**SUMMARY OF CAUCUS DISCUSSION AND MINUTES OF THE STRONGSVILLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2022.**

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, September 19, 2022 at 7:45 p.m.**

**Present: Council Members:** James E. Carbone, Annmarie P. Roff, Joseph C. DeMio, James A. Kaminski, Councilman Gordon C. Short and Kelly A. Kosek. Also Present: Council Office Secretary Marialena Beach. **Administration:** Mayor Thomas P. Perciak, Law Director Neal Jamison and Finance Director Eric Dean.

**Present in the audience**: Daniel Gladish, appointee for Building Commissioner.

**Absent:** Councilman Thomas M. Clark

Council President, James Carbone, called the caucus to order at 7:47 p.m.

Planning, Zoning & Engineering Committee- Chairman Kaminski advised Ordinance No. 2022-122 is to amend Section 1252.15, 1252.16 and 1252.18 of the Codified Ordinances concerning accessory buildings and projections into yards into residential districts. This will be placed on second reading and set for public hearing on November 7, 2022. Ordinance No. 2022-123 is to rezone property located at 17406 Royalton Road (PPN 396-12-028) from PF (Public Facilities) classification to GB (General Business) classification. This will be placed on second reading and set for public hearing on November 7, 2022. Suspension and adoption were recommended for Resolution No. 2022-142; a resolution authorizing the Mayor to advertise a request for qualifications and proposals for construction management services in connection with the Whitney Road bridge project.

Public Safety & Health Committee: Chairman Kaminski recommended suspension and adoption for Ordinance No. 2022-143; an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a memorandum of understanding by and between the City of Strongsville and the Strongsville Firefighter’s Association, IAFF local 2882, to modify promotional procedures for certain fire department positions. Suspension and adoption were recommended for Resolution No. 2022-144; a resolution approving the adoption of the Cuyahoga County 2022 through 2027 All-Hazards Mitigation Plan.

Finance Committee: Chairwoman Kosek recommended suspension and adoption for Ordinance No. 2022-145; an ordinance making appropriations for the annual expenses and other expenditures of the City of Strongsville, Ohio for the year 2022 and repealing Ordinance No. 2022-119. Ordinance No. 2022-145 reflects an $800,000.00 increase over our prior budget; little bit more than half of that relates to wages for police and dispatch, and a grant was approved that should cover that. Ordinance No. 2022-146; is an ordinance amending section 266.03(a) of Chapter Six of Title Six of Part Two-Administration Code of the Codified Ordinances concerning vacation leave. Councilwoman Kosek suggested that be placed on first reading to allow Councilman Clark the opportunity to weigh in on it at the next meeting as he has some expertise in this matter.

**MINUTES OF THE STRONGSVILLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MONDAY SEPTEMBER 19, 2022 IN THE MIKE KALINICH SR. CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 18688 ROYALTON ROAD, STRONGSVILLE.**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Council President, James Carbone, called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

**CERTIFICATION OF POSTING:**

The Acting 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, Annmarie P. Roff, Joseph C. DeMio, James A. Kaminski, Councilman Gordon C. Short and Kelly A. Kosek. Also Present: Council Office Secretary Marialena Beach. **Administration:** Mayor Thomas P. Perciak, Law Director Neal Jamison and Finance Director Eric Dean.

Absent: Councilman Thomas M. Clark.

***Motion made by Councilwoman Kosek, second by Mr. DeMio, to excuse Councilman Thomas Clark for just case. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.***

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on September 6, 2022 were approved as submitted.

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

**MAYOR PERCIAK:** Thank you Mr. President, good evening everyone. This evening, I need to announce that our current Building Commissioner, Mr. Mike Miller has submitted his letter of retirement effective February 3, 2023. In the meantime, after Mike submitted his letter, we had an in-depth discussion as to who would be an appropriate replacement for him and who could become our new building commissioner. We had an in-depth conversation of about several individuals, and what we needed to do, was find a building commissioner who shared the same values of the…of this community, of this Council and of this administration. We looked around, and that individual happened to be the building commissioner in the City of Medina. Now, why Medina? Medina in many ways is like the City of Strongsville; building new homes, putting in new subdivisions, a lot of new commercial construction. It was important that we find and interview and understand that the individual we were going to ask to replace Mr. Miller, have the same qualifications and be able to make the same decisions or better decisions. That gentleman’s name happens to be Daniel R. Gladish and we’re asking you to confirm my appointment to become effective February 3, 2023. He will join us soon so that there would be an orderly transition between Mike and himself. Any questions? He’s here by the way…stand up so everybody can, thank you.

***Motion made by Ms. Kosek, second by Mr. DeMio, to confirm the Mayor’s appointment of Daniel R. Gladish, as building commissioner to fill the upcoming vacancy due to retirement of Mike Miller, effective February 3, 2023. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.***

Mr. Carbone – Congratulations.

**REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES:**

**SCHOOL BOARD – Mr. Clark:**

(No report)

**BUILDING AND UTILITIES - Mr. Clark**:

(No report)

**SOUTHWEST GENERAL HEALTH SYSTEM – Mr. Short:** Our regular Council Clerk is not here, but our new Assistant Clerk, Marialena is here and I’m going to speak slowly because I’m Italian and I usually speak fast and with my hands, so I’m going to go slow for her tonight. Southwest General we have no report tonight as we had not had a board meeting since our last Council meeting, and we get the monthly updates at the beginning of the month. I will have another report for you in the beginning of October. Any questions for Southwest General at this time?

(No comments)

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - Mr. Short:** We are going to have a meeting next Monday night, September 26, 2022 at 7:00 p.m., here in Council chambers, where Brent Painter will address and update the committee as well. All of Council is welcome and the committee has been informed of that meeting notice. A couple of other things related to Economic Development upcoming in the next couple of months. October 12, 2022, here at the Recreation Center, is the Business Expo which will be held from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., correct Mayor…5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.? Again, a showcase for local and other businesses here in Strongsville and then on…

Mayor Perciak – Just to stop you there, quickly. We’re just about all sold out so, anybody who’s a Strongsville business, I ask them to please step up and make your reservation now because as of the other day, we had over 80 participants.

Mr. Short – That is good news. Again, as Council, I encourage all of us to attend that as well to see the great businesses that we have in Strongsville. Then, coming up in about probably six weeks from now, or pretty close to eight weeks, but November 15, 2022, by the way that’s my 19th Anniversary Mr. Mayor, but I will be there for you for lunch.

Mayor Perciak – I would check with Meghan.

Mr. Short – I will, but The Chamber luncheon, there will be a special guest; the President of Fifth Third Bank, Tom Partridge, will be there to discuss current economic conditions and what’s going on in the U.S. Economy and Ohio. Kind of mark your calendar for that luncheon on November 15, 2022, which I believe is a Tuesday; correct…Tuesday. That concludes my report, but I would happily take any questions. Thank you for letting me use your mic Mr. Carbone.

Mr. Carbone – You’re welcome.

**PUBLIC SERVICE AND CONSERVATION – Mr. DeMio:** I am please to say we have nothing before the body today, Mayor, was that a mistake?

Mayor Perciak – No, you are correct. At the present time, we are trying to wrap up as many of our other projects that we have going right now and I’ll have an update for you sometime next week.

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

**PUBLIC SERVICE AND CONSERVATION – Mr. DeMio (cont’d):**

Mr. DeMio - Sounds good, and I will close that.

Mr. Carbone - Thank you, Mr. DeMio.

**FINANCE - Ms. Kosek:** Yes, we have two ordinances on the agenda tonight. We have Ordinance No. 2022-145; which is an appropriation ordinance which would increase our…excuse me, it would reflect a net increase of about $800,000.00 to our prior budget; and about half of that…a little more than half of that, is related to police and dispatch wages that we expect to be reimbursed by a grant from the Ohio Department of Public Safety. I know we’ve all received a report from our Finance Director, Mr. Dean, so if anyone has any questions, Mr. Dean I’m sure would be happy to answer them. Hearing none, I would ask that we suspend and adopt that tonight. Our second ordinance, Ordinance No. 2022-146; which is to amend section 266.03(a) of our Strongsville (Codified) Code; it concerns vacation leave; I’d ask that we put that on first reading tonight. If I may for just a minute to not talk about finance, but with Councilman Clark out today, I did want to take a chance with Laura here to congratulate the Strongsville City Schools on an excellent review from the Ohio Department of Education; 23 out of 25 stars. It’s a new metric for evaluating schools; I think it’s tied for 32nd in the whole state which is amazing. Kudos to our schoolboard; all of our kids are getting a great education and I just wanted to highlight that. Thank you, Laura.

**PLANNING, ZONING AND ENGINEERING – Mr. Kaminski:** Alright, we will start with Planning, Zoning & Engineering, we have three items on the agenda this evening. Ordinance No. 2022-122, which is amending the Planning & Zoning codes for accessory buildings and projections into yards. That will be placed on second reading and set for public hearing on November 2, 2022…7th, I’m sorry, November 7, 2022. Ordinance No. 2022-123, that’s changing zoning on Royalton Rd. from public facilities to general business; again, placed on second reading and set for public hearing for November 7, 2022. Finally, Resolution No. 2022-142, is authorizing the Mayor to advertise for construction management services in connection with the Whitney Road bridge project. The recommendation is suspension and adoption for that this evening.

**PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEALTH – Mr. Kaminski:** We have Ordinance No. 2022-143; which is a memorandum of understanding between the city and firefighters to modify promotional procedures for certain fire department positions; suspension and adoption on that. Finally, Resolution No. 2022-144; which is approving and adopting the Cuyahoga County All-Hazards Mitigation Plan, and that takes us through 2027. With that, my recommendation is suspension and adoption. I’ll be happy to take any questions.

**RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES - Ms. Roff:** I do not have anything at this time, but I will happily take any questions. Mayor, do you have an idea then as far as maybe a date to do a Rec Committee meeting during caucus here to go over some of the stuff that they have?

Mayor Perciak – That’s pretty much up to you and Mr. Kaminski…I’m sorry, Mr. Carbone, to figure out when you want to do it. We have a meeting with Brandstetter here the first week in October some time, so maybe before that if…whatever you decide…

Ms. Roff – What do you feel is best as far as for them to present what they have?

Mayor Perciak – Well, they’re really not going to present before October 6, 2022.

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

**RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES - Ms. Roff (cont’d):**

Ms. Roff – Okay.

Mayor Perciak – It’s what we have that we can present and review with all of you. Just like we did the other day at the meeting; that’s what we have at this point. There’s only one thing, Ann, that I’m still looking for, is a more accurate cost breakdown. I know you were at the meeting and had to leave, but the Jim was still...the two Jimmies were there and we’re trying to do our best to nail down numbers because of everything that’s going on in the economy and basically the supply chain. That is the moving target at this point. We are going to do our best.

Ms. Roff – Would you feel comfortable with a tentative date for the second Council meeting in October?

Mayor Perciak – I would like to get this going because we need to really start nailing down prices and getting things going if we want to get started in the Spring.

Ms. Roff – Okay.

Mayor Perciak – Neal, correct me if I’m wrong, we really need to get going as far as a time frame on this.

Mr. Jamison – Yes.

Ms. Roff – For the first meeting then, for October?

Mayor Perciak – Yes, we would like to at least have…

Ms. Roff – Do you want to talk with Brent and Brian or do you want to just do it…

Mayor Perciak – I think you and Jim should have a discussion, and we’ll figure it out.

Ms. Roff – And then go from there, alright. Thank you, so a tentative date for a Rec meeting just to bring everyone up to speed for the Center of Town, the Mayor happily accepted a nice big check and a large check and a large amount of money from Councilman Gallagher for money that he brought back here to Strongsville for $350,000.00…

Mayor Perciak – $3.5 million

Ms. Roff – I mean $3.5 million, I’m sorry, I don’t know where I came up with that.

Mayor Perciak – It’s alright; it’s numbers.

Ms. Roff – I apologize, I have to give him a couple of more zeros on that; yes, $3.5 million?

Mayor Perciak – Yes, we hope for, and as the Finance Chair, we hope to have that money here in the next six days.

Ms. Roff – Thank you.

Mayor Perciak – We’re not watching and waiting for it.

**REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES cont’d:**

**RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES - Ms. Roff (cont’d):**

Mr. Carbone – We can discuss that further.

Ms. Roff – Alright, thank you.

Mr. Carbone – Any questions for Ms. Roff?

(No comments)

**COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY - Mr. Carbone:**

(No report)

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - Mr. Carbone:**

(No report)

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

**MAYOR PERCIAK:** Thank you Mr. President, first of all, a huge thank you yesterday to The City Club…the Strongsville City Club for a marvelous wonderful time on our annual Breakfast-on-the-Bridge and to all of the volunteers; I saw so many of you there helping and doing and there with your families. Really, we kind of started out at 7:30 a.m. / 8:00 a.m. and then as we…by 11:30 a.m., we really had lines everywhere. Again, thank you and really, the reason why I want to specifically thank the Strongsville City Club for this, this is really not a money maker for them. It is just a civic group trying to give back to the community. At $10.00 a ticket, you know, you’re not making money on this thing. If we didn’t have all the volunteers, we wouldn’t have made money on this so when you see them, please thank them for…they really…it’s a two-day job getting all this stuff ready, so thank them. Secondly, as the day went on, I guess people were at the Arts in Strongsville. I would like to thank Rich and Cindy Baldin and their entire crew for putting on a wonderful afternoon there; all the volunteers that were there and helping to make that come together. Truly, that was a free event all day so, I want to thank all the sponsors and everybody who helped in any way there. Next, as far as a couple of announcements; I’m pleased to announce that the board of the Altenheim has informed me that they have elected Jim Kaminski to a board seat at the Altenheim, effective September 20, 2022. As most of you know, the Altenheim is located in our community; so many of our seniors, when they are in need of additional care, ask to be placed into the Altenheim; and for the record, it is a non-profit skilled nursing home; extended care home. Jim, congratulations; you’re going to work on that board, I was on it.

Mr. Kaminski – I know, but thank you, I appreciate it.

Mayor Perciak – Lastly, I just want to take a minute to thank my Alma Mater, Benedictine High School. We…our Benedictine Monks yesterday, celebrated 100 years of service for Northeast Ohio. We had approximately 500 people at mass and then at dinner and it was a true tribute to education and to the men who fostered education for peoples from all walks of life. To all my Brother Bengals in the City of Strongsville, if you see any of your former props; which there are a lot still teaching, congratulate them; wish them well. 100 years of service in any community is a long time; so I just want to give a plug for my Alma Mater and the people who helped get me here.

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

Mr. Kaminski – So Mayor Perciak, I just happened to come across my dad’s high school diploma from Benedictine so I’m going to frame it and get it all fixed up.

Mayor Perciak – That will be good. Jim Carbone, I think your father-in-law went to Benedictine.

Mr. Carbone – My father-in-law, my wife’s uncles and grandfather.

Mayor Perciak – So, we do have Bengals here living here in the City of Strongsville. We bleed blue and white, I try to bleed green with you but you have to understand, that I do have my allegiance.

Mr. Carbone – Understandable.

Mayor Perciak – That’s my report.

Mr. Carbone – Thank you.

**FINANCE DEPARTMENT – Mr. Dean:** Thank you, Council President. I certify that all funds will be made available for all ordinances and resolutions on such agenda requiring certification of funding, thank you.

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

Mr. Carbone – Thank you.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:**

(None)

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

**Ordinance No. 2022-122** by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 1252.15, 1252.16 AND 1252.18 OF TITLE SIX OF PART TWELVE-PLANNING AND ZONING CODE OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE CONCERNING ACCESSORY BUILDINGS AND PROJECTIONS INTO YARDS IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS.

***Placed on second reading and set for public hearing for November 7, 2022.***

**Ordinance No. 2022-123** 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 17406 ROYALTON ROAD (PPN 396-12-028) IN THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE FROM PF (PUBLIC FACILITIES) CLASSIFICATION TO GB (GENERAL BUSINESS) CLASSIFICATION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

***Placed on second reading and set for public hearing for November 7, 2022.***

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

**Resolution No. 2022-142** by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ADVERTISE A REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS AND PROPOSALS FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE WHITNEY ROAD BRIDGE PROJECT (CUY-WHITNEY ROAD BRIDGE; PID 111574) IN THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Ms. Kosek 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. Kosek, second by Mr. DeMio.**

**Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Resolution No. 2022-142 ADOPTED.**

**Ordinance No. 2022-143** by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE AND THE STRONGSVILLE FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION, IAFF LOCAL 2882, TO MODIFY PROMOTIONAL PROCEDURES FOR CERTAIN FIRE DEPARTMENT POSITIONS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

**Motion to adopt by Ms. Kosek, second by Mr. DeMio.**

**Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2022-143 ADOPTED.**

**Resolution No. 2022-144** by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ADOPTION OF THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY 2022 THROUGH 2027 ALL-HAZARDS MITIGATION PLAN.

Motion by Ms. Kosek 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. Kosek, second by Mr. DeMio.**

**Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Resolution No. 2022-144 ADOPTED.**

**Ordinance No. 2022-145** by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE ANNUAL EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, OHIO, FOR THE YEAR 2022 AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 2022-119.

Motion by Ms. Kosek 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. Kosek, second by Mr. DeMio.**

**Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2022-145 ADOPTED.**

**Ordinance No. 2022-146** by Mayor Perciak and All members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTON 266.03(a) OF CHAPTER 266 OF TITLE SIX OF PART TWO-ADMINISTRATION CODE OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE CONCERNING VACATION LEAVE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

***Placed on first reading and referred back to the Committee.***

**COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS AND CLAIMS:**

(None)

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:**

(None)

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before this Council President James Carbone adjourned the meeting at 8:24 p.m.

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