

## **SUMMARY OF CAUCUS DISCUSSION AND MINUTES OF THE STRONGSVILLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 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, November 18, 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 Joe Dubovec, 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 7:00 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. There will be a public hearing for this tonight. The recommendation was to adopt this legislation. Ordinance No. 2019-175 is to enter into a member community infrastructure grant agreement with the NEORS (Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District) in connection with the Willow Lane sanitary sewer project. Mr. Mikula advised this is a competitive grant and the city has been awarded 50% of the cost, or \$624,750.00. Mr. Schonhut stated there is two houses at the end of the street that are new construction and wanted to know if they are a part of this assessment. Mr. Mikula advised when a previous developer put in the subdivision to the south of this, they ran a sanitary sewer through that way so they are already connected. Mr. Schonhut advised there are 33 homes in that development. Mr. Carbone asked if more homes could be developed back there. Mr. Mikula advised if something is submitted, it will be reviewed and evaluated at that time. As of this time, there is only going to be 2 houses at the end of that street. The recommendation was to suspend and adopt this legislation.

Recreation & Community Services Committee: Chairwoman Roff advised Ordinance No. 2019-176 is to enter into an agreement with the City of Berea for certain services to be performed at the recreation and senior center. Mr. Bogre advised that years ago we used to rent out space in Berea for the senior wheels transportation program. They have since torn that building down, so they brought the dispatch services for that program over to our recreation center. Mr. Schonhut asked if the dispatcher is a shared employee of both cities. Mr. Bogre advised our city has an employee who does this and Berea has a couple employees who do their dispatching. Each city pays for their own employee(s). This is one office in the recreation center that our employee currently uses. Mr. Schonhut asked, from an economic standpoint, if there is consideration to share the costs of an employee(s) between the cities. Mr. Bogre advised this has not been discussed. Our employee dispatches till 1:00 p.m. and their employee comes in and stays till 3:30 p.m. Mayor Perciak advised it can be difficult to share employees due to how the OPERS retirement system operates. It is better off to keep them separate at this point. The recommendation was to suspend and adopt this legislation. Ordinance No. 2019-177 is to apply for financial assistance from Cuyahoga County for the 2020 community development supplemental grant program for a community-sponsored activity/program through the recreation and senior department. Mr. Carbone advised Mr. Mike Gallagher, the city's county councilman, was instrumental in obtaining this. The recommendation was to suspend and adopt this legislation. Resolution No. 2019-178 is to advertise for bids for youth sports swearing apparel for use by the recreation department for 2020. The recommendation is to suspend and adopt this legislation.

Building & Utilities Committee: Chairman Patten recommended suspension and adoption for Ordinance No. 2019-179. This is to enter into a grant for an underground easement to CEI for electric and communications facilities on Lunn Road. Ms. Roff asked how big is the easement. Mr. Biondillo advised this is a 900 foot long easement. When the city constructed the two new service storage facilities, they were not in the calculation for the generator located in the main facility. Mr. Biondillo wants to provide separate power supplies to both those storage buildings as well as to help further growth. If something happens, First Energy will be responsible for the maintenance of those underground lines as well as the transformer; therefore, there will be no repair cost to the city.

Communications & Technology Committee: Chairwoman Kosek recommended suspension and adoption for Ordinance No. 2019-180. This is to enter into a software upgrade agreement and maintenance purchase agreement with Motorola Solutions, Inc. in connection with the Southwest Emergency Dispatch center's dispatching radio consoles and related software. The contract is in the amount not to exceed \$449,846.00 over a period of 5 years. Ms. Kosek advised previously, this was covered under the City of Cleveland's contract. Mr. Jamison advised these are the consoles that the dispatchers sit at as well as the software used; that is why the cost is high. This is without public bidding; therefore, all 7 votes of council are needed for this legislation to pass. Ordinance No. 2019-181 is to make payment to the Southwest Regional Communications Network Council of Governments for the purchase of routine maintenance, repairs and other services required for the ongoing radio needs for the city. These are for the handheld radios used. The cost is \$76,046.06 and for a timeframe of one year. The recommendation was to suspend and adopt that legislation.

Mr. Carbone started a discussion about a VIP text program North Olmsted has that relates community updates and information. He would like to see this for the residents of Strongsville. Mr. Carbone advised this would not be costly to initiate. Mr. Carbone also brought up that the city used to have an RUOK program for senior residents. He would like to see something like that established again as well seeing as the city's demographics are aging. Mr. Sems stated that in terms of the RUOK program, we have other communities that we do dispatching for and we do that program for some of them. It is very limited/antiquated so they are looking to automate that process. That should be coming in the next few months and it will be made available to Strongsville as well, but some technical issues need worked out first. Mayor Perciak asked where North Olmsted gets their software for their program. Mr. Carbone advised they do it the older way as well but they are currently transitioning to modernize it. Mayor Perciak asked Mr. Carbone to supply the information. Mr. Sems advised our city could do both these programs in-house. The only concern Mr. Sems had is the city already has a program called ReadyNotify. We already struggle to get people to sign up for this. Adding to that and providing the residents with another venue where they would have to sign up for updates could present confusion. Mr. Sem's suggestion would be to send the city events through ReadyNotify.

Ms. Kosek and Ms. Roff discussed the possibility of council starting a newsletter in the future. To save costs, Ms. Kosek would like to see an electronic version as well as continue with a mailed version to those residents who request it. Mr. Patten worked through Mr. Sems with his newsletter. Ms. Roff suggested high school students could volunteer and go to the senior center to help senior citizens register for ReadyNotify.

Public Safety & Health Committee: Chairman Short recommended suspension and adoption for Resolution No. 2019-182. This is to accept two donations from the Swagelok Company of \$1,000.00 each to be used for education and training for the police and fire departments.

Finance Committee: Chairman Carbone recommended suspension and adoption for Ordinance No. 2019-183. This is to enter into an agreement to purchase property-casualty and related insurance coverages. This is with Travelers Companies through The Fedeli Group in an amount not to exceed \$506,513.00 in annual premium. This is without public bidding so all 7 votes of council are needed for this to pass. Mr. Carbone asked why we do not bid for this. Mr. Dubovec advised there are two

reasons. First, the market is hardening as it is due to the losses incurred across the country as well as the wildfires in the west. Secondly, the city has had a couple large claims in 2017. The loss ratio for the last 5 years was 122%. Our consultant would like to see one more year of the city reducing its claims. Ms. Roff asked if we ever did put it out to bid could we risk the price going up. The mayor advised the real issue is finding an underwriter who is willing to take it. It is a possibility we may not get bids submitted when we do go out to bid. Mr. Schonhut asked when was the last time the city did go out to bid for this. Mr. Dubovec believes it was 6 years ago. Ms. Kosek advised she will be abstaining from voting on this tonight because her law firm represents the Fedeli Group from time to time.

Committee of the Whole:

***Mr. Carbone made a motion to adjourn into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters. 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 7:30 p.m. Also present from the Administration: Mayor Thomas P. Perciak, Law Director Neal Jamison, Human Resource Director Steve Kilo and Service Director Joe Walker. Mayor Perciak and the rest of the administration left the Executive Session at 7:55 p.m. The executive session concluded at 8:00 p.m. and reconvened into open session.***

**MINUTES OF THE STRONGSVILLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2019 IN THE MIKE KALINICH SR. CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS.**

**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.

***\*Girl Scouts from Troops 70544, 70118, 70130 & 71093 gave the Presentation of the Colors and recited the Girl Scout Promise\****

Ms. Kosek – I want to welcome you all and thank you for coming tonight. I'm going to see if I have all of the Troop Nos., 544, 70118, 70193 and 70130. Thank you all for coming. I want to thank the leaders, Rachel Gansert, Terri Rusinko, Tracy Grauell and Patty Zivkovic. You guys are here today to earn the Junior Government Badge. I want to thank you for Presenting the Colors and doing the Pledge. As I mentioned here, I think it's been 25 years since I've done the Oath. I was a Girl Scout all the way starting in 1983...Girl Scout cookies cost a dollar then and thin mints were still the most popular. I went through scouting all the way from 1<sup>st</sup> grade, because Daisies didn't exist, to when I was a senior I got the Silver Award and the Gold Award; so I would encourage you guys to stick with it. I truly believe that the Girl Scouts is a wonderful program and opportunity for you guys to learn about the community, like we are here, and being a leader; so I appreciate you guys coming and sharing with us. I think that a few of you might have some comments about the city or questions and we want to give you an opportunity to do that. Do you have a question?

Girl Scout – Yes, I was wondering if there could be a skateboard park built in Strongsville because I've seen so many kids riding their skateboards and they are just...they don't really have anything to do on it except ride around and I believe it would be beneficial; or they would have a way to get off the iPhones which is a big problem these days; and really have something to do and have fun with their friends, thank you. My name is Kaley Britton and I am in Troop 70130.

(Applause)

**CALL TO ORDER (cont'd):**

Ms. Kosek – Thank you Kaley. Ann is in charge of the rec department so we will have her check on that skate park for you.

Girl Scout – My name is Chloe Clark and I'm from Troop 71093 and I would like to add sidewalks on Priem Road so we can ride our bikes to Surrarrer Elementary.

(Applause)

Ms. Kosek – Is there anyone else who had a question?

Girl Scout – Hi, my name is Shiriah Williams from Troop 70544. To the mayor and the elected officials and residents of Strongsville, thanks for giving me this opportunity to speak. My family and I have called Strongsville home for 5 years. Since I was in 1<sup>st</sup> grade I have loved it here. My two brothers and I have made lots of friends and participated in various city sports and activities. I really enjoyed walking in the homecoming parade with my Troop, cheer team and brother's football team. It really shows great Strongsville Pride. What I like most about Strongsville is many people can call Strongsville home and, born native or not, and still feel welcomed by the community. What I would like to change is waste control and management-more trash cans throughout the city to cut down on litter; also to enforce residents to recycle to help the community and go green.

(Applause)

Girl Scout – Hello, my name is Samantha Mihalik from Troop 70544 and I have been a resident of Strongsville for 11 years now. What I love about Strongsville is that there is a parade every year for cheerleaders, football players, Girl Scouts, and more. What I would like to see change about Strongsville is the types of businesses. There should be more entertainment for families so they can be active together; for example, bowling alleys, roller skating rinks and trampoline parks. This would be good for Strongsville to keep the money in Strongsville instead of going to other cities. Thank you for letting me speak to you.

(Applause)

Girl Scout – My name is Emily Polo. I am from Troop 71093 and I like the new brick crosswalks and the lights on the square.

(Applause)

Girl Scout – My name is Adriana Mansa from Troop 71093 and I would like to put street lights on Westwood Drive because it is really dark at night and it is hard to see.

(Applause)

Girl Scout – I like the Strongsville Metroparks because it is a nice place for people to go to see scenery or ride their bikes or walk their dog; and it is a nice place to just relax on a long day. It's fun because you can do a lot of different things there with your family and you always see a lot of different people and dogs...it's fun there.

(Applause)

**CALL TO ORDER (cont'd):**

Girl Scout – Hello, my name is Laila and I'm part of Girl Scout Troop 70118. I would like to compliment the Strongsville Board for the excellent school board and all the good education that they give to different students in Strongsville, thank you.

(Applause)

Ms. Kosek – Anyone else? I want to thank you for coming and sharing all these great ideas with us. What we're going to do is we will have this in our minutes and we're going to follow up with your leaders about some of the things that you've asked. What I would encourage you to do is we're here the first and third Monday of every month. Please come back, except August, but you're on vacation then too...so come back and join us and give us your ideas because this is probably the most fun that we've had all year; so thank you for coming. I wanted to make sure I thanked the mayor. All of your pins came from the mayor's office; so thank you mayor for having a little something for our girls.

(Applause)

Mr. DeMio – Thank you parents for being here. I know, as a parent, it's always tough to fit everything in everyday to get things done for your families. Obviously, they're pretty bright...I don't think that their bashful at all. We have extra pins for those who weren't able to make it.

Mr. Carbone – Joe, I just wanted to make sure because it came out of the mayor's office, I kept one. Unless there's an issue, I only think it's appropriate that Kelly, since 1983 being a Girl Scout, should have one.

Ms. Kosek – Thank you.

Mr. DeMio – Again, thank you all for coming.

**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 Joe Dubovec, 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.

**COMMENTS ON MINUTES:**

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

**APPOINTMENTS, CONFIRMATIONS, AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS:**

(None)

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

**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. Second reading 10/07/19. Public hearing 11/18/19.*

*Mr. DeMio invited anyone wishing to speak **IN FAVOR** of the Ordinance to approach the podium and address Council.*

*(No Comments)*

*Mr. DeMio then invited anyone wishing to speak **IN OPPOSITION** of the Ordinance to approach the podium and address Council.*

*(No Comments)*

*Hearing no further comments in regard to this matter, Council President DeMio closed the Public Hearing on said Ordinance.*

**REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES:**

**SCHOOL BOARD – Mr. DeMio:**

*No meeting until November 21, 2019.*

**SOUTHWEST GENERAL HEALTH SYSTEM – Mr. Short:** Thank you Mr. DeMio, we did not have a meeting for the Southwest Health System Board since our last council meeting; however, I do want to thank the City of Strongsville for passing the renewal levy to keep operating funds going to that great asset that we have in Middleburg Heights, the Southwest Community General Health System. That concludes my report but I will happily take any questions.

Mr. DeMio – When is the next meeting? Do you know?

Mr. Short – The first or second week of December.

**BUILDING AND UTILITIES – Mr. Patten:** Thank you Mr. DeMio, just one ordinance tonight, Ordinance No. 2019-179. It's an ordinance granting an underground easement to the Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company for electric and communication facilities on Lunn Road tonight. If there's any questions on that I'm happy to answer it. If not, I will close my committee.

**REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):**

**COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY – Ms. Kosek:** We have two ordinances tonight, Ordinance No. 2019-180 and 2019-181. The first is a service agreement for software and hardware related to our radio consoles at the dispatch center. It is a 5 year contract for \$449,846,000.00. This is a contract that will require all 7 tonight. It was done without bidding because we need to work with Motorola Solutions. I would ask that we suspend and adopt that. Then the second contract is \$76,046.06 which is the maintenance of the handheld radios that are used by our safety forces. That will also need all 7 to vote so I would ask that we suspend and adopt that as well. If we have any questions I'll be happy to take them.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Ms. Kosek:** We have...Jim, you have your retail advisory board is going to meet on Monday, November 25<sup>th</sup>. Can you remind me of the time and the location?

Mr. Carbone – 7:00 p.m. right here.

Ms. Kosek – Okay, so November 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m., in the council chambers, will be the retail advisory board that Jim is heading up. Then, we're going to have the economic development committee meet on December 9<sup>th</sup> here in the council chambers also at 7:00 p.m. I also wanted to give...Brent, if you don't mind, an opportunity to report on the very successful small business expo that you had a couple weeks ago.

Mr. Painter – Thank you Councilwoman Kosek, our expo went off without a hitch. Hopefully, some of the folks in the room here had a chance to stop by. That was last Wednesday...time flies. We had 104 vendors that attended the event, with a waiting list for more to get in. We maxed out at 104 and had, I think, our best crowd ever. I know the feedback that we received from the business community that was there was the most positive that we've received; that they got a lot of good leads, got to talk to a lot of great people and really engrained themselves more in the community and talked about what they do. I would just like to take a moment to thank our rec center that works very closely with us to make that event work. Our police department and fire department both help. David Sems, our IT director helped us get into the 21<sup>st</sup> century on this business expo and really helped make it a more efficient registration process. Joe Dubovec...the list goes on and on. Steve Kilo, our HR director, who sat there all night with me and helped people find their tables. It's just a great team effort and it always is with this group of administrative leaders and, obviously, led by the mayor. Thank you all and thank you Councilwoman Kosek for giving me the moment to share.

Ms. Kosek – Brent, I also want to thank you. I know that it would not be possible without all the hard work that you do in putting it together; so I thank all the directors for making it be a great event, but also for you for organizing it. I know it's a big thing and I know that all of the small businesses appreciate it. I think the people who attended it appreciated it too because there were so many folks there that night; so thank you. With that, I'll close the committee unless there are any questions.

Mr. Patten – I have one comment Kelly, and to Brent, nice job on that. My daughter is a junior and is in the DECA program and was there that night with some other classmates from the high school and was really impressed by it. She came home that evening and had a lot of positive, great stuff to say; so nice job and thank you mayor for that.

**REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):**

**FINANCE – Mr. Carbone:** I have Ordinance No. 2019-183. This is the renewal of an agreement with Travelers Company, through the Fedeli Group, to purchase property casualty and related insurance coverages. The recommendation is to suspend and adopt. That concludes, but I did want to say one thing. I wanted to give a shout out to one of our own, Ann Roff, for winning the "Battle of the Chili" last week. All proceeds went to the Strongsville Food Bank.

(Applause)

Mr. Carbone –She did us proud and the chili was phenomenal.

Ms. Roff – Thanks Jim for chopping all night. It was a combo effort, I guess, because all of a sudden he was on the sheet.

Mr. Short – Does he know how to cook?

Mr. Carbone – I knew something was going to come from the mayor.

Mr. Schonhut – When I was on the phone with Ann, the conversation was something like Carbone, get off your phone and start scooping chili; so I don't know how much work went into it on Mr. Carbone's end.

Ms. Roff – Kelly was my original partner but she had other engagements.

Mr. Carbone – That ends my report now.

Ms. Kosek – Yes, Ann, I really wanted to thank you for coming through and winning because I was at the Polar Express with my family so I didn't get to eat any of the chili; but Ann did a wonderful job, so thank you Ann.

Ms. Roff – It was neat though; it was a neat thing to raise some money for the food bank. I would love to do it again.

**PLANNING, ZONING AND ENGINEERING – Mr. Schonhut:** Thank you Mr. DeMio, quickly, two ordinances tonight. Ordinance No. 2019-154 which is the one we had the public hearing on, as it relates to pergolas, arbors, things of that nature, setbacks required from houses in relation to that. Given that we had no comment here and the favorable recommendation from the Planning Commission, the recommendation will be to adopt on that tonight. Ordinance No. 2019-175 is basically accepting a grant for sewer work that is going to be done for a sanitary sewer project on Willow Lane. There's 33 out of the 35 homes on that street that are currently on septic system. Those are going to be getting converted over to sanitary sewer. We are going to be working with the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District on that and they're going to be granting us dollars in the amount of \$624,750.00, which will be a big help on that project. The recommendation on that is to suspend and adopt tonight and that is all I have unless anybody has any questions.

**PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEALTH – Mr. Short:** Thank you Mr. DeMio, we have one resolution tonight, Resolution No. 2019-182. This is to accept two \$1,000.00 donations, \$1,000.00 each for the police and fire departments from Swagelok Company, to be used for education and training by those respective departments. We want to thank Swagelok for their continued support of the Strongsville community police and fire. The recommendation there is to suspend and adopt. That concludes my report but I will happily take any questions.



**REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):**

**PUBLIC SERVICE AND CONSERVATION – Ms. Roff:** I do not have anything for public service, but I will be happy to take any questions. Just an extra thank you to Ken and Joe, all the cones are down on S.R. 82 and S.R. 42. It's a nice ride in and out of that area now so thank you. I know it was a headache for everybody, including them, with lots of phone calls... appreciate though, it looks good.

**RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES – Ms. Roff:** For recreation I have three ordinances, Ordinance No. 2019-176 is an ordinance for the mayor and the city to enter into a contract with Berea for their senior services for their dispatch for the senior buses, some office space rental that will be shared with our dispatch person so they're not taking up any extra room. It's something we did in their city when we did not have a place to dispatch from. We are returning the courtesy along with earning an extra little bit of income for the rec department. The recommendation there is to suspend and adopt. I have Ordinance No. 2019-177, this is an ordinance for the mayor and rec department to go out for grant money, up to \$50,000.00 if it's awarded. The recommendation there is to suspend and adopt. I think the Girl Scouts have a lot of ways that we could spend it too. Bryan, all ready for you. The recommendation is to suspend and adopt for that. I have Resolution No. 2019-178 and this is to go out for bidding for jerseys for the 2020 rec season. The recommendation there is to suspend and adopt for that. That's all I have unless there's questions.

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – Mr. DeMio:** We met tonight back in caucus. We went over the agenda. We went over the public hearing and everything is in order as far as council is concerned. I do want to make a little mention and this is special of course for our friend, Tiffany Mekeel, who is our assistant to Aimee and council as a clerk. We're wearing the purple ribbons today for pancreatic cancer and we want to recognize all those families and folks that have been victim, I would say, because my family is a victim of that cancer. I would like to have a moment of silence for that if we could do that.

***\*At this time, a moment of silence was obserbed.\****

Mr. DeMio – Thank you so much; so folks, before we get into a few other things, it's probably a good time for...and I see the parents shaking their heads, it's probably a good time for you all to leave unless you want to...we have about 4-5 more hours of this if you want to stay. Seriously, now would be a good time...

Mayor Perciak – Mr. President, if I may, I have a very important Christmas message.

Mr. DeMio – You know what? Then, we'll finish the last few moments and the mayor says, he'll be quick, I know he will be, so let's here from the mayor.

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

**MAYOR PERCIAK:** On Sunday at 5:30 p.m. Santa Claus is coming to town and the square will be all lit up with all the Christmas lights and all the fireworks. Our marching band will bring Santa Claus into the town square. Come and see all the spectacular events that will be going on Sunday beginning at 5:30 p.m. I want to thank all of the volunteers. We couldn't do this without them. Our entire staff at the city and our business community. Our business community makes this happen. This year, I'm proud to announce the business community and the civic community have donated in excess of \$60,000.00 to make this happen again. Every year, we just continue to build on what we started 16 years ago. What you see on The Commons now is an effort of 16 years. What you really see is the residents and the business community coming together to form a community right here in downtown Strongsville and this is the best way we can come together to start off the Christmas season; and it's all free, thank you.

(Applause)

Mr. DeMio – Now that's a great report mayor, thank you so much. We have to hear from our money man, Mr. Dubovec, our finance director.

**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 will end my report, thank you.

**LAW DEPARTMENT – Mr. Jamison:** Now, Mr. DeMio, this is always the time of year where I give an update on the flight patterns.

(Laughter)

Ms. Kosek – We really need to let the girls go.

Mr. Jamison – Everybody is leaving me. I know how to clear out a room. All ordinances and resolutions are in proper legal form, thank you.

Mr. Walker – I was going to pass out summer job applications.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:**

Mr. DeMio – It is time for audience participation. We have no one that has signed in. If there is anyone that wants to come up, I'll go over the guidelines with them. Basically, they have 5 minutes; we need your name, address and give us a little bit of information of what you want to talk about. Is there anyone here that would like to come up?

(No Comments)

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

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

**Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries.**

**Ordinance No. 2019-154 ADOPTED**

**Ordinance No. 2019-175** by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A MEMBER COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE NORTHEAST OHIO REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT AND THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, IN CONNECTION WITH FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR THE WILLOW LANE SANITARY SEWER PROJECT, 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. 2019-175 ADOPTED**

**Ordinance No. 2019-176** by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF BEREA FOR CERTAIN SERVICES TO BE PERFORMED AT THE WALTER F. EHRNFELT RECREATION & SENIOR CENTER, 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. 2019-176 ADOPTED**

**Ordinance No. 2019-177** by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM CUYAHOGA COUNTY FOR THE 2020 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SUPPLEMENTAL GRANT PROGRAM FOR USE BY THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION & SENIOR SERVICES; 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. 2019-177 ADOPTED**

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):**

**Resolution No. 2019-178** by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF YOUTH SPORTS WEARING APPAREL FOR USE BY THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE DURING 2020.

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. 2019-178 ADOPTED**

**Ordinance No. 2019-179** by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A GRANT OF UNDERGROUND EASEMENT TO THE CLEVELAND ELECTRIC ILLUMINATING COMPANY FOR ELECTRIC AND COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES ON LUNN ROAD, 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. 2019-179 ADOPTED**

**Ordinance No. 2019-180** by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A SOFTWARE UPGRADE AGREEMENT AND MAINTENANCE PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS, INC., IN CONNECTION WITH THE SOUTHWEST EMERGENCY DISPATCH CENTER'S DISPATCHING RADIO CONSOLES AND RELATED SOFTWARE, 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. 2019-180 ADOPTED**

**Ordinance No. 2019-181** by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO MAKE PAYMENT TO THE SOUTHWEST REGIONAL COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS FOR THE PURCHASE OF ROUTINE MAINTENANCE, REPAIRS AND OTHER SERVICES REQUIRED FOR THE ONGOING GENERAL RADIO NEEDS OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE DURING 2019, 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. 2019-181 ADOPTED**

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):**

**Resolution No. 2019-182** by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING TWO DONATIONS OF \$1,000.00 EACH FROM SWAGELOK COMPANY TO THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE TO BE USED FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING FOR THE STRONGSVILLE POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS.

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. 2019-182 ADOPTED**

**Ordinance No. 2019-183** by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT(S) TO PURCHASE PROPERTY-CASUALTY AND RELATED INSURANCE COVERAGES, 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. Councilwoman Kosek abstained from the vote. All other members present voted aye and the motion carried.

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

**Roll Call: Ayes: Carbone, Schonhut, Roff, Patten, DeMio, Short  
Abstained: Kosek Motion carries.**

**Ordinance No. 2019-183 ADOPTED**

**COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS AND CLAIMS:**

(None)

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:**

*Mr. Carbone made a motion to adjourn into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters pertaining to the council office. 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 8:47 p.m. The executive session concluded at 9:40 p.m. and reconvened into open session.*

Mr. DeMio – We are officially done with the executive session. All members are here and accounted for.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before this Council, President DeMio adjourned the meeting at 9:41 p.m.

  
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Aimee Pientka, MMC  
Clerk of Council

  
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Date