

**SUMMARY OF CAUCUS DISCUSSION AND MINUTES OF THE STRONGSVILLE CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING HELD ON, MONDAY, JANUARY 21, 2020.**

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, January 21 2020 at 7:30 p.m.**

**Present: Council Members:** Matthew A. Schonhut, Annmarie P. Roff, James A. Kaminski, 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, Assistant City Engineer Lori Daley, Human Resource Director Steve Kilo, Public Safety Director Charles Goss, Fire Chief Jack Draves and Police Chief Mark Fender.

Council President Schonhut called the caucus to order at 7:30 p.m.

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

Planning, Zoning & Engineering Committee: Chairman Schonhut advised 2020-001 is to authorize the mayor to enter into an agreement with a firm of professional engineers to provide engineering design and consulting services in connection with the Foltz Parkway Extension Phase II Project. Council just discussed this during the committee meeting prior to caucus. This agreement is with MS Consultants, Inc. The recommendation is to suspend and adopt this legislation.

Public Safety & Health Committee: Chairman Short recommended suspension and adoption for Ordinance No. 2020-009. This is to continue the agreement with the City of North Royalton for public safety dispatch services. The agreement is retroactive to January 1, 2020. Suspension and adoption was recommended for Ordinance No. 2020-010. This is also an agreement with the Olmsted Falls for public safety dispatch services and is also retroactive to January 1, 2020. Ordinance No. 2020-011 is to enter into a contract with University Hospitals of Cleveland in connection with the OVI task force grant award received from the Ohio Department of Public Safety for 2020. The grant is in the amount of \$13,000.00. Suspension and adoption was recommended for that legislation. Suspension and adoption was also recommended for Ordinance No. 2020-012. This is to make payment for emergency repairs to fire department equipment. Chief Draves advised these were repairs that had to be done for a vehicle. This is without public bidding so all 7 votes of council are needed for this legislation to pass this evening.

Public Service & Conservation Committee: Chairman Kaminski recommended suspension and adoption for Ordinance No. 2020-013. This is to apply for financial assistance with the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District under the 2020 community recycling awareness grant program. The grant is in the amount of \$6,000.00. Ordinance No. 2020-014 is to enter into a contract for ground maintenance services. This is also without public bidding so all 7 votes of council are needed for this legislation to pass. Suspension and adoption was recommended for this legislation. Resolution No. 2020-015 is to go out for bids for the clock tower exterior restoration project. This is to paint the top half and provide some lightening protection as well. Mr. Walker advised there will also be work done inside the clock tower. The steel needs refurbished and some water is getting inside at the top of the tower. This project will start sometime this spring. The recommendation was to suspend and adopt this resolution.

Mr. Schonhut asked Mr. Walker about painting the city's fire hydrants. Mr. Walker advised the contractor, Giant Restoration, does that for us. They will be back again this year. Mr. Walker hasn't compiled a list yet of hydrants that need painted but suggested council could notify him of any they knew of. The contractor does about 350 fire hydrants a year.

Mr. DeMio advised today around 5:15 p.m., there were 3 white trucks by the I-71/Royalton Road exit laying some type of lines right by the exit causing a hazard. Mr. Kaminski stated he observed them as well and they did not have any flaggers helping to direct traffic. Mr. DeMio asked if we could find out who they were and speak to them about safety. Mr. Biondillo believes it was people laying cable lines.

Mr. Short asked about the new posts for the Royalton Road/Pearl Road intersection. Mayor Perciak advised the mast arms are not in yet.

**MINUTES OF THE STRONGSVILLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2020 IN THE MIKE KALINICH SR. CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS.**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Council President Schonhut 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, James A. Kaminski, 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, Assistant City Engineer Lori Daley, 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 January 6, 2020 were approved as submitted.

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

(None)

**REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES:**

**SCHOOL BOARD – Mr. Carbone:** At the last school board meeting, they elected Richard Micko as School Board President. Laura Wolfe Housum as Vice President; and just some of the committees...Richard is going to stay on Polaris for 3 years, Michelle Bissell, who is in the audience, is going to represent city council, Laura Wolfe Housum-Strongsville Education Foundation, George Grozan-Strongsville PTA, and then you may have heard the news about Colonel Duke Evans resigning which opened up the seat. The school board took and interviewed 22 applicants that applied for the seat. Tomorrow, they will be making a decision at the board office at 7:00 p.m. on who will be the next person to represent that 3<sup>rd</sup> seat for the board. That ends my report.

Mr. Schonhut – Thank you Jim, and I know Jim, Kelly and I were all at that school board meeting. Michelle, welcome to more fun meetings for yourself; and as we extending at that meeting, we certainly look forward to, hopefully, all getting together collectively, as a council and school board, to discuss issues that are mutually concerning for both bodies. We look forward to that. Kelly, Jim, anything to add to that at all? Hearing none, we'll close that committee unless anybody else has any comments, questions or concerns.

**SOUTHWEST GENERAL HEALTH SYSTEM – Mr. Short:** Thank you Mr. Schonhut, we have not had a board meeting yet this year so there is nothing to report. Although, I do want to say that it is the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary, in 2020, of Southwest General; 100 years of caring, so there will be lots of different events and things that mark that milestone this year that we'll keep you informed of. Other than that, we have nothing to report yet but I'll happily take any questions.

Mr. Schonhut – Any questions for Mr. Short?

(No comments)

**BUILDING AND UTILITIES – DeMio:** There's nothing before this committee at this time. Although, Mr. Biondillo and I are working on a couple of exciting items in foreclosure I think, if that's correct I think Mr. Biondillo. Outside of that Mr. President, we are good.

Mr. Schonhut – Thank you Mr. DeMio, anything else for Mr. Demio?

(No comments)

**COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY – Ms. Roff:** I do not have anything at this time but I would be happy to take questions, unless David has anything for us

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Mr. Carbone:** Yes, we are planning on having a meeting next Monday, January 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. here in the council chambers. Also, the meeting in February will also be here, the last Monday of the month. In March, the last Monday of the month, the meeting will be at the Cuyahoga County Library and we will be sending out an agenda for that meeting probably at the end of the week. That ends my report.

Mr. Schonhut – Thank you Mr. Carbone, I appreciate your continued efforts with that group. Anything else for Mr. Carbone on that committee?

(No comments)

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

**FINANCE – Mr. DeMio:** Thank you so much, basically, what we're going to do with the Finance Committee is we're going to try, I'm going to talk to Mr. Dubovec, we're going to have 3 meetings throughout the year-spring, summer and fall. As this mayor has put together, we like to approve our budget significantly before the Fiscal of next year. We're going to continue to do that; but we're just going to have 3 separate council as a whole meetings on Finance, pending the approval of our finance director and the administration. We can look forward to that as a separate committee...it will probably be a Monday night, as you just did Matt for Planning; something like that to get our ducks in a row. Outside of that, that's all I have to report; I'll field questions otherwise.

Mr. Schonhut – Perfect, I appreciate that committee being so important and to be a little bit more active there as well. Any questions for Mr. DeMio?

(No comments)

**PLANNING, ZONING AND ENGINEERING – Mr. Schonhut:** We did have a committee meeting prior to caucus tonight to discuss Ordinance No. 2020-001, which is to enter into an agreement with some engineering services to design an extension of Foltz Parkway. I just wanted to discuss that at length to understand some of the nuances that are going on back there. I think everybody is in agreement that we should move forward with that; so the recommendation will be suspend and adopt on that tonight. That is all that I have for this committee at this time. Does anybody have any comments, questions or concerns?

(No comments)

**PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEALTH – Mr. Short:** Thank you Mr. Schonhut, we have 4 ordinances on tonight's agenda. Ordinance Nos. 2020-009 and 2020-010 relate to contracts with the City of North Royalton and Olmsted Falls for dispatch services at the dispatch center; to increase the fees for Fiscal Year 2020. That is retroactive to January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020. The recommendation there is to suspend and adopt both of those. Ordinance No. 2020-011 is to approve a grant from the Cuyahoga County OVI task force in conjunction with University Hospitals for OVI enforcement in the city. That grant is just shy of \$13,000.00. The recommendation there is to suspend and adopt so we can accept that money tonight. Finally, Ordinance No. 2020-012 is for emergency repairs, to enter into a contract for emergency repairs to one of the fire trucks this past year. That is without public bidding. The recommendation there is to suspend and adopt and we will need all 7 (votes) for that. That will close my report but I will happily take any questions.

Mr. Schonhut – Any questions for Mr. Short?

(No comments)

**PUBLIC SERVICE AND CONSERVATION – Mr. Kaminski:** Thank you, Public Service & Conservation committee met this evening to discuss 2 ordinances and a resolution. Ordinance No. 2020-013 which is a recycling awareness grant. Jennifer applied for that every year; so we're going to suspend and adopt that. Ordinance No. 2020-014, as we discussed, is for ground maintenance; and we are declaring an emergency and we need all 7 votes on that as discussed in caucus. Lastly, Resolution No. 2020-015 which is going to allow us to advertise for bids for the clock tower restoration project. That's also suspension and adoption. That concludes my report.

Mr. Schonhut – Any questions or concerns for Mr. Kaminski?

(No comments)

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

**PUBLIC SERVICE AND CONSERVATION – Mr. Kaminski (cont'd):**

Ms. Roff - Can we go over Westwood is going to be closed starting tomorrow for a couple of days?

Mr. Walker – Yes, Westwood will be closed on the far west edge of Strongsville. It will be just the other side of the last entrance into Westwood Farms. It will be closed first thing tomorrow. If all goes well, it will be opened back up tomorrow evening.

Ms. Roff – So just one day then?

Mr. Walker – We anticipate just one day but stuff is always subject to happen. We're going to try to work with the contractor to get it all done in one day.

Ms. Roff – I just remembered that you had said that you don't close roads.

Mr. Walker – Yes.

Ms. Roff – So I just wanted to clarify.

Mr. Walker – Yes, it's only scheduled for one day, but that's enough out of you.

(Laughter)

Ms. Kosek – Just for clarification, the closure is going to just west of County Way, correct?

Mr. Walker – Yes, that is correct; but the road will be closed in both lanes for one day.

Ms. Kosek – Thank you.

Mr. Walker – That's an engineering project by the way.

(Laughter)

**RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES – Ms. Kosek:** We have no ordinances or resolutions on the agenda tonight; but I wanted to take an opportunity to thank Ann for leading this committee last year and really bringing some leadership to bring us movie night, which I appreciated, and for Bryan for making it happen; so I'm looking forward to us setting up a couple meetings to talk about what movie things we are going to do and what other opportunities we have to have some interesting recreation for the city this year. One thing I'm specifically interested in talking about is having a celebration for the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of women having the right to vote. I think it's something that is exciting and I'm looking forward to putting something together for that. Hopefully, we will get some time to have a meeting soon so we can start working on that because the anniversary is in August. Unless anybody has any questions, I'll close the committee.

Mr. Schonhut – Anything for Ms. Kosek?

(No comments)

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

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – Mr. Schonhut:**

(No report)

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

**MAYOR PERCIAK:** Thank you Mr. President, and I will ask the finance director to chime in on this with me, it's time for our annual audit from the State Auditor's office. I believe the audit is to begin sometime here by the end of the month. If you want to give the specific dates...

Mr. Dubovec – The State Auditor's office has informed us that they'll be in next Monday and they'll be camped out probably for about 3 months in the finance department.

Mayor Perciak – Now mind you, this is off and on...they come and they go and they come and they go; but by the time they get their final report to us it's a 3 month process. If you see some guests in city hall in the conference room in the building area or the engineering area, those are our State Auditors who will be with us.

Mr. Schonhut – I think just to clarify, I think when some people hear auditor they think maybe a negative connotation that sometimes; but that is a regular occurring event.

Mayor Perciak – Yes, a regular function. An annual review of our balance sheet. Thank you Mr. President.

Mr. Schonhut – Anything else mayor?

Mayor Perciak – That's it.

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

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

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:**

Mr. Schonhut – We have reached the portion of our meeting for audience participation. We do have a few people signed in here. There are a few rules we respectfully ask you to follow. Please keep your comments to five minutes. When you do come up, please state and spell your name and address; you don't have to spell your address but please spell your last name. Please just be respectful to council. If you have not signed in, you are still welcome to speak tonight. We will start with the sign-in list. First, we have Beverly Masek, if you will please join us. Beverly does have a hand out that she did make me aware of. She's going to give that to Aimee and Aimee will pass that over to all of us here.

**\*\*A copy of the handout is attached to the back of these minutes.\*\***

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):**

Beverly Masek, 17142 Rabbit Run Drive, Strongsville, OH: Good evening, my name is Beverly Masek and I live in Ward 2, 17142 Rabbit Run Drive. I am here with some of my friends and neighbors to express our views and our concerns about the opting out of the plastic bag ban. We do have a statement that is being distributed; which Russ who comes up next will review. I want to note to you that it has 3 pages. That is not a mistake, you don't have a page 3 because we are going to give you the document with signatures on it. We have other people who have not been able to come tonight who want to sign the statement. We will do that and all you need to do is tell me where or who I send it to and we'll get that to you. We will be providing you with more signatures. Russ Smith is going to go over the statement and then other people can make comments.

Russ Smith, 9898 Lakeview Circle, Strongsville, OH: Good evening, my name is Russ Smith, I live at 9898 Lakeview Circle here in Strongsville. I've been asked to read a statement from concerned residents of Strongsville to Strongsville City Council. "We speak with regard to Strongsville City Council's recent vote to have Strongsville opt-out of the county's effort to ban plastic bags. We want to see a ban on single use plastic bags and encourage council to adopt such a ban. Furthermore, we suggest creation of a tip sheet on changing over from plastic bags. Such a sheet could be disseminated by councilmembers and others as they communicate with residents. The Ohio House in Columbus passed a bill preventing local governments, such as ours, from making the decision to ban plastic bags. No doubt, the State Senate will soon follow. Anticipating these stifling actions from Columbus, we ask what will become of the Strongsville plastic bag task force created by our city administration. Its mission to look into the issue of single use plastic bags has too narrow a scope and too thin a mandate to survive much beyond the laws expected to come out of Columbus. The City of Strongsville could use this time and task force to look into not only the use of plastic bags, but also look into a host of other environmentally friendly steps the city itself, as well as residents and businesses, could adopt. Specifically, we suggest the scope of the task force's mandate be broadened to include enhancement of residential waste and recycling options, reducing rain water run-off, working with retail as well as commercial and industrial businesses in our community to see that they are accessing all environmental programs available to them, work to publicly recognize and encourage any of Strongsville businesses adoption of environmental practices. Further, the task force could explore how the City of Strongsville itself could lead the way by purchasing city government electricity from environmentally sustainable providers, by minimizing city government's plastic, paper and waste stream, and by minimizing city government's water usage. We hope council will take action to improve our environmental practices." Thank you.

Mr. Schonhut – Thank you very much, next we have Laura Rushton.

Laura Rushton, 21837 Little Brook Way, Strongsville, OH: Hello, my name is Laura Rushton. I live at 21837 Little Brook Way in Strongsville. If I may address the council, I would just like to express my support for a ban on single use plastic bags. I believe it is the right thing to do for the long-term health of our environment and the beautification of the city. I don't know about you, but seeing shredded plastic bags in the trees when I look up has never enhanced my view of the city. Bags are everywhere...flying along the parking lots and roadways, getting caught on branches and floating in culverts. Cutting down on this wasteful habit will be good for Strongsville and good for Cuyahoga County. I did some fact checking on the website for the Center for Biological Diversity, and with your permission, I would like to share a few plastic bag facts for your consideration and I wrote them on cards so you can see them:

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):**

Ms. Rushton (cont'd) –

1. It takes as long as 500 years or more for a plastic bag to degrade in a landfill.
2. Plastic bags don't break down completely. They photodegrade, becoming micro-plastics. Those plastics end up in the water and in animals and fish that we eat, fish that other animals eat.
3. According to waste management, only 1% of plastic bags are returned for recycling. If you consider that...
4. The average American family takes home almost 1,500 plastic bags a year. Only 1% of plastic bags are returned; so that's 15 plastic bags per family.
5. Fewer than 1 in 7 plastic bags are recycled.
6. Up to 80% of ocean plastic pollution enters the ocean from the land.
7. At least 267 different species have been affected by plastic in the ocean.

Of course, plastic is also in our waterways; it's in Lake Erie and it's in our parking lots, in our trees and if it seems like there's something that we can do that's positive, we can retrain ourselves to use cloth bags. I think it's worth a try and it's worth our becoming leaders in this respect, thank you.

Mr. Schonhut – Thank you very much, next we have Martha Peck.

Martha Peck, 20700 Spruce Drive, Strongsville, OH: Hi, I am Martha Peck, I live at 20700 Spruce Drive in Strongsville, Ward 4. I brought my bags...

(Laughter)

Mr. Schonhut – Those are really nice ones...they appear to be. They look very nice...multiple different handles on them and everything.

Ms. Peck – Yes, and it is so easy to take these. I get my groceries in, they hold more than the flimsy plastic bags. I unpack my groceries. I take them, I fold them back up; I take them and put them out in my car or on the bench right before I go out the garage door; and it's so easy. I don't have all those flimsy bags and yes, they do go out into the woods and on the trees. And, I don't have to recycle, what do you do with all of them? This is easy.

Mr. Schonhut – Awesome, thank you very much, the last person that we have signed in is Kim Chapple.

Kim Chapple, 16977 Stag Thicket Lane, Strongsville, OH: Hi, I actually just signed as just to be in the audience, but I think this is a good opportunity to just reinforce what my friends have shared, especially Laura Rushton; just let that sink in for a bit. This is the tip of the iceberg; and some of you see it and some of you don't, but this is a real opportunity for you to lead. I mean, you're a really great group. A couple of years ago, I could see that and wanted to help some of you be here because of what you said about the future. I was disappointed when I say, but not totally, it wasn't unexpected that you would opt-out of the plastic bag ban; but I hoped you would have seen it a little wider than you did. I think it's an opportunity to lead. I think it would be great if at some point you reversed your decision and other communities could follow you. I think you would have the support of the community. There are a lot of people that are involved and think about this stuff without having something to actually do. I would offer to help you and I'm sure my friends would too and a lot of other people. I just hope you think and do and be, thanks.



**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):**

Mr. Schonhut – Is there anybody else in the audience who wishes to address council tonight?

(No comments)

Mr. Schonhut – I would just like to respond a little bit to what you had to say. Obviously, when we opted out, I think there's a lot of gray waters. Some of the things that some of you mentioned as far as the State maybe having their hand in this moving forward, the county deciding that we're going to do this but we're not really going to do this for about another 6 months; and in my opinion, not really being very good communicators as far as getting this out there and the impact that it was going to have. I actually happened to be in a Giant Eagle on New Year's Day and it was mayhem...purer mayhem. I don't think people were prepared for it at all. Granted, they still had paper bags there for you to purchase. So, I think we kind of decided to take a step back and maybe look at some of these other issues outside of bags and what is the impact if we do have bags. Are there other bags that are being used more? Is there pros and cons to this? Really, there are studies; I spent hours looking into this and continue to do so. There's studies all over the world because this isn't just a Northeast Ohio thing. It's not just an Ohio thing. It's not a United States thing. It's really a world-wide thing that has been looked at. There's studies all over the place that offer pros and cons to this, on both sides of it. I think it's very interesting to look into that and I think...I know Kelly and I have discussed, definitely at some point in the future, getting another meeting in regards to specifically about this and where do we go from here with that. Your comments aren't taken lightly. I know you still have Page 3 that you would like to submit to us. You are more than welcome to email that to Aimee or Tiffany and they will pass that along to any of us. If for whatever reason you can't find their email on the city website...there you go...she's got a business card ready to go, that's why we love her. We'll hand that to one of you here or if you multiple, that's fine too. If you could just email that to Aimee and she will make sure that gets to us or any other information that you would like to pass along, we are happy to take that in.

Ms. Kosek – I just wanted to thank you guys for coming in and talking to us about your feelings about this. As Matt said, we certainly have talked about having some sort of public meeting to discuss these issues. They are important issues. I don't think anybody on this council is taking these issues lightly. What I will promise you is that when we plan that meeting that I will get the information to those of you who have attended so that you can come and share your views in a public forum where we can have some give and take about what a good ordinance on this topic looks like and what it might include. Again, thanks for coming out.

Ms. Roff – I just want to add that when we did opt-out, we did put a timeframe for ourselves to collaborate. I answered a couple of emails asking for suggestions. Russ, I would love for you to leave a card or a phone number too and anybody else that wants to; because it's not going to be just us that has to come up with the plan; like Kelly said, to have a forum where we can discuss ideas and what would work and what wouldn't work is going to be beneficial in the long run. But, we did put a timeframe on it for ourselves. It wasn't just to opt-out. It was to come up with something that was better and could be enforced and that everybody could work with here.

Mr. Jamison – Matt, if I could add one thing, after that ordinance was passed and even when we were looking into it, we were in communication with several stores in town and impressed upon them that we were going to opt-out, but that they needed to do something to address the issue. I've spoken to several stores in the community and they have expressed a desire to work with us to address that; so we're going to continue to do that. I'd also point out I read your letter. You talk about enhancement of doing different things. I would point out one of the things is on the agenda tonight; it Ordinance No. 2020-013 where we're getting an awareness grant for recycling in the community. We've done that every year. It's a newsletter that goes out from our service department. Jennifer Milbrandt, the young lady that works there, is in charge of that.

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

Mr. Jamison (cont'd) - That's an ongoing thing that we do, to enhance awareness and make people aware of that. I also saw in here about recycling. As our service director has related, that is a hot topic in that area and that is going to be a subject that we will have real deep discussions this year in terms of what is best for the community. We're going to keep looking at it and get back to council at the end of the year with our recommendations on those various issues, thank you Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Schonhut – Anybody else?

(No comments)

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

**Ordinance No. 2020-001** by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH A FIRM OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS TO PROVIDE ENGINEERING DESIGN AND CONSULTING SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOLTZ PARKWAY EXTENSION PHASE II PROJECT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. *First reading 01-06-20.*

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

**Motion to adopt by Mr. Short, second by Mr. DeMio.**

**Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2020-001 ADOPTED.**

**Ordinance No. 2020-009** by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A FIFTH AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT FOR PUBLIC SAFETY DISPATCH SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE AND THE CITY OF NORTH ROYALTON, IN CONNECTION WITH AN ADJUSTMENT OF FEES RETROACTIVE TO JANUARY 1, 2020, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

**Motion to adopt by Mr. Short, second by Mr. DeMio.**

**Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2020-009 ADOPTED.**

**Ordinance No. 2020-010** by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A THIRD AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT FOR PUBLIC SAFETY DISPATCH SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE AND THE CITY OF OLMSTED FALLS, IN CONNECTION WITH AN ADJUSTMENT OF FEES RETROACTIVE TO JANUARY 1, 2020, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

**Motion to adopt by Mr. Short, second by Mr. DeMio.**

**Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2020-010 ADOPTED.**

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

**Ordinance No. 2020-011** by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR'S ENTERING INTO A CONTRACT WITH UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS OF CLEVELAND IN CONNECTION WITH A CUYAHOGA COUNTY OVI TASK FORCE GRANT AWARD RECEIVED FROM THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY FOR 2020, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

**Motion to adopt by Mr. Short, second by Mr. DeMio.**

**Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2020-011 ADOPTED.**

**Ordinance No. 2020-012** by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING, RATIFYING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO MAKE PAYMENT FOR EMERGENCY REPAIRS TO FIRE DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT, ALL WITHOUT PUBLIC BIDDING, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

**Motion to adopt by Mr. Short, second by Mr. DeMio.**

**Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2020-012 ADOPTED.**

**Ordinance No. 2020-013** by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE WITH THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISTRICT UNDER THE 2020 COMMUNITY RECYCLING AWARENESS GRANT PROGRAM; AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

**Motion to adopt by Mr. Short, second by Mr. DeMio.**

**Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2020-013 ADOPTED.**

**Ordinance No. 2020-014** by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING, RATIFYING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT AND MAKE PAYMENT FOR GROUNDS MAINTENANCE SERVICES, WITHOUT PUBLIC BIDDING, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

**Motion to adopt by Mr. Short, second by Mr. DeMio.**

**Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2020-014 ADOPTED.**

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

**Resolution No. 2020-015** by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE CLOCK TOWER EXTERIOR RESTORATION PROJECT.

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

**Motion to adopt by Mr. Short, second by Mr. DeMio.**

**Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Resolution No. 2020-015 ADOPTED.**

**COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS AND CLAIMS:**

(None)

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:**

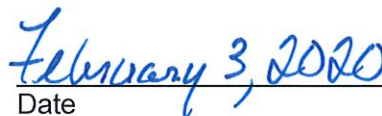
(None)

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before this Council, President Schonhut adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.



Aimee Pientka, MMC  
Clerk of Council



Date

To: Strongsville City Council  
From: Concerned Residents of Strongsville

January 21 2020

We speak with regard to Strongsville City Council's recent vote to have Strongsville opt out of the county's effort to ban plastic bags.

We want to see a ban on single use plastic bags and encourage Council to adopt such a ban. Furthermore we suggest creation of a "Tip Sheet" on changing over from plastic bags. Such a sheet could be disseminated by council members and others as they communicate with residents.

The Ohio House in Columbus passed a bill preventing local governments such as ours from making the decision to ban plastic bags. No doubt the state Senate will soon follow. Anticipating these stifling actions from Columbus, we ask, "What will become of the Strongsville plastic bag task force created by our city administration?" Its mission to look into the issue of single-use plastic bags has too narrow a scope and too thin a mandate to survive much beyond the laws expected to come out of Columbus.

The City of Strongsville could use this time and task force to look into not only the use of plastic bags but also look into a host of other environmentally-friendly steps the City itself as well as residents and businesses could adopt.

Specifically, we suggest the scope of the task force's mandate be broadened to include:

- Enhancement of residential waste and recycling options
- Reducing rainwater run-off
- Working with retail as well as commercial and industrial businesses in our community to see they are accessing all environmental programs available to them
- Work to publicly recognize and encourage any of Strongsville business' adoption of environmental practices

Further, the Task Force could explore how the City of Strongsville could lead the way by:

- Purchasing City government electricity from environmentally sustainable providers
- Minimizing City government's plastic, paper, and waste stream and
- Minimizing City government's water usage

We hope Council will take action to improve our environmental practices.

Sincerely,