

**SUMMARY OF CAUCUS DISCUSSION AND MINUTES OF THE STRONGSVILLE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING HELD ON, MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2024.**

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, December 16, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.**

Present: Council Members: James E. Carbone, Gordon C. Short, Kelly A. Kosek, Annmarie P. Roff, Thomas M. Clark, and Brian M. Spring. **Also Present:** Council Secretary Marialena Beach.
Administration: Mayor Thomas P. Perciak, Law Director Neal Jamison, and Finance Director Eric Dean.

Absent: Councilman James A. Kaminski.

Council President, James E. Carbone, called the caucus to order at 6:41 p.m.

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

Public Safety & Health Committee:

Mr. Carbone – We have Ordinance No. 2024-194. This is an agreement for public safety dispatch services with the City of Berea, commencing January 1, 2025 for one year. That is for \$471,166.00; that's \$39,263.83 a month. The recommendation here is to suspend and adopt.

Recreation & Community Services Committee:

Chairman Spring - Thank you, President Carbone, today I have three. The first one is an ordinance. Ordinance No. 2024-195; this is an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a license agreement with the Cleveland Clinic for use of the aquatics area at the recreation center. The recommendation is to suspend and adopt. Basically, it's the Cleveland Clinic using the pool and stuff. Is there anything else you want to add Neal?

Mr. Jamison – Yes, they are going to use the pool for aquatic rehabilitation; so they've been doing it, but they want to formalize the arrangement. This is similar to what we did with Southwest General Hospital up on the track area on the second floor. We'll get paid as they use the facility. It's a win-win for both sides.

Ms. Roff - Neal, does that interfere with any people that have memberships? Any area that they would normally have...

Mr. Jamison - No, so they are going to work with the staff to schedule times. Like I said, this is not new. They have been doing this for a while, and this is just to formalize that relationship.

Ms. Roff - Perfect, I was pretty sure, but...

Mr. Jamison - No problem.

Ms. Roff - ...I just wanted to throw it out to everybody else.

Chairman Spring - So like we said, the recommendation on this one is to suspend and adopt. We also have two resolutions. Resolution No. 2024-196; this is a resolution accepting a donation for the City of Strongsville to be used at the woodshop located at the senior center.

Chairman Spring (cont'd) - It's a donation for \$200.00 from Cindy Szczecinski to be used in memory of her late husband, Walter Szczecinski, who enjoyed working in the woodshop. The recommendation on that one is to suspend and adopt. The last one that I have, is Resolution No. 2024-197. Again, this is a resolution accepting a monetary donation to the City of Strongsville for the city's senior center. This is a donation from Linda Rhea for a donation of \$1,000.00 to the city to be used at the senior center. The recommendation is to suspend and adopt. Does anyone have any questions?

(No questions)

Finance Committee:

Chairman Short - Thank you, Mr. Carbone. We have two ordinances and a resolution this evening on the agenda. Ordinance No. 2024-198; this is to update the annual expenses for the City of Strongsville to reflect some accounting and proceeds received. The total adjustment is a net increase of \$9,740,912.00 compared to the prior ordinance. A couple of the material items: There's an increase of \$4.5 million dollars in the general fund transferred to the general capital fund, and an increase of \$2,365,000.00 in the recreation capital fund. This is to account for the note proceeds that have been received as of December 10th for the Town Center project. That cash has been received and is being properly accounted for in the budget. Another material expense is \$450,000.00 for the health insurance reserve fund being transferred to the claims account, along with another \$50,000.00 from the dental claims account. We do keep a reserve for health insurance claims when those exceed budget. That transfer has happened to reflect the changes due to higher claim costs in 2024. Lastly, in regards to the newly created Southwest Emergency Dispatch fund transferring to the account for the regional dispatch center with a net, I believe Eric, of \$300,000.00. It's a decrease of \$4.5 million dollars and an increase of \$4.2 million dollars.

Mr. Dean - That's correct. There's a grant also in there that we received for dispatch that is going to be ending at the end of the year. There is a net decrease, but the grant is paying for the difference.

Chairman Short - Okay, and then an increase of \$1.4 million dollars transferred from the Southwest fund...interfund transfer to the Southwest Emergency Dispatch Center fund, as well from the general fund. Those will get our expenses and accounts in order under the rules of generally accepted government...GASB (Government Accounting Standards Board), correct? Under the GASB rules.

Mayor Perciak - Just what you and I love.

Chairman Short - Oh yes, GASB is worse than FASB (Financial Accounting Standards Board).

Mayor Perciak - Indeed.

Chairman Short - Are there any questions on those accounting debits and credits?

Mayor Perciak - The only thing I want to comment on is finally...I want to commend Eric, as far as our dispatch is concerned, to get the auditor of the state to go along with a line item on that by itself. This way we will be able to gauge far more carefully everything that goes on in that department, and all the ins and outs that...we just want to make certain that we are not in any way losing any money on that process. We understand that it is our home, we understand that it is our dispatch center; but on the same token, we want to make certain that our services that we are offering, we are properly compensated for. I want the record to reflect that.

Chairman Short - Yes, thank you Eric. That will be a good way to track exactly the revenue and expenses for that dispatch center.

Mayor Perciak - Exactly, and it's time for that now.

Chairman Short - Yes, thank you for that. Ordinance No. 2024-199; this is the general salary ordinance for 2025; both for the collective bargaining positions in the public service department that was just negotiated, I believe, with the Teamsters. Also, for all salary and hourly employees in the City of Strongsville for 2025. The recommendation there is to suspend and adopt that tonight. Are there any questions on the salary ordinance?

(No questions)

Mayor Perciak - We hope to have the correction officer's in on January 6th. As a matter of fact, all final redlining is happening as we speak. We tried to have it for tonight, but it isn't going to be there. The way the payroll falls, it still will be ok. There won't be any retro activity because on January 3rd's payroll, that will still reflect the 2024 hourly wages. Then, we will have your meeting on January 6th, and that will be able to encompass everything from the first of the year.

Chairman Short - Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Lastly, Resolution No. 2024-200; this is a resolution requesting that the fiscal officer of Cuyahoga County advance to the city certain funds from the proceeds of the 2024/2025 collection year to our general operating and special assessment funds in advance. The recommendation there is to suspend and adopt. Any questions on that?

(No questions)

Chairman Short - That concludes my report.

Planning, Zoning and Engineering Committee:

Chairwoman Kosek - Yes, we have one ordinance tonight, Ordinance No. 2024-201. This is a final change order related to the covered bridge project on Whitney Road. This is an increase of \$121,500.00 bringing the new total to just over \$2.5 million dollars for that project. If I understood correctly Neal, it looked like it was a timing issue that increased the majority of the cost?

Mr. Jamison - Yes, and no. I guess there were some steel beams that were on backorder, which caused a little bit of a delay. Overall, it was like, I think, only a 5% increase over what the original budget was.

Chairwoman Kosek - There were also some deductions over as well, so it balanced out.

Mr. Jamison - Right.

Chairwoman Kosek - The project, it looks very nice. This would be the final change order so, I would ask that we suspend and adopt on this unless you have any questions for myself or for the floor.

Mayor Perciak - Kelly, I think for the record we should reflect the amount of grants of \$1,000,000.00 and then of course, \$50,000.00 from The Metroparks. When it's all said and done, it reduced our total outlay on that substantially.

Chairwoman Kosek - Yes, it was an excellent partnership Mayor, getting all of that additional funding to help out for a great project.

Mayor Perciak - Thank you.

Committee of the Whole:

Mr. Carbone – We have Ordinance Nos. 2024-202 and 2024-203. Both of these are collective bargaining agreements with the Teamsters Local No. 52 with our service workers and our building inspectors. Both are commencing January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2027. There is no change in medical; and that's a 3 ½%, 3% and 3% raise (over the course of the 3 year contracts). The recommendation on these is to suspend and adopt. Lastly this evening for myself, we have Ordinance No. 2024-204. This is to increase the hourly rate with special legal counsel with Jon Dileo for an ongoing hourly rate for special legal counsel in connection with ongoing collective bargaining and labor relations. Basically, we're just getting it up to par where it's at - what the going rate is. The recommendation is to suspend and adopt. Does anybody have any questions? Did you guys want to add anything?

Mr. Jamison - No Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Carbone - Mr. Dean, are you good?

Mr. Dean - Yes.

Mr. Carbone - Okay.

Other Business:

Mr. Jamison - I just wanted to point out, I think Ms. Pientka had forwarded to you an email from the Board of Elections about adjusting the precincts. We are not changing the wards because remember, we did that about a year ago where we determined that they were still equally populated. I guess some of the precincts had exceeded 1,400 in number; and I guess by law, you can't have that; so they are going to tweak some of the precincts. I think ward 2 is the only one where there's going to be no changes. I believe it's in ward 1, 2, and 3; and I believe a map was attached. I wanted to point that out to you in case you didn't get that. It's not changing the ward boundaries; it's just really changing within each ward - the precincts. That would be more relevant for individuals who might run for a precinct committee person for their respective party. That might change the boundary for those individuals if there are even contested races anymore. A lot of times, those are uncontested; but that will be the only real change as it relates to individuals. The other change would be where people would go to vote. If you got shifted to a different precinct, then you might have to go to a different location; but the board is typically pretty good about notifying people when that does take place.

Mr. Spring - Neal, I have a question. Are they adding a place to vote; because it looked like they added letters? So, does that mean they are adding another additional place to vote?

Mr. Jamison - I don't know that, Brian. I don't know. Officially, I think it will take place at the next board meeting on January 14th of next year. We will probably have a better idea after that time. I thought in case you heard from anybody, that's the reason why this went on. The numbers didn't change in the ward. That's why they are still equally populated; but within the wards there has been, I guess, a little bit of a shift.

Mr. Clark - They added one precinct in each of the 3 wards that were over the number.

Mr. Jamison - To balance it out.

Mr. Clark - Yes for...yes, for all of them.

Mr. Jamison - Okay, that makes sense.

Mr. Carbone - Thank you for sharing that.

Mr. Jamison - No problem.

Mr. Carbone - Anything else?

Mr. Jamison - That's it.

*****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 December 16, 2024 agenda link. *****

MINUTES OF THE STRONGSVILLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2024 IN THE MIKE KALINICH SR. CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

CALL TO ORDER:

Council President James E. Carbone called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. All joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

CERTIFICATION OF POSTING:

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

ROLL CALL:

Present: Council Members: James E. Carbone, Gordon C. Short, Kelly A. Kosek, Annmarie P. Roff, Thomas M. Clark, and Brian M. Spring. **Also Present:** Council Secretary Marialena Beach.
Administration: Mayor Thomas P. Perciak, Law Director Neal Jamison, Finance Director Eric Dean, Safety Director Charles Goss, Police Chief Thomas O'Deens, and Fire Chief Jack Draves.

Absent: Councilman James A. Kaminski.

Motion made by Councilman Short, second by Ms. Roff to excuse Councilman James A. Kaminski for just cause. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

COMMENTS ON MINUTES:

The minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on December 2, 2024 were approved as submitted.

APPOINTMENTS, CONFIRMATIONS, AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS:

Mayor's re-appointment and Council confirmation of David R. Knowles to a four (4) year term on the City's Civil Service Commission effective January 17, 2025 and expiring on January 16, 2029. (Oath of Office to follow at a later date.)

Mayor Perciak - Thank you, Mr. President. I would like to reappoint this evening David Knowles to a 4-year term on the City's Civil Service Commission, effective January 17, 2025, and expiring on January 16, 2029. We will administer the Oath of Office after your confirmation at a later date. As most of you know, David is an attorney and he's been Chairman of our Civil Service Commission for years, and has done an outstanding job, so I ask for your approval.

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

Motion made by Mr. Short, second by Ms. Roff to confirm the Mayor's reappointment and confirmation of David R. Knowles to a four-year term on the City's Civil Service Commission, effective January 17, 2025 and expiring on January 16, 2029. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

Presentation of Firefighter of the Year Award and Officer of the Year Award by the Strongsville St. Francis of Assisi Council of the Knights of Columbus:

Mayor Perciak - Thank you Mr. President, Chief O'Deens and Chief Draves, did you want to come on up? Where's our commander? Yes, come on up.

Firefighter of the Year: Lieutenant John Douglas:

Mr. Burdick - Good evening everybody. I'm Bill Burdick the past Grand Knight for the Strongsville Council of the Knights of Columbus. Your honor, Mr. President - thank you all for allowing us to be here tonight. Tonight, is a night of celebration as we are in the holiday season and time for us to be with our family, friends, and our colleagues. Most of all, celebrating two of our community awards - "The Police Officer of the Year Award" and "The Firefighter of the Year Award." Tonight, we would like to present...first of all would be the Firefighter of the Year, and it is going to go to Lieutenant John Douglas. John, if you want to come on up here. This came from his captain - Captain Paul Filon: "I would like to nominate Lieutenant Douglas as the C-Shift candidate for The Knights of Columbus for Firefighter of the Year. After reviewing the criteria and seeking the input of a variety of department members, it was clear that Lieutenant Douglas would make an exceptional choice. John is well respected by both his fellow officers and subordinates. John's efforts, energy, and expertise have increased the department's overall capabilities. He is an exceptional representation of the department, as well as respected throughout the southwest Cuyahoga County region that we serve. He's one of our hardest working, most competent members of the department." As the captain said, "I've worked with him for over 23 years, and feel that this was a good choice for us." Our committee met...I've known John for numerous years myself. I didn't vote on him, but the committee did, and tonight we are very pleased to give the award to Lieutenant John Douglas.

At this time, Bill Burdick from the Knights of Columbus presented the Firefighter of the Year Award.

(Applause)

Police Officer of the Year: Patrolman Luke Berry:

Mr. Burdick - For the Police Officer of the Year, tonight, we will introduce Patrolman Luke Berry. This came from the department: "Luke is receiving the Knights of Columbus Award for "The Police Officer of the Year." Patrolman Berry demonstrates a relentless pursuit of felons, is extremely effective in finding and seizing illegal firearms and narcotics; and will be a mentor and role model for other officers within the department. Patrolman Berry is an exceptional officer who consistently uses every resource that he can to solve crimes within the city. He is commended by his peers for his work ethic and proactive style policing. Patrolman Berry utilizes community policing techniques within the zone of assignments to learn about the issues and concerns of the area. In 2023, Patrolman Berry was responsible for the seizure of multiple firearms and dangerous drugs.

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

Presentation of Firefighter of the Year Award and Officer of the Year Award by the Strongsville St. Francis of Assisi Council of the Knights of Columbus (cont'd):

Mr. Burdick (cont'd) - He led the department with 59 arrests and 331 criminal charges filed and was second in the department in the number of calls responded - 1,310. Patrolman Berry is also in the top five of the department in the total number of traffic stops... 'I am going to be careful when I'm on the road... which this is how many drug and firearm investigations begin.' On behalf of the Knights of Columbus, Patrolman Berry, we congratulate you.

At this time, Bill Burdick from the Knights of Columbus presented the Police Officer of the Year Award.

(Applause)

Chief Draves - I would like to extend a thank you to the St. Francis of Assisi Knights of Columbus. This award has been going on for quite some time now, and thanks to Bill and the Knights for doing that every year for our department members; so, thanks Bill.

Presentation of 2024 Strongsville Fire Department Recognition Awards by Chief Draves:

Chief Draves - At this time, I would like to present the Strongsville Fire Department Service Recognition Awards. If I can have Lieutenant Douglas again come up, Firemedic Grant Loeding, Firemedic Jason March, Lieutenant Matt Ditlevson, and Firemedic Jack Petrick - retired, all come up please. The department Service Recognition Awards are presented based on actions of the department members on calls from the past year. The award winners are selected by a committee of their peers.

Company Citation Award: Lieutenant John Douglas, Firemedic Grant Loeding, and Firemedic Jason March:

Chief Draves - The first award is the Company Citation Award to Lieutenant John Douglas, Firemedic Grant Loeding, and Firemedic Jason March. On January 11, 2024 Strongsville Medic 2 was dispatched for a woman in active labor. Lieutenant Douglas, Firemedic Loeding, and Firemedic March arrived on scene four minutes after being dispatched to find a 34-year old female in active labor. This was her second pregnancy. Within one minute of the crew's arrival, emergency childbirth had been completed on scene. Mom and baby were transferred to the ambulance and received post-delivery care. They were transported to Southwest General Health Center without any further incident. I know this is Lieutenant Douglas's at least second, third, or maybe fourth or fifth delivery in the field. Grant has had a couple, and this was Jason's first delivery in the field. Childbirth in the field can be a pretty harrowing experience, so hats off to them for remaining calm and making sure we had a great delivery. Let me present them with their plaques.

At this time, Chief Draves presented the Company Citation Award to Lieutenant John Douglas, Firemedic Grant Loeding, and Firemedic Jason March.

(Applause)

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

Presentation of 2024 Strongsville Fire Department Recognition Awards by Chief Draves (cont'd):

Leadership Award: Lieutenant Matt Ditlevson:

Chief Draves - The second award is the Leadership Award, and that is presented to Lieutenant Matt Ditlevson. On March 4, 2024, Lieutenant Ditlevson was the on-duty shift commander. Lieutenant Ditlevson is being recognized for managing a multi-unit residential, high-life hazard occupancy with limited access and exposure concerns. Lieutenant Ditlevson managed eight fire crews from Strongsville and surrounding mutual aid cities at the Elm Haven Motel fire. After ensuring all residents were safely evacuated from their rooms, he called for a trench cut on the roof to get ahead of the advancing fire in the attic space. The quick decision to perform the trench cut most likely saved 80% of the structure. There were no injuries. All residents were displaced from the motel; and they all received assistance from the American Red Cross. Congratulations, Matt.

At this time, Chief Draves presented the Leadership Award to Lieutenant Matt Ditlevson.

(Applause)

Community Service Award: Firemedic Jack Petrick (Retired):

Chief Draves - This is the Community Service Award. Jack was a firefighter for the City of Strongsville from July of 2002, and he retired in 2018. On January 27, 2024 Jack Petrick was travelling on Interstate 71 when he witnessed a motor vehicle accident. At great risk to himself, he exited his personal vehicle and crossed the median to render aid. Jack was able to remove the driver of the vehicle as it was beginning to ignite; and he began to render emergency care to the driver and the passenger prior to the arrival of the Strongsville Fire Department, the Strongsville Police Department, and the Ohio State Patrol units. As units started to arrive on scene, Jack continued to assist Strongsville Medic 2 crew until their patient was in the back of the ambulance. Jack, again, thanks for being a great citizen; and thanks for stepping up and helping out your fellow man, congratulations.

At this time, Chief Draves presented the Community Service Award to Firemedic Jack Petrick.

(Applause)

Chief Draves - Finally, I would like to say that these guys represent a much bigger department. They are out there every day doing what they do to protect and serve the community. They are just a small representation of what the guys do; and we are always very proud of what our safety forces do in the city. Thank you to everybody out there - our police officers, our firefighters, and our dispatchers. Thank you, and Merry Christmas to all.

(Applause)

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

Presentation of 2023 Strongsville Police Department Recognition Awards by Chief O'Deens:

Professionalism Award: Sergeant Jon Hayes, Patrolman Dave Gallagher, and Patrolman Ed Lajeski:

Chief O'Deens - Thank you very much everyone for showing up. It's great to see all the faces here. Today, I will give out the awards for the police department. We are going to start off with our Professionalism Award. That is going to go to three people actually: Sergeant Jon Hayes, Patrolman Dave Gallagher, and Patrolman Ed Lajeski if you guys can head up here. On Wednesday, August 16, 2023, Sergeant Hayes, Patrolman Gallagher and Patrolman Lajeski were dispatched to a traffic altercation involving a male with a knife. The dispatchers advised that there were similar incidents involving this male where he was threatening motorists and had slashed car tires. It was reported that the male had gone into a restaurant and was now threatening to kill the manager. The officers entered the restaurant and Sergeant Hayes began communicating with the male, while Patrolman Gallagher and Patrolman Lajeski helped people get out of the restaurant. The officers attempted to convince the male to drop the knife, but he would not comply and was threatening to take his own life. Because of the threats against himself and others, officers had no choice but to use the taser which effectively ended the incident. The male told them he needed mental health assistance and even thanked the officers for the kindness and respect they demonstrated towards him. Even in a life-threatening, critical incident, these officers demonstrated professionalism, kindness, and courtesy consistent with our core values, so congratulations.

At this time, Chief O'Deens presented the Professionalism Award to Sergeant Jon Hayes, Patrolman Dave Gallagher, and Patrolman Ed Lajeski.

(Applause)

Quality Service Award: Patrolman Kevin Schaefer:

Chief O'Deens - I'm asking Patrolman Kevin Schaefer to come on up now. I'm going to give the Quality Service Award. On October 25, 2023, Patrolman Schaefer responded to a domestic violence call which also included other serious criminal allegations. During the encounter, Patrolman Schaefer was met with a verbally combative subject; and all the while, he maintained his composure and professionalism. According to the lead detective, Patrolman Schaefer was very thorough in his investigation; and this led to the arrest of the subject for domestic violence. He was also commended by the detectives for writing a clear and concise report which made the remainder of the case easier to investigate and complete. Patrolman Schaefer showed dedication, thoroughness, and persistence in furthering the department's mission and values.

At this time, Chief O'Deens presented the Quality Service Award to Patrolman Kevin Schaefer.

(Applause)

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

Presentation of 2023 Strongsville Police Department Recognition Awards by Chief O'Deens (cont'd):

Life Saving Award: Sergeant Ron Stolz:

Chief O'Deens - The next award is going to be the Life Saving Award. November 4, 2023, Sergeant Stolz responded to a restaurant for a report of a female having difficulty breathing. The dispatcher gave an update that the female was now seizing and unresponsive. It was discovered that she had been choking and Sergeant Stolz arrived on scene and immediately began performing the Heimlich Maneuver. He was able to dislodge the obstruction and she began to breathe again. The female's husband later came to the police station to say that Sergeant Stolz's quick actions are what saved his wife's life that night. Sergeant Stolz demonstrated one of the wide variety of skills that police officers are equipped with to protect the citizens of Strongsville, so thank you Ron.

At this time, Chief O'Deens presented the Life Saving Award to Sergeant Ron Stolz.

(Applause)

Joseph A. Gambino Prosecutor's Award: Detective Mike Bertz:

Chief O'Deens - The next award will be the Joseph A. Gambino Prosecutor's Award which is given out to a detective every year. If Detective Mike Bertz can come on up. On January 3, 2023 at about 5:00 a.m., Strongsville officers responded to the Fiat of Strongsville car dealership on Pearl Road. It had been found that the dealership had been broken into and nine high end luxury cars were stolen. The value of the theft was over \$650,000.00. The case was assigned to Detective Mike Bertz. This case became part of a multi-jurisdictional investigation. Twenty-six car dealerships throughout northern Ohio suffered similar crimes over several months totaling the thefts of 86 vehicles worth over five million dollars. Thirty-four local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies worked on this investigation. The Strongsville case was particularly relevant to the overall investigation as Detective Bertz had recovered surveillance video of five suspects committing the theft in our dealership. He also submitted DNA that was found in some of the stolen Strongsville vehicles after they were recovered. The DNA linked two people to the Strongsville incident and four other thefts. Cell phone records were also acquired that helped confirm this. In the end, eight of the nine vehicles stolen from the Strongsville dealership were recovered; and eleven individuals were indicted by the Cuyahoga County prosecutor's office. All eleven were convicted for multiple felony charges. Congratulations on a job well done.

At this time, Chief O'Deens presented the Joseph A. Gambino Prosecutor's Award to Detective Mike Bertz.

(Applause)

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

Presentation of 2023 Strongsville Police Department Recognition Awards by Chief O'Deens (cont'd):

Graduate of the FBI Academy, 292nd Session: Lieutenant Shamus Kelley:

Chief O'Deens - There is one more that I forgot. (Unintelligible) Lieutenant Shamus Kelly can you come on up? We would like to welcome you home and congratulate Lieutenant Shamus Kelly who graduated from the 292nd session of the FBI National Academy after spending the last 11 weeks away from home at the FBI Training Academy in Quantico, Virginia. The FBI National Academy was established in 1935 under J. Edgar Hoover in order to train and build strong relationships amongst all levels of law enforcement. The academy remains the preeminent law enforcement executive development program; and less than 1% of police officers in America attend the FBI Academy. In the academy's 89-year history, only 55,797 officers have graduated. While at the academy, Shamus received advanced training and graduate-level course instruction in police agency leadership, communications, criminal investigations, behavioral science, and police department wellness to bring back to our department and our community. We would like to thank our partners at the Cleveland FBI office for nominating Shamus for acceptance to the academy. Congratulations, Shamus.

At this time, Chief O'Deens presented Lieutenant Shamus Kelley's graduation plaque from the FBI National Academy's 292nd Session.

(Applause)

Chief O'Deens - Once again, thank you everyone for showing up, I appreciate it.

Mr. Carbone - Thank you, before you guys leave and on behalf of Council, I want to thank all the members that received awards today - doing God's work in our community and changing lives. I also want to extend that to all the men and women that are our police officers, our firefighters, our dispatchers, and our professional staff that support our safety forces. We work very hard; and I know I can speak for the Mayor on this. We work very hard in making this a safe city; and we have to do this together. If we are not safe, we can't aspire to be the city we want if it's not safe. With all your efforts and with all our safety forces who are here today that are out patrolling our streets, or in our fire stations, or in dispatch, you are all why we received the 7th safest city in Ohio. I don't know if you've heard that, but some people didn't - the 7th safest city in Ohio and 50% under the national average. When you think about the amount of traffic we have, the amount of retail we have, the residential homes and all this together, to be the 7th safest (city) is something that everybody in this room should be very proud of. On my behalf and on behalf of Council, I want to thank you all for that; because with boots on the ground, you're making it happen, so thank you very much. One more thing before you go. It takes a very special person to be somebody who is serving in this capacity. The family members that are here, the spouses, the kids, the parents, or the ones that are at home; that every night their loved one leaves the home at whatever hour - there's long shifts, long hours, holidays they miss, and birthday parties they miss - I believe you deserve a round of applause because you are also supporting God's work.

(Applause)

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Mr. Clark: Thank you, President Carbone, there has not been an Economic Development Committee meeting since our last meeting; but I do want to highlight an event that happened. The Arizona Lions hosted an event last week, on Thursday, at a business in our industrial park. ARK Transportation is an excellent business that is growing and actually represents four different companies in one of our buildings that had sat vacant. They moved here from Berea, in the Middleburg heights area, and had some facilities elsewhere in the county that they consolidated into Strongsville. That's ARK Transportation that delivered the root and shipping pilot. At that event, I got an opportunity, along with Brent Painter, to tour their facility. Each of those businesses are growing and while they are asking and interested to continue to grow their business, I know the business as well. They have a great reputation in the industry; so we are glad that they decided about a year ago to call Strongsville home. It was pretty neat of them to sponsor the Arizona Lions event and host that tour at their facility. There's no meeting for December. Our January meeting of economic development will be on Monday, January 27, 2025. That concludes my report, but I will gladly take any questions.

(No questions)

BUILDING AND UTILITIES – Ms. Roff:

(No report)

PUBLIC SAFETY & HEALTH – Ms. Roff:

Mr. Carbone - We have Ordinance No. 2024-194. This is an agreement for our public safety dispatch with the City of Berea. It is going to be \$471,166.00 or \$39,263.83 a month. That is commencing January 1, 2025 for a one year dispatching contract.

RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES – Mr. Spring: Thank you, President Carbone. Tonight, we have three...one ordinance, Ordinance No. 2024-195. This is an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a license agreement with the Cleveland Clinic Foundation for use of the aquatic areas at the recreation center. This is something that is ongoing and they are just putting it into a contract. The recommendation on this one is to suspend and adopt. Next, we have Resolution No. 2024-196. This is a resolution accepting a monetary donation to the City of Strongsville to be used at the woodshop located at the recreation and senior center. Resident Cindy Szczecinski would like to donate \$200.00 to be used at the senior center woodshop in memory of her late husband, Walter Szczecinski, who enjoyed working in the woodshop. The recommendation for that is to suspend and adopt. Lastly, we have Resolution No. 2024-197; this is also a resolution accepting a monetary donation of \$1,000.00 from Ms. Linda Rhea who graciously decided to donate to the city to be used for the senior center. We thank her very much. Again, this is a recommendation to suspend and adopt.

SCHOOL BOARD – Mr. Spring: There was a regular school board meeting on December 12, 2024. It started off with a nice performance from the middle school chamber Strings. It was amazing to listen to them when they...I watched it on the video, but it was amazing to watch them perform. They did an awesome job. Congratulations to them on all their hard work. Also recognized at the meeting was high school 2024 cross country state placer, Hannah Jicha. She placed in sixth place, and is only a junior. We look for good things from her next year; she did a tremendous job. Lastly, at the meeting, they continued the conversation around the levy and what to do next. They were having a good, lengthy conversation on what to do and if we are going to make any cuts. There were lots of talk in not making any cuts at the current time. It was a discussion around what the voters wanted. It was a good discussion; and if you have a chance, please go to YouTube and watch the video.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

SCHOOL BOARD – Mr. Spring (cont'd): There was a good discussion on what to do to make sure our schools are still going in the right direction. If anybody has any questions, I will be glad to answer them.

(No questions)

FINANCE – Mr. Short: Thank you, Mr. Carbone. For the Finance Committee, we have two ordinances and a resolution on tonight's agenda. First is Ordinance No. 2024-198. This is to update the annual appropriations for the City of Strongsville for the 2024 fiscal year and to repeal Ordinance No. 2024-185. Just from a high level, a couple of items to note: The total amount is a net increase of appropriations of \$9,740,912.00 - the majority of that is an increase of \$4,500,000.00 in the general fund transferred to the general capital fund; and an increase of \$2,365,00.00 in the recreation capital fund. This is to reflect proceeds received from the note issuance that was received on December 10, 2024 to appropriate those proceeds properly. Then, transfers from the health reserve fund to the actual health and prescription claims account of \$450,000.00 for health insurance and \$50,000.00 for dental claims insurance. Lastly, an increase of \$1,454,107.00 - an interfund transfer to the new Southwest Emergency Dispatch Center fund for the city. With the state auditor's approval of this fund, we will be able to accurately track all revenue and expenses associated with the dispatch center. All revenue and expenses for 2024 have now been transferred to that fund. The recommendation there is to suspend and adopt that ordinance. We have Ordinance No. 2024-199. This is the general salary ordinance for 2025 for the collective bargaining positions in the service department, which was just finalized this past week. Also, the salary and hourly paid workers as well that are nonunion for the City of Strongsville for the 2025 fiscal year. The recommendation there is to suspend and adopt. Finally, Resolution No. 2024-200; this is a resolution requesting that the fiscal officer of Cuyahoga County advance certain funds that are both general operating and special assessments to the city in advance to their payment state for 2025. The recommendation there is to suspend and adopt. Are there any questions?

(No questions)

SOUTHWEST GENERAL HEALTH SYSTEM – Mr. Short: Quickly, we did have a board meeting last week; the final one of the year which is a joint meeting of the system and the hospital boards. We reviewed the 2024 accomplishments of the organization and reviewed some of the challenges. On the positive side, the Southwest General Health system and hospital continues to meet organizational quality goals in both patient care, operations and employee retention. A couple of awards that were received over the year was "The Successful Accreditation for the Commission on Cancer," and they are recognized as one of the "Best 250 hospitals in the entire United States." The Southwest General Health Foundation had a record year of fund raising. The cities that the system serves, all approved their operating tax levies for the system this past November. Finally, the renovation and opening of the Kedia Family Atrium there at the hospital system. For 2025, we did approve the operating and capital budgets for the system. We will continue to focus on quality, safety, patient care, engaging stake holders and continuing consumer expansion of the hospital system. I'll happily take any questions, and that concludes my report.

(No questions)

Mr. Carbone - Thank you, Mr. Short.

COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY – Mr. Kaminski:

(No report)

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

PLANNING, ZONING AND ENGINEERING – Ms. Kosek: Yes, thank you, we have one ordinance tonight for Planning, Zoning and Engineering, Ordinance No. 2024-201. This is an ordinance to approve the final change order for the Whitney Road Covered Bridge project. This is an increase of \$121,500.00, which takes the new total to \$2,541,000.00 and some change. So, \$2.5 million dollars - a little bit over that. This is the final change order. As the Mayor pointed out during our caucus, the administration was able to bring in a significant amount of grants so that we only expended...I think you said the grant total, Mayor, was a little bit over a million dollars? Is that right?

Mayor Perciak - That is correct.

Ms. Kosek - Excellent use of cooperation to get good value for our residents. I'd ask that we suspend and adopt this final change order with Suburban Maintenance & Construction, Inc. That's all I have Mr. Carbone.

Mr. Carbone - Any questions for Ms. Kosek?

(No questions)

PUBLIC SERVICE AND CONSERVATION – Ms. Kosek:

(No report)

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - Mr. Carbone: We have Ordinance Nos. 2024-202 and 2024-203. Both of these are collective bargaining agreements between the Teamsters Local Union No. 52 for our service workers and building inspectors. They are both commencing January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2027. Those raises are 3.5%, 3% and 3%. Lastly for me this evening, we have Ordinance No. 2024-204. This is an increase of our hourly rate just to kind of get us up with the going hourly rate for special legal counsel in connection with our ongoing collective bargaining and labor relations matters. The recommendation for all of these is to suspend and adopt. Any questions for me on any of these this evening?

(No questions)

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

MAYOR PERCIAK: Yes, thank you Mr. President, to everyone listening, everyone at home, to all the residents and our business community - Merry Christmas on behalf of the Council, the administration, myself and my family. We want to extend a very heartfelt thank you for all your cooperation during this past year. So much was accomplished and we feel it an honor to continue to serve you in the way we do here. Thank you, and just understand to keep Christ in Christmas so we never forget what Christmas is really all about. Number two, in observance of Christmas, on Christmas Eve, city hall will close at 12 noon, and the same thing on New Year's Eve. If you have any business on that day... pretty much those days are pretty quiet. We will go home at 12 noon on both of those days; so that's for everyone to know. Okay, thank you all, and Merry Christmas.

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

Mr. Carbone - Thank you, Mr. Dean.

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

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

Mr. Carbone - Thank you.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Sue Mazzola, 3440 Boston Road, Brunswick, Oh. 44212: My name is Sue Mazzola, 3440 Boston Road. I have been coming to these Strongsville meetings since April of 2023. I do believe you have a lot of pride in your city; however, certain things have been happening that really put a stain on your city. Beginning with the Mayor going up to the House begging, pretty much, for a feasibility study. (Unintelligible due to technical issues) It is...I can't imagine what the House thinks, what the Senate thinks, and what every politician we have all written to think of your city at this moment in what has happened. It has got to be a stain. You really should be embarrassed at this point. I mean, it doesn't look good. You begged for a study, you got a study, but that's not good enough. Now, you need to have both - the study and the law. Rest assured, we will continue to fight, and we will get that out of law. You may lose your study, and you may walk away with nothing. I mean, this is a real possibility. I would suggest to contact Mr. Stephens...you know, even if this doesn't pass, we will go into the next year, and we will do this again. We will not stop. Mr. Stephens will be gone, so your state representative will have nobody up as...whatever. We will win this. We are determined. You know, I would like to say Merry Christmas to all of you. Ann, I do hope you're doing well. Unfortunately, yet again, we have a Christmas...second Christmas that we have to have this hanging over our heads. I don't think you realize the stress this causes, the anxiety and the disappointment when we found out what was happening was literally devastating. To fight for 18 months for something to happen, yet again, in the 11th hour...you should be ashamed of your representative - I'm just saying that.

Sue Krejci, 3365 Sliding Rock Trail, Brunswick, Oh. 44212: Good evening, my name is Sue Krejci. I live at 3365 Sliding Rock Trail. It's been a while. I'm here to talk to you about ORC 5501.60, which is the law requiring an interchange to be built. To refresh your memory, after Brunswick would not consent to a Boston Road I-71 Interchange, Representative Patton created interchange by formula language, which he slipped into the budget bill back in March 2023 that circumvents NOACA (Northeast Ohio Areawide Agency) and requires an interchange to be built between State Route 82 in Strongsville and State Route 303 in Brunswick. We know that Strongsville has their sights set on Boston Road; as it would be an ideal way to handle the additional truck traffic from the industrial park expansion you are currently building. I would like to remind you that despite the Mayor's puzzlingly emphatic denials that you never intended to connect it to Boston Road, it is a fact that you have been advertising just that. You're expanded industrial park on Strongsville's economic development site with a map showing Foltz Industrial Parkway connected at Boston Road as recently as June of last year. Amended Senate Bill 155 is a repeal bill that was amended into a study in the Senate Transportation Committee; exactly what Mayor Perciak said that he wanted from this law. It easily passed through the Senate in June and was unanimously voted out of the House Committee last month. The last step was supposed to be a full House vote; however, within sight of the finish line, we were informed House Speaker Jason Stephens has no intention of bringing it to the floor, effectively killing the bill at the 11th hour - Representative Patton strikes again. So, two weeks before Christmas, families who were hoping this nightmare would be over after nearly two years of fighting, are instead sick with dread. Instead of rejoicing with their families during this holiday season, residents of both Brunswick and Strongsville worry this might be one of the last they spend in their homes. What is so puzzling is that you got exactly what you wanted from this. Mayor Perciak, in your testimony before the House Committee, you were very firm that this law was needed in order to force a study.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):

Ms. Krejci (cont'd) - In September, you were granted exactly that - an almost one million dollar study to look at interchange and non-interchange solutions to improve safety and reduce traffic congestion in the Strongsville and Brunswick area. Instead of doing the right thing in supporting this bill, your representative Patton decided to block the bill from coming to the House floor. Patton stated that Speaker Stephens wants to wait until the results of the study are available before repealing the law, which would be in 2026 - another two years from now. This is not at all in the spirit of regional collaboration sir... shameful. I went down to the NOACA Board of Directors' meeting on Friday to ask for their help. They were also disappointed in this behavior. Now, they are looking at cancelling the study that just launched in September. I don't understand what your end game is here, or even if you all are aware of what's transpiring, but I know that you are shooting yourself in the foot. This study is the key next step for any state or federal funding for any infrastructure projects. No interchanges will be built, no traffic circles, and no road improvements. Nothing will come to fruition without that study that you said that you wanted and received and are still playing political games. I want all Strongsville residents to know that what we had... that we had worked this out like grownups by amending the bill to give you exactly what you asked for. Instead of supporting the repeal, you were blocking it, which is going to cost you funding opportunities. The traffic in the city is only going to get worse with the redevelopment of the depressed SouthPark Mall, your beloved Foltz Parkway expansion and your new housing developments that are being built. You have the opportunity to address that; but Tom Patton's hubris is overtaking common sense. I urge you to speak to Mr. Patton so that he can encourage Speaker Stephens to bring amended Senate Bill 155 to a full House vote. You can have all the development you want in the city, but no one will be going anywhere. They are just going to sit in gridlock without infrastructure improvements. Again, the study is the next step to those improvements. Without them, you're certain to see an exodus of both residents and businesses. Please, do the right thing; not just for us, but for the citizens of Strongsville who put their trust in you to represent them and do what is best for them. Next year, when you have residents calling you up or showing up here and complaining about traffic congestion, I hope that you will tell them the truth - that you blew up a \$960,000.00 study that would be the foundation of any future infrastructure projects. I urge you, for the sake of your city and its residents, don't shoot yourself in the foot over one man's ego. Do the right thing and bring Senate Bill 155 to the floor for a vote so we can all move forward with our lives. Thank you.

(Applause)

Callaghan Ruebensaal, 15347 Walnut Creek Drive, Strongsville, Oh. 44136: Callaghan Ruebensaal, 15347 Walnut Creek Drive, Strongsville, Ohio. The law student and the engineer in me really wants to comment on all the other comments here today. I have two words really - silent majority. I have an entirely different issue to bring up. I'm going to preface the small summary with three things. I know the budget for next year is finalized - I know that we have a lot of big projects that we have to tackle - a lot of unexpected things came up in the city, and I know that any expenditure whatsoever is asking a lot. This is purely the engineer in me saying maybe someone hasn't thought about this. No idea is too stupid to bring up. That's what we are always taught in school. The only reason that I wanted to bring this up was mainly because I, and I think a lot of the Council people and the Mayor, subscribe to the idea of economic efficiency. I want to talk about the Pizza Hut location that's on Pearl Road just south of Royalton Road. As you may well know, it recently became vacant. Pizza Hut built it and now they have moved out. This has happened before.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):

Mr. Ruebensaal (cont'd) - It's actually on West 130th and Pearl in Parma Heights. This happened when I was a kid. The problem with these locations is that their roofline is so distinct that you will never be able to separate it from what it is - it's a Pizza Hut. Someone can come in there and pour \$100,000.00 into it, and it's not really going to change what people perceive of it. The other problem here is that there are two modern plazas next to it. It's completely architecturally disjointed; so without a huge investment, it's not going to change considerably. Right now, land is the cheapest it's ever going to be. There is no one that has invested into it since Pizza Hut initially built it and did their renovations throughout the course of their tenancy. I just wanted to bring this up. I know you guys don't have a lot of leniency in the budget; but we've got great negotiators here, and we've got a lot of great people on Council. I just wanted to bring the issue to your attention. It might be worth negotiating to have an architectural change made, maybe having them demolish the building if someone is coming in. Also, there might be some traffic and safety - related issues that we can tackle here as well. I know it's a lot to ask. I know that...it's just something that I wanted to bring up. I appreciate all of your time. Thank you very much for being here; and I'm sorry for extending your last Council meeting of the year, thank you.

Mr. Carbone - Not a problem, thank you.

Sherri Hamm, 15728 Boston Road, Strongsville, Oh. 44136: Sherri Hamm, 15728 Boston Road, Strongsville. I did not plan on coming up here tonight; I really didn't. As the only Strongsville person from our group, I just felt like maybe you wanted to hear from somebody in the city and not a neighboring city. I just want to say how disappointed I am in my city. You guys are always focused on the businesses; but there are people that I think are more important than businesses. I know as a city that running a business is always important. Every meeting I come to, you always hear about the businesses and how they donate and how we have fireworks. That's all great, but there's a whole bunch of people in your city that are going to celebrate a second Christmas with worry and anxiety. As it was said, it's very stressful. As a teacher and a mother, I have always taught the kids to be nice to their fellow classmates and to be nice to their siblings and I have a city that can't even be nice to their neighbors. This is...instead of bringing it together, the two cities, it has separated them even worse. We are all adults and we should be able to sit down and talk this out. Somebody is insistent on having their way no matter what it takes for them. What I'm asking you is, the Mayor wished us a Merry Christmas or happy holidays and to remember what the season is about. You all get to spend your Christmas and your holidays with your family, enjoying it knowing that you have a roof over your head, your family is safe there and your life isn't all turned upside down. It's been that way now for 18 months; and now somebody wants to continue this for two more years. It takes a toll on your health. You have no idea - mental, physical...everything. What I'm asking of you guys is to right your wrongs and think about this. They gave you the study that you wanted. You insisted on having a study and they gave it to you. You are dead set, or somebody is dead set on this thing going on Boston Road. They have done the study - over twenty of them. When is it going to be accepted? I would have loved to have seen this other study go through and that paragraph taken out. Put yourself in somebody else's place; because this is just wrong. In all this time, nobody has ever approached any of us, or my husband and I, and our house is going...never. Mayor Perciak would go and talk to the Brunswick people; but nobody came to us and said, "Hey, by the way, we are thinking of taking your house right out from underneath you." Nothing. This Christmas I thought would be a nice, calm Christmas that I can spend with my family. Instead, last week, I was told another year just like last year and hope for the best. Merry Christmas to all of you and enjoy your time with your family. Know that you will have a house while we worry for another year or two, thank you.

(Applause)

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):

Mary Vantz, 78 Duxbury Lane, Brunswick, Oh. 44212: Good evening, I'm Mary Vantz, 78 Duxbury Lane, Brunswick, Ohio. I will be brief because I know it's a late night for everybody. I think I'm the closer, so we'll get on with this. I just want to reiterate some of the points that Sue and others have made. The proposal that managed to get into the bill was done, we think, as many do, unethically at the very beginning. That was the first mistake. We've all tried in various ways for the last year and a half to hopefully correct that wrong. Then, we reached a point where in Columbus both the Senate and the House pretty much unanimously...there was one vote not supporting our efforts. There was one vote out of both chambers of the House and the Senate that did not support our efforts; so here we are again, at the end of the year. I guess what I would ask is that we all know what is happening and we all know it's time to stop finger-pointing. Something that could be done in the next 48 hours is to pick up the phone or get to your computer and communicate with either Mr. Patton, or the Speaker, and say, "Let's do this deal." It's clear that not only the residents, but the entire...the whole process is there for a reason. If you believe in government, they have all said, "Yeah, we think there's a better way to do this. Don't do it the way it's being proposed." It's there on the table, so ethically, pick up the phone or the computer and get in touch with someone - either the Speaker, Patton or however this all works. There's no playbook regarding what we are doing; see if this can get passed. It's clear that it's not the ethical thing to do. Let's bring this to a closure and maybe start moving forward in the future. Thank you and have a Merry Christmas.

(Applause)

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

Ordinance No. 2024-194 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A NINTH AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT FOR PUBLIC SAFETY DISPATCH SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE AND THE CITY OF BEREA, IN CONNECTION WITH AN ADJUSTMENT OF FEES COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2025, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Short 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. Short, second by Ms. Roff.

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2024-194 ADOPTED.

Ordinance No. 2024-195 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH THE CLEVELAND CLINIC FOUNDATION FOR THE USE OF CERTAIN AREAS AT THE WALTER F. EHRLFELT RECREATION & SENIOR CENTER, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Short 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. Short, second by Ms. Roff.

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2024-195 ADOPTED.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):

Resolution No. 2024-196 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A MONETARY DONATION TO THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE TO BE USED FOR THE WOODSHOP LOCATED AT THE WALTER F. EHRLFELT RECREATION & SENIOR CENTER.

Motion by Mr. Short 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. Short, second by Ms. Roff.

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Resolution No. 2024-196 ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 2024-197 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A MONETARY DONATION TO THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE TO BE USED FOR THE CITY'S WALTER F. EHRLFELT SENIOR CENTER.

Motion by Mr. Short 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. Short, second by Ms. Roff.

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Resolution No. 2024-197 ADOPTED.

Ordinance No. 2024-198 by Mayor Perciak. AN ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE ANNUAL EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, OHIO, FOR THE YEAR 2024 AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NUMBER 2024-185.

Motion by Mr. Short 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. Short, second by Ms. Roff.

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2024-198 ADOPTED.

Ordinance No. 2024-199 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE GENERAL SALARY ORDINANCE TO AMEND ARTICLE 5, POSITION PLAN, IN ORDER TO ENACT NEW SECTIONS 5-196, 5-197, 5-198, 5-231, 5-232, 5-233 AND 5-238 TO ESTABLISH, ALLOCATE AND FIX THE COMPENSATION OF CERTAIN COLLECTIVE BARGAINING POSITIONS IN THE PUBLIC SERVICE DEPARTMENT; TO AMEND SECTIONS 6-003, 9-002, 9-007, 9-008, 9-009 AND 9-011, IN ORDER TO ADJUST CERTAIN PROVISIONS CONCERNING SALARY AND HOURLY PAY RANGE SCHEDULES AND TO FIX THE COMPENSATION OF CERTAIN SALARIED AND HOURLY EMPLOYEES; REPEALING ALL OTHER ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Short 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. Short, second by Ms. Roff.

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2024-199 ADOPTED.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):

Resolution No. 2024-200 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE FISCAL OFFICER OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY TO ADVANCE CERTAIN FUNDS, BOTH GENERAL OPERATING AND SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS, TO THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Short 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. Short, second by Ms. Roff.

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Resolution No. 2024-200 ADOPTED.

Ordinance No. 2024-201 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ISSUE AND APPROVE CHANGE ORDER NO. 2 (FINAL) FOR AN INCREASE IN THE CONTRACT PRICE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE AND SUBURBAN MAINTENANCE & CONSTRUCTION, INC., IN CONNECTION WITH THE WHITNEY ROAD COVERED BRIDGE PROJECT (CUY-WHITNEY ROAD BRIDGE PID NO. 111574), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Short 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. Short, second by Ms. Roff.

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2024-201 ADOPTED.

Ordinance No. 2024-202 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN TEAMSTERS LOCAL UNION NO. 52 (BUILDING INSPECTORS), AFFILIATED WITH THE INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF TEAMSTERS AND THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2027, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Short 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. Short, second by Ms. Roff.

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2024-202 ADOPTED.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):

Ordinance No. 2024-203 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN TEAMSTERS LOCAL UNION NO. 52 (SERVICE WORKERS), AFFILIATED WITH THE INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF TEAMSTERS AND THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2027, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Short 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. Short, second by Ms. Roff.

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2024-203 ADOPTED.

Ordinance No. 2024-204 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE IN THE HOURLY RATES FOR SPECIAL LEGAL COUNSEL IN CONNECTION WITH ONGOING COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AND LABOR RELATIONS MATTERS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Short 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. Short, second by Ms. Roff.

Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2024-204 ADOPTED.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS AND CLAIMS:

Application for Permit: NEW - D5I: To: Morning chef LLC; DBA: Another Broken Egg, 8913 Pearl Road, Strongsville, Ohio 44136 (Responses must be postmarked no later than 12/27/2024).

Motion by Mr. Short, 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:

Mr. Carbone - Merry Christmas everyone, and happy holidays. We will see you back in 2025.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before this Council, President Carbone adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Marialena Beach
Council Secretary

Date