

SUMMARY OF CAUCUS DISCUSSION AND MINUTES OF THE STRONGSVILLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON, TUESDAY, JANUARY 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 **Tuesday, January 17, 2023 at 7:45 p.m.**

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.

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

The following Council Committees met to review legislation on the agenda:

Finance Committee: Chairwoman Kosek advised Ordinance No. 2023-007 is an ordinance making appropriations for the annual expenses and other expenditures for the year 2023, and repealing Ordinance No. 2022-178. Ms. Kosek stated that the increase of about \$14 million in the 2023 budget is due to carry-overs for projects that could not be completed in 2022. Mr. Dean confirmed Ms. Kosek's statement. Ms. Kosek also stated that the increase was not included into the initial budget because they had to wait to close the books on 2022. Suspension and adoption was recommended for that legislation.

Planning, Zoning & Engineering: Chairman Kaminski advised Ordinance No. 2023-008 is an ordinance amending sections 1258.05 and 1258.08 of Title Six, of Part-Twelve of the Planning and Zoning Code of the City of Strongsville Codified Ordinances concerning motorist service districts. Mr. Kaminski also advised Ordinance No. 2023-009 is 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 to change the zoning classification of certain real estate located on Pearl Rd. from (GB) General Business to (MS) Motorist Service classification. Both will be placed on first reading and referred to the Planning Commission for their recommendation.

Public Safety & Health Committee: Chairman Kaminski advised Ordinance No. 2023-010 is an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Seventh Amendment to the agreement for public safety dispatch services between the City of Strongsville and the City of Berea, in connection with an adjustment of fees commencing January 1, 2023. Suspension and adoption was recommended for that legislation. Mr. Kaminski also advised Ordinance No. 2023-011 is an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with Vance's Law Enforcement for the purchase of fifty new Glock handguns, Model 45 MOS-7 9 MM for the use by the police department, and for trade-in of existing obsolete guns and magazines, and to have the credit applied to the purchase price which is not to exceed \$33,683.00. Suspension and adoption was recommended for that legislation. Ordinance No. 2023-012 is an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into State of Ohio administrative services contracts with Vance's Law Enforcement for the purchase of various handgun accessories and appurtenances for use by the police department, with the sale, trade-in value of \$12,900.00 and credit for various obsolete municipal equipment not to exceed \$16,460.25. Suspension and adoption was recommended for that legislation.

Other Business:

Mr. Carbone – Mr. Carbone discussed with Ms. Kosek that a motion will need to be made during miscellaneous business for the appointment of a Council member, to serve as a Trustee, for the Strongsville Community Improvement Corporation. Mr. Carbone did state, that typically, the president is appointed this position; however, if anyone else on Council is interested, he would be open to any suggestions. There were no objections to Mr. Carbone serving as a Trustee for the Strongsville Community Improvement Corporation. Mr. Carbone also made mention that Council has filings for elections and financial disclosures due by the end of the month.

Mayor Perciak – Mayor Perciak advised that the filings for the elections and financial disclosures must be filed with the Ethics Commission by April 3, 2023.

MINUTES OF THE STRONGSVILLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 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, 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.

COMMENTS ON MINUTES:

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

APPOINTMENTS, CONFIRMATIONS, AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS:

(None)

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

SCHOOL BOARD – Mr. Clark: Thank you Mr. President, there was a Strongsville City School board meeting on Thursday, January 5, 2023. We have the same great team on our school board for 2023; all be it, with a few new seats. Laura Wolfe-Housum was nominated by Rich Micko and unanimously voted in as president of the Strongsville City School board. It was nice to see Laura's family there including her husband, who was having a special day of his own, and all three of their children who have all gone through our Strongsville schools. I would like to give a hardy "thank you" to Mr. Rich Micko for three years serving as president; and both Laura and Rich will remain the school board liaisons to Council.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

SCHOOL BOARD – Mr. Clark (cont'd): We always welcome and appreciate their presence. Following Laura's swearing in, Michelle Bissell was nominated and unanimously voted and sworn in as vice president of the Strongsville City School board that evening. There is a Strongsville City Schools Facility Committee meeting this Thursday, January 19, 2023 at 6:30p.m. That meeting will begin with a tour of Whitney Elementary, followed by the district's administration offices. These meetings are open to the public and the public is encouraged to join and learn about the future planning for our elementary buildings in the district. That concludes my report for this evening, but I will take any questions.

BUILDING AND UTILITIES – Mr. Clark

(No report)

SOUTHWEST GENERAL HEALTH SYSTEM – Mr. Short:

(No report)

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Mr. Short: We are meeting again the last Monday of January; which is the 30th, at 7:00 p.m., here in Council chambers. Our own Economic Development Director, Mr. Brent Painter will be giving a look back at 2022 and what's looking ahead in 2023 for the city. Again...I actually need to confirm with our clerk who stepped away, that we need...that it's posted, and that the members are aware of that meeting. Again, it will be on January 30, 2023, here, in Council chambers. That concludes my report, but I will happily take any questions.

PUBLIC SERVICE AND CONSERVATION – Mr. DeMio: Thank you so much, there's nothing on the docket tonight. I want to remind residents, that if in fact, you see water coming out of streets or tree lawns, it is always important to call us, but The Cleveland Water Department is the main responsible party. It means a lot if we get that action done quickly, because often times, residents see those things before the powers that be in the City of Strongsville. Outside of that....

Mayor Perciak – Mr. DeMio, one thing too, along with what you're talking about; we had a water main break on Drake Rd. today in several places. There is a boil alert for anything on Drake Rd. and any residents south of Drake Rd. into Brunswick. It has been cranked back...the water pressure is there, people have water, but in a precaution for safety they are asking people to boil; and of course, drink bottled water until tomorrow.

Mr. DeMio – Mayor, would you like me to bring a case of water to your house?

Mayor Perciak – You know...thankfully, I have a case. Otherwise, I would say yes.

Mr. DeMio – You're more than welcome. Mrs. DeMio will be proud to come and give you a case of water anytime. Seriously, it is so important...and the Mayor knows, because he is the front line over there at city hall, how important it is for residents. If you see anything...even if it's not in your neighborhood, it's better to call it in. It's quite simple.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

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

Mayor Perciak – We've had a slew of them...

Mr. DeMio – Yes.

Mayor Perciak - ...and you can't go from zero degrees to fifty degrees, and not expect problems. We've had them through all sides of town.

Mr. DeMio – I don't want people to think that your service department fixes...

Mayor Perciak – No, they tell them.

Mr. DeMio – Well, with that said, I would like to close the committee.

Ms. Roff – Just to clarify too...it's the water department and not sewer district.

Mayor Perciak – Agreed.

FINANCE – Ms. Kosek: Thank you Mr. Carbone, we have Ordinance No. 2023-007 tonight. This is an appropriation ordinance that reflects an increase of a little more than \$14 million dollars in our 2023 budget. The vast majority of this...or all of it really, is a carry-over from projects in 2022 that were not completed. We needed to not have that in the 2023 budget until we were sure that there were no payments going out before the end of the year. I know that we all received a memo from our finance director today which should address any questions that anyone might have. Mr. Dean is here today if anybody has any questions; otherwise, I would ask that we suspend and adopt this ordinance tonight. That's all I have Mr. Carbone.

Mr. Carbone – Thank you Ms. Kosek, any questions for Ms. Kosek?

(No comments)

PLANNING, ZONING AND ENGINEERING – Mr. Kaminski: We have two ordinances this evening, Ordinance No. 2023-008; which is amending sections of the planning and zoning code concerning motorists service districts and area regulations. Also, Ordinance No. 2023-009; which is to change the zoning classification of real estate located on Pearl Rd. near Drake Rd. from (GB) general business to (MS) motorist services classification. Both of those ordinances will go on first reading and go to planning. If there are no questions on those two ordinances, I'll move on to Public Safety and Health.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEALTH – Mr. Kaminski: We have three ordinances with Public Safety and Health. Ordinance No. 2023-010; which is amending an agreement for dispatch services with the City of Berea for an adjustment of fees. Ordinance No. 2023-011; which is entering a contract to purchase 50 new handguns...we are also doing a trade of obsolete guns and magazines. Ordinance No. 2023-012; which is also to enter into an agreement for purchase of hand gun accessories; same thing there...we're also handing in obsolete equipment for credit. All three of those ordinances for Public Safety & Health are suspend and adopt. That concludes my report.

Mr. Carbone – Thank you Mr. Kaminski.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

RECREATION & COMMUNITY SERVICES – Ms. Roff: I do not have anything today. I will happily take any questions unless the Mayor has any updates for our Center of Town little area there.

Mayor Perciak – No, the vote through the Ohio House and Senate just came back and as you know, the U.S House was just sworn in last week. Mr. Miller will be here on Friday at Momentive at 10:00 a.m. We're looking forward to having a long discussion with him over there; our new rep Congressman from the State of Ohio.

Ms. Roff – Thank you Mayor.

Mayor Perciak – You're welcome.

Mr. Kaminski – Ann, just to comment, it was nice to see a lot of people at the recreation center. I don't know the actual numbers, but it seems like it has been busier. I think the campaign to get the new members and to resign....

Mayor Perciak – Yesterday, the place was crazy...

Ms. Roff – Bryan has been doing a nice job of advertising and getting stuff out there. I think all of us have forwarded his stuff to...on our Facebook and I would like to bring Bryan back in...

Mayor Perciak - ...the biggest day ever on a Martin Luther King Day...that's all it was.

Ms. Roff – ...on another...that was awesome. I was glad to see that everything was open and everything, including our pool area with all the kids off, so that was awesome; I appreciate that. I appreciate Mayor, you getting with Bryan and the employees in there to keep our recreation center up and running.

Mayor Perciak – We keep encouraging their hearts.

Ms. Roff – I appreciate that, thank you.

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:

(No report)

FINANCE DEPARTMENT – Mr. Dean: Thank you Mr. President, upon the review of the proposed January 17, 2023 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.

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

LAW DEPARTMENT – Mr. Jamison: Thank you Mr. Chairman, all ordinances and resolutions are in proper legal form; that concludes my report.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

(None)

Mr. DeMio – Hey Jim I apologize, I meant to mention something to you and the Mayor. I know we can all add on...and Mayor, I'll let you take the lead I'm sure. Joan Barnum, who passed away, was an awesome lady who worked diligently for the city; the rec...getting the recreation center off the ground. You can take a look at her obituary as a cheerleader, basketball player...she liked to hike; play in the mud was my favorite note there. Anyone that knew her or her family, knew that she encompasses what Strongsville was about. She grew up here, went to school here, and she gave back here. Mayor, I'm sure you can say more.

Mayor Perciak – She raised her kids here and her husband...where Kilbane's is, they've owned that delicatessen beverage store for years and years. Needless to say, they were customers of the bank.

Mr. DeMio – If we can have a quick moment of silence, that would be very respectful to their family.

At this time, a moment of silence was observed.

Mr. DeMio – Thank you so much.

Mr. Carbone – Thank you for bringing that to our attention. That was a great family...a great Strongsville family. The girls are doing great things...good people. Thank you for letting me know and letting everybody on Council know.

Mr. DeMio – I apologize, I meant to mention it earlier.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

Ordinance No. 2023-007 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 2023 AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NUMBER 2022-178.

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. 2023-007 ADOPTED.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):

Ordinance No. 2023-008 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 1258.05 AND 1258.08 OF TITLE SIX OF PART TWELVE OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING CODE OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, CONCERNING MOTORIST SERVICE DISTRICTS AND AREA REGULATIONS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First reading and referred to the Planning Commission for their recommendation.

Ordinance No. 2023-009 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 ON PEARL ROAD, IN THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, FROM GB (GENERAL BUSINESS) CLASSIFICATION TO MS (MOTORIST SERVICE) CLASSIFICATION (PORTION OF PPN 397-10-005), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

First reading and referred to the Planning Commission for their recommendation.

Ordinance No. 2023-010 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A SEVENTH AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT FOR PUBLIC SAFETY DISPATCH SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE AND THE CITY OF BEREA, IN CONNECTION WITH AN ADJUSTMENT OF FEES COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 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. Ordinance No. 2023-010 ADOPTED.

Ordinance No. 2023-011 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF FIFTY NEW GLOCK HANDGUNS, MODEL 45 MOS-7 9 MM, FOR USE BY THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT, AND FOR TRADE-IN OF EXISTING OBSOLETE GUNS AND MAGAZINES, AND TO HAVE THE CREDIT APPLIED TO THE PURCHASE PRICE, 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. 2023-011 ADOPTED.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):

Ordinance No. 2023-012 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO STATE OF OHIO ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES CONTRACTS FOR THE PURCHASE OF VARIOUS HANDGUN ACCESSORIES AND APPURTENANCES FOR USE BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY, WITH THE SALE, TRADE-IN AND CREDIT FOR VARIOUS OBSOLETE MUNICIPAL EQUIPMENT, 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. 2023-012 ADOPTED.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS AND CLAIMS:

*Application for Permit: **TRFO-D1-D2-D3-D3A-D6**: To: Luv2saute, Inc.
14952 Pearl Rd. Front & Patio, Strongsville, Ohio 44136 (Responses must be postmarked no later than 02/03/23).*

There were no objections to this permit.


MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Motion to appoint a Council member, to serve as a Trustee, for the Strongsville Community Improvement Corporation.


Motion made by Ms. Kosek, second by Mr. DeMio to appoint Councilman James Carbone to serve as Trustee, for the Strongsville Community Improvement Corporation. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before this Council, President Carbone adjourned the meeting at 8:18 p.m.



Marialena Beach
Council Secretary



Date