

**SUMMARY OF CAUCUS DISCUSSION AND MINUTES OF THE STRONGSVILLE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING HELD ON, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2022.**

The Council of the City of Strongsville met in the Caucus Room at the Mike Kalinich Sr. City Council Chamber, 18688 Royalton Road, on **Monday, November 7, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.**

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

Absent: Gordon C. Short.

Council President, James Carbone, called the caucus to order at 7:37 p.m.

Planning, Zoning & Engineering Committee: Chairman Kaminski advised Ordinance No. 2022-122 is to amend Section 1252.15, 1252.16 and 1252.18 of the Codified Ordinances concerning accessory buildings and projections into yards into residential districts. Planning Commission gave this a favorable recommendation on September 8, 2022. There will be a public hearing this evening for this ordinance; and it will be determined after the hearing if Council will vote on this. Ordinance No. 2022-123 is to rezone property located at 17406 Royalton Road (PPN 396-12-028) from PF (Public Facilities) classification to GB (General Business) classification. Planning Commission gave this a favorable recommendation of September 8, 2022. There will be a public hearing this evening for this. The recommendation is to adopt this legislation this evening.

Public Safety & Health Committee: Chairman Kaminski recommended suspension and adoption for Resolution No. 2022-157; a resolution to advertise for bids for the compressed air fill station and related equipment for use by the fire department. A grant was received to help purchase this compressor. Suspension and adoption was also recommended for Resolution No. 2022-158; a resolution accepting the donation of fitness equipment and related appurtenances for use by the fire department and dispatch center. Planet Fitness was the donator of equipment.

Finance Committee: Chairwoman Kosek advised Ordinance Nos. 2022-159 through 2022-162 are TIFs (tax increment financing) ordinances for Autozone, CCL, Litehouse and Schaeffler respectively. These will all be placed on first reading this evening. Mr. Jamison advised that both the Strongsville City School District and Polaris Vocational have signed off stating they have no objection to adopting these four ordinances. Ms. Roff asked if there are currently TIFs in place for these businesses original buildings. Mayor Perciak advised the TIFs for tonight are for the new construction. The legislation is clear that it has to be used for infrastructure when creating a TIF. Mr. Jamison also advised that these companies go through a yearly vetting process with the county and state to make sure they are in conformance with the statutes.

Recreation and Community Services Committee: Chairwoman Roff recommended suspension and adoption for Ordinance No. 2022-163; an ordinance to enter into a contract for the rental of a mailing meter system for use by the city's recreation department. The contract is with Quadient Leasing USA Inc. for a 60-month lease. Resolution Nos. 2022-164 and 2022-165 are to accept \$15,000.00 donation from the Rotary Foundation and a \$50,000.00 from the Strongsville City Club to be used in connection with the Town Center enhancement walkability initiative. Suspension and adoption was recommended for these resolutions. Ms. Roff thanked the Mayor for communicating with the residents that our recreation center will be back open on Sundays. Ms. Roff stated she would like to have a committee meeting, prior to the next meeting, to discuss the finances of the recreation center.

Building & Utilities Committee: Chairman Clark recommended suspension and adoption for Ordinance No. 2022-166; an ordinance to employ special legal counsel and enter into a retainer agreement for professional services in connection with matter relating to the abatement of nuisance properties.

Communication & Technology Committee: Chairman Carbone recommend suspension and adoption for Ordinance No. 2022-167; an ordinance authorizing the finance director to make payment of \$93,804.84 to the Southwest Regional Communications Network Council of Governments for the purchase of routine maintenance, repairs and other services required for the ongoing general radio needs of the city during 2022.

MINUTES OF THE STRONGSVILLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MONDAY NOVEMBER 7, 2022 IN THE MIKE KALINICH SR. CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 18688 ROYALTON ROAD, STRONGSVILLE.

CALL TO ORDER:

Council President, James Carbone, called the meeting to order at 8:03 p.m.

CERTIFICATION OF POSTING:

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

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: Gordon C. Short.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on October 17, 2022 were approved as submitted.

APPOINTMENTS, CONFIRMATIONS, AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS:

Proclamation presented by Mayor Perciak in support of Ukraine.

Mayor Perciak – Thank you Mr. President, this evening we have prepared a proclamation to demonstrate our community's support for the Ukraine; and there are certain individuals here. I know Irene Iammarino is here with her husband. I think George is here; so if you would please join me up at the podium.

At this time, Mayor Perciak present the proclamation.

(Applause)

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

Ms. Iammarino – Thank you Mr. Mayor, thank you Councilmembers, we really appreciate it on behalf of the entire Ukrainian community, in Northeast Ohio, to have this constantly brought up, as top of mine, and an important cause for us all. We do appreciate the recognition, the constant support of the press and just hope that with everything that has happening in the Ukraine, that we are able to continue to move forward here in America with the same ideals that they are trying to aspire for in Ukraine. Again, just thank you again on behalf of the Ukrainian community in Northeast Ohio; and really, across the world.

(Applause)

Mr. Carbone – Thank you Mayor and thank you for everybody coming and supporting us supporting the Ukraine.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Ordinance No. 2022-122 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 1252.15, 1252.16 AND 1252.18 OF TITLE SIX OF PART TWELVE-PLANNING AND ZONING CODE OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE CONCERNING ACCESSORY BUILDINGS AND PROJECTIONS INTO YARDS IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS. *First reading and referred to the Planning Commission 09-06-22. Favorable recommendation by the Planning Commission 09-08-22. Second reading 09-19-22. Public hearing 11-07-22.*

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

(No comments)

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

(No Comments)

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

Ordinance No. 2022-123 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE ADOPTED BY SECTION 1250.03 OF TITLE SIX, PART TWELVE OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF STRONGSVILLE TO CHANGE THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF CERTAIN REAL ESTATE LOCATED AT 17406 ROYALTON ROAD (PPN 396-12-028) IN THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE FROM PF (PUBLIC FACILITIES) CLASSIFICATION TO GB (GENERAL BUSINESS) CLASSIFICATION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. *First reading and referred to the Planning Commission 09-06-22. Favorable recommendation by the Planning Commission 09-08-22. Second reading 09-19-22. Public hearing 11-7-22.*

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

PUBLIC HEARING (cont'd):

Bridey Matheny, 100 7th Avenue, Chardon, Ohio 44024: – Thank you Mr. President, my name is Bridey Matheny; I represent SP-JS1 LLC which is the applicant and property owner of...I am here in favor of the change in zoning for 17406 Royalton Road. Jason Sheiban is the managing member of the LLC and he and I are here to speak in favor of the change in zoning. We would, however, ask if it's possible to defer our comments in favor until after those who are here to speak in opposition are heard; so that we may address their concerns.

Mr. Carbone – Absolutely.

Ms. Matheny – Thank you very much.

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

Kathy Petersen, 17275 Iyami Court; Strongsville, Ohio 44136: My name is Kathy Petersen, I am here to just speak...my big concern, which I sent you my email; is about the traffic mess on Falling Water trying to enter Royalton Rd. First, I would like to thank Aimee Pientka and Kelly Kosek for their prompt reply to my email and their consideration, it meant a lot; also, Jim Carbone who had called me this afternoon. Second, I want to say; and this is my feeling...I wrote to you all, Mr. Mayor and all of the Council members to voice my honest concerns about what the changing of the zoning would mean to the traffic; what that would mean to the situation, and if it would make it worse than it is already. I must admit that I felt a little breach of confidentiality when someone sent my email to the petitioner. My main concern is still the traffic problem. Mainly, the gentleman that spoke to me just now told me that they are going to have different signs and all that...I understand that. My main concern is that the petition itself refers to the traffic problem by stating that the zoning change "will not be materially detrimental to the public welfare nor to the persons located in the vicinity". The property is already located in one of the biggest, most heavily travelled roads in the City of Strongsville; which if any of you live there, you know that. My question still remains, what will this zoning change do to the traffic in the future? Is it going to impose more of the same on our residents? It's hard to get out of Falling Water, turning on to Royalton Rd. because the traffic is in a hurry and they stop in the intersection and block it. There's a red light at Somera Mall, so they aren't moving anywhere and you can't even turn into Royalton Road. My question is...and I don't mean it in a negative way, it's an honest question; what would this mean to the traffic situation? My hope is that we residents at Ledgewood, will benefit from some solutions to this problem that I wrote to you about and described in my email, thank you.

Mr. Carbone – Thank you for coming up this evening, I know it takes a lot of courage to do that so it's appreciated.

Ms. Petersen – Well, I feel strongly that the traffic is a mess and I haven't seen any solution to it. We went through that Somera Mall thing; it's gotten worse. I think we need to consider the residents, we are right on the edge of this, and I'm just speaking for myself at this point, but I hope I am speaking for our residents too, thank you.

Ms. Pientka – Ms. Petersen, I'm sorry, can you just speak for the record your address? All you have to do is state your address in the mic. Sorry, about that.

Ms. Petersen – Sorry.

Ms. Pientka – No worries.

Ms. Petersen - 17275 Iyami Court; Strongsville, Ohio 44136.

PUBLIC HEARING (cont'd):

Ms. Pientka – Thank you.

Mr. Carbone – If you guys would like to come back up.

Ms. Matheny – Thank you, with respect to the proposed change in zoning and the permitted uses that are allowed in the general businesses versus what's allowed in the public facilities, we do not see that there will be any increase in traffic. What is mostly surrounding the property that we are requesting the rezoning, is in a commercial zoning district; with the exception of course, of the multi-family residential district directly to the north. This...but I will have Jason of course speak to this, but what we are seeking to do, is have professional office space there in addition of what I suppose would otherwise be allowed in the general business. We do not see that this would increase the traffic that is there on Royalton Road or coming out of Falling Water; this might be by appointment only with respect to professionals. We are talking about lawyers, accountants, those sorts of professionals having office space in this building; which currently they are not allowed to be in because of the public facilities zoning classification.

Jason Sheiban, 16394 Pepperwood Ct., Strongsville, Ohio 44136: My name is Jason Sheiban, my address is 16394 Pepperwood Ct., Strongsville, Ohio 44136. As Bridey just explained, we are not looking to change the building other than obviously updating it; putting quite a bit of funds into making it more esthetically pleasing as well as the signage esthetically pleasing. We're simply looking to just lease a space. I have owned the building for the past three years...almost three years, and as a lot of you know, I have been trying to lease that space for those full three years. We have gotten a little over 50% occupancy with the space right now, and it's been a little bit of a battle just getting to that. They are long term leases that are in there currently, and we are looking to keep the building exactly as it is; and that's kind of proving a point. We are looking to update the aesthetic of the building as well as the signage of the building making it more... when you're coming off Royalton Road, aesthetically pleasing to see opposed to how it is looking right now. Does anybody have any questions for me in regards to that?

Mr. DeMio – When Ms. Petersen came up, she talked about the letter that I, by the way, got the email today, just so you know from Aimee; I thank you Aimee for that. Talk a little bit about the landscaping, I know you kind of talked about it a little bit; because that is a concern. I saw your family out there actually working in the summer doing some things, but can you get in a little more depth?

Mr. Sheiban – Of course, so in means of landscape; we are going to be doing quite a bit into the Spring. There's obviously...we've done a little bit already, but there's quite a bit more to do. Trimming back the trees making sure that any type of shrubbery is replaced that's down there right now and making sure that the grass, as well as anything that's greenery there, is not over grown. Then obviously, the signage and replacing the temporary signage there. That's just in landscape alone, not really considering what we're going to be doing with the building as well.

Mr. DeMio – Can you get in a little more detail with the building?

Mr. Sheiban – Yes, so the building right now is...if anybody has driven passed there, is very 80's. We are going to be replacing the entire roof which is actually happening next week, as well as the springing on the roof right now; that's going to be replaced with something a little bit more modern. We are looking at how we are going to be esthetically lifting the look of the building as well...which is obviously getting a lot of that age off of the building; repainting, and almost everything that kind of goes along with that.

Mr. DeMio – Thank you.

PUBLIC HEARING (cont'd):

Mr. Carbone – Any further questions? Okay, thank you.

Ms. Matheny – Thank you.

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

Mr. Carbone – Before I get into “Reports of Council Committees”, Ordinance Nos. 2022-122 and 2022-123 will also be on the agenda for vote tonight, both public hearings.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

SCHOOL BOARD – Mr. Clark: Thank you Council President Carbone, there was a Strongsville City School board meeting on Thursday, October 27, 2022. During this meeting, Phil Herman from The Impact Group, our district’s strategic planning firm, facilitated initial steps of a vision building exercise that began with him taking the board through SWOT analysis. Personally, I am accustomed to those; it’s strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats and for sake of time, I will not share the six pages of notes that I took during that meeting. I will share that there are parent opportunities to have a voice in the future of Strongsville City Schools as they develop their 3-year strategic plan and community opportunities. That’s through focus groups, that’s through surveys that will go out this week and individual meetings. Virtual focus groups are on November 16, 2022; opportunities at 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Surveys will go to parents this week and individual meetings can be scheduled with Lori Sandel of The Impact Group, lsandel@igpr.com, to set up individual meetings. That was the majority of a long but effective meeting on the 27th of October. I would also like to congratulate our girls’ varsity soccer team. They had a game on Saturday, November 5, 2022. With a little bit of time left on the clock, they won 1-0 over Walsh to become regional champs. They play again tomorrow evening, Tuesday, November 8, 2022; they take on Magnificat. If you want to go watch, it’s right down at Brunswick Highschool and that is the state semi-final. As a reminder, there is no school tomorrow, Tuesday, November 8, 2022 as it is election day. A caveat for the pre-school and half-day kindergarten, it’s technically an asynchronous day. Lastly, related to school activities and school things, we have about 200 plus Strongsville Middle School eighth graders on their way back from a great trip to Washington, DC. First, I thank my colleague Joe DeMio, for many years he’s been a big supporter of that to make sure that trip still happens. Second, I thank my other colleague that’s on that trip as a chaperone and not here with us this evening, Gordon Short and I better thank my wife or I will be in big trouble because she is a chaperone on that trip too. Great activities, great opportunity for our students to see our nation’s headquarters, and to do so right before an important election. Lastly, I’ll thank two ladies that planned that, Sarah Polo and Haley LaBahn. That concludes the school board report pending any questions.

Mr. DeMio – Well there is one note, Mr. Short has more detentions than any kid on the trip. Mayor, you have to come up with some penalty perk for Gordon, he apparently got out of line at the opening of the bus tour.

Mayor Perciak – What I’ll do is report it to Megan Short and I’m certain she’ll have a way to put him in the penalty box.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

SCHOOL BOARD – Mr. Clark (cont'd):

Mr. DeMio – For the record, I'm joking; Gordon has taken the Oath man's job...going with his daughter and four to eight in his group and that is a chore in itself. Everybody here has done it in different ways, and it's a great thing to do. Tom and I talked about it for a minute, Mr. Clark, our ward 3 Councilman; they put on 11 miles of walking on this trip. I think it's so funny because, I do have to remind the parents to make sure that the boys and girls don't wear flipflops because they destroy their feet in those miles; it's kind of comical how they have to be reminded. As a matter of fact, Gordon told me the story this weekend, he told his daughter, Ann listen...," You can wear the flipflops at night when you're walking up and down in D.C". As you know it is a hilly...it's not a totally flat community, it's quite the run. God bless Gordon, God bless your wife, and it's a good group and we're blessed to have a school system that allows us still to do this. Some schools are formed on a private group to do this; our school system at least allows us to do it and I think it's awesome. Share that...not the detention message, the other message.

BUILDING AND UTILITIES - Mr. Clark:

Mr. Clark – Nothing for Building and Utilities this evening beyond what we've covered.

Ms. Kosek – I'm sorry Jim, did you want to go over Resolution No. 2022-166?

Mr. Clark - I can go over it again, yes. I was thinking beyond what we covered, but technically we covered that previously to the meeting. We do have Resolution No. 2022-166...thank you Kelly. Ordinance No. 2022-166 is authorizing special legal counsel and to enter a retainer agreement for professional services so that we can address any connecting nuisance abatement issues of properties here in Strongsville. The recommendation there, is suspension and adoption.

Mr. Carbone – Any questions there for Mr. Clark?

Ms. Roff – Just to clarify, Is that as needed basis?

Mr. Clark – That is a retainer that establishes who our partner would be in that matter and I will direct anything further to Neal.

Mr. Jamison – That would be as directed by the law director...

Ms. Roff – Thank you, Neal.

Mr. Jamison – ...and obviously the Mayor.

SOUTHWEST GENERAL HEALTH SYSTEM – Mr. Short:

(No report)

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Mr. Short:

Mr. Carbone – Due to Mr. Short's absence, we will have no committee meetings, but Mr. Clark will advise of the upcoming Economic Development meeting.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

Mr. Clark – Yes, Gordon asked me to advise that our next Economic Development Committee meeting is this month, November 28, 2022, that is here in Council Chambers at 7:00 p.m. So again, 7:00 p.m. on November 28, 2022, is our next Economic Development Committee meeting.

Ms. Kosek – I'm sorry, I'm going to interrupt one more time. Do we want to mention the luncheon that is on November 15, 2022?

Mayor Perciak – I have it here to mention.

Ms. Kosek – Okay.

PUBLIC SERVICE AND CONSERVATION – Mr. DeMio: There is nothing before this committee, but if there is anything new, any thoughts...maybe the law director has something special for us in the future other than our snow plows are ready to go. Mayor?

Mayor Perciak – Accurate statement Councilman DeMio.

Mr. DeMio – Let's hope we don't need them at all this year, but I have a feeling we will.

Mayor Perciak – Yes, we have salt and we're ready but Sunday it looks like a lousy day to begin the season, but we've been blessed.

Ms. Roff – Joe, do you just want to let the residents know also that if there's an area that they didn't get through, I think they're going to try to do one final pass on the north side and south side. I know there's a little debate, I think...

Mayor Perciak – There is no debate, they are finishing on the north side. They are coming to the south side and they are going to split the crews up so that they can get both sides to try and get as much finished before the snow flies.

Ms. Roff – I was just saying, I know that there's all the Facebook stuff...all these little debates on everything obviously, but there was a little one about the north side and south side in respect to the leaves. I assured everybody that they will come to both sides after they have finished up their normal routes.

Mayor Perciak – They will be on our side of town starting tomorrow, November 8th, but we are going to work our way around Drake Rd. because we want to finish that tomorrow.

Ms. Roff – Thank you.

FINANCE - Ms. Kosek: Yes, we have four ordinances tonight. Ordinance Nos. 2022-159, 2022-160, 2022-161 and 2022-162 which are all TIFs (Tax Increment Financing). They are to do a TIFs for the CCL property, Litehouse property, Schaeffler property and the Autozone property. Each of these is to capture additional tax funding so that we can do improvements that are related to the economic development that is happening for Autozone, CCL, Litehouse and Schaeffler. All of these have been signed off on by the school board here in Strongsville and Polaris; the law director advised us during the caucus. We are keeping our school whole with all the taxes as we always do but, because these are economic issues with the taxation, we are going to put these on first reading so we have some additional time to think about them.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

FINANCE - Ms. Kosek (cont'd) - I know that if there are any questions, Eric is here, the Mayor is here and Neal was here answering some questions about what areas might be included and streets, that we might be able to use the money for. If we can put those on first reading today Mr. Carbone, I would appreciate it.

Mr. Carbone – Sounds good.

PLANNING, ZONING AND ENGINEERING – Mr. Kaminski: Yes, Planning, Zoning and Engineering met this evening; we also had public hearings on Ordinance No. 2022-122 which is amending the zoning code concerning accessory buildings and projections in the yards in residential districts. Also, Ordinance No. 2022-123 which is a change in zoning classification on Royalton Rd. from public facility to general business. Again, we just concluded those to public hearings.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEALTH – Mr. Kaminski: We have two resolutions, Resolution No. 2022-157 which is authorizing the Mayor to advertise for bids for a compression air fill station. These are the packs that the firefighters will use to be able to have fresh air as they are fighting a fire; those little canisters need to be refilled. We had a grant for that last year...earlier in the year, and they are looking to get bids to fill that equipment need. Last resolution is accepting a donation; Resolution No. 2022-158 is accepting a donation for fitness equipment, again, for the use by the fire department and dispatch center. That was from Planet Fitness; they were doing some remodeling and donated some equipment for fitness which was valued over \$17,000.00, so that was very much appreciated. My recommendation on both of those Public Safety and Health resolutions are suspension and adoption this evening. I will be happy to take any questions.

Mr. Carbone – Ordinance Nos. 2022-122 and 2022-123 will be...

Mr. Kaminski – ...voting this evening.

RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES – Ms. Roff: I have one ordinance tonight and two resolutions. I have Ordinance No. 2022-163, this is to enter into a contract with a company for leasing a mail meter system. This is something that we do have currently, but we are just changing the vendors right now; that will be to suspend and adopt. We have two resolutions, Resolution No. 2022-164 and Resolution No. 2022-165 which are to accept donations. Resolution No. 2022-164 is to accept donations for the Center of Town Enhancement & Walkability Initiative project and then Resolution No. 2022-165 is a donation from our Strongsville City Club for the Center of Town Enhancement & Walkability Initiative project. I would like for us to suspend and adopt all of those and ask for support obviously, especially for the donation ones. I just wanted to mention, because I know we talked about last time having a Recreation Committee meeting and we are looking at different dates. We talked about it being here in two weeks, but possibly we can go to the recreation center also or...and meet there. We talked about two weeks from today but we will look at some of the other days to see what works for everybody.

Mr. Carbone – Yes, we could talk about a couple dates and again, make sure Mr. Bogre, Director of the recreation center can also be here.

Ms. Roff – Yes, because the good news is that we will be opening back up now on Sundays and going back to some of our normal hours starting in December. I also know that we still have other issues that we want to look at as far as the equipment goes there, making sure that's up to date; making sure everything is clean and tidy and that we have the finances to keep it up and running in the manner that we've been used to. I will also now turn it over to Mr. Clark to give us some information about the recreation center.

RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES (cont'd)

Mr. Clark – Yes, this week...at the end of this week, Friday is Veteran's Day and obviously we want to thank all of our Veterans for their service. You often hear about things that are open and opportunities for Veterans and certainly we have many wonderful Veterans here in Strongsville. In fact, Bryan Bogre, the director of our recreation center is a Veteran himself. I met and talked with him about opportunities to bring more people in. Mr. Bogre and his team put together two activities for Veteran's Day. On Veteran's Day, our Strongsville Recreation Center will provide free admittance to our Strongsville Veterans. All they need, is to go in and sign in at the front desk and there are...so this is Friday, November 11, 2022. There are two sessions offered right now, 10:30 a.m. is a strength and conditioning exercise in the gym, and 11:30 a.m., there is a group exercise in the studio. Both of these...again, we have Veterans from all ages, we have Veterans that are 18 years old that are in their initial service and we have Veterans in our community from the world wars. We want to welcome any fitness level of our Veterans, to come in on that particular day. That's part of a focus group to say each month we want...next year being the 25th anniversary of the recreation center, we want to invite more people to utilize our recreation center. We talked a couple of weeks ago about the numbers being down and to me...Bryan and I both being Veterans, we talked about what better group to try to bring comradery back to our community and our beautiful recreation center to have that happen, than Veterans. Comradery is something that is very important to Veterans and comradery is something that is very important to our Strongsville community. Again, this Friday, November 11, 2022, there is an opportunity to kind of kick that off; free admittance to our Strongsville Veterans. Two sessions...welcome any time during the day. Just come out and check out the recreation center; think about joining. Specifically, two sessions geared towards our Veterans; 10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m., just come in and sign in at the front desk. Thank you, Ann.

Ms. Roff – You are welcome and just another note, thank you Kelly for reminding me. The pool is open...everything is done there; we start to welcome everybody in there. I know there is still some limited hours there because of some other issues that we're having as far as getting people in there to cover the different shifts for lifeguards. That will be another topic obviously that we will talk about at the recreation center meeting, and that is all.

Mr. Kaminski – Just to comment on recreation, I love the idea with the Veterans. This Friday, November 11, 2022, we are also...The Strongsville Rotary Club will be at the VFW hall here in Strongsville. If you have a flyer or something that I can pass out, I would be happy to do that on Friday, November 11, 2022, since there will be quite a few Veterans there.

Ms. Roff – That would be awesome Jim, thank you so much. I think probably Aimee do they already have something up on the website, I believe?

Mr. Clark – I would imagine it's getting posted tomorrow if it wasn't posted today. I have a copy...

Ms. Roff – It might be posted on social media, but Aimee if you don't mind, maybe just sending whatever publications they are putting there for those two free things for our Veterans.

Ms. Pientka – I'll ask Bryan if he has a flyer or something like that.

Ms. Roff – Thank you, I thought I possibly saw something online, but if he has something in hand that he can take over there, that probably wouldn't be bad. Maybe they can meet up after their two exercise classes and start a little group there and utilize some of those other rooms there.

Mr. Carbone – Thank you Ms. Roff and that's awesome just a little something that we could do to give back to a group of men and women that sacrificed so much for us and for our freedom.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

Ms. Roff – I want to thank Mr. Clark for coming up with that. That was pretty awesome.

Mr. Carbone – Good job, Mr. Clark.

Ms. Roff – Thank you.

COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY - Mr. Carbone: I do have Ordinance No. 2022-167; this is authorizing our finance director to make a \$93,804.84 payment to our Southwest Regional Communication Network to purchase routine maintenance repairs and services required for ongoing radio need for our dispatch consoles and walkie talkies for our police, fire and service workers for service during the year 2022. The recommendation is going to be suspend and adopt. Also, under Communications and Technology, I received a call...you've heard of me talk a lot about the "Are You Ok Program" where we now check on our seniors daily to make sure that they are ok. It's a piece of mind for the senior, also for the family and also for the police and fireman that might have to respond. We had our first person, he called me and it was a great conversation; he is recruiting four other people. Again, if you know of any senior in the community, you have a loved one...times are crazy. You can't always get to them, but if you want to have somebody check on them daily, please call our non-emergency police number and they will refer that person. You could be the loved one of the family members receiving the service and they will refer them to our Communications Director, David Sems. That number is 440-238-7373. That again is our non-emergency number where you could start enrolling your loved one in this great program. Lastly, we do have a Finance Committee meeting on Monday, November 14, 2022 at 4:30 p.m. at our Council Chambers. Does anybody have any questions for me?

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - Mr. Carbone:

(No report)

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

MAYOR PERCIAK: Thank you Mr. President, good evening one and all. Just a reminder, we won't be meeting before the Christmas lighting. The Christmas lighting on the town...on The Square will be on Sunday, November 20, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. We have a few surprises for our little ones. Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus advised me that they are going to be visiting with us, and they are going to allow the children to visit with them this year; that is a real positive step for our little ones. We are going to have Lolly the Trolley or a reasonable facsimile there of that's going to be transporting people around so that they can view all the Christmas lights. I would be remiss if I didn't thank the business community, the Chamber of Commerce, The Strongsville City Club, Brunswick AutoMart, the Panteck family and the Catan family for really stepping up to the plate and making that evening, and the entire Christmas season on The Square, what it is. Without their generous donations, we could not put that display on. If you see any of them...and all of their names will be listed online. We are also going to put it back in The Strongsville Post so that everyone can acknowledge their generosity; again, November 20, 2022. Tom, you talked and Ann about Veteran's Day; the VFW again, will be holding their service at the VFW on Veteran's Day at 11:00 a.m., on November 11, 2022 at 11:00 a.m., at the VFW. They will hold their annual service honoring Veterans; it is very well attended and it is very moving to be there. Anybody who may have an opportunity or could break away, please be there. That will be at 11:00 a.m. Next, I want to specifically...I already thanked The Rotary Club, they were here two weeks ago for their donation for our Town Center. I would like to specifically thank the Strongsville City Club for stepping up to plate in a big way. They worked hard for this and \$50,000.00 is a lot of money from any civic group.

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

MAYOR PERCIAK: (cont'd) – I just want to make certain they know how much we appreciate their efforts and their hard work towards this Town Center planning. If you see any of The Strongsville City Club members, express our thanks to them. Lastly, I don't know who brought up the Chamber Luncheon...I think Kelly. Yes, and this is today's Wall Street Journal; if anybody has any doubts as to the value of that conversation that we are going to have on November 15th, it says "Financing dries up on Wall Street" ...headlines. This is what we have been talking about, and it goes on in depth to talk about what we can expect here in our communities as far as the availability of money for our businessman to expand and grow. It also discusses lines of credit, it also discusses bond issues, it discusses note issues, the very things...how we operate around here. It's imperative that you actually, if you have the time, come and listen to Tom Partridge, the president of Fifth Third Bank; he may not get into the individual things because we've asked him to strictly keep his comments to business. This is something we are all going to have to deal with. Today, believe it or not on Channel 5 News at 5:30/6:00 a.m., whatever time it was, they addressed the interest rate cycle and how it's affecting all of us. This is really important and I think The Chamber luncheon, on the 15th of November is very timely for all of us to attend. I think it's going to be a worthwhile event just to listen to the experts as to what they think is going to happen here in the first half of 2023. That ends my report.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT – Mr. Dean: Thank you Council President, I hereby certify that the funds will be made available for all ordinances and resolutions on tonight's agenda requiring certification of funding, thank you.

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

Mr. Carbone – Thank you.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Michelle Hill, 20691 Forestwood Drive, Strongsville, Ohio 44149: I am here with Katie Lewis and we are representing SECPTA (Strongsville Early Childhood PTA). I just wanted to tell you guys a little bit about an event we are having next week, Tuesday, November 15, 2022 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m at the middle school. It's our Early Childhood Resource Fair; you guys might be familiar, we've done this event every year for...this is our 17th annual. We are changing it up a little bit this year (mic issues). In the past we have focused on preschools and daycares, but this year we are branching out to more family services along with those preschools and daycares and extracurricular activities. That's a big part of why we as a group come together. We always need help finding the next place we are going to play basketball for the kids, or the next preschool we're going to go to, or if we're having...if we need family services and we need to draw up a will because we have a family now and that's just part of the gig. We wanted to make sure that we weren't just focusing on the preschools and daycares, but we're also just providing all kinds of opportunities to deliver information about different family services. I just wanted to invite you guys all to join and the community to join us. Again, it's next Tuesday, November 15, 2022 at the middle school from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and I just wanted to thank you guys again so much for all of your support with our organization. We really enjoy what we do, we love the support the city gives our kids, and that wouldn't be possible without a great Council like yourself. Thank you guys so much.

(inaudible conversation due to mic issues)

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

Ordinance No. 2022-122 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 1252.15, 1252.16 AND 1252.18 OF TITLE SIX OF PART TWELVE-PLANNING AND ZONING CODE OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE CONCERNING ACCESSORY BUILDINGS AND PROJECTIONS INTO YARDS IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS. *First reading and referred to the Planning Commission 09-06-22. Favorable recommendation by the Planning Commission 09-08-22. Second reading 09-19-22. Public hearing 11-07-22.*

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

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2022-122 ADOPTED

Ordinance No. 2022-123 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE ADOPTED BY SECTION 1250.03 OF TITLE SIX, PART TWELVE OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF STRONGSVILLE TO CHANGE THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF CERTAIN REAL ESTATE LOCATED AT 17406 ROYALTON ROAD (PPN 396-12-028) IN THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE FROM PF (PUBLIC FACILITIES) CLASSIFICATION TO GB (GENERAL BUSINESS) CLASSIFICATION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. *First reading and referred to the Planning Commission 09-06-22. Favorable recommendation by the Planning Commission 09-08-22. Second reading 09-19-22. Public hearing 11-7-22.*

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

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2022-123 ADOPTED

Resolution No. 2022-157 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR A COMPRESSED AIR FILL STATION AND RELATED EQUIPMENT FOR USE BY THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES DEPARTMENT.

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

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

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Resolution No. 2022-157 ADOPTED

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):

Resolution No. 2022-158 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE DONATION OF FITNESS EQUIPMENT AND RELATED APPURTENANCES TO THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, FOR USE BY THE CITY'S FIRE DEPARTMENT AND DISPATCH CENTER.

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

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

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Resolution No. 2022-158 ADOPTED

Ordinance No. 2022-159 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE DECLARING IMPROVEMENTS TO A CERTAIN PARCEL OF REAL PROPERTY TO BE A PUBLIC PURPOSE, DESCRIBING THE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS TO BE MADE TO DIRECTLY BENEFIT SUCH PARCEL, REQUIRING THE OWNERS OF THE IMPROVEMENTS ON SUCH PARCEL TO MAKE SERVICE PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES, ESTABLISHING AN AUTOZONE MUNICIPAL PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT TAX INCREMENT EQUIVALENT FUND FOR THE DEPOSIT OF SUCH SERVICE PAYMENTS PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTIONS 5709.40, 5709.42 AND 5709.43, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Placed on first reading 11-07-22 and referred back to the committee.

Ordinance No. 2022-160 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE DECLARING IMPROVEMENTS TO A CERTAIN PARCEL OF REAL PROPERTY TO BE A PUBLIC PURPOSE, DESCRIBING THE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS TO BE MADE TO DIRECTLY BENEFIT SUCH PARCEL, REQUIRING THE OWNERS OF THE IMPROVEMENTS ON SUCH PARCEL TO MAKE SERVICE PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES, ESTABLISHING A CCL MUNICIPAL PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT TAX INCREMENT EQUIVALENT FUND FOR THE DEPOSIT OF SUCH SERVICE PAYMENTS PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTIONS 5709.40, 5709.42 AND 5709.43, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Placed on first reading 11-07-22 and referred back to the committee.

Ordinance No. 2022-161 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE DECLARING IMPROVEMENTS TO A CERTAIN PARCEL OF REAL PROPERTY TO BE A PUBLIC PURPOSE, DESCRIBING THE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS TO BE MADE TO DIRECTLY BENEFIT SUCH PARCEL, REQUIRING THE OWNERS OF THE IMPROVEMENTS ON SUCH PARCEL TO MAKE SERVICE PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES, ESTABLISHING A LITEHOUSE MUNICIPAL PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT TAX INCREMENT EQUIVALENT FUND FOR THE DEPOSIT OF SUCH SERVICE PAYMENTS PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTIONS 5709.40, 5709.42 AND 5709.43, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Placed on first reading 11-07-22 and referred back to the committee.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):

Ordinance No. 2022-162 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE DECLARING IMPROVEMENTS TO A CERTAIN PARCEL OF REAL PROPERTY TO BE A PUBLIC PURPOSE, DESCRIBING THE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS TO BE MADE TO DIRECTLY BENEFIT SUCH PARCEL, REQUIRING THE OWNERS OF THE IMPROVEMENTS ON SUCH PARCEL TO MAKE SERVICE PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES, ESTABLISHING A SCHAEFFLER MUNICIPAL PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT TAX INCREMENT EQUIVALENT FUND FOR THE DEPOSIT OF SUCH SERVICE PAYMENTS PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTIONS 5709.40, 5709.42 AND 5709.43, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Placed on first reading 11-07-22 and referred back to the committee.

Ordinance No. 2022-163 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE REQUESTING PARTICIPATION IN OHIO DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES CONTRACTS FOR THE RENTAL OF A MAILING METER SYSTEM, INCLUDING RELATED APPURTENANCES, FOR USE BY THE CITY'S RECREATION DEPARTMENT; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO DO ALL THINGS NECESSARY TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT IN CONNECTION THEREWITH; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2022-163 ADOPTED

Resolution No. 2022-164 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A DONATION OF MONEY FROM THE STRONGSVILLE ROTARY FOUNDATION TO BE USED IN CONNECTION WITH THE STRONGSVILLE TOWN CENTER ENHANCEMENT & WALKABILITY INITIATIVE.

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

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

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Resolution No. 2022-164 ADOPTED

Resolution No. 2022-165 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A DONATION OF MONEY FROM THE STRONGSVILLE CITY CLUB TO BE USED IN CONNECTION WITH THE STRONGSVILLE TOWN CENTER ENHANCEMENT & WALKABILITY INITIATIVE.

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

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

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Resolution No. 2022-165 ADOPTED

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):

Ordinance No. 2022-166 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EMPLOY SPECIAL LEGAL COUNSEL AND ENTER INTO A RETAINER AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TO THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE IN CONNECTION WITH MATTERS RELATING TO THE ABATEMENT OF NUISANCE PROPERTIES IN THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2022-166 ADOPTED

Ordinance No. 2022-167 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO MAKE PAYMENT TO THE SOUTHWEST REGIONAL COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS FOR THE PURCHASE OF ROUTINE MAINTENANCE, REPAIRS AND OTHER SERVICES REQUIRED FOR THE ONGOING GENERAL RADIO NEEDS OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE DURING 2022, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2022-167 ADOPTED

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS AND CLAIMS:

*Application for Permit: **TRFL-D5-D6**: To: Chipotle Mexican Grill of Colorado LLC **DBA: Chipotle**, 17090 Royalton Road, Strongsville, Ohio 44136 (Responses must be postmarked no later than 11/14/22).*

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

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Mayor Perciak – Tomorrow is election day, if you haven't voted already, please go out and vote tomorrow. It's a big election so again, if you haven't voted absentee, the polls will be open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. tomorrow, so please vote. Thank you.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before this Council President James Carbone adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

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Council office Secretary

11-21-22
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