

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL STRONGSVILLE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2022 IN THE MIKE KALINICH SR. CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER, 18688 ROYALTON ROAD.

CALL TO ORDER:

Council President Carbone called the meeting to order at 5:17 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: James A. Kaminski, Annmarie P. Roff, Gordon C. Short, Joseph C. DeMio, James E. Carbone and Kelly A. Kosek. **Also Present:** Clerk of Council Aimee Pientka. **Administration:** Law Director Neal M. Jamison.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mr. Carbone – We have no need this evening for an executive session...

Ms. Roff – Uh, I thought we were going to have it? Sorry...

Ms. Kosek – Do we need an executive session?

Ms. Roff – I would like to...I mean...even though I was with my mom today, I would like to talk to Neal first...I mean...

(Multiple conversations)

Mr. Carbone – What would...

Ms. Roff – I guess it would be like...I don't know if it would be a legal matter or just a clarification of...

Ms. Kosek – I can make...

(Multiple conversations)

Ms. Roff – I wanted to talk to Neal...and I just...it won't take...

(Multiple conversations)

Ms. Kosek – I'll make it, I'll make it...motion to convene into executive session for the purpose of discussing legal matters

Mr. Jamison – Legal matters or personnel?

Ms. Kosek – Legal matters is what you said...

EXECUTIVE SESSION (cont'd):

(Multiple conversations)

Ms. Pientka – We need a second.

Ms. Roff – I guess it would be or I guess it's a little bit of both...

(Laughter)

Ms. Kosek – So, what do you want me make the motion, Neal?

Mr. Jamison – It would be for both.

Motion made by Ms. Kosek to convene into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing legal and personnel matters relating to the appointment of a new member to fill the vacancy for the Ward 3 Council seat, seconded by Mr. DeMio. The meeting adjourned from open session into executive session [Article XI, Section 9, City Charter]. Ms. Kosek, Ms. Roff, Mr. Short, Mr. Kaminski, Mr. DeMio voted aye; Mr. Carbone voted nay and the motion carried. Council adjourned into executive session at 5:20 p.m. Present from the administration was Law Director Neal Jamison. The executive session concluded at 5:21 p.m. and reconvened into open session.

MOTION TO APPPOINT NEW MEMBER:

Mr. Carbone – Next on the agenda is a motion to appoint a new member. Is there a motion to appoint?

Motion made by Ms. Kosek, second by Mr. DeMio, pursuant to Article III, Section 8 of the City Charter to appoint Thomas M. Clark to fill the Ward 3 Strongsville City Council vacancy for the unexpired term ending December 31, 2023. Ms. Roff, Mr. DeMio, Mr. Carbone and Ms. Kosek voted aye; Mr. Short and Mr. Kaminski voted nay.

Ms. Pientka – We have four votes yes for Mr. Clark, two votes no. Do you concur, Mr. Law Director, motion passes?

Mr. Jamison – Yeah, motion passes. So, we don't need to go forward with the other three.

Mr. Short – Mr. President, I'd like to make a motion to consider from the majority, if that's so acceptable.

Mr. Kaminski – As well, yeah.

Mr. Jamison – I think it's being done so it can be an unanimity...

Mr. Short – To make it unanimous...

Mr. Kaminski – Yes.

Mr. Carbone – Do we have a second?

Ms. Pientka – No, we need a motion from the prevailing side to re...

MOTION TO APPOINT NEW MEMBER (cont'd):

(Multiple conversations)

Mr. Jamison – Motion from the prevailing side to do that...

Ms. Pientka – One of the yes votes needs to make a motion to reconsider the vote to appoint Mr. Clark.

Mr. Jamison – So, the four who voted for it; one has to make the motion and a second. Motion to reconsider the vote...

Ms. Pientka – Motion to reconsider the...

(Multiple conversations)

Mr. Jamison – Motion to appoint new member for Mr. Clark...

Ms. Pientka – Appoint new member. You would say, I make a motion to reconsider...

Mr. Jamison – The motion to appoint the new member, Thomas Clark.

Ms. Kosek – Okay.

Ms. Kosek made a motion to reconsider the appointment of Thomas Clark, seconded by Mr. DeMio.

(Multiple conversations)

Mr. Carbone – A motion made by Ms. Kosek; second by Mr. DeMio...

Mr. Jamison – So, call the roll on that...

Ms. Pientka – Mr. Short, yes; Mr. Kaminski...

Mr. Jamison – No, no; Mr. Short can't vote on that.

(Multiple conversations)

Mr. DeMio – Right.

Ms. Pientka – Oh, it's just the prevailing side that votes?

Mr. Jamison – The prevailing side. So, Mr. DeMio would be first. Mr. Kaminski and Mr. Short voted no.

(Multiple conversations)

Ms. Pientka – Hold on one second.

Mr. Jamison – You're voting on the motion to reconsider.

MOTION TO APPOINT NEW MEMBER (cont'd):

Ms. Pientka – Right, but I think that when the prevail side makes a motion; all still vote. Not just the prevailing side. It's just...the prevailing side needs to vote. If the prevailing side needs to make a motion; but then all of Council still votes when the prevailing side...(inaudible)

Mr. Jamison – No, go ahead. I think your right.

A brief pause at this time as the Clerk of Council, Aimee Pientka verified with the Strongsville Codified Ordinances.

Ms. Pientka – Here it is.

Mr. Jamison – (Inaudible) speaking into it Joe.

(Multiple conversations)

Ms. Pientka – Okay, Mr. Jamison; under 220.08, Section F; this is what it says, "A motion to reconsider shall take precedence over all other motions except a motion to adjourn or to table. Only a member who was absent or excused or who voted with the prevailing side may move a reconsideration of any action of the Council, and provided that the motion to reconsider shall be made not later than the next Council meeting after such action is taken. No motion to reconsider shall be made more than once on any matter or subject and the same number of votes shall be required to reconsider..." so it's the same number of votes that voted for the original motion. It's how I interpret. Do you concur?

Mr. Jamison – Right.

Ms. Pientka – Okay.

Mr. Kaminski – That was Mr. DeMio.

Ms. Pientka – For clarity...(inaudible)...just make it again.

Ms. Kosek – Okay.

Ms. Pientka – Second and then we'll do the roll call again.

Ms. Kosek made a motion to reconsider the motion to appoint new member Thomas Clark, seconded by Mr. DeMio. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

Mr. Jamison – Now you vote again...

(Multiple conversations)

Mr. DeMio – Okay, who...

Ms. Pientka – Without saying...without saying the other motions, right Mr. Jamison?

Mr. Jamison – Right, you just call the roll.

MOTION TO APPOINT NEW MEMBER (cont'd):

Ms. Pientka – Okay. Mr. Short...oh, sorry. Mr. Kaminski, yes; Mr. DeMio, yes; Mr. Carbone, yes; Ms. Kosek, yes; Ms. Roff, yes; Mr. Short, yes.

Mr. Carbone – Okay, Mr. Clark has received the votes. The majority number of votes on Council. He will be appointed to the Ward 3 vacancy. I want to thank the other applicants for their willingness to represent our community. It's a great City. The qualifications and passion, really made this process difficult. Narrowing it down to one candidate. So, again, we thank you. We hope that you remain involved in the community and all of us collaborating and working together will make it even stronger. At this point, Neal, can you administer the oath of office.

ADMINISTRATION OF OATH OF OFFICE:

Mr. DeMio – Is this thing taped, Neal? He probably wants to turn around. Yeah.

Administration of Oath of Office to newly-appointed Ward 3 Councilman Thomas M. Clark.

Mr. Carbone – Tom, on behalf of Council; we want to congratulate you. Our doors are always open. We're a team up here. We have to collaborate. We have to work together. We will work with you, to be successful in Ward 3 and in the City of Strongsville.

Mr. Clark – Thank you. I appreciate the vote of confidence and look forward to working with all of you.

Mr. Short – See you Tuesday night

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Mr. Carbone – Is there any other business before this Council?

Ms. Roff – I just want to thank everybody again; still, for coming out because I know all to well how brave and how awkward and...putting yourself out there can be; so, thank you guys and just would like to remind everybody, Martin Luther King Day Monday to say your thoughts and continue to move forward for a better place.

Mr. Short – And just to echo Council on Ann Roff, I will say that the eight candidates that we had were truly...it was a good group. A great group. The last four were really tough decisions; so, I again, appreciate all of you coming out. For being involved in the City and hope you continue to stay involved; but, it was not an easy decision by this Council. So, thank you for your willingness to apply and hopefully, stay involved. So, thank you.

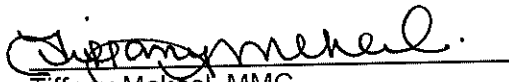
Ms. Kosek – I will just say, as always, Ward 3 brings it; so, thank you Ward 3 for being excellent and I hope that everyone who applied will continue to be involved in the City and that we will find opportunities for you to contribute; because everyone had wonderful ideas. So, thank you.

Mr. Carbone – Any other?

(None)

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Meeting was adjourned at 5:33 p.m.



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