here. You've mentioned several different walks and aspects of life. You're going to have to prioritize as to what it is you want to focus on right now. If it's the downtown, that's a top priority. If it's the revitalization of Pearl Road, that's another priority. You have to be specific in your scope. There are so many different companies specializing in this. You're not going to find a multi-purpose company to do all this for you. You're going to have to be a bit more detailed and this is where you really need to sit with Smerigan, the Engineering Department, the Building Department, Economic Development Department, Police and Fire. It has to be a whole thing. You're not going to get one company to do a wraparound event. It does not exist. If you want to do it right...

Ms. Roff – Could you have legs of it though? A leg of it? Starting with the first and most important of what they're looking at and then...

Mayor Perciak – It's like anything else Ann. It's like engineering. Everybody thinks engineering is just engineering; but it isn't. It brings in a lot of technology today and everything else. They bring in outside consults so even when we interview engineering firms today, it's not just an engineering firm. It's a bunch of affiliates coming in with the firm or employed within the firm. This would be the same thing...

Ms. Roff – That part I understand, I was just thinking like the legs of it so they understand the whole picture...

Mr. Jamison – So...

Mayor Perciak – Yeah. But no, we're, the Administration is supportive of the downtown. We're supportive of the...we realize and understand the value of a study for the retail side of it. The retail on Pearl Road. To all of your questions and remarks. We know the retail is stale in some areas; but we also know we have to deal with property rights and owners' rights. This is why we have to make certain when this scope goes out we are able to clearly define to them what we are looking for...

Mr. DeMio – Okay. I'll tell you what we'll do then Mayor. On the 21st, Jim, can you put time in your...in Kelly's committee to make sure we're all on the same page? Obviously, it will be from you two. Then, give it to him for approval in front of us. We can chime in a little bit if we have to and start the process requesting the proper legislation. It gives you a couple weeks to narrow your scope or to be more specific...

Mr. Jamison – Right...

Mr. DeMio – You can still reach out. Is that okay?

Mr. Carbone – We have the scope our committee is looking at. I can meet with Neal and George. We can put something together...

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Ms. Kosek (cont'd):

Mayor Perciak – But it's more; Jimmy, in all fairness. Engineering, Building and Safety have to be a part of this. They all have to have input on this. It's bigger than what we think it is...

Mr. Jamison – So...

Mayor Perciak – We're supportive of it; but, we want to get it right though...

Ms. Kosek – Is it possible for us to start the process by going forward with what Jim is suggesting? Everybody can look at it and give us input after it? Rather than us coming in with the final product. Let's all collaboratively work on what we're throwing out there. We don't have to vote on it at the next meeting...

Mr. DeMio – We're just talking about the legislation portion. You don't want to redo what the folks did over here...

Mr. Jamison – Right.

Mr. DeMio – The Law Director is right. He can probably have six different ordinances and resolutions, right...

Mr. Jamison – Let me point out again, before you submit the legislation, you have to have the scope of services defined. You can't just go into it and say, "We're going to throw this resolution or ordinance out there and we're going to do this." You have to have it spelled out. When we've done the various things recently, for different projects, the department has gone out and defined the scope of services they want the firm to complete. As I listen to Jim tonight, it was like this wide range of things and I think what needs to happen is, the wider you make it, the bigger it becomes and longer it takes. The more expensive it gets and you might limit the ability of what firm or firms might be interested. If it's narrow and more strictly defined, then it's easier to have someone look at it and say, "Yeah, we're interested in doing this," or not. I'm just forewarning you. It's not going to be done in two weeks because you need to figure out what you really want to do in terms of a scope. What I heard tonight, there were a lot of good ideas; but they were different things and so...

Mr. Carbone – I just touched on a couple. I have five pages here I didn't want to read off...

Mr. Jamison – This is my point though. The more things you keep throwing in the stew it makes it harder for a firm to come in and say, "Do we really want to do this?" It might be so encompassing they say, "It's not worth it." The other thing you have to look at, on a practical matter, if you make it so wide ranging, the price might be exorbitant for them to come in and do it. They'll do it; but it might be five times the cost you originally thought it might be. This is why, from experience, it's good to know what you want to do upfront so you can contain the cost or know what that cost might be. Also, to get the right qualified individual or firm to do it. It's the cart before the horse. You want to have it lined up properly, before you start the process in motion. To the credit of our Engineering and Building Departments; whenever we've done this, they have done it. When they come to you and make a request for qualifications to interview firms, they know ahead of time what the scope is. Actually, it has to be on file with the Clerk. You can't go into it and say, "We're thinking of doing this," and put the legislation out there. It's backwards. You have to have the scope first, then you do the qualifications. Just wanted to make you aware of the timeframe. In terms of being a little ambitious going forward. You and I spoke earlier and yeah, we'll work with you. I'll meet with you whenever you want...

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Ms. Kosek (cont'd):

Mayor Perciak – Our people will work with you.

Mr. Jamison – Right.

Mayor Perciak – We're okay with that...

Mr. Jamison – I'm just trying to temper expectations in terms of when it's going...

Mr. Carbone – We have a wide variety of scope of services for this project...

Mr. Jamison – Alright and we'll sit down and figure it out...

Mr. Carbone – We'll sit down. You and George and mold this into something. Then, connect with our Safety Director, Chiefs and Engineering would be great...

Mr. Jamison – Okay.

Mayor Perciak – Don't forget Building...

Mr. DeMio – Just update us on the 21st.

Ms. Kosek – Perhaps we can get something on the calendar for the end of the week. We can sit down and have the conversation to keep this moving...

Mr. DeMio – So are you good with that? Just make sure we're updated. If you need more time at the caucus to explain more things to us that would be great...

Mr. Carbone – Thank you guys again for showing up...

Mr. DeMio – I appreciate it and they're welcome to come to the caucus too. However you two feel...

Ms. Roff – Can I ask one more, sorry. Could you put in a first phase knowing what the second and third phase; so they know what they're looking at? Not necessary will you go to them for the study; but they have an idea and know where they're starting and where we want to finish?

Mr. Jamison – Again Ann, this gets to; because I know you always like to look at the "big picture." You always want to see what the final...

Ms. Roff – I like to have a plan with a start and finish line; so we don't do pieces...

Mr. Jamison – My word of caution to you is, if you want to go down this road, you're expanding the scope of what someone might have to do and in turn, increase the potential cost. You might make it so expansive you might not get any firms interested in doing it. My suggestion is going to be define what you want to do. If it's the center town, then we go forward and define what you want the firm or individual to do. If after it you want to expand it to something else, then we go down the road at that point. To try and do this shot gun kind of thing and have all these great ideas and have a firm come in, I know from experience, it's going to make it harder to find someone good to be able to this.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Ms. Kosek (cont'd):

Ms. Roff – I understand; but I didn't know if they should have an idea of what the other parts are going to include.

Mr. Jamison – I think you cross that bridge as you go down the road. You've got to start before...

Mayor Perciak – When you go through the qualifications of the firm after someone responds to the RFP; you'll be able to ask those questions.

Ms. Roff – Okay. Thank you.

Mr. Carbone – I'm not going to keep on going. If you look at what Hudson did 20 years ago. There was a lot of scope of services there. I think we can mold something together pretty good with this.

Mr. Short – If I may, a quick question for Jim and Kelly. In terms of how this conforms to or complies with the Master Plan; I'm trying to remember off the top of my head, what the Master Plan said for the center of town. There was lots about walkability and other general...did the committee consider it and how it fits in with the Master Plan...?

Mr. Carbone – Yes. The Master Plan with these two topics recommended we did other studies.

Mr. Short – Okay.

Mr. Carbone – It's a more detailed study of our downtown. Incorporating what you mentioned. Walkability; but then also, with Pearl Road it was going out and doing a further study to add some of things we've been looking at. Continuity and cleaning up some of our Codes. Some of our continuity moving forward and things like curb cuts and all that. Those were all recommendations the Master Plan pointed out.

Ms. Kosek – Right. A lot of what we're doing in the Economic Development Committee is looking at what was in the Master Plan and then figuring out how we implement it. We're looking at ideas they've put out or they've out broad brushes and we're trying to dive down in and figure out exactly what it means. Jim has definitely been doing this on the Retail board and I've been doing it with the Industrial board. Trying to figure out what it means and how we can make it work. We're definitely building on it and this is kind of why I think we have such a large variety of things to talk about because there were so many good ideas in the Master Plan.

Mr. Short – Perfect. No this is excellent. This is why we did it. Thank you.

Mr. DeMio – Okay. Are we officially completed?

Mr. Carbone – We're done.

Ms. Kosek – Longest Economic Development report ever...

Mr. DeMio – Ever.

FINANCE – Mr. Carbone: No ordinances and resolutions this evening.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

PLANNING, ZONING AND ENGINEERING – Mr. Schonhut: Thank you, Mr. DeMio. We have Ordinance No. 2019-154. This pertains to unenclosed structures in yards as it relates to setbacks from the main structure. We had a first reading and received a favorable recommendation from the Planning Commission. Public hearing is scheduled for November 18. That is all I have, thank you.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEALTH – Mr. Short: Thank you Mr. DeMio. We have one ordinance on tonight's agenda. Ordinance No. 2019-159; this is to amend the traffic code for the City of Strongsville regarding the stopping for school bus and the signals when a school bus is stopped to discharge children. This is to amend the code section to update it from a fine of \$500.00 to a fine of up to \$750.00 for vehicles that do not stop for a school bus when discharging children. The recommendation is to suspend and adopt. Then also, one other item; because this will happen before our next Council meeting. On Sunday, October 20th from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. there is an open house at our Fire Station Headquarters in Ward 4, 17000 Prospect Road at the southwest side of town. Basically, at Prospect and Greenwood or close to Prospect and Drake. There will be a tour of the fire station. Kids and people can learn about fire safety. The fire trucks, also rescue squad and equipment will be available for public inspection. For the kiddos, there will also be fun and fire educationally actives for the kids. Including, they can spray a real fire hose. I might see if we can try it as well. Chief? I've never done it. Fire extinguisher training course and also a kid's firefighter obstacle course. If you are available that day from 1 to 3, Sunday, October 20th, come and check it out. It's actually a great facility. The fire house. It's the headquarters for the Fire Department as well 17000 Prospect Road. I'm assuming this probably will be posted on the website as well. That will conclude my report, unless anybody has any questions.

PUBLIC SERVICE AND CONSERVATION – Ms. Roff: I do not have anything for Public Service; but, I will be happy to take questions.

RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES – Ms. Roff: For rec, I have Ordinance No. 2019-160 and this is to allow sale off obsolete, actually its five pieces of obsolete exercise equipment and that will go back into the Multi-Purpose Complex Fund. The recommendation is to suspend and adopt and that's all I have.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – Mr. DeMio: As Mr. Patten mentioned earlier. We meet with the Illuminating Company, First Energy is what their name is today regarding the outages and how they're working towards cleaning those up. Also, we have Resolution No. 2019-164 which is the awareness of Breast Cancer Month. My mother was a victim to that. Every year I wear this tie and Kelly and I talked about it in our opening of our October Council. First meeting in October. I wear that in honor of my mother and all the various victims and their families and the survivors there are. With that said, I'm going to do this. It's not normal; but I'm going to ask everybody for just a moment of silence for those victims of cancer and their families as well as the survivors.

At this time, a moment of silence was observed.

Mr. DeMio – God bless. Thank you everybody for that. We also have Ordinance Nos. 2019-150 through 2019-153. Those are our TIFs. We are going to be voting on it in a couple weeks. It is a second reading on all of those and we're looking forward to receiving the money. Mayor, as soon as you can get it for us; because I know Council is on board with it. With that said, Mr. Law Director, before I close our committee, anything else you want to say?

Mr. Jamison – No sir.

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

MAYOR PERCIAK: I will be brief. Just a quick reminder. On Tuesday, October 15th. Dr. Ryba will be delivering the State of Schools. The luncheon will begin at 11:30 a.m. at the Holiday Inn. Anybody interested in understanding or knowing what's going on in our schools and the balance sheet of our schools, it would be a good time for you to attend this luncheon. On October 25th, we again, the City of Strongsville will be going through our annual review with Moody's. The rating agency for our bonds. This will be on Friday, the 25th. I will be in Columbus with our Finance people presenting our financial projections for the future and where it is and they'll pretty much be telling us what they think about us. They'll study all these things and they're pretty much going to give us a guideline as to what we can do financially or what we cannot do financially in order to maintain the Aaa bond rating we have. That ends my report.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT – Mr. Dubovec:

Mr. Jamison – Thanks Mr. Chairman. On behalf of Mr. Dubovec. Based upon careful review of the proposed October 7, 2019 Council meeting agenda, I hereby certify that Funds will be made available for all ordinances and resolutions on such agenda requiring certification of funding. Signed by Joseph Dubovec on September 30, 2019.

Mr. DeMio – Thank you so much.

Mr. Jamison – I will submit that to the Clerk...

Mr. DeMio – This officially goes to you Tiffany.

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

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Mr. DeMio – Alright, now comes the time for audience participation. No one signed in; so, is there anyone here that would like to...that's okay. I figured you were here for something. I think you may know this guideline. We try to do it in about five minutes. Just give your name, first and last, and even if your first name is Jim, spell your first name and your last name and your address as well. Go right ahead.

Carl Fechko, 20804 Parkwood Lane, Strongsville, OH: Carl Fechko. C-A-R-L F, like in Frank, E-C-H-K-O. 20804 Parkwood Lane, Strongsville, Ohio 44149. I've lived in Strongsville now for about 45 years and last week my wife went to the rec center to renew her membership and she asked, "How come you don't have Silver Sneakers here?" The answer was, "Having Silver Sneakers here would be a bad business decision." My wife said, "What do you mean by that?" The adult replied, "It wouldn't be fair to the people who pay to come in here to have people get in for free." Now, my wife came home and told me about that and all I think of was, well if I would have been there, I would have informed this adult that we pay extra for our secondary Medicare insurance so that it could prove Silver Sneakers so we pay the insurance. The insurance pays for Silver Sneakers and really, we pay for it. We don't get in for free because we pay for the insurance and the insurance pays for it. My reason to be here is simply to say, please consider Silver Sneakers. Maybe once a week, twice week on a limited basis; something.

Mr. DeMio – There's the boss right there and Rec Director is right over to the right. I'm sure, if it's okay with the Mayor, sometime he can make an appointment...

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Mayor Perciak – Absolutely.

Mr. DeMio – Make sure you talk with our Rec Director, right there...

Mr. Fechko – Okay.

Mr. DeMio – Just let us know.

Mr. Fechko – Alright.

Mr. DeMio – I appreciate you Carl. Thank you so much...

Mr. Fechko – Thank you very much.

Mr. DeMio – And thank you for being a resident for over 40 years. God bless. I appreciate it. Thank you.

Ms. Roff – If you make that appointment, myself and Gordon are the... I'm the head of the Committee of the Rec and Gordon is a one of the chair people. If you make that appointment, you can let us know and if we're available, we can come with you.

Mr. DeMio – Thank you so much and I appreciate it. Anyone else? Come on up. I know you know the rules.

Ms. Cozza – I'm going to be short, I promise.

Mr. DeMio – Alright. Go right ahead.

Ms. Cozza – I'm positive.

Mr. DeMio – No, go ahead.

Jessica Cozza, 9812 Hazelwood Avenue, Strongsville, OH: Jessica Cozza. 9812 Hazelwood Avenue. I wanted to say thank you for the movie night. I know I'm like two months late on my thank you for this; but, I just wanted to tell you that we had such positive feedback from around the City because I know a lot of people here and a lot of people really enjoyed it. All ages. I had elderly neighbors that took their grandkids there and it was such a nice event to see. I was so thankful for it and I wanted to thank was it Bryan Bogre too...

Mr. DeMio – Bogre, yeah...

Ms. Cozza – I wanted to thank him too...

Mr. DeMio – It's his night tonight, apparently.

Ms. Cozza – The PTA was very thankful to be part of that too...

Mr. DeMio – We appreciate you coming and helping out...

Ms. Cozza – We look forward to the next one.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Mr. DeMio – Yes, I appreciate it.

Ms. Cozza – That's it.

Mr. DeMio – Thank you so much and thank you for helping that night. Appreciate it. Finally, anyone else?

(No comments)

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

Ordinance No. 2019-150 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE DECLARING IMPROVEMENTS TO CERTAIN PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY TO BE A PUBLIC PURPOSE, DESCRIBING THE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS TO BE MADE TO DIRECTLY BENEFIT SUCH PARCELS, REQUIRING THE OWNERS OF THE IMPROVEMENTS ON SUCH PARCELS TO MAKE SERVICE PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES, ESTABLISHING AN 82-II MUNICIPAL PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT TAX INCREMENT EQUIVALENT FUND FOR THE DEPOSIT OF SUCH SERVICE PAYMENTS PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTIONS 5709.40, 5709.42 AND 5709.43, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. *First reading 09/16/19.*

Placed on second reading and referred back to the committee.

Mr. DeMio – For the record, only a lawyer would write it this way. Excellently, by the way.

Ordinance No. 2019-151 by Mayor Perciak and All Members Council. AN ORDINANCE DECLARING IMPROVEMENTS TO CERTAIN PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY TO BE A PUBLIC PURPOSE, DESCRIBING THE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS TO BE MADE TO DIRECTLY BENEFIT SUCH PARCELS, REQUIRING THE OWNERS OF THE IMPROVEMENTS ON SUCH PARCELS TO MAKE SERVICE PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES, ESTABLISHING AN 82 & FOLTZ MUNICIPAL PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT TAX INCREMENT EQUIVALENT FUND FOR THE DEPOSIT OF SUCH SERVICE PAYMENTS PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTIONS 5709.40, 5709.42 AND 5709.43, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. *First reading 09/16/19.*

Placed on second reading and referred back to the committee.

Ordinance No. 2019-152 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE DECLARING IMPROVEMENTS TO CERTAIN PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY TO BE A PUBLIC PURPOSE, DESCRIBING THE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS TO BE MADE TO DIRECTLY BENEFIT SUCH PARCELS, REQUIRING THE OWNERS OF THE IMPROVEMENTS ON SUCH PARCELS TO MAKE SERVICE PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES, ESTABLISHING A NORTH PEARL MUNICIPAL PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT TAX INCREMENT EQUIVALENT FUND FOR THE DEPOSIT OF SUCH SERVICE PAYMENTS PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTIONS 5709.40, 5709.42 AND 5709.43, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. *First reading 09/16/19.*

Placed on second reading and referred back to the committee.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):

Ordinance No. 2019-153 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE DECLARING IMPROVEMENTS TO CERTAIN PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY TO BE A PUBLIC PURPOSE, DESCRIBING THE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS TO BE MADE TO DIRECTLY BENEFIT SUCH PARCELS, REQUIRING THE OWNERS OF THE IMPROVEMENTS ON SUCH PARCELS TO MAKE SERVICE PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES, ESTABLISHING A PROGRESSIVE QUALITY CARE MUNICIPAL PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT TAX INCREMENT EQUIVALENT FUND FOR THE DEPOSIT OF SUCH SERVICE PAYMENTS PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTIONS 5709.40, 5709.42 AND 5709.43, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. *First reading 09/16/19. Placed on second reading and referred back to the committee.*

Ordinance No. 2019-154 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1252.15(a) OF TITLE SIX OF PART TWELVE-PLANNING AND ZONING CODE, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE CONCERNING YARDS FOR ACCESSORY BUILDINGS AND USES. *First reading and referred to Planning Commission 09/16/19. Favorable recommendation by the Planning Commission 09/26/19.*

Placed on second reading and set public hearing for 11/18/19.

Ordinance No. 2019-159 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 432.30(g) OF TITLE SIX OF PART FOUR-TRAFFIC CODE OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE IN CONNECTION WITH FINES ASSOCIATED WITH STOPPING FOR SCHOOL BUSES.

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. 2019-159 ADOPTED.

Ordinance No. 2019-160 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE BY INTERNET AUCTION, OF CERTAIN OBSOLETE PROPERTY NO LONGER NEEDED FOR ANY MUNICIPAL PURPOSE BY THE CITY'S RECREATION DEPARTMENT, 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. 2019-160 ADOPTED.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):

Ordinance No. 2019-161 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN OHIO DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES CONTRACTS FOR THE PURCHASE OF ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC CABLING, CONNECTORS, CONTROL MECHANISMS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES FOR USE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION & TECHNOLOGY IN SUPPORT OF THE CITY'S RADIO AND COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR 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. 2019-161 ADOPTED.

Ordinance No. 2019-162 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN OHIO DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES CONTRACTS FOR THE REPLACEMENT AND LEASE OF ONE COPIER WITH APPURTENANCES, FOR USE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION & TECHNOLOGY OF THE CITY; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO DO ALL THINGS NECESSARY TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT 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. 2019-162 ADOPTED.

Ordinance No. 2019-163 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN STATE OF OHIO DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES CONTRACTS FOR RADIO INFRASTRUCTURE EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES FOR USE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION & TECHNOLOGY, IN SUPPORT OF THE RADIO AND TELECOMMUNICATION NEEDS AND REQUIREMENTS OF THE CITY, INCLUDING THE REGIONAL DISPATCH CENTER; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR 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. 2019-163 ADOPTED.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):

Resolution No. 2019-164 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF NATIONAL BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH DURING OCTOBER, 2019.

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. 2019-164 ADOPTED.

Mr. DeMio – Mr. Law Director, any reason to go back?

Mr. Jamison – No sir.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS AND CLAIMS:

Mr. DeMio – We had a note from our Finance Department, outside of that we have nothing else.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Mr. DeMio – Miscellaneous Business, nothing.

Ms. Kosek – Yes.

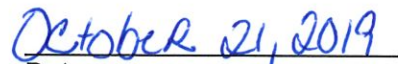
Mr. DeMio – Go.

Ms. Kosek – Nothing big. I'm going to have Ward 3 Resident meeting on October 29th at the Senior Center at 7:00 p.m. and also, if people enjoyed the movie night that we had in August, we are having Hayrides at the Chalet, sponsoring by Council on October 22nd at 6:00 p.m. Come out. Have a hot dog, have some popcorn. Have a hayride. Wear a costume if you'd like. We'd love to see you there.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before this Council, President DeMio adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m.


Tiffany Mekeel, CMC
Assistant Clerk of Council


Date

CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, OHIO

FINANCE DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

Date: September 30, 2019
To: President and Members of Council
From: Joseph K. Dubovec CPA, Director of Finance
CC: Mayor Thomas P. Perciak
Neal M. Jamison, Law Director
Subject: Certification of Funding for October 7, 2019 Council Meeting

Since I will not be present at the October 7, 2019 Council meeting, I respectfully request that the "Certification of Funding" below be read at the meeting in my absence in order to confirm and document the funding in accordance with law.

**CERTIFICATION OF FUNDING
FOR
OCTOBER 7, 2019 COUNCIL MEETING**

Based upon careful review of the proposed October 7, 2019 Council Meeting Agenda, I hereby certify that Funds will be made available for all Ordinances and Resolutions on such Agenda requiring certification of funding.



Joseph K. Dubovec CPA
Director of Finance

Date: 9-30-19