

SUMMARY OF CAUCUS DISCUSSION AND MINUTES OF THE STRONGSVILLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2026.

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, February 2, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.**

Present: Council Members: Gordon C. Short, Thomas M. Clark, James E. Carbone, James A. Kaminski, Kelly A. Kosek, Annmarie P. Roff, and Anthony J. Zacharyasz, Jr. **Also Present:** Clerk of Council Aimee Pientka. **Administration:** Law Director Neal Jamison, and Finance Director Eric Dean.

Absent: Mayor Thomas P. Perciak.

Council President, Gordon C. Short, called the caucus to order at 6:32 p.m.

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

Public Service & Conservation Committee:

Chairwoman Kosek – Yes, we have one ordinance. It is Ordinance No. 2026-008; this would be to ratify and approve the filing of an application for financial assistance with the Cuyahoga County Department of Public Works for the Road Preventative Maintenance Reimbursement program. We are always looking for funding, so I would ask that we suspend and adopt this to allow the application to be made. Do we have any idea, Neal, what we would be looking for in response to this application?

Mr. Jamison – This is an annual deal. I don't know the numbers.

Chairwoman Kosek – Okay. Does anybody have any questions on that?

(No questions)

Chairwoman Kosek – Okay, that's all I have.

Mr. Short – Thank you. Just remember, suspend and adopt that this evening.

Building & Utilities Committee:

Chairman Carbone – Yes, I have Resolution No. 2026-009; this is strongly opposing First Energy's application to PUCO (Public Utilities Commission of Ohio)—their minimum standards—to allow for longer and more frequent outages. If approved, our neighborhoods, our commercial customers, and residents would see longer restoration time periods and a decrease in First Energy basic customer service. The recommendation here is going to be to suspend and adopt. Neal, do you want to add anything to this?

Mr. Jamison – No.

Chairman Carbone – Okay, thank you.

Mr. Short – I just think it's unbelievable that they want to...actually want to make things worse for their customers.

Mr. Clark – Neal, is this something that's been—for the lack of a better word—socialized across Northeast Ohio from your peer group? Or is it something we should socialize across our peer group? I think the more cities that adopt resolutions to what we have proposed here, the better—not only for our residents, but all residents.

Mr. Jamison – I know other communities have done it. I know the last time this came up was when they were talking about changing—I forget what it was—but the pushback from all the communities in the state caused them to back off. I have to believe this is being done already. A lot of communities are passing this type of resolution. I know Aimee heard about it through her Clerk's Association; that's typically an indicator that we are not the only ones considering this. I think Bay Village was the one that we had initially found out about. My peer group—no, I have not heard it. That doesn't mean that they are not doing it. I'm sure it's out there. I think through the Clerk's Association is the best way that message got out. I believe a lot of other communities are doing it. Thank you.

Ms. Kosek – If I could speak to that also: in addition to Aimee having highlighted that for us from Bay Village, I believe in December the *Plain Dealer* did have an article that Lakewood was doing it. I think it has gotten some press. Certainly, if you are talking to folks that are in other cities that haven't done it, it's certainly something that you might mention to the NOACA group—or however you pronounce that.

Mr. Clark – Yes, we've talked. You got it right.

Ms. Kosek – I think that's true, but we are certainly not leading this one because other communities have already done it. I think us adding our voice is important—which is why I asked that we do it at the last meeting. I appreciate, Neal, you putting it together and having it available for us to pass. I think our residents deserve better service than what is otherwise being proposed.

Mr. Short – Absolutely. Any questions on that?

(No questions)

Mr. Short – We have no other agenda items for tonight's meeting.

Mr. Jamison – You do have to amend the agenda to include the conditional objection for the Dollar General liquor application. You need to make a motion at the beginning of the meeting.

Mr. Short – That's at the beginning, correct?

Mr. Jamison – Yes.

Ms. Pientka – After roll call.

Mr. Clark made a motion to adjourn into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters pertaining to the Council office. It was seconded by Ms. Roff to adjourn from open session into executive session [Article XI, Section 9, City Charter]. All members present voted aye and the motion carried. Council adjourned into executive session at 6:37 p.m. The executive session concluded at 7:15 p.m. and reconvened into open session.

****Please note – The legislation discussed above on tonight's agenda can be viewed in entirety at: <https://www.strongsville.org/government/city-council/minutes-agendas> by clicking on the February 2, 2026 agenda link. ****

MINUTES OF THE STRONGSVILLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2026 IN THE MIKE KALINICH SR. CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

CALL TO ORDER:

Council President Gordon C. Short called the meeting to order at 7:16 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. 2023-182.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Council Members: Gordon C. Short, Thomas M. Clark, James E. Carbone, James A. Kaminski, Kelly A. Kosek, Annmarie P. Roff, and Anthony J. Zacharyasz, Jr. **Also Present:** Clerk of Council Aimee Pientka. **Administration:** Law Director Neal Jamison, and Finance Director Eric Dean.

Absent: Mayor Thomas P. Perciak.

COMMENTS ON MINUTES:

The Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on January 20, 2026 were approved as submitted.

Motion made by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Roff, to amend the agenda to add under "Miscellaneous Business," the application for a liquor permit for The Dollar General Store. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS, CONFIRMATIONS, AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS:

Mr. Short – The Mayor is not here this evening, but we do have a special group here from Strongsville High School: The Mustangs for a Cure, to discuss the upcoming fundraising campaign for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society of Northeast Ohio—which is a very important cause. It's actually one near and dear to myself. I don't know if anyone knows, but a very good friend of mine was diagnosed recently with leukemia. The good news is that, due to the research and the progress in this area, she has a 95% cure rate for what she has. I am very grateful for that and this cause. With that, I invite this group to come up. Please identify yourselves for the record. Please present to Council what your goal is and your mission for this group this year.

APPOINTMENTS, CONFIRMATIONS, AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS (cont'd):

At this time, Strongsville High School students: Ms. Anna Placeway, Ms. Emily Polo, and Mr. Eric Dubsky, of the Mustangs for a Cure, gave a slideshow presentation to Council for their Leukemia and Lymphoma Society of Northeast Ohio fundraiser.

Ms. Polo – To start off, we are team Mustangs for a Cure. We are running to help patients and their families fight blood cancer both financially and emotionally. We are also here to raise awareness about blood cancer within our community.

Ms. Placeway – Many times we are asked why we do this campaign, because it is fully voluntary. Personally, my reason to do this campaign is: three years ago, on September 2nd, my brother Colin was diagnosed with a rare form of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, also known as Burkitt's lymphoma. It was very hard emotionally on my family, and I want to be able to help other families who experience similar things.

Ms. Polo – As for me, I have personally known some people that have had to go through the difficult journey of blood cancer. I believe that everyone should have access to the life-saving treatments that can really help them. I also have the opportunity to be a part of DECA (Distributive Education Clubs of America) at the high school. Working in this campaign—and going to businesses and everything like that—really helps me with DECA and with my presentation skills.

Mr. Dubsky – I also have some family and friends who have been diagnosed with blood cancer. I have seen how hard it can be on the patients and their families. I just want to help to do anything I can with research and patient support to help ease some of the burden on the family and their patients. Here is some more about Blood Cancer United: as an organization, we focus on three main pillars. We focus on patient support, research, and policy and advocacy. Each team chooses one pillar to really extensively focus on. We chose our patient support just really to help ease some of the burden on these patients.

Ms. Polo – We would like to share some of these facts because there is such a huge importance for what we do. Leukemia is the number one most diagnosed form of childhood cancer and the second leading cause of cancer deaths among children. Approximately 30% of blood cancer patients don't survive after their first five years of diagnosis. Every three minutes, one person in the United States is diagnosed with blood cancer.

Ms. Placeway – For you to understand this campaign, we first want to explain what a student visionary is. Student visionaries campaign through Blood Cancer United as a philanthropic 7-week leadership program for students to champion and advocate for the Blood Cancer United pillars that Eric mentioned earlier. We are hoping to be the Student Visionaries of the Year—which is the team in Northeast Ohio, out of 36 teams, that raises the most money for blood cancer. This is our national impact: sixty-seven markets across the national borders are for Blood Cancer United. We have had more than 1,000 teams participate since 2017, and our impact has been more than \$230,000,000.00. Just in Cleveland alone, we have been in the market for 10 years, have had 227 teams since 2017, and have raised almost \$7,000,000.00 to benefit Blood Cancer United.

APPOINTMENTS, CONFIRMATIONS, AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS (cont'd):

Mr. Dubsky – Here is a little bit about our Honored Hero of the Year, Mckayla Coyne. At two years old, she was diagnosed with high-risk acute lymphoblastic leukemia. She underwent a number of surgeries and treatments. Then, just two years ago, she finally rang the bell and was cancer free. We just like to pick someone who really is inspirational to our movement. We got to meet her, and it was really inspiring and powerful for us to see how brave her and her family have been.

Ms. Polo – This is our campaign business plan: we have a huge goal this year of \$150,000.00; in the past in Strongsville, student visionaries have raised around \$90,000.00. We are really trying to up the goal with \$150,000.00. We have over 20 team members, with a bunch of them sitting back there. We've had over 20 sponsorship outreaches where we go to businesses and corporations around us. We ask for their donations and their help—any support that they can possibly give. We also have our family, friends, and team members ask their family and friends for donations and any connections they may have. We also host events around the school and the community. We just recently were at the Brunswick-for-Strongsville basketball game and did "Chuck-a-Puck"—we raised money through that. We are also doing one at the middle school. So far, our favorite moments have been the Chuck-a-Puck fundraiser at that basketball game. We had a bunch of our team members there. It was a really great way to express our campaign to the community and our high school. One of our new excitements recently was that three of our team members—Ava, Kiley, and Joy—were recognized as some of the Cleveland top fundraising team members. There are almost 1,000 team members in Cleveland, so for them to be the top three is really exciting. We would like to share this slide as well, of how the two of us can work together. City Council acts as a voice for the community. You guys create and approve laws while also guiding the city's growth and development. Blood Cancer United works with the families to provide support in any way possible—mostly emotionally and financially. We collaborate with companies who can also help us achieve that goal. Together, we want to promote awareness about blood cancer to the community and support our advocacy efforts mentioned before about our campaign.

Ms. Placeway – This is our page—we are Mustangs for a Cure. We have our donation... any donation does help. We ask people even for \$5.00, or as much as they can do. Anything does help the patients. We will be giving these to you guys after, and they have our QR code on it. If you want to scan it, it will bring you to our page. We have a lot of information about me, Emily, and Eric, and why we do this, and our goals. If you want to look at that, the QR code is on here; feel free to scan it.

Mr. Dubsky – Thank you guys for listening and inviting us out. Of course, thank you to our team members and families for showing up today and just supporting us throughout the entire campaign.

Mr. Short – Thank you. Are we able to share that code on our social media pages and websites?

Mr. Dubsky – Yes.

Mr. Short - I'm sure with Council, we can help share the vision that way as well.

Ms. Roff – Absolutely, yes.

Mr. Short – Nice job. Thank you very much.

APPOINTMENTS, CONFIRMATIONS, AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS (cont'd):

(Applause)

Ms. Roff – Did you guys want to really quick let them all just go over their names of who you have here in the audience?

Mr. Short – Maybe introduce your team members here as well.

Mr. Dubsy – Did you guys want to come up and introduce yourselves?

Ms. Roff – You guys did very good, thank you.

At this time, other students came to the podium to introduce themselves:

Ms. Niamh McLaughlin, Ms. Izabella Flach, Ms. Joy Daher, Ms. Chloe Clark, Ms. Allie Rusinko, Ms. Jaya Dunn, Ms. Lena Soggs, Ms. Ava Therrien, Ms. Aryana Katiyar, Ms. Leighton LaBahn, Ms. Ellie Searles, Mr. Max Krabec, Mr. Cameron Kovats, Mr. Jaidyn Sizler.

Mr. Short – Thank you. A very impressive team. What is the deadline for fundraising?

Ms. Polo – March 14th is our grand finale day, so fundraising stops around March 12th.

Mr. Short – Oaky.

Ms. Roff – You have something coming up in a week or two at one of those fast food places?

Mr. Dubsy – Yes, I know off the top of my head we are doing, on Ash Wednesday, an eat-in night at Culver's. We will be working there and a portion of the profits are going to go towards us. We also have the middle school, where we are putting on a student-versus-staff basketball game. Then, we are having a day at (unintelligible) where we are going to shop there. I think 20% of the profits will go towards us, and there's a bunch of stuff set up there.

Ms. Roff – Very nice.

Mr. Short – Well, again, thank you very much and good luck with your goal. We hope you achieve it, and hopefully we will help you achieve that goal of \$150,000.00. That's quite ambitious.

Ms. Polo – Thank you so much.

Mr. Short – Good luck, and thank you.

Mr. Carbone – President Short, can I?

Mr. Short – Yes, Mr. Carbone.

APPOINTMENTS, CONFIRMATIONS, AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS (cont'd):

Mr. Carbone - I just want to thank all of you for your efforts; it hits home. All your efforts benefited me when I was three years old and diagnosed with leukemia. It wasn't until an experimental chemotherapy cured me—I was 11 years old. Anything you... I know I could speak for Council, but anything you need from us. I know we've got a bunch of envelopes, and we were all kind of discussing: do we donate a little to everybody, or just one big check, or whatever? We are here to support the efforts, especially myself. It's very appreciative.

Mr. Clark – One other thing: it's Blood Cancer United, and the efforts that you guys are putting forward—and certainly the cause—is excellent. The byproduct of it—of the unity of our community and the unity of Northeast Ohio—there's a lot of things that we do. We think about neighboring communities, and even Brunswick is doing Blood Cancer United; their goal is \$125,000.00, and your goal is \$150,000.00. This southwest corner, if you guys hit your goal, the impact that you are going to have. Again, we wouldn't have Jimmy up here if it weren't for things like this. Thank you very much—not only for what you are doing for everyone that is impacted by it, but just your efforts and what you are doing. Getting people to come together in our community towards a common goal builds teamwork, builds comradery, and it builds everything that we talk about what makes Strongsville so great, which is community. You three, and the seventeen or so that are there with you, are shining examples of that. We appreciate you. Our future is bright because we have individuals like you guys. Thank you for stepping forward

Mr. Dubsky, Ms. Polo, and Ms. Placeway – Thank you.

(Applause)

Ms. Roff – Thank you guys again and to your families that are supporting you too.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY – Ms. Roff: I do not have anything, but we will be having a Communications & Technology meeting shortly. I want to thank David, too, for coming out to help us set that little presentation up for them.

Mr. Short – Thank you, Ms. Roff.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Mr. Clark: Thank you, President Short. We had our January Economic Development Committee meeting on Monday, January 26, 2026. We reviewed some of the things that happened here in our Strongsville community in 2025. We outlined priorities for 2026—things we want to focus on and things that we think continue to be important. Obviously, when it comes to economic development, it's business retention and attraction. We also looked at priorities with the Foltz Phase II Extension and getting first occupants in there and different things like that. There are so many wonderful things going on that were reviewed and things that we want to continue. Of course, there were things that we looked at that we anticipated would wrap up in 2025, and as much as projects go in construction and in other worlds, they rolled into 2026. Our next Economic Development Committee meeting will be on February 23, 2026—that is a Monday. More information will come out about the location and times as that gets firmed up. I will happily take any questions.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Mr. Clark (cont'd):

Mr. Short – Any questions for Mr. Clark?

(No questions)

Mr. Short – Thank you, Mr. Clark.

PLANNING, ZONING AND ENGINEERING – Mr. Zacharyasz:

(No report)

Mr. Short – Thank you, very rare.

Mr. Zacharyasz – I know.

Mr. Short – Thank you, Mr. Zacharyasz.

PUBLIC SAFETY & HEALTH – Mr. Kaminski: Nothing on the agenda, but just one thing that did come up, though, and we talked about, was the ReadyNotify system. I am going to do a little bit more digging on that and also schedule a Public Safety & Health Committee meeting, probably either in later February or March. Stay tuned on that, and we will have more conversations on that topic. That concludes my report.

Ms. Kosek – May I...

Mr. Kaminski – Sure.

Ms. Kosek - ...if you don't mind.

Mr. Kaminski – No.

Ms. Kosek – Last year I chaired the committee and had started working with Chief O'Deens on the "Take Me Home" program that we had spoken about at the last Public Safety & Health Committee meeting that we had. I wanted to provide a quick update if you don't mind.

Mr. Kaminski – Go ahead. Absolutely.

Ms. Kosek – Teresa Karsnak, who is the liaison coordinator for families with special needs at the high school and at the Strongsville schools, has really helped participate in this program. She has met with Shamus Kelly and Chief O'Deens a couple of different times. We are very close to having something to roll out, which will be rolled out to the Strongsville City Schools. Then, we will offer it to the other schools and the other members of the community. To remind everybody what the concept is: it will be... you can opt in to sign up family members who have communication needs. They can include a picture; they can include the name, the address, special interests that might help the officer help connect with someone that they might find who can't communicate very well, or who might be anxious—to help those residents who maybe are separated from their families to get back home to their families. The name that was originally used in other communities is "Take Me Home."

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

PUBLIC SAFETY & HEALTH – Mr. Kaminski (cont'd):

Ms. Kosek (cont'd) - We are hoping to come up with something that is going to be Mustangs or Strongsville focused. I am hoping to have something to share with you all at the next meeting that will be more concrete. We are hoping to then roll that out to the Strongsville City Schools and, again, to the other members of the community. I have asked that if you are interacting with people who have family members who have communication needs, let them know that this is coming. This was something that a resident had reached out and had asked about. The police force has been so supportive in adding this. This was something that they were doing, and we are going to roll it out in a way that is more public-facing so people know that the services are there. I don't know if anybody has any questions, but I am happy to answer them if you do. I appreciate you allowing me to raise it. I purposely did it in this meeting because people are at home and are watching. They don't necessarily watch our caucus, so I hope that's okay.

Mr. Kaminski – Absolutely, and if you need help just let me know and we can always present it to one of the civic groups like The Rotary Club.

Ms. Kosek – I would be happy to do that. We definitely want to have somebody at the recreation center to have people sign up. Again, it was...the idea was specifically for children, but it really is applicable to anyone who has communication needs. It will span ages. I think that it's just a great service that we are going to be offering, and I am really glad with the collaboration between the schools, the Council, and the police force – Chief O'Deens has been wonderful.

Mr. Short – Thank you, both. Any other questions?

Mr. Clark – Just more of a comment. I waited for Public Safety & Health Committee, but it is really at the intersection of Communications & Technology and Public Safety & Health. At a recent HOA meeting, one of our... several of our residents in Ward 3 asked about these communication tools. We had some conversations about that earlier during caucus, but with the two upcoming committee meetings of Public Safety & Health and Communications & Technology, we have a tool that we are part of that exists today—that is out there and residents can sign up for it. They can get that through the county's website and sign up for it. The conversation earlier was around: how can we add to that? I think it's improving the education and utilization of what we have, but also looking at exploring additional communication tools. To me, it starts in Public Safety & Health, but I think it certainly... whether it starts or ends in Communications & Technology or Public Safety & Health, I just think that it needs to be a timely topic for both of those committees. Certainly, with David and that team to help move it forward, it would be good. I thank the residents that brought up the questions. I think we all know that there is something out there that we have, but also that there is an opportunity to improve it moving forward. Thank you, both.

Ms. Roff – Like you said, that being as a countywide—not necessarily do they get the information that's just here, like the water main breaks that we've had over the last couple of weeks. Giving that information to them and just having that text come through... Like we talked about, just having something that comes through on a text and you don't have to scroll through Facebook. Not all of our seniors are Facebook-savvy. Not all of our non-seniors, like myself, are Facebook-savvy. It's funny that I am in the technology part of it right now, because it's not my top quality—that's for sure. It's nice to have something just come through in a text, and it's simple that you could look at—whatever it is.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

PUBLIC SAFETY & HEALTH – Mr. Kaminski (cont'd):

Ms. Roff (cont'd) - Things coming up in our neighboring cities, making people aware of them, and ways to sign up—just as simple as the snow shoveling or any programs that are out for some of the seniors.

Mr. Short – It's a good program, so let's explore that and see what solutions we come up with. Thank you, all.

PUBLIC SERVICE & CONSERVATION – Ms. Kosek: I do have one for Public Service & Conservation. This is an ordinance that would ratify and approve the filing of an application for financial assistance with the Cuyahoga County Department of Public Works under their 2026 County Road Preventative Maintenance Reimbursement program. This is something that we seek every year. I would ask that we suspend and adopt that tonight so that we can get whatever funding is available, obviously, for our roads. We like as much money as possible. That's all I have, unless anybody has any questions.

(No questions)

Ms. Kosek – I will send it back to you, President Short.

Mr. Short – Thank you.

Mr. Zacharyasz – Maybe not a question, but just falling under those committees there – just a big thank you to our service department for what they have done over the last couple of months really—but definitely these last couple of weeks. Certainly, more snow and bad conditions are coming in the near future, it sounds like. A big thank you to them: Joe Walker and Mike Gallagher for leading that team.

Mr. Clark – To that point—and I think that's what Ann was alluding to; she mentioned the sidewalks. Certainly, our service department is focused on the roads. We as residents need to take care of our own sidewalks. We have kids that are walking to school; we have residents that need to get out and exercise for health. I know that there are different HOAs, and it has been on the city website and whatnot, but just a reminder to keep your property and your sidewalk safe and get it cleared. Thank you not only to the service department, but to our residents that are taking care of their sidewalks themselves.

Ms. Roff – Take care of those fire hydrants if you are close to one.

Mr. Clark – Yes.

Mr. Short – Also, just an update: there still is a salt shortage in Northeast Ohio, so our service department... we have been receiving deliveries, but a lot less than normal. They are salting the main roads, major intersections, and dangerous and slippery curve areas. Most subdivision roads will not be salted at this time and will continue to be plowed—plowed continuously until we get that nice, hard-packed snow. There is still that salt shortage, and that is not expected to have any relief any time soon. Again, it's just to reinforce for the residents that we are doing our best with what we have and try to maintain enough salt for the major roadways through the city. Thank you, everybody. Good reports.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

RECREATION & COMMUNITY SERVICES – Ms. Kosek:

(No report)

BUILDING AND UTILITIES – Mr. Carbone: We have Resolution No. 2026-009; this is strongly opposing First Energy's application to the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) for a minimum standard to allow for longer and more frequent outages. If approved, our neighborhoods, our commercial customers, and most importantly, our residents would see longer restoration time periods and a decrease in First Energy base customer service. The recommendation... I'm strongly recommending to suspend and adopt.

SCHOOL BOARD – Mr. Carbone: Lastly this evening, the school board meeting... at the last school board meeting, Dr. Ryba had Chief O'Deens and Principal Bill Wingler at the meeting. They went play-by-play through the incident that we talked about a couple of weeks ago that happened at our high school. I wanted to, first, instill confidence that they were on top of it, and at the same time, the clarity and the explanation on how they made those split-second decisions as this was real-time, and as that was coming in. I think that was important—that Dr. Ryba had them in to debrief and put everybody at ease with that. Lastly, I want to go back to Communications and Technology. In today's day and age, it's a lot easier to communicate. I am excited for conversations—we had talked about this community text for years. I think it's time that we really get this off the ground. I know the county has a program, and it's great for the county to notify in some regards. Really, when we are talking about fire hydrants with snow, clearing sidewalks, things that are happening at our recreation center, or a water main break—these are internal things to Strongsville that we should be communicating. I reached out to one community that has it, that I was a part of early on, to see years later how that's going. Twenty-five percent of their city, right here at the palm of their hands, gets alerts. I'm excited for that because... and I'm glad you brought that up, Tom. A lot of people are... we all don't rely on Facebook, and that's not right at the palm of our hand. Some are on it more than others, but we need to, I believe, do a little bit of a better job communicating with our residents. I think this is the direction that we should head in, and I'm excited for those conversations.

Ms. Roff – It would be nice to see—to maybe include something like what you talked about over these past years, too, Jim—which will fall under the other Jim's Public Safety and Health Committee program: "Are You Okay?" Maybe that's something, once this comes out rolling; maybe there is something when they sign up, they can go through and check exactly what kind of notifications they want, what they are interested in, and getting that phone call once a day to check in.

Mr. Carbone – The "Are You Okay" program is in effect. I do have to have...maybe Jim and I can have a conversation with David Sems on how that is going to look with Chagrin Valley. A lot of that is twofold. It's us getting the information out to the appropriate people – in that case, the seniors. Also, them taking the initiative, whether it's them or their family members, and applying for it. I know something else we could discuss during the Public Safety and Health Committee meeting is with the City of Westlake. Actually, during those snow falls, they (City of Westlake) were checking and knocking on the doors of their seniors. Maybe that is something we could look at. We have a lot of...we are initiating a lot of things, but so are other communities. Maybe we don't have to reinvent the wheel to offer better services for residents.

Mr. Short – These are all good topics for our committee meeting, I like it.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

SCHOOL BOARD – Mr. Carbone (cont'd):

Mr. Kaminski – Yes, it's great. Honestly, we also have the Meals on Wheels program. It is one of the best, and we run that through Altenheim Senior Living. I'm sure there is a way we can do two things at the same time as well. We will get them involved.

Mr. Short – Thank you. Are there any other questions for Mr. Carbone?

(No questions)

Mr. Carbone – That ends it, thank you.

Mr. Short – Thank you, Mr. Carbone.

SOUTHWEST GENERAL HEALTH SYSTEM – Mr. Short:

(No report)

FINANCE – Mr. Short:

(No report)

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - Mr. Short: No ordinances or resolutions on tonight's agenda; however, we did have our meeting to discuss committee meetings. I can see has been already very productive. Any questions for myself?

(No questions)

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

MAYOR PERCIAK:

(No report)

FINANCE DEPARTMENT – Mr. Dean: Thank you, Council President. I hereby certify that 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. Short - Thank you.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

(None)

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

Ordinance No. 2026-008 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE RATIFYING AND APPROVING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE WITH THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS UNDER THE 2026 COUNTY ROAD PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM; AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2026-008 ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 2026-009 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. A RESOLUTION OPPOSING FIRST ENERGY'S APPLICATION TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO REGARDING ITS REQUEST TO REVISE MINIMUM RELIABILITY PERFORMANCE STANDARDS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Resolution No. 2026-009 ADOPTED.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS AND CLAIMS:

(None)

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Application for Permit: NEW - C-1, C-2 To: Dolgen Midwest LLC; DBA: Dollar General Store 30885; 13826 W. 130th Street Strongsville, Ohio 44136 (Responses must be postmarked no later than 2/14/2026).

Motion by Mr. Clark, second by Ms. Roff to file a conditional objection to the application for permit based upon the applicant's lack of compliance with the City's Building, Health and/or Safety Codes; provided that when and if compliance is confirmed by the Building Department, the Clerk will withdraw the objection in Columbus. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before this Council, President Short adjourned the meeting at 7:48 p.m.

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Council Secretary

2-17-26

Date