

**SUMMARY OF CAUCUS DISCUSSION AND MINUTES OF THE STRONGSVILLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON, MONDAY, MARCH 3, 2025.**

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, March 3, 2025, at 6:45 p.m.**

**Present: Council Members:** James E. Carbone, James A. Kaminski, Kelly A. Kosek, Annmarie P. Roff, Thomas M. Clark, and Brian M. Spring. **Also Present:** Clerk of Council Aimee Pientka. **Administration:** Mayor Thomas P. Perciak, Law Director Neal Jamison, and Finance Director Eric Dean.

**Absent:** Councilman Gordon C. Short.

Council President Pro Tem, James E. Carbone, called the caucus to order at 6:48 p.m.

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

Economic Development Committee:

Chairman Clark - Thank you, President Pro Tem Carbone. We have one piece of legislation. Resolution No. 2025-022 is authorizing the Mayor to advertise and request for proposals. This is the 87 1/2 acres of city-owned industrial plat. We saw the start of some work being done on the road there when we had our Economic Development Committee visit at CCL Design last week. This is a request for qualifications and for proposals; it's pretty straight forward. The recommendation is to suspend and adopt. Any questions?

Mr. Carbone - I know, Mayor, I talked with Brent Painter. We did do this years ago when we did an extension...previous extension of Foltz Parkway?

Mayor Perciak - Correct.

Mr. Carbone - Okay.

Ms. Roff - That cul-de-sac then, putting that there, makes that area all buildable?

Mayor Perciak - Well, just about all of it. It all depends because it's commercial, so you may get 5 acres. It all depends if someone needs 10 acres, or 5 acres - it isn't like a subdivision.

Ms. Roff - There aren't any restrictions on those parcels that are going to be opening up there?

Mayor Perciak - At the end, that's all wetlands there.

Ms. Roff - Yes, behind all that, right?

Mayor Perciak - Right, and the other thing is that I want to thank Tom Clark. He set up a great meeting with the people at CCL Design, and the top management of the company; they relocated their North American headquarters here. Tom, I have you to thank for setting that meeting up with them. We've met with the old crew, but not the most recent crew with the building.

Ms. Roff - Was part of the old crew there?

Mayor Perciak - No.

Ms. Roff - I'm just kidding.

Mayor Perciak - I know what you're asking. No, he wasn't there; but really, that went off well. You can show the work that was put into that by Brent, the city, and everything that took how many years to bring to fruition? Now, look at it. It was good for you to take everybody through there, so thank you.

Chairman Clark - It was a great visit, and we appreciate them hosting us for that. It's a pretty awesome business that they have going on there. A lot of exciting growth for them and their business that they showed us what they could, so it was a good visit.

Ms. Roff - That's what I was talking to Tom about. That just their concepts of how they do things is just incredible there - it's a neat place.

Mayor Perciak - The best thing about it is, that their chief legal counsel, their chief financial officer, and all of their high-paid executives are located here - that's the plus.

Mr. Carbone - Good stuff and good job, Tom. Anything else? Any questions for Tom?

(No questions)

Public Safety & Health Committee:

Chairwoman Kosek - Yes, we have three tonight. Ordinance No. 2025-023 is to authorize us to participate in the Ohio Department of Administrative Services to purchase six police vehicles for a total of just over \$420,000.00. These are all through, as I said, the administrative services. These are the negotiated rates, correct Neal?

Mayor Perciak - It's all in the budget too.

Chairwoman Kosek - It's the negotiated rates that we have through the state, yes?

Mr. Jamison - Yes.

(Inaudible background conversation)

Chairwoman Kosek - Right, that was my point with it, that it wasn't updated, but it was the best rates that we could get.

Mr. Jamison - Right.

Chairwoman Kosek - As the Mayor...as you pointed out it is in the budget. Are these to be ordered? What's the timeline for us to get these back in?

Mayor Perciak - Now that we don't know; because there is always a hang-up, and there is always the installation. Once we get them, we have to add all of our equipment inside those vehicles.

Chairwoman Kosek - Okay, so obviously to keep our police with the best equipment, I would ask that we suspend and adopt that. We also have Ordinance No. 2025-024, which is to allow us to dispose of an obsolete police department vehicle that is from 2001; the Chevrolet Cargo Van. It's twenty four years and we've probably gotten all the use out of it that we could. I'd ask that we suspend and adopt that, so that can go out to auction.

Mr. Jamison - Kelly, that's a donation.

Chairwoman Kosek - Oh, I'm sorry.

Mr. Jamison - We are donating that to the Southwest Enforcement Bureau, which is...

Ms. Kelly - Even better...someone else can use it then.

Mr. Jamison - Right. It's a public council of governments and there is like 40...Eric is one of the principals of that, so....

Mr. Dean - Actually, I do their books basically. The Southwest Enforcement Bureau has 18 members. It is a regional S.W.A.T Team/Bomb Squad, and they do other call-outs. They are going to use this for...EMS has been going out on the S.W.A.T Team calls; and that's their plan, the EMS guys are going to be riding this vehicle.

Chairwoman Kosek - Okay, excellent. Resolution No. 2025-025 is for Swagelok. They are very generously offering us a donation of \$1,000.00 for the use by the Strongsville Police Department. I'd ask that we suspend and adopt, and thank them for that very kind donation. That's all that I have.

Mr. Carbone - Thank you, and that is something that they do yearly. They have been doing that for multiple years, so absolutely a thank you to Swagelok.

Recreation & Community Services Committee:

Chairman Kaminski - We have one ordinance this evening. Ordinance No. 2025-026, which is an application for financial assistance with the Cuyahoga County Community Development fund. If we secure that, that would be used for repairs at the recreation and senior center. I know one of the things on the wish list was the slide in the pirate's area. That would be nice to be able to get that grant.

Mayor Perciak - So that the Council is aware, this is taxes on gaming. If memory serves me correctly, the whole fund is \$2,000,000.00 that the county has and we applied for the maximum. Whatever we get, we get, but we thought why not. As most of you know, with everything that is going on in Washington D.C., grant money is going to become more difficult to come by for all of us. Wherever we can see an opportunity, we are trying to pursue it.

Chairman Kaminski - Any other questions?

(No questions)

Chairman Kaminski - Alright, that concludes my report.

Planning, Zoning & Engineering Committee:

Chairman Spring: Thank you, Mr. Carbone. For Planning, Zoning and Engineering we have one today. Resolution No. 2025-027 is a resolution authorizing the Mayor to advertise for bids for the 2025 Pavement Reconstruction program. There are nine streets; plus there will be two more once there is a watermain fixed in ward three. The recommendation is to suspend and adopt. If anybody has any questions...

Mayor Perciak - I have a comment. We hope it's going to be nine streets.

Chairman Spring - Okay.

Mayor Perciak - The reason being is that we can't control...we all went through this a couple of years back. We can't control the prices and that, so we will see how that works.

Chairman Spring - Hopefully, it stays at nine if we can get it.

Mayor Perciak - Hopefully it is.

Finance Committee:

Mr. Carbone - We have Ordinance No. 2025-028; this is making appropriations for the annual expenses and other expenditures for our city for 2025. Just a couple of things to point out. There's a transferring of \$4.5 million dollars from 2024 to 2025, and \$963,904.74 for the Town Center... transferring that over from 2024 to 2025. We have an increase of \$118,000.00 in the general fund for the police department for patrol equipment. Lastly, we have a decrease of \$1,008,533.00 in the Recreational Capital Improvement fund. Mr. Dean, do you want to elaborate on any of that?

Mr. Dean - Yes, two things, when we passed our 2025 budget earlier in November; this came in afterwards. We actually ended up borrowing the money in December, so I wanted to update our numbers with that December borrowing and make sure our budget was correct. You could see that we are adding that money we have to pay back in a year. We anticipate the Town Center project will be fully complete this year in December. We will finally get all of our grant money and all of our donations. Also, the other item was the Recreation Note program that you discussed with the slide. We have a list of items that we borrowed money for in that December note issue; and we are just updating that with our 2025 budget. Currently, we are about \$1.9 million dollars left on that project of \$2.65 million dollars. We have been working hard to get those quotes in and that work done.

Mr. Carbone - Thank you, Mr. Dean.

Committee of the Whole:

Mr. Carbone - Lastly this evening, we will go to Ordinance No. 2025-029; this is amending section 266.13(a) of Chapter 266 of Title Six of Part Two-Administration Code of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Strongsville concerning departmental rules and regulations. The recommendation here is to suspend and adopt. Would you Mr. Jamison like to elaborate on that?

Mr. Jamison - This is something that we recently had a discussion in the Civil Service Commission about. Particularly, with the police department, they are updating their policies monthly through Lexipol, which is an outside organization that comes in and basically makes recommendations for things as it relates to chases, jail policies, and things of that nature. We thought that it would make it streamline the process; and make it simpler for the fire and police departments to keep promulgating these rules and getting them done timely. It's just an attempt to try and streamline the process.

Mr. Carbone - Thank you very much. Any questions for Mr. Jamison?

(No questions)

*Ms. Kosek made a motion to adjourn into executive session for the purpose of discussing pending or imminent court action matters. It was seconded by Mr. Kaminski 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 6:59 p.m. Also present from the Administration: Law Director Neal Jamison. The executive session concluded at 7:03 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 March 3, 2025 agenda link. \*\**

**MINUTES OF THE STRONGSVILLE CITY COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL AND REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 3, 2025 IN THE MIKE KALINICH SR. CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS.**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Council President Pro Tem Jim E. Carbone called the meeting to order at 7:04 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:** James E. Carbone, James A. Kaminski, Kelly A. Kosek, Annmarie P. Roff, Thomas M. Clark, and Brian M. Spring. **Also Present:** Clerk of Council Aimee Pientka. **Administration:** Mayor Thomas P. Perciak, Law Director Neal Jamison, and Finance Director Eric Dean.

**Absent:** Councilman Gordon C. Short.

*Motion made by Ms. Kosek, second by Mr. Kaminski to excuse Councilman Gordon C. Short for just cause. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.*

**COMMENTS ON MINUTES:**

The Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on February 18, 2025, were approved as submitted.

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

(None)

**REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES:**

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Mr. Clark:** Thank you, President Pro Tem Carbone. We had an Economic Development Committee meeting at the end of February. Our February meeting, we went on another tour; and that was at CCL Design's North American headquarters here in one of our industrial parks. We had a great turnout and we had great representation and a chance to engage with another business that is very happy to be here. A really amazing visit, an amazing building, and they have a lot of great workers there. It's a research and development facility where they are developing new products. We got to see some of that right at the forefront. It's just a really good visit and a chance to see as we pulled in and out of their parking lot, a chance to see some road work...some vehicles. We will see some earth moving vehicles that are preparing for the extension of that business park, which we will bring up in a little bit here with an ordinance towards that. Our next Economic Development Committee meeting is not going to be a tour. We are going to be back to a regular meeting, and it's going to be on March 24, 2025. We will get the official notice out for that, but that's the upcoming March meeting. I will be happy to take any questions, but if none, that concludes my report.

Mr. Carbone - I just want to add...I wanted to bring something to the attention to the administration and Council. I don't know if you've seen an article in Cleveland.com - it was titled, "Great Northern Mall's Future: Less retail, more mixed-use." They are working with the County Division of Planning and they are looking at an overlay to create more flexibility and uses. Also, one part of that is a residential component and very stringent design guidelines, green space, and outdoor amenities. I have always believed if we want to redevelop SouthPark Mall into a premiere center, that creates sustainability and something our residents would be proud of, we must plan for the future. I want to get that out there, and I believe that this is something, again, that we should be at least talking about and pursuing. I know there are some things going on with our mall. We have a great project in Dick's Sporting Goods, but I think we can go...and there is going to be some other things and other avenues. If we want premiere, I think we have to plan for that premiere. I would like to definitely have some conversations about that here in the near future.

**BUILDING AND UTILITIES – Ms. Roff:**

(No report)

**PUBLIC SERVICE AND CONSERVATION – Ms. Roff:**

(No report)

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

**PUBLIC SAFETY & HEALTH – Ms. Kosek:** Thank you, we have three for Public Safety and Health. We have Ordinance No. 2025-023, which is a request to purchase from the Department of Administrative Services, through their contract, six 2025 Dodge Durango police vehicles. Two of which would be outfitted for our K9 officers. The total amount there is just over \$420,000.00; not to exceed the total amount of \$421,360.00. I'd ask that we suspend and adopt that. We also have Ordinance No. 2025-024; this is to allow the administration to dispose of a used and obsolete police department vehicle - 2001 Chevrolet Cargo Van. This would be a donation to the Southwest Enforcement Bureau. I would ask that we suspend and adopt that as well. Finally, we have Resolution No. 2025-025, which is to accept a generous donation of \$1,000.00 from Swagelok Company. This is an annual donation that they make to the city, that is for use by our Strongsville Police Department, for equipment, education, and training. We thank them for that donation; and I'd ask that we suspend and adopt this resolution as well. That's all I have unless there are any questions.

(No questions)

**COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY – Ms. Kosek:**

(No report)

**RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES – Mr. Kaminski:** Yes, this evening I have one ordinance. Ordinance No. 2025-026 is a filing for an application for financial assistance with the Cuyahoga County Community Development fund. If we are able to secure those funds, we would use those for repairs at the recreation center and the senior center. We will recommend a suspension and adoption for that ordinance this evening, and that concludes my report.

Mr. Carbone - Any questions for Mr. Kaminski?

(No questions)

**PLANNING, ZONING AND ENGINEERING – Mr. Spring:** Thank you Mr. Carbone, I do have one for Planning, Zoning, and Engineering. Resolution No. 2025-027 is a resolution authorizing the Mayor to advertise for bids for the 2025 Pavement Reconstruction program. Depending on the cost, we are hoping to get nine streets, plus two more after a watermain is fixed in ward three. The recommendation on this one is to suspend and adopt. If there aren't any questions, that concludes my report.

(No questions)

**SCHOOL BOARD – Mr. Carbone:** At the last meeting, the school discussed adjusting the bus routes. Currently, the state minimum is two miles and above...I'm sorry, two miles. They are discussing...they are at 1 mile and going to 1.25 miles. If they do that, they strategically would have all the bus routes covered. It would give them floaters with what they currently have; and they wouldn't have to use office staff to drive the buses. The only reason for this, is the struggle to find bus drivers. This is an issue I know that is in many of our communities, if not all of our communities; so, because of the struggle, they are looking to adjust those bus routes. Also, the Strongsville Education Foundation has partnered with our PTA and the Catan Foundation, for cyber security for all 4th and 5th graders across the district.

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

**SCHOOL BOARD – Mr. Carbone (cont'd):** It is very important that our kids have that educational piece when it comes to cyber security. Lastly this evening, last week there was just some absolutely amazing people that were awarded through the "Founder's Day," which was a presentation of the Ohio PTA Achievement Awards. These are men and women, moms and dads behind the scenes, that just do amazing things for our kids and for our schools. It was just a proud evening that they can be awarded; and in this case, there were multiple mothers. There was also our high school principal, Bill Wringler, who again, does an amazing job. That will end my school board report.

**SOUTHWEST GENERAL HEALTH SYSTEM – Mr. Short:**

(No report)

**FINANCE – Mr. Short:**

Mr. Carbone - We have Ordinance No. 2025-028; this is making appropriations for the annual expenses and other expenditures from the city for the year 2025.

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

Mr. Carbone - Lastly this evening, under the Committee of the Whole, we have Ordinance No. 2025-029. This is amending section 266.13(a) of Chapter 266 of Title Six of Part Two-Administration Code of the Codified Ordinances concerning departmental rules and regulations. The recommendation is to suspend and adopt.

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

**MAYOR PERCIAK:** Thank you Mr. President, just one report today...one item. The State-of-the-City will be delivered on March 18, 2025, at the recreation center. Those wishing to attend should contact the Chamber of Commerce, and Amy Ferree will gladly take your reservation. As of now, we have about 150 coming, so we are getting close to maximum there. It is going to be a little different of a presentation this year as to how equity capital has made a difference in the City of Strongsville; and the different forms of lending from financial institutions to enable our business parks to expand and grow. It's going to take a little different approach. I think it's really something that we all need to listen to and understand that the world of business continues to change and evolve around us. We have to continue to change with it. That's the end of my report.

Mr. Carbone - Lunch is not changing with J Bella, is it?

(Laughter)

Mayor Perciak - No, it's the same thing. The only thing that I am struggling with, Jimmy, is the dessert. We have to figure that out yet.

Mr. Carbone - Okay, and I'm sure you guys will, thank you.



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

**FINANCE DEPARTMENT – Mr. Dean:** Thank you, Council Pro Tem. 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. Carbone - Thank you.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:**

Sue Mazzola, 3440 Boston Road, Brunswick, Oh. 44212: Sue Mazzola, 3440 Boston Road in Brunswick. On February 27, 2025, an opponent testimony was given to the Senate Transportation Committee on Sub House Bill 54 to repeal the original language. Mayor Perciak did not go or submit testimony, which what would he ask for? A study? I can assure you that we were ready with facts as we were the last time. In my opinion, further embarrassment was brought to the City of Strongsville. The state representative brought up Brunswick wanting the interchange in 2005. It almost made Jim Carbone bringing up the 2017 study seem reasonable. It was also stated that Steve Hambley, Brunswick Hills, and Hinckley were for the interchange - they all sent testimony supporting our appeal. I have requested emails, and know for a fact, that in 2016 Mayor Perciak received an email from Anthony Bales stating that, "Brunswick was not interested, then or in the foreseen future, on an interchange on Boston Road." On the Howe Road ramp, he stated, "That the federal highway immediately advised against it." NOACCA hesitated because of the outcry from residents. Mayor Perciak pulled the plug before NOACCA finished looking at the data from the I-71 Corridor study according to an article published September 20, 2016. The federal highway did not immediately advise against it. It was brought up that residents suggested dead ending Howe Road, and personally it wouldn't bother me. However again, ignoring your own study data that would do nothing for congestion on Royalton Road or Howe Road. I would also like to remind you that only 8% of traffic continues to Boston Road. I can't even say that that it's all Brunswick residents considering that there are at least five developments off of Boston Road on the Brunswick side; though he stated it would keep Strongsville residents from cutting through our city. That's something no one has complained about. I would also like to address mutual aid. If Howe Road was to be blocked off, who would have that burden? Your residents and taxpayers? You would have to pay to have more emergency services. Would it cost someone their life that they have to go around Howe Road? So, really not a smart idea. A few weeks ago, I asked how many of you knew that the representative was putting that provision in House bill 23. Of course, there was no answer, but it was brought to my attention that Council is not kept in the loop on what is happening by the Mayor. After requesting emails, I know differently that you were all in knowledge of this happening. Two lawyers - Ms. Kosek and Mr. Jamison, and a man of the law, Mr. Carbone. All of which took oath to uphold the law and yet, went along with going above the law. The rest of Council, as usual, sits back and does nothing - they just do what they are told by the mighty powerful Mayor. Again, I want to say as I did before, he will retire and leave the mess to you. You have lost respect from surrounding communities, and senators in Columbus because Tom Patton is willing to possibly lose your study, which was given in good faith.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):**

Ms. Mazzola (cont'd) - I would think you would lose credibility with both NOACCA and ODOT considering you didn't spend the \$100,000.00 that was granted to you in 2023. According to the agreement, it was to be used as a traffic study covering a large area, but opted to make a feasibility study on one street. I don't think they would be too happy with you if this study is halted with the money already invested; unless they bill you for the charges incurred so far, thank you.

Buckley Wilford, 18583 Benbow Road, Strongsville, Oh. 44136: Hello, my name is Buckley Wilford, and my address is 18583 Benbow Road in Strongsville. I didn't prepare a speech or anything, but I am disappointed that it didn't get done last year. I don't know why it didn't get voted on last minute with all the work we did. I don't know if you guys are involved in that, but I think it's all Tom Patton that is involved in all this kind of stuff. I'm disappointed that Tom Patton was on the Transportation Committee as the head chair for when they went down to submit Sub House Bill 54. That seems like some kind of...I don't know what kind of thing you call that with lawyer talk. It's like a crazy type of court that's all rigged or something - that Tom Patton is the head of the chair...whether to take it out, when he is the one that put it in that wants it there. I'm disappointed with Tom Patton's comments about closing off Howe Road. I think that as a city, rather than trying to...I imagine looking at the big picture, we have a traffic issue and that is what the whole problem is, or what everyone is saying...what you guys are all saying. Why don't we try to fix it within Strongsville? This interchange could take forever. I joked around with the policeman - I saw him the other day. He said he will be retired by the time it's done. I said I might be retired too by the time all this is done, I don't know. We have a problem now, so why don't we look at fixing the problem now by widening Howe Road, by changing some traffic stuff, or by doing something that won't take such a major \$100 million dollar issue to fix. That's something that we could do on a local level. I do respect all you guys, the Mayor, and everybody here. I know you guys work hard, and I don't want to be up here and be mean or say demeaning things or something. I have said this in the past, I think, because I was emotional. It's not good for me to be emotional, rude, or mean - I don't want to do that. I just ask for your support to help us to settle this. For sure, the Boston Road Interchange is a bad idea from everything we've seen with all the facts, and up to 90 houses disappearing. I know on Benbow Road, there's already like, I don't know what you call it, like drag racing going on. I changed the brakes on my wife's car Saturday night, and there was like somebody that must have been going at least 100 mph down the road. I thought, thank God I'm not pulling out of the driveway right now or somebody else isn't. I know if they close off Howe Road, they better close off Benbow Road. If they close off Howe Road and Benbow Road, there is going to be maybe trouble for our residents that live on Boston Road to try to get home over Boston Road right there. There's a lot of complex stuff to deal with, but I think we should be doing something. It seems like the facts are getting better, they are ordering emails, and they are looking at all these different things. They are seeing emails from Howe Road residents; and they are upset because they don't want it to be on Howe Road - they want it to go on Boston Road. I think as a city, we need to look at the whole city, not just like we are going to stick it to those guys on that side of the city, or stick it to the people on Howe Road as a city. We have to look for some kind of solution. There are some great minds here, and you guys work really hard. I think...I would ask that we could look at some different solutions in the meantime while all this is hopefully getting worked out at the House Sub Bill 54, thank you.

Sherri Hamm, 15728 Boston Road, Strongsville, Oh. 44136: I'm Sherri Hamm, 15728 Boston Road, Strongsville, Oh. I just have a few things that I wanted to bring up after the meeting with Mr. Patton and the Transportation Budget Committee.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):**

Ms. Hamm (cont'd) - There is a cliché that goes, "Cutting off one's nose to spite one's face." In case somebody doesn't know what that means, the meaning of it is, "To describe a needlessly self-destructive overreaction to a problem. It is a warning against acting out or pursuing revenge in a way that would damage oneself more than the object of one's anger." I bring this up because when he mentioned building a cul-de-sac, or making it into a cul-de-sac at the end of Howe Road, as it was stated previously, 8%...supposedly 8% are the Brunswick people that make it to Boston Road. They are not all Brunswick people. I am one of them, so is my husband, so are all my neighbors on Boston Road. There are a whole bunch more people that I know that are in the developments and their houses are closest to Boston Road. Why would they weave through their development to get there when they could just go straight to Boston Road? It's not just Brunswick people of that 8% that are going; it's also your Strongsville people too. If you cul-de-sac it, you are going to run into a lot more problems, such as traffic finding other ways to get to Boston Road - going down Saratoga Trail, going down Benbow Road, weaving in and out, or whatever. Emergency vehicles, if they can't go up Howe Road, they are going to have to be going around, like I said, up Saratoga Trail and through the development to get back to Howe Road if there is an emergency there. Doing that is just...like I said, it's just not a smart thing to do - that was one of the things. Secondly, I'm not trying to be mean or whatever, but I just don't understand why we are aligning ourselves, I hate to call names, with a person that lies. I listened to that meeting, and Mr. Patton blatantly said during the meeting that he knows that Hinckley, Mr. Hambley, and Brunswick Hills are for this. I went in August of 2023 to that meeting in Hinckley; and I have also gone to the one with Mr. Hambley and Brunswick Hills. I personally was told that I was wasting my time coming there because they submitted, back in October of 2022, a written statement stating that they are against this. He blatantly sat there and said, "They are for this." I don't understand how he can sit there and lie; I just don't get that. To be associated with a liar, only makes you look like a liar too. Doing that...I mean, I just...there are other lies I can go down, but that one really got to me because I was there. Not only that, but one of their Councilpersons that came up to me and said this, she was there when we introduced that first bill in Columbus. She walked in there, and I'm like, "Oh wow." It was her, so how can he say that when she was right there...she was in the picture? I looked at the picture that they took. Again, I just get disgusted when they are resorting to lying. Lastly, I'm just curious why there are so many Brunswick Council people that not only go down to Columbus to testify, but if they can't make it down to Columbus, there is written testimony from all these Councilmembers on Brunswick. I, as a Strongsville person, see nothing from you guys, and that's fine and dandy. To me, it speaks volumes - it really does. I don't know if you are finally opening up your minds to the fact of the destruction that this whole thing is causing in our lives right now. Should it come to fruition, then it's going to be ten years of total chaos. I'm sorry, but Mr. Perciak is probably not going to be here. He will probably be gone, and he won't have to deal with the traffic, the mud, backups, and everything. What?

(Unintelligible background conversation)

Ms. Hamm - Well, either way, you're not going to be here to put up with this stuff. It's just going to be an absolute mess. I'm asking you, when he is gone, because he can't last forever, is that when you guys are going to stand up for not only your own minds, but the people in Strongsville? I know they keep saying it's Brunswick...it's Brunswick. It's not just Brunswick, it's Strongsville - we are down there. We get the forgotten ugly step children, or whatever, but we are down there. If I had...I live seven houses away from Howe Road. If you cul-de-sac Howe Road, now I have to go all the way around. It's not resolving the issue on Howe Road.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):**

Ms. Hamm (cont'd) - I think you all know what the issue is - we need a third lane on Howe Road to go around all these FedEx, UPS, garbage trucks, and mail trucks. I have said it over and over again. I mean just go there and see, thank you.

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

**Resolution No. 2025-022** by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ADVERTISE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR PROFESSIONAL REAL ESTATE AGENCY, MARKETING, AND ADVISORY SERVICES, IN CONNECTION WITH SALE OF APPROXIMATELY 87.5 ACRES OF CITY-OWNED INDUSTRIAL LAND FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, 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. Kaminski. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

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

**Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Resolution No. 2025-022 ADOPTED.**

**Ordinance No. 2025-023** by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE REQUESTING PARTICIPATION IN OHIO DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES CONTRACTS FOR THE PURCHASE OF SIX (6) 2025 DODGE DURANGO POLICE VEHICLES FOR USE BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO DO ALL THINGS NECESSARY TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, 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. Kaminski. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

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

**Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2025-023 ADOPTED.**

**Ordinance No. 2025-024** by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSAL OF A USED AND OBSOLETE POLICE DEPARTMENT VEHICLE NO LONGER NEEDED FOR ANY MUNICIPAL PURPOSE, THROUGH DONATION AND TRANSFER TO ANOTHER POLICE AGENCY, 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. Kaminski. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

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

**Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2025-024 ADOPTED.**

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

**Resolution No. 2025-025** by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A DONATION OF \$1,000.00 FROM SWAGELOK COMPANY TO THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE TO BE USED FOR EQUIPMENT, EDUCATION AND TRAINING FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

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

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

**Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Resolution No. 2025-025 ADOPTED.**

**Ordinance No. 2025-026** by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE WITH THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY COUNCIL THROUGH THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND; AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS, 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. Kaminski. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

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

**Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2025-026 ADOPTED.**

**Resolution No. 2025-027** by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE 2025 PAVEMENT RECONSTRUCTION PROGRAM 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. Kaminski. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

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

**Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Resolution No. 2025-027 ADOPTED.**

**Ordinance No. 2025-028** by Mayor Perciak. AN ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE ANNUAL EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, OHIO, FOR THE YEAR 2025 AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NUMBER 2024-169.

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

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

**Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2025-028 ADOPTED.**

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

**Ordinance No. 2025-029** by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 266.13(a) OF CHAPTER 266 OF TITLE SIX OF PART TWO-ADMINISTRATION CODE OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE CONCERNING DEPARTMENTAL RULES AND REGULATIONS, 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. Kaminski. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

Motion to adopt by Ms. Kosek, second by Mr. Kaminski.

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2025-029 ADOPTED.

**COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS AND CLAIMS:**

*Application for Permit: NEW - D5I: To: Lucky Eleven LLC, 20995 Royalton Road, Strongsville, Ohio 44149 (Responses must be postmarked no later than 03/17/2025).*

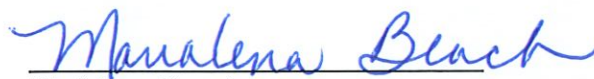
*Motion by Ms. Kosek, second by Mr. Kaminski to file a conditional objection to the application for permit based upon the applicant's lack of compliance with the City's Building, Health and/or Safety Codes; provided that when and if compliance is confirmed by the Building Department, the Clerk will withdraw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

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:**

(None)

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before this Council, President Pro Tem Carbone adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

  
Marialena Beach  
Council Secretary

03-17-25  
Date