

SUMMARY OF CAUCUS DISCUSSION AND MINUTES OF THE STRONGSVILLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2026.

The Council of the City of Strongsville met in the Caucus Room at the Mike Kalinich Sr. City Council Chamber, 18688 Royalton Road, on **Tuesday, September 8, 2026, at 7:11 p.m.**

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

Absent: Mayor Thomas P. Perciak.

Council President Gordon C. Short called the caucus to order at 7:11 p.m.

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

Mr. Short – Welcome back from meeting recess, everyone. Although I know we were all working on constituent issues all summer, we were not in chambers - it's good to be back. With that, we have kind of a large agenda to kick off the fall semester here on Council. With that, we will start with Economic Development Committee, Mr. Clark.

Economic Development Committee:

Chairman Clark – Thank you, President Short. We have one piece of legislation - it's Ordinance No. 2026-081. This is related to the hotel. It is step 1 of Tax Incentive Financing (TIF) for the project site development necessary....

Mr. Jamison – Mr. Short, I don't think his mic is on, or he is not speaking into it.

Mr. Clark – Alright, sorry. Again, this is Ordinance No. 2026-081. This is the hotel Tax Incentive Financing (TIF) for the hotel at 500 SouthPark Center. This is step 1 of the TIF process to directly benefit the project site necessary for public infrastructure and improvements. As you all know, we have been through several of these. They are a benefit to the city; and they are a benefit to the development. The schools remain whole in that situation. The city doesn't pay anything out until after the money is collected; so, the developer pays the county and then everything has to be authorized - it has already been reviewed by our Council for that. The recommendation for that is suspend and adopt. Any questions on Ordinance No. 2026-081?

Ms. Roff – I do think we should go ahead and put that on first reading, though. I know I'm catching you by surprise for that, but I think that would be the best option right now.

Mr. Short – I don't understand why there is a need for...

Ms. Roff – Only because...okay, it's a huge packet and we are coming off of recess. I don't think people have had the opportunity to be able to come in and speak their mind regarding it. I just think that if we give it two weeks, that uh....

Mr. Short – I received this Thursday and had ample time to review.

Ms. Roff – We received it Thursday on a holiday weekend. I went through most of the agenda and most of the paperwork. I just do think for due diligence, it's the right option. If I am out-numbered, that is fine.

Mr. Short – Does anybody else need more time to review this development agreement? Anybody?

Ms. Kosek – All I will say is that whenever a Councilmember asks for more time, I generally support allowing them to have additional time.

Mr. Short – Mr. Jamison, is there any timing issue in regards to this legislation if it is not passed tonight?

Mr. Jamison – No, to my understanding there is no timing issue; but this has been on the table for the last six months. We had a previous vote before we went to recess on this matter - it is not like this is something new.

Ms. Roff – I understand. I have had recent emails, though, regarding this, like, within the last couple of days.

Mr. Jamison – The actual process for the building itself is done. This is just for the development agreement for...

Ms. Roff – For the TIF....

Mr. Jamison – rights and responsibilities...

Ms. Roff – For the TIF...

Mr. Jamison - ...related to the development of that project.

Ms. Roff – Correct. I have had people email me regarding this asking for different stipulations to be put on it. I will forward it to you guys.

Mr. Jamison – Understand that the building itself, that part is done. This is about...

Ms. Roff – I know that...

Mr. Jamison - ...everything related to the development of the infrastructure.

Ms. Roff - ...we are talking about the TIF. Yes, I understand that.

Mr. Short – I understand that. I will put this on first reading for a two-week hold, but we will vote on this at the next (meeting).

Ms. Roff – Sorry, I should have gotten back to you sooner, Gordon, but I just went through some of this stuff.

Mr. Short – Alright, we will place that on first reading this evening. Any other questions for Mr. Clark?

(No questions)

Planning, Zoning & Engineering Committee:

Chairman Zacharyasz – Thank you, President Short. Tonight, I have two ordinances to report. First, is Ordinance No. 2026-082 authorizing the Mayor to make a final payment to the Cuyahoga County Department of Public Works in connection with the reconstruction and widening of Sprague Road. This is for design and construction costs related to the removal and replacement of part of the sanitary sewer on Sprague Road from Webster Road to West 130th Street. The cost for this is \$118,307.67 and will be paid from the city's General Capital Improvement Fund. The recommendation tonight is to suspend and adopt. Second, is Ordinance No. 2026-083 authorizing the Mayor and city engineer to prepare and submit an application for the State Issue 1 Grant Funding. This is will be specifically for the Plum Brook Lane Watermain Replacement project. We are looking to seek funding that could total up to \$500,000.00 and will be submitted to the Ohio Public Works Commission. In another project, they graciously granted \$500,000.00 in grant funds for the Albion Road and Prospect Road Intersection Improvement project. A thank you to the Ohio Public Works Commission for their continued assistance. The recommendation tonight is to suspend and adopt on this as well. I will be happy to take any questions.

Mr. Short – Any questions for Mr. Zacharyasz?

(No questions)

Public Safety & Health Committee:

Chairman Kaminski – Yes, we have two ordinances this evening and a couple of additional announcements. Ordinance No. 2026-084; this is to ratify and approve the filing of an application for financial assistance in connection with the Law Enforcement Diversion program related to the Opioid epidemic. It is a reimbursement for \$89,043.00. The recommendation is suspension and adoption this evening on that ordinance. Also, Ordinance No. 2026-085; this is an ordinance approving a change order, which is Change Order #2 for RFC Contracting, LLC for the new fire station #5. There are two main issues: One was a curb removal and replacement that was not part of the original project - they were damaged from plows and other use over the years. They felt it was best to replace those curbs, and tie them in with the current pavement - they would last a lot longer and be much safer. We also had some extra concrete that was needed for support of the footers. That concrete is pretty expensive - It's called lean concrete. Those two changes added up to \$107,941.00. The recommendation is suspension and adoption on that change order this evening.

Mr. Short – Mr. Kaminski, just for Council, if you just want to point out that in the change order for the lean concrete that RFC Contracting, LLC did negotiate on the city's behalf, and actually saved the city about \$22,040.00 on that getting the price per cubic yard down significantly for the city. I want to thank RFC Contracting, LLC for keeping the best interest of the and tax dollars in mind when they were preparing this quote.

Chairman Kaminski – Absolutely, that was in my notes as well - I was going to mention that. So, thank you for mentioning that. A couple of more things. Station No. 4, our main fire station on Prospect Road is going to have an open house. If you guys could mark your calendars for Sunday, October 4, 2026 - it will be from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. We will have an open house there and everyone is welcome to join us. Again, Sunday, October 4, 2026 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Lastly, I am going to work with Aimee and Gordon on a Safety Committee meeting.

Mr. Kaminski (cont'd) - I am probably going to schedule that for the first week in October – our first meeting in October if that is okay, Gordon. The topic will be around the Flock cameras. We have had some questions, so I want to gather the research and be able to have a proper presentation that day. If anyone has questions that they would like to submit to me in advance, that would be very helpful. That concludes my report this evening.

Mr. Short – Yes, we can schedule that with Aimee and coordinate that for sure.

Chairman Kaminski – Will do.

Ms. Kosek – Jim, can you share the details of the September 11th...September 11th is very soon, so I assume that there will be an event. Thank you.

Chairman Kaminski – Thank you, Kelly. Yes, as a matter of fact, Kelly is correct. We will have an event on The Square here. It will be for the 25th Anniversary of 911 and it will start at 6:00 p.m. when we will be gathering. I would say that the whole program will probably go until 7:00 p.m., so it gives you time, obviously, to go to the football game or other events in the evening. It is a very important event if you could take the time to join us. Again, on The Commons at 6:00 p.m. on September 11th...6:00 p.m. in the evening. Thank you, Kelly.

Mr. Short – Any other further questions for Mr. Kaminski?

(No questions)

Mr. Short – Thank you, Mr. Kaminski.

Public Service & Conservation Committee:

Chairwoman Kosek – Thank you. Can everybody hear me? I was told my mic was a little bit low. For Public Service & Conservation, we have three ordinances tonight. Ordinance No. 2026-086 is to allow the Mayor to enter into a contract for the emergency purchase of replacement components for the settling tanks at the city's waste water treatment plant. This will be for a contract with, I am going to butcher the name I think, Evoqua Water Technologies. It is for an amount not to exceed \$155,421.54. This is being requested on an emergency basis, so it is without public bidding. We do need all seven votes tonight. Does anybody have any questions about that?

(No questions)

Chairwoman Kosek – Seeing no questions, I'd just ask that we approve that so that we can get that taken care of for our wastewater treatment plant. We also have Ordinance No. 2026-087, which is to authorize for sale by internet auction certain obsolete properties that are no longer needed for the city. There are three items: Two Cub Cadet Walk-Behind mowers, I believe. Then, a 14-ton roller; which will be sold on GovDeals provided that we approve this tonight. I would ask that we suspend and adopt that. We also have Resolution No. 2026-088, which is for the repurchase of certain certificates for burial rights related to the Whites. I would ask that we suspend and adopt that.

Recreation & Community Services Committee:

Chairwoman Kosek – The next ordinance...I have two for the recreation center. We have Ordinance No. 2026-089; this would authorize the Mayor to accept funding from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources to complete a capital improvement for our dog park project. They have appropriated \$150,000.00 for our project. I would like to have this approved so that we can accept those funds for that project. I greatly appreciate those resources for our Capital Improvement project. I would ask that we suspend and adopt. Our last ordinance is Ordinance No. 2026-090, which is a resolution accepting a donation from the Strongsville City Club – also for the dog park. That is for \$25,000.00, which we greatly appreciate. I would ask that we suspend and adopt that. That is a nice contribution to a project that I know a lot of people are really looking forward to. I don't know if anyone has any questions about any of those, but if you do, I'm happy to try and answer them. Otherwise, I will give the floor back to, you, President Short.

Mr. Short – Any questions for Ms. Kosek?

(No questions)

Mr. Short – Thank you Ms. Kosek.

Finance Committee:

Chairman Short – We have two resolutions on the agenda. The first is Resolution No. 2026-091. This is a resolution that the county does every year that would certify the necessary rates for tax levies for the tax fiscal year for 2026 to be collected in 2027. This is an accounting procedure with Cuyahoga County to collect those taxes on behalf of the levies that have been passed and approved by the voters of Strongsville. The recommendation there is to suspend and adopt. Then, we have Resolution No. 2026-092. This is to direct the finance officer and fiscal officer at Cuyahoga County to assess those properties where the city has done nuisance abatements, cutting grass and other types of building code violations that residents or businesses did not adhere to; and that the city took care of on their behalf to appropriately attach those to those parcels for collection. The recommendation there is to suspend and adopt as well. Any questions on those two resolutions?

(No questions)

Chairman Short – Lastly, at the next Council meeting, beforehand, we will have a Finance Committee meeting to go over the most recent quarterly and monthly figures regarding the income tax collection and expenses for the city for fiscal year 2026 as compared to budget. We do have...the city will begin its annual budgeting process for fiscal year 2027. We have tentatively scheduled that budget meeting for the review of the 2027 proposed budget, from the administration, on October 26th at 5:30 p.m. in the Mayor's Conference room. Obviously, as we get closer to that date, we will confirm that with the administration that that will take place on that day. Any questions for myself?

(No questions)

Mr. Short – Thank you. Anything from the administration side for Council, tonight?

(No comments)

*****Please note – The legislation discussed above on tonight's agenda can be viewed in entirety at: <https://www.strongsville.org/government/city-council/minutes-agendas> by clicking on the September 8, 2026 agenda link. *****

MINUTES OF THE STRONGSVILLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2026 IN THE MIKE KALINICH SR. CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

CALL TO ORDER:

Council President Gordon C. Short called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. All joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

CERTIFICATION OF POSTING:

The Clerk of Council certified that the meeting had been posted in accordance with Ordinance No. 2023-182.

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: Mayor Thomas P. Perciak.

COMMENTS ON MINUTES:

The Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on July 27, 2026 were approved as submitted.

APPOINTMENTS, CONFIRMATIONS, AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS:

(No report)

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

COMMUNICATIONS & TECHNOLOGY – Ms. Roff:

(No report)

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Mr. Clark: Thank you, President Short. We have one ordinance this evening - that is Ordinance No. 2026-081. That is an ordinance approving and authorizing the Mayor to enter into a project development agreement for a property at the existing SouthPark Mall located at/near 500 SouthPark Center. That is with Howe Mustang, LLC. It is for a 77,000 square foot four-story 132 - key hotel. This is a project development agreement necessary for public infrastructure improvements with expansion and insulation of utilities discussed during caucus. We are going to place that on first reading this evening. I will be happy to take any questions.

(No questions)

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Mr. Clark (cont'd): – One announcement under Economic Development that I want to share. On October 14, 2026, we will have our Strongsville Business Expo at the Strongsville Recreation Center. That is from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on October 14th. That concludes my report.

Mr. Short – Thank you, Mr. Clark.

PLANNING, ZONING & ENGINEERING – Mr. Zacharyasz: Thank you, President Short. Tonight, I have two pieces of legislations to report. First, is Ordinance No. 2026-082 authorizing the Mayor to make a final payment to the Cuyahoga County Department of Public Works in connection with the reconstruction and widening of Sprague Road. This is for design and construction costs related to the removal and replacement of part of the sanitary sewer on Sprague Road from Webster Road to West 130th Street. The cost for this is \$118,307.67 and will be paid from the city's General Capital Improvement Fund. The recommendation tonight is to suspend and adopt. Second, is Ordinance No. 2026-083 authorizing the Mayor and city engineer to prepare and submit an application for the State Issue 1 Grant Funding. This is will be specifically for the Plum Brook Lane Watermain Replacement project. We are looking to seek funding that could total up to \$500,000.00 and will be submitted to the Ohio Public Works Commission. The recommendation tonight is also to suspend and adopt. That concludes my report. Any questions?

(No questions)

Mr. Short – Thank you, Mr. Zacharyasz.

PUBLIC SAFETY & HEALTH – Mr. Kaminski: Yes, Public Safety & Health has two ordinances and some additional announcements. Ordinance No. 2026-084; this is to ratify and approve the filing for an application for financial assistance from the Ohio Attorney General's office in connection with the Law Enforcement Diversion program. It is related to the Opioid epidemic. It is a reimbursement for \$89,043.00. The recommendation is suspension and adoption for that this evening. I also have Ordinance No. 2026-085; this is Change Order #2 with RFC Contracting, LLC for the new fire station #5 on Royalton Road - it is for \$107,941.00. First of all, we had curb removal and replacement that was not part of the original project. It made more sense to replace those curbs and tie them in with the existing parking area. It will be a lot safer and last a lot longer. They also had to do reinforcement of extra concrete. It's called LSM Concrete (Lean) to support the footers. I am happy to say that RFC Contractors, LLC, our construction management company was able to negotiate a lower price on that and saved us over \$22,000.00 on that cement. That was a great savings, so we appreciate that. That ordinance is also suspension and adoption this evening. Also, a couple of announcements: This September 11th is the 25th Anniversary of 911. If you are able to take an hour out of your time that evening, at 6:00 p.m. right here on The Commons, we will have an event that will go from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. If you are able to join us, we would greatly appreciate that. Again, September 11th at 6:00 p.m. here at The Commons. Also, mark your calendars for an open house at the fire station...the main fire station #4. That will be Sunday, October 4th from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. We will be happy if you could stop in and see the fire house. If you haven't done so already, I highly recommend it. It is a great fire house and definitely a major asset for our community. Please stop in and take a look at the fire house if you are available that day. That concludes my report. I'll be happy to take any questions.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

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

(No questions)

Mr. Short – Thank you, Mr. Kaminski.

PUBLIC SERVICE & CONSERVATION – Ms. Kosek: Thank you, President Short. We have three ordinances for Public Service & Conservation, tonight. Ordinance No. 2026-086; this would be to approve a contract for the emergency purchase of replacing of components and appurtenances for the settling tanks of the city's waste water treatment plant. This is on an emergency basis. It would be a contract without public bidding for Evoqua Water Technologies in the amount of \$155,421.54. Obviously, this is something that we need and it cannot wait. So, I would ask that we approve and adopt. Again, as I mentioned during caucus, we do need all seven to approve that because it is without public bidding. We have Ordinance No. 2026-087; this is an ordinance authorizing the sale by internet auction of certain property that is no longer needed by the municipality. The city has two Cub Cadet Walk-Behind mowers and one Dynapac 14-ton roller that are of no use...further use to the city. I would ask that we suspend and adopt this ordinance that would allow us to dispose of those through the internet auction through GovDeals. We have Resolution No. 2026-088, which is a resolution granting the permission for the city to repurchase certain certificates for burial rights in the municipal cemetery for Thomas J. White and Donna A. White for the same price it was originally paid. I would ask that we suspend and adopt that.

RECREATION & COMMUNITY SERVICES – Ms. Kosek: We also have two ordinances for Recreation & Community Services, tonight. Ordinance No. 2026-089 would authorize the Mayor to apply for and accept funding from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources to complete the Capital Improvement Community Recreation project that is the dog park. We have been...I believe appropriated funds in the amount of \$155,000.00 for that capital improvement project, which is greatly appreciated. I would ask that we suspend and adopt that so that we can get those funds in for the dog park. Finally, we have Resolution No. 2026-090, which would accept the donation of \$25,000.00 from the Strongsville City Club, also for the dog park - a very generous donation. I would ask that we suspend and adopt that as well. I'm happy to take any questions if anybody has any; but otherwise, I have nothing else tonight, Mr. President.

(No questions)

Mr. Short – Thank you, Ms. Kosek.

BUILDING & UTILITIES – Mr. Carbone:

(No report)

SCHOOL BOARD – Mr. Carbone: It has been a successful start to the new year for the students and the staff. They returned with much enthusiasm and the district is looking forward to a very productive and positive school year ahead. This fall election, the district has an operating levy Issue 9 on the ballot. The additional operating levy is needed to help maintain current educational programs, services, staffing, and opportunities for students.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

SCHOOL BOARD – Mr. Carbone (cont'd): The district already reduced its operating budget this year by \$5,000,000.00 for the first year and is spending down its cash balance while operating at a deficit. If you want to learn more or help with Issue 9, please look in the financial impact on residents; everything is available on the district's website. If there is anybody interested in helping with Issue 9, there is a community meeting tomorrow night at the middle school at 7:00 p.m. Lastly, this Friday, the Mustangs have...we have our community tail-gate following a home football game for Strongsville against Cleveland Heights. That ends my report.

Mr. Short – Any questions for Mr. Carbone?

(No questions)

Mr. Short – Thank you, Mr. Carbone.

SOUTHWEST GENERAL HEALTH SYSTEM – Mr. Short:

(No report)

FINANCE – Mr. Short: We have two resolutions this evening. Resolution No. 2026-091; this is to accept the amounts and rates for tax levies certifying them to the county fiscal officer for tax levies in 2026 to be collected in 2027. Again, these are levies that have already been passed and approved by the voters. The recommendation there is to suspend and adopt that this evening. Resolution No. 2026-092; this is a resolution authorizing the director of finance to certify to the fiscal officer of Cuyahoga County those properties in Strongsville that have unpaid property nuisance abatements to collect those taxes on those properties, or collect those charges on those properties. The recommendation there is to suspend and adopt this evening. Are there any questions on those two resolutions?

(No questions)

Mr. Short – Also, just as a reminder, we will have a Finance Committee meeting prior to the next Council meeting, in caucus, on Monday, September 21st.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - Mr. Short:

(No report)

Mr. Short – Are there any other questions?

Mr. Clark – Not a question, but just one comment. We heard about the donation tonight that we will vote on from The City Club. We announced some great things going on in the city, but this month, The City Club has one of their events, which is the Breakfast-on-the-Bridge. That is on Saturday, September 20th from 7:30 a.m. to noon. I'm pretty sure...

Mr. Zacharyasz – It's Sunday, Mr. Clark.

Mr. Clark – Sorry...thank you. Sunday, September 20th from 7:30 a.m. to noon. You can see any City Club member to get tickets. I don't know if they still have sponsorship opportunities, but that allows them to contribute to great things in our community.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

Mr. Kaminski – Thank you for reminding everyone. That is a great even if you haven't gone, please do so. You can by your tickets, actually, that day if you can't find anyone in advance to buy your tickets.

Mr. Clark – Especially on the newly reconstructed bridge.

Mr. Kaminski – That's right.

Mr. Clark – It's great.

Mr. Kaminski – It is a great event.

Mr. Short – Alright, thank you.

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

MAYOR PERCIAK:

(No report)

FINANCE DEPARTMENT – Mr. Dean: Thank you, Council President. I am looking forward to doing an update on the city's financial position at our next meeting – our numbers are solid. Also, want to certify that funds will be made available for all ordinances and resolutions on tonight's agenda requiring certification of funding. Thank you.

Mr. Short – Thank you.

LAW DEPARTMENT – Mr. Jamison: All ordinances and resolutions are in proper legal form. That concludes my report.

Mr. Short – Thank you, Mr. Jamison.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Mr. Short – We are now at the portion, of the meeting, for audience participation. A few rules before we begin that. One – audience members are allowed five minutes to discuss any topic they wish before this Council. This is not a Q & A with the Council; it is simply an opportunity for Council to hear your opinions, comments or thoughts on anything going on within the City of Strongsville. Any handouts you do present to Council do become part of the public record. Before I ask my Council Clerk who has signed in to address Council – if you haven't signed in, you can speak after those who have signed in first. I believe most of you are here regarding the NOACA study and proposed solutions that they have, so far, relayed to the public at their last public forum. Just a little history...originally, State Senator, Tom Patton, a few years ago, had put into legislation an interchange to be built at Boston Road and I-71; which the Governor then signed into law. After that point, ODOT was to begin studies and that interchange was fully paid for out of the State budget – out of the State Capital Budget. Brunswick, the city and its residents, lobbied very hard in Columbus; and unfortunately, that idea was repealed two years later. In that repeal legislation, the legislature decided to send it back to NOACA and ODOT for further study.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):

Mr. Short (cont'd) - NOACA is the Northern Ohio Area Coordinating Agency that basically is a quasi-government agency that is responsible for allocating federal dollars to highway systems and planning transportation in Northeast Ohio. ODOT, obviously, is the Ohio Department of Transportation, whose main focus is to look at roads and infrastructure all across Ohio. Once the legislature sent that back to NOACA, they began their study. They did have two public hearings. The last one was in June where, unfortunately in my personal opinion, they removed what I think was the best option, which was the interchange at Boston Road; and replaced it with four ideas – one of them being a potential interchange at Drake Road. There is nothing before this City Council currently. There is no legislation. There is no funding. There's nothing this Council can vote on at this time, as the NOACA study is not complete. Per the legislation passed and signed by the Governor authorizing the study, it is to be completed by December of 2026 – so in a few more months. At this time, NOACA is still evaluating those options. As I said, unfortunately they removed the Boston Road interchange from their study; however, there is still a chance for public input. One is a third public meeting to be scheduled in November; so I highly recommend if you have opinions on what NOACA is proposing that you be there. Secondly, you can reach out to NOACA directly and to Grace Gallucci, who is their Executive Director. I highly recommend that. Obviously, it worked for Brunswick to have the opinions changed on what was initially proposed. We hear you...we're receiving your emails. We are passing those along to NOACA as well. This Council has formed an ad-hoc committee to liaison with the administration and NOACA what their plans are and what they're doing. When this study is finalized, it is a design study. It is not a construction document. Any recommendations from NOACA are to be considered by the city; but we do not have to accept those, whatever they propose, and what options they choose. That certainly then determines where this goes after that. That study will not be completed until late December of 2026...probably final results not until early 2027; however, if you do want to discuss your opinions and try to see if there is some different options that NOACA should consider, I believe NOACA and reaching out to Grace Gallucci at NOACA is the best course of action before something gets released in motion.

With that, Madame Clerk, has anybody signed in to address this Council this evening?

Ms. Pientka – Yes, Mr. President. First, is Mr. Norm Beznoska.

Ms. Roff – I'm sorry Norm, as you're coming up, they could still reach out to us though.

Mr. Short – Any comments you have we will pass along to NOACA as well. Also, for public comment, for anybody to talk about this or something else – again, we don't just have to talk about the interchange tonight, we do need you to state your name, spell your last name for the record to help our clerk, and then also your address as well. With that, Mr. Beznoska, the floor is yours for five minutes.

Norm Beznoska, 18235 Fern Canyon Drive, Strongsville, OH: My name is Norm Beznoska. I live at 18235 Fern Canyon Drive. I'm right behind three houses on Howe Road. Six years ago to the date, I stood here at this podium, defending our Strongsville Police Department against outside agitators who demanded that our police department remove that beautiful wooden Blue Line flag in the foyer because it might insult Black Lives Matter criminals and left-wing lunatics who hate our police department. Thank God that Blue Line Flag is still on the foyer wall.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):

Mr. Beznoska (cont'd) - Once again, we have outside agitators and non-residents coming into the City of Strongsville from NOACA with their insane I-71 crossroad study recommendation No. 3 – the proposed Howe Road and Drake Road interchange and widening of Howe Road up to five lanes; and of course, turning residential Drake Road into a multi-lane, commercial expressway all the way to the Foltz Industrial Parkway. Who cares if Drake Road residents can get in and out of their driveways or that they and our children are in harm's way? Certainly not NOACA, ODOT, or even a few of our city employees. This Howe Road/Drake Road interchange, residents be damned recommendation, only took NOACA 42 years...I said 42 years to complete. It started in 1984 with the study of Boston Road. In that time, NOACA conducted over twelve I-71 studies and interchange studies. There were four from ODOT and there were two from Strongsville. All those studies cost us over one million dollars - wasted...waste of our tax dollars. Never mind Howe Road and Drake Road residents – those are residential streets. Never mind the 370 traffic accidents and 1,276 tickets that have been issued in the last 5 years with a number of animals killed trying to cross Howe Road. NOACA wants 5 lanes on Howe Road from State Route 82 to Boston Road to make an interchange at Howe Road and Drake Road. Evidently, they forgot that there is a fire station on the corner of that intersection. I guess they believe that they are going to put the interchange or the slip ramp over the top of the fire station. Who is sponsoring and paying for this total cluster, you know what, clown show? I would like to find out who is going to be paying for it. NOACA and ODOT say that they respect choice and they want to preserve our quality of life. Nothing could be further from the truth. One of NOACA's mission objectives states, "By relentlessly driving for improvements is how we do business." We? There is no "we" in NOACA – nobody elected NOACA to run, rule, or ruin our city. Who the hell does NOACA think they are? NOACA says, "The final decision will be made by their stakeholder policy advisory group, which by the way, did not include any of our City Councilmembers until our Ward 2 Councilwoman, Ann Roff, asked to be added to that list. I believe that our Ward 2 Councilwoman did one hell of a job on our behalf. I had asked the FOIA request...the Freedom of Information Action request for NOACA's attorney – Mr. Ryan Gembala. Also, the executive of NOACA, Ms. Grace Gallucci, who lives in Chicago. The executive of NOACA lives in Chicago – isn't that special? NOACA's public relation firm MurphyEpson brags, "Everyone gets a seat at the table." Well, that's kind of funny because the "everyone's" are HDR Engineering of Omaha, Nebraska - they are MurphyEpson of Columbus, Ohio. They are Lawhon Associates – an environmental firm out of Columbus, Ohio.

Mr. Short – Mister Beznoska, please speak into the microphone so we can hear you on the record.

Mr. Beznoska – They are DCL Transportation consultants out of Maumee, Ohio. All of these groups are subcontractors. Subcontractors to HDR Engineering that we will be paying for. My wife, Bernice, and I have enjoyed living here in Strongsville for the past 48 years.

Ms. Pientka – Five minutes Mr. President.

Mr. Beznoska - We had hoped to live out our remaining few years, but not if an unelected, unqualified cabal of carpet baggers from out-of-state are going to try to bully and dictate us and tell us how we are going to live, drive and thrive. When I enlisted in the United States Navy, I swore an oath to defend the Constitution of the United States of America from all enemies foreign and domestic so help me God and that enemy includes, as far as I am concerned, NOACA.

(Applause)

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):

Mr. Short – Thank you. Your five minutes is up.

Mr. Beznoska – Can I add one thing?

Mr. Short – Really quick because you had five minutes. Really quick, go ahead. You seem to be a crowd favorite, so we will let you go.

Mr. Beznoska – The immortal words of Captain John Paul Jones – “We have not yet begun to fight!” And fight we will. We will fight on elected bureaucrats out-of-state carpet baggers, and any politician who does not want to fight and stand for us, thank you.

Mr. Short – Thank you.

Martin Stelbasky, 15315 Drake Road, Strongsville, OH: Okay, that is Martin Stelbasky, and I live at 15315 Drake Road. I don't know how I'm going to follow that, but anyway, great job. I have been a resident of Strongsville for over 39 years living at 15315 Drake Road at the southwest corner of Drake Road and Hunt Road. I lived in North Olmsted for my first 32 years. This is my second Strongsville City Council speech. The first was against the Strongsville mall construction. I saw firsthand how the Great Northern Mall impacted my home town. I tried to convey the nightmare of the noise, air pollution, traffic congestion, many more intersections, stop lights installed trying to impact the flow of traffic and the increase in crime etc. Well, we all know how that turned out. Today, we live with the same consequences. First, this proposal better not be about more access to an industrial park. We now have a direct and easy access from Interstate 71 to State Route 82 west. No more infrastructure needed; and no more new neighborhoods affected. Second, it is inconceivable to me that you would destroy our Drake Road, Howe Road, and Hunt Road neighborhoods with more air and noise pollution 24 hours/7 days a week with semi-truck traffic and more. Third, life experience matters. I am a truck driver starting at 17 years old and still doing this today. I have driven all types and sizes of trucks, including semis, over one-third of the United States. Trucks are loud, pollute the air and can be very dangerous. Fourth, Brunswick defeated this ramp issue through solidary from citizens and elected officials. They say it's a Strongsville problem, but is it? How many vehicles enter and exit the Brunswick area and beyond down Howe Road each and every day? Fifth, in my truck travels, I have seen many new and efficient roundabouts. They vastly increase traffic flow and cut down on pollution. No traffic lights means very little idling and continuous traffic flow. The Shurmer Road and Howe Road intersection already has vacant lots on three of four corners. This would be the ideal spot for one. In closing, in over 39 years, I have experienced a nightmare of two Drake Road total reconstructions - the last, not too many years ago. This plan is ill conceived and it will permanently harm the Drake Road, Howe Road, and Hunt Road long-standing neighborhoods. More pollution – noise and air, lower property values, semi-truck traffic 24/7, and dangerous to our residents and children. Thank you for your time.

(Applause)

Mr. Short – Thank you.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):

Rob Schauer, 18452 Howe Road, Strongsville, OH: Good evening, everyone. I live over on Howe Road and my name is Robert Schauer. My wife and I have raised a family there. We previously lived in the City of Cleveland. They purchased our home and moved us out here. We moved here two weeks prior to the mall opening. Well, we've seen a lot of for sale signs on properties and we wondered why. Well, the mall was opening. It's hard enough to get out of our yard, let alone if you guys destroy our area by putting in more traffic, basically. I do hope that the other cities of Strongsville...the Strongsville residents do fight this tooth and nail. I hope that you guys would back us. That's about all I have to say.

(Applause)

Mr. Short – Thank you.

Thomas Nicolay, 16311 Howe Road, Strongsville, OH: My name is Thomas Nicolay, and I live at 16311 Howe Road. I have lived here for 38 years and have volunteered my time within the city with all kinds of small things – nothing major. My question is, are we going to fight like Brunswick did to put a stop to this. I agree with everybody. I have been here 38 years like I said. The traffic has gotten worse. When I moved in in 1987 there was a possibility of the mall coming in. After it came in, they were talking about widening Howe Road then. They were going to take up imminent domain 25 feet of my property frontage to put in storm sewers on both sides of the street. My side didn't have it so I was going to be assessed for that and they were going to widen it. The only reason I understood at the time, back when they were talking about this, was that because of Mayor Ehrnfelt's house and the other house, they couldn't go any further without moving those homes back further from the street. If you go to five lanes, are you going to take 50 feet of my frontage, would be my question, and assess me again for sewers? Not again, because they never went through with it. I want to be assured that our Council people are going to fight with us to prevent this just like Brunswick did. That traffic is...50% of it is Brunswick traffic. I have an aunt that lives there. That's their way home from going into Cleveland back and forth every single day for work. They have done nothing but grow just like we have, but their traffic should not be our problem. That's my feeling on this. I just hope that everybody up here supports us as residents of this city for the number of years that I have put into this city and volunteered. I want to see the same volunteering and understanding from our community and our representatives. That is all I have to say, so thank you.

(Applause)

Mr. Short – Again, I want to reiterate reaching out your concerns to NOACA or through us to get to NOACA and Grace Gallucci. Secondly, when the meeting is scheduled for November, we will definitely post that. Be there, be loud, and be strong - that is exactly what Brunswick did. I wish we would have had the support for the interchange, but we up here got hammered for two years by Brunswick residents. Some of them lived in Strongsville, but Brunswick came in for two straight years and hammered us and we had no support. I will speak personally that I will have your back, but we also need you guys to stand up and fight as well because they will listen to a lot more of you than the seven of us.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):

Jill Hankinson, 16044 Howe Road, Strongsville, OH: Jill Hankinson, I live at 16044 Howe Road. I have lived in Strongsville since 1975 and I have seen a lot of change. There was no Hunting Meadows, Deerfield, High Point, the mall, Lennox Creek, Polo Club, and Costco. All that has been built since I have been in "The Ville." I grew up on Lanier Avenue and I moved across from Ehrnfelt's house in 2003 thinking that this was just...yeah, it's a busy street and I can get in and out no problem. The mall added a lot of traffic and Costco added more traffic. What you need to understand about Howe Road it is like a mini highway – there is rush hour. There is rush hour in the morning, kind of in the afternoon, rush hour in the evening. Then it somewhat goes away, and that's okay. We don't need to build 3-5 more lanes. I don't want a highway next to my kitchen window. Frankly, in my kitchen window, I hang an American flag because I am the one that lives across the biggest eyesore in Strongsville – 16095 Howe Road. I am asking you to consider not building this mega highway ramp. That's my neighborhood – this isn't farmland anymore. This is my front yard NOACA is looking to destroy. I find it very convenient that their traffic study was conducted on the Thursday before Christmas weekend. Okay, so that is a really high and heavy traffic day. You know, I am kind of a second shift creature and I can walk to the end of my driveway and even cross Howe Road at 10:00 p.m. / 11:00 p.m. There's not that much traffic, you know. God bless the light at Shurmer Road that lets me get out of my driveway during the day.

(Applause)

Ms. Hankinson – So don't remove that. Gosh, the solution...I think highways were built to remove traffic from neighborhoods. Now, NOACA's plan is saying, "Let's put it in the neighborhoods." Hidey-ho, let's have to all this traffic." That's just not a viable solution. Furthermore, on my list of grievances, if the City of Strongsville has money for the dog park, can you guys buy me some tall Arborvitae bushes so I don't need to look at the eyesore across the street? Or shall I construct my own Trump wall and build a wall that's going to be huge and take six years because that is about how long nothing has happened with this eyesore across the way. So, if I build my wall, and whoever goes after me, I can say, "Well, screw it, I am invincible. Take me to court and charge me pennies and it's still there." So, that is my two cents. Thank you for your time.

Mr. Short – Thank you.

(Applause)

Ranee Kramer, 18280 Howe Road, Strongsville, OH: Thank you. Hello, my name is Ranee Kramer. I live at 18280 Howe Road. I would like to just start with saying that I think that we need to state the facts. The facts are that Drake Road and Howe Road are residential neighborhoods. Homes to young families with children, pets, elderly residents, and hardworking people simply trying to enjoy their lives and care for their properties without fearing that a speeding car is going to run them over. Parents want to be able to walk down the street with their kids without worrying about the unthinkable. What NOACA is proposing for Drake Road is unimaginable. Placing a freeway exit in the middle of a residential community? Drake Road isn't any street. It has an elementary school on it, it has a fire station there and the impact on the residents of Drake Road and Hunt Road would be catastrophic. Property values would drop drastically and the noise pollution alone would make everyday life unbearable. Picture what happens if an exit is built. Cars are backing up, horns are beeping, music blasting from the vehicles stuck on the ramp, and families whose homes sit right near the exit trying to enjoy a quiet evening on their patio.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):

Ms. Kramer (cont'd) - That will never happen...never for those people. This proposal absolutely does not just inconvenience people, it fundamentally threatens the safety, the peace, and the livability of our entire neighborhood. This should not be allowed to happen. It will turn Strongsville into a full-blown circus. We have a circus up the road right now with Costco and people getting in and out. You want the circus? Bring it down to Drake Road and see what really happens. I don't want this to be our legacy. I really don't. I think Strongsville is better than this and I think this solution needs to be a two-city solution. Brunswick needs to be involved. It's part of their problem and it's part of our problem. I don't want to sit here and say that Brunswick...it's all their problem - it's their traffic. It's a 50/50 issue, but we need to start here and say no and protect our residents in our community. That falls on your shoulders as well. NOACA can give every solution possible, but you guys have to back us. You have to stand up and fight for your community and your residents. If you don't do that, then we might as well just all sell our houses. That's pretty much...I have one other thing to say. I wish the Mayor was here for this one, but I also have a house in Brunswick and I tell you I get a flyer in the mail every...I think it's quarterly, and they announce what is going on in their back yards. Here is what's happening in your back yard people...know what's happening. We are going to put this interchange here, they are proposing this, they are doing this, and by the way, we are having this for 911 if you'd like to come out. There are elderly people that cannot get on their computers and they do not know how to access what's happening in the City of Strongsville via the computer. The residents should get a flyer like this. Brunswick does a great job of making sure their community knows what's happening and when it's happening. We should take a little lesson from Brunswick on that. That's all I have. Thank you so much for your time. I hope you guys seriously listen to us and back us, thank you.

(Applause)

Mr. Short - Thank you.

Leslie Hohenfeld, 18183 Howe Road, Strongsville, OH: Leslie Hohefeld, 18183 Howe Road. I have seen a lot of traffic come and go on Howe Road and on Drake Road. I see the traffic during rush hours, frankly; but those rush hours are more than just mornings and drive backs home. It is typically...we have Friday restaurant and Saturday restaurant rush hour. Frankly, it's only like a half an hour. None of that traffic is worth losing our homes. The emphasis...we keep on hearing about the streets from NOACA. They seem to have forgotten that these are family homes. These are homes that are their...most people's only and largest asset. I have met a lot of people picking up yard signs at my home. A lot of people are saying that they will move if this happens. I can't imagine people wanting to really move from their family homes. A lot of people built their homes who are saying that. It's...this rush hour traffic is not worthy of the large changes. I think there can be some changes that will help. I think there might be a good idea to actually do the storm drains to cover that up so that there are some safety issues covered. Many times, I hear people worry about ambulances and police vehicles not being able to get down Hunt Road. It's probably...it's mostly because of the drainage ditches that we have including in my...in the front of my home. I work on the east side quite a bit. I have discovered over the decades that they actually have a delivery van during rush hours. I think that is something, perhaps, we can look into to help with another thing, with the traffic backing up. I don't want to say anything negative about the delivery drivers, but let's not do it during rush hour. That would help, I believe, a lot of issues. I am concerned about the studies. The studies, as he was mentioning, actually occurred on January...I'm sorry on December 19th. Or was it the 17th? Something like that. It was very close to business. The traffic was non-stop. You could see all the traffic was non-stop from State Route 82 going down Howe Road.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):

Ms. Hohenfeld (cont'd) - That was Christmas and I am frightened that all these plans are built on the busiest day of the year. It literally is the busiest day of the year. We have all experienced that around Christmas time. A lot of other things I was going to cover that other people have. I can't remember what else I wanted to talk about. Mostly, I am concerned about the studies. We have to make sure that we are basing these plans...making sure that NOACA is basing these plans on true traffic and where that traffic is coming from. When I asked at the last NOACA meeting about how do we know where these cars are coming from? Are they from Medina County? Are they from Strongsville? The response I got was, and I believe it was the person in charge of these plans, she said, "It just didn't seem logical for Brunswick to actually drive all the way down Howe Road to get to their homes on Boston Road and N. Carpenter and S. Carpenter." She said that to the crowd. And then, she said it again during comments. It just doesn't seem like there is logic behind these plans. We would be paying a lot of...losing a lot of property taxes if people are losing the value of their homes. If people don't care, and they are more interested in getting home 10 minutes or 15 minutes sooner, it's just not a burden on us losing our assets, you are going to lose...the City of Strongsville is going to lose property values and property tax. I think that is everything. I have to say that I have met a lot of people coming over to my home and I appreciate you getting yard signs. You guys are welcome to get some yard signs. Alright, thank you very much.

Mr. Short – Can you spell your last name for the record, please?

Ms. Hohenfeld – H-O-H-E-N-F-E-L-D.

Mr. Short – Thank you very much.

(Applause)

Mr. Short – I would like to say that there are a lot of you here and if there are new points that need to be made or have to hear you speak, the clerk will have a sign-in sheet that you could sign that we will send to NOACA for those that are opposing. You can also email Grace Gallucci at GGallucci@mpo.noaca.org as well. We will also have that email address for you there as well. Again, if there are different view points, or if it's the same, we are happy to hear you, but you can just say it's ditto and we will have a sign-in sheet that we will forward to NOACA with the people that are opposed to their Drake Road intersection proposal. With that, Madame Clerk, has anybody signed in to address this Council this evening?

Ms. Pientka – May I make a suggestion, Mr. President? They could either sign our sheet, or if they don't want to speak but want it known that they are opposed, if they just want to come up and state their name and address for the record, I can put that in the minutes and just put, "Opposed to the Howe Road statement...."

Mr. Short – And we can submit that too.

Ms. Pientka - and forward a copy of those approved minutes....

Ms. Roff – Do you have other people, though, on the sign-in sheet?

Ms. Pientka – No, not right now.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):

Mr. Short – We can submit that to NOACA, though, correct?

Ms. Pientka – Yes.

Mr. Short – Yes, we will submit to NOACA. You can call whoever else is still signed in if they still want to speak.

Ms. Pientka – No one else is signed in, but this gentleman did want to speak too.

George Klucharik, 22061 Old Creek Trail, Strongsville, OH: I apologize. I didn't know I had to sign in.

Mr. Short – That's okay...no problem.

Mr. Klucharik – Klucharik, and I live at 22061 Old Creek Trail. I am on the other side of town. You still have a traffic problem there because they are doing two culverts on Westwood Drive. You have done great work putting up signs to take the detour. You put up signs that this is for local traffic only, but people are still cutting through there. It could be a lot worse, but the ones that are cutting through there, they are not stopping at the stop sign. We have plenty of people that walk the neighborhood. You put up a speed monitor, which to me only says, "You can come through here, just keep the speed down." That doesn't work, especially on the weekends about 1:00 a.m. we hear the kids coming through there zipping through there. It's kind of hectic. I always thought that if you are going to work on the west culvert on Westwood Drive, shut down the west entrance and we would leave out of the east entrance. Then, when you switch over to the east culvert, shut that down and we would go out of the west. That way, there's not a cut-through there. It's very unnerving at times; especially in the morning when people are going to work, and at night when they are coming home. I don't know what could be done at this point. I mean you have done a lot. I've seen a police officer come through there today, but I don't know what is being done to discourage this. I mean, myself included, if I lived on the other side I might sneak through there too. It's fine once and a while, but it gets kind of crazy in the morning and in rush hour coming home. Also, we had one school bus that serviced our end of the development, now, we have six because all the empty school busses are coming through there now. At our entrance on the east entrance, we already have broken pavement in the road from all this excess traffic because even the people working on the culverts...and I understand that, come through there with their trucks and everything to get to the other side. First of all, do we have a time on that? They will work on it for a few days and then we won't see them for a week. Then, they will be back working on it, again, for a few days. I don't know if there is a timeframe when they expect to be done with this project and give us a heads up on that. That would be something to look forward to.

Mr. Short – If you want sir, you can check with our Council Clerk... if you can give us times when you think people are speeding through there, we can put that on special attention for the Strongsville police to... the traffic needed to patrol there at those hours where people may be cutting through and not using it for just for local traffic only.

Mr. Klucharik – There was....

Mr. Short – If you can let the clerk know, so we can let the Strongsville police department know that.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):

Mr. Klucharik – Okay, there was one today. There was actually...I didn't know they had pickup trucks, but there was a police pickup truck that came through there. It seemed to be following someone. They do come through once and a while, but you know. You are never there at the right time, right?

Mr. Short – Right.

Mr. Klucharik - I understand all of that.

Mr. Short – If you can give us a timeframe, the traffic unit can be positioned at a traffic catch point.

Mr. Klucharik – Yes, it is like 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. at night. That's when it gets kind of crazy.

Mr. Short – Just let our clerk know and then we will get that.

Mr. Klucharik – Do you have a timeframe when they expect this project to be done?

Mr. Short – I have to check.

Mr. Clark – November.

Mr. Klucharik – Okay... sometime in November, right?

Mr. Clark – That's the...obviously, we all hope things go faster, but that is the time point.

Mr. Klucharik – Okay, alright. Well, thanks for listening to me.

Mr. Short – Thank you.

Mr. Klucharik – I don't have as many concerns as that, but I understand their point of view too, thank you.

Mr. Short – Thank you.

(Applause)

Ms. Pientka – Mr. President, really quick. I just spoke with the law director. What we are going to do is put a sheet outside in the lobby for those that don't feel comfortable, maybe, speaking but still want it on record for the public for NOACA, they are welcome to sign that and will be happy...I will compile something on behalf of City Council to forward that to NOACA.

Mr. Short – Great, thank you.

Robert Mosack, 18205 Hunt Road, Strongsville, OH: Hi, my name is Robert Mosack, I live at 18205 Hunt Road. I really moved here to Strongsville in 1978 in November. We knew back then that Boston Road exit was required. It was talked about in the fifth grade at Chapman Elementary. I left Strongsville for a number of years and came and now I live on Hunt Road and my family still lives on Howe Road and Fern Canyon Drive directly across the street from Norman. Most of the points I am not going to rehash; but I think that one lady mentioned the study.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):

Mr. Mosack (cont'd) - I think that study doesn't indicate the normal traffic. My sister lives at Howe Road. You stand in the front yard and you see Medina plates constantly. If I lived in Brunswick, the north half of Brunswick, State Route 303 and State Route 82 are about 5 – 5 ½ miles apart. There are no exits that far apart nowhere else. Boston Road is directly in the middle and it has always made perfect sense. Brunswick lobbied better, bribed, I don't know what they did, but we need to do what they did. We don't need a monster 4-leaf clover. We need a north onto I-71 and south onto I-71. No one even needs to go to Columbus. It impacts less houses and it doesn't impact Brunswick at all. Their opposition to this is pretty weak. The other point is...two more points, sorry.

Mr. Short – No, you're fine. You have five minutes.

Mr. Mosack – People have mentioned the fire...I don't want to waste these people's time...the fire department and the residents there. There's also 200 plus year old houses that would probably have to get destroyed - The one brick one that says 1864 and then the kind of blue and purple one my buddy used to live in. That (unintelligible), but make them untouchable. Also, going back to the study, whatever the study was made at Christmas time, not only did it not represent normal traffic, we all know that the north half of Brunswick, if you are coming from Cleveland, are you going to drive to State Route 303 and backtrack? You're going to have to go on State Route 82 and go south, logically. The south half of Strongsville...I live on Hunt Road and I will get off at the Boston Road exit once and a while. If they put the exit at Drake Road, they are only going to lure more Brunswick traffic into Strongsville. As bad as it is now from Drake Road south, you are going to get everyone in Brunswick getting off in Strongsville because nobody wants to go to State Route 303 and backtrack. Just as a sidenote, I lived in Brunswick before Strongsville in 1977. Those are my only points. It's your guys' job to represent us and not let this idiocy go through. They basically eliminated the only idea that made sense and chose three ludicrous ideas instead.

Mr. Short – Thank you.

(Applause)

Joe, Lucchese, 16336 Shurmer Road, Strongsville, OH: How are you doing guys? Joe Lucchese, 16336 Shurmer Road. I have been a resident here for 39 years. I got pretty boisterous here a couple of years ago when you were talking about putting a slip ramp right at the end of Shurmer Road. Six houses down, I did not want 6,000 cars going passed the front of my house every day – we beat that one.

(Applause)

Mr. Lucchese – It was hard...it was hard because we have people on the board right now that actually voted in favor of it, okay. I'm not going to call anybody out...I'm not doing that today, but it just seems ridiculous right now. In Strongsville, we have an exit at Pearl Road. We have two exits – one for Strongsville and one for North Royalton at State Route 82. We have a turnpike exit. Strongsville has four exits from I-71. Can anybody tell me how many exits go into Brunswick?

Audience – One.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):

Mr. Lucchese (cont'd) - One...I don't get it. What is this NOACA crap? I mean, this is a bunch of bull...it really is. You guys should all collectively sit down with them and say, "No, we are not putting another exit in this city." It's ridiculous.

(Applause)

Mr. Lucchese - It infuriates me. I see this...I didn't...okay, I kind of stepped back away from it a little bit. My wife wouldn't even come tonight. She said...the last time we were here she made me promise that I wouldn't get up and speak and then at the very last minute I had to. I looked at her and said, "Please let me say something." I wasn't going to say anything tonight, but you know, I have a couple of questions. I have had this question for 39 years. I will even give up the rest of my five minutes. Can somebody tell me what a jet fuel...whatever at Boston Road and why we can't do anything there because of a jet fuel....do any of you know?

(Background conversation)

Mr. Lucchese - What? Can anybody answer that question? You can answer it?

Mr. Kaminski - I don't know if I can answer the whole thing, but I am aware of it. My brother used to own property on Boston Road over there. Yes, there is a line that runs...I actually have photos of it being installed way back in the day.

Mr. Lucchese - Going to the airport?

Mr. Kaminski - Yes...yes.

Mr. Lucchese - Okay, why can't...is nothing being built over it? There's no streets...there's no roads...there's nothing. Does it just come underground comes up and then back down? It makes no sense to me. It's a joke that we keep hearing about this jet fuel line. I'll tell you what, it infuriated me. We sat here a year ago or whatever and this whole side of the room was full of blue shirts. It was like obnoxious. Everyone stood up here and cried the blues. This one gentleman...this elderly gentleman...okay, I don't feel sorry for you dude. I mean, you know that little exit right there with those little four houses? The guy lived on Drake Road twenty years ago. Forty years ago, they told me they were going to put an exit at Boston Road. Everybody in Strongsville knew that. Everybody in this room knew that. This guy sold his house on Drake Road and bought one of those four houses and now, "Oh, I am losing the value of my house." Well, you knew it was going to happen. For crying out loud, why don't we just go in and buy those four houses out. They are worth about \$200,000.00 - \$300,000.00. Let's give them \$500,000.00 and tell them goodbye. We are going to use it. How did Brunswick shut us down? How did Brunswick shut us down and now you are bringing it back into Strongsville to put a fifth exit in Strongsville? I mean, the last one was ludicrous. We were going to have a crisscross ramp come on I-71 and within like, what, 500 yards we are going come off I-71. We are going to crisscross at 60 mph. - it made no sense. Now this...you know what...I mean, in five lanes, is this a joke? Who came up with five lanes on Howe Road? Who? Where did this come from? Do you guys tell them, "No, you're not putting five lanes in the middle of a neighborhood?" If you go from Kids First or whatever...the day care, from there all the way to Boston Road, it's nothing but residence. It's 100% residential - there are no businesses. I can go down Prospect Road...all the way down Prospect Road and there are one million businesses and that's two lanes. You want to move cars and trucks around?

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):

Mr. Lucchese (cont'd) - Make that...come off over where the turnpike exit is...we already have an exit that goes all the way over to Pearl Road, why don't they open that up for the trucks and run them straight back through down at the parkway right there and down Prospect Road to Foltz Parkway. Why do we have to bring them off our highway?

(Applause)

Mr. Lucchese – None of this makes sense. Ask me to be in a committee for crying out loud. There are a lot of us that would like to be in a committee. Am I going to write letters to NOACA? No, I am not. When NOACA wants to come in my house and sit at my kitchen table...

Ms. Pientka – Five minutes, Mr. President.

Mr. Lucchese - ...or, I'll come down there with a group of you and I will be happy to step up and speak in favor. I just...this is ridiculous, and that's my opinion, to put five lanes on Howe Road. My mother is going to be 90 years old in January. She lives between 130th and Howe Road and you're going to put five lanes across the front of her house? I mean, come on...five lanes. You going to do five lanes through a neighborhood with a fire station at the end? Anyway, this is what we need to hear from you guys with NOACA. That's what we ask, thank you.

(Applause)

Ms. Roff – I just have a comment because I did make the same comment when all the Brunswick residents were here. I will do everything in my power not to allow five lanes on any residential street here in Strongsville during my...any term that I have here as a Councilperson.

(Applause)

Ms. Roff – Just as I said to the Brunswick residents and some of the Strongsville residents that came to those meetings. I do believe fully that is not the problem solver.

Mr. Kaminski – I echo that comment. Thank you, Ann.

(Applause)

Mr. Short – I think we all do on this Council. Again, I said it earlier and I think I speak for this Council. The solution that was the best one - it was done by State Senator Tom Patton. It was funded and Brunswick came and they screamed from the mountain tops and they got to the right legislatures. Unfortunately, we fought a good fight at the city, but we lost it at the state level. Now, we need you fight this fight...help us fight NOACA...we are fighting NOACA. We are meeting with them and we are communicating your concerns, but it's going to be the voice of 1,000 against them and that's what it's going to take. We need all of you behind us. We will advocate that, but without your support, we can lose again. That's what happened with Brunswick. We had no support behind us through the community and we lost and now, we are in this boat, so we don't want to be there again. We will fight for you, but we need you to help us fight for you.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):

Karen Brenneis, 19029 Howe Road, Strongsville, OH: Good evening, my name is Karen Brenneis. I live at 19029 Howe Road which most people that I know call it death row; and that is the truth. Some of my friends that come over my house try to come and pull in one way...it's horrible. They try to come from the opposite way...it's horrible. Anyway, they covered pretty much of what was said tonight. I live right on the hill cusp; and I see it all. Two incidents just happened. Me and my son were going grocery shopping. He gets out of work early. A week ago this past Friday, we pull out of the driveway, of course after all of the traffic goes by and it's completely clear, we're coming down Howe Road going towards Drake Road and of course I see a car come up behind me. Not even thirty split seconds later, I see another car behind me which wasn't even in site. That car is impatient. I'm going 35 mph and they don't like it. You have to go... and here he's on the horn with all the cars. He got so impatient, he veers up in the other lane on Howe Road, drives three cars ahead...another car coming the opposite way – he immediately...good thing he pulls over; otherwise, it would have been a head-on collision. He would have been a head-on collision. All for not, we pull up and there he's sitting at Drake Road at the red light. I told my son, "Get that so-in-so's license number." Now if I were by myself, I wouldn't have been able to. I would have kept my eye on the road. I said, "This is what causes all these accidents on Howe Road." One – last year, somebody was driving like a nut in front of my house and was going so fast – rammed into the telephone pole across the street, knocked down all the wires, shut down the traffic from Drake Road all the way to Boston Road. That was the second time that happened. It happened once before that... a couple of years before. About 4-5 years before that, they hit the telephone pole on the corner of my property and there was a slant. They went and they (unintelligible) but the pole was like this with the wires. I called the city and they said, "Oh no, that has nothing to do with us. It's the electric company." I called and called...nothing. The last time I called, I said, "Listen, I've got pictures. If that pole falls, I'm going to be a witness and you're going to have a lawsuit if somebody gets hurt." You better believe that they were out there within two weeks. You have to make threats. I'm going to tell you; they said the speed limit is 35 mph – no way. They go 55 mph; and if you have children, the couple that used to live next door to me, the mother was kind of...she just put her kid out there and was like okay, catch the bus. I don't have any little children. My son is older; and I'd go out there and I'd kind of like watch. These cars... I don't know; they don't want to wait for the bus. They don't want to wait for the bus – they want to go around, you know? I'd go out to the driveway and I'd just stand there like this... don't you dare, you know? They will go around that...they don't care. They don't care. They don't abide by the laws. Two winters ago, somebody came on Howe Road and they went into the ditch. They were going so fast. They missed the telephone pole, went into the 4-5 feet ditch...was going so fast, came out of the ditch, ran over 4 mailboxes...just missed the fire plug and kept on going. My mailbox was cemented in big time... I mean, really big time. I must have 200 pounds of concrete in that pole; and I would tell you it's a good thing because they couldn't take the pole out. It tore off their whole exhaust system, their fender and everything.

(Laughter/Applause)

Ms. Brenneis – And I'm going to tell you something, we got the serial numbers off the car – off the thing. It was a hit and run. They tracked him down and made the excuse...(unintelligible) or maybe she this or maybe she that – no, she was either texting or she was drunk. That was in the afternoon. Now, at the time, my elderly neighbor a couple doors away – she used to go out for her mail. She didn't go out that time for her mail. If she would have been out there it would have been over with. Children...forget it. I wouldn't trust my child going out and waiting for a school bus by themselves on that road. I wouldn't go out there. I wouldn't even myself...myself. I go out and I cut the grass along there and it's like this.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):

Ms. Pientka – Five minutes Mr. President.

Ms. Brenneis – One time the guy came over the lawn. I pushed on the handle bar. He came so close he almost took my push lawnmower with him.

Mr. Short – We're at five minutes.

Ms. Brenneis – Okay, five minutes... they collect rubbish. Brunswick complains that they get caught behind rubbish trucks. The rubbish can is laying on the tree lawn.

Mr. Jamison – It's not another five minutes Ms. Brenneis.

(Laughter)

Ms. Brenneis – I don't care...I've lived there since 1977 and I've seen it all. They actually took my whole rubbish can, which could have been a human being, caught under the whole rim of their truck. It shot up about 50 feet into the air. I saw it in the air. I'm going down the street and it landed and they kept on going with it under the truck. It was right over the driveway where I could have been standing. This was how fast they go.

Mr. Short – I appreciate that; and for respect for other's people time to comment... but we will have the SPD out there as well for special attention.

Ms. Brenneis – Is there a chance... they suggested a few of my neighbors, if they're so hip on flock cameras, put flock cameras down Howe Road.

Mr. Short – Well, that is a discussion for another day.

(Laughter)

Ms. Brenneis – Put them down Howe Road. You know what? You want to see the people and make a fortune in Strongsville, go get it.

Mr. Short – Thank you.

(Applause)

Susan Reiss, 14217 Oakland Park Drive, Strongsville, OH: Hello, my name is Susan Reiss. 14217 Oakland Park Drive in Strongsville. We need clear constitutional limits. The government should not be allowed to continually record and store the movements of people who are entitled to the presumptions of innocence without at least reasonable suspicion and preferably probable cause approved by a judge. A single officer noticing a license plate on a public road is not a search under the fourth amendment. However, a network of cameras that automatically captures every single plate, stores the data for weeks, and allows the officers to later reconstruct where a vehicle has been is a search under the fourth amendment. It creates a searchable historical record of movements – that capability is powerful. That is exactly why it must be constrained.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):

Ms. Reiss (cont'd) - In November, Webinar Flock's Director of Marketing, Caity Peak walked officers through how to use their company's real-time crime center to monitor events from small parades to unexpected protests. Her hypothetical event was a "No Kings" protest using Denver as a stand-in city. "No Kings" protests are famously tame and peaceful. They are not riots. They are recurring peaceful demonstrations that skew heavily towards older liberal Americans expressing frustration with Trump's policies. Police and border patrols have already used license plate readers to track attendees at "No Kings" protests in June and October. The Supreme Court has recognized that detailed records of a person's movements implicate a reasonable expectation of privacy. Long-term vehicle tracking, historical cell site data, and location history records, have been treated as searches that generally require a warrant. The principle is straight forward. The government does not get to compile a retrospective mapping of where ordinary people go simply because the technology makes it easy. Requiring a warrant, before collecting that movement data does not handcuff the police. Warrants are routinely obtained every day in this country. Officers present facts to a neutral judge, show probable cause, and receive authorization. The process is efficient and designed precisely for situations like this. If an agency is unwilling to take that modest step, the public is entitled to ask, "Why?" Tools that require no justification invite mission creep, fishing expeditions, and the slow erosion of the presumption of innocence. This is about distrusting unchecked power. Government power expands unless it is deliberately limited. Local officials take an oath to the constitution – not to convenience. We can have both public safety and liberty. The choice is between a system that treats every driver as a potential suspect and a system that requires the government to justify tracking the movements of free people. The second opinion is the one consistent with the fourth amendment and with the responsibilities of those who hold public office. Any massive surveillance device without judicial oversight will inevitably be abused. Flock cameras were put out without public or congressional approval. They violate privacy laws. We don't want a police surveillance state. Flock cameras need to be banned immediately. We voted City Council in. We can vote you out also. We don't massive surveillance. Surveillance on every corner is not freedom. Thank you for listening.

Mr. Short – Thank you.

(Applause)

Sherri Hamm, 15728 Boston Road, Strongsville, OH: My name is Sherri Hamm. I live at 15728 Boston Road in Strongsville, Ohio. Here we go again, guys. This is...three years ago that I stood up here in front of you and said, I cannot stand to publicly speak and I wasn't going to speak tonight. I really wasn't that is why I have no speech prepared or anything, so it is going to sound like a jumble of thoughts. Three years ago, I came here and I begged you. Was I mad because I was not informed that my house was going to be taken? Yes, I was. Was I even more upset that the people that I voted didn't have the common decency to come to me and say, "Hey, we are taking your house." I had to find that out myself. I came here several times. I begged you to put yourselves in our shoes – an all-residential area. You guys live in developments, whatever. How would you like it if a highway ramp came down your street and disrupted your family's safety? You sat up here, the majority of you, and I will say when we begged you and talked to you, a lot of you had your heads down. I don't know why. It was insulting to myself and others – we did notice. The fact that the person, who is responsible for all of this starting, is not here tonight speaks volumes. These people are not going to go and check all the facts like we did. They are not going to come to you and say, "In 2015, one of your Councilmembers said, "Our main objective, and we will get it, is a road...a back road into Foltz Industrial Parkway. They are not going to go and research that. The gentleman here said he's not even going to write to NOACA.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):

Ms. Hamm (cont'd) - That is their choice and everything, but the person that is responsible that started this whole thing again, is not here tonight. My question is, why isn't he here? I have not seen him at all. These people are very upset. I know what it is like to be in their position. I'm not talking 10 or 15 feet of my front yard. I'm talking my yard, my house, my memories, my family, and everything. Here we go again, but it is a different group of people. I think I have conducted myself very nicely. Joe DeMio, the first night and every night would thank me for being courteous because I didn't come up here yelling and screaming. I came up here begging. People don't realize, and I said this, that when you take my house, eminent domain does not mean I get \$500,000.00 like this gentleman here had proposed for those four houses. No, it means I get fair market value which is not going to get me the replacement of what my house is worth, the yard, and everything else. I was a Strongsville citizen and I got no help whatsoever. None of us on Boston Road that are on the Strongsville side got any help. None of us on Boston Road that are on the Strongsville side got any help from any of you at all. We kept saying over and over there is nothing on Boston Road but houses. Then, when you suggested the slip ramp everybody thinks that's a great idea if you're not one of the houses by it. I came here...my part of that group was to show you the facts of human trafficking. I had dates, and I had important facts like I-71 is the most, of all the places in the top three or five of human trafficking. There was four or six guys that were arrested over in North Olmsted in the beginning of our thing, and you...half of you weren't looking at me when I was telling you about this. As a Strongsville resident, seeing that Brunswick...seeing that everybody thinks that Brunswick is to blame and they are not to blame. Our Mayor is to blame – he started this. He started it by putting in a last-minute law that only pertained to one road in the whole entire state of Ohio and that is a residential road. I went to the House of Representatives. I had them come up to me afterwards and thank me for coming down because they didn't know what it was like here. They didn't know that there was all these houses that they were going to shoot a highway ramp into. That's why I said to you that's why they have ramps in commercial areas. You should be watching your kid when you are at the store. I told you my 13-year-old daughter wants to sit on the deck and paint her nails or read a book, she can't because you guys wanted to put a slip ramp right next to my house. I can't be a helicopter mother and stand over a 13-year-old because I want to see her the next day.

Ms. Pientka – Five minutes.

Ms. Hamm – I'm just saying good luck with this group. I hope this group...we have never ever wanted a ramp in any residential area. Never did I say that, okay. I wish good luck to this group. I really do. I would help and let them know, but I think you need to let your constituents know who started it. It wasn't Brunswick – they were fine. It was the man that's not here, thank you.

(Applause)

Mr. Short – For the record, the Mayor is not here tonight; however, it was State Representative...now he is a State Senator but at the time he was State Representative, Tom Patton was the one who introduced that legislation in Columbus, which was passed by both the House, the Senate and signed by the Governor in 2023. Just to clarify the record that was not legislation proposed or introduced by Thomas Perciak who is the Mayor of Strongsville.

Mark Rodio, 17207 Park Lane Drive, Strongsville, OH: Mark Rodio, 17207 Park Lane Drive right up the street here in Strongsville. I will be short. I have already communicated with this group, and I appreciate the feedback that I have received from several members. I have communicated with Grace at NOACA and she has responded. So, what I will say to this group of people here and everyone else is send your letters; but when you send them, don't just send complaints. Send proposals, send solutions, send images, and send your ideas. I'm not in favor of the big fix. I think that targeted fixes throughout makes sense. Just like this other gentleman I propose to you. Use your turnpike, use Prospect Road. Don't even bring the traffic that you have to bring back to your west. Propose your ideas – that's very important. Park Lane Drive – we are a cut-through and it's very dangerous. Every time Howe Road backs up, we get the brunt of it. I'm sure Delmont Ave., Lanier Ave...they all do. We were...I would love to close that street off. Why would you need it if you have five lanes wide on Howe Road? What do we need it for anymore? We are the cut-through. Anything that happens...one, I don't think the big solution. Two, we would like to see some relief as well because it's pretty bad. Not all the time, but most of the time. Having lived there for twenty-five years, some of the residents drive pretty bad I will give it that. Most of it is people cutting through getting on with their lives and they just want to get through. It's a residential area. It shouldn't be a cut-through, nor should a lot of these streets. I would really encourage people to have solutions for your complaints, your thoughts and just propose them. If it is not a done deal yet, why not put it out there? I appreciate your time, thank you.

(Applause)

Mr. Short – Thank you.

Ronald Girard, 16497 Howe Road, Strongsville, OH: Good evening, my name is Ronald Girard. I live at 16497 Howe Road. My wife and my family...we moved into the City of Strongsville in 2015. I am a long-time resident of the City of Cleveland...or I was. I came out to Strongsville because I like the area. My brother works for the city and my son works for the city. Moving onto Howe Road, is challenging at times, but it's not unbearable. I have I-71 in my backyard. I have one of the bigger properties off of Howe Road. I hear more issues on Howe Road than I do I-71. The people coming by with the boomboxes thumping, and the speeding of the cars. If you guys widen Howe Road to five lanes, that's not going to make it any safer. It's going to make it worse. Right now, me working with the City of Cleveland. I have been there for thirty years. I run the southeast section of the city in the street's public safety department. We have these same issues in Cleveland. One of the things we've done, and I hear a lot of these residents talking about cut-through streets. Have you guys ever thought about speed tables? I personally hate them, but I hate them because they work. I do have a little bit of a heavy foot. I don't go racing through subsections and stuff, but the speed tables work. If that is something you guys wanted to think about, I can help you with it. My brother, he works for...with the streets and the paving crews. I have already talked to him about it. We have things that we can help you guys with to put in these speed tables. Especially, over there on Park Lane and on Howe Road. I tell you what, if you make Howe Road more difficult for these Brunswick residents to go down, they are going to find another way to go down it.

(Applause)

Mr. Girard – I would love to see Howe Road blocked down at Boston Road and make it a dead end. Barricade that damn thing. I know that the people that live on the southside of Howe Road might hate me for saying that, but block the damn thing. We did it on some streets on the east side. People going into Shaker, was main cut-throughs we just blocked the street. Guess what, they don't go down those streets. They are not racing down them.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):

Mr. Girard (cont'd) - We are putting speed tables everywhere. Roundabouts, I will be honest they suck. We have more problems with roundabouts that we have been putting in because people just don't know how to navigate them – they are terrible. The slip ramp idea, all you are going to do is increase more traffic. You start putting in five lanes on Howe Road, you are going to have more traffic and you are going to have more accidents. Like I said, I have less issues with I-71 in my back yard then I do with Howe Road. I would like to see...I know there is a traffic officer...they routinely sit up by the mall where it is five lanes, they could sit in my driveway, I don't care. I welcome them to sit in my driveway and clock some of these fools going down Howe Road. I'm talking 50 – 60 mph. These people on these sport bikes – one wheel going down Howe Road screaming in the middle of the night...any time of the day. I like to walk my dogs across the street down Glendale Ave.; but I have a hell of a time doing it because you'll have these cars come racing down Howe Road going 50 – 60 mph. I'm not kidding. It's a blur, some of these cars that go by. My son and I laugh and say, "Yeah, he's doing about 60 mph or 70 mph. You hear them on I-71 too, but that's a whole other issue. The big problem is Howe Road and I would like to see some police officers not up by the mall, but put them down on Glendale Ave. Put them down there by the RTA turnaround. Like I said, block the damn street off. No one from Brunswick is going to be coming through there anymore if you block it off at Boston Road.

(Applause)

Mr. Girard – I'm a big advocate of these speed tables too. I have some of my business cards if you guys would like them.

Mr. Short – Mr. Kaminski is Chair of Public Safety and Health. Do you want for him to tell us about speed tables?

Mr. Kaminski – Absolutely, give me your card, yes.

Ms. Roff – Also, can I give you my card? If you can reach out to me and give me your address, I will make sure that we do a little detail there up on Howe Road by your house.

Mr. Girard – Thank you.

Mr. Short – Thank you. Is there anybody else who would like to address the Council before we move to Ordinances and Resolutions?

Member of audience – Could you please repeat the email?

Mr. Short – Sure, it is Grace Gallucci – ggallucci@mpo.noaca.org.

Ms. Roff – They also have meetings down there and there's only once every three months that they have public speaking. I believe there is one coming up this month.

Mr. Short – I think they limit that though to what's on the agenda.

Ms. Roff – But not during there Board meetings. They're during the day, which I know is hard for a lot of people to get to; but I believe it's coming up in two weeks, correct? On a Friday. I could try to announce it in a few minutes, let me look it up.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):

Mr. Short – Well, what I was going to say is before...I can excuse everybody, you don't have to stay for "Ordinances and Resolutions" if you don't want to. You are excused, unless you want to stay for the business part of the meeting.

A list of residents who were present and indicated their opposition to the potential Interstate 71 interchange in the Drake Road/Howe Road area and/or the potential widening of roadways within the affected area, but who did not address Council during Audience Participation, is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes for the record.

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ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

Ordinance No. 2026-081 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A PROJECT DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH HOWE MUSTANG, LLC, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Placed on first reading and referred back to the committee.

Ordinance No. 2026-082 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO MAKE FINAL PAYMENT TO THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS FOR THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION COSTS RELATED TO THE REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT OF A PART OF THE SANITARY SEWER ON SPRAGUE ROAD FROM WEBSTER ROAD TO WEST 130TH STREET, ALL IN CONNECTION WITH THE RECONSTRUCTION AND WIDENING OF SPRAGUE ROAD IN THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2026-082 ADOPTED.

Ordinance No. 2026-083 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY ENGINEER TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR STATE OF OHIO ISSUE 1 GRANT FUNDING IN CONNECTION WITH THE PLUM BROOK LANE WATERMAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT IN THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2026-083 ADOPTED.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):

Ordinance No. 2026-084 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE RATIFYING AND APPROVING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE IN CONNECTION WITH THEIR LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVERSION PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027 RELATING TO THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC; AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2026-084 ADOPTED.

Ordinance No. 2026-085 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 WITH RFC CONTRACTING, LLC FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW FIRE STATION NUMBER 5 ON ROYALTON ROAD IN THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2026-085 ADOPTED.

Ordinance No. 2026-086 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE EMERGENCY PURCHASE OF REPLACEMENT COMPONENTS AND APPURTENANCES FOR THE SETTLING TANKS AT THE CITY'S WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT FACILITIES ON MILL HOLLOW LANE AND SPRAGUE ROAD, WITHOUT PUBLIC BIDDING, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2026-086 ADOPTED.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):

Ordinance No. 2026-087 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE BY INTERNET AUCTION, OF CERTAIN OBSOLETE PROPERTY NO LONGER NEEDED FOR ANY MUNICIPAL PURPOSE BY THE CITY'S SERVICE DEPARTMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2026-087 ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 2026-088 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. A RESOLUTION GRANTING PERMISSION TO REPURCHASE CERTAIN CERTIFICATES FOR BURIAL RIGHTS IN THE STRONGSVILLE MUNICIPAL CEMETERY. [White]

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

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

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Resolution No. 2026-088 ADOPTED.

Ordinance No. 2026-089 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE RATIFYING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT FUNDING FROM THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES IN ORDER TO COMPLETE A CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT COMMUNITY RECREATION PROJECT KNOWN AS THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE COMMUNITY DOG PARK PROJECT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2026-089 ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 2026-090 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A DONATION OF MONEY FROM THE STRONGSVILLE CITY CLUB FOR A COMMUNITY RECREATION PROJECT KNOWN AS THE STRONGSVILLE COMMUNITY DOG PARK ON LUNN ROAD.

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

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

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Resolution No. 2026-090 ADOPTED.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):

Resolution No. 2026-091 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY FISCAL OFFICER, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Resolution No. 2026-091 ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 2026-092 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE OF THE CITY TO CERTIFY TO THE FISCAL OFFICER OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY UNPAID PROPERTY MAINTENANCE NUISANCE ABATEMENTS FOR LEVY AND COLLECTION ACCORDING TO LAW, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Resolution No. 2026-092 ADOPTED.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS AND CLAIMS:

Application for Permit: **TRFO – C-1, C-2** To: Laxmi 3788, LLC/Prospect Beverage; 10925 Prospect Rd., Strongsville, Ohio 44149 (Responses must be postmarked no later than 09/20/2026).

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

Application for Permit: **NEW – D-5** To: LSC Strongsville, LLC; 17227 Southpark Center Unit 102, Strongsville, Ohio 44136 (Responses must be postmarked no later than 09/23/2026).

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

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS AND CLAIMS (cont'd):

*Application for Permit: **TFOL – D-2** To: Adapt III, LLC (Scramblers); 16726 Pearl Rd., Strongsville, Ohio 44136 (Responses must be postmarked no later than 09/27/2026).*

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

*Application for Permit: **NEW – C-1, C-2** To: Ohio CVS Stores, LLC (CVS Pharmacy 4300); 13777 Pearl Rd., Strongsville, Ohio 44136 (Responses must be postmarked no later than 10/05/2026).*

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

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

(None)

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before this Council, President Gordon C. Short adjourned the meeting at 9:11 p.m.



Marialena Beach
Council Secretary


Date

CITY OF STRONGSVILLE

COUNCIL MEETING - SEPTEMBER 8, 2026

RESIDENTS PRESENT IN OPPOSITION - NOACA STUDY

The following individuals were present at the September 8, 2026 meeting of Strongsville City Council and indicated their opposition to the consideration of a potential Interstate 71 interchange in the Drake Road/Howe Road area and/or the potential widening of roadways within the affected area as part of the NOACA transportation study. These individuals did not address Council during Audience Participation but requested that their opposition be reflected in the record.

NAME	ADDRESS
Susan Heiser	15398 Drake Rd
Ed Hojdar	17512 Greenbrier Dr.0
Jim Heiser	15398 Drake Rd.
Sandra / Geoff Poyle	16045 Falmouth Dr
Doris Petne	19213 Saratoga Trail
Helen Cappy	15531 Drake Rd
Mike Cappy	15531 Drake Rd
Chris Duke	19168 Saratoga Tr
Shelly Duke	19168 Saratoga Tr
Paul Huml	18270 Pirates Cove
Ray Bloch	14387 Drake
Sue Bloch	14387 Drake
Kimberly Manney	13633 Drake Rd
Beth Rodio	17207 Park Lane Dr
Mark Rodio	17207 Park Lane Dr
Nick Rodio	17207 Park Lane Dr
Christopher Rodio	17207 Park Lane Dr
Debra Yarwood	16507 Selby Circle
Joseph Yarwood	16507 Selby Circle
Marlene Costa	17147 Misty Lake Dr
Karen Schauer	18158 Howe Rd.
Jason Johncock	16007 Howe Rd
Thomas Poti	17204 Howe Rd
Sheena Poti	17204 Howe Rd
Jeffrey Tow	18314 Howe Rd
Judy Vanderwyst	17404 Shurmer Rd.
Nick Vanderwyst	15651 Howe Rd.
Elizabeth Worch	16612 Drake Rd.
Jeffrey / Jennifer Bella	17140 Shurmer Rd.
Laura Ryder	17078 N. Red Oak Dr.
Dan Ryder	17078 N. Red Oak Dr.
Jillian Cameron	17169 Misty Lake Dr.
Tyler Wolters	14347 Drake Rd.
Brian Wolters	14347 Drake Rd.
Sandy Gandolf	12141 Golden Star Dr.
Ed Gandolf	12141 Golden Star Dr.
Jennifer Batenchuk	18246 Howe Rd.
Michael Batenchuk	18246 Howe Rd.
Karen Levin	14906 Wilmington Dr.
Megan Hug	17334 Howe Rd.
Michael Baker	16716 Howe Rd.
Eric Rybarczyk	15960 Howe Rd.

NAME	ADDRESS
Karyn Tow	18314 Howe Rd
Stephanie & Robert Sambor	17214 Howe Rd
Matthew Bedford	14350 Drake Rd
Sherry Warner	17238 Park Lane Dr
Erin Warner	17238 Park Lane Dr
Kaitlyn Warner	17238 Park Lane Dr
Ethan Warner	17238 Park Lane Dr
Kimberly Wright	15538 Drake Rd
Marshall Wright	15538 Drake Rd.
April Walsh	17270 Park Lane Dr.
Terry Walsh	17270 Park Lane Dr.
David Worch	16612 Drake Rd.
Nicole Lang	16327 Selby Circle
Rick Lang	16327 Selby Circle
Christine Walter	17008 Bear Creek Ln
Caryn Walter	17008 Bear Creek Ln
Catherine Matousek	15519 Howe Rd
Becky Jones	15288 Howe Road
Tim Kelly	14204 Bent Tree Ct.
Kevin White	13748 Olde Orchard Rd.
Karina Panta	15539 Drake Rd
Orlando Panta	15539 Drake Rd
Flor Panta	19136 Pierce Dr
Nadine Ostrowski	17573 Hampton Pl.
Cristin / Brian Cicco	15018 Drake Rd.
Laura Andrews	14594 Drake Rd.
Kevin Roff	16764 Howe Rd.

Names and addresses transcribed from resident sign-in sheets submitted at the meeting.