

MINUTES OF THE STRONGSVILLE CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, JULY 25, 2023 IN THE MIKE KALINICH SR. CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER, 18688 ROYALTON ROAD.

CALL TO ORDER:

Council President Pro Tem, Kelly Kosek, called the special meeting to order at 5:03p.m. All joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

CERTIFICATION OF POSTING:

The Council Secretary certified that the meeting had been posted in accordance with Ordinance No. 2004-273.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Council Members: Annmarie P. Roff, James A. Kaminski, Gordon C. Short, Joseph C. DeMio, Thomas M. Clark, and Kelly A. Kosek. **Also Present:** Council Secretary Marialena Beach. **Administration:** Assistant Law Director Dan Kolick, Finance Director Eric Dean, and Public Safety Director Charles Goss.

Absent: Councilman James E. Carbone

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

PUBLIC HEARING:

Ordinance No. 2023-076 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 PROPERTIES LOCATED IN THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, ON ROYALTON ROAD, BEING ALL OF PPNs 393-18-003, 393-18-004 AND 393-18-005, FROM R1-75 (ONE FAMILY 75) CLASSIFICATION TO PF (PUBLIC FACILITIES) CLASSIFICATION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. First reading and referred to the Planning Commission 06-05-23. Favorable recommendation by the Planning Commission 06-08-23. Second reading 06-20-23. Public hearing 07-25-23.

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

(No comments)

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Cindy Zanzano, 19256 Royalton Road, Strongsville, Ohio 44136: My name is Mrs. Cindy Zanzano, my address is 19256 Royalton Road. I happen to live across the street from the property, and I happened to take care of the old man that lived on that property for many years. What is there for us to say?

PUBLIC HEARING (cont'd):

Ms. Zanzano (con't) - First and foremost, you guys have already traded properties; we don't have a choice. You are building there from what we understand. So, what can I say? You are going to do it whether we want you to or not. We know you are building a fire station. Living there, for one thing, there is no Jake Brake and it's like living on drag way Route 82. The traffic being...how are the guys going to get out and save anybody? That is the worst place to put, I mean, a fire station that I can imagine. You had one right here and you all took it away. You have four beautiful fire stations and now you want to build one again in downtown. It doesn't make much sense to me. As seeing how you took it all away, how are the trucks going to get in and out? I don't mind them saving people, but it just seems like a whole waste of money. It's a really beautiful property and I think you all could have done something with it. I want to know if and when they are going to do anything about the people going through the traffic lights. They are all down at Muraski through the school zone which is wonderful. I'm not complaining, but when you are travelling on Route 82 headed either way, east or west, the people run through the traffic lights; especially the turning ones...especially the ones that are headed south. There are eight to ten people, and nobody seems to be paying attention. They are hot rodding up and down the street at 120 mph on motorcycles. Could we get some kind of help at least something to slow it down? I just think the fire trucks are just going to make it worse, thank you everybody.

Ms. Kosek – Thank you is there anyone else who would like to be heard in opposition of the ordinance? I'm sorry Charlie, did you want to...?

Marissa McNabb, 19259 Westwood Road, Strongsville, Ohio 44136: Marissa McNabb, 19259 Westwood, and we are directly behind them. We already hear sirens constantly. I understand that's a good thing that they are getting everywhere; but they had one fire station in the center of Strongsville, and then they decided to branch off to bring all these other fire stations to the outside. I don't understand why they are going to bring it back to the center of town. We live in the center of the city, and there is so much that the city is trying to. At the same time, it's almost like they are pushing us out; the people that have been here long enough or the longest. It seems like they are doing their best to just kind of push us out. I have kids, and I'm raising the kids there. They ride their bikes down the street, and half the time the cars almost hit my son. There's a lot going on already in the center of Strongsville. I'm just curious why they decided to bring it back to the center where it was good; then they decided to branch off. It seems like there is one in every corner. I don't know what that will do, bringing one back in the center, that's all.

Ms. Kosek – Thank you, Charlie did you want to speak?

Mr. Goss – To address the issues that were raised?

Ms. Kosek – Yes, please.

Mr. Goss – First of all, I took notes on the traffic complaints, and I would be happy to talk to you about all the dynamics that were in play when this fire station at the center of town was closed. This facility that we are in now, could have never been built because of the size of the footprint. Back then, twenty years ago, the data suggested different things of what has developed over the last twenty years. There will be a lot of conversations. I will be glad to meet with you privately to give you a lot of details, so that you really understand what's taking place; how we got to where we are now, and where we think we need to go moving forward.

PUBLIC HEARING (cont'd):

Ms. Zanzano – I apologize, I thought you guys were building it because of the nursing homes and the retirement home facilities on Pearl Road. That was our understanding. Which is fine, we want you to take care of everybody, but it just doesn't make sense. I would be glad to talk to you...happy to.

Mr. Goss – I would be happy to explain it in detail because it will take some time.

Ms. Kosek – I would encourage you to talk with Mr. Goss, and hopefully we can get that at least addressed for you on the issues of traffic. Is there anyone else that would like to speak in opposition of the ordinance tonight?

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

Ordinance No. 2023-080 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE ENACTING A NEW CHAPTER 1275 OF TITLE SIX OF PART TWELVE OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING CODE OF THE CITY'S CODIFIED ORDINANCES CONCERNING ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. First reading and referred to the Planning Commission 06-05-23. Favorable recommendation by the Planning Commission 06-08-23. Second reading 06-20-23. Public hearing 07-25-23.

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Hearing no further comments in regard to this matter, Ms. Kosek closed the Public Hearing on said Ordinance.

Ms. Kosek – Before we move on to our voting, Mr. Kolick would you like to speak regarding the law department?

Mr. Kolick – Sure, I can certify that the ordinances and resolutions on tonight's agenda, as amended, are in proper legal form, thank you.

Ms. Kosek – Thank you and Mr. Dean, would you like to speak on behalf of the finance department?

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

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

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Motion by Ms. Roff to amend the legislation (as reflected in the second “WHEREAS” clause and in Section 1), 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. 2023-076 ADOPTED AS AMENDED.

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

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2023-080 ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 2023-085 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION OF ORDINANCE NO. 2023-076 TO THE ELECTORS, ESTABLISHING AN ELECTION DATE THEREFOR, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. First reading 06-20-23. Second reading 7-25-23.

Motion by Ms. Roff to amend the legislation (as reflected in the second “WHEREAS” clause), second by Mr. DeMio. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

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 as amended by Ms. Roff, second by Mr. DeMio.

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Resolution No. 2023-085 ADOPTED AS AMENDED.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):

Resolution No. 2023-115 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING PLANNING COMMISSION APPROVAL OF THE SITE PLAN FOR THE PLACEMENT OF A MOBILE TRAILER UNIT TO BE USED AT CHAPMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 13882 DRAKE 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. 2023-115 ADOPTED.


Mr. DeMio – Before we adjourn, Charlie Goss is our public safety director and former chief of police; you probably know that. The drag racing seems to happen, since I live parallel to Route 82 right by Crystal Creek...it seems to happen Sundays, for some reason, between 2:30 a.m. to about 7:00 a.m. The markings are there for them; they are right on the mark.

(Background unintelligible conversation)


Mr. DeMio – I just wanted to give them a point of reference, thank you.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before this council, President Pro Tem Kosek adjourned the meeting at 5:19 p.m.



Marialena Beach
Council Secretary



Date