

SUMMARY OF CAUCUS DISCUSSION AND MINUTES OF THE STRONGSVILLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 1, 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 **Monday, June 1, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.**

Present: Council Members: Matthew A. Schonhut, Annmarie P. Roff, James A. Kaminski, Gordon C. Short, Joseph C. DeMio, Kelly A. Kosek and James E. Carbone. **Also Present:** Assistant Clerk of Council Tiffany Mekeel. **Administration:** Mayor Thomas P. Perciak, Law Director Neal M. Jamison, Communications and Technology Director David E. Sems, Human Resource Director Steve Kilo and Public Safety Director Charles Goss.

Absent: Finance Director Joseph Dubovec, Economic Development Director Brent Painter, Service Director Joe Walker, Building Commissioner Mike Miller, City Engineer Ken Mikula, Recreation and Senior Services Director Bryan Bogre, Fire Chief Jack Draves and Police Chief Mark Fender.

Council President Schonhut called the caucus to order at 7:31 p.m.

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

Planning, Zoning & Engineering Committee: Chairman Schonhut advised Resolution No. 2020-077 is approving the report of the Assessment Equalization Board on objections concerning the estimated special assessments for the improvements of Willow Lane Sanitary Sewer Project. Ordinance No. 2020-078 is an ordinance to proceed with the improvement to the Willow Lane Sanitary Sewer Project. Resolution No. 2020-079 is authorizing the Mayor to advertise for bids for the Willow Lane Sanitary Sewer Project. Ms. Kosek advised there are residents in the area who are older and this assessment will be a hardship. The residents in general are not pleased; but, with the EPA standards and regulations, the project needs to be completed. Mayor Perciak advised the City received a grant for roughly \$650,000.00; which will offset a portion of the total cost of the project. Mr. Jamison stated the City only received two objections. One from a resident who lives outside the State of Ohio; another one was a resident in the City. Neither showed up to the hearing. Both written statements were brought before the board and considered. There is a mandate the City must move forward with these sanitary sewer projects from the EPA. Mr. Jamison advised this is not the first and will not be the last sanitary sewer project in the City. Mayor Perciak advised there is a total of 10 or so sanitary sewer projects. Mr. Kaminski states Albion Road might be next. Mr. Jamison and Mayor Perciak were not able to confirm if Albion Road would be next. Mr. Schonhut stated he will request an updated list from Mr. Mikula with the completed projects and tentative timeline for the uncompleted projects. Mr. Jamison commended the Engineering Department for securing a grant to help defer some of the cost to the residents. Other communities do not assist their residents like the City does. The recommendation is to suspend and adopt Resolution No. 2020-077, Ordinance No. 2020-078 and Resolution 2020-079. Both Ordinance No. 2020-080; accepting for recording purposes only the subdivision plat for Commerce Parkway and Resolution No. 2020-081; declaring the intent of the Council of the City of Strongsville to accept for dedication certain streets within the Commerce Parkway subdivision. Both relate to the Infinium Way project; which will be their truck traffic street. The site plan did receive a favorable recommendation from the Planning Commission. Mr. Schonhut stated he would be happy to meet with any member of Council who would like to see the site plan or discussion the project. Ms. Kosek asked for a briefing on the discussion in Planning Commission as well as the vote. Mr. Schonhut stated the site plan was approved with vehicular traffic exiting onto Prospect Road for the employees and truck traffic will be exiting onto Commerce Parkway. There is no way, with the configuration of the parking lot for the truck traffic or vehicular traffic to exit at one location. Truck traffic enters in the back and is unable to enter the parking lot. A landscape plan was presented. The Planning Commission requested the landscape along Prospect Road be increased and the color of the building be changed.

Mayor Perciak added this expansion is from a current business owner in the City. The new building will create 50 plus jobs. The business was interested in the parcel of land the City sold to CCL and spoke with members of Council at the time about this project. Ms. Kosek asked for clarification on the number of jobs. Mayor Perciak stated the company currently operates in the City with about 50 employees and more will be added. Mr. Carbone asked if a number of new jobs was provided. Mr. Jamison stated in their presentation, they had projections on where they were heading and what the company will grow into. Mayor Perciak added the financing is in place. Mr. Schonhut added there are two parcels along Prospect Road in-between the residents to the north of this, there is a separate parcel and then also our Fire Station to the south. There is a separate parcel which potentially could be developed at some point. Having a consistent landscape buffer along the parcel is beneficial; making a minimal impact to the resident along there. Both will be placed on first reading and referred back to committee.

Finance Committee: Chairman DeMio recommend suspension and adoption for Ordinance No. 2020-082; an ordinance amending the General Salary Ordinance No. 2019-187 to amend Article 9, Sections 9-002, 9-003 and 9-011 in order to adjust certain provisions concerning salary. The COVID-19 crisis has had a severe, negative impact on the economy of the country and our City. Mr. DeMio commended Mr. Jamison for writing the legislation; as well as the Administration and the entire staff being affected by this provision. Mayor Perciak stated the Administration and Finance Department would like to get through June 30th prior to conducting a Finance Committee meeting. The trends in March and April were bad and now, with people returning to work and businesses opening up, the Mayor and Finance Director would like to see what the trends for May and June will be. There is a 16.7% drop in consumer spending across the country; a 13.8% drop in the State of Ohio. As consumers return to work and return to spending money, the City's financial picture will start to look a little brighter. Mayor Perciak commented in the staff meeting held earlier the City's balance sheet is no longer hemorrhaging. It is just bleeding.

Communications and Technology Committee: Chairwoman Roff advised Ordinance No. 2020-083 is 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. This is an annual obligation with Motorola Solutions, Inc. Ordinance No. 2020-084 is ratifying and authorizing participation in United States General Services Administration Contracts for the purpose of cellular communications services and equipment. The contract is with Cellco Partnership dba Verizon Wireless in a total amount not to exceed \$137,500.00. Both ordinances are suspend and adopt. Mr. Jamison added Ordinance No. 2020-083 is negotiated collectively; providing the communities in the group the best rate. The radios covered are handheld and used by the Fire and Service Departments. Mr. Jamison noted Ordinance No. 2020-084 is a two year agreement and Mr. Sems was able to save the City over \$40,000.00 during the contract period.

Committee of the Whole: Mr. Schonhut advised Ordinance No. 2020-076 is to approve and authorize the acceptance of coronavirus relief funding under the Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act and Ohio Senate Bill No. 310, affirming the expenditure of said funds by the City consistent with the CARES Act. This will be placed on second reading. As of this date, the House has not passed this. Mayor Perciak urged members of Council to contact Senator Patton or any other member of the Ohio House. Senator Patton supports Ohio Senate Bill No. 310. If the House continues to hold on passing this bill; Mayor Perciak is concerned the City will not receive funds in a timely manner because summer recess is quickly approaching.

Mr. Schonhut announced the City began the concrete reconstruction projects. Mayor Perciak added the financing was already in place for these projects. Other municipalities are having issues obtaining financing. Mr. Jamison added there are three communities, East Cleveland, Broadview Heights and Euclid who needed to go through the County to get their bonds purchased. Mayor Perciak stated the

City did have a waiting period and there was some give and take; but, the City was oversubscribed five times. This says a lot about the City's balance sheet and how the City manages the balance sheet.

Mr. Schonhut asked if the Mayor would send the Service Department out to Drake Road and Pearl Road. There is a section on Drake Road near the hospice center entrance in need of repair.

Ms. Kosek requested an update on the opening of the recreation center. Mr. Kilo advised the center has established and made available several notifications about the opening of the facility a week from today on June 8th. Again, it will be in a limited form as it relates to occupancy. People entering the facility will have their temperature taken. The cardio occupancy is based on the pieces of equipment and the ability to maintain social distancing. Same with the free weight room. Both locations will be adequately staffed to make sure all equipment is cleaned and disinfected. The recreation center is stressing to those who use the equipment to wipe it down when completed. The aquatic center will be open; but in a limited capacity. The main lap pool will be open. There will be a sign in process to use the pool. The activity pool will also be open for those wishing to water walk on the one side. The pirate ship and slide will be closed as well as the sauna, steam room and whirlpool. The lower locker room will be opened for those using the aquatic center. The locker rooms on the upper level will be closed. Lockers will be identified for use. The showers will not be open in the locker rooms. Mayor Perciak added the State of Ohio wanted the showers to be disinfected and cleaned between each use and it is not feasible for the City. The water to the showers will be shut off. Mr. DeMio asked what the policy will be for those members coming into the facility prior to their workout and using the locker room. Mr. Kilo advised members are encouraged to be in their workout clothes prior to entering the facility and to leave immediately afterwards. Mr. DeMio asked if members will be notified. Mr. Kilo stated notification will be made available and stressed these measures are being taken to protect the members using the facility. Mayor Perciak added the Cuyahoga County Board of Health has toured the facility reviewing the measures the City has taken to insure proper protocols are being followed. The facility's capacity will be at 30% of capacity. Mayor Perciak stressed to the members, it will not be business as usual when you enter the facility. Ms. Roff asked if a sign would be at the front entrance listing out the new protocols. Mr. Kilo stated everyone entering the facility will be given a handout. The information will also be on the City's website. Ms. Kosek asked if members will still be able to pause their membership. Mayor Perciak stated there are two options available; members can terminate their membership or extend their membership. Everything will be on a case by case basis. Ms. Kosek stated members should contact the recreation center to discuss their membership. Mayor Perciak added the senior center will remain closed until the City receives further instruction from Columbus.

Mayor Perciak stated Safety Director Goss was invited to tonight's Council meeting to provide Council with an update on the Police Department's participation with the past weekend's issues downtown and some of the areas in Strongsville.

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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 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, James A. Kaminski, Gordon C. Short Joseph C. DeMio, Kelly A. Kosek and James E. Carbone. **Also Present:** Assistant Clerk of Council Tiffany Mekeel. **Administration:** Mayor Thomas P. Perciak, Law Director Neal M. Jamison, Communications and Technology Director David E. Sems Human Resource Director Steve Kilo and Public Safety Director Charles Goss.

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COMMENTS ON MINUTES:

The Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on May 18, 2020 were approved as submitted.

APPOINTMENTS, CONFIRMATIONS, AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS:

(None)

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

SCHOOL BOARD – Mr. Carbone: Yes, at the April 21st meeting which was livestreamed, there was a lot of housekeeping items the board considered. All videos and audio recordings are a permanent part of their minutes. George Anagnostou, the Treasurer gave a five year forecast. The district's expenditures currently are favorable, due to the schools shut down. The savings they've seen have been in substitutes, overtime and supplemental contracts; but, there has been a \$1.6 million reduction in State funding; which is about 17%. The fiscal year begins in July; which the district is anticipating a 3.5% reduction in property collection or about another \$1.6 million; due to the property collection and COVID-19. Also, I want to give a shout out to all the seniors who graduated this past weekend. It is now official. Also, to a resident, Denise Witherspoon. I know, Mayor, you had spoken to her. She does not have any kids currently in the district. She has a business in Brunswick and saw a couple things they were doing and immediately wanted to jump on it. She is the one responsible for coordinating the efforts of fundraising and getting the banner across Pearl Road. Also, the banner with all graduating seniors at the gazebo at the center of town. Great job Denise. We're proud of you. The 3rd annual Mustang Football Got Mulch campaign, beautifying Strongsville one home at a time is going on. You have a couple days left. If you want to e-mail the Strongsville Football Backers www.strongsvillefootballbackers.com. They will deliver the mulch for \$40.00 per yard or they will deliver and install with about 20 to 30 football players and their father's at \$65.00 per yard. I know somebody who got about 20 yards and it was done in about 20 minutes. I don't even think Schonhut Landscaping can do that. So...

(Laughter)

Mr. Schonhut – We certainly can't and we also can't beat their pricing. I encourage everybody to sign up...

(Laughter)

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

SCHOOL BOARD – Mr. Carbone (cont'd):

Mr. Carbone – So, if you would consider supporting the Strongsville Football Backers, I'm sure they would appreciate it.

Mr. Kaminski – I'll take that flyer.

Mayor Perciak – President? Mr. Carbone? One last thing. In speaking with State Senator Matt Dolan the other night, he informed me that he's doing everything he can. The cut that came down from the State to our schools was \$1.6 million. He is working on reducing the cut substantially. We should be hearing pretty soon on that. Also, and I'm going from memory, and I don't want to be quoted; but, it's in the neighborhood of about \$600,000.00 off of that so; if that would be the case that would be a big, big help for the Strongsville City Schools. Again, State Senator Matt Dolan, if anyone wants to correspond with him, this is the time to do so.

Mr. Schonhut – Thank you Mayor. Thanks for always pushing and thank you Denise. I know that was awesome. Jimmy, I know you helped out with that. Mayor, for helping them get those banners put up and I also want to thank Kelly; because I know she was working on something to make sure that graduation was a reality for our seniors. I know the schools put something together here this past weekend and Kelly was working hard on something in that respect too. So Kelly, thank you.

Ms. Kosek – I appreciate it and I wanted to thank the school for doing such a great job with graduation yesterday. I've heard from a lot of residents about how happy they were with how it turned out. It was a real production and all of the kids felt very special. They did a great job with that. And then I also wanted to let everyone know that the school is working with members of the community to plan what school is going to look for the kids next year. Those committees are being put together and they've got a really comprehensive plan to make sure that they're addressing students' needs and hoping to address parents' needs. We will be waiting to see what they plan for the fall.

Mr. Schonhut – Alright. Thank you. Does anybody else have anything out of School Board?

Mayor Perciak – Nothing on the School Board; but, I just wanted to tell you, I finally graduated my second round of kids. My granddaughter graduated yesterday...

Mr. Schonhut – There you go...

Mayor Perciak – So, we're done and...

Mr. Schonhut – Congratulations...

Mayor Perciak – To Megan, congratulations...

Mr. Schonhut – Yes.

Mr. Carbone – Time to have another one than Mayor.

Mayor Perciak – No.

(Laughter)

Ms. Roff – I'll add to that and say that I'm officially done.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

SCHOOL BOARD – Mr. Carbone (cont'd):

Mr. Short – Yeah, congrats Ann.

Mr. Carbone – Oh that's right Ann. Congratulations.

Mr. Short – Congratulations.

Mr. Schonhut – Ann called me the other day, she sure was happy as could be...

Ms. Roff – 35 years of that...

Mr. Schonhut – There you go...

(Laughter)

Mr. Schonhut – Okay, we've got to move on to Southwest General Health System, Mr. Short.

SOUTHWEST GENERAL HEALTH SYSTEM – Mr. Short: Thank you Mr. Schonhut. We have no updated. We didn't have a board meeting and there was no update this week on the COVID numbers; so, I have nothing to report; but, I will happily take any questions.

Mr. Schonhut – Thank you Mr. Short, any questions for Mr. Short?

(No comments)

BUILDING AND UTILITIES – Mr. DeMio: We have nothing before this committee other than to remind people to make sure they contact the Building Department when they are taking on a project just to triple check that they don't need permits. That's the only thing I have to say. I'll field questions otherwise.

Mr. Schonhut – Thank you Mr. DeMio...

Mayor Perciak – Mr. President may I add something. Mr. DeMio, I was analyzing all the permit fees and the revenue stream through the Building Department through May 30th and I'm happy to report that our revenue stream, for the Building Department, considering all the issues we're dealing with is only down \$5,000.00...

Mr. Schonhut – Wow.

Mayor Perciak – We're at, I think, we're at about \$458,000.00 if I remember correctly. This is significant in these difficult times. They are staying very busy there and I just want to thank all of our employees, our builders, our developers and everyone who does business with the City. This is remarkable. At this time right now.

Mr. Schonhut – That's certainly good to hear that a lot of the trades are still humming along.

Mr. DeMio – Thank you Mayor and if I might add on to that. I believe the Perciak family, with their second round of children graduating, maybe could put a \$5,000.00 permit addition on their house for all the kids at Christmas now. I think that would be boost, a boost to the City, Mayor. If you can squeeze that out of your budget, that would be awesome.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

BUILDING AND UTILITIES – Mr. DeMio (cont'd):

(Laughter)

Mayor Perciak – Mr. Councilman DeMio, the Mayor is trying desperately to talk Mrs. Perciak into downsizing, not adding on.

(Laughter)

Mr. DeMio – It sounds like you're not winning Mayor.

(Laughter)

Mayor Perciak – You're correct.

Mr. DeMio – Alright, with that we will close the committee.

Mr. Schonhut – Alright, thank you Mr. DeMio.

COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY – Ms. Roff: I have two items. Ordinance No. 2020-083. This is renewal for the maintenance of our radio equipment that includes the Fire, Police and EMS. The recommendation is to suspend and adopt. Ordinance No. 2020-084 and this is to renew our...am I getting through okay?

Mr. Schonhut – Yep.

Ms. Roff – Hello?

Mr. Schonhut – Yep, you're good.

Mr. Kaminski – She probably has us on mute...

Ms. Roff – Oh, okay, okay. Sorry. Number 84 is a renewal also and this is a two year contract for the cell phones and tablets that are used in the buildings and with other workers. The recommendation is to suspend and adopt. Thank you. That's all I have unless there's questions.

Mr. Schonhut – Thank you Ms. Roff, any questions for Ms. Roff?

(No comments)

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Mr. Carbone: Yes. Out of Economic Development, we will be having a meeting. I'm going to be putting something out to our committee members. On Monday, June 29th. It's going to be on the Commons. We are going to ask if they can bring along a lawn chair to sit. We will social distance; but, the main topic will be how we can assist our businesses here in Strongsville. Get them started back and help them anyway we can. We want to collaborate and put our heads together and get some ideas and see what we can do to assist. Again, the meeting is going to be Monday, June 29th at 7:00 p.m. on the Commons and that ends my report.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Mr. Carbone (cont'd):

Mr. Schonhut – I know me and Mr. Carbone both got a phone call today from a resident who wanted to be involved in that committee for exactly that reason. To help out. To see what they can do to get the work out there and to help the small businesses in town. It's great to hear from residents that want to be a part of this too. Any questions for Mr. Carbone?

(No comments)

FINANCE – Mr. DeMio: Thank you so much. We do have one ordinance today, 2020-082. This is an ordinance to reduce our payroll during this difficult time and again, this Council thanks all the employees that understand what we're all going through and we tip our cap to them. Again, and I really want to thank, on behalf of Council and please, correct me anyone, or add to it. What the Administration, the way Neal put the ordinance together; and has done throughout this difficult COVID time. I know we had a nice discussion in Caucus and again, earlier, a couple weeks ago, when the reality set in of what has to be done and why it has to be done. I think we should incorporate all thoughts that we had from the other discussions into this and again, Mayor, thank you again for doing it in a peaceful and orderly way that made a lot of sense. Despite it being very difficult.

Mayor Perciak – You're welcome.

Mr. DeMio – I will field questions, other than that Matt, please close the committee.

Mr. Schonhut – Thank you Mr. Demio, any questions for Mr. DeMio?

(No comments)

PLANNING, ZONING AND ENGINEERING – Mr. Schonhut: We have a few ordinances and resolutions on the agenda tonight. The first three correlate and then the last two correlate. First one is Resolution No. 2020-077; which is approving the Assessment Equalization Board's finding as it relates to the sanitary sewer project that will be taking place on Willow Lane. The second is Ordinance No. 2020-078; which is determining it necessary to proceed with the sanitary sewer project on Willow Lane. Lastly, is Resolution No. 2020-079; authorizing the Mayor to advertise for bids for the Willow Lane sanitary project. All three of those are going to be suspend and adopt. Secondly, we have an ordinance and resolution that correlate as it relates to dedicating Commerce Parkway as a dedicated street in the City. Those are both going to go on first reading tonight. Are there any questions or comments on any of that?

(No comments)

PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEALTH – Mr. Short: Thank you Mr. Schonhut, we have no ordinances or resolutions on tonight's agenda; but, I don't know, Mr. Mayor, do you want to have Charlie Goss address the weekend stuff now, or in your report?

Mayor Perciak – He can do it during my report.

Mr. Short – Okay, alright. So, other than that I do want to commend, our Strongsville Police Forces. I think we have a really good group of individuals, men and women who are putting their life on the line every day for the residents of Strongsville and I think they do their best to be fair, equal and unbiased. If we see an Officer, let's thank them and remember them and their families in our prayers; as well here, in this and things going on across the country.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEALTH – Mr. Short (cont'd): I do want to give a shout out to our force which the Mayor and Charlie Goss will talk about later. With that I will close my report and I'll happily take any questions.

Ms. Kosek – If I may, I just want to thank the Mayor for his leadership in making sure that all of our City employees received (unintelligible) training a year ago and I think that's really important. It shows that we care about those issues here in Strongsville and I hope that we can work together to make sure we have additional training, maybe in 2021.

Mayor Perciak – No question.

Mr. Short – That concludes my report Mr. Schonhut.

Mr. Schonhut – Thank you Mr. Short. I'd also like to extend the thanks not only to our Safety Forces; but, those from the surrounding communities as well. We all work together and provide aid to each other during this time. Thank you to those both here and in the surrounding communities.

Mr. Carbone – Unintelligible (mic was not on)

Mr. Schonhut – Go, yes you sure can Mr. Carbone.

Mr. Carbone – A big thank you to President Schonhut for going downtown yesterday on your own time to help clean up. That's pretty...your efforts go way past Strongsville and that's pretty cool. So, good job.

Mr. Schonhut – Thank you. I appreciate that.

PUBLIC SERVICE AND CONSERVATION – Mr. Kaminski: No report this evening; although I do want to mention, and I did talk to the Mayor about this briefly. I am getting a bunch of calls about the condition of Webster Road and unfortunately Webster Road is not on any repaving project this year; but, it's getting beat up from all the truck traffic from Sprague to the old Albion school. It's not too bad when you get off of Royalton Road and drive all the way up. It isn't until you get to that Albion area when it starts to get really, really bad. Maybe, we can try to do some patching; but, obviously there's no money to do resurfacing this year. It's something we're going to have to look at for 2021 if the funds permit.

Mr. Schonhut – How much longer do they have to go on Sprague Road as far as the truck traffic coming in and out of the old Albion Middle School...?

Mayor Perciak – I really don't know; but, getting back to all these, these are county roads...

Mr. Schonhut – Yeah...

Mayor Perciak – And we've always relied on the county to help us with these things. Although, their financial situation is worse than ours. I really don't know what we're going to do with that. Like I said, let's get past September 1st.

Mr. Kaminski – Yep.

Mayor Perciak – And then we can analyze everything in a much, I think, we'll have a much clearer picture.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

PUBLIC SERVICE AND CONSERVATION – Mr. Kaminski (cont'd): But, anyways that concludes my report.

Mr. Schonhut – Thank you Mr. Kaminski, any questions for Mr. Kaminski?

(No comments)

RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES – Ms. Kosek: I think everyone is aware that the rec center is going to be open on a limited basis starting on June 8th. During Caucus, Mr. Kilo was able to give us an update on all of the safety precautions that the City will be taking there. I think that it's important for our residents to know that we are taking those precautions for their safety as required by the Board of Health and so there will be a limited capacity; but it will be open for some lap swimming and also for working out on limited basis. For any residents who need to make a change to their membership for whatever reason, please give a call to the rec center to continue your membership, extend your membership and talk to them about what you might need to do if working out right now doesn't fit with what you originally signed up for. Otherwise, things are starting to get back a little bit more normal; but, not quite there yet. Hopefully, we will and it will not be long, I hope.

Mayor Perciak – One more thing Council...Kelly. We're going to play ball.

Ms. Kosek – Yes...

Mayor Perciak – June 15th, we're going to start. I know there's a couple girls' softball fast pitch. We're going to have about 120 kids playing sandlot baseball and how many teams are coming back, Steve?

Mr. Kilo – I believe 56 adult softball teams.

Mayor Perciak – Right, so we're finally going to play ball, so that's...

Ms. Kosek – You guys are going to play; but the Indians, not so much yet...

Mayor Perciak – We can at least social distance our fans, and I'm sure the Indians are still trying to figure that out.

Ms. Kosek – Yes, I did not mean to be glib; but, at least our kids will have something they can be doing. I appreciate all the efforts that everyone at the rec center have been doing and yes, I was a pitcher back in the day. Not fast pitch though...

Mayor Perciak – Well, we can bring you back...

Mr. Schonhut – I'd like to see Kelly pitching and the Mayor batting. How about we do that...

Mayor Perciak – But, I'd like to get Steve out there too...

Ms. Kosek – Well, I'm game if the Mayor's game...

Mayor Perciak – Absolutely.

Mr. Kaminski – That would be fun.

Mr. Schonhut – We're going to find a day to make that happen.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES – Ms. Kosek:

Mayor Perciak – No problem.

Ms. Kosek – Yes, with that I will close the committee.

Mr. Schonhut – Alright, any questions for Ms. Kosek?

(No comments)

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – Mr. Schonhut: We have Ordinance No. 2020-076; hoping we can get some relief from the CARES Act and through Ohio Senate Bill 310. We are waiting on The House to act on it. We encourage everybody to call The House Representative, Mr. Patton and Mr....the house holder down there and please encourage them to get it done; so, we can get some relief here in Strongsville financially. We're waiting on them; so, we will put this on second reading tonight. Does anybody have any questions, concerns?

Mayor Perciak – Just one more thing Mr. President. I had an extensive conversation in my capacity as President of the Mayors and Managers with Congresswoman Marcia Fudge. I've got to tell you, it went very, very well. Marcia is a former Mayor of Warrensville Heights. She understands very clearly what we're going through and she is leading the way in The House along with our Anthony Gonzalez. To move things along and to see if there is going to be any additional help coming for the cities directly and a city that has less 500,000 people in it. I just want to thank Congresswoman Fudge for listening, taking notes and it didn't take a whole lot of education on our part because she understood exactly what municipalities are going through. If you see her, thank her.

Mr. Schonhut – Thank you.

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

MAYOR PERCIAK:

Mr. Schonhut – We're going to start with Safety Director Goss if you would.

Mr. Goss – Thank you Mr. President, Mayor Perciak. For those watching from home that might not know me. My name is Charlie Goss. I'm the Director of Public Safety here in the City of Strongsville. I spent 34 years as a Police Officer, the last 18 of which as Chief of Police. So, helping keep Strongsville safe has been my life's work. We've gotten some inquires here at the Police Department as to what and how we would respond to incidents of civil unrest. I want the folks to know that the City of Strongsville is a member of the Southwest Enforcement Bureau. In fact, Mayor Perciak is the Chairman of that Council of Governments. This team has members from 18 southwest cities here and encompasses 1/3 of Cuyahoga County. The members are equipped and trained to respond to special public safety problems which include civil unrest. During this past weekend, our team's mobile field force was deployed to assist the City of Cleveland in restoring and maintaining peace there. This same unit, with help from other regional teams if necessary, would respond to any potential civil disturbance issue that might arise here in Strongsville. Now, when we first were asked to respond there, they asked for all of our resources, including our tactical teams, our bomb technicians and our armored vehicles. In the last couple days our involvement has been limited to just the field force units of our enforcement bureau. I'd like to make a couple words about social media. Information that spread on social media served to raise fear for some of our residents over this past weekend.

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

MAYOR PERCIAK (cont'd):

Mr. Goss (cont'd) – And we recognize that social media can be a good source of important information. In fact, our law enforcement fusion center daily monitors and evaluates social media posts and tweets in order to keep abreast of what is being spread, and to identify what could be credible threats. However, I think we all realize that some or perhaps most of what we read on social media is simply not true. And reposting or retweeting, or otherwise communicating messages that predict or promote disturbances may actually make the problem grow in scope, or may even create a problem when none really existed beforehand. We ask all of our residents to keep that in mind as they become active on social media, especially as it deals with public disturbances. Finally, I would invite any resident or business owner in the City, if you have special concerns or questions during these difficult times, you're welcome to call me direct. My office line is 440-580-3207 and I'll take any questions if anyone has any.

Mr. Schonhut – Thank you very much Charlie and thank you for your leadership during these uncertain times. That is for sure. Mayor Perciak, do you have anything to add to that or anything you'd like to report on tonight?

Mayor Perciak – No, I have nothing to add other than to thank Charlie, Charlie Goss, our Safety Director and former Chief of Police for working so closely all weekend long with all of our men with the enforcement bureau and with keeping me informed as many times a day as need be. I mentioned to Safety Director Goss when I was talking to him at one point or another yesterday, I said, "Charlie, you're not going to believe this, I had already 17 texts in the time of this conversation," and this is where I think the Safety Director more than adequately addressed all of this. All this texting and back and forth that we have to be far more careful as to how we address all those situations because our men are well trained; but, they can't be everywhere all day long. I want to thank Charlie for stepping up this weekend and for being available all Saturday, all Sunday, all today and as far as we know, all is well yet tonight. Correct?

Mr. Goss – Yes sir.

Mayor Perciak – Thank you that's all I have.

Mr. Schonhut – Thank you Mayor, is there anything anybody needs to add or ask?

(No comments)

FINANCE DEPARTMENT – Mr. Dubovec:

Mr. Schonhut – Mr. Dubovec is not here tonight; so, Mr. Jamison.

Mr. Jamison – I'm pitch hitting once again. "Based upon careful review of the proposed June 1, 2020 council meeting agenda, I hereby certify that funds will be made available for all ordinances and resolutions of such agenda requiring certification of funding." So signed by Joseph Dubovec. The original has been given to the Assistant Clerk of Council.

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

Mr. Schonhut – Thank you Mr. Jamison and we'll come right back to you for the Law Department report.

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

LAW DEPARTMENT – Mr. Jamison: Thank you Mr. Chairman, just to note, I know the Clerk sent out an e-mail last week about Ordinance Nos. 2019-078 and 2019-079. Those were introduced last year. You remember those are the ones that involved Mr. Baxendale and the proposed rezoning on Route 82; because they have been inactive and because of Section 220.06(i) of the Strongsville Codified Ordinances, because they have been postponed indefinitely and been sitting in limbo for over a year that they will automatically terminate as of this meeting. No Council action needs to be taken; but, I just note that for the record tonight. Other than that Mr. Chairman, all ordinances and resolutions are in proper legal form. Thank you.

Mr. Schonhut – Thank you Mr. Jamison.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Mr. Schonhut – That brings us to the point in our meeting for audience participation. Tiffany, can just make sure that there is nobody in the lobby if you would please.

Mrs. Mekeel – Sure. No.

Mr. Schonhut – Good, alright. There will be no audience participation tonight. That will bring us to ordinances and resolutions. Tiffany, whenever you're ready.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

Ordinance No. 2020-076 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUNDING UNDER THE CORONAVIRUS AID, RELIEF AND ECONOMIC SECURITY (CARES) ACT AND OHIO SENATE BILL NO. 310, AFFIRMING THE EXPENDITURE OF SAID FUNDS BY THE CITY CONSISTENT WITH THE CARES ACT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Placed on second reading and referred back to the committee.

Resolution No. 2020-077 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE REPORT OF THE ASSESSMENT EQUALIZATION BOARD ON OBJECTIONS CONCERNING THE ESTIMATED SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF WILLOW LANE BETWEEN CERTAIN TERMINI BY CONSTRUCTING SANITARY SEWERS, CATCH BASINS AND MANHOLES, INSTALLING SANITARY SEWER SERVICE CONNECTIONS WHERE THEY DO NOT NOW EXIST, AND REPLACING, WHERE NECESSARY, PAVEMENT, DRIVEWAY APRONS, STORM SEWERS AND CULVERTS, ALL TOGETHER WITH THE NECESSARY APPURTENANCES THERETO, 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.

Resolution No. 2020-077 ADOPTED.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):

Ordinance No. 2020-078 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE DETERMINING TO PROCEED WITH THE IMPROVEMENT OF WILLOW LANE BETWEEN CERTAIN TERMINI BY CONSTRUCTING SANITARY SEWERS, CATCH BASINS AND MANHOLES, INSTALLING SANITARY SEWER SERVICE CONNECTIONS WHERE THEY DO NOT NOW EXIST, AND REPLACING, WHERE NECESSARY, PAVEMENT, DRIVEWAY APRONS, STORM SEWERS AND CULVERTS, ALL TOGETHER WITH THE NECESSARY APPURTENANCES THERETO, 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. 2020-078 ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 2020-079 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE WILLOW LANE SANITARY SEWER PROJECT, 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. Resolution No. 2020-079 ADOPTED.

Ordinance No. 2020-080 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING FOR RECORDING PURPOSES ONLY THE SUBDIVISION PLAT FOR COMMERCE PARKWAY, IN THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Placed on first reading and referred back to the committee.

Resolution No. 2020-081 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE INTENT OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE TO ACCEPT FOR DEDICATION CERTAIN STREETS WITHIN THE COMMERCE PARKWAY SUBDIVISION, IN THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Placed on first reading and referred back to the committee.

Ordinance No. 2020-082 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE GENERAL SALARY ORDINANCE NO. 2019-187 TO AMEND ARTICLE 9, SECTIONS 9-002, 9-003 and 9-011 IN ORDER TO ADJUST CERTAIN PROVISIONS CONCERNING SALARY, 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. 2020-082 ADOPTED.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):

Ordinance No. 2020-083 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 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. 2020-083 ADOPTED.

Ordinance No. 2020-084 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE RATIFYING AND AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN UNITED STATES GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION CONTRACTS FOR THE PURCHASE OF CELLULAR COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES AND EQUIPMENT FOR USE BY VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO DO ALL THINGS NECESSARY TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. 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. 2020-084 ADOPTED.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS AND CLAIMS:

(None)


MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

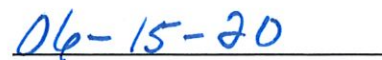
Mr. Schonhut – Miscellaneous business, I would just like to thank our Tiffany for being here tonight and for doing a fabulous job as always. Thank you very much. Anybody have anything else?

(No comments)

ADJOURNMENT:

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


Tiffany Mekeel, CMC
Assistant Clerk of Council


Date

CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, OHIO

FINANCE DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

Date: June 1, 2020
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 June 1, 2020 Council Meeting

Since I will not be present at the June 1, 2020 Council meeting, I respectfully request that the "Certification of Funding" listed 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
June 1, 2020 COUNCIL MEETING**

Based upon careful review of the proposed June 1, 2020 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: June 1, 2020