

**SUMMARY OF CAUCUS DISCUSSION AND MINUTES OF THE STRONGSVILLE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING HELD ON, MONDAY, JULY 17, 2023.**

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, July 17, 2023, at 7:30 p.m.**

Present: Council Members: James E. Carbone, James A. Kaminski, Joseph C. DeMio, Thomas M. Clark and Annmarie P Roff. **Also Present:** Clerk of Council Aimee Pientka. **Administration:** Mayor Thomas P. Perciak, Finance Director Eric Dean, Law Director Neal Jamison, Service Director Joe Walker and Engineering Director Ken Mikula.

Absent: Councilwoman Kelly A. Kosek and Councilman Gordon C. Short.

Council President, James Carbone, 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 Kaminski advised Ordinance No. 2023-071 is an ordinance to rezone vacant property located on Marks Road from GI-A (General Industrial-A) classification to RT-C (Townhouse-Cluster) classification (Portion of PPN 394-07-001). A favorable recommendation was given by the Planning Commission. Tonight, there will be a public hearing for this legislation. Ordinance No. 2023-099 is to rezone property located at 11654 Pearl Road, (PPN 392-26-002) from GB (General Business) classification to R-RS (Restaurant- Recreational Services) classification. A favorable recommendation was given by the Planning Commission. This will be placed on second reading tonight and set for a public hearing on September 5, 2023. Ordinance No. 2023-106 is an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with Gilbane Building Company for the Strongsville Town Center project in the total amount not to exceed \$8,901,779.00. Mr. Kaminski stated that they are very excited to move forward with that phase. Mayor Perciak mentioned that at this time, the city is accepting donations. Currently, they have approximately \$4,500,000.00 in donations plus the allocation from the capital fund. Mayor Perciak also mentioned that the ground breaking will be on August 16, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. Potential donors are invited, so they can see and understand what is going to happen there. Suspension and adoption was recommended for this legislation. Suspension and adoption was also recommended for Resolution No. 2023-107 which is a resolution authorizing the Mayor to advertise for bids for the Prospect Road storm sewer project from Albion Road to Fair Road. Mayor Perciak commented that the City of Strongsville would not have been able to do the work on Prospect Road without the Federal Grant that they received, along with the help of Congressman Gonzales and Congressman Max Miller. Mr. Kaminski wanted to recognize his wife, Mary Kaminski, who was honored with a Rotarian of the Year Award from the Strongsville Rotary Club.

Public Service and Conservation Committee: Chairman DeMio advised Ordinance No. 2023-108 is an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a modification to the professional engineering design and consulting services contract between the city and MS Consultant's, Inc., in connection with the city's wastewater treatment plants and Westwood lift station project. Such modifications to the contract would be in the total amount of \$772,428.00, for a new total proposal of \$1,987,144.00. Suspension and adoption was recommended for this legislation. Suspension and adoption was also recommended for Ordinance No. 2023-109 which is an ordinance authorizing the sale by internet auction, of certain property no longer needed for any municipal purpose by the city's service department. Ordinance No. 2023-110 is an ordinance authorizing the sale at public auction, Manheim Marketing, Inc Auto Auction, of certain obsolete surplus vehicles no longer needed for any municipal purpose. Suspension and adoption was recommended for this legislation.

Service Director, Joe Walker stated that the city entered into two contracts, one for the wastewater treatment plant and the other for the pump station on Westwood Drive, because it has been thirty years since any improvements have been made. He also mentioned that the wastewater treatment plant and the pump station operate 24/7 and are a much needed asset to the community. He stated that during this improvement process, the city has worked diligently to keep in compliance with all the EPA regulations. The city entered into these projects to improve the operations and safety of the plant. The money received is to continue to address any items, and bidding purposes so that the plants are kept in good shape. Mr. DeMio questioned what is done with any additional funds left in the balance. Finance Director, Mr. Dean advised that the city has a fund balance reserve for the wastewater operations and it has grown over the years due to the anticipation of the project. The city projects approximately \$19 to \$20 million dollars that will be set aside for operations and capital. Eventually, when the city does go out to bid, they will pay for some of it with the funds available, and then the rest will be borrowed from the OWDA (Ohio Water Department Authority) loan program. Mr. Walker mentioned that the city street painting has been underway as well as road improvements through the service department and the engineering department. He also mentioned that a contractor by the name of Giant Restoration will be coming into town to paint the fire hydrants. Ms. Roff asked what the time frame would be in finishing up the sewers on the other part of Howe Road. Mr. Walker stated that they have two weeks until they complete the sewers. They already completed some culvert replacements, and are currently starting to pour driveways back in. Mr. DeMio reminded Mr. Walker that on Sunwood Oval there are two fire hydrants that need to be cleaned up and painted. Mr. Walker mentioned that if any other residents need a certain area of hydrants taken care of, to let the service department know, and they will try to address those issues.

Finance Committee: Mr. Carbone advised Ordinance No. 2023-111 is an ordinance making appropriations for the annual expenses and other expenditures of the city for the year 2023 and repealing Ordinance No. 2023-088. Mr. Carbone advised that the memo received by the finance department reflects a net increase of \$6,946,820; and some of the larger items have an increase of \$4,421,700.00 from the general fund #101 which would be advance funding for the Town Center Improvement project. That funding would be in the amount of \$920,000.00 to account for the final construction price that was already approved in Ordinance No. 2023-106. Mr. Carbone also mentioned another notable increase of \$1,100,000.00 in the general capital improvement fund to account for the final Prospect Road culvert project cost. Also, \$1,600,000.00 of the project will be paid with federal funding as approved in Ordinance No. 2021-071. Suspension and adoption was recommended for this legislation. Mr. Dean highlighted that the city is advancing funds for the Town Center project and are looking for donations and grants. He also stated that if need be, the city will bond that out, and the money will be repaid once the city goes to market for anything that is not funded. He also pointed out that the city was able to secure a \$1,600,000.00 grant for police and dispatch services with an estimated amount of \$800,000.00 of that grant that will go towards police and dispatch wages. Mr. Dean advised that these increases are paid for with other revenue coming in, and it isn't just a straight increase but an increase in revenue as well. Mr. Carbone mentioned that the city would not be able to do what they do without the amount of grant money that the city has been given throughout the years; and hopefully, that continues. Mr. DeMio advised Mr. Walker that on the corner of Drake Road and Pearl Road, the cement is starting to pop back up. Mr. Walker stated that there are areas that the service department has not fixed yet, and that they are set to get back on schedule this season to repair what's left at that intersection. Mr. Kaminski asked both Mr. Walker and Mr. Mikula if ODOT has scheduled improvements for the Bridge and the fence going over I-71 and Royalton Road. Mr. Walker was not aware of any scheduled improvements through ODOT, but can start a petitioning process to get ODOT to do improvements for that.

Recreation & Community Services Committee: Chairwoman Roff advised Ordinance No. 2023-112 is an ordinance ratifying and approving the Mayor and the Director of Recreation and Senior Services to submit a proposal to receive funding, in the approximate amount of \$282,800.00, from the Cuyahoga County Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Senior and Adult Services through its community social services program, functions, and transportation for 2024 and 2025. Suspension and adoption was recommended for this legislation. Suspension and adoption was also recommended for Ordinance No. 2023-113 which is an ordinance approving the filing of an application on behalf of the city for funding from NOACCA through the Enhanced Mobility for Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities program, for the purchase of a vehicle to provide transportation services for the city's Senior Wheels program. Resolution No. 2023-114 is a resolution accepting a monetary donation from the Strongsville Rotary Club. Ms. Roff mentioned that the Rotary Club has donated so much to the city's area, and it is much appreciated. This recent donation is to be used towards the rebuilding of the Freedom Trail waterfall feature. Suspension and adoption was recommended for this legislation. Mr. Kaminski commented that was a joint project between the city and the Rotary Club and the work has already been done. He also wanted to thank Mr. Walker and some of the Rotary Club members for all their help and cooperation with that project which included a \$6,000.00 grant that was provided from the Rotary Club. Mr. Walker pointed out that the gazebo is completed and operating beautifully right now; but under a recent inspection, found areas that needed repair. The gazebo will be completed and back together hopefully in the next few weeks.

Committee of the Whole: Ordinance No. 2023-094 is an ordinance providing for the submission to the electors of the city at the next regular November election certain amendments to Article III of the Charter entitled "The Council" in section 12. This is to provide for Council posting on the website of the city, and in public places determined by Council, all ordinances, resolutions, statements, orders, proclamations, notices and reports required by law. Adoption was recommended for this legislation. Ordinance No. 2023-095 is an ordinance providing for the submission to the electors of the city at the next regular November election certain an amendment to Article IV of the Charter entitled "Administrative Offices" in section 6(c), to provide that the decision of the Board of Zoning Appeals granting a variance is final without requiring a (20) day delay for review by City Council. Adopt as amended was recommended for this legislation. Mr. Jamison pointed out for these Charter Amendments, they require five affirmation votes of Council in order to get placed on the November ballot. Ordinance No. 2023-096 is an ordinance providing for the submission to the electors of the city at the next regular November election an amendment to Article IV of the Charter entitled "Administrative Offices" in section 7(a), to provide for (5) members of the Civil Service Commission of the city. Adoption was recommended for this legislation. Ordinance No. 2023-097 is an ordinance providing for the submission to the electors of the city at the next regular November election certain amendments to Article V of the Charter entitled "Finance" in section 5(b), to provide that Council may authorize certain expenditures, in emergencies or other limited circumstances, without public bidding, by a vote of not less than five (5) of its members. Adoption was recommended for this legislation. Ordinance No. 2023-098 is an ordinance providing for the submission to the electors of the city at the next regular November election an amendment to Article X of the Charter entitled "Charter Review Committee" to provide that Council shall submit to the electors any proposed alterations, revisions and amendments recommended by the Charter Review Committee. Adoption was recommended for this legislation. Ordinance No. 2023-104 is an ordinance providing for the submission to the electors of the city at the next regular November election an amendment to Article IV of the Charter entitled "Administrative Offices" in Sections 5(a) and 5(b), to amend the provision for members of the Planning Commission. Suspension and adoption was recommended for this legislation.

MINUTES OF THE STRONGSVILLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, JULY 17, 2023 IN THE MIKE KALINICH SR. CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

CALL TO ORDER:

Council President James E. Carbone 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: James E. Carbone, James A. Kaminski, Joseph C. DeMio, Thomas M. Clark and Annmarie Roff. Also Present: Clerk of Council Aimee Pientka. **Administration:** Mayor Thomas P. Perciak, Finance Director Eric Dean, and Law Director Neal Jamison.

Absent: Councilwoman Kelly A. Kosek and Councilman Gordon C. Short.

Motion made by Councilwoman Roff, second by Mr. DeMio, to excuse Councilman Short for just cause. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

Motion made by Councilwoman Roff, second by Mr. DeMio, to excuse Councilwoman Kosek for just cause. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

COMMENTS ON MINUTES:

The Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on July 3, 2023, were approved as submitted.

APPOINTMENTS, CONFIRMATIONS, AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS:

(None)

PUBLIC HEARING:

Ordinance No. 2023-071 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE ADOPTED BY SECTION 1250.03 OF TITLE SIX, PART TWELVE OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF STRONGSVILLE TO CHANGE THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF CERTAIN VACANT PROPERTY LOCATED ON MARKS ROAD, IN THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, FROM GI-A (GENERAL INDUSTRIAL-A) CLASSIFICATION TO RT-C (TOWNHOUSE-CLUSTER) CLASSIFICATION (PORTION OF PPN 394-07-001), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. *First reading and referred to Planning Commission 05-15-23. Favorable recommendation by the Planning Commission 05-25-23. Second reading 6-05-23. Public Hearing 7-17-23.*

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

PUBLIC HEARING (cont'd):

Mike Cappy, 15531 Drake Road, Strongsville, Oh. 44136: My name is Michael Cappy, I live at 15531 Drake Rd. in Strongsville. We are in favor of the project, and we have owned the property for about 15 years over there. We've had nobody interested in the property for industrial because it is off the beaten track and on Marks Road, there isn't a lot of truck traffic. It's very hard to get trucks down there to have industrial-type people look at the property. We were approached by a developer who would like to do the townhomes on that property. We brought the project to city hall, went over it with the Mayor, and had really good discussions on it. With the property being on the outskirts of Strongsville, it's closed in by the railroad track and it's zoned adult entertainment as well right now. We thought that this parcel and this particular solution was really the best use for this piece of property. Nobody industrial-wise has looked at this property besides one guy who wants to crush stones and rent the property off of us as a short-term gain; we've had nobody. We think this would be a good property because the developers are a good company, with a good track record. We think it would be the best use for this property. That's it, thank you.

Mr. Carbone – Thank you, does anybody else want to come up and speak in favor of this project?

(No comments)

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

Edwin Diaz, 18407 Marks Road, Strongsville, Ohio 44136: I oppose and I live on Marks Road at 18407 Marks Road. I have been living there currently for eight years of my life. We moved from the city. We lived in Cleveland for a number of years out there, and then moved out here to Strongsville to find peace, and to get away from the traffic and everything that's involved in the city. We love living off Marks Road because it's a quiet neighborhood. Me and my wife are against it because we think it's going to bring a lot of traffic and a lot of unwanted visitors. Every morning I get up to go to work and just with the little bit of traffic that we are dealing with now, I think that it's going to create a bigger amount of traffic coming into Strongsville into Marks Road. People that do not live off of Marks Road do not see what we have to see. I like the peace...I like the quiet, and I like living where I live and that's it. That's why I moved out here because I wanted to be in peace; so, I'm against it. My wife is as well, but she can speak for herself. I just wanted to take this opportunity to say that I am against it, and that's all I have to say.

Neil Coffin, 17860 Marks Road, Columbia Station, Ohio 44028: My name is Neil Coffin and I have a hard time hearing anybody here; it's pretty quiet. I have hearing aids in, but it's very soft. I would like to know if there is anybody here that represents the companies that are coming in to build the houses or whatever they are called. I'm curious about if the sewer is going to come down Marks Road or if it's coming back by the railroad coming through there. I didn't check it out, but a couple of people told me that this company that is building them has built some houses that kind of went down really fast. I know it's hearsay, but it's like there is a question there as to how it's going to be. I understand that they are all rentals, and actually, no one is owning the houses, somebody owns the whole project. If there is a representative here that could explain where the sewers are coming down and if they are going to maintain a decent situation over there. The people that are renting are into their businesses and stuff like that, and they don't have time to mess around with fixing things up; they don't care if they party all night. You don't know what's going to happen. We are in Columbia Station and you can't call anybody after 12 o'clock. I just wondered if there is anybody here that will explain a little bit more about the situation there. Okay, thank you.

PUBLIC HEARING (cont'd):

Rob Vibonese, 23097 Emmons Road, Columbia Station, Ohio 44028: I'm Rob Vibonese on Emmons Road in Columbia Station. I think it would do a lot of damage to Columbia Station and our taxes because Marks Road wouldn't stand the traffic and the equipment in these projects. I see that another thing like this other gentleman brought up, they are not explaining where the sewers and the gas lines are going to be routed. Who is going to be responsible for Marks Road? Is it going to be the taxpayers? Probably, and the builder gets away with it. What kind of restrictions are going to be put on that builder if he just isn't allowed to come in there? Is he going to have to take care of Marks Road? I'm definitely against it, thank you.

Robert Bycznski, 18080 Marks Road, Columbia Station, Ohio 44028: Robert Bycznski, I live at 18080 Marks Road. I don't know if you understand the terrain there. There are two hills that go up and down and what you are proposing to change is going to be right in between them. My driveway is at the bottom of that hill and the traffic there is tough enough to negotiate now with automobiles because the road is very narrow. You have two culverts. How are they going to...there are reasons there are no trucks and stuff allowed down there. The road can't support that. It's a very dangerous area, and now you want to add a tremendous amount of homes. A lot of traffic is going to be slowing and stopping in between those two hills. I think you really need to consider that as you change this. Leave it industrial and whatever happens, happens. There is a lot of farming that goes on around there that the property could be used for instead of building a lot of these homes there. I oppose this tremendously. It's going to be dangerous having all that extra traffic there, thanks.

Rodney Frum, 23073 Emmons Road, Columbia Station, Ohio 44028: My name is Rodney Frum, I live at 23073 Emmons Road. I also have the lot across the street from where these people are talking about putting in a development at. Like Bob just said, you are in the middle of two culverts. My daughter lives right next store to my property, and many times she goes to pull out of her driveway, and somebody comes flying through that culvert. She will look one way, then she will go back to look the other way and by that time, somebody is already flying up through there. It is a very dangerous property. As far as I know, that property is being leased for farm use and stuff like that and I think it should stay there...I really do. If you keep this going, and you don't do something about the road...the culvert and widening it, you are going to have somebody hurt badly. That's what I have to say.

Joe Tooman, 17940 Marks Road, Columbia Station, Ohio 44028: Good evening, my name is Joe Tooman, I live at 17940 Marks Roads in the Columbia Station area. Right now, there is too much traffic on Marks Road, and it's not controlled by the police. There are a lot of trucks that currently go down it. Columbia Station has a project which will also...is going to be down at the old golf course on Hickory Nut, and that will also add a lot more traffic to Marks Road. I just think that this hasn't been given a lot of thought. I'm opposed to it, thank you.

Lester Austin, 17668 Marks Road, Columbia Station, Ohio 44028: My name is Lester Austin, I live at 17668 S. Marks Road, Columbia Station, Ohio. I am in agreement with everybody that has a problem with it. I think there should be a traffic survey; because I have been there for 70 years, and I used to go out there and play in the street. Now, you can't even get your mail without checking for semis that go down there non-stop all day long during the day. The car traffic is very bad too. I believe they should have some kind of traffic survey before they start a project like this. That's my concern because it's very unsafe there, thank you.

PUBLIC HEARING (cont'd):

Linda Harley, 17963 Marks Road, Strongsville, Ohio 44136: Linda Harley, 17963 Marks Road in Strongsville and I'm the property right next to this. We never heard from anybody...nobody. The city, my Councilman...nobody came and asked what we wanted and if we were interested, if we were against it, and how we would want them to vote. We are just...and then we get this thing in the mail. Where's the developer? They did come to visit me a year ago, and I haven't heard from them since. I thought somebody said that a representative would be here tonight, and nobody is here. I on one hand am very much against it. I have been there 45 years; my husband has been there for over 70 years and he feels the same way as Lester. They used to play in the street. There is so much traffic and there are trucks. Come sit in the driveway and count the trucks all day. Those papers said that maybe the development would cut...we wouldn't have as many trucks; I don't believe that either. Right now, I'm pretty upset about the whole situation, but mainly because we never heard from a Councilman or the city asking us, and we are right there. My property is right there, and I don't know what's going to happen. When we talked to the developer last summer, they said, "The water and sewer would come...they would talk to the railroad, and it would come under the railroad." Is that true? Is that what they are going to do? Did they get permission from the railroad? We have no answers for this stuff. Anyway, I guess I'm against it right now.

Mr. Carbone – Thank you very much. Mr. Cappy, did you want to go in the back and talk to them at all or anything?

(Unintelligible background conversation)

Mr. Carbone – Anybody else who opposes this project?

(No comments)

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

Mr. DeMio – Jim, why don't you share with the folks that came here for that, there there's no vote on that tonight so they know.

Mr. Carbone – We have the ward Council person and another Council person out this evening. The vote will be the first meeting in September (September 5, 2023). If you would like to go in the back room and ask any questions, you can do that at this time. After this public hearing, there will be no more on this matter this evening for this Council meeting.

Unidentified voice – Will you let us know when that Council meeting is?

Mr. Carbone – It will be the first Monday of the month.

Mr. Jamison – It's September 5, 2023, sir.

Mr. DeMio – It's Tuesday due to the holiday.

Mr. Jamison – It's September 5, 2023 at 8:00 p.m.

Mr. Carbone - So, if you guys would like to go back there, that's up to you.

APPOINTMENTS, CONFIRMATIONS, AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS:

(None)

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

SCHOOL BOARD – Mr. Clark: Thank you President Carbone, there was a Strongsville City School Board meeting on Thursday, July 13, 2023. As many meetings started, it began with recognition. I am going to give a brief update this evening. I previously reported on the academic calendar change, and I provided those dates in a previous update; that was approved. The 2023-2024 calendar year, I call this out to note that April 8, 2024 is a date that was swapped out and there will be no school that day. That date is significant because that is the date of a total solar eclipse and that is also the Guardians home opener. I promise it is an adjustment for the eclipse and not for the Guardians, but that is taking place and we are in the area that is known nationally to be a great place to view it within this area. One other thing, I like to share positive things. We talk a lot about Eagle Scout projects and we have a Girl Scout that is doing a project and she presented her idea. The project is not done yet, but she presented her idea to the school board to get their approval and support for her item. There were a lot of good ideas in there, but one of those that we heard about was the buddy benches; wanting to add more buddy benches at the elementary schools. We have a lot of positive things happening in our community, but when we have high school students, Eagle Scouts or Girls Scouts doing projects like this and giving back to our community, I think we need to embrace that and support it. One other thing, this coming Sunday, July 23, 2023 at Strongsville Middle School they are going to do a naming ceremony for George Grozan, who was a previous board member and intimately involved in that SMS (Strongsville Middle School) project, has unfortunately since passed away. That dedication is on Sunday, July 23, 2023 and all are invited. Please, anyone that is attending RSVP to Dan Foust whose email can be found on the Strongsville City School web page (www.strongnet.org). I will be happy to take any questions, but that concludes my report for this evening Mr. President.

BUILDING AND UTILITIES – Mr. Clark:

(No report)

SOUTHWEST GENERAL HEALTH SYSTEM – Mr. Short:

(No report)

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Mr. Short:

(No report)

PUBLIC SERVICE AND CONSERVATION – Mr. DeMio: Thank you, as we talked earlier in caucus, Ordinance Nos. 2023-108, 2023-109 and 2023-110 are all going to be suspension and adoption. Two of them are selling obsolete property from the service department that we are going to sell. The third is the update on the sewer...excuse me, I can't even say the word...treatment plant. It's to upgrade the treatment plant so we can move forward and keep everything going the way it's supposed to go. That will be suspension and adoption on all three ordinances, and we would appreciate that vote.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

FINANCE – Ms. Kosek:

Mr. Carbone – Next, in the absence of Ms. Kosek in finance, I will be taking that. We have Ordinance No. 2023-111; this is an ordinance making appropriations for the annual expenses and other expenditures for the city for the year 2023. Basically, this is the transferring of funds in the amount of \$6,946,820.00. The recommendation here is to suspend and adopt.

PLANNING, ZONING AND ENGINEERING – Mr. Kaminski: We did discuss several ordinances this evening. Obviously, we had the public hearing for Ordinance No. 2023-071 for Marks Road. We will not be voting on that this evening as President Carbone had mentioned. We also discussed Ordinance No. 2023-099. That is another rezoning change classification for 11654 Pearl Road. That goes from (GB) general business classification to (RS) restaurant recreational. That will be placed on second reading this evening and we will have a public hearing on September 5, 2023; that will be a Tuesday meeting. Ordinance No. 2023-106 is an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract for the Strongsville Town Center project. We are looking forward to starting that project and the Mayor also announced the groundbreaking. That is what...August, Mayor? August 16, 2023 and that is open to the public as well, right Mayor?

Mayor Perciak – Yes sir.

Mr. Kaminski – Alright.

Ms. Roff – I'm always looking forward to that.

Mr. Kaminski – Absolutely, it's great to see that project finally get started. Finally, this evening, Resolution No. 2023-107; this is authorizing the Mayor to advertise for bids for the Prospect Road Storm Sewer Improvement project. That goes from Albion Road to Fair Road on Prospect Road. The recommendations for those two ordinances is suspension and adoption this evening. That concludes my report, but I will happily take any questions.

Mr. Carbone – Thank you Mr. Kaminski, we do have members in the audience from Prospect Road that were very passionate about this and very patient. I think, I can speak for all of us, if we could have done this years ago, we would have. There was a process and it's exciting now, especially being able to have the assistance from Federal funds to make this happen. It's a blessing, and we are moving forward. We are going to take care of this; so, thank you for your patience.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEALTH – Mr. Kaminski:

(No report)

RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES - Ms. Roff: I have three items tonight. I have Ordinance No. 2023-112 which is for the Mayor to go out to apply for funding from Cuyahoga County Department of Health and Human Services for monies towards our senior programs for the years 2024 and 2025. Ordinance No. 2023-113 is for the Mayor to go out to NOACCA to apply for funding for a vehicle to provide transportation for our seniors. Then, Resolution No. 2023-114 is for the work that has been done on our Freedom Trail waterfall feature. This is to accept a donation of \$6,000.00 from our Strongsville Rotary Club. All three of these, the recommendation is to suspend and adopt. That's all I have.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

Mr. Carbone – Any questions for Ms. Roff?

(No comments)

COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY – Mr. Carbone:

(No report)

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – Mr. Carbone: We have multiple Charter Amendments that we have been discussing over the last couple of meetings and months. We have Ordinance Nos. 2023-094, 2023-095, 2023-096, 2023-097 and 2023-098. The recommendation for all these is going to be adopt. Ordinance No. 2023-95, we did want...as Council discussed at the last meeting, we made some amendments to that. We will first make a motion to amend and then if there are 4 or more votes there, we will vote on that amendment; motion to amend as adopted. If it does not, it will go back to the original Ordinance No. 2023-095. Also, we have Ordinance No. 2023-104; this is giving us, the Council, the option of appointing a voting member of the Planning Commission who is a resident of this town. The recommendation there is to suspend and adopt. Are there any questions for me?

(No comments)

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

MAYOR PERCIAK: Thank you Mr. President and good evening. Just a bunch of thank you(s) tonight to the safety forces, to our police, fire and our service departments for a safe Fourth of July and center of town. As most of you know, that was a free event and our center of town was packed with people from all of the surrounding suburbs and Strongsville. Route 82 was lined up from Howe Road to the center of town. People were watching the fireworks at the mall, at The Strongsville Greens, the back of the middle school, and the back of St. Joe's lot. Really, we had a lot of people here, and our police force kept us safe. Secondly, Homecoming as most of you know...you were there four days with me, we had a very safe Homecoming. We had some bad weather, but again, we need to thank our police, our fire, and our service department for coming to our side and making certain everything was kept safe and everybody had a good time. In spite of the weather, we had sell-out crowds. I just want to thank everybody and I'm sure you echo saying the same thing; not to mention all the sponsors. The sponsors of the Fourth of July for the fireworks, the sponsors from the Strongsville Chamber of Commerce, and all of the different individuals that helped provide the dollars for the fireworks for both nights. Truly a great community, and a lot of community spirit. When you look at what it cost just for fireworks, it's absolutely amazing today. It was the business community that stepped up along with so many of our residents that wanted to donate to be a part of it. If you see them, extend your thank you; that ends my report.

Mr. Carbone – Thank you.

Mr. Kaminski – I would like to add the Chamber of Commerce and the Chairman of the Homecoming, Mr. Tom Burichin. He did a phenomenal job. Amy Ferree...they worked extremely hard to bring this event to the community, along with many, many people as well; but I definitely want to thank the folks that lead that project.

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

Mr. Carbone – Thank you very much.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT – Mr. Dean: Thank you Mr. President, I hereby certify that funds will be made available for all ordinances and resolutions on tonight's agenda that require certification of funding, thank you.

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

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Buckley Wilford, 18583 Benbow Road, Strongsville, Ohio 44136: Hello, my name is Buckley Wilford, my address is 18583 Benbow Road, Strongsville, Ohio. I once again come to oppose the interchange. I have done a lot of thought on it and I am seeing things stick together. There was a lady that spoke last time that said that only 2.4% of the traffic would be changed by putting in an interchange. To me, that is like totally wasting our money and wasting our time. Then I'm thinking about other things. I'm thinking \$319,000.00 is what I think we are paying the surveyors to do their job and to check things. That seems like an awful lot of money. I know that \$100,000.00 is from the state, but still, it's \$219,000.00 of our tax dollars seems to be a fortune. Then, I hear about the Marks Road people and how dangerous it is going up and down the road and the culverts and things. I think the same thing about my road in Benbow Road since Howe Road has been cut off for some time now between Boston Road and Drake Road. I have a very thin road, and it's very dangerous looking. Yet, even with the traffic I am getting there, I don't think it's a smidgen of what's going through Route 82 coming off the highway right there. This doesn't balance up...none of these balances up. I'm so upset when I think back on Howe Road. I know our Councilwoman for our ward was much against the Howe Road interchange. She lives close to the Howe Road interchange, where it would be; yet the same Councilwoman doesn't seem to be doing anything to help us on Benbow Road or any other area, especially Boston Road where people are going to lose their houses. "It's like I'm in it for me and nobody else." That's the kind of perception that I am getting from my Councilman and I will not forget this. I'm sure no one else will forget this that feels this pressure. I'm also very upset at Patton for being so sneaky and putting this into a law. I think after about 38 years, we have been trying to do an interchange and exit. I think, what kind of a guy would do that? I voted for that guy and I will never vote for that guy again. It will break my heart if I see somebody worse that I don't like running against him. I only hope and pray that once he is out, I will have an opportunity to vote somebody in again. This is just as wrong as can be. I think about leadership, and I think about making a good decision. I think when you are put into a position of leadership and voted in, you need to be able to represent and represent well. You can't do sneaky stuff like Patton did. You can't be opposed to an interchange when it's close to your house, and then for it when it is close to somebody else's house. These kinds of things don't work. I think in my opinion, the money that we wasted for this interchange, and that we are putting money into, should have been spent on checking the roads in our city. Obviously, we do have more people, we have more traffic and we all need some wider roads. I bet if you look at what happened with Pearl Road and Route 82 over the years when we had those widened, you'll see how much better things flowed and how much safer things were. Those are the things that we should be looking at as a city and investing our money into, rather than creating more problems. I guarantee you, once we put an interchange there, everybody is going to be zooming over to that interchange from the entire area. I'll use it too; because I live right there, but it would be a...it's going to create so many more problems.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):

What's even worse, it seems like such a horrible thing that so many Brunswick people are always having to come here because it affects them so deeply, when it's our issue. We should be trying to recoup our own city and make it better on our own. That's all I have to say tonight. Thank you for listening to me.

(Applause)

Tracy Graham, 19211 Timber Creek Circle, Strongsville, Ohio 44136: I really hate speaking. Tracy Graham, 19211 Timber Creek Circle in ward 2. I'm curious, did you guys all know that Patton was going to do this? That he was going to put that Bill in? Did you have any inkling that he was going to do that? I'm wondering because \$319,000.00 is a lot of money to just say, "We are going to do a study." I remember hearing Kelly questioning it...making sure that we are using this correctly, and if something different will come from this. I wondered if you guys knew about this? Personally, I voted for you even though you weren't opposed. I voted for you, and I voted for you. I voted for you because you're supposed to look at the laws; make sure everybody is abiding by those laws. The minute something feels wrong or is wrong, you should be sounding the alarm. Patton should have never done what he did. If I had heard about it...if I was any of you guys, the first thing I would have done was call Brunswick. I'm all for a debate and it had to happen. I'm in for a debate, but I'm in for a fair debate. It doesn't seem very fair to Brunswick that we did this and how we did it; it seems really wrong. It does sound like you have a lot of issues on different roads with traffic. Listening to the people on Marks Road, I'm just hearing this and I am like, "Oh my gosh". That's really all I had to say. I just hope that you guys didn't know about it. Eventually, you're going to come up against somebody who runs against you, and you are going to have to be...they are going to ask that question, "What did you know?" "When did you know?" and "Did you say anything?" or "Did you keep quiet?" No one should be keeping quiet. I think it was so wrong what he did. It just goes to the character I think of who he is, and I think he is going to have to answer to a lot of questions where ever he goes and runs. I think he is running for Senate now, am I right? I know he is running for something I just heard, but I just think it was wrong. That's all I have to say, thanks.

(Applause)

Mary Vantz, 78 Duxbury Lane, Brunswick, Ohio 44212: Hello, my name is Mary Vantz and I live at 78 Duxbury Lane in Brunswick. I have been here before and I'm not going to take up a whole lot of your time. I think it's just important that we keep this in the public eye. We keep bringing it to your attention, bringing it to the attention of other elected officials, and the media. I think you know by now how committed we are to this opposition. I'll just repeat some of the things we talked about before: the noise, the congestion, the loss of habitat, and the loss of homes on both sides. I especially feel bad for the people in Strongsville and now, we are hearing from Marks Road people tonight. At least in Brunswick, I think we feel somewhat supported. I feel like the folks in Strongsville are just really on a ship without a sail. Anyway, it's very obvious we continue to voice our concerns. I wanted to mention though that there has been quite a bit of media attention. I think they meant well, but one of the articles recently talked about the desperate actions of the people of Brunswick, and their desperation to oppose this. I think it was just more of a poor choice of words. We are anything but desperate, trust me. This has unified people in ways I have never expected. Again, I don't think it was intended to be interpreted that way, but we have seen some things on Facebook that are alarming. We are not desperate. We are firm, we are committed, we are strong, and we are going to continue to do whatever we can to protect this area. We are not going away.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):

Regardless of the outcome, and this may come a year from now, who knows how many...how long; is it going to improve business and industry? Yes. Is it going to save somebody 10 or 15 minutes to get home? Yes. That is just the business and the financial end of it. I wanted to ask everyone to look at their ethics and their morals. That is equally important. So, regardless of the outcome, when and if this is ever over, please search yourself, your soul and which end of this you are going to be at...the ethical end, or are you going to create a truck route? Thank you very much.

(Applause)

Shrea Kellums, 3450 Boston Road, Brunswick, Ohio 44212: I'm Shrea Kellums, 3450 Boston Road in Brunswick. It's really never very easy for me to speak up here and I always get myself in a nervous wreck. I just want you guys to all know that we are not going to back down. We are going to keep fighting. You'll get a break from us for a little bit, but we will be back. This whole disaster that Strongsville wants to do to Brunswick, and to their own residents, is the most craziest idea I have ever heard. People keep thinking that it's for the traffic on Route 82 and Howe Road, but we know that's not true. We know it's because you want to make an industrial parkway off of Boston Road. I have seen this written in the papers already so shame on you for not caring about your people's homes, shame on you for not caring about your residents, shame on you for not talking to your residents before all of this came out in public, and shame on you for bullying your neighboring city. Don't you know...I don't even know how you can even sleep at night. Shame on all of you, thank you.

(Applause)

Harry Ratka, 16520 Sunwood Oval, Strongsville, Ohio 44136: Good evening, my name is Harry Ratka and I live at 16520 Sunwood Oval. I am at the place you didn't paint the fire hydrants...that's another item. I have two questions I guess. First, to my Councilman, you fought really hard for Shurmer and Howe Road to not have an interchange. As the other person said, "Why is this interchange so important?" I want to know, and I know it sounds crude but somebody got paid. As that lady just said, "Industrial Parkway a potential on Boston." There is one on Prospect Road and they will come right down Boston Road and go right onto Prospect Road. We are also going to level and widen Boston Road. There isn't a whole lot of room to share and there's not a whole lot of room to widen. You are going to have to go into Brunswick and into many of the developments along Boston Road. That means a whole lot of trucks and everybody talks about trucks on Marks Road. Right now, we don't have a whole lot of trucks on Boston Road, but they will be there. My second thought would be...what about the jet fuel pipeline in there? That's going to get moved. Who has done the maintenance on that? Is it a metal pipeline? Is it a plastic line? Is it plastic encased? If it's metal, it's going to be very weak because of the different potentials of the ground in the pipeline. As everybody has said...I live in a cluster home development, and I will get fined every day for having a sign that says, "Don't vote for my Councilmen, and don't vote for Patton." You guys didn't support us at all, thank you.

(Applause)

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):

Joe Casaregola, 16743 Sunwood Oval, Strongsville, Ohio 44136: This is Joe Casaregola, 16473 Sunwood Oval. Coming to these Council meetings you really learn a lot, and I'm sensing a theme here with Marks Road and the interchange. I'm concerned about the government of our City of Strongsville and how you all, Mr. Mayor and Council, view us. Let me read you an article, a very short brief article, that really spiked my concern. "The Strongsville Chamber of Commerce would transfer 1.3 acres of the southside of Ohio Route 82 immediately west of Huntington Bank to the city in exchange for a ½ acre lot off the southside of Ohio Route 82 just east of Pearl Road next to Old Town Hall. The Chamber office is on a ½ acre property. Council has referred to the city's Planning Commission, a proposal ballot issue, that would ask voters in November to rezone the 1.3 acres from the residential district, which permits only homes, to a public facilities district which would allow construction of a fire station." The important part is, "We are going forward with the property exchange whether voters rezone the 1.3 acre parcel or not." The Law Director, Neal Jamison said Tuesday. This is how you treat the citizens of Strongsville...you put it for a vote and then ignore the vote. Things that we talked about, and the people have talked about tonight, are important things too. Are we coming here and talking to you? Are you even listening to us? Are you thinking about picking up the ½ gallon of milk on your way home or cutting your lawn? The stoic looks on your faces and no responses. It aggravates me to no end. You are our elected officials, and you have a responsibility to us the citizens. Because you are affecting Brunswick residents, a responsibility to them as well; it's their homes. Are you a responsible group of elected officials with integrity who want to do the right thing for the citizens of Strongsville and Brunswick or is the article correct? Are you going to work against the people of Strongsville? We will be looking to see what you think and how you act.

(Applause)

Marlene Mellis, 19875 Nob Hill, Strongsville, Ohio 44136: My name is Marlene Mellis and I live at 19875 Nob Hill, Strongsville. I have been surveying my neighbors, and I have a petition against the interchange. I went to a Brunswick meeting last week and I heard how this is going to affect the residents. I lived in Brunswick, Ohio from 1975 to 1991 when we bought the home on Nob Hill. We love our home and we loved that our builder (unintelligible name) did a great job on our street. We are committed to Strongsville, but is Strongsville committed to us? This is going to devalue our properties and it's not going to increase our value if that road is widened. The traffic is dangerous already. I live in Nob Hill, and I cannot tell you how many accidents we have had since we moved in there. My son's friend who was picking him up for school one day when he went to Padua, he is now forty years old, he was going into our street and got hit by somebody coming over a dip in the road. They fixed it, and they straightened it out a little bit, but it's still not good. There have been three more accidents since that time. The kid was in bad shape and he had some brain problems afterwards because his head went through the windshield. Now, they want to increase the traffic? It's already dangerous pulling out. I know they say that they are going to straighten it out or whatever, but it's going to take property from our side. They don't have a lot on our side because we live right along Boston Road where the rod iron fence is. They need to consider this again. I don't...like I said, how did Tom Patton...from listening to everybody, how did he get this in there? Did he present this to any of you? Did you know he was going to do this? None of you? All nos. You're not going to answer? It was not presented before, he just put it into the State. Not getting answers doesn't make residents happy. Our taxes are a lot higher than they were in Brunswick, and our taxes have gone up. You can't tell me that they are not going to go up more with this road. The state and the federal government do not pay for the highway; the streets going down, we do. You will only get money from us, the taxpayers. The city does not generate funds except through taxes.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):

Mellis (cont'd) - I am vehemently against this. Almost all of my neighbors on my street...I have signed petitions from them. I have been going to...my son lives in Brunswick and he lives off of Grafton Road. He has gone to his neighbors and we need to think this out. I know they say it's going to be a year, two years or whatever, but we really need to rethink it. I don't think this is something that's good for the two cities. Again, we are not considering our Brunswick neighbors anymore. This is going to bankrupt their city because they don't have the industry that we have, and the taxes that we have, thank you.

(Applause)

Mike Kellums, 3450 Boston Road, Brunswick, Ohio 44212: Mike Kellums, 3450 Boston Road, Brunswick, Ohio. I appreciate you letting me have the time to come up here. A lot of Strongsville residents are really getting on board with this; they don't like it. They keep asking if City Council or the Mayor knew anything about Representative, Patton putting in the ORC or if it's a law to have it. The only thing that I can say, and this is an observation, I watched your...I believe it was your March 2023 City of the Union Address or whatever it was. Mayor Perciak, you asked Mr. Patton to stand up and be acknowledged about it. Maybe you did know about it. Maybe Council knew about it. You're not saying, "We just have to do what we have to do." If that answers any of the Strongsville resident's questions, they knew, they just knew and it's a shame. Mr. Kaminski, remember the last time we had an interaction? I owe you an apology.

Mr. Kaminski – I'm glad you read the email.

Mr. Kellums - I read the email, and it was kind of unprofessional on my wife's part, but she isn't a professional, she is just a resident. It was unprofessional on you too because it was basically, you're starting trouble and you're starting trouble. You are a doody head, and she is a doody head. That's the way I took it anyway. I do owe you an apology because you did not call her a troublemaker.

Mr. Kaminski – I appreciate the apology.

Mr. Kellums – Sure...Mr. Carbone, I was going to talk to you last time; but we were quarreling back and forth and I lost some time. One thing, you are Council President, correct? You run the show here; this is your meeting. I have been to other Council meetings in other cities, not just ours and not just Brunswick's; but other cities. I have seen that interaction before where a Council person will spar with a resident. The Council President steps right up and reprimands the person in the audience and reprimands the Councilmember and says, "Look, I'm going to have to ask this guy to go, and have him escorted out, and I'm going to have to ask you to leave." You just sat there. You didn't give me any time back...you didn't do anything. You actually leaned back a little bit, and all I can see is from here down. It was like...I don't understand that. Another thing...a part that I was going to bring up to you lastly is when you had the new warehouse, the auto parts or something, on Prospect Road and Route 82...you guys were talking about it.

Mr. Carbone – Yes.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):

Mr. Kellums – You and I made eye contact and I said, “More trucks”, and you kind of looked at me going, “What?” One of the residents, I think...I don't know if it was one of our residents in Strongsville, but somebody came up and was talking about it, and you actually told them that truck traffic is less evasive than car traffic. Did you ever go to traffic safety school? I think truck traffic is a little bit, maybe more evasive when you have a...I don't know how long a tractor-trailer is, what is it...maybe 75 or 80 feet long in tonnage? You actually told somebody it's less evasive. Yes, you did. Why would you tell somebody that? Your residents...I'm glad there are a lot of Strongsville residents here so they can see what gets touted. Ms. Roff, I apologize you got caught up in this, good luck to you. That's all I have to say, thank you.

(Applause)

Sam Mazzola, 3440 Boston Road, Brunswick, Ohio 44212: Sam Mazzola, 3440 Boston Road, Brunswick, Ohio. I'm glad I came. I wasn't going to come today, but I see that you guys just don't like Brunswick, you don't like Columbia Station either besides your residents. I'm glad we are not the only...right Mayor, right? Then, I heard the 2%...my math is pretty good I think, so 2% would mean 2 out of 100 cars, right? You multiply that by 10 and you are talking 20 out of 1000 cars. Then you multiply again you're at...was it...10,200 cars? You're telling me that's going to save the world over there in Strongsville; 2 out of 100 cars aren't going to get through. Whoa, unbelievable. Like I said, I'm glad I came. I want to know, is somebody going to go in the back room and talk to us too like you did over there? Do you want to come and talk to me about it? I don't know anything about it. We didn't know anything about it. It sounds like you don't care about your residents and don't care about Brunswick. Now, you don't care about Columbia Station. Who's next? Well, I know you guys don't want to talk anymore. After the first week you had no problem talking; especially you. No problem yelling at my wife. I appreciated that, it won't happen again. So, does anybody want to go back and talk to us? You're not talking...it figures.

(Applause)

Ms. Pientka - Mr. President, Ms. Marlene Mellis mentioned in her participation that she had a petition. I just wanted to state that if she wanted to give it to me, I'd be happy to provide that to Council.

Ms. Mellis – (Unintelligible background conversation).

Ms. Pientka - Okay, I just wanted to let you know that. *(She did not provide said petition to Council).*

Mr. Kaminski – Before we move on, I just want to make a quick comment. Several of you want us to respond. The last gentleman up, obviously doesn't want us to interrupt his time because it's his five minutes. We typically do not have dialogue during open time period. It's your time to speak and for us to listen to what you have to say. We don't have dialogue back and forth. Last time I did interrupt you because you misspoke about what I had said. So, in all fairness, I was straightening out the records. I apologize for interrupting your time, but that's why I did that. We do listen to the comments, and it's not a dialogue back and forth. I just wanted to make sure that everyone was aware of that.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

Ordinance No. 2023-094 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE AT THE NEXT REGULAR NOVEMBER ELECTION CERTAIN AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLE III OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY ENTITLED "THE COUNCIL" IN SECTION 12, TO PROVIDE FOR COUNCIL POSTING ON THE WEBSITE OF THE CITY, AND IN PUBLIC PLACES DETERMINED BY COUNCIL, ALL ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, STATEMENTS, ORDERS, PROCLAMATIONS, NOTICES AND REPORTS REQUIRED BY LAW, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. *First Reading 06-20-23. Second Reading 07-03-23.*

Motion to adopt by Ms. Roff, second by Mr. DeMio.

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2023-094 ADOPTED.

Ordinance No. 2023-095 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE AT THE NEXT REGULAR NOVEMBER ELECTION CERTAIN AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLE IV OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY ENTITLED "ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES" IN SECTION 6(c), TO PROVIDE THAT THE DECISION OF THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS GRANTING A VARIANCE IS FINAL WITHOUT REQUIRING A TWENTY (20) DAY DELAY FOR REVIEW BY CITY COUNCIL, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. *First Reading 06-20-23. Second Reading 07-03-23.*

Motion by Ms. Roff to amend the legislation, second by Mr. DeMio. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

Motion to adopt as amended by Ms. Roff, second by Mr. DeMio.

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2023-095 ADOPTED AS AMENDED.

Ordinance No. 2023-096 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE AT THE NEXT REGULAR NOVEMBER ELECTION AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE IV OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY ENTITLED "ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES" IN SECTION 7(a), TO PROVIDE FOR FIVE (5) MEMBERS OF THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. *First Reading 06-20-23. Second Reading 07-03-23.*

Motion to adopt by Ms. Roff, second by Mr. DeMio

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2023-096 ADOPTED.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):

Ordinance No. 2023-097 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE AT THE NEXT REGULAR NOVEMBER ELECTION CERTAIN AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLE V OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY ENTITLED "FINANCE" IN SECTION 5(b), TO PROVIDE THAT COUNCIL MAY AUTHORIZE CERTAIN EXPENDITURES, IN EMERGENCIES OR OTHER LIMITED CIRCUMSTANCES, WITHOUT PUBLIC BIDDING, BY A VOTE OF NOT LESS THAN FIVE (5) OF ITS MEMBERS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. *First Reading 06-20-23. Second Reading 07-03-23.*

Motion to adopt by Ms. Roff, second by Mr. DeMio.

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2023-097 ADOPTED.

Ordinance No. 2023-098 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE AT THE NEXT REGULAR NOVEMBER ELECTION AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE X OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY ENTITLED "CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE" TO PROVIDE THAT COUNCIL SHALL SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS ANY PROPOSED ALTERATIONS, REVISIONS AND AMENDMENTS RECOMMENDED BY THE CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. *First Reading 06-20-23. Second Reading 07-03-23.*

Motion to adopt by Ms. Roff, second by Mr. DeMio

**Roll Call: Ayes: Kaminski, Clark
Nays: DeMio, Roff, Carbone**

Motion fails. Ordinance No. 2023-098 DEFEATED.

Ordinance No. 2023-099 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE ADOPTED BY SECTION 1250.03 OF TITLE SIX, PART TWELVE OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF STRONGSVILLE TO CHANGE THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF CERTAIN REAL ESTATE LOCATED AT 11654 PEARL ROAD (PPN 392-26-002) IN THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE FROM GB (GENERAL BUSINESS) CLASSIFICATION TO R-RS (RESTAURANT-RECREATIONAL SERVICES) CLASSIFICATION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. *First reading and referred to Planning Commission 07-03-23. Favorable recommendation by the Planning Commission 07-06-23.*

Placed on second reading and set for a public hearing on 09-05-23.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):

Ordinance No. 2023-104 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE AT THE NEXT REGULAR NOVEMBER ELECTION AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE IV OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY ENTITLED "ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES" IN SECTIONS 5(a) AND 5(b), TO AMEND THE PROVISION FOR MEMBERS OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. *First Reading 07-03-23.*

Motion by Ms. Roff 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 Ms. Roff, second by Mr. DeMio.

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2023-104 ADOPTED.

Ordinance No. 2023-106 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE STRONGSVILLE TOWN CENTER PROJECT IN THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Ms. Roff 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 Ms. Roff, second by Mr. DeMio.

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2023-106 ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 2023-107 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE PROSPECT ROAD STORM SEWER IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT FROM ALBION ROAD TO FAIR ROAD IN THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Ms. Roff 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 Ms. Roff, second by Mr. DeMio.

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Resolution No. 2023-107 ADOPTED.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):

Ordinance No. 2023-108 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A MODIFICATION TO THE PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING DESIGN AND CONSULTING SERVICES CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE AND MS CONSULTANTS, INC., IN CONNECTION WITH THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE'S WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANTS AND WESTWOOD LIFT STATION REHABILITATION PROJECT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Ms. Roff 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 Ms. Roff, second by Mr. DeMio.

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2023-108 ADOPTED.

Ordinance No. 2023-109 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE BY INTERNET AUCTION, OF CERTAIN OBSOLETE PROPERTY NO LONGER NEEDED FOR ANY MUNICIPAL PURPOSE BY THE CITY'S SERVICE DEPARTMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Ms. Roff 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 Ms. Roff, second by Mr. DeMio.

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2023-109 ADOPTED.

Ordinance No. 2023-110 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE AT PUBLIC AUCTION OF CERTAIN OBSOLETE AND SURPLUS VEHICLES NO LONGER NEEDED FOR ANY MUNICIPAL PURPOSE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Ms. Roff 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 Ms. Roff, second by Mr. DeMio.

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2023-110 ADOPTED.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):

Ordinance No. 2023-111 by Mayor Perciak. AN ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE ANNUAL EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, OHIO, FOR THE YEAR 2023 AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NUMBER 2023-088.

Motion by Ms. Roff 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 Ms. Roff, second by Mr. DeMio.

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2023-111 ADOPTED.

Ordinance No. 2023-112 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE RATIFYING, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND DIRECTOR OF RECREATION & SENIOR SERVICES TO SUBMIT A PROPOSAL TO RECEIVE FUNDING FROM THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF SENIOR AND ADULT SERVICES, THROUGH ITS COMMUNITY SOCIAL SERVICES PROGRAM (CSSP), IN CONNECTION WITH VARIOUS CITY SENIOR PROGRAMS, FUNCTIONS, AND TRANSPORTATION FOR 2024 AND 2025; AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF ANY REQUIRED AGREEMENT AND DOCUMENTS RELATED THERETO; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Ms. Roff 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 Ms. Roff, second by Mr. DeMio.

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2023-112 ADOPTED.

Ordinance No. 2023-113 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE FOR FUNDING FROM NOACA THROUGH THE ENHANCED MOBILITY FOR SENIORS AND INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES PROGRAM, FOR THE PURCHASE OF A VEHICLE TO PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION SERVICES FOR THE CITY'S SENIOR WHEELS PROGRAM; AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Ms. Roff 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 Ms. Roff, second by Mr. DeMio.

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2023-113 ADOPTED.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):

Resolution No. 2023-114 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A MONETARY DONATION FROM THE STRONGVILLE ROTARY FOUNDATION TO BE USED TOWARDS THE REBUILDING OF THE FREEDOM TRAIL WATERFALL FEATURE.

Motion by Ms. Roff 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 Ms. Roff, second by Mr. DeMio.

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Resolution No. 2023-114 ADOPTED.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS AND CLAIMS:

Application for Permit: NEW – D3: To: Szechuan Gourmet, Inc. 18086 Royalton Road, Strongsville, Ohio 44136 (Responses must be postmarked no later than 07/27/2023).

There were no objections to this permit.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

(None)

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before this Council, President Carbone adjourned the meeting at 9:10 p.m.



Marialena Beach
Council Secretary



Date