

## **SUMMARY OF CAUCUS DISCUSSION AND MINUTES OF THE STRONGSVILLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON, TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 2023.**

The Council of the City of Strongsville met in the Caucus Room at the Mike Kalinich Sr. City Council Chamber, 18688 Royalton Road, on **Tuesday, June 20, 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, Safety Director Charles Goss and Fire Chief Jack Draves.

Council President, James Carbone, called the caucus to order at 7:32 p.m.

***\*\*Note – The caucus portion of the meeting did not audio record.\*\****

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

Planning, Zoning & Engineering Committee: Chairman Kaminski advised 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. A favorable recommendation was given by the Planning Commission. This will be placed on second reading tonight and set for public hearing on July 25, 2023. Ordinance No. 2023-078 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. A favorable recommendation was given by the Planning Commission. 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 second reading tonight and set for public hearing on July 25, 2023. Resolution No. 2023-085 is a resolution providing for the submission of Ordinance No. 2023-076 to the electors for the November ballot. This will be placed on first reading tonight and referred back to the committee.

Public Safety & Health Committee: Chairman Kaminski advised Ordinance No. 2023-086 is an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract for the purchase of self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) units and related equipment for use by the fire department. The contract is with Municipal Emergency Services in an amount not to exceed \$57,050.00. Suspension and adoption was recommended for this legislation.

Safety Director Charles Goss was present to review with Council a proposed amendment to Section 252.01 of the Codified Ordinances, "Establishment; Composition," pertaining to the rank and file within the police and fire departments.

Public Service & Conservation Committee: Chairman DeMio advised Ordinance No. 2023-087 is an ordinance authorizing the filing of an application for financial assistance with the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission under the Health Urban Tree Canopy Grant Program PY2023. Suspension and adoption was recommended for this legislation.

Finance Committee: Chairwoman Kosek advised Ordinance No. 2023-088 is an ordinance making appropriations for the annual expenses and other expenditures of the city. Suspension and adoption was recommended for this legislation. Suspension and adoption was also recommended for Resolution No. 2023-089 which is a resolution adopting alternative tax budget information for the city for fiscal year 2024.

Recreation & Community Services Committee: Chairwoman Roff advised Ordinance No. 2023-090 is an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an equipment supply and maintenance agreement with Buckeye Aquatics, LLC for the lease of a chlorine generator for the pools at the Aquatic Center in the city's Walter F. Ehrnfelt Recreation & Senior Center. The agreement is in an amount not to exceed \$109,635.00. 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. Ordinance No. 2023-091 is an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract for the purchase and replacement of commercial pumps for the pools in the Aquatic Center at the Walter F. Ehrnfelt Recreation & Senior Center. The contract is with EMSCO in a total amount not to exceed \$27,323.00. 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. Resolution No. 2023-092 is a resolution accepting a donation of money from the Strongsville Towne Center commercial development to be used in connection with the Strongsville Town Center Enhancement & Walkability Initiative. The donation is in the amount of \$25,000.00. Suspension and adoption was recommended for this legislation. Suspension and adoption was also recommended for Resolution No. 2023-093 which is a resolution accepting a donation of money from the Strongsville Swim League to be used towards the city's purchase of folding chairs for the Aquatic Center at the Walter F. Ehrnfelt Recreation & Senior Center. The donation is in the amount of \$987.20.

Committee of the Whole: Chairman Carbone advised members of the Charter Review will be providing a presentation to Council to discuss the following ordinances for consideration to be submitted to the November ballot. Ordinance No. 2023-094 is an ordinance providing for the submission to the electors of the city at the next regular November election certain amendments to Article III of the Charter entitled "The Council" in section 12, to provide for Council posting on the website of the city, and in public places determined by Council, all ordinances, resolutions, statements, orders, proclamations, notices and reports required by law. This will be placed on first reading tonight and referred back to the committee. Ordinance No. 2023-095 is an ordinance providing for the submission to the electors of the city at the next regular November election certain an amendment to Article IV of the Charter entitled "Administrative Offices" in section 6(c), to provide that the decision of the Board of Zoning Appeals granting a variance is final without requiring a (20) day delay for review by City Council. This will be placed on first reading tonight and referred back to the committee. Ordinance No. 2023-096 is an ordinance providing for the submission to the electors of the city at the next regular November election an amendment to Article IV of the Charter entitled "Administrative Offices" in section 7(a), to provide for (5) members of the Civil Service Commission of the city. This will be placed on first reading tonight and referred back to the committee. Ordinance No. 2023-097 is an ordinance providing for the submission to the electors of the city at the next regular November election certain amendments to Article V of the Charter entitled "Finance" in section 5(b), to provide that Council may authorize certain expenditures, in emergencies or other limited circumstances. This legislation is without public bidding; therefore, all 7 votes of Council are needed for this legislation to pass. This will be placed on first reading tonight and referred back to the committee. Ordinance No. 2023-098 is an ordinance providing for the submission to the electors of the city at the next regular November election an amendment to Article X of the Charter entitled "Charter Review Committee" to provide that Council shall submit to the electors any proposed alterations, revisions and amendments recommended by the Charter Review Committee. This will be placed on first reading tonight and referred back to the committee.

**MINUTES OF THE STRONGSVILLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 2023 IN THE MIKE KALINICH SR. CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS.**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Council President James E. Carbone called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. All joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**CERTIFICATION OF POSTING:**

The Clerk of Council certified that the meeting had been posted in accordance with Ordinance No. 2004-273.

**ROLL CALL:**

**Present: Council Members:** James E. Carbone, 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, Safety Director Charles Goss and Fire Chief Jack Draves.

Mr. Carbone – Before we go onto “Comments on Minutes,” I’d like to say that we are experiencing some issues with Wide Open West; so you can access the Council meeting through livestream through our webpage. I just wanted to make that known, we are experiencing some issues.

**COMMENTS ON MINUTES:**

The Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on June 5, 2023, were approved as submitted.

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

**Presentation by members of the 2023 Strongsville Charter Review Committee to discuss Ordinance Nos: 2023-094, 2023-095, 2023-096, 2023-097 and 2023-098.**

**Members Present:** Brad Bender, Brian Spring, Brian Krusz, Gregory Gleine, Michael Kalinich Jr., Dr. Beverly Jones and Hilarie Yankello.

Mr. Carbone – I want to thank all the members of the Charter Review Committee. I know the time that was spent away from your families. It’s well appreciated. We appreciate the recommendations; and I also want to personally thank you for having me come in and listen to one of the meetings.

Mr. Bender – Thank you Mr. Carbone, so I’ll start with thanking Council as part of our committee is made up of recommendations from Council via Council President Carbone. I want to thank Mayor Perciak, we want to thank the law department; and I do want to thank and name the fellow members of my committee. As I said, my name is Brad Bender, Brian Spring is with me. We were fortunate enough to be elected to chairperson and vice-chairperson. A lot of the members of the committee are here with us this evening. In no particular order: Laura Gentile, Greg Gleine, Carrie Harvey, Dr. Beverly Jones, Mike Kalinich, Jr., Brian Krusz and Hilarie Yankello. I want to thank them for their participation as we reviewed the Charter on behalf of the city. We sat down at our first meeting and kind of went through what we were here to do.

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

Mr. Bender (cont'd) - We took the stance that our job was just to simply review the Charter and look for opportunities, and maybe there wouldn't be any, but look for opportunities to best serve the City of Strongsville...thinking through things like efficiency, productivity, and what would be beneficial for residents and for the business community at-large. I think it's important to note that all the recommendations that we brought forth were unanimously decided upon. We did not have dissension as we voted to go forward with them as they were; so the committee was unanimous in that. I am assuming, I believe, this is my first time doing this; so that all members of Council have had an opportunity to take a look at them and have received the recommendations. Is that true?

Mr. Carbone – Yes.

Mr. Bender – Very good, then I will just kind of briefly hit on them and kind of tell you what we arrived at. I apologize for my English in advance if I use words in the wrong tense, etc.

**Ordinance No. 2023-094** by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE AT THE NEXT REGULAR NOVEMBER ELECTION CERTAIN AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLE III OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY ENTITLED "THE COUNCIL" IN SECTION 12, TO PROVIDE FOR COUNCIL POSTING ON THE WEBSITE OF THE CITY, AND IN PUBLIC PLACES DETERMINED BY COUNCIL, ALL ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, STATEMENTS, ORDERS, PROCLAMATIONS, NOTICES AND REPORTS REQUIRED BY LAW, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Bender – This has to do with posting of ordinances. We believe that the current language is maybe just a little bit antiquated for the modern times that we live in. It was a very basic recommendation just to take out the specific "5 public places." We think that the city's municipal website; and then at the discretion of Council where to post, serves us in the modern world. We (unintelligible) that Council will potentially find other opportunities for technology in the future. Right now, we have a website that seems to be relatively well visited and serving its purpose. I will note that Mr. Spring's job up here is if I miss any of the key points that the committee wanted to bring forward, to give the opportunity.

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Mr. Bender – What we addressed in there was a built-in 20-day waiting period on a Board of Zoning Appeal's review. We talked a lot about this; and I think the big thing that we were trying to accomplish, again, kind of falls under the efficiency model for the city where things are delayed, both for residents and for businesses. Specifically, I am going to step aside and ask 2 other members of the committee, who are local businessmen and residents who have had more personal experience with the process, to go ahead and speak to us. With that, I'm going to ask Brian and Mike to step forward.

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

Mr. Krusz – Good evening, as Brad had said too, just keeping with the efficiency and the idea that Strongsville is business as well as family-friendly; and the efficiencies are what we are here to talk about. As Brad had mentioned, I personally have dealt with these multiple times, having 2 businesses, 2 buildings inside the city. One example would be our sign variance. When we come here, we go through the process and there are submission deadlines. You need submissions and there's a meeting deadline which is sometimes weeks and months away. Then, we pass the variance, then there's a 20-day waiting period for the appeals. After that appeal process, we have to basically be on hold; so the sign maker, the manufacturer, the production of that...everything is on hold. Then, once the 20-day period starts, then the sign company knows that they can process the order, start the production, order the materials...so on and so forth. Then, the scheduling starts which is another delay. We all know that with contractors and dealing with that; so the timeline with those contractors as well as further delays for the project. I believe at one point when our sign got approved it was 3 or 4 months before it was actually installed due to the timeline I addressed here. One thing too, Annie Duke, the World Series Poker player, she wrote a book called, "How to Decide." In her book, she references eliminating the words like sometimes, maybe, occasionally, always; and focusing specifically on statistics, like 60%, 70% percent of the time. If you look at the percentage of likelihood here over the past 10+ years, we've reviewed 1...which is eight ten-thousandths of a percent of applications that were reviewed. I just want that to sink in, thank you.

Mr. Kalinich Jr. – Council, I have been on both sides of this. I am on the supply end of it when people have to come through. If it works for them and the system works properly, they might sneak out in 30-45 days, then that extra 20 days just pushes them to almost 2 months. Asking contractors, and I see it a lot with pool variances where they have to wait and go through this; and by the time the variances are granted and they go through the whole appeal thing, they miss the swimming season and suppliers can't hold material that long. If you can cut it back, just a little bit, to give these people a break and give the contractors a break, it would really help. Like the city advertises, they're trying to make it user-friendly for business. This would be just one more step in making that user-friendly. The fact that there's a posting and everybody kind of knows what is going on in their ward and you get to see the projects that are going on, you've got plenty of opportunities to step in, and to interject what you have, with the different boards. It would just make sense. That 20 days is just not showing confidence in the BZA or whomever had it last. Their word should be the final word. That's just looking at it at the supply chain end; that it's putting a constraint on getting things done, thank you.

Mr. Bender – Thank you gentlemen.

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Mr. Bender – We're just recommending that we move the Civil Service Commissioners from 3 to 5; and I think the logic here is simply more of a law of large numbers. If you have 2 people out sick right now, you're kind of out of luck. It doesn't mean you still couldn't have 3 people sit; but I think we're just trying to beef up the volume of opportunity to allow that business to carry forward efficiently as we see fit.

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

Mr. Bender (cont'd) - A lot of the discussion in our committee around a lot of these things was simply we live in a modern world where people travel maybe more than they used to. Whether that be for business, whether that be for pleasure, a lot of people can mix them both into one trip; so you may have people out, and thus preventing the city from moving forward in an efficient manner.

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Mr. Bender – This has to do with...again, we felt it was kind of antiquated. This is unanimous vote for things. Again, being a new guy, I tried to pay attention in the earlier session here; and I hear, "we need all 7 for that." Again, going back to traveling, etc., we believe that is potentially not at the best interest of the city overall...difficult for all of you who have lives outside of sitting in this lovely room and talking about things. We had suggested some language to pull that emergency funding back from unanimous to allow you guys more flexibility to keep the city running. We went into some detail in our discussion just about some things that happened in the past, where you had a very gravely ill Councilperson that potentially put the city up against a really important deadline when his healthcare was the thing at the time that had to be spoken to. That's our rationale behind that recommendation.

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Mr. Bender – This deals with us, this Charter Review Committee. Currently right now, this Charter Review Committee puts together recommendations; again, with the spirit of for the best intentions of the city. By no means are we stamped as the experts; but we were put together by both the Mayor and Council, via Council President, so we feel that we are representative...not we...future Charter Review Committees, etc. We are recommending that the recommendations of the committee go forth to the electorate without a passthrough for a yea or nay from Council. Again, I apologize if I am not using that language correctly; but I think you guys understand the spirit of what I am saying. I think the one important note that I will put here, we talked a lot about we're not trying to circumvent anybody here. I think that as a collective, it reflects the electorate, Council has a voice in it, the Mayor has a voice in it. The important point that I will leave with you on this one is simply in no means is our recommendation take away or remove the ability or the authority of Council to suggest changes to the Charter. It simply puts the recommendations of the Charter Review Committee to the electorate. I will close with that. I don't know if there's questions or comments that the Council would like me to stay up to address; otherwise, I will just thank you all for your time very much. I've enjoyed the process; and hopefully, we did a little bit of something for the city while we were at it.

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

Ms. Roff – Thank you guys for your time.

Mr. Bender – Thank you Council.

Mr. Carbone – Are there any questions from Council? We will be placing these on first reading; so if anything does come up...any recommendations or anything, you will have the opportunity.

Ms. Kosek – Thank you all to the committee members. Neal, I wondered if on the suggestion about the unanimous, if you could provide to councilmembers what we've tried in the past on that and what has not worked? If you know it now, that's fine. If you want to email it to us, or something, that would be ok too.

Mr. Jamison – It's ingrained in my memory bank. This is something that the committee talked at length about; and this is the third attempt to try and amend this part of the Charter. We did it 5 years ago...to change the language. A lot of that was driven, as Mr. Bender related, when Councilman Daymut had taken ill and when he was fighting for his life in the Cleveland Clinic. We couldn't get certain things done – like the health insurance and liability insurance for the city. That language in the Charter was becoming a real dilemma. Unfortunately, he passed away. That allowed us to appoint his successor in time to get that done; but that would have been a real problem for this city if that would have lingered. In that instance 5 years ago, we had language that said unanimous of all members present; and as a committee, we discussed that in terms of how the electorate might have not maybe understood that completely. We also talked about the amendment 10 years ago, where I think it was three-fourths. The committee back 10 years ago had put language in about three-fourths of the members; then you could suspend or go without public bidding. We again discussed that at length and we felt that the three-fourths might have been not understood. What is that number really? Is it 5...is it 6...what might that number really be? The committee, to their credit after a long discussion, decided to just have a definite number; and to put that out there so it was more readily understood by the electorate and also that's realistic in terms of what it would take to get something done in an emergency or when it's appropriate. This is not the first go-around for this issue. This is the third time; and I give the committee credit. They spent a lot of time going through this and had a long discussion on what was the best way to tackle this issue. What you have before you is the end product of what they did.

Ms. Kosek – And for the committee, if you might explain 5 versus 6? If you had a rationale for that, I'd be interested in your thoughts on that.

Mr. Jamison – Again if I could, not to speak for the committee but I guess I am. Again there was discussion about whether it should be 5 or 6. They felt after discussion that in order to suspend and everything else it takes 5. They felt that was an appropriate number. As it came up a couple of times, not only illness but people traveling because some of our members do work out of town sometimes or are not available, and they just felt that was the number for the good of the city. I think that was a constant theme that they had for the discussion of all these issues, what's good for the city in general, and for the efficient operation of the city. That was a great suggestion by the committee to put that language in there so that it really underscored what they were trying to do here; and it wasn't just some whim or just them trying to attempt. I think they felt that for the efficient operation, 5 was the right number.

Ms. Kosek – Thank you.

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

Mr. Carbone – Anything else from Council? I know one of the things, Neal, we talked about was looking at maybe a Charter change with one of our committee members on Council voting for Planning Commission, that maybe there was a conflict of interest. I wanted to put that out there to Council to see if there was any comments on that. I know over the years, sometimes there's...you're the sitting member of the committee for Planning Commission, and without having the public hearing or having all the information and the feedback from the community, they're put in a position sitting on Planning Commission to make a vote. Then, you hear more information, and maybe your vote changes or something new surfaces; and then now you have to vote again as a councilperson. I just thought maybe that was a conflict and wanted to put that out there to Council to see if maybe us initiating that this time around would be worth it or not.

Mr. DeMio – Absolutely, as a matter of fact if I may, we've had from Charlene Barth to Ray Haseley to Mike Daymut, to Jim Carbone to Matt Schonhut to Jim Kaminski...it is a terrible thing to have a member vote at such an early stage. I remember a campaign that was used against one of our members that said, "You voted this way on this on Planning, and this way when it came to the Council vote." The fact of the matter is, Walter Ehrnfelt told us, "You as a Planning Commission member, you have to think of the plan. As a councilman, you think as a Councilman. It's two different things." It's a very difficult task for an elected official to wear two different hats. Some people say well, you abstain...and then you get beat up for that. Just from the years I've been here, I implore you please, we need to do that. It's very, very important.

Mr. Carbone – I'm not suggesting that we are not representing Planning, we do still want to have that line so that they can bring back information to us; but I think the part of the voting I think that something, along with Joe, is a conflict.

Mr. Jamison – I'll get something together and I'll get a draft out to Council and then we can have it on for the next agenda on July 3<sup>rd</sup>. It's done in other communities where you appoint a representative that's maybe not a councilperson. One example is the Southwest Hospital. The Council in one of those cities can appoint a citizen instead of a councilperson; and maybe tasked as part of their responsibility is not only go to whatever meetings, but they come back to Council and report good/bad or what they heard. It's doable and it sounds like that's what Council wants to do. I can get a draft together and we can get that on the agenda for July 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Ms. Kosek – Do we as a Council have an idea of how long we would want that appointment to be? Would it be a 2-year appointment? Would it be a 4-year appointment? What are we thinking?

Mr. Carbone – I think to go back every year might be tough. Your appointments, Mayor, are...?

Mr. Jamison – 4 years....every 4; so we could put it in that it's an annual deal.

Ms. Kosek – I think I would like more continuity for someone to be on; but I was thinking 2 years because that would coincide when there are new people coming on Council; so the new people on Council would have the opportunity to have a voice in the person that is representing the Council on the Planning Commission. If we could do something like that, I think that would be fair.

Mr. Carbone – I would have no objection to 2 years.

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

Mr. Jamison – Okay, I will get that draft together and get that out to everybody; and I'll put in 2 years, unless I hear otherwise. I will have that ready for July 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Mr. Carbone – Thank you again to the Charter Review Committee. I know, Neal, you were a part of it...Mayor, thank you. We will do our due diligence and go through this. This evening they will be placed on first reading.

**REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES:**

**SCHOOL BOARD – Mr. Clark:** Thank you President Carbone, there was a Strongsville City School Board meeting since our last Council meeting. It was a very extensive meeting and I won't report on all of it for time, but I do want to highlight that at the last Strongsville City School Board meeting, which was on June 8, 2023, the "Teacher of the Year" was recognized. The "Teacher of the Year" was nominated by Strongsville High School Principal, Bill Wingler, and the honoree was Ms. Alyssa Hoslar who's is a math teacher at Strongsville High School. An excellent example...and when Mr. Krusz was up earlier and he talked about statistics, Bill Wingler actually shared some tremendous statistics; just outstanding results. Percentages...94% of the students are proficient or above and accelerated stat after stat after stat that Principal Wingler was able to share. Certainly, you can tell that this was a teacher that represents the model Mustang and passion for our students, but the statistics backed it up as well. That was great to see her recognized by the Knights of Columbus. Also on the agenda that evening, and this was a follow-up to the discussions from our previous meeting, the board moved forward with some activities and support towards athletics in Strongsville to bring us more in line with what surrounding and area schools had. I think one of the things that the athletic department was challenged with when they brought this forward the first time was to go back and compare us to area districts and get information from area districts. It was a great challenge and quite eye opening. I think with the actions that took forth...that means we are heading in the right direction. We are a very large school district in the area; and in many areas, we were not treating excellence and athletics like we needed to. Good progress there and good momentum from the board. The last thing that I want to talk about from that board meeting, everything was as you would expect in order from a financial standpoint. I want to talk a little bit about....and I actually want to read the mission and the purpose statement. I mentioned the model Mustang thirteen-year contract, but I want to read word for word the purpose and mission statement. Certainly, there is plenty of information out there. "The purpose is inspiring and empowering today's learners to build tomorrow's leaders." The Mission: "As a school community, we will design, premier educational experiences that develop innovative, resilient, collaborative, global and empowered students who are architects of their learning equipped to thrive in their future. When we transform teaching and learning, we enhance the classroom experience for all students through the implementation of innovative instructional approaches, structures and strategies to inspire and empower our learners. When we align staff and resources, we ensure that our personnel, curriculum, technology and partnerships are optimized to support our purpose mission so that our students are equipped to thrive in their future. When we cultivate culture and climate, we foster a positive and inclusive environment through evidence-based practices and that promote acceptance, respect and well-being for all students, staff and community members. When we leverage funding and facilities, we affectively manage and utilize the districts resources to provide safe, modern, and high-quality learning environments that afford premier educational experiences." There is quite a bit there and I read it word for word because a lot went into that. That is the vision and mission that is going to drive our school system forward for the next ten years or longer. There is a lot that is going to come forward in the coming months and certainly in the coming years.

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

**SCHOOL BOARD – Mr. Clark (cont'd):** There is a lot more you can find on the Strongsville City School's website ([www.strongnet.org](http://www.strongnet.org)). I thought it was important...we've had great success over the last ten years and we've had a great partnership with the community; and you see that is continued in the vision and mission in the next ten years. One thing that I will point out is that it talked about learners, not just students, because everyone...the students, the faculty, the staff and the community partners are all ongoing and continuous learners. With that, pending any questions, I'll close the school board report.

**BUILDING AND UTILITIES – Mr. Clark:**

(No report)

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

(No report)

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Mr. Short:** Today, the Mayor and Brent Painter hosted a luncheon from Bucci's J Bella here in Strongsville, which was attended by myself and Mr. Kaminski with local businesses here in Strongsville. We had a chance to find out from them, what we as a city can do better. As businesses both large and small contribute to about 80% of our income tax-based revenue, which is the life blood of this city, that funds our day to day operations and projects and what we need to function as a city. We heard from them, both large and small from some of the bigger manufactures to the smallest businesses in town. As well as we did have economic update from Northern Trust about the current state of the economy in the United States and projections on a good and bad case scenario for the next year. With inflation, the fed rates and where the economy of the United States in generally going. The biggest thing I think we heard across the board from large and small employers is really just finding talent and retaining that talent. Whether it was a hospital system, a manufacturing company, or a restaurant, it's finding and retaining staff. That question was asked of Northern Trust. That is something not unique to Ohio or Strongsville, that is what we are seeing across the country right in the post-pandemic years after the pandemic of 2020. I think it was a very informative session, for both us as a city and for businesses, to know that Strongsville is open for business. We continue to look to improve and strive; because really at the end of the day, it's our employers that bring people to this city to work here, shop here, eat here and recreation here is key for the city and the lifeline. We will continue to...as the economic development committee, and with the administration, work to ensure that we maintain but also grow our business base here in the city, especially in our business park. That concludes my report, but I will happily take any questions. Mayor, do you have anything else to add as well?

Mayor Perciak - May I?

Mr. Carbone – Absolutely.

Mayor Perciak – There were approximately forty different businesses represented at this luncheon today. The amazing part about each one of them, and we had CEOs, CFOs here, they all had input as to what is going on in their individual shops. What we were there for, Gordon, myself, Jim Kaminski, Brent Painter and some of my staff, was to ascertain what's going on in each and every one of those shops so that can arrive at realistic numbers for building future budgets.

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

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Mr. Short (cont'd):**

Mayor Perciak (cont'd) - All the data that we keep hearing is coming from Washington, Columbus, and from all the different agencies that we may work with. We did not have a chance to listen to the actual highest, most important people within our own community. Take Swagelok, Infinium Walls, South Park Mall and what's going on there, and Momentive Technologies who's very involved in the technology business and the intel business. They were all there, they wanted to be heard and to a member there, staffing was their most critical thing. I kind of walked away from that with Gordon, and Gordon being a CPA, we felt good as to what we heard in that room about the future of our community and the number of businesses that are doing business internationally. That is what made us feel good. Jim, you were there too. Do you have anything you want to add?

Mr. Kaminski – No, I was just very happy to hear from all our businesses and the challenges that they have. Obviously, one of the challenges is staffing and workforce. Anything that we can do to continue to help them in that area, but they are very aware that Strongsville is pro-business and they are happy to have the support and the leadership here. Thank you for allowing us to attend.

Mayor Perciak – At the end of the day, the most significant part was the networking that went on between all these individual corporations from our four business parks. It was amazing to see the conversation, the in-depth discussions that they were having about employees and the employees they need. The education they were looking for in employees...some Polaris, some Case Western, engineers and how and what. I have been in the business for over fifty-years and I was amazed of what went on today. I walked away learning a lot; so, I just want to say thank you Gordon and thank you everybody. We really have to be grateful to these people who operate these businesses in all of our four business parks.

Mr. Kaminski – Similar to the network breakfast Mayor, but I like this format because it gave other people the chance to speak up and you are hearing from all different types of businesses and different sizes of businesses. I like that change in that format.

Mayor Perciak – Thank you Jim, I failed to report that. Each and every business was allotted time to speak about their individual business, how many employees they have, what their issues are, and what types of problems they are having, if any, with bank's lines of credit, etc. I know some of these banks today...because of lack of deposits are reducing the line of credit to our major employers. That is an impact, but at the end of the day, not one individual or anybody could answer the question how are these individual corporations going to service their debt since interest rates were elevated ten times over. Really, the networking was phenomenal.

Mr. Short – I agree. Good conversations and again, a lot of similar themes that we heard from different employers across our business parks. Thank you, Mayor. That will conclude my report, but I will happily take any questions.

**PUBLIC SERVICE AND CONSERVATION – Mr. DeMio:** Thank you, Ordinance No 2023-087 as I said earlier in caucus is a \$50,000.00 Canopy Tree grant 80/10 split. Hopefully, we will be getting that. We would like to vote suspend and adopt for that. Earlier, we had no objections to that and I'm sure that continued. I'll field questions otherwise, Mr. President.

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

**FINANCE – Ms. Kosek:** We have Ordinance No. 2023-088 and Resolution No. 2023-089. Ordinance No. 2023-088 is our updated budget. Everyone should have received a memo from our Finance Director, Mr. Dean, which reflects an increase of \$171,600.00 when compared to the prior budget. As I mentioned earlier in caucus, one of our bright spots is that we have seen an increase of usage over at the recreation center both in rentals and in Silver Sneakers. That is wonderful to hear that that's bearing fruit. On the resolution, this is our 2024 alternative annual tax budget. As I said during caucus, if anyone has questions about that, although we do it every year, Mr. Dean is here to answer those questions. If you don't have any questions that you've developed since caucus, I would ask that we all suspend and adopt.

Mr. Carbone – Any questions for Ms. Kosek?

(No comments)

**PLANNING, ZONING AND ENGINEERING – Mr. Kaminski:** Planning, Zoning, and Engineering we have Ordinance No. 2023-076. We discussed this on our June 5, 2023 meeting, this is to change the zoning classification on parcels on Royalton Road from (R1-75) which is single family to public facilities (PF). This will be on second reading this evening; and this also ties in with Resolution No. 2023-085. Because you are looking to change from residential, this must go on the November ballot for the vote of the people. This gives us the opportunity to put that on the November ballot and that will be first reading this evening. Also, Ordinance No. 2023-078; that's an ordinance approving authorizing the Mayor to enter into a cross access easement for the property between Strongsville and the Strongsville Chamber of Commerce. The recommendation is suspension and adoption. That was also discussed at our June 5, 2023 meeting and went to the Planning Commission for approval. Ordinance No. 2023-080 is an ordinance enacting a new chapter of the Planning and Zoning Code concerning electrical vehicle charging stations. Again, a lot of discussion on that in our first meeting in June. We are going to go second reading this evening and that is set for a public hearing for July 25, 2025. We will have additional conversation at the public hearing. That concludes my report for Planning, Zoning and Engineering, but I will be happy to take any questions.

**PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEALTH – Mr. Kaminski:** We have an Ordinance No. 2023-086. That is an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract for the purchase of self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) by use of the fire department. The recommendation is suspension and adoption. Also just to mention, we had a nice conversation thanks to Charlie Goss, our Safety Director for some changes that we are going to need to make to some ordinances that allow us to be competitive when it comes to hiring for our safety forces. We have found some gaps and we are going to correct for that. We are hoping to move that forward in the next meeting. That concludes my report, but I will be happy to take any questions.

**RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES - Ms. Roff:** I have four items tonight...two ordinances and two resolutions. I have Ordinance No. 2023-090; this is an ordinance to enter into a contract with Buckeye Aquatics to lease a chlorine generator. That will need all seven votes to pass because that is without public bidding. I have Ordinance No. 2023-091 that is for the replacement of the commercial pumps through EMSCO. That's who they will purchase the pumps through and will replace them and install them. That is also without public bidding and will need all seven votes to pass. Resolution No. 2023-092, that's a \$25,000.00 donation from our Strongsville Town Center Commercial Development Group to go to our center of town project...so much appreciated.

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

**RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES - Ms. Roff (cont'd):** Resolution No. 2023-093 that is also a donation that is from the Strongsville Swim League for \$987.20 and they will be purchasing folding chairs for the swim meets. Those, like Jim said, will come in handy especially during CHAMPS. The recommendation for all is to suspend and adopt.

Mr. Carbone – Thank you very much, any questions for Ms. Roff?

(No comments)

**COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY – Mr. Carbone:**

(No report)

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – Mr. Carbone:** We heard from the Charter Review Committee from Ordinance No. 2023-094 through Ordinance No. 2023-098. The recommendation is going to be placing these on first reading.

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

**MAYOR PERCIAK:** Thank you Mr. President and good evening again. Just a few quick updates, the Rib-Burn-Off of course as you drove in this evening you saw that they are setting up. That will begin on Thursday, June 22, 2023, Friday and Saturday. On Friday evening, we will have fireworks, and again fireworks on July 4, 2023 on The Commons at dusk not on Foltz Parkway it will be on The Commons. Then again, on Saturday night July 15, 2023 that is the final night of the Homecoming. Again, members of Council, if you see the businessmen and business women in our community, thank them for their contributions. It's their contributions that enable us to put on these firework displays. Without their help and their financial assistance, we could not do that. Now, I have a prepared statement about the Boston Road interchange. I guess there are a lot of people here who are very interested in hearing this, so I think this will be something all of you need to hear:

As mentioned at the previous council meeting, on June 2 the City's engineering consultant, Euthenics Inc., submitted to the city the "Preliminary Feasibility Study" for the Boston Road Interchange. This study was also forwarded to ODOT and is currently under review in Districts 3, 12 and Central Office. We anticipate comments back from ODOT by the end of this month or sometime thereafter.

Please keep in mind this study, which is Part 1A, is the first step in a lengthy process. Its purpose is to collect and analyze traffic data, review prior studies and identify feasible alternatives. Part 1A does not offer a preferred alternative....part 1A does not offer a preferred alternative. The complete preliminary engineering study and analysis, which is Parts 1A & 1B, will eventually identify a preferred alternative, based on additional information gathered from ODOT (Ohio Department of Transportation), NOACA (Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency), FHWA (Federal Highway Administration), Environmental Impact Studies and Public Involvement and Stakeholder meetings.

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

**MAYOR PERCIAK (cont'd):** For now, we will wait to hear back from ODOT and once comments have been received and reviewed by the administration and our consultant, the second group of studies, Part 1B, can be authorized by this Council to be completed. So as you can see, we are a long way away.

Currently, the full Preliminary Feasibility Study as submitted can be accessed on the City's website: [www.strongsville.org](http://www.strongsville.org).

Now, as most of you know, Howe Road is currently closed for paving from the mall to Drake Road. Once that is completed, we are going to close Howe Road from Drake Road to Boston Road to finish up what we need to finish up there with berm and all of the other things that need to be done. What we are trying to do is do our very best to accommodate everybody and to accommodate traffic. We need to get this work done because we have a limited window of time like any other city in Northeast Ohio, thank you.

Mr. Carbone – Thank you for the update. Anything else Mayor Perciak?

Mayor Perciak – Thank you, that's it Mr. President.

**FINANCE DEPARTMENT – Mr. Dean:** I hereby certify that funds will be made available for all ordinances and resolutions on tonight's agenda that require certification of funding.

**LAW DEPARTMENT – Mr. Jamison:** Thank you Mr. Chairman, we were here two weeks ago and the law department was going to court the next day for one of the homes on Howe Road that is presently in litigation. We were able to get an agreed judgement entry to stop any further placement or dumping of construction and asphalt debris at that residence. In addition, they have a timeline, by the end of summer, to get that out of there. In addition, there is also a timeline established to remove inoperable motor vehicles, that are not parked on a hard surface there, by the end of summer. We are going back to court in the middle of August for the judge to monitor the progress that's taking place. Also, to...the first step in the long process to get the ultimate resolution in the cleaning of that property. We felt that this was a step forward in the right direction to get this property into compliance and I just wanted to keep Council informed of that positive development. All ordinances and resolutions are in proper legal form; that concludes my report.

Ms. Roff – Neal if I could just thank you again and the staff for all the help with that. I know it's been quite talked about. The residents, I would like to thank them in that area too for being patient and allowing for us to go through the steps by law that we have to go through to get things straightened up there.

Mr. Jamison – You're welcome.

Ms. Roff – I appreciate again.

Mr. Jamison – No problem.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:**

Sue Mazzola, 3440 Boston Road, Brunswick, OH: Hi, my name is Sue Mazzola, I live at 3440 Boston Road, Brunswick. Actually, what I intended on saying kind of got deterred with what I just heard...a few things. One, I wish I was at that meeting with your sales because that mall is going downhill quick. It's not going to be there. Walk in there – the stores are closing. Nobody is there. Then, you talk about Section 1B...your Council will direct that. What about Brunswick's?

Mayor Perciak – It's a study and we're paying for it, not Brunswick.

Ms. Mazzola – (Unintelligible)

Mayor Perciak – Ma'am, Brunswick isn't paying for it.

Ms. Mazzola – Yeah, I know, they never had the opportunity to even do that. Now another thing, Patton who said, "Forty-three percent of your traffic problems is Brunswick. Howe Road's busyness is Brunswick residents." Well, Howe Road is closed. You're interchange is still backed up with traffic going west. Brunswick residents that might still be getting off are going to go east, so how does that explain? What that was...that was just a poor excuse for your poor planning and greed is what it was.

Mayor Perciak – Ma'am, it's not greed and it's not poor planning. Your facts are flawed. Once the facts come...

Ms. Mazzola – Are they really?

Mayor Perciak – Yes, they are. Once the facts come in, we'll present them to you.

Ms. Mazzola – Okay, were Patton's facts unflawed? Forty-four percent of your traffic is Brunswick's?

Mayor Perciak – I don't speak for Patton.

Ms. Mazzola – That is a blatant lie and you know it. Residents taking 15 minutes to get onto Howe Road...blatant lie; so don't talk to me about facts. You're wrong.

Mayor Perciak – Ma'am, whatever you think, God Bless You. Just keep thinking it.

Ms. Mazzola – I think you all are in your last term. You lost the respect of your own residents. We have Howe Road residents who are now involved in this. They see their traffic is going to increase. Then, you do say we're going to get the public to get their feedback. Then what are you going to do? Go, "Hey, our hands are tied, it's a law." You got your public feedback on what they wanted in 2021 on Prospect Road and Royalton Road; and there we have it, townhomes are still being built. I think you all are in your last term, especially you...your ward...you're not there for them.

(Applause)

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

Sari Vasch, 19672 Misty Lake Drive, Strongsville, OH: My name is Sari Vasch, I live at 19672 Misty Lake Drive in Strongsville. I can't say much because I have laryngitis, but I just wanted to say that I am opposed to the interchange. That's all I wanted to say, I am opposed to the interchange, thank you.

Mr. Carbone – Thank you.

(Applause)

Mary Vantz, 78 Duxbury Lane, Brunswick, OH: Hello, my name is Mary Vantz, I live at 78 Duxbury Lane in Brunswick. I want to thank you all for this opportunity. I obviously am going to echo things that you have already heard in previous meetings; and you're probably going to continue to hear. I know that sometimes the attention gets elevated, people get excited, people get angry; and that happens anytime someone feels underprivileged or victimized...when they don't feel they have been heard. I think that's what the census you're going to continue to hear from Brunswick. We don't feel as though we were included. I was very intrigued by your conversations with your meeting today and all your networking and all the value that can come from that. We wish that perhaps that would have happened with Brunswick; and I'm not blaming anybody. It's a two-sided sort, if you will. Networking and understanding and communicating, whether it be business, residential, etc., maybe we wouldn't be here tonight with this level of anxiety; and very honestly, this sense of (unintelligible). Most of the people on this side of the room are going to either lose their homes, they are going to be minimized in terms of if they don't lose their home, what the value of their home is going to be; and most of these people have worked very, very hard, as we all have, to get where we're at. That's why there's this emotion and the level of anxiety that we all have. I would like to ask a question, really quick, for everybody in the room who has visited the Howe Road/North Carpenter corridor to see the impact of what some of these studies...if you have visited either in a car or on foot please raise your hand. Some of you have. Those of you that have, I thank you. Those of you that have not, since this is going to be a long process, please take the time to come down and see our neighborhoods; not only the people in Brunswick, but the people in Strongsville. This isn't Brunswick's problem; this is a shared problem that people are passionate about; and if it happens here, it can happen anywhere. We just are asking for your patience and for your time to allow us to participate in this process and not feel like it's been shoved down our throats, thank you very much.

(Applause)

Mike Kellums, 3450 Boston Road, Brunswick, OH: Mike Kellums, 3450 Boston Road. I was up here one other time. Obviously, I'm opposed to the interchange on Boston Road. I'm not really here to talk about that. I just want to talk about some observations from coming to the Council meetings. Mr. Mayor, you're fired up. I can see it in your face.

Mayor Perciak – First time in a long time, because the facts haven't even been revealed sir. There's going to be a second study. There's going to be this input.

Mr. Kellums – I hear it; but let me give you my observation.

Mayor Perciak – Sure, please, go ahead.

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

Mr. Kellums – I came to a Council meeting. One of your residents, a Strongsville resident, whose going to lose their house if something happens...her house is gone. I visited her, never met her before, they have a beautiful house; and they're in their retirement stage of their life. She came up here and she was nervous to talk. A lot of people don't like to talk in public. I am one of them but I'm doing pretty well, I think. Anyways, you sat there and you didn't say anything to her. That was my observation; but that's fine, you're letting her speak her peace. There was a gentleman who walked in here. In observation, he had grass stains on his shoes. He was a little disheveled, must have just got done cutting his grass. He brought his RV home. Your city service department was going to do some road work and were going to inconvenience him...you're going to inconvenience him for maybe hours because he couldn't get his RV out to wax it or to get gas or something like that. You stood up, you called him over, you said, "Joe Walker will be out there to take care of you tomorrow;" because you and your service fellows were going to inconvenience him for hours. Yet, you're going to inconvenience somebody for life, you didn't say, "Hey, let me talk to you...let me explain to you." You offered her nothing; so your residents should know that. The residents should know what you're thinking. Mr. Kaminski, the first meeting we came here, after the meeting, you came running to the back with some kind of 2005 or some paperwork..."This is real...Brunswick wants this...etc." I got ahold of my wife and she entertains you. I told her not to. Then you entertained her via email. She fact checked all your stuff. All the information you had was wrong. She did fact check it.

Mr. Kaminski – It's not wrong. First of all, it's not wrong.

Mr. Kellums – It was wrong.

Mr. Kaminski – It came from the Brunswick's site.

Mr. Kellums – This is my five minutes.

Mr. Kaminski – You had an online survey.

Mr. Kellums – Is this my five minutes?

Mr. Kaminski – You had an online survey. Well, if you're going to accuse me of something, I'm going to counter.

Mr. Kellums – Well, what I am going to accuse you of is you decided to end the conversation with, "You're a trouble maker." That's professional. To call somebody a troublemaker, that's professional. You have to realize my wife is a second-generation Italian, I'm not stereotyping anybody, she grew up with three generations in her family. She's passionate. She talks from here...she talks with these and she talks loudly; but she gets her facts right. To call her a troublemaker, I think that's very unprofessional for a councilperson.

Mr. Kaminski – You're wrong, you can read my email. I didn't call her a troublemaker, read my email.

Mr. Kellums – I read your email.

Mr. Kaminski – Print it and read it.

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

Mr. Kellums – Okay, don't take any more of my time. Ms. Roff, how are you doing?

Ms. Roff – Okay.

Mr. Kellums – Here's my observation. Well, obviously you know we have all been getting together, Strongsville and Brunswick are talking about this. We're standing outside somewhere, I don't have social media – this is where this is derived from. This older gentleman comes up and he's wanting to know what's going on and he's talking and he said he reached out to his councilperson and couldn't remember her name. I said, "Where do you live?" He lives on Howe Road. He is concerned, he's older. He doesn't know what's going on....is he going to lose his house, etc. He doesn't know what's going on. He said he reached out to his councilperson...I don't know... (Unintelligible), but he said you live on Howe Road. He said you told him you didn't know what's going on, they keep you in the dark, okay. They keep you in the dark where you are a councilperson. Well, somebody is standing next to me who gets on Facebook and stuff, they put your name in and got your Facebook page: "H.B. 23 is going to be signed by Governor DeWine. Hey, we're going to have a party." So, you must know something is going on, but your residents should know that you're not sticking up for them, you're not supporting them, you're not offering them any information.

Ms. Roff – I offered them the same information that I offered on my Facebook.

Mr. Kellums – On your Facebook page? Yeah...that your happy that it's going through...

Ms. Roff – I said that I was excited to...

Mr. Kellums – You actually told someone you were in the dark.

Ms. Roff – With this study...

Mr. Kellums – You're kind of agreeing with me. You told one of your residents you were in the dark.

Ms. Roff – This study was not provided to us until last week...the same study that I put out.

Mr. Kellums – Just an observation. You reached out to us when this all started, appreciate that. We're talking to you...about halfway through the conversation...if I owned a used car dealership on Brookpark Road, you are the guy. I want you selling those cars because you will sell a lot of them. You'll make me a lot of money. You're trying to sell it. You told us, "You know what, this interchange, I'm for it." You did say you're for it; but you said we wouldn't even notice it. "You put some trees in there, you won't even see this thing." Did you see the plans that they came out with in the first study? Those things are crazy...there's no way.

(Applause)

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

Rose Helderman, 15604 Boston Road, Strongsville, OH: I'm back, Rose Helderman, 15604 Boston Road. I am a Strongsville resident. I received the study, thank you Ann. I read the study and it looks like if this ramp goes through, Strongsville isn't going to be, as the gentleman over there said, a family-friendly town for me anymore because I'll be gone. I've talked about eminent domain with attorneys; and I'm going to get fair market value for my house; which really isn't, in today's market, going to give me enough in order to relocate. We've worked hard. We scraped tons to afford to be in Strongsville; and now you're telling me that the city I chose to live in doesn't want me anymore. I'd like to know what Mayor Perciak and the rest of you are going to do to help compensate me because we are going to be retiring and we're probably going to have to continue working because we are not going to be able to afford to go where we are. I commute every day to the midtown neighborhood on Euclid on the East Side of Cleveland. It takes me 30-35 minutes to get to work. It takes me 40-45 minutes to get home. I just don't see that's an unreasonable amount of time to commute to work every day. I realize that your intersection has a lot of traffic; and I believe that the report said that your traffic problem is rated an "F"; but I don't believe that this ramp is going to elevate it to an "A." As a former teacher, that's what I would expect if you're going to displace families from their homes. It should be an "A+," at least a "B+," but an "F" is still failing. We need to really look at this better. I thought the feasibility study would be looking at other locations besides just Boston Road. Why are we the target? I also was told that it's a 10-year plan which would have been good for me because we would be closer to retirement and maybe have our house paid off; and maybe, we could find something really small out in the country where I wouldn't have to worry about commuting back and forth to work. Through the grapevine, Mr. Carbone, it was told to me that you said this was a 5-year plan now. Now, I am really concerned. What is the City of Strongsville going to do for me and for the other people that are going to be displaced because you are the ones pushing this? Brunswick has been to my home. I haven't seen anybody from Strongsville. Brunswick was there again today. They care, that's how I'm feeling. If I'm moving, I'm going to Brunswick because I don't feel Strongsville cares. Also, with this interchange comes the widening of Boston Road. Ms. Roff, you said when I asked why are we not widening Howe Road, "We don't have the money." Well, how are you going to have the money to widen Boston Road? I'm sure that ODOT is just going to put in ramps. You're going to have to do the rest or, should I say, we the taxpayers are going to have to do the rest. In some respects, I'm kind of glad I'm leaving because I don't want my taxes to go up; and that's what I think this city is in store for – higher taxes, more costs. You're going to need better police, more police...more accidents down at Boston Road. I can just visualize that in 30 years. I remember when I was in marching band in high school. I would come to Strongsville and I thought boy, I'm out in the country growing up in Fairview Park. Two lane roads on Royalton, two lane roads on Pearl Road. Look at what has happened. I see that in the future for Boston Road and I feel sorry for my Boston Road community. It is a community. It's a nice, lovely place to live; and that is all going to get destroyed. I just really wish that you'd rethink what you are doing, thank you.

(Applause)

Kathy Yohman, 3746 Boston Road, Brunswick, OH: My name is Kathy Yohman, I live on Boston Road and I do not like what is going with it, all the things I have been hearing and seeing. I oppose the Boston Road exchange and I agree with what the other people have said that all these things that are going to happen to it are going to cause a lot of friction and a lot of problems right there. I oppose it very much.

(Applause)

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

Mary Jean Cooley, 3495 Abington Court, Brunswick, OH: Hello, my name is Mary Jean Cooley, I live at 3495 Abington Court, Brunswick. I'm here to let you know I strongly oppose the Boston Road interchange.

(Applause)

Shrea Kellums, 3450 Boston Road, Brunswick, OH: I'm Shrea Kellums, 3450 Boston Road in Brunswick. These plans are extremely evasive. They are very evasive. Even the smallest one is going to take many houses because of the pipeline that we have. I feel bad for the people that are in Strongsville. They have nobody. You guys...it's like you don't care about them. We're going to destroy the south side of Strongsville and the north side of Brunswick...we just won't have it. If you were to have put it on Howe Road, you would have maybe lost 2 homes. These are many, many homes that are going to be gone, absolutely gone. You have a bunch of people that are either retired already or are retiring. Where are they going to go? I just want to know where you think they are going to go? They're going to have to work forever? This is just absolutely ridiculous, these plans. We know what these plans are for. We know what you guys want to do on Boston Road. You want to open up your industrial parkway. That's exactly what you want to do. You want to make that a truck route. It is so...I looked at those pictures. I have examined them. The roads are so wide. I'm not going to have a house. There's not going to be any houses on Boston Road. This is just absolutely ridiculous, thank you.

(Applause)

Tracy Graham, 19211 Timber Creek Circle, Strongsville, OH: Tracy Graham, 19211 Timber Creek Circle, Strongsville, Ward 2. I'm not sure I can say much more than I did last time when I was up here. My heart breaks for you; and you summed it all up right there. Everyone should have been at your door telling you what was going to happen ahead of time. You shouldn't have found out through surveys or anything. As far as Boston Road, obviously, I am opposed to it. We're going to do everything we can to put a wrench in whatever you guys have planned. If we can't stop it, can anyone here guarantee that it's not going to turn into St. Rt. 303 or St. Rt. 82? I didn't move to Strongsville to be next to St. Rt. 82 or St. Rt. 303. You are my councilwoman. Will you support us?

Ms. Roff – I would stand behind you guys, with you guys, with something that was going to turn into or look like St. Rt. 82 or St. Rt. 303. I don't think it's the appropriate place for that kind of lanes, traffic...I would definitely stand behind you and be on that side with you...if it was something that was going to turn into that.

Ms. Graham – Thank you, that's our fear.

Ms. Roff – And I'm saying, in front of everybody, it's not something that I would vote for; it's not something that I would entertain.

Ms. Graham – It would be nice to hear the Mayor say that.

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

Mayor Perciak – It's not supposed to be that way; and I agree with Ann. We don't want a St. Rt. 82 or Pearl Road on Boston Road. At the end of the day, someone keeps talking about truck traffic and everything else. I am not an engineer. When we had preliminary discussions, and nothing more than preliminary discussions, there is nothing being discussed other than the area right there at Boston Road and as it comes down and goes a little east and a little west. There has never been a discussion about extending Boston Road to Pearl Road or to the business park and making it 4-5 lanes. Nothing like that has even been considered and won't be considered. At the end of the day, this is all going to be Federal or State dollars. We'll pay for studies, but it's not going to be an assessment against the residents or anything like that matter; otherwise, we would be opposed to this. Now, are we going to have to pay some parts of this...yes; but we're not going to assess our residents. We don't do that now with our roads. You live a few blocks away from me. Why would anybody want that on Boston? I don't want it there either because it will be coming up and down Saratoga.

Ms. Graham – I agree with you.

Mayor Perciak – So, I understand what you are saying and I understand what these people are saying; but the purpose of this study is to either figure out what to do at Boston Road or an alternative site.

Ms. Graham – I understand that.

Mayor Perciak – It's clear; and I can't give you those answers. Neither can Ann or any of these people up there on Council.

Ms. Graham – I just wanted to make sure that she's fighting in case it does happen.

Mayor Perciak – Yes, but trust me...if I knew that...

Ms. Graham – I didn't think you would want it. I wouldn't say you would want it; but then again, if you retire, you could move to Florida.

Mayor Perciak – Well, I'm not going to do that either.

Ms. Graham – Well, I hope not.

Mayor Perciak – If I go anywhere, it would be Aruba.

Ms. Graham – Well, just stay here. Thank you very much.

(Applause)

Buckley Wilford, 18583 Benbow Road, Strongsville, OH: Here again, my name is Buckley Wilford, I live at 18583 Benbow Road, Strongsville, OH. I have a few things to say. If you drive by our area, almost every house is opposed to it, has a sign out front. There's hundreds of a petition that is going around now. The website and the things that they're gathering is gaining momentum. I think tonight is a few more people. I bet the next meeting, the place will be packed; and it's going to get worse and worse as this goes on. As a resident, I do not feel represented whatsoever from my ward.

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

Mr. Wilford (cont'd) - Maybe at St. Rt. 303 at Pearl Road you'll stop at, but what about stopping at what we don't want? We don't want this interchange at all; and we're not feeling supported at all. I saw on Facebook too, from March, saying make sure you call Governor DeWine and tell him, "Don't veto this bill; we want this thing." To me, this is as shady as it gets. I was a Green Beret in the Army for 20 years. I was in the Rangers. I was all over the place; and I know what shadiness is. I've seen shadiness through and through with political stuff. This was a politically shady thing to sign this into a law. We do not feel represented whatsoever by our own city that should be supporting us. It's a shame and a lousy thing that the City of Brunswick that is against this is doing what they're doing and standing up; and here we are, trying to fight our own councilmembers to get some type of a thing saying, "You know what? We're here for you. We're going to support you. What the residents want, we will represent and support you." We feel that zero. We don't feel any representation against this whatsoever. I don't see anybody here for the interchange whatsoever. I see a whole lot of people here against the interchange. I look at the little survey for 1A, and I notice it said, "Are there any resident issues? None aware." That's what it said. I think we're paying these guys over \$300,000.00 for them to say, "None aware resident issues." It's been an issue ever since they started it. Then I saw in there it said, "Wetlands none." Right there at Boston Road and Benbow Road is a giant swamp. It may not always have water in it; but you can see the cattails, all the stuff going on there. It's been a swamp. I've been there since 1973 when I was born. It's always been a swamp, always been a wetland; so I can see that even this study seems to be very skewed, from my perspective. I might be very wrong...I may be wrong, but I'm just saying this is what my perception is of this whole situation; and I'm very disappointed. I'd rather not come here. I like you guys. I vote for you guys. I love my city. I'm never going to move. I plan on being here until the day I die; but I am very upset with it. I just wanted to share these things with you, thank you.

(Applause)

Jeff Moulden, 3218 Hartwick Circle, Brunswick, Ohio 44212: Jeff Moulden, 3218 Hartwick Circle in Brunswick. Mayor Perciak, you just said that you have never considered plans to extend that path a little bit passed Boston Road to the east and little bit to the west, correct?

Mayor Perciak – What I said is we want to be certain that it doesn't go...it won't go beyond and become a truck route; because that has never been discussed at this point. I don't believe it will ever be discussed; because as you know, part of that road is ours and part of that road is Medina County. That would have to be through Brunswick all the way and through Strongsville all the way.

Mr. Moulden – I understand.

Mayor Perciak – We can't even agree as to what the speed limit should be on either side of the road.

Mr. Moulden – No, I understand.

Mayor Perciak – When our police officers pull people over, they say, "Well, I'm not speeding." The police officers says to them, "It doesn't matter what side of the road you're on, you are still over the speed limit." This is where we are at with that. Again, please understand they are right now looking at not only for an interchange...and if that is not the answer, what is an alternative answer.

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

Mayor Perciak (cont'd) - Someone mentioned something about the governor. The governor has made it crystal clear that this has to be a project that both sides will work on together. I heard it from his mouth to my ears, and he was very clear. Don't blame the governor. He's been very very...saying, "This must be remediated, and it is a safety issue." That is what his position is, and that is what our position is.

Mr. Moulden – Okay, that's fine. I just was thinking back and remembered something that I read at one point. On November 28, 2012, Debbie Palmer from The Strongsville Patch staff...I have the article pulled up. You were quoted, "We are looking for grant money very aggressively and once we extend that road, this will be the largest industrial park in all of Cuyahoga County."

Mayor Perciak – That is Foltz Parkway.

Mr. Moulden – Yes.

Mayor Perciak – That's right...

Mr. Moulden – Down to Boston Road...to Boston Road.

Mayor Perciak – ...however; because of environmental impacts, which we've learned that if it does get extended, will be a cul-de-sac because of the environmental impacts. We will not be able to exit that park out onto Boston Road. That is a fact.

Mr. Moulden – I would like to see that. I would like to see where that is drawn up.

Mayor Perciak – The engineering plans are there, so you can come and see them anytime you want.

Mr. Moulden – There's no way that you can snake that around and get it to pass?

Mayor Perciak – As of today, no.

Mr. Moulden – As of today...and once we have the exit, we can figure out a way.

Mayor Perciak – If we extend Foltz Parkway, which we hope to do, but everybody is talking about that this is in a bag. Well, it's not. We have applied for an Army Corps permit for Foltz Parkway and we have been waiting 18 months to hear from them and we still don't have an answer. The same thing with the environmental....

Mr. Moulden – You have been waiting 22 years to put in an exit at Boston Road.

Mayor Perciak – What I am trying to say is, how can I give you an answer about what's going to happen into Boston Road? We ourselves know, and we have projected, that will be made into a cul-de-sac.

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

Mr. Moulden – I understand, but the intent that everyone has talked about is obvious in a quote that you made in 2012. That's the only thing I want to be clear about.

Mayor Perciak – At that time, I didn't have the studies nor did I have the knowledge from the EPA, or from the Buffalo Army Corps.

Mr. Moulden – The other thing I would say is that I have been doing my own little study. I think I have mentioned it before. I go all the way down Boston Road to Pearl Road; and then all the way down to Route 82, and stop at Panera on my way to the highway. It was 7:12 a.m., and there was no traffic. All those people...what are they doing? Are they going to Route 303 or are they going down to Middleburg Hts. to get onto the highway? If they are not going across and down Howe Road, like you say is so congested, they would be coming down Route 82 at 7:12 a.m.; and that is not the only day, but today....

Mayor Perciak – Please, please give Euthenics the chance to complete...they've completed study Part 1A.; Part 1B is next on the platter. Once we have this information, we can discuss it with you at any public meeting that you want.

Mr. Moulden – Then it might be too late.

Mayor Perciak – No, what might happen is that information will not justify us to do anything and we'll have to go somewhere else. Everybody's jumping to a conclusion. That's what the studies are for.

Mr. Moulden – I think if we all sit on our hands and wait for that to happen, we know what's going to happen.

Mayor Perciak – Not with the public input.

Mr. Moulden – That's why we are trying to be aggressive with that. The last thing I would say, I do live in Waite Farms and we do have a pool in our development. I love that area, I have told you guys before. My 14-year old asked me if she could take her brother and sister to the pool. I'm very conservative and I usually don't allow that to happen, but a neighbor was going as well. I can tell you that I would not...if this goes through, I will not let my kids walk from my house to the pool within my own neighborhood that gets hardly any traffic because I would be scared about cars cutting through and I would be scared about human trafficking or whatever. People doing things because there's easy access to a highway that goes north and south all the way down to Florida. That's all I have, thank you.

Mayor Perciak – You're welcome.

(Applause)

Sam Mazzola, 3440 Boston Road, Brunswick, Ohio 44212: I heard a few things, I know nobody would care about this, but for the last 3 months I have been going to a nursing home my dad and mom are there. Working all day paying taxes and I have lived there for 42 years. All of this is a bunch of crap. I heard today that you were saying, "Business, business, business." Haven't you built it up enough?

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

Mr. Mazzola (cont'd) - Your residents can't stand it, and you want to build more and more and more and blame it on Brunswick. I know you said that the survey is not there. How many cars have Medina plates on it on Route 82? Anybody take that survey? Medina, that would be Brunswick. Do you ever think about timing your lights better? I have driven that, and this is what you guys do. You have a light at Howe Road and you have the light just before the highway as it comes on. So, what do you do? This light turns red, this light turns green and there's no place for anybody to go. Then what they do is that they jot out because they want to make the next light. What happens then? The light turns green finally, a few cars go because they are on the phones, they don't go anywhere. Now you let the highway come out...same principle. Did you ever think to just keep the lights open so everybody that went through the first light, got out? Even if it took an extra minute or so, the traffic always moves. It doesn't stop. Then the vote, what good is putting...I heard you guys putting something about it on a ballot. I know people that are down on Route 82 and Prospect Road, it was on the ballot and they turned it down. You guys found a loop hole and put it through anyways. Right, reduce the number of houses, so what are you voting on? You think the people in southern Strongsville are just like Brunswick. Like I said, the nursing home and that every day, nobody gives a (expletive). I will tell you why; because it didn't happen to them, and this isn't happening to you. You are in for the fight of your life and you just don't know how bad it's going to be.

(Applause)

Ed Radzynski, 19 N. Carpenter Road, Brunswick, Ohio 44212: Good Evening Gentlemen, my name is Ed Radzynski and I live at 19 N. Carpenter Road. I am the very first house on the southeast corner of the intersection of Boston Road and North Carpenter Road. There isn't any design seen in any of these plans that wouldn't consume my home. I have heard a lot tonight about safety and I have heard a lot tonight about the first step. In any domino design...have you ever seen when you hit the first domino, all the other ones follow? That's what these studies are...these are domino effects. This is the first thing, then we are going to hit this and then the rest are going to fall...they are going to go with it. We hear about safety. This last gentleman talked about human trafficking. I-71 Corridor ranked at the top in the nation for human trafficking. Why would you want to create another possible avenue for little children and people to disappear out of this state? Why would you want to fracture your safety forces? Now you are going to have to cover multiple exits...fire, police. You're taking what they could do and concentrate on one area Route 82, and now you have to split those forces between Route 82 and potentially Boston Road. It makes no sense. Why do you want to fracture your safety forces? Why do you want to fracture your EMS and your fire and rescue? Why? It makes no sense. Why are you creating another problem? We talked about facts. Between Route 82 and Boston Road, there are 12 side streets including Drake Road. Nine of those streets are from the mall to Drake Road. That's Howe Road traffic. That is Strongsville residents creating their own problem. Nine streets all go into Strongsville developments. There are only 3 streets passed Drake Road and Boston Road...three. Guess what? They are all going into Strongsville developments. That's not Brunswick people causing the issue or causing the problems. Open your eyes, realize what's going on, quit trying to buffalo the people...they are smart, you've seen it. Mr. Carbone, the last thing that I have to say to you, the last time I was here, I happened to be on Channel 3 News. My granddaughter who lives in North Olmsted saw me on the news...saw you and said, "Papa, why does cool cat Carbone want to kick you out of your house?" Do you want to explain that to an 8-year old? Have at it, goodnight.

(Applause)

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

Michelle Bolger, 376 Winchester Lane, Brunswick, Ohio 44212: Hello, my name is Michelle Bolger, I live at 376 Winchester Lane in Brunswick. Obviously, I am against the interchange and I was not planning on speaking today. Many of my thoughts are on [www.cleveland.com](http://www.cleveland.com). Today we just did another article regarding our opinions. The reason why I have decided to come up here now is because we have an article from The Post on April 20, 2013. It looks like it's from a Councilman, Duke Southworth. Specifically, in here it says...one moment, let me just find it. It says, "We have a huge stake because the whole point of the Boston Road interchange is to connect it to the industrial parkway." Our stake in the industrial parkway is a lot bigger than Brunswick's stake." That is definitely an article that we have found that shows proof that this is a plan to make this a connection to Foltz Parkway, thank you.

(Applause)

Sherri Hamm, 15728 Boston Road, Strongsville, Ohio 44136: Sherri Hamm, 15728 Boston Road and yes, my house is one of the ones that no matter which plan it goes, we are going to lose it. My question for you...every one of you, is just a request to put yourselves in our shoes. Just as Rose had said, we have worked most of our adult lives to get where we are. We are happy there and had no intentions on moving. How would you feel? Put yourselves in our shoes. How would you feel if you moved into a place that you liked that was far away from the highway as far as ramps and stuff, and somebody came through and said to you, "You know what, you are out of here. We don't care, you have no say what so ever and we are taking your house. We are going to give you money that you can't get a replacement house with. Then, we are going to...we are not going to let you have any say in it whatsoever." There is a reason that these ramps were not built for over 50 years. This is a residential area. Do you want ramps going through your development that you live in? I'm sure you wouldn't sit there and take that lightly. You would be out fighting tooth and nail. This is a residential area, and I just don't understand why you would put ramps in a residential area. There is just so much in safety. The only good thing we have is after being kicked out and having higher interest rates for our mortgages... because we obviously got the lower ones when they did it, and we are not going to get that rate anymore. The only blessing is that we are not going to be on Boston Road, so we are not going to have to deal with all that stuff. Those poor people that are left behind that have no say in this happening, they are going to. I just want you to imagine ramps going through your development, around your children and their safety. That's all I have to say, thank you.

(Applause)

Mr. Carbone – Anybody else for audience participation?

Cindy Meadows, 3896 Boston Road, Brunswick, Ohio 44212: Cindy Meadows, 3896 Boston Road. Obviously, I oppose, but I wanted to bring up that some people are under the impression that this project is years and years away. I read an article on [www.cleveland.com](http://www.cleveland.com) today that says, "State Officials have indicated that the interchange project is expected between 2025 and 2030." It could start as early as 2025. I just wanted everybody to know that, thank you.

Mr. Carbone – Anybody else for audience participation?

(No comments)

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

**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. First reading and referred to the Planning Commission 06-05-23. Favorable recommendation by the Planning Commission 06-08-23.

***Placed on second reading and set for a public hearing on 07-25-23.***

**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. First reading and referred to the Planning Commission 06-05-23. Favorable recommendation by the Planning Commission 06-08-23.

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: Roff, Clark, Short, DeMio, Kosek  
Abstained: Carbone, Kaminski. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2023-078 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 second reading and set for a public hearing on 07-25-23.***

**Resolution No. 2023-085** by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION OF ORDINANCE NO. 2023-076 TO THE ELECTORS, ESTABLISHING AN ELECTION DATE THEREFOR, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

***Placed on first reading and referred back to the committee.***

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

**Ordinance No. 2023-086** by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF SELF-CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS (SCBA) UNITS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT FOR USE BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

**Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2023-086 ADOPTED.**

**Ordinance No 2023-087** by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE WITH THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION UNDER THE HEALTHY URBAN TREE CANOPY GRANT PROGRAM PY2023; 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. 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. 2023-087 ADOPTED.**

**Ordinance No 2023-088** by Mayor Perciak. AN ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE ANNUAL EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, OHIO, FOR THE YEAR 2023 AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NUMBER 2023-066.

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. 2023-088 ADOPTED.**

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

**Resolution No. 2023-089** by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. A RESOLUTION ADOPTING ALTERNATIVE TAX BUDGET INFORMATION FOR THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, OHIO FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024, 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. 2023-089 ADOPTED.**

**Ordinance No. 2023-090** by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN EQUIPMENT SUPPLY AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH BUCKEYE AQUATICS, LLC FOR THE LEASE OF A CHLORINE GENERATOR WITH APPURTENANCES, FOR THE POOLS AT THE AQUATIC CENTER IN THE CITY'S WALTER F. EHRLFELT RECREATION & SENIOR CENTER, 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. 2023-090 ADOPTED.**

**Ordinance No. 2023-091** by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE AND REPLACEMENT OF COMMERCIAL PUMPS WITH APPURTENANCES FOR THE POOLS IN THE AQUATIC CENTER AT THE WALTER F. EHRLFELT RECREATION & SENIOR CENTER, 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. 2023-091 ADOPTED.**

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

**Resolution No. 2023-092** by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A DONATION OF MONEY FROM THE STRONGSVILLE TOWNE CENTER COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT TO BE USED IN CONNECTION WITH THE STRONGSVILLE TOWN CENTER ENHANCEMENT & WALKABILITY INITIATIVE.

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

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

**Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Resolution No. 2023-092 ADOPTED.**

**Resolution No. 2023-093** by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A DONATION OF MONEY FROM THE STRONGSVILLE SWIM LEAGUE TO BE USED TOWARDS THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE'S PURCHASE OF FOLDING CHAIRS FOR THE AQUATIC CENTER AT THE WALTER F. EHRLFELT RECREATION & SENIOR CENTER.

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. 2023-093 ADOPTED.**

**Ordinance No. 2023-094** by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE AT THE NEXT REGULAR NOVEMBER ELECTION CERTAIN AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLE III OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY ENTITLED "THE COUNCIL" IN SECTION 12, TO PROVIDE FOR COUNCIL POSTING ON THE WEBSITE OF THE CITY, AND IN PUBLIC PLACES DETERMINED BY COUNCIL, ALL ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, STATEMENTS, ORDERS, PROCLAMATIONS, NOTICES AND REPORTS REQUIRED BY LAW, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

***Placed on first reading and referred back to the committee.***

**Ordinance No. 2023-095** by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE AT THE NEXT REGULAR NOVEMBER ELECTION CERTAIN AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLE IV OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY ENTITLED "ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES" IN SECTION 6(c), TO PROVIDE THAT THE DECISION OF THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS GRANTING A VARIANCE IS FINAL WITHOUT REQUIRING A TWENTY (20) DAY DELAY FOR REVIEW BY CITY COUNCIL, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

***Placed on first reading and referred back to the committee.***

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

**Ordinance No. 2023-096** by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE AT THE NEXT REGULAR NOVEMBER ELECTION AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE IV OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY ENTITLED "ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES" IN SECTION 7(a), TO PROVIDE FOR FIVE (5) MEMBERS OF THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

*Placed on first reading and referred back to the committee.*

**Ordinance No. 2023-097** by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE AT THE NEXT REGULAR NOVEMBER ELECTION CERTAIN AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLE V OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY ENTITLED "FINANCE" IN SECTION 5(b), TO PROVIDE THAT COUNCIL MAY AUTHORIZE CERTAIN EXPENDITURES, IN EMERGENCIES OR OTHER LIMITED CIRCUMSTANCES, WITHOUT PUBLIC BIDDING, BY A VOTE OF NOT LESS THAN FIVE (5) OF ITS MEMBERS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

*Placed on first reading and referred back to the committee.*

**Ordinance No. 2023-098** by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE AT THE NEXT REGULAR NOVEMBER ELECTION AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE X OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY ENTITLED "CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE" TO PROVIDE THAT COUNCIL SHALL SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS ANY PROPOSED ALTERATIONS, REVISIONS AND AMENDMENTS RECOMMENDED BY THE CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

*Placed on first reading and referred back to the committee.*

**COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS AND CLAIMS:**

(None)

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:**

(None)

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before this Council, President Carbone adjourned the meeting at 9:43 p.m.

  
Marielena Beach  
Council Secretary

07-03-23  
Date