

SUMMARY OF CAUCUS DISCUSSION AND MINUTES OF THE STRONGSVILLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON, MONDAY, JUNE 5, 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 **Monday, June 5, 2023, at 7:30 p.m.**

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

Council President, James Carbone, called the caucus to order at 7:34 p.m.

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

Planning, Zoning & Engineering Committee: Chairman Kaminski advised Ordinance No. 2023-058 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 of Strongsville to change the zoning classification of certain real estate located at 8810 Pearl Road (PPNs 395-06-009; 395-06-010; 395-06-011; 395-06-012) in the City of Strongsville from GB (General Business) classification to R-RS (Restaurant-Recreational Services) Classification. A favorable recommendation was given by the Planning Commission. Tonight, there will be a public hearing, and Council will vote pending the outcome of the hearing. Ordinance No. 2023-071 is an ordinance to rezone vacant property located on Marks Road, in the City of Strongsville, from GI-A (General Industrial-A) classification to RT-C (Townhouse-Cluster) classification (Portion of PPN 394-07-001). This was placed on first reading and referred to the Planning Commission for their recommendation. A favorable recommendation was given by the Planning Commission. This will be placed on second reading tonight and set for public hearing on July 17, 2023. Ordinance No. 2023-076 is to rezone property located on Royalton Road, (PPNs 393-18-003, 393-18-004 and 393-18-005), from R1-75 (one family) classification to PF (public facilities) classification. This will be placed on first reading and referred to the Planning Commission for their recommendation. Ordinance No. 2023-077 is an ordinance approving and authorizing the Mayor to enter into a real estate exchange agreement between the City of Strongsville, Ohio and the Strongsville Chamber of Commerce, LLC. Suspension and adoption was recommended for this legislation. Ordinance No. 2023-078 is a companion piece to Ordinance No. 2023-077. This is an ordinance approving and authorizing the Mayor to enter into a cross access easement for ingress, egress, parking and certain utilities between the City of Strongsville, Ohio and the Strongsville Chamber of Commerce, LLC. Mr. Jamison advised this is part of the exchange agreement between the Chamber of Commerce office building and Town Hall that would allow each said party to access their various things such as utilities on their property lines, parking matters, and their facility's' ingresses and egresses. This will be placed on first reading tonight and referred to the Planning Commission for their recommendation. Ordinance No. 2023-079 is an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract for the Whitney Road covered bridge project. The contract is with Suburban Maintenance & Construction, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$2,420,245.15. Suspension and adoption was recommended for this legislation. Ordinance No. 2023-080 is an ordinance enacting a new Chapter 1275 of the Planning and Zoning Code of the Codified Ordinances concerning electric vehicle charging stations. This will be placed on first reading tonight and referred to the Planning Commission for their recommendation.

Mr. DeMio questioned if Council should be placing this ordinance on a moratorium (temporary delay), while Council goes through the process for this legislation, due to the fact that the Cleveland Clinic already has 3 charging stations and the Marathon is looking at putting some in. Mr. Short added that Huntington Bank has a charging station as well. Mr. Jamison stated that this ordinance is being accredited to our City Planner, George Smerigan, and Assistant Law Director Dan Kolick.

Mr. Smerigan has seen electric vehicle charging stations become prevalent not only in the City of Strongsville, but across Northeast Ohio, and felt it was appropriate to develop some standards for uniformity and regulation. Mr. DeMio asked if this process is something that can be implemented today. Mr. Jamison stated that this would not be able to be done until the proper legislation is passed and posted. Mr. DeMio observed that due to the charging stations being a "fixed structure", there would most likely be a permit process that would need to take place through the building department. Mr. Jamison stated that he would check into that with the building department. Ms. Kosek asked if there were any known problems with any of the charging stations that are already in place; because she does not want to slow people down from putting these stations in. Mr. Short agreed with Ms. Kosek and asked where the standards for the electric vehicle charging stations come from, and if there is a national standard for them. Mr. Jamison stated that Mr. Smerigan has been implementing these in other communities that he works with in Northeast Ohio and has also worked with the building department and Dan Kolick. Mr. Jamison agreed that the city should not limit or prohibit the charging stations; and stated that this is an attempt to get some clarity and uniformity of standards for the building department, when permit requests start to come in. Ms. Kosek asked if there are any electric charging stations that were put in that the city finds to be problematic and that will warrant the need to do a moratorium. Mr. Jamison stated that he was not aware of any such problems. Mr. Clark commented that he was more concerned with the collective group of electric charging stations, as opposed to individual charging stations, potentially causing an infrastructure issue in terms of insufficient electricity. He stated that if they don't put a moratorium in place, and there is any delay in putting this legislation through, the charging stations may pop up very quickly and the city would not have the appropriate infrastructure to support them. Ms. Kosek agreed with the idea that Mr. DeMio had in terms of these charging stations needing some sort of permit from the city. Mr. DeMio noted that he is not opposed to these ECV charging stations, he is just seeing many already in place at various locations. Mr. Short added that due to fires, these stations would need to be properly constructed and permitted. Mr. Jamison advised that the building department looked at the electric charging station situation, and according to the Codified Ordinances, it has to be up to the electrical code. Mr. Jamison does not feel a moratorium is needed because this legislation will be looked at and voted on within the next few weeks. Mr. Jamison advised Council will be needing to call a special meeting, in late July for Ordinance No. 2023-076, due to the Board of Election's deadline to place legislation on the November ballot. At that same special meeting, Council can have the public hearing for this ECV legislation, and vote on it at that time if they so choose. Mayor Perciak mentioned that the government wants all electric cars out and on the street by 2030; but he is concerned that the city may not be ready for all electric cars by then. He also mentioned that there may not be enough charging stations by 2030, and that the power grids may not be able to accommodate all of the electric vehicles. Mayor Perciak stated there are just too many questionable variables at this time. Mr. Short commented that as an owner of an electric vehicle, more accommodations are needed. He also stated that Honda will be redoing two of their plants in Ohio to build nothing but electric cars; Ford is doing the same in Lorain. Mayor Perciak spoke with Fire Chief, Jack Draves and he mentioned that electric cars have been an issue for their fire department due to the lithium-ion batteries creating a serious suppression issue when they fail. The batteries can reignite after thousands of gallons of water are used to try and extinguish them. He also stated that since lithium batteries have the potential to reignite, towing companies are refusing to tow electric vehicles after they have been on fire, leading to insurance companies refusing to insure tow companies that choose to tow electric vehicles. Chief Draves commented that he received a solicitation from a vendor that is building dumpsters to submerge electric cars in, and to haul them away. Mr. Short commented that he would like the legislation to state that it prohibits commercial charging or charging at other people's homes. For example, there are services out there that allow you to go to someone's house or business, and charge your car there, paying a fee like you would at any other charging station somewhere else.

Chairman Kaminski advised Resolution No. 2023-081 is a resolution confirming the Planning Commission's approval of the site plan for a new community playground, interactive fountain, pavilion and recreation amenities on baseball fields located next to the Walter F. Ehrnfelt Recreation & Senior Center, known as the Strongsville Town Center project. Suspension and adoption was recommended for this legislation.

Pertaining to Ordinance No. 2023-077, Ms. Kosek asked if they will be voting on this real estate exchange agreement tonight due to the pending ballot determination of rezoning Ordinance No. 2023-076. Mr. Jamison stated that it's the opinion of the administration that this is a good opportunity for the city, even if the rezoning fails at the ballot in November. Mayor Perciak added that as a potential area for a future fire station, he feels it is in the city's best interest to own this parcel of property. He spoke to Chief Draves and he stated that in this past year, the fire department received 6,890 calls for service. Back in 2003, they had received around 1,200 service calls. In addition, there has been an increased amount of city traffic and building of senior residential facilities have caused the call volumes to increase.

Public Safety & Health Committee: Chairman Kaminski advised Ordinance No. 2023-082 is an ordinance approving purchases of supplemental specialty items, equipment, and installation of accessories necessary to properly outfit new vehicles separately purchased for use by the police department. The contracts are with Statewide Emergency Products in the amount of \$44,468.00, Greve Chrysler Jeep Dodge in the amount of \$46,980.00, and Superior Collision in the amount of \$45,402.00, for a total amount not to exceed \$125,850.00. This legislation is without public bidding; therefore, all 7 votes of Council are needed for this legislation to pass. Suspension and adoption was recommended for this legislation.

Recreation & Community Services Committee: Chairwoman Roff advised Ordinance No. 2023-083 is an ordinance authorizing and directing the Mayor to issue and approve a change order (final) for an increase in the contract price with RFC Contracting, Inc., in connection with the natatorium renovations at the Walter F. Ehrnfelt Recreation & Senior Center. The increase is in the amount of \$34,500.00, for a total project cost of \$1,079,500.00. Suspension and adoption was recommended for this legislation.

Communications & Technology Committee: Chairman Carbone advised Ordinance No. 2023-084 is an ordinance approving and authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract for a subscription for the renewal of the Kronos workforce dimensions timekeeping information technology software, and services for use by the finance and human resource department. The contract is with Kronos Incorporated, a UKG company, in the total amount of \$60,441.44. Suspension and adoption was recommended for this legislation.

Ms. Kosek made a motion to adjourn into executive session for the purpose to consider the sale or purchase of real or personal property and for pending civil litigation. It was seconded by Mr. DeMio 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 7:56 p.m. The executive session concluded at 8:16 p.m. and reconvened into open session.

MINUTES OF THE STRONGSVILLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 5, 2023 IN THE MIKE KALINICH SR. CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

CALL TO ORDER:

Council President James E. Carbone called the meeting to order at 8:17 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, James A. Kaminski, Joseph C. DeMio, Gordon C. Short, Kelly A. Kosek, Annmarie P. Roff and Thomas M. Clark. **Also Present:** Clerk of Council Aimee Pientka. **Administration:** Mayor Thomas P. Perciak, Finance Director Eric Dean, Law Director Neal Jamison and Fire Chief Jack Draves.

COMMENTS ON MINUTES:

The Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on May 15, 2023, were approved as submitted.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Ordinance No. 2023-058 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE ADOPTED BY SECTION 1250.03 OF TITLE SIX, PART TWELVE OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF STRONGSVILLE TO CHANGE THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF CERTAIN REAL ESTATE LOCATED AT 8810 PEARL ROAD (PPNs 395-06-009; 395-06-010; 395-06-011; 395-06-012) IN THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE FROM GB (GENERAL BUSINESS) CLASSIFICATION TO R-RS (RESTAURANT-RECREATIONAL SERVICES) CLASSIFICATION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. *First reading and referred to the Planning Commission 04-03-23. Favorable recommendation by the Planning Commission 04-13-23. Second reading 04-17-23. Public hearing 06-05-23.*

*Mr. Carbone invited anyone wishing to speak **IN FAVOR** of the Ordinance to approach the podium and address Council.*

Elizabeth Eaken, 175 E. Erie Street, Suite 300 Kent, Ohio 44240: Elizabeth Eaken, I'm actually an architect with Metis Design. Our address is 175 E. Erie Street Suite #300 in Kent, Ohio and with me tonight is...

Jason Burg, 110 Tower Lane, Elk Grove Village, Illinois 60007: Hello, I am Jason Burg, I'm with Dunkin Brands, 110 Tower Lane, Elk Grove Village, Illinois ERG.

Ms. Eaken - ...we are here obviously in favor of this as I am the architect for it and he is the client. We are here to answer any questions if anybody has any questions. I think I have given you all the information, site plans, and some preliminary elevations. We are just needing to change the zoning; because you can't have a restaurant as a single building. That is why we are requesting the zoning change.

PUBLIC HEARING (cont'd):

Mr. Carbone – We know that you did submit and thank you, but I do have one question. This is Pearl Road and Broxton Road and on Broxton Road, there is a traffic signal there. I wanted to see if we can relook at the left-hand turn onto Pearl Road. Maybe if there was not a left-hand turn, that would push it to Broxton Road where it would be safer to be at the light turning left.

Ms. Eaken – So you mean if you're eastbound turning left...

Mr. Carbone – If you are coming out of Dunkin Donuts, assuming that passes, and you wanted to make a left...what I'm saying is that if we did not allow the left turn on Pearl Road, it would push the traffic to Broxton Road where they can safely make that left, and they wouldn't have to cross all those lanes.

Ms. Eaken – all those lanes, yes.

Mayor Perciak – Going north.

Ms. Eaken – I understand.

Ms. Roff – Plus, it would keep it from backing up too like they have at some...I was in one of the other cities and I always see a long line of traffic coming out of Dunkin Donuts.

Ms. Eaken – No problem.

Mr. Burg – So, it's a right in and right out there?

Mr. Carbone – Yes. Anybody else in favor of the Dunkin Donuts on Pearl Road?

Paul Goulis, 18244 Broxton Road, Strongsville, Ohio 44136: Paul Goulis, 18244 Broxton Road. My question is if everybody is coming onto Broxton Road, is the city going to do anything to the traffic light at that intersection?

Mr. Carbone – I'm sorry, repeat that again.

Mr. Goulis – Is the city or Dunkin Donuts going to do anything with the traffic light at that intersection?

Mr. Carbone – There already is a traffic light.

Mr. Goulis – Oh no, there is a traffic light there, but I don't believe it has...I don't know...timing.

Ms. Roff – I think what he is looking for is the timing.

Mr. Goulis – Yes, something is wrong with the timing on that.

Mayor Perciak – We can check that.

Mr. Jamison – Yes, we can have the engineering department check that.

Mayor Perciak – We just spent six million dollars on traffic light signalization, so we are going to check that for you.

Mr. Goulis – Okay, thank you.

PUBLIC HEARING (cont'd):

Mr. Carbone – Anybody else in favor?

(No comments)

*Mr. Carbone then invited anyone wishing to speak **IN OPPOSITION** of the Ordinance to approach the podium and address Council.*

(No comments)

Hearing no further comments in regard to this matter, Council President Carbone closed the Public Hearing on said Ordinance.

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, May 25, 2023. Once again, a substantial amount of recognition...too much to highlight here, but we have a lot to be proud of and it was across academics, athletics, and the arts. There was recognition from Auto Mustangs and extra mile award winners as usual too. The meeting took place at the Strongsville High School and it was also the meeting where the administration recognized our district's retirees, again, too many to mention here. During the financial segment of the meeting, there was a second resolution that passed unanimously. It was a procedural vote for the renewal levy; 5.9 million dollars that will be on the ballot in November. There was also a vote passed enabling the Strongsville City School district to join an expedited local partnership program: the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission. This was an "opt-in" vote that enables the school system to follow the process, so they could participate to get money back on any new construction if at some time their number becomes eligible to get a refund. There is still a decision point that will come in late summer or early fall. So, to clarify, this vote does not mean that SCS (Strongsville City Schools) is automatically going with the program; but enables them to proceed as if, until another phase gate. Strongsville City Schools participated in that program when they built SMS (Strongsville Middle School); and while the factors have changed at this point, the proven thing to do is to avail ourselves to all options which is exactly what the school board has done. There was also supplemental contract votes that did not pass. The fiscal year 2023 revenue and expenditure analysis through April was presented; and the current monthly cash flows, including actual data through April were provided. The fiscal year is approximately 83% complete with monthly cash flows compromised of ten actual and two forecasted estimates indicating expenditures totaling \$105 million, which is more than expenditures were projected for the district's current forecast. That concludes my report on the school board, but I will gladly take any questions.

BUILDING AND UTILITIES – Mr. Clark:

(No report)

SOUTHWEST GENERAL HEALTH SYSTEM – Mr. Short - Thank you Mr. Carbone, we did have a board meeting last month. A couple of highlights are that the Southwest General system created an employee value proposition, that defines unique employee benefits received in return for their skills, capabilities, and experience brought to an organization. It is something new that is developing in the healthcare field, and I'm thinking corporate America as well. Southwest General did partner with Baldwin Wallace's University healthcare's undergraduate program to help develop this EVP statement for the hospital system. It is being rolled out both internally and externally; so, I will share it with all of us today and for the public at-large: "At Southwest General, we believe in the power of teamwork, creating a family-like environment, ensuring a work-life balance, and providing and providing meaningful work to make a real difference in people's lives. We value our employees as much as our patients; offering a supportive work culture that encourages growth, development, and collaboration. We are committed to building a team that works together, supports each other, and ultimately saves lives every day. At Southwest General, you are a family." I think that really cements Southwest General's dedication to its employees. They treat them as well as they treat their patients. I give kudos to Baldwin Wallace for that and that means a lot coming from a John Carroll University graduate. A couple of highlights as well for the quarter in the first five months of the year. We all have seen post Covid in the labor market and shortages, the good news is that Southwest General continues to fill positions with filling over 100 positions in the first four months of 2023. In light of that EVP statement, Southwest General is once again recognized as the "Top Workplace Winner for Cultural of Excellence," and was awarded the "Top Workplace for Purpose and Values in 2023." I think they were living a mission statement before they even developed it. An interesting note if you do get a chance to be there at the lobby or at Southwest General, a volunteer, Bob Silwinski created a "Fallen Soldier" memorial which was on display over Memorial Day weekend. It is in the lobby of Southwest General and I believe it's still there if you want to stop by and see that memorial he created for the fallen soldiers. Lastly, I would be remiss as a CPA, if I didn't talk about some of the accounting numbers. While revenue is down, because patient volume is lower than expected, hospital stays are being turned around quicker. The average stay is down which is a good thing for patients, but volume being lower also affects revenue. Obviously, as we know, wages and other costs of supplies have increased with inflation. While that created a negative operating margin for the month of May, the hospital system continues to have positive cash flow. As you know, the Mayor as a banker, cash is king. That is a good sign for the health system. Overall, the system continues to...post-pandemic continues to see improvement overall across the system as a whole. That concludes my report on Southwest General, but I will happily take any questions.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Mr. Short: We did not have a meeting last month, and we will not have one in June. Although I do want to note that the Mayor, Mr. Kaminski, and Mr. Clark were there as well at Schaeffler Automotive. They held their grand opening for their distribution center right on Route 82, just west of Prospect Road, on the south side of the street. It was a tribute to Strongsville that they decided to build their North American distribution center, for all of the distribution to Canada and the United States, here in Strongsville, Ohio. They are based in Germany and are a huge multi-national corporation...still family run which is amazing in this day in age. I think they are a \$16 billion dollar company, if I remember my facts correctly.

Mayor Perciak – Correct, and the facility is almost \$20 million.

Mr. Short – Yes, and it has room for expansion and growth. Talking about EV charges, they are also preparing for the change of cars from motor based to battery based. The Director of the Ohio Department of Development, Lydia Mihalik, was here from the State of Ohio to help with grants to ensure that the company stayed in Ohio and here in Strongsville. If you get a chance, while it looks like just a big warehouse, there's a lot of economic activity there. It is an attestation to what Strongsville brings to businesses to be here with our location, our diversity of the workforce, and the ability to provide resources for these types of companies in Strongsville, Ohio. That concludes my report, but I will happily take any questions.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

Mayor Perciak – I just have one more thing to add. It was amazing to see the President, CEO, family members, and so many of the senior management fly in from Germany to be here for this opening. Lydia Mihalik, from the state, did a splendid job of explaining everything when she had her opportunity to talk about Strongsville and why they chose Strongsville. It's important for everybody here to know that when you have someone at the state level speak that highly of what we can or cannot do, that's aces, especially in front of a foreign market. When we talk about companies relocating here, I think we now have six different companies here from six different parts of the world that have located in our business parks. That is another plus.

Mr. Kaminski – That was probably the most impressive grand opening ribbon cutting that we have ever had in town.

Mayor Perciak – Absolutely.

Mr. Kaminski – That was first class.

Mr. Carbone – I would also like to add...that started two years prior to them coming in. This Council stood up and protected industrial land. There was a lot of pushback for this Council to rezone that to a retail center for an establishment that went west on Route 82. Kudos to Council for keeping that industrial land and for waiting for the right opportunity. It looks like we didn't hit a home run, we hit a grand slam. Kudos to Council. Thank you, Gordon. Any questions for Mr. Short?

(No comments)

PUBLIC SERVICE AND CONSERVATION – Mr. DeMio:

(No report)

FINANCE – Ms. Kosek:

(No report)

PLANNING, ZONING AND ENGINEERING – Mr. Kaminski: We have quite a bit; I will get started with the public hearing we have this evening. Ordinance No. 2023-058 which is amending the zoning map to change the zoning of certain real estate located at 8810 Pearl Road from (GB) general business classification to (R-RS) restaurant - recreational services). We plan on voting on that this evening. Ordinance No. 2023-071 is amending the zoning map for vacant property located on Marks Road from (GI-A) general industrial adult classification to (RTC) townhouse cluster classification. That project did receive a favorable recommendation from the Planning Commission on May 25, 2023. We will be doing a second reading this evening on that, and that will have a public hearing on July 17, 2023. Ordinance No. 2023-076 is to change the zoning classification for properties located on Royalton Road. There are three parcels there.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

PLANNING, ZONING AND ENGINEERING – Mr. Kaminski (cont'd) - This will end up going on the ballot in November; but for now, this will be placed on first reading this evening and we will refer that to the Planning Commission. Ordinance No. 2023-077 is approving and authorizing the Mayor to enter into a real estate exchange agreement between the City of Strongsville and the Strongsville Chamber of Commerce, LLC. The recommendation for that is suspension and adoption this evening. Ordinance No. 2023-078 is also pertaining to the Chamber property. This is authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement for egress, parking, and utility issues on the property with the Chamber of Commerce. That will be a first reading this evening and will go to the Planning Commission as well. Moving on to Ordinance No. 2023-079, which is an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract for the Strongsville Whitney Road covered bridge project. We had to send that out for a rebid, and we now have a successful bidder for that and contract. We would like to move on and suspend and adopt that, so we can get that work started on the covered bridge. Ordinance No. 2023-080, that is enacting a new chapter in the Planning and Zoning Code for electrical vehicle charging stations. We had quite a conversation here during Caucus. Obviously, with the growth of electric vehicles, we need to look at the charging stations and how we need to regulate those. That is getting ahead of this issue. The recommendation is to place this on first reading tonight, and then that will go to the Planning Commission. Finally, we have Resolution No. 2023-081. We are all excited to let everyone know that the Planning Commission gave site approval plan for the new community playground, the interactive fountain pavilion, and the recreation amenities that will be built over at the baseball fields; also known as the Strongsville Town Center project. The recommendation is suspension and adoption. We look forward to getting started on that project, hopefully later this summer, right Mayor?

Mayor Perciak – Yes.

Mr. Kaminski – That concludes my report for Planning Zoning and Engineering; but I will be happy to take any questions.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEALTH – Mr. Kaminski: There is only one issue tonight for Public Safety and Health. We have Ordinance No. 2023-082, which allows the approval for the purchase of supplemental specialty equipment. This is all the equipment that goes into the police car that makes it into a police car. We are authorizing the Mayor to do this without public bidding, so we need all seven votes on this ordinance. The recommendation is suspension and adoption. That concludes my report on Public Safety and Health, but I will happily take any questions this evening.

Ms. Roff – I just wanted to remark and thank our safety forces this past couple of weeks. They have done a phenomenal...they always do a phenomenal job, but they have been extra busy. There's been quite a few fires and other things that had happened over the last couple of weeks here in Strongsville; and you guys have done a phenomenal job, I appreciate it.

Mr. Kaminski – Excellent...I don't know if everyone was able to see it, but Chief Fender was recognized by the VFW at the Memorial Day parade at The Freedom Trail, which was outstanding. I believe his retirement date is coming later this summer, Mayor?

Mayor Perciak – It's on July 31, 2023.

Mr. Kaminski – That was a great thing to see as well. That concludes my report, thank you very much.

Mr. Carbone – Thank you, Mr. Kaminski.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES - Ms. Roff: I have just one ordinance, which is a change order (final) to finish up our pool area at the recreation center. The recommendation is to suspend and adopt if we could please.

Mr. Carbone – Any questions for Ms. Roff?

(No comments)

COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY – Mr. Carbone: We have Ordinance No. 2023-084; this is to enter into a contract with the city's employee timekeeping system, Kronos Incorporated, for \$60,441.44. This is without public bidding, so we need all seven votes. The recommendation is to suspend and adopt. Does anybody have any questions for me this evening?

(No comments)

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – Mr. Carbone:

(No report)

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

MAYOR PERCIAK:

(None)

FINANCE DEPARTMENT – Mr. Dean: Thank you Council President, I would like to 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: Thank you Mr. Chairman, I just want to let Council know that I will be in attendance at an injunction hearing tomorrow in Common Pleas Court to address one of the homes on Howe Road. They continue, even after the litigation was filed, to bring in construction and asphalt debris, and dump it on their property. We have a hearing scheduled for 2:00 p.m. in Common Pleas Court, and I will keep Council apprised as to the developments in that case. Other than that, all ordinances and resolutions are in proper legal form, thank you.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Buckley Wilford, 18583 Benbow Rd., Strongsville, Ohio 44136: My name is Buckley Wilford, and I live at 18583 Benbow Rd. I came again to talk about the interchange. I walked around my neighborhood, and I have petitions going on. I've handed out signs; I've spoken to people, and people are very upset that live in the area. Nobody is buying this "dead-end road Benbow" because we have a cut-through at Chandler Commons and we know how that's going to end up. There are a ton of kids. I have kids, and other people have kids. It is going to be crazy. We all know what will happen in the years to come; there will be a gas station, and there will be other things. Our nice little country part of town will not be a country part of town anymore. I myself drive all the time during rush hour back and forth. I'm a Champlain at St. John's, and I have now been going around West 130th Street, and it's about five minutes extra for traffic. I know everybody is upset, and they think this is going to solve the traffic problem. The only thing I see it doing, and all of the people I have talked to agree, is making our city dumpier.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):

Mr. Wilford (cont'd) - I will tell you that there are other cities around that have done this, and if you look in their areas where there is an interchange into a residential area, it's not a nice looking area. I live there, and the other people live there. What was even worse was that I found when I talked to people...a lot of older people are intimidated, thinking that no one is going to listen to them anyway if they speak up or say anything. It shouldn't be like that in our city. As you guys are city Council members representing us, I know some people in the city on the other side of town can care less about our side of town, which isn't very neighborly. They may have a different opinion, but the people that you're representing on our side of town have a whole different opinion, and it seems like nobody cares...no one is trying to stand up for us. I wonder if we have a vote...I don't know how it all works, with everything in City Council, when people are in favor or against it. Will there even be an "in favor" or "against it" if this passes the assessment? Would we even put up any kind of resistance against it if we had 1,000 residents on a petition saying, "We don't want this interchange, and we live in the area and we are not interested in it". It's so upsetting walking around and hearing people. Some people are literally afraid about it. Maybe because going door to door is always intimidating thinking somebody is coming over to your door; but I am a pretty nice guy. I'm a Baptist pastor as well, and I have gone door to door. I know how to be very friendly, and very gentle, and I know how to talk to people and sense people. This is a very bad thing we have going on in our area and our community. There are some people who are highly upset about it. That's what I want to share tonight.

Mr. Carbone – Well, you have always been humble and kind to us. Thank you, and thank you for giving your opinion.

Mr. Wilford – Thanks so much, and I like all you guys...I vote for all of you guys. I'm not going against anybody personally; but I am very much against this going on in our city, thank you.

(Applause)

Chase Conklin, 23220 Chagrin Blvd., Beachwood, Ohio 44122: Thank you Council for allowing me to speak tonight. My name is Chase Conklin, and I am here on behalf of Congressman Max Miller. I am Congressman Max Miller's field representative. I just wanted to show up tonight to introduce myself to all of you and the constituents here. I wanted to make sure that everybody here knew where our offices were. We have an office on Ridge Road in Parma, Ohio...It has the Mayor's law offices above it. It's the Parks and Recreation building. We also have one in Medina Square, and if anybody needs anything, please reach out to us. I have cards here tonight if you guys want to take some and the constituents want to take some. Please, if you need anything with casework, anything with VA claims, social security, and passports...which are our big ones right now. We are here to help. Even if you just want to call us and complain about something, or tell us we're doing a great job. We will take your call, and we will listen.

Mr. Carbone – Thank you for coming this evening. Since Max has been in office, he's been very helpful to the City of Strongsville, which will ultimately trickle down to our residents. I made it known to him last week, a bunch of us did, with the assistance on North Prospect Road...unbelievable. He has already helped with passports, which I heard from some residents who were very appreciative, so thank you. Thank you for being here.

Mr. Conklin – Of course, thank you.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):

Nancy Frognowski, 465 Pembroke Cove, Brunswick, Ohio 44212: My voice won't be as shaky as in the past. Nancy Frognowski, my address is 465 Pembroke Cove, Brunswick. If I understood correctly from what you were talking about with the new business at Route 82 and Prospect Road, that is what you had the open house for, which is wonderful. I congratulate you. Doesn't that put more traffic on Route 82, which is what you're trying not to do? Isn't the Boston Road interchange being proposed because of all of the traffic problems? I don't understand that logic. Also, the new housing, I think you said, was at Marks Road, and I don't remember the intersection, but that to me, would also bring more traffic. I guess it just seems a little...I can't think of the word I want, but it just seems like you're adding more, and yet we have the interchange issue being pushed on...whatever the word is in Brunswick. It just doesn't make sense to me.

Mr. Carbone – Those are valid points. First of all, you did awesome this evening. You weren't nervous at all; you were being really confident. Maybe she might be up here one day...we have to watch, right? It's a good point, but when it comes to personal property, people have a legal right to develop that land. We control zoning. We have been very fortunate with that particular project that Mr. Short was referring to on Route 82 by the tracks. We were able to maximize that property for payroll tax for our community, without adding all the traffic that would be generated from a retail center. To us, that was a win-win. It's just natural...if somebody owns that property, they are legally...they have the legal right to develop that property. That goes for Brunswick. I think we talked about what the possibilities are over at Grafton Road, and possibly all the new development that may be going there. It's part of progress and we want to make sure that's it's done appropriately. That's why there are levels here within the administration in our city. We make sure that we control the zoning; and some of these have really been win-wins for our community and for the traffic.

Ms. Frognowski – Doesn't it bring in more employees in and....

Mr. Carbone – Yes, but the traffic is different when you're talking about an industrial building when compared to retail. Retail brings the highest concentration of traffic; way more so than even residential.

Ms. Frognowski – So you're saying the industrial, having that company as industrial, is a better use of that if it were to become retail.

Mr. Carbone – Absolutely.

Ms. Frognowski – I am also curious if we have any outcome of the study being done. We are all waiting to hear that.

Mayor Perciak – We received the study late Friday. The study is approximately 700 plus pages and we haven't even cracked through it. We spoke about it at our staff meeting this morning. We do have it in printed form, and of course, we have it online. I can't even begin to tell you what's in it because I haven't been able to read it. Our engineering department is going through it as we speak. That study has already been forwarded to ODOT and all of the necessary players in Columbus, Ohio. They received it at the same time we did.

Ms. Frognowski – Does Brunswick...I'm sorry, excuse me.

Mayor Perciak – That's where it's at.

Ms. Frognowski - Does Brunswick get a copy of that too then?

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):

Mayor Perciak – I can't answer that.

Ms. Frognowski – With all due respect, why not?

Mayor Perciak – They have attorneys there. You should ask them.

Ms. Frognowski – Alright, thank you.

Mr. Carbone – I think getting the study on Friday, with the weekend, and then coming into a Council meeting this evening, we are going to be very diligent with that study. We are also going to be very transparent. A 700-plus page document coming right to us is going to take some time to digest; but we will be very transparent. Would anybody else like to come up?

Sherri Hamm, 15728 Boston Road, Strongsville, Ohio 44136: Twenty-four years ago, when we were looking for a house, we picked Strongsville, not only for the school district but for the house. We had a list of things that we wanted; and this house that we are in right now, is one that we got because it matched everything but one thing. We raised our two children through the Strongsville Public Schools and we are finally, just last month, done with college and everything. We wanted to start updating the house, and we have a driveway that needs to be redone. It's absolutely ugly. I cannot soak \$20,000.00 into a driveway on the fact that it may be demolished in how many years? My husband, after 24 years, has finally just said, "Let's do this, let's update the kitchen". Then this news came through. We had already done the family room. I guess I feel like when the slip ramp was proposed and the roundabout, that those people were taken more seriously, more supported, and the kibosh was put on those because they didn't want it. I just feel like we people on the border of Strongsville are like the "ugly stepchildren" that are forgotten about. I just don't think we have any kind of representation down...we didn't know anything about this. I have a neighbor that had no idea about it. We weren't informed about any of this. Do we have a say in it at all? Are we not equal to the people up there in the Shurmer Road area? I feel more support from Brunswick people, and the Council and everything else, than I do from Strongsville. I have put many hours into the Strongsville school system. I was very active in the school system, and I even worked as a sub there. I don't understand a lot of things that are going on like all these studies. How many studies have been done? How much of the tax payer's money has paid for all those studies? Every one of them comes back the same. Mayor Ehrnfelt said years ago to my neighbor when she was building a house in 1974, I heard something about ramps, and he looked at her and said, "They have been talking about that for 20 years." "Don't worry, it will never happen." All these studies...each one comes back, one after another, saying no. Yet here I am again, doing the same thing. The only difference is somehow or another somebody changed all these studies' minds to now we need it. There's no need for ramps with Howe Road and traffic. There's no traffic on Howe Road south of Drake Road. I have traveled that road; so, I would be the first one to complain (unintelligible). Ninety percent of the traffic is gone by Drake Road. It's the northern Strongsville people that go into those developments, go down Shurmur Road to avoid going down Route 82, and go left or right at Drake Road. When you get to the end at Howe Road, like I said, go sit down there and look. I'm on one of the roads back; and there is no traffic down there. The most you're going to get at rush hour is maybe about ten cars. I'm one of those cars, and I'm a Strongsville resident. I don't know why you keep blaming Brunswick people. Personally, I think it would be stupid to get off at that mess on Route 82. You guys keep saying how messy it is. Why would they want to get off there? I just feel like I said, "the forgotten one on the edge." We have no say in it, and I have to find another house like the house I live in with the land and the lot I have. My whole backyard is wooded. I personally bought that house for that reason, and I would have to move further south to get anything comparable. I have a father that I take care of in Parma, Ohio, who is in his 80s, and I have a child that lives up here. I'm going to move further from him because, why? Because I was told I had to.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):

Ms. Hamm (cont'd) - I don't know how the study would change...with Covid there is less traffic because more people are working at home. Why are we still pushing this matter? I'm embarrassed because Strongsville keeps blaming Brunswick. Middleburg Heights doesn't blame Strongsville, the northern Strongsville residents, for getting off of their ramps. You guys have all these retail restaurants that you will gladly take the money from the Brunswick people, yet you don't want them to take your roads to get there. I'm...for the first time, I am really disappointed in Strongsville. I don't feel...I just think you guys think it's a joke for the residents of Brunswick, and I just don't see them getting respect. When I go to Brunswick, I feel totally respected by those people. I feel that they genuinely care about us and what happens to us. How is it safer to put an interchange...an interchange down in a residential area versus a slip ramp or a roundabout?

Mr. Carbone – We like to be consistent with the five minutes first of all; but second of all, you are being heard. You are being heard right now and there is a process. When you say, "Nobody is standing up, we don't know what to stand up for, sit down for, or anything. When we went through the process in the past with the slip ramp, we had something in front of us. We had...there was a time period that we had to digest it, learn it, and ask questions before we publicly went out with anything. We haven't been afforded that opportunity yet because the study just came in on Friday. There are still going to be other steps beyond that through ODOT that are going to be timely. Whenever you're looking at traffic solutions...whenever we are afforded that opportunity I will just speak for myself. I am always going to look at that opportunity; because it has been kind of a "black eye" for our city. Whenever there's an opportunity there that could help our traffic...as the Mayor mentioned, we made a six million dollar investment in our traffic signalization program. Of course, we want to get people home more safely and we want to get them home more quickly. We want them home safely; it's the same with this. Nobody can dispute that we don't have traffic issues on I-71 and Route 82. If there is something out there that we can do, some options that we can have, I'm going to be all for that in looking at it. I'm not saying I'm going one way or another, but I would love to see what solutions are out there.

Ms. Hamm – Part of the safety is the crime that comes...the human trafficking.

Mr. Carbone – Ma'am, we are going to give other people an opportunity, but all those things are being taken into consideration.

Ms. Hamm – Okay, thank you.

Mr. Carbone – Thank you, ma'am.

(Applause)

Rose Helderman, 15604 Boston Road, Strongsville, Ohio 44136: Rose Helderman, 15604 Boston Road. I was just wondering if that study is going to be made public; and any plans as to how long you think it might take?

Mr. Carbone – I don't know the details...Mayor?

Mayor Perciak – I don't have the details yet either. Again, as soon as it's available, and if someone wants to get it just as I said, you can talk to the law director in Brunswick, and I'm sure he can help you.

Ms. Helderman – I live in Strongsville.

Mayor Perciak – You can talk to this guy here then.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):

Ms. Helderman – I just want to repeat what my two Strongsville neighbors said. I whole heartedly agree with them and it's really hard for me to speak.

(Applause)

Mr. Carbone – Thank you, we have been transparent at this point. We just don't have much, but we will continue to be transparent. Just like the Mayor said, whatever is there is available to whoever. So, when you mentioned if Brunswick will get a copy, if Brunswick wants a copy, they can absolutely request a copy. That is how the process goes and we are going to follow that process just like any other time. That's going to continue because that process is by law.

Mayor Perciak – Mr. President, for everybody here from Brunswick, I keep referring you to your law director because it's really up to the law director and your elected officials in Brunswick to make the requests. I can't speak for them in what they want, what they are going to do, or how they are going to do it. They know what rights they have to request these; and it's up to them to make the decision, not us. We just received it, and if they want it, as I said...what's the law director's name? Mr. Fisher?

Mr. Jamison – Yes, so if I can add Mayor, the City of Brunswick has made a public records request, and we have been assembling the various documents; there are a large number. I'm sure this latest study will be part of it. Again, there is a lot of information that has been accumulated, even in the last couple of years. We are in the process of responding to that and responding to it timely. The city will get it in due course, but if any individual wants a copy of this report, you can always make a request either to the clerk or the law department. Again, we will respond in due course. Thank you.

Ms. Kosek – May I? Neal, I suspect you're going to get a lot of people asking for this document...

Mr. Jamison – We might even post it online.

Ms. Kosek – That is what I would like to request that Mr. Semms make it available online so anyone who would like to take a look at it can do so without having to make a request. I think it will save...I think it will be more efficient that way if you do that.

Mr. Jamison – Yes, we will discuss that tomorrow.

Ms. Roff – The residents that live there in Ward 2, can give me a call, an email, or something. A text or call works best...440-241-5253, and then I could know when that's available for viewing online. Again, 440-241-5253. Thank you.

Mr. Carbone – Would anybody else this evening like to come up for audience participation?

Dean Bogucki, 18492 Benbow Road, Strongsville, Ohio 44136: Hello, Dean Bogucki, 18492 Benbow Road in Strongsville. I have lived here for over forty years, and I have seen a lot of changes here in Strongsville. The last time this came up, it was tabled by the state after it was, I believe, \$61 or \$90 million dollars that it was going to cost. We are back at the same thing again, as far as I am concerned. Everybody has blamed Brunswick, and we know that Brunswick traffic does go through there, but as the lady from Boston Road stated, most of it does dissipate by Drake Road. If you go down to Route 82, you'll find that between 7:00 a.m. and maybe 9:00 a.m. there's a lot of traffic. Then, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., there's nobody there except for mall traffic. Mall traffic was brought there by Council voting in the mall, so...

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):

Mr. Carbone – Residents voted in the mall.

Mr. Bogucki – It still had a lot with the Council to do, but yes, you're right, they did vote it in and I stand corrected. I feel what needs to be done...there needs to be more sequence and separation on the traffic signals because they still aren't right. By putting an exit at Boston Road, you are now putting all this traffic down there again, that's not necessary. All it's going to do is promote, "Oh, we need another gas station...we need this". If you are really serious about it, let's put a moratorium on any permits being done there. They are changing the classification from residential to business for, let's say, fifty years. If you really want to do it, let's do it that way. You are saying, "Hey, we are not going to be allowing businesses to come down there." That is just one of my suggestions.

Mayor Perciak – Sir, anything that is zoned residential is a ballot issue, so you don't have to worry about that. That's the highest zoning that we have, so if any residential unit wants to be converted to commercial use, it is a ballot issue. It's not up to the Council, in fairness to them.

Mr. Bogucki – Is there something that can be put in the charter that says for the next fifty-years you can't rezone it?

Mayor Perciak – A residential parcel...it is there; correct me if I am wrong, Mr. Counselor; it is a ballot issue.

Mr. Jamison – Yes, so rezoning any residential property to any other use has to go to the ballot. Not only citywide, but in the ward. In regards to your thing about a moratorium for fifty-years, that would not be valid and enforceable. Moratoriums are short-term while you are examining a certain need or concern for certain things whatever they may be. Fifty-years would be an unreasonable time period for anything because there is no rational basis.

Mr. Bogucki – It was just a suggestion as to a number...a date and time.

Mr. Jamison – I get it, but you just can't pick a random number anyway. There has to be a rational basis for wanting to do a moratorium, and people do have the right to develop their properties within the confines of the law and what the zoning allows. People have done that over the course of time in our community.

Mr. Bogucki - I have seen...I was just down on Route 36 off of I-71 which used to be a little country exit; basically, like what you are talking about right here. Now it's the biggest nightmare and is as bad as Route 82. That is what you are handing to us down there if we lived down there. Eventually, that is what it's going to be. You're just saying, "We just got an exit." What you're not talking about is the widening of Boston Road from Ridge Road all the way to Boon Road and leveling all the hills and taking down Stony Hill over there on both sides. It is a superspeedway. If anybody has ever driven it in either direction, you know what I'm talking about. Just to get tractor trailers to be able to even turn these corners here. Is it really just an exit, or are you talking a major project across the whole city?

Mr. Carbone – I haven't looked at the study...we don't know.

Mr. Bogucki – I know, you guys have been really straight forward about not having seen it, but I'm just bringing up things I don't know if you guys even looked at, thought about, or talked about. I am against it as everybody else is here; but I am just pointing things. I drive around the city all the time for my job. I get around; I have seen everything and have seen all of the changes, and I have been involved in some of the changes. That is basically all I have to say. Thank you very much, and you guys have a good evening.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):

Mr. Carbone – Thank you sir, anybody else this evening?

(No comments)

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

Ordinance No. 2023-058 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE ADOPTED BY SECTION 1250.03 OF TITLE SIX, PART TWELVE OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF STRONGSVILLE TO CHANGE THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF CERTAIN REAL ESTATE LOCATED AT 8810 PEARL ROAD (PPNs 395-06-009; 395-06-010; 395-06-011; 395-06-012) IN THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE FROM GB (GENERAL BUSINESS) CLASSIFICATION TO R-RS (RESTAURANT-RECREATIONAL SERVICES) CLASSIFICATION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. *First reading and referred to the Planning Commission 04-03-23. Favorable recommendation by the Planning Commission 04-13-23. Second reading 04-17-23. Public hearing 06-05-23.*

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

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries.

Ordinance No. 2023-058 ADOPTED.

Ordinance No. 2023-071 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 VACANT PROPERTY LOCATED ON MARKS ROAD, IN THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, FROM GI-A (GENERAL INDUSTRIAL-A) CLASSIFICATION TO RT-C (TOWNHOUSE-CLUSTER) CLASSIFICATION (PORTION OF PPN 394-07-001), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. *First reading and referred to Planning Commission 05-15-23. Favorable recommendation by the Planning Commission 05-25-23.*

Placed on second reading and set for a public hearing on 07-17-23.

Ordinance No. 2023-076 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 PROPERTIES LOCATED IN THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, ON ROYALTON ROAD, BEING ALL OF PPNs 393-18-003, 393-18-004 AND 393-18-005, FROM R1-75 (ONE FAMILY 75) CLASSIFICATION TO PF (PUBLIC FACILITIES) CLASSIFICATION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Placed on first reading and referred to the Planning Commission for their recommendation.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):

Ordinance No. 2023-077 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A REAL ESTATE EXCHANGE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, OHIO AND THE STRONGSVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, LLC, 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. Mr. Carbone and Mr. Kaminski abstained from voting. All other members present voted aye and the motion carried.

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

**Roll Call: Ayes: Short, DeMio, Kosek, Roff, Clark
Abstained: Carbone, Kaminski. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2023-077 ADOPTED.**

Ordinance No. 2023-078 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CROSS ACCESS EASEMENT FOR INGRESS, EGRESS, PARKING AND CERTAIN UTILITIES BETWEEN THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, OHIO AND THE STRONGSVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, LLC, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Placed on first reading and referred to the Planning Commission for their recommendation.

Ordinance No. 2023-079 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE STRONGSVILLE WHITNEY ROAD COVERED BRIDGE PROJECT (CUY-WHITNEY ROAD BRIDGE PID NO. 111574) IN THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2023-079 ADOPTED.

Ordinance No. 2023-080 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE ENACTING A NEW CHAPTER 1275 OF TITLE SIX OF PART TWELVE OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING CODE OF THE CITY'S CODIFIED ORDINANCES CONCERNING ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Placed on first reading and referred to the Planning Commission for their recommendation.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):

Resolution No. 2023-081 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING PLANNING COMMISSION APPROVAL OF THE SITE PLAN FOR A NEW COMMUNITY PLAYGROUND, INTERACTIVE FOUNTAIN, PAVILION AND RECREATION AMENITIES ON BASEBALL FIELDS LOCATED NEXT TO THE WALTER F. EHRLFELT RECREATION & SENIOR CENTER, AND KNOWN AS THE STRONGSVILLE TOWN CENTER PROJECT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Resolution No. 2023-081 ADOPTED.

Ordinance No. 2023-082 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING PURCHASES OF SUPPLEMENTAL SPECIALTY ITEMS, EQUIPMENT, AND INSTALLATION OF ACCESSORIES NECESSARY TO PROPERLY OUTFIT NEW VEHICLES SEPARATELY PURCHASED FOR USE BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS WITH VARIOUS VENDORS, WITHOUT PUBLIC BIDDING; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2023-082 ADOPTED.

Ordinance No. 2023-083 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ISSUE AND APPROVE A CHANGE ORDER (FINAL) FOR AN INCREASE IN THE CONTRACT PRICE AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE AND RFC CONTRACTING, INC., IN CONNECTION WITH THE NATATORIUM RENOVATIONS AT THE WALTER F. EHRLFELT RECREATION & SENIOR CENTER, 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. 2023-083 ADOPTED.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):

Ordinance No. 2023-084 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH KRONOS INCORPORATED FOR A SUBSCRIPTION FOR THE RENEWAL OF THE KRONOS WORKFORCE DIMENSIONS TIMEKEEPING INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SOFTWARE AND SERVICES FOR USE BY THE FINANCE AND HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, WITHOUT PUBLIC BIDDING, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2023-084 ADOPTED.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS AND CLAIMS:

Application for Permit: NEW – D2-D3: To: KHP Strongsville LLC. DBA: KPOT
2 Southpark Center, Strongsville, Ohio 44136 (Responses must be postmarked no later than 06/12/2023).

There were no objections to this permit.

Application for Permit: TRFO – D1-D2- D3-D6: To: Rico's Tacos & Tequila #2 LLC,
15315 Pearl Road & Patio, Strongsville, Ohio 44136 (Responses must be postmarked no later than 06/12/2023).


Motion by Ms. Kosek, second by Mr. DeMio 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 Carbone adjourned the meeting at 9:17 p.m.


Marialena Beach
Council Secretary


Date