**SUMMARY OF CAUCUS DISCUSSION AND MINUTES OF THE STRONGSVILLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 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, November 21, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.**

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

Absent: Annmarie P. Roff.

Council President, James Carbone, called the caucus to order at 7:39 p.m.

Planning, Zoning & Engineering Committee: Chairman Kaminski advised Ordinance No. 2022-073 is to amend Section 1252.36 of the codified ordinances in connection with prohibited use of shipping and/or storage containers in residential districts. Planning Commission gave this a favorable recommendation. There was a public hearing for this on June 21, 2022. After much discussion during the October 3rd meeting, it was determined to place this on third reading at that time. The recommendation was to adopt this legislation this evening. Ordinance No. 2022-152 is an ordinance amending the zoning map of the City of Strongsville adopted by section 1250.03 of Tile Six, Part Twelve of the Codified Ordinances of Strongsville to change the zoning classification of certain real estate located at 21930 Royalton Road, in the City of Strongsville from GI (General Industrial) classification to R1-75, (One Family 75) classification (PPN 392-14-006). It was referred to the Planning Commission at the October 18th Council meeting; and the Planning Commission gave it an unfavorable recommendation at their November 17th meeting. Ms. Kosek asked Mr. Kaminski if he could explain why the commission gave it an unfavorable recommendation and was the vote unanimous. Mr. Kaminski advised the vote was unanimous by the commission. They felt the issues were there was no plan submitted as to why they would want the rezoning; and if it was rezoned and the owner later changed their mind to change it back to residential, it would then become a city ballot issue. Mayor Perciak advised this parcel is right next to Vitalia senior residences. He was hoping they would buy the parcel, but they would not. The recommendation was to place this on second reading and set for a public hearing on January 3, 2023.

Finance Committee: Chairwoman Kosek advised Ordinance Nos. 2022-159 through 2022-162 are TIFs (tax increment financing) ordinances for Autozone, CCL, Litehouse and Schaeffler respectively. Ordinance No. 2022-161 will be amended to reflect Exhibit B, where we’re including improvements on Prospect Road. These will all be placed on second reading this evening. Suspension and adoption was recommended for Ordinance No. 2022-168; an appropriations ordinance for the annual expenses of the city. Ms. Kosek advised they all received a memo today from Mr. Dean regarding the appropriations. Suspension and adoption was recommended for Ordinance No. 2022-169; an ordinance authorizing the director of finance to enter into an agreement with Travelers Companies, as a carrier through the Fedeli Group, to purchase property-casualty and related insurance coverages. Ms. Kosek advised this needs to pass tonight because the insurance expires at the end of the month. This is without public bidding so all 7 votes of Council are needed for this legislation to pass. Ms. Kosek advised Resolution No. 2022-170 is to request from the Fiscal Officer of Cuyahoga county to advance certain funds, both general and operating and special assessments, to the City of Strongsville. Suspension and adoption was recommended for this legislation.

Public Safety & Health Committee: Chairman Kaminski recommended suspension and adoption for Ordinance No. 2022-171; an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract for the purchase of two new Stryker power pro cots and two new Stryker power load systems. Mr. Kaminski advised these will come in mid to late summer. Also, this ties in with the two ambulances purchased earlier. Mr. Clark asked if we have multiple on order right now. Mr. Kaminski advised no; it was just these. The is without public bidding so all 7 votes of Council are needed to pass this legislation.

Public Service & Conservation Committee: Chairman DeMio recommended suspension and adoption for Ordinance No. 2022-172; authorizing the purchase of a vehicle and equipment maintenance repair parts with related items and services for 2022; as well as authorizing future additional purchases of such vehicle and equipment maintenance repair parts with related emergency items, as needed by the service department. The contract is with Napa Auto Parts in an amount not to exceed $325,000.00. This is without public bidding so all 7 votes of Council are needed for this legislation to pass. Suspension and adoption was also recommended for Ordinance No. 2022-173; an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract for the purchase of a 32-passenger bus to be used by various city departments. The contract is with Myers Equipment Corporation in a total amount not to exceed $191,575,42.

Recreation and Community Services Committee: Mr. Carbone recommended suspension and adoption for Ordinance Nos. 2022-174 and 2022-175; ordinances authorizing the Mayor to enter into agreements to purchase electricity for municipal facilities through Dynegy Energy Services East, LLC, through Kinect Energy, Inc.; and to purchase natural gas for municipal facilities through United Energy Trading, LLC, through Kinect Energy, Inc. respectively. Mr Dean advised we looked at the electric and gas supply as the contract for electric was set to expire. The electric was at a variable rate; and the city spends close to a million dollars on electricity. These are 5-year contracts. Mr. Dean believes as the electric rates are going up and this will save the city money going forward. Both are without public bidding and need all 7 votes of Council for them to pass this evening. Suspension and adoption was recommended for Ordinance No. 2022-176; an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract for owner’s representative professional services in connection with the Town Center Enhancement and Walkability Initiative project. The contract is RFC Contracting, LLC for a 3-year period, in the amount of $161,000.00. Suspension and adoption was recommended for Resolution No. 2022-177; a resolution to advertise for bids for the purchase of youth sports wearing apparel for use by the recreation department during 2023.

**MINUTES OF THE STRONGSVILLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MONDAY NOVEMBER 21, 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 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, Gordon C. Short, Thomas M. Clark and Kelly A. Kosek. Also Present: Clerk of Council Aimee Pientka. **Administration:** Mayor Thomas P. Perciak, Law Director Neal Jamison and Finance Director Eric Dean.

***Motion made by Ms. Kosek, second by Mr. DeMio, to amend the agenda to vote immediately on Ordinance Nos. 2022-169, 2022-171, 2022-172, 2022-174 and 2022-175. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.***

**Ordinance No. 2022-169** by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT(S) TO PURCHASE PROPERTY-CASUALTY AND RELATED INSURANCE COVERAGES, WITHOUT PUBLIC BIDDING, 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. Ordinance No. 2022-169 ADOPTED**

**Ordinance No. 2022-171** by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWO NEW STRYKER POWER PRO COTS AND TWO NEW STRYKER POWER LOAD SYSTEMS WITH RELATED APPURTENANCES FOR USE BY THE CITY’S FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES DEPARTMENT, AND FOR TRADE-IN OF EXISTING FIRE DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT, WITH CREDIT TO BE APPLIED TO THE PURCHASE PRICE, ALL WITHOUT PUBLIC BIDDING, 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. Ordinance No. 2022-171 ADOPTED**

**Ordinance No. 2022-172** by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND RATIFYING THE PURCHASE OF VEHICLE AND EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE REPAIR PARTS WITH RELATED ITEMS AND SERVICES FOR 2022; AUTHORIZING FUTURE ADDITIONAL PURCHASES OF SUCH VEHICLE AND EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE REPAIR PARTS WITH RELATED EMERGENCY ITEMS, AS NEEDED BY THE CITY’S SERVICE DEPARTMENT, ALL WITHOUT PUBLIC BIDDING, 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. Ordinance No. 2022-172 ADOPTED**

**ROLL CALL (cont’d):**

**Ordinance No. 2022-174** by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING, RATIFYING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR’S ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR THE CITY’S PURCHASE OF SUPPLYING ELECTRICITY FOR ALL MUNICIPAL FACILITIES AND STREETLIGHTS LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, FROM DYNEGY ENERGY SERVICES EAST, LLC, THROUGH KINECT ENERGY, INC., FOR A FOUR-YEAR PERIOD, WITHOUT PUBLIC BIDDING, 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. Ordinance No. 2022-174 ADOPTED**

**Ordinance No. 2022-175** by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING, RATIFYING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR’S ENTERING INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF SUPPLYING NATURAL GAS FOR MUNICIPAL FACILITIES AND THE WALTER F. EHRNFELT RECREATION & SENIOR CENTER FROM UNITED ENERGY TRADING, LLC, THROUGH KINECT ENERGY, INC., FOR A THREE-YEAR PERIOD, WITHOUT PUBLIC BIDDING, 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. Ordinance No. 2022-175 ADOPTED**

Mr. Carbone – Please note, Ann Roff will be leaving our meeting at this time. Ann, thank you for coming in for these ordinances that needed all 7; even when you weren’t feeling well.

Ms. Roff – Thank you guys, have a good Thanksgiving. Just a brief announcement, we are going to do the recreation center committee meeting before our first meeting in December, on December 5th. That will be at…Bryan is willing to take anybody, 1 or 2 at a time, if you give him a call through the recreation center; just for everybody to get an idea of where things are at and any updates he wants to give you before the meeting. That way, we are falling within the guidelines of the Sunshine Law; the time will be announced.

Mr. Carbone – Thank you, we hope you feel better and thank you again for coming in.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on November 7, 2022 were approved as submitted.

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

(None)

**REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES:**

**SCHOOL BOARD – Mr. Clark:** Thank you Council President Carbone, there wasa Strongsville City School board meeting on Thursday, November 10, 2022; the district remains financially favorable to budget. The Strongsville City Schools fiscal year 2023…5-year forecast is due to the state on November 30, 2022 and will be voted on at the next meeting. Fiscal year 2023 revenue over expenses of about $6.2 million, 2024 revenue over expenses of about $3.1 million and then in 2025 expenses exceed revenue by about $3.2 million. That continues to increase year over year as the levies expire as we look ahead of where we stand right now. There was a memorandum of understanding during that meeting as many schools need bus drivers; the memorandum of understanding was referencing incentives. Good to see that our district is trying to stay ahead of it and keep our kids safe with good bus drivers; there is $150.00 of fees that can get covered to get qualified. If you are interested in being a bus driver for our schools, please reach out, we need to make sure we have those and there are additional incentives to keep them onboard. Not from the meeting, but shared with our superintendent since, and given the weather…sticking onto the buses; it’s freezing out. The superintendent put a recent reminder out…yellow means that the school bus is about to stop and a flashing red light means that our students are getting on and off the bus. Vehicles…traffic needs to stop in accordance with the law; just a reminder there. Another thing going on right now, the schools are going through their vision building exercise, and there’s an outside party that’s helping facilitate that; there’s been numerous opportunities. I was…a couple of weeks ago, I reported at the board meeting where they collected the voice of the board if you will. They are collecting the voice of the administration, the voice of the students, the voice of the parents and the voice of the community. The Mayor and I were involved in an exercise earlier this week at the school board buildings; there has been lots of opportunities to go through a SWOT exercise with this outside party. There are surveys out to parents right now as well. Last but certainly not least, I want to congratulate the Strongsville girls’ soccer team who finished second in the state; an exciting trip down there. You know…there’s only one team that is happy at the end of the season, but I think they have a lot to be happy…to be runners up in the state. What a great way for them to finish the year. That concludes my school board liaison report, but I’ll take any questions.

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

(No report)

**SOUTHWEST GENERAL HEALTH SYSTEM – Mr. Short:** Thank you Mr. Carbone, we have not had a board meeting yet for Southwest General. The next one…a system wide and a joint board meeting for the hospital and the system will be December 1, 2022; I will have more details then. Quick couple of updates in terms of Covid-19, the hospital is not seeing very many patients…about 10 to 15 per day; very few are requiring critical care. I probably will wind down my updates on that subject; however, to note that the Southwest General Hospital will not be giving the latest Covid-19 booster. The hospital encourages people to use their local pharmacy and make an appointment there for the most recent Covid-19 booster. A couple of notes on things that are happening in terms of expansion at the hospital system. As patient volume continues to grow, and was higher again in October than previous budget numbers, we are seeing people going back and using the facilities. They are seeing their doctors, and having procedures done at the hospital and the system, which is great. In response to that, the system has committed about $10.3 million of capital improvements in the organization so far just this year. Most of that is for large facility infrastructure projects such as CT scanner replacements, orthopedic surgery replacements, surgical booms, etc.; those types of equipment especially. Also, like ultrasound equipment that is needed at the new Cosgrove Family Maternity Center. Couple of things that are going to be expanding at the system; as we know, St. Vincent Charity Medical Center is closing down in Downtown Cleveland. The Bariatric Surgery Center, which was nationally recognized there, will be transitioning to Southwest General this month; those patients will be seen.

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

**SOUTHWEST GENERAL HEALTH SYSTEM – Mr. Short (cont’d):** Their surgery will be performed at Southwest General as well as a collaboration with University Hospitals providing expanded cardiac surgery services at Southwest General beginning December 1, 2022. They continue to expand, and bring world class healthcare right here in our backyard. On that note, some highlights and some awards and recognitions that the system continues to receive both literally and nationally; I will run down a few of those quickly. The centers for Medicare and Medicaid services recognize Southwest General again, as a five-star quality rated hospital based on patient quality outcomes. The community emergency medical service (EMS) providers under Southwest General’s medical direction, has achieved a Gold Plus for 2022 Mission Recognition from The American Heart Association for commitment to high quality care. The Berea Chamber of Commerce recognized the system with it’s 2022 Legacy Award; the award is presented to a long-standing Berea business that has made a significant and positive impact on the community. Again, in regards to the…with the closing of St. Vincent Charity Medical Center, those employees are being interviewed and hired at Southwest General as well; not only for the Bariatric Center, but for other positions as well. As we know, even hospitals are facing employee shortages and so….

Mayor Perciak – We actually had an employee fair for that.

Mr. Short – Yes, so we are finding good quality people there to fill the positions at Southwest General. That concludes my report for this meeting. I will have more after our system joint board meeting on December 1, 2022, but I will happily take any questions.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Mr. Short:** Next Monday, November 28, 2022 at 7 p.m. right here in these Chambers, the Economic Development Committee will meet for our last meeting of the year; which will be highlighted by our Economic Development Director, Brent Painter. He will be giving us a summary of 2022…what has happened in the city in terms of economic developments, and what to look ahead for in 2023. We will send a notice tomorrow to our board members and obviously besides the Committee, the rest of Council is welcome to attend that at 7 p.m., next Monday the 28th of November right back here in Council Chambers. That concludes my report, but I will happily take any questions.

**FINANCE - Ms. Kosek:** We havea number of ordinances tonight in Finance, and I will take the first four which will be second readings. Ordinance Nos. 2022-159, 2022-160, 2022-161 and 2022-162; those are Autozone, CCL, Litehouse and Schaeffler to TIF those new economic development properties. Ordinance No. 2022-161, when we spoke about that at the last Council meeting, we raised the possibility of Prospect Road being included as part of what the TIF money could be used for. We are going to move to amend that tonight to include improvements on Prospect Road. We also have…excuse me, so we will do that amendment and then those all go on second reading. We also have Ordinance No. 2022-168; which is our appropriations ordinance, we all should have received a memorandum from our finance director explaining those changes. They net out to about $146,440.00 and net change compared to the prior ordinance; all of those details are in that memo. We have Ordinance No. 2022-169, but that was one that we had already voted on which was just to change our…excuse me, to continue our insurance. Then, we have Resolution No. 2022-170; which is to ask the county to advance our tax collections on a monthly basis as opposed to a bi-annually basis. Those last two, I would ask that we suspend and adopt. If anybody has any questions, I will be happy to answer those; otherwise, I will close the committee. Thank you, Jim.

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

**PUBLIC SERVICE AND CONSERVATION – Mr. DeMio:** Thank you, Ordinance No. 2022-173 is a 32-passanger bus….it comes out to $191,575.42; it will be used for various departments. We would like to suspend and adopt that please. That’s all I have, Jim.

**PLANNING, ZONING AND ENGINEERING – Mr. Kaminski:** Okay, for Planning, Zoning and Engineering we have Ordinance No. 2022-073; which is to prohibit the use of shipping and storage containers in residential districts; the recommendation is to adopt this evening. Ordinance No. 2022-152 is to change zoning classification of 21930 Royalton Road from GI (General Industrial) classification to R1-75 (one family 75) classification. It was received as unfavorable recognition from the Planning Commission and that is on second reading this evening. That concludes Planning, Zoning and Engineering…. I will move on to Public Safety and Health.

Ms. Pientka – Mr. Kaminski…I’m sorry, may I just clarify something? We are also setting a public hearing on that rezoning for January 3, 2023, thank you.

**PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEALTH – Mr. Kaminski:** We did already vote on this, this evening. It was Ordinance No. 2022-171; which authorized the Mayor to enter a contract for the purchase of two Stryker Power Pro Cots and two power load systems used for the fire department. Again, that was already suspended and adopted this evening. That concludes my report for Public Safety, I will be…oh I’m sorry, I am going to hand it over to Gordon…Gordon had something for Public Safety and Health.

Mr. Short – Really quick for Public Safety and Health, today I participated in…the fire department allows residents at no cost to have first aid emergency training for CPR for both adults and infants choking and also the use of an AED (Automatic External Defibrillator). That was probably the best three hours of my life I spent if you ever need to save somebody’s life. I know I spoke to the firemen afterwards, there will be a schedule in 2023 coming out for that, and hopefully there will be more dates to make it more accessible to the public. There is no cost again to attend that. There is a fee if you actually want a certification from the American Heart Association; it’s twenty dollars. Again, I will let you know. We will post some more, but again, I think it is a phenomenal service offered to our residents from our fire department. If you need…I hope you never need it, but it is good to have those skills and those lessons if you ever have a life-saving emergency.

**RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES – Ms. Roff:**

Mr. Carbone - I will do this for Ms. Roff. We have Ordinance No. 2022-176, this is for an owner’s representative for The Town Center Enhancement Walkability Initiative project; the recommendation is going to be to suspend and adopt. Then we have Resolution No. 2022-177, this is to advertise for bids for the purchase of youth sports wearing apparel for the recreation department for the year 2023; the recommendation is going to be to suspend and adopt. I will just reiterate what Ann said in caucus, that there will be a Recreation Committee Meeting on December 5, 2022 prior to our Council Meeting; we will have a time for that in the next week. Also, any of Council, if we have any questions for Bryan Bogre, the director of the recreation center, please have those questions for them prior to the meeting, so we can have good collaboration on that. Also, if anybody would like a tour of the recreation center by Mr. Bogre, just make contact with him, and then you can set up that tour.

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

**COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY - Mr. Carbone:** We have no legislation this evening on the agenda, I just wanted to wish everybody a very Happy Thanksgiving; just getting an opportunity with your family and your friends. A lot of love…a lot of time together, is much needed in times like this. Also, if you have a little bit of time over the weekend, please visit our Center of Town. I know the Mayor is probably going to talk about this, but it’s absolutely amazing again this year. We thank all the sponsors, we thank all the people for coming out last night in the cold. Again, for myself and all of Council, we wish you a very Happy Thanksgiving.

**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, good evening everyone. Just to pick up where Council President, Jim Carbone left off. I really want to thank all the sponsors who helped make last night possible. The list just goes on and on from sponsors; from the fireworks, down to $250.00…from $7,000.00 all the way down; we could not have had last night without their help and their sponsorship. Those of you that were there…I mean, you could just see The Commons for a cold night, it was just packed. I want to thank Jennifer Millbrandt; she is really the architect of designing everything on The Commons…the color coordinator. She does a magnificent job, so if you see her, thank her. Our service department employees who spent hours making certain that everything works and all the electrical plugs and boxes, and everything that we needed to make that come off; they were there and they helped. All the volunteers that were there, the CERT team and everyone else that helped make that evening a success; our police, our fire. It truly was a community effort…everyone showed up. When you see any of them, please thank them and let them know how important an event like last night is; it really was. We had people there from all ages….it was good to see, so thank them. Again, Thursday is Thanksgiving Day, do what you need to, but I think there’s so much to be thankful for in this country that other countries just don’t have that opportunity to be thankful for. Whether you like the way our government runs sometimes or not, but we are free people, and because we are free people, we are free to worship the way we want. We do have honest elections, and we can elect our leaders; we are not forced upon as other countries are. Say a prayer that our country continues to follow that tradition, and thank God for what we have on Thanksgiving; because without him, we would not have this. That ends my report.

**FINANCE DEPARTMENT – Mr. Dean:** Thank you Mr. President, upon the review of the proposed November 21, 2022 Council meeting agenda, I hereby certify that the funds will be made available for all ordinances and resolutions on tonight’s 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:**

Maggie Cozza, 9812 Hazelwood Ave., Strongsville, Ohio 44149: My name is Maggie Cozza, formally Jess Cozza for legal purposes; more than happy to explain that at another point in time. I reside at 9812 Hazelwood Ave., and I am here tonight as a concerned citizen about a problem that has been here and increasingly becoming worse as time goes on. I want to believe that the people that represent me, look at me as someone valuable; I want to believe my best interest mattered too. As a tax payer and a citizen of this city for over a decade, I want to be able to be safe in my home, my skin and my own identity; I want my children to feel valued, safe and free. I want to raise kind, empathetic, hard-working minds. A meeting took place last week where citizens were invited to discuss our schools. In this meeting, the ignorance and false information that ensued in those two hours was painful, hurtful and all of the above. Our superintendent was in attendance and was disrespected by a group of people who do not even live in our city. There was one of you in attendance, and it still bothers me that no accountability was called when Dr. Ryba was called a liar to his face. We know why that meeting was called, we know the group, and with that, I do have a request. We can’t continue to ignore it, it’s not working. We are all tired and exhausted by all of it…. by what’s going on around us; it’s unsettling. I have, as many others I know, tried to hold conversations and meaningful dialogue with evidence, and it's not going away. My request is simply this, this Thanksgiving when you are all sitting with your families…your kids, your grandkids, parents, aunts, uncles, brothers, sisters, cousins, neighbors, friends, whoever you invite to that table and I hope I didn’t leave anybody out; I want you all to look at everyone and think to yourselves…and bonus points if you say it out loud, what about that person makes you thankful for them in your life, and is there anything you wouldn’t do for them. Would you stand up for them if they were being ridiculed for what they are…or would you stay silent? I think about where I am today…I think about the things I’ve been through, and I remember who was there in those moments when things got dark; I am well aware of my privilege. I think about those who never got their justice, who got to live authentically; felt accepted and loved anybody they wanted to unconditionally; they won’t get to be at that table. I want to wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving. I’m not meant to share this with any animosity, it’s just something I have been reflecting on for quite some time, and I really want this to be thought through and something to be done in the right way, thank you.

Mark Balas, 20649 Pineview Circle, Strongsville, Ohio 44136: My name is Mark Balas, I live at 20649 Pineview Circle; I’m in Gordon’s ward. I just want to say I’m on Pineview Circle, but my drive is on Pinewood where they did all the streets and stuff. I just really want to give Fabrizi Trucking and Paving a shout out because they did fantastic job. I talked to some of the neighbors in the neighborhood, and everyone wishes every project would go quicker, but overall, no one had any complaints. Everyone was really pleased with what went on, and I just wanted to express that. I think the guys all did a great job. I got to know some of the guys on the crew and stuff so, I just wanted to point that out. They did a real good job.

Mr. Short – Thank you, we will let the Fabrizi’s know for sure; they do a lot of good work. That was a long time coming getting the tree fixed for you.

Mr. Balas – Yes, it was….

Mr. Short - Thanks to the Mayor and engineering for helping get that all done.

Mr. Balas - ….and it was greatly appreciated by many, thank you.

Mr. Carbone – Thank you very much, and thank you for sharing that with us; we are all very passionate about our streets.

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

**Ordinance No. 2022-073** by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1252.36 OF TITLE SIX OF PART TWELVE-PLANNING AND ZONING CODE OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE IN CONNECTION WITH PROHIBITED USE OF SHIPPING AND/OR STORAGE CONTAINERS IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS. *First reading and referred to the Planning Commission 05-02-22. Favorable recommendation by the Planning Commission 05-12-22.*  *Second reading 05-16-22. Public hearing 06-20-22. Third reading 10-03-22.*

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

**Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2022-073 ADOPTED**

**Ordinance No. 2022-152** 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 21930 ROYALTON ROAD, IN THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE FROM GI (GENERAL INDUSTRIAL) CLASSIFICATION TO R1-75 (ONE FAMILY 75) CLASSIFICATION (PPN 392-14-006), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. First reading and referred to the Planning Commission 10-17-22. Unfavorable recommendation by the Planning Commission 11-17-22.

***Placed on second reading and set for a public hearing on 01-03-23.***

**Ordinance No. 2022-159** by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE DECLARING IMPROVEMENTS TO A CERTAIN PARCEL OF REAL PROPERTY TO BE A PUBLIC PURPOSE, DESCRIBING THE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS TO BE MADE TO DIRECTLY BENEFIT SUCH PARCEL, REQUIRING THE OWNERS OF THE IMPROVEMENTS ON SUCH PARCEL TO MAKE SERVICE PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES, ESTABLISHING AN AUTOZONE MUNICIPAL PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT TAX INCREMENT EQUIVALENT FUND FOR THE DEPOSIT OF SUCH SERVICE PAYMENTS PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTIONS 5709.40, 5709.42 AND 5709.43, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. *First reading 11-07-22.*

***Placed on second reading and referred back to the committee.***

**Ordinance No. 2022-160** by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE DECLARING IMPROVEMENTS TO A CERTAIN PARCEL OF REAL PROPERTY TO BE A PUBLIC PURPOSE, DESCRIBING THE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS TO BE MADE TO DIRECTLY BENEFIT SUCH PARCEL, REQUIRING THE OWNERS OF THE IMPROVEMENTS ON SUCH PARCEL TO MAKE SERVICE PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES, ESTABLISHING A CCL MUNICIPAL PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT TAX INCREMENT EQUIVALENT FUND FOR THE DEPOSIT OF SUCH SERVICE PAYMENTS PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTIONS 5709.40, 5709.42 AND 5709.43, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.  *First reading 11-07-22.*

***Placed on second reading and referred back to the committee.***

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

**Ordinance No. 2022-161** by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE DECLARING IMPROVEMENTS TO A CERTAIN PARCEL OF REAL PROPERTY TO BE A PUBLIC PURPOSE, DESCRIBING THE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS TO BE MADE TO DIRECTLY BENEFIT SUCH PARCEL, REQUIRING THE OWNERS OF THE IMPROVEMENTS ON SUCH PARCEL TO MAKE SERVICE PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES, ESTABLISHING A LITEHOUSE MUNICIPAL PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT TAX INCREMENT EQUIVALENT FUND FOR THE DEPOSIT OF SUCH SERVICE PAYMENTS PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTIONS 5709.40, 5709.42 AND 5709.43, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion to amend by Ms. Kosek Ordinance No. 2022-161 to add Exhibit B, second by Mr. DeMio. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

***Placed on second reading, as amended and referred back to the committee.***

**Ordinance No. 2022-162** by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE DECLARING IMPROVEMENTS TO A CERTAIN PARCEL OF REAL PROPERTY TO BE A PUBLIC PURPOSE, DESCRIBING THE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS TO BE MADE TO DIRECTLY BENEFIT SUCH PARCEL, REQUIRING THE OWNERS OF THE IMPROVEMENTS ON SUCH PARCEL TO MAKE SERVICE PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES, ESTABLISHING A SCHAEFFLER MUNICIPAL PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT TAX INCREMENT EQUIVALENT FUND FOR THE DEPOSIT OF SUCH SERVICE PAYMENTS PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTIONS 5709.40, 5709.42 AND 5709.43, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

***Placed on second reading and referred back to the committee.***

**Ordinance No. 2022-168** 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 NUMBER 2022-153.

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. 2022-168 ADOPTED**

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

**Ordinance No. 2022-169** by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT(S) TO PURCHASE PROPERTY-CASUALTY AND RELATED INSURANCE COVERAGES, WITHOUT PUBLIC BIDDING, 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. Ordinance No. 2022-169 ADOPTED**

**Resolution No. 2022-170** by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE FISCAL OFFICER OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY TO ADVANCE CERTAIN FUNDS, BOTH GENERAL OPERATING AND SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS, TO THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, OHIO, 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. 2022-170 ADOPTED**

**Ordinance No. 2022-171** by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWO NEW STRYKER POWER PRO COTS AND TWO NEW STRYKER POWER LOAD SYSTEMS WITH RELATED APPURTENANCES FOR USE BY THE CITY’S FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES DEPARTMENT, AND FOR TRADE-IN OF EXISTING FIRE DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT, WITH CREDIT TO BE APPLIED TO THE PURCHASE PRICE, ALL WITHOUT PUBLIC BIDDING, 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. Ordinance No. 2022-171 ADOPTED**

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

**Ordinance No. 2022-172** by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWO NEW STRYKER POWER PRO COTS AND TWO NEW STRYKER POWER LOAD SYSTEMS WITH RELATED APPURTENANCES FOR USE BY THE CITY’S FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES DEPARTMENT, AND FOR TRADE-IN OF EXISTING FIRE DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT, WITH CREDIT TO BE APPLIED TO THE PURCHASE PRICE, ALL WITHOUT PUBLIC BIDDING, 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. Ordinance No. 2022-172 ADOPTED**

**Ordinance No. 2022-173** by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 32-PASSENGER BUS TO BE USED BY VARIOUS CITY OF STRONGSVILLE DEPARTMENTS, 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. Ordinance No. 2022-173 ADOPTED**

**Ordinance No. 2022-174** by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING, RATIFYING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR’S ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR THE CITY’S PURCHASE OF SUPPLYING ELECTRICITY FOR ALL MUNICIPAL FACILITIES AND STREETLIGHTS LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, FROM DYNEGY ENERGY SERVICES EAST, LLC, THROUGH KINECT ENERGY, INC., FOR A FOUR-YEAR PERIOD, WITHOUT PUBLIC BIDDING, 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. Ordinance No. 2022-174 ADOPTED**

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

**Ordinance No. 2022-175** by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING, RATIFYING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR’S ENTERING INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF SUPPLYING NATURAL GAS FOR MUNICIPAL FACILITIES AND THE WALTER F. EHRNFELT RECREATION & SENIOR CENTER FROM UNITED ENERGY TRADING, LLC, THROUGH KINECT ENERGY, INC., FOR A THREE-YEAR PERIOD, WITHOUT PUBLIC BIDDING, 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. Ordinance No. 2022-175 ADOPTED**

**Ordinance No. 2022-176** by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR OWNER’S REPRESENTATIVE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE TOWN CENTER ENHANCEMENT AND WALKABILITY INITIAVTIVE PROJECT, 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. Ordinance No. 2022-176 ADOPTED**

**Resolution No. 2022-177** by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF YOUTH SPORTS WEARING APPAREL FOR USE BY THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE DURING 2023, 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. 2022-177 ADOPTED**

**COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS AND CLAIMS:**

*Application for Permit:* ***NEW-D2****: To: Szechuan Gourmet, 18086 Royalton Road, Strongsville, Ohio 44136 (Responses must be postmarked no later than 12/03/22).*

***There was no objection to this permit.***

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:**

(None)

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before this Council President James Carbone adjourned the meeting at 8:39 p.m.

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