

SUMMARY OF CAUCUS DISCUSSION AND MINUTES OF THE STRONGSVILLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON, MONDAY, DECEMBER 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, December 19, 2022 at 7:45 p.m.**

Present: Council Members: James E. Carbone, Gordon C. Short, Joseph C. DeMio, James A. Kaminski, Annmarie P. Roff, 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: Councilman Thomas M. Clark

Council President, James Carbone, called the caucus to order at 7:50 p.m.

Finance Committee: Chairwoman Kosek recommended suspension and adoption for Ordinance No. 2022-182 which is an appropriation making changes and moving \$4.6 million around to address the city's needs. Mr. Dean noted that overall, this is not an increase to the budget; the \$4.6 million is a transfer out and transfer in on the revenue side which caused a "wash". Mr. Dean also stated that we are placing funds into the operating funds for a carry-over next year.

Public Safety and Health Committee: Chairman Kaminski recommended suspension and adoption for Ordinance No. 2022-183; an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with Breathing Air Systems for the purchase of a compressed air fill station for the fire department. The contract is in the amount of \$63,285.00 with the city's share of costs, being in the amount of \$6,328.50. Mr. Kaminski also recommended suspension and adoption for Ordinance No. 2022-184; an ordinance to enter into a listing and marketing agreement with Brindlee Mountain Fire Apparatus, LLC to facilitate the sale of an aerial platform truck by hiring a listing agent to help facilitate the sale.

Public Service and Conservation Committee: Chairman DeMio recommended suspension and adoption for Ordinance No. 2022-185; an ordinance for the Mayor to enter into a contract with Great Lakes Construction Agency in the amount of \$2,634,000.00 for Westwood Lift Station improvements. Mr. Jamison added that this is an overall project for the improvement of our sanitary sewer system and the money will be coming out of the sanitary sewer fund and there will be many more improvement projects to come.

Recreation and Community Services Committee: Ms. Roff recommended suspension and adoption for Resolution Nos. 2022-186, 2022-187 and 2022-188; all being donations for The Town Center Enhancement & Walkability Initiative. Resolution No. 2022-186 is a resolution accepting a donation in the amount of \$50,000.00 from The Strongsville Chamber of Commerce. Resolution No. 2022-187 is a resolution accepting a donation from The Optimist Club in the amount of \$5,000.00. Resolution No. 2022-188 is a resolution accepting a donation in the amount of \$2500.00 from a Strongsville resident, Joyce Reed to be used for a pet water fountain.

Motion by Ms. Roff, second by Mr. DeMio, to approve the Recreation Committee meeting minutes of December 5, 2022. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

Mayor Perciak wanted to thank Mr. Kaminski and Mr. Painter for their involvement with Ms. Joyce Reed, a member of The Strongsville Rotary Club, who donated the \$2500.00. Without their help, the donation would have not been possible.

Mr. Jamison also added that the donation was a very generous donation in memory of Ms. Joyce Reed's beloved pet, Teddi Rose Velt.

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DECEMBER 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 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, Gordon C. Short, Joseph C. DeMio, James A. Kaminski, Annmarie P. Roff, 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: Councilman Thomas M. Clark

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on December 5, 2022 were approved as submitted.

APPOINTMENTS, CONFIRMATIONS, AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS:

(None)

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

SCHOOL BOARD – Mr. Clark:

Mr. Carbone - There was a Strongsville City School Board Meeting on Thursday, 12/8/2022, which Councilman Clark attended and provided the following report. The meeting began with recognition of the OHSA State Runner-up SHS Girls Soccer Team. The treasurer's report revealed all financial matters to be on track and in alignment with the budget. The board unanimously approved two business matters. The first, approving eight additional magnetic door locks, based on foot traffic studies, to maintain and enhance the safety in our school buildings. The second, approving a bid for two 72 passenger buses with the existing bus fleet lifespan plan. The draft of the 2023 school board meeting schedule indicates and anticipates meetings to continue the pattern of the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month with the exception being 1/5/23, the January organizational meeting. The Strongsville City Schools are on winter break through 1/2/2023 and the first day back is 1/3/2023.

BUILDING AND UTILITIES - Mr. Clark:

(No report)

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

SOUTHWEST GENERAL HEALTH SYSTEM – Mr. Short:

(No report)

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Mr. Short: Again, we are off for December. We will meet the last Monday in January of 2023 which is January 30th. That concludes my report, but I will happily take any questions and wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

PUBLIC SERVICE AND CONSERVATION – Mr. DeMio: I would like to suspend and adopt Ordinance No. 2022-185. It is the lift station; part of many pieces that will come forward to this Council, \$2,600,000...\$2,634,000 to be exact. We want to do our due diligence with the lift station to keep it running properly and in good order. We would again recognize the work that needs to get done and nothing is ever cheap, especially those lift stations. With that, I would like to close, unless there's questions.

Mr. Carbone – Thank you, Mr. DeMio.

FINANCE - Ms. Kosek: Yes, we have one ordinance tonight. Ordinance No. 2022-182; this is an appropriation ordinance that will allow us to make some changes where money is in certain funds. We all received a memo from the finance director today that outlines all of those changes. If everyone is good with that, I ask that we suspend and adopt tonight. I would also like to wish everyone a Happy Hanukkah this week and a wonderful Merry Christmas this weekend, thank you.

PLANNING, ZONING AND ENGINEERING – Mr. Kaminski:

(No report)

PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEALTH – Mr. Kaminski: We have two ordinances. Ordinance No. 2022-183 which authorizes the Mayor to enter into a contract to purchase a compressed air fill station for use for the fire department; recommendation is to suspend and adopt. Also, Ordinance No. 2022-184 which authorizes the Mayor to enter into a listing agreement in order to facilitate the sale of an obsolete aerial platform truck which is no longer needed by the fire department. The recommendation is suspension and adoption on that ordinance as well. That concludes my report, and I wish everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and have a great New Year.

RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES – Ms. Roff: I have three resolutions; they are Resolution No. 2022-186, 2022-187 and 2022-188. Those are all donations for our Center of Town project. The recommendation there is suspend and adopt, please. Mayor, do you want to go into the organizations that are offering that?

Mayor Perciak – Go ahead Ann.

Ms. Roff – Okay, so one is from...the first one is from our Chamber of Commerce. The second one is from The Optimist Club and the third is from a private donation, Joyce Reed and that is an extremely generous donation for \$2,500.00 just out of her personal giving. Do want to go ahead Neal, and give a little background for her?

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES – Ms. Roff (cont'd):

Mr. Jamison – Yes, so as we discussed in caucus that this lady was very close to her dog Teddi Rose Velt, and felt the need to make this donation to sort of remember her dog for what they are planning to do with the Town Center Project. Again, very gracious through The Rotary Club as well, and just shows the kind of spirit and cooperation this project is taking; where we are bringing everybody together to do so, thank you.

Ms. Roff – That's all I have unless anyone has questions. Thank you again to Bryan for all the stuff he put together for our recreation meeting.

Mr. Carbone – Thank you, just for the record for Ordinance No. 2022-186, this is the donation from the Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Kaminski and myself sit on the Chamber Board; but when this vote went to the board, both of us did abstain from that vote. Mayor, you were in attendance for that and also witnessed that as well.

Mayor Perciak – That is correct.

Mr. Carbone – Thank you very much.

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, just a quick thank you to everybody, to our residents and to our business men in this community for making Strongsville the community it is. It's Christmas time...it's a time to thank and be grateful to everyone for how they have helped us make Strongsville a better place to live and work. A special thank you to all my directors and all the employees of the city, the City Council and Jim for your leadership. To everyone who has helped in some way...thank you for helping us. Thank you for helping make Strongsville what it is today and a Merry Christmas to all and a very happy, healthy New Year.

Mr. Carbone - Thank you, Mayor.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT – Mr. Dean: Thank you Mr. President, 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.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

(None)

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

Ordinance No. 2022-182 by Mayor Perciak. 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 2022-168.

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. 2022-182 ADOPTED

Ordinance No. 2022-183 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF A COMPRESSED AIR FILL STATION, AND RELATED EQUIPMENT, FOR USE BY THE CITY'S FIRE DEPARTMENT, 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. 2022-183 ADOPTED

Ordinance No. 2022-184 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A LISTING AND MARKETING AGREEMENT IN ORDER TO FACILITATE THE SALE OF AN OBSOLETE AERIAL PLATFORM TRUCK NO LONGER NEEDED FOR ANY MUNICIPAL PURPOSE BY THE CITY'S FIRE DEPARTMENT, 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. 2022-184 ADOPTED

Ordinance No. 2022-185 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE WESTWOOD LIFT STATION LOCATED ON WESTWOOD DRIVE 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. Ordinance No. 2022-185 ADOPTED

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):

Resolution No. 2022-186 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A DONATION OF MONEY FROM THE STRONGSVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO BE USED IN CONNECTION WITH THE STRONGSVILLE TOWN CENTER ENHANCEMENT & WALKABILITY INITIATIVE.

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. 2022-186 ADOPTED

Resolution No. 2022-187 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A DONATION OF MONEY FROM THE OPTIMIST CLUB OF STRONGSVILLE TO BE USED IN CONNECTION WITH THE STRONGSVILLE TOWN CENTER ENHANCEMENT & WALKABILITY INITIATIVE.

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. 2022-187 ADOPTED

Resolution No. 2022-188 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A DONATION OF MONEY FROM STRONGSVILLE RESIDENT, JOYCE REED, TO BE USED IN CONNECTION WITH THE STRONGSVILLE TOWN CENTER ENHANCEMENT & WALKABILITY INITIATIVE.

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. 2022-188 ADOPTED

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 8:14 p.m.

Marialena Beach
Council office Secretary

Date