

**SUMMARY OF CAUCUS DISCUSSION AND MINUTES OF THE STRONGSVILLE CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2020.**

The Council of the City of Strongsville met in the Caucus Room at the Mike Kalinich Sr. City Council Chamber, 18688 Royalton Road, on **Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at 7:15 p.m.**

**Present: Council Members:** Matthew A. Schonhut, James A. Kaminski, Gordon C. Short, Joseph C. DeMio, Annmarie P. Roff, Kelly A. Kosek and James E. Carbone. **Also Present:** Clerk of Council Aimee Pientka. **Administration:** Mayor Thomas P. Perciak, Law Director Neal M. Jamison, Finance Director Joseph Dubovec, Human Resource Director Steve Kilo, Communications and Technology Director David E. Sems, Service Director Joe Walker, Fire Chief Jack Draves and Police Chief Mark Fender.

Absent:

Administration: Economic Development Director Brent Painter, Building Commissioner Mike Miller, City Engineer Ken Mikula, Public Safety Director Charles Goss and Recreation and Senior Services Director Bryan Bogre.

Council President Schonhut called the caucus to order at 7:20 p.m.

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

Finance Committee: Chairman DeMio advised Ordinance No. 2020-114 is to make appropriations for the annual expenses and other expenditures for the City of Strongsville. The recommendation was to suspend and adopt this legislation. Mr. Dubovec advised that this is a \$3.2 million dollar reduction for the overall operating budget for the city. Suspension and adoption was also recommended for Resolution No. 2020-115; a resolution approving an amended credit/purchase card policy for the city. Mr. Dubovec advised that he, as the finance director, can no longer be in charge of the city's credit cards; so we are appointing tonight a compliance officer, John Mockler, to do this. Resolution No. 2020-116 is to request to the Fiscal Officer of Cuyahoga County to advance certain funds, both general operating and special assessments, to the city. Mr. Dubovec advised we do this annually so the city has an opportunity to invest some of the money as well as get a decent rate for it. The recommendation was to suspend and adopt this legislation. Suspension and adoption was also recommended for Resolution No. 2020-117; a resolution to certify to the Fiscal Officer of Cuyahoga County unpaid property nuisance abatements. Mr. Dubovec advised this is what homeowners are assessed on their property tax bill for not maintaining their property. Resolution No. 2020-118 is to amend Resolution No. 2016-031 to designate an additional depository for active and interim funds of the city. Suspension and adoption was recommended for that Resolution. Mr. Dubovec advised the additional depository will be Westfield Bank who will be doing some investments for the city. Mayor Perciak advised we will be doing this because of FDIC insurance regulations. Resolution No. 2020-119 is to accept the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission; authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Fiscal Officer. Suspension and adoption was recommended for that resolution.

Mayor Perciak provided to council an update in regards to the city's income tax collection. Mayor Perciak advised the collection was moving in a positive direction till around August 27th. What has happened is the businesses who receive PPP money from the government had until September 30<sup>th</sup> to spend the money; however, there was an extension of time until December 30<sup>th</sup>. Some of the businesses have come to the conclusion that some of the people they have furloughed must go on permanent layoff. As a result, the last few days have been in the red for the city; roughly down \$500,000.00. Mayor Perciak distributed to council correspondence showing unemployment rates in Strongsville.

In December of 2019 there was a 2.7% unemployment rate, which was lower than the county's or the state's rates. Due to the loss of jobs and shutdowns related to the COVID virus, the city's unemployment rate in April was 20%. In July, the city's unemployment rate was 8.8%. The decrease in people who were unemployed helped to lower the city's financial deficit. Mayor Perciak advised he, along with the finance department, will be presenting to council in the near future a proposed budget for 2021. Mayor Perciak advised the good news is the building department has been very busy issuing permits and collecting fees. They are busier this year compared to last year. The construction and home remodeling industry is going very strong.

Mr. DeMio asked about the status regarding city employee furloughs. Mayor Perciak advised most of the employees have been called back to work full-time. Not every employee has been called back due to the mandates set forth by the State. Some senior center employees will be coming back on September 14<sup>th</sup>. There will also be 2 other employees who work in the catering area that will be called back to work so the city can start supplying lunches to our seniors again. At this time, there will be no evening or Sunday hours at the senior center. Some employees at the rec center are still laid off as well.

Public Service & Conservation Committee: Chairman Kaminski recommended suspension and adoption for Ordinance No. 2020-120; an ordinance authorizing the mayor to enter into a contract for the furnishing of solid waste, recyclable materials and yard waste collection services; for operation and maintenance of the Strongsville transfer station; and for the receipt, transport and disposal of solid waste for the city. Mr. Kaminski had several conversations with Mr. Walker in regards to this contract. Overall, the contract is an increase of approximately 8% with no changes in the services that are provided to the residents. Republic Waste (Browning-Ferris Industries of Ohio, Inc.) will remain the contractor for this. Mayor Perciak advised garbage collection is a service rendered to all of our residents free of charge, unlike other municipalities who are charged for this. Mr. Walker advised the city bid this contract out with several different options, especially on the recycling side of it. One company submitted a bid exceeding what the city requested. The lowest bidder was Republic Waste with providing the same service we currently offer, including the operation of the transfer station. Mayor Perciak advised the Attorney General, along with our finance department helped to prepare all the bids from all the different companies. Mr. Walker thanked the law department for their help in this contract. Suspension and adoption was also recommended for Resolution Nos. 2020-121, 2020-122 and 2020-123; all granting permission to transfer certain certificates for burial rights in the Strongsville Municipal Cemetery.

Public Safety & Health Committee: Chairman Short recommended suspension and adoption for Ordinance No. 2020-124; an ordinance; approving and authorizing the mayor to enter into a memorandum of understanding with Cuyahoga County, through the Ohio Department of Public Safety and Ohio Emergency Management Agency concerning the transfer and acceptance of radiological detection equipment and calibration for use by the fire department. Suspension and adoption was also recommended for Ordinance No. 2020-125; an ordinance amending the purchase price in Section 1 of Ordinance No. 2020-032 authorizing the mayor to enter into a contract for the purchase of one new Sutphen midmount aerial platform truck for use by the fire department. The contract is with Sutphen Corporation in a total amount not to exceed \$1,300,157.64. Mr. Short advised the contract was approximately \$7,000.00 over the city's original budget; that's why council needs to pass this legislation tonight. Ordinance Nos. 2020-126 and 2020-127 are to dispose of certain items utilized by the fire department which are no longer of use. The recommendation was to suspend and adopt both pieces of legislation.

Committee of the Whole: Mr. Schonhut advised Resolution No. 2020-128 is to approve and adopt mid-year replacement pages to the codified ordinances of Strongsville. The recommendation was to suspend and adopt that legislation.

***Motion made by Mr. Short, second by Mr. DeMio, to approve the Committee of the Whole meeting minutes of July 20, 2020. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.***

**MINUTES OF THE STRONGSVILLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2020 IN THE MIKE KALINICH SR. CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS.**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

**CERTIFICATION OF POSTING:**

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

**ROLL CALL:**

**Present: Council Members:** Matthew A. Schonhut, James A. Kaminski, Gordon C. Short, Joseph C. DeMio, Annmarie P. Roff, Kelly A. Kosek and James E. Carbone. Also Present: Clerk of Council Aimee Pientka. **Administration:** Mayor Thomas P. Perciak, Law Director Neal M. Jamison, Finance Director Joseph Dubovec, Human Resource Director Steve Kilo, Communications and Technology Director David E. Sems, Service Director Joe Walker, Fire Chief Jack Draves and Police Chief Mark Fender.

**Absent:**

Administration: Economic Development Director Brent Painter, Building Commissioner Mike Miller, City Engineer Ken Mikula, Public Safety Director Charles Goss and Recreation and Senior Services Director Bryan Bogre.

**COMMENTS ON MINUTES:**

The Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on July 20, 2020, as well as the Special Meeting held on July 27, 2020, were approved as submitted.

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

(None)

**REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES:**

**SCHOOL BOARD – Mr. Carbone:** Yes, I attended the school board and the work session. There has been a lot going on with our Strongsville City Schools, just like all the schools in the area and throughout the State; but on a positive note, Moody's Investor Service reaffirmed the AA2 tax rating for the Strongsville City Schools and revised our credit outlook to positive. What that means, we were able to...they were able to refinance the \$81 million bond issue; which is going to see a total savings of the next 30 years of \$14.5 million. Also, the new tennis courts that were part of the bond issue is completed at Strongsville High School, just located east of Pat Catan Stadium. Even with remote learning through the schools, you're still going to have an opportunity for meal distribution to get a breakfast or a lunch. If you'd like any information, please go on the school's website because on Monday, you have to register for the week. Also, this is a pretty neat thing, it's called The Derby. It's a new spirit shop. It's in Strongsville High School and this is a collaboration between the special education department, career tech and our business department with the goal of a school-based enterprise that will allow job training, collaboration, creativity and inclusion within the schools and our community. Also, Dr. Ryba talked about the Strongsville City School's "Responsible Restart." This is what they're looking to do to get kids back into school which is their goal. There is some criteria that has to be met, like a decline in cases of corona over a one month period, positivity rate below 5% and sustained improvement at COVID Risk Level orange for a couple weeks. What this would mean is if we...the current trend continues, Dr. Ryba is looking September 14<sup>th</sup> to advise all staff and parents. They're given a one week notice and at that point, on September 21<sup>st</sup>, kids will start filtering into the school and the way they filter in and how they filter in and how many days they filter in will all be determined on what level the County has us at. There was a lot going on. You know, it's not a... Mayor, we've talked about this. Dr. Ryba and the school board are not in an easy position. Just one, you know, typically schools want to cater to kids and their education and their families and this is just very difficult because there's a lot of different things going on with the Board of Health and the Governor and some believe in one thing with education and some of the other. I think they're balancing it pretty well just like all the districts. They're doing the best they can and I do believe, at the end of the day, whether I agree or I don't agree, I do think they have the majority of the kids' hearts...they're hearts are in the right place for the kids and they want to do the right thing for kids and families. That ends my report.

Mr. Schonhut - Thank you Mr. Carbone, any questions for Mr. Carbone?

(None)

**SOUTHWEST GENERAL HEALTH SYSTEM – Mr. Short:** Thank you Mr. Schonhut, a lot of exciting things going on at Southwest General. We did not have any board meetings; but, some updates is one that Southwest General's main campus and Brunswick Emergency Rooms won the "2020 Lantern Award" for demonstrating exceptional and innovative performance in leadership, practice, education, advocacy and research from the Emergency Nurse's Association. We're very proud to see the continued excellent service that the hospital system provides. In terms of some COVID numbers; just an update, this is through September 1<sup>st</sup>. They have treated more than 525 confirmed, positive COVID-19 patients. Over the past two weeks, the average was about 14 positive COVID-19 patients and the patients in-house has dropped to only five, actually hospitalized right now at the hospital system. Unfortunately, since they started tracking COVID in March, we have lost a total of 26 patients at the hospital system since March. Through September 1<sup>st</sup>, they've tested more than 6,200 people at the hospital with a positivity rate of 8.5%. That maybe higher than what the State average is due to the fact that this hospital has a limited way to test for a while; which has resulted in more selective testing and therefore, higher people that are being tested with actual symptoms not just people coming in to be test to see if they have COVID.

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

**SOUTHWEST GENERAL HEALTH SYSTEM – Mr. Short (cont'd):** Overall, the State again is reporting a positive trend down for each of the following key indicators: number of people who have tested positive, patients who require hospitalization, patients who require intensive care is significantly down and the number of people who have passed away from COVID-19. So, the health system continues to see an increase in outside of COVID, regular, daily admissions. They are...medical supplies and PPE, etc. is at good levels at the hospital system; so Southwest General is handling the COVID crisis as well as normal, outpatient and inpatient needs of the community. That concludes my report; but I'll happily take any questions.

Mr. Schonhut – Thank you Mr. Short, any questions for Mr. Short?

(No comments)

**BUILDING AND UTILITIES – Mr. DeMio:** Thank you. There's no resolutions or ordinances on this committee today; but I want to mention and highlight what the mayor had mentioned about permits are up from last year at this time which is a good sign for our city. Permits such as; rehabs, new construction, add-ons and that's a good thing. So, with that I will close. There is really no other issues on this committee at this point.

Mr. Schonhut – Thank you Mr. DeMio, any questions for Mr. DeMio?

(No comments)

**COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY – Ms. Roff:** I do not have anything at this time; but I will happily take any questions if anyone has any. I just thank David for all the hard work that he's been doing getting meetings together and finding new ways to keep us all informed. He's not here right now, but he might be in the back there. That's all.

Mr. Schonhut – Thank you, any questions for Ms. Roff?

(No comments)

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Mr. Carbone:** Yes, we recessed in August. We did not have an Economic Development meeting; but, we do plan on having a meeting on Monday, September 28<sup>th</sup> and we have not determined the location of that at this time...

Ms. Pientka – Mr. Carbone, is your mic on?

Mr. Carbone – We did discuss multiple things last year. We gave some recommendations. We'll probably revisit some of those topics and then see where we're at. The big thing with some of the recommendations was going out to an outside consultant for a downtown plan...looking for Pearl Road and then also what we can do with the redevelopment of the mall; because of COVID, we did put some of those things on hold and we'll re-evaluate those probably 1<sup>st</sup> of the year; but we are going to continue conversations to talk about these things. So, we're planning and we have the right things in place for when things...businesses are opening in the future. That ends my report.

Mr. Schonhut – Thank you Mr. Carbone, any questions for Mr. Carbone?

(No comments)

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

**FINANCE – Mr. DeMio:** Thank you so much, so we do have several ordinances on the docket for this committee today. Ordinance Nos. 2020-114 through 2020-119, that is all going to be suspension and adoption. I do want to highlight one very important issue that our finance department, via the mayor spoke about and it's basically, the unemployment rates. For example, today, we stand at under 9% in Strongsville, Cuyahoga County is near 13%, State of Ohio is near 9% and the United States, as a whole, is 10.5%. As things are hopefully coming towards us and opening up, if you will, we also seem to be ahead of the curve in a positive way and we want to keep it that way in Strongsville. That does not mean that we have the money that we did...what mayor, six, seven months back; but it's very similar to what happened in 2008 where the drop-off was there and then we ticked up. Hopefully, we can continue to rise in a positive manner, allowing us to have the services that we've come so frequent to use in our town and keep those standard high. I know the police department, with our chief over there shaking his head, will continue to do everything he possibly can to keep that going. Our fire department, our fire chief, feels the same way. During this time, I want to reach out and thank both of you for all you've done during this tough time. As you know, I've been working with fire departments and police departments since 1985 and I'm very proud of both of you and what you do and all your members and I mean that sincerely, so thank you again. Mayor, thank you for allowing us always to go through each item of the safety department, the finance, every committee here; but today I think it's important, since September 11<sup>th</sup> is right around the corner, to tip our hats again to both of you and just bring it all to the men and women who work for you from myself and of course and I think council would agree.

Mr. Kaminski – Absolutely.

Mr. DeMio – But thank you, other than that I will close the committee unless there is something else, Matt, that you need.

Mr. Schonhut – I'm good. Anybody have any questions or comments?

(No comments)

**PLANNING, ZONING AND ENGINEERING – Mr. Schonhut:** We for once have no ordinances or resolutions on the agenda; however, under Miscellaneous Business we will have a motion to extend time for our planning commission as they consider Ordinance No. 2020-104, which is a rezoning on the south end of Prospect Road near Boston. That will fall under Miscellaneous Business. That is all I have. Does anybody have any questions for that committee?

(No comments)

**PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEALTH – Mr. Short:** Thank you Mr. Schonhut, we have four ordinances on tonight's agenda. Ordinance No. 2020-124 is to accept a donation from Cuyahoga County for radiological detection equipment from the County for the fire department. The recommendation there is to suspend and adopt. Ordinance No. 2020-125 is to approve an adjustment to the contract for the purchase of new aerial platform truck for the fire department...to increase that by \$7,323.00 for the fire truck that we approved earlier in the year to be purchased through the Emergency Vehicle Fund. The recommendation there is to suspend and adopt. Ordinance No. 2020-126 is to dispose of obsolete fire equipment, breathing apparatus that are no longer usable by the fire department staff. That recommendation there is to suspend and adopt and then Ordinance No. 2020-127 is also authorized by sale by Internet auction of face masks/oxygen masks that are no longer needed by the department. The recommendation there is suspend and adopt.

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

**PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEALTH – Mr. Short (cont'd):** Also, in discussing as Mr. DeMio mentioned about 9/11 being right around the corner, normally the fire department does have a live ceremony at the main fire station off of Prospect; however, due to COVID-19 this year, that will be streamed and Chief, correct me if I'm wrong, it will be streamed live on the Government Channel this Friday morning, is that correct? At 9:00 a.m.?

Chief Draves – That's correct, only the safety services will be in attendance at the fire station and we'll be live streaming this brief ceremony beginning at 9:45 a.m. on the city's website.

Mr. Short – Yeah...

Chief Draves – And thanks to David and his IT staff for taking care of that.

Mr. Short – Yes and thank you, I think it's important that we still remember that day, even though we can't do that in person; so, I appreciate the fire department doing that. That concludes my report, but I'll happily take any questions.

Mr. Schonhut – Thank you Mr. Short, any questions for Mr. Short?

Ms. Kosek – I don't have question; but I just wanted to thank Chief Fender. We had had some ongoing speeding issues that he and Lieutenant Campbell personally sat down with the residents and has taken some serious steps to address those issues; so I want to thank him for doing that. I know my residents greatly appreciate it and I also want to remind everyone to follow the speed limit, 25 mph, generally in the residential areas. Kids are playing and we would appreciate it if people would stay within that speed limit. That's all I wanted to throw out there, thank you.

Mr. Schonhut – I concur with that and thank Lieutenant Campbell for his follow-up with hard data and facts for those residents as the time that we put in there out there for them; which I think is important for them to see and I think it's awesome that he does that, so thank you.

(No comments)

**PUBLIC SERVICE AND CONSERVATION – Mr. Kaminski:** Yes, Public Service and Conversation met this evening to discuss, mainly, Ordinance No. 2020-120. This is for the Mayor to enter into a contract for our solid waste and recyclable materials. This will continue to go with Republic Waste. They'll continue to provide weekly pickup of trash and recyclables. There are no changes to the services. We also have no changes to our transfer station as well. That will continue to operate as it does now. We will not be using any totes or switching the totes; so that will not be happening as well during this contract. You're still required to, obviously, bag your recyclables in plastic bags; but other than that, there are no changes to the current program. The recommendation is suspension and adoption for Ordinance No. 2020-120. We also have three resolutions; Resolution No. 2020-121; which is permission to transfer burial rights. Resolution No. 2020-122; which is permission to repurchase certain certificates for burial rights and finally, Resolution No. 2020-123; which is granting permission to repurchase certain certificates of burial rights. All three of those are suspension and adoption and that concludes my report.

Mr. Schonhut – Thank you, Mr. Kaminski, anything else for Mr. Kaminski?

(No comments)

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

**RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES – Ms. Kosek:** We do not have any ordinances or resolutions on the agenda today. We continue to have the rec center open at a reduced capacity; so it is open if folks would like to come and workout. Then Mayor, if you'd like to speak to what you're going to do with opening the senior center. I know you said that it will open on a limited capacity on September 14<sup>th</sup>; but if you'd like to share that.

Mayor Perciak – Thank you Kelly, on September 14<sup>th</sup>, we're going to start calling back some of our employees so that we can prepare the senior center for opening on September 21<sup>st</sup>. It will be on a limited basis. There will be no more evening hours. We will close the senior center at 5 o'clock and we will also eliminate the Sunday hours. Please understand, we have to follow all the protocols as prescribed by the State of Ohio if we want to reopen the facility in a safe way for all our seniors. The day of them playing cards together at the tables and things like that, we have to review that very carefully. I'm not sure that's going to happen simply because of the touching and the handling and the social distancing. Our whole objective into opening up the senior center is to allow them the time to gather and share their thoughts...catch up; and surprisingly enough Kelly, the number of seniors that have been going over the rec side and working out, just to maintain that. So, thank you for mentioning that and thank you for bringing that up.

Ms. Kosek – Thank you. I'm glad that we're getting things opening up to the extent that we can, keeping everybody safe; but hopefully, we will get things under control and be able to expand that and get things back to some sense of normalcy. I do not have anything else, unless anyone has any questions, I will close the report.

Mr. Schonhut – Thank you, anything else for Ms. Kosek?

(No comments)

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – Mr. Schonhut:** We have one ordinance on the agenda tonight, Ordinance No. 2020-128. This is simply approving and adopting mid-year replacement pages to our codified ordinances; which we recommend suspension and adoption for tonight.

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

**MAYOR PERCIAK:** Thank you again Mr. President, just a few short items. Again, because of the restrictions being placed upon us for the social distancing and the COVID, the annual Strongsville City Club, "Breakfast on the Bridge" is cancelled. There really is no way for us to, even with the help of our service department and police department and everybody else and our fire department; we tried various ways to make that work along with Mr. Zimmerman from The Metroparks. It just is not possible. That event is cancelled. Further, the event, "The Day at the Chalet" on the same day is also cancelled because of the social distancing requirements and what is required even though it's an outdoor event. As of today, and this has not been finalized, I also believe that the annual scholarship dance that's held at Michaud's the first Friday in December is also now postponed. I will just say, this COVID has had a real impact on the services we try to provide for all our residents, whether they be toddlers or whether they be seniors and we're doing our best to comply; but we need to comply if we want people to get better and here in Strongsville, as Mr. Short indicated in his report from Southwest Hospital, people here have been very compliant and that's why we have such limited cases. We will continue to comply and do all we can help you; but our hands are tied and believe me, we do not want to be on the other side of the Cuyahoga County Board of Health or any of the instructions set forth by the Governor.

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

**MAYOR PERCIAK (cont'd)**

Ms. Kosek – May I ask a question?

Mr. Schonhut – Go ahead, yep...

Ms. Kosek – Mayor, do you have any expectation about the “Light up Night” at Christmas? What your expectation is for that at this point?

Mayor Perciak – As of now, we are going to follow one of your recommendations Kelly.

Ms. Kosek – Okay.

Mayor Perciak – Because we cannot, I don't think, we're unable to have Santa Claus there in the usual fashion in which we do where we have the children come sit on his lap and take pictures; but we are going to have the mailbox for Santa...

Ms. Kosek – Letters to Santa...fantastic.

Mayor Perciak – On the gazebo. We are in the process of doing that. Mr. Walker tells me that process is going on.

Ms. Kosek – Wonderful.

Mayor Perciak – We are again, going to ask some of our business men and women to help donate to offset that. We will light up the town for Christmas. I don't know if we're going to have a program that night. Again, that's going to depend on the Department of Health and the restrictions put on us by the Governor's Office. We are going to light the square for Christmas on the Sunday before Thanksgiving. That is a for sure. What we don't know yet is whether we're going to have fireworks or what type of program we're going to have; but, we will light the square. Christmas is coming and we're going to celebrate Christmas...

Ms. Kosek – Well, my kids will be very happy to hear that Christmas is coming and they will hope for fireworks; because I have to tell you, my little one asks constantly when he can see fireworks; so make fireworks happen for Beckett, please.

Mayor Perciak – Okay. Mr. Walker, did you hear that? And Chief? Okay, now the only problem you have Mr. Schonhut is how you're going to get all these people to social distance on The Commons.

(Laughter)

Mr. Schonhut – I'll pass that off to Mr. Short's committee, I think.

Mayor Perciak – Thank you.

Mr. Schonhut – I would just like to remind everybody that our city offices are now open five days a week again. We were closed on Friday for a period of time of there; however, we are back to five days a week if anybody needs to visit the city offices.

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

**FINANCE DEPARTMENT – Mr. Dubovec:** Thank you Mr. President. Funds are available for all ordinances and resolutions on this evening's agenda requiring certification of funding and that will conclude my report, thank you.

Mr. Schonhut – Thank you sir.

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

Mr. Schonhut – Thank you Mr. Jamison.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:**

Mr. Schonhut – Thank brings us to moment of our meeting that many of you have been waiting for, audience participation. We do ask that you try to keep your comments to roughly around five minutes. We definitely ask that you please, when you come, please state and then spell your name very clearly so that our clerk can have that for the record and please, also, give us your address. I know people are here about a variety of topics this evening. I know a lot of you are here about flooding. Just know that any of us here on council would be happy to take your call or email and visit you at your property should you so wish. We do have a sign in sheet. We will go in that order first. If you did not sign in, you're still welcome to address us tonight. If you did sign in and do not feel that you want to address us anymore, you do not have to. First on that sign in sheet is Allison Benedict. If you'd come up to the mic please and again, kindly please state and spell your name and then give your address.

Allison Benedict, 17090 Partridge Drive, Strongsville, OH: Allison A-L-L-I-S-O-N Benedict B-E-N-E-D-I-C-T and my address is 17090 Partridge Drive.

Mr. Schonhut – Thank you.

Ms. Benedict – Thank you so much for allowing me to come today. I am here to talk about the 2<sup>nd</sup> Velosano Trike and Bike. So, last year, Strongsville hosted, for the first time, a Trike and Bike. We had almost 130 children who came out to ride over at Youth Park around the track there. The fundraiser raises money for pediatric cancer research at Cleveland Clinic Children's. There were several other cities, about two years ago, that really got involved and a friend of mine and I took our kids there. It was the Shaker one and it was just amazing to see the community come together. They had a little girl who was diagnosed with cancer and was undergoing treatment at Cleveland Clinic Children's and it was just amazing to see the City of Shaker Heights just rally around her and her family. We were talking about it, my friend and I, and said, "We really need to bring this to Strongsville." The guy standing in front of me was somebody who used to live in Strongsville and he's the organizer of all the Trike and Bikes. He introduced himself and was like, "Let's do this!" They were so impressed last year, like I said, we had a 130 riders and raised almost \$25,000.00. For it being the first time that the city hosted this, it really kind of put us on the map with Cleveland Clinic and they were so excited to do this again this year. Unfortunately, with COVID, it's going to be virtual; so, I know everyone's kind of like, "How in the world is it going to be a virtual ride?" So, what the Clinic does is they do a pre-recording. They have Slider have the kids do some warm-up exercises. There's a Cavs player who makes a special guest appearance...kind of cheering the kids on. One of the Cleveland Clinic physicians comes in and talks about pediatric cancer and why research is so important. In planning this, I have met two families who are currently undergoing, or their child is currently undergoing treatment at Cleveland Clinic Children's.

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

Ms. Benedict (cont'd) - The one little girl is 4 and the other little girl is 2 and they were so incredibly touched by the city's support last year. This year, we already have 41 kids registered; which is great for still being three weeks out. Oh, I should mention it's on September 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. And so we have raised a little over \$4,600.00 already. We have seven sponsors for an additional \$3,000.00. And to give you an idea, there were already three rides that, virtual rides that occurred this year. Hudson had raised \$12,000.00, had around 22 riders; so, we've already surpassed that. Shaker raised almost \$23,000.00 with 61 riders and Rocky River came in at \$21,500.00 with a 100 riders. Bay Village is holding there's next week. Then it's ours on September 27<sup>th</sup> and then Brunswick is going to be the week after ours. And to give you an idea, they're already at \$5,600.00 and have 36 riders. So, we have a little bit of competition there. So, we've been reaching out on Facebook and posting, reaching out to schools, churches, etc. We even posted on some of the Strongsville websites, creating a little, like, fun competition saying, "Let's do a battle of the developments." And so we created vanity "urls" for as many developments as we can think of and trying to get those residents to register their children, raise money and then just get out, you know, as a neighborhood and ride around for a really great cause. The really fun thing too, this year, since it's virtual, every kid...and of course I left it at home, I have it out all week ready to go...they will get a box mailed to them with a t-shirt, with the sponsor logos on the back. They get a little Fitbit, it's not an actual Fitbit, my kids think it is; but, a Fitbit, balloons, coloring activities, a little, like Bingo card, where they can cross off different activities that their doing. So, my kids were super excited, you know, get a big piece of mail and get to open that up. So, please share it with family, friends. It's just a really great cause and like I said, having several children here, who are undergoing treatment, I think it's a really great thing for the city to be behind these kids and these families supporting them.

Mr. Short – So Allison, where would you sign up if you want your kid to ride and two, if you want to make a donation? Where would that...

Ms. Benedict – So, I have some fliers here; but, you can go onto [give@clevelandclinic.org](mailto:give@clevelandclinic.org) or if you just type in Strongsville Trike and Bike, it will pop up and you can search to either register as a team and you'll see all the different developments there or you can register your children individually.

Mr. Short – Are you okay with taking logos for people who might be running for office that would want to have their names on the t-shirt, you would be fine with that?

Ms. Benedict – Absolutely. I would.

(Laughter)

Ms. Benedict – And, unfortunately, we do have to get the shirts in by, all the logos in by tomorrow. So, if anybody is interested in sponsoring, you can let me know and I can get those in first thing tomorrow morning. I told my contact, Adam there, that I was coming tonight and was hoping to maybe secure another donation or two...or sponsor or two; but, even if you can't sponsor, if anyone can go in and make a donation to the cause, it's really great.

Mr. Schonhut – I think it's a spectacular event and definitely for a great cause. I know a few of my friends' kids that participated last year and they had an absolute blast with it; not only in raising the money and creating cute videos to send off to their family and friends to do so, but also the event itself. I know it's a little bit different this year; but, I'm happy that it was so successful here in Strongsville last year and I hope the same this year for you.

Ms. Benedict – Same here, thank you.

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

Ms. Kosek – Allison, thank you for coming and also thank you for putting this together. When we met and talked about this, I was so impressed, so thank you. I also wanted to ask Jim and Ann and everyone who has kids if anybody would like to put together a kids' council team and have our kids...

Mr. Schonhut – You just singled me out, huh?

Ms. Kosek – No, you have nieces and nephews...

Mr. Schonhut – I do, I do have that...

Ms. Kosek – Are they trike ready?

Mr. Schonhut – I do have that.

Ms. Benedict – You can donate to Hunting Meadows, that's where I'm at...

(Laughter)

Ms. Kosek – But, anyhow, Gordon? Jim? If you guys have kids and you'd like to be on a team, I'm going to look into it and I'll send out the information. Maybe we can get a little council kid team going...

Mr. Kaminski – All right, that sounds great.

(Multiple conversations)

Ms. Benedict – Great, swim teams, soccer teams, baseball teams, you name it. You can create a competition out of everything. My son pointed out, because of course I'm a little bit competitive so I'm comparing where the other cities were at. My son was like, "Mom, it doesn't matter, every dollar is helping a kid." And I was like, "But it helps when we win."

(Laughter)

Ms. Kosek – I love the type "A."

Mr. Schonhut – That's the truth. Well thank you very much Allison, we appreciate it and I'm sure you'll hear from some of us tomorrow in one way or another; so thank you very much. And you are welcome to leave. If you want to sit through the rest of our meeting, you are welcome to do that as well; but our feelings will not be hurt if you do chose to leave. Next on the list is Karen Hook. That's fine. Just name and address, that's same old same. It doesn't matter who comes up and speaks. That's okay...

Kelly Kenderes, 9049 Prospect Road, Strongsville, OH: Kelly Kenderes, K-E-L-L-Y, K-E-N-D-E-R-E-S and I'm at 9049 Prospect Road that's close to Fair, right at the tip of Strongsville. I'm just here because I'm concerned, like a lot of people about my basement flooding. This is the, yesterday was the second time in 2020 that it's happened. And when, back in March, which was the first time it happened, we had, you know, professional people come out to clean and we went through our insurance claim and they...are main question was, "What can we do to prevent this? We want this to never, ever happen again. What do we have to do? What do we have to buy?" They basically told us, there's like, your sump pump was working fine. Your sump pumps great. There was nothing for you to do. It's just the rain overpowered the sewers and so, it just feels kind of helpless that there is nothing I can do, we can do to prevent this unless something...unless the sewers are able to handle the amount of rain that comes in.

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

Ms. Kenderes (cont'd) - And we thought maybe that it would've been just a fluke incident; but it happened again yesterday and so we're anticipating it will happen again with strong rains. So, there's...it feels like there's nothing, on our end, else that we can do to fix this and make sure that our basement doesn't flood. And it's our, and it's frustrating because...our...we...like I've heard other people say, "We purchased our house..." a lot because of the basement. It was dry as a bone and we came from a house and we've been in Strongsville about three years now and we came from a house that was...that had a musty smelling basement and this basement was, I mean it's dry as bone. We have absolutely no problems when it rains typically; but, so there's no...we know there's no waterproofing issues or anything. And just yesterday, we watched water coming up from our sump pump as it was working as fast as it could...not able to do anything; and we've lost, I mean there's so much that can't be replaced. It's...absolutely can't be replaced. Thousands of dollars in damage and so we're, I'm just trying to be another voice here looking for answers and wanting to not have my house flood. So...

Mr. Schonhut – We appreciate you coming tonight and I'll say this to you and this goes for everybody else in the audience as well. If any of you would like to reach out to any of us up here to setup a meeting with any of us or a collection of us and then with the mayor's blessing, somebody from his engineering department, I'm sure any of us would be happy to setup a meeting and a time to make that happen to get the ball rolling on that discussion and whether it's individually or as a collection of neighbors. Again, individually or collectively, however you want to do it, we are happy to help you out and see it for ourselves with our own eyes out there. We've all been through various houses during flooding. I remember being waist deep in somebody's basement in water and having somebody just cry on my shoulder. It's not an easy situation. I know that. It's difficult...

Ms. Kenderes – But how, how would we go about having somebody come out?

Mr. Schonhut – Send one of us, probably the easiest a phone call or an email to any of us, whoever you so choosing. If you're from Prospect, Kelly is your Ward 3 representative. I know some other people are scattered throughout the city that are here from different wards. Any of us from At-Large are happy to be there as well too. Just send us an email or phone call and we'll get the ball rolling on setting up a meeting for you.

Ms. Kenderes – Thank you.

Mr. Schonhut – Okay? Thank you.

Karen Hook, 10338 Prospect Road, Strongsville, OH: First, thank you to the police and fire by the way. I'm here today over the flooding issues and this is nothing new. Every single one of you individuals here knows about this problem, known about for the last 20 years. Mr. Perciak, does your basement flood? You live in a pretty nice house, nearly \$400,000.00.

Mayor Perciak – No it doesn't.

Ms. Hook – No it doesn't. How about you Mr. Kaminski?

Mr. Kaminski – Nope...

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

Ms. Hook – No it doesn't. Okay. In 2018, we knew this was important moving closer to Strongsville to be with my son. He was 7 years old in 2018. He was already living in Strongsville with his dad. It took us a long time to find a house in Strongsville. When we finally found one on his bus route. Also, it was...he was close to his friends and it also had a finished basement so we could have a play area for my son and his toys. We moved in August 2018. We also put in a storm drainage system around the perimeter of the house and then come June 2019, our basement flooded. All the carpet had to come out along with three feet of drywall to prevent mold. Many of my son's toys ruined including a desk I had made for him...hand made for him by a...Marvel characters on it. Furniture had been taken out to the tree lawn amongst many other things. Our insurance only gave us a one-time payment to help us for the damages and for the clean-up and it wasn't enough and we're not going to get anymore. And we assumed this was from...it was coming up from the drains in our basement and we assumed this was sewage. I went to the building department. They had me put in, they told me, they actually whispered to me, put in a back water valve on your sewer line. We flooded again. This was the second time. Same situation as before. Our sump pump wasn't able to keep up with the water that was coming in through our floor drains. Many neighbors all came together back in 2003, actually 50 of them to be exact and they were probably standing in the same exact spot I'm standing in today. They were given the excuse of 100 year rain. Well a 100 year rain doesn't happen every single year. We have spent thousands of dollars, you know, thinking that our house was to blame. It's not our fault. Guess what, it's your fault. Yesterday, our storm drain in front of our house overflowed with water. It came above our storm drain, so as our two sump pumps are trying to pump it out, well guess what's coming back into our house? Storm water. I'm told this city's storm drain, along with Prospect, is not big enough with all these new developments and homes. I'm also told it's actually small and goes to big or big then goes to small at some point down the road; but I'm actually having the plans printed out for me at the building department. I've had numerous residents reach out to me today that live on or near Prospect with flooding yesterday. Again, this is not our fault. This is your fault. The City of Strongsville residents are tired of reaching out to the building department because they know excuses will be given and nothing will get done. It's 2020, not 2003. It's time for us to be heard and listened to; and if not, than legal action will be my next step. Every resident, no matter what age your home is, no matter how big your house is, no matter where you live, we all have the right to trust that our water is going to the proper location in the storm drain and not in our basements. We have a right to a dry basement. Thank you.

Mr. Schonhut – Thank you.

Ms. Pientka – Ma'am could you just please state your name real quick and address?

Mr. Schonhut – Karen, if you don't mind. I have it here, if you want me to do it for you or if you want to go ahead, sorry.

Ms. Hook – Karen Hook, K-A-R-E-N H-O-O-K. 10338 Prospect Road.

Mr. Schonhut – Thank you, you're time to shine Sandy.

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

Sandy Lopatka, 10248 Prospect Road, Strongsville, OH: I have a couple of different things; but I'm here in support of my neighbors and it's not 28 years, it's 38 years. And I don't even know if any of you have actually ever sat on this original council to have known that this has been problem for this long on Prospect. So I'm here to support my neighbor and see if there something that we can finally do to stop this happening to all the residents along Prospect Road. At this point in time, what we have is Creekside Drive floods. I've called number times when we've had these rains and the police officers come and put up barriers because there's two and a half feet of water down the street, sitting in the street. Most of that water is backing up somewhere. A lot of it's coming from Prospect Road all the way down from Albion. There's nothing going into the sewer and even if it did, we'd have a bigger problem. So at this time, we have sinking tree lawns, we have sidewalks that are now tipped because of the sinking tree lawns. We have water backing up from the drains in our basement. I have five sump pumps in my basement to try and handle this; and it still doesn't handle it to the point where I have a dry basement. Now, with the sewers overflowing this last time, it was overflowing so much that the pressure was just spilling the water out of it. And of course it goes down the street on Creekside because there's nothing to stop that flow and it fills the street up. It blocks up there lawn drain and then it backs up into my house. And that is what we spent, thousands of dollars doing to try and make a correction; and the city's sewers still backup into my house. So, yeah. We have a problem over there and we'd like somebody to come over there and try to fix the issue this time. And if it's money, tell us how to help you find it because this has been ongoing for way too long. Second thing is, I'm also here in support of our safety forces and wanted to get a commitment from the mayor and council to maintain and fill positions, fulfill their needs and equipment and support them in all of their needs so that we have the services that we need. So, I had a couple of questions regarding that and whether or not any of our safety forces are on furlough at this time?

Mayor Perciak – No they are not.

Ms. Lopatka – And are we filled to capacity with the amount of officers and firemen that we require?

Mayor Perciak – That is not a question I can answer. The fire chief or the police chief can answer and it all depends on what you mean by capacity. Every city has a different structure, so maybe Chief Fender, you'd want to start...

Ms. Lopatka – I understand...that there is certain numbers that are prime for our services.

Chief Fender – First, I would just like to say thank you and appreciate our residents that support both emergency services. As far as the police department goes, our cycle for retirement has finally caught up with us. Right now, we're in the process of replacing those. We have an active test that's been listed. We hope that in October we'll be able to start filling in some positions; so we're actively involved in it as we speak.

Ms. Lopatka – Will that be fulfilling the numbers for the city? Or are we still low...?

Chief Fender – Yeah, I can't answer that right. Yes, we are behind because of the retirements. I have six officers that right now we have moved officers within the organization to make sure our first priority, and I want to be very clear on this, is always going to be our community. So the areas that we have taken them from are our areas that are support divisions that are now put out on the front lines. So, I don't think our community will even notice a hiccup.

Ms. Lopatka – Excellent.

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

Chief Draves – Again, thanks to all the residents for their support of the fire department as Chief Fender mentioned and I will have you know, that there's 61 hardworking, firefighter and paramedics that do have your best interest in mind when they come out to take care of you on what we typically find as one of your worse days. So, we appreciate the support.

Ms. Lopatka – I've had that happen.

Chief Draves – Yes, well...

Ms. Lopatka – And they've done a wonderful job.

Chief Draves – Thank you, as far as our staffing, right now we are fully staffed at 61 firefighters. That's what council has authorized us to hire. So, we are fully staffed at this time. We do anticipate two retirements coming here toward the end of the year and on November 14<sup>th</sup> we are giving a new entrance exam and so as those fellows retire, we'll be looking to replace those as soon as we can.

Ms. Lopatka – Okay, and the other question I did have and this is probably for the mayor. Now that we have so many people working from home as their home base, as their location, and not working outside of the city, do we have to pay our ½% more?

Mayor Perciak – Well, let's put it this way. There is a lawsuit pending in Columbus now which the Ohio Legislator is looking at. There has been no determination as to who and how you will pay your city income tax; meaning; all rules that were in effect, remain effect until such time that the Ohio Legislator sends or directs otherwise. I'm President of the Mayors and Managers for Northeast Ohio, Cuyahoga County and I can assure you we're looking at that very carefully; however, after many discussions with the people in Columbus, we believe this actually may wind up in the courts. So, I can't give you an answer; but, we've been working on that and at the other side, you know, there has to be a distribution of funds and we have to also be concerned about the region in which we live. There's, there really isn't a simply solution. Let's take Independence for example. A lot of office buildings, a lot of office space. A lot of those people are now working out of their homes; but however, Independence still has a community to run. The same goes for downtown Cleveland. A lot of people in Strongsville work in downtown Cleveland; but if we abandon the central city-that will, in the long run, have an effect on what we can do here. So, there has to be a balance and I don't know what that balance is...

Ms. Lopatka – Where your balance may come in a year when taxes, real estate taxes catch up with the new evaluation on our homes because we've seen such a momentous increase in cost and prices of homes here that I can't imagine that the city won't take advantage...

Mayor Perciak – Sandy, you and I have been at this a long time when I was at the bank yet and you were selling real estate. We both know how this works; so we just have to have some faith in the people in Columbus at this time because believe or not, there's just no avenue that I'm aware of...

Ms. Lopatka – So at this point, its status quo, everybody pays until there's some determination?

Mayor Perciak – That is correct.

Ms. Lopatka – Okay, that's what I needed to know, thank you.

Mr. Schonhut – Sandy, if you would kindly, I can't remember if you gave your name and address at the beginning. If you would please.

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

Ms. Lopatka – Sandy S-A-N-D-Y Lopatka L-O-P-A-T-K-A, 10248 Prospect Road.

Mr. Schonhut – Thank you.

Ms. Lopatka – Thank you.

Mr. Schonhut – Next up, the patriot himself, Mr. Norm Beznoska.

Norm Beznoska, 18235 Fern Canyon Drive, Strongsville, OH: My name is Norm Beznoska. That's B-E-Z-N-O-S-K-A of 18235 Fern Canyon Drive, Strongsville, Ohio. Two months ago on July 6<sup>th</sup>, I stood before this council and I asked about passing a resolution that shows our support for the Strongsville Police. A simple four word resolution: "We support our Police." I want to thank five of the council members who took the time to talk with me to discuss this initiative which is in accordance with Article VIII, Section 1 of the Strongsville City Charter relative to any elector having the ability to request that the council pass such a proclamation. I was asked about why I'm so passionate about this. The reason I'm so passionate about this is twofold. That thin blue line that separates us from a criminal element that would do harm to us and to our families is getting thinner by the day. I think it's incumbent upon us to show not only our respect and gratitude to our police department, but to stand with them and not against them. As the proud son of Norm J. Beznoska, Badge 730, Cleveland Police Department, who served 36 years in the inner City of Cleveland and was injured in the line of duty, I have a great deal of empathy with the families of our Police Department and a tremendous deal of respect for our Police Officers. I would like to read a poem that a police officer wrote some years ago anonymously. It's entitled, "I was a Police Officer." "Today, I was killed. Today, I will not answer a radio call that your boyfriend came home again and beat you because he was drunk. Today, I will not answer a radio call that your 16 year old daughter, who is quite responsible, is five hours late from coming home. Today, I will not answer the radio call that your store has been robbed or that your home has been burglarized. Today, I will not answer a radio call to stop a drunk driver from killing someone or a child rapist. Today, I will not answer the radio call that a man with a gun is trying to abduct a teenage girl at SouthPark Mall. No, today, I will not do any of those things. Why? Because today, I was suspended from duty for doing my job as a police officer; because the news media, radical community activists, the ACLU and self-promoting politicians ran on an anti-police defund the police agenda. They know nothing about criminals. They know nothing about justice; but they do know how to vilify me, my profession and my family. Because today, I was killed by a drunk driver while trying to help a motorist off of I-71. Because today, I was shot and killed during a routine traffic stop on Route 82 trying to tell someone that their taillight was burnt out. Because today, I was shot and killed in a traffic accident rushing to help a citizen on Howe Road whose home was being invaded by criminals. Because today, I was killed doing my job. Yes, a chaplain and a police officer will go to a house and tell a mom and dad or a wife or husband or a child that their son or daughter or husband or wife or father won't be coming home today. Flags at many police stations were flown at half-mast today; but most people won't know why or care. I happened to notice the flag outside being flown at half-mast, in honor of Cleveland Police Detective James Skernivitz of Brecksville; who last Thursday evening was murdered by three gang-bangers in the City of Cleveland. There will be a funeral and my fellow officers will attend, a twenty-one-gun salute will be given, taps and bagpipes will be played as I am laid to rest. My name will be put on a plaque, on a wall, in a building. A folded flag will be handed to my spouse and to my children then placed on a mantel or a bookcase in a home. No citizens will demand that something must be done immediately. There will be no be no cries from justice from the news media or politicians. There will be no police officers marching in the streets, yelling "No Justice, No Peace." There will be no riots in the streets. No windows will be smashed, no cars will be burned and no stores will be looted. Only someone crying themselves to sleep tonight will be the only sign that I was cared about and loved.

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

Mr. Beznoska - My wife Bernice and I are proud graduates of the first Strongsville Citizens Police Academy last December and we both remember five words the Chief, Mark Fender, stressed to all 18 of our attendees and those words were: "Quality Service, Professionalism, Integrity, and Compassion." My question to you this evening, gentlemen and ladies of the Strongsville City Council, do you have enough compassion for our Strongsville police men and women and their families to pass a resolution or a proclamation that we Support our Police? Because if you do not pass that today, there may not be a police department tomorrow. I would like to leave all of you with a simple quote, from Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a Lutheran minister who was hung by the Nazis a month before the end of World War II in a concentration camp. Minister Bonhoeffer said, "Silence in the face of evil is evil itself." Thank you, I look forward to you passing a proclamation or such a resolution. We Support our Police.

(Applause)

Mayor Perciak – Mr. President?

Mr. Schonhut – Mr. Mayor?

Mayor Perciak – If I may?

Mr. Schonhut – Yes sir.

Mayor Perciak – Ladies and gentlemen in the audience. I can assure each and every one of you that this administration and this city council has always, always supported our police and our safety services. They do it each and every day. They do it each and every year by passing the budget; which more than 50%, 50% of our General Fund goes to support police and fire and dispatch and jailers. This is a council, and I can stand before God and say this, this is a council that supports police, fire and safety. They have never once, not any of them, challenged me on any item in the budget. Not one single cent. Not one single cent. Now, defunding the police, not one of them people up there and not anybody in my administration would support such an action. We just don't do that here in Strongsville. It's not who we are. We support our police. We support our fire. We support the men and women working on our streets to serve each and every one of us; and nobody, I don't think anybody can say in the 17 years that I have been here as mayor or the number of years I spent running the bank did we every take a different position. Our former mayor, Mayor Ehrnfelt support his police too and fire. That is why, this is a safe community. The community statistics speaks for themselves. Now, if they want to do a resolution that's up to them; but I can assure you, and your police chief is sitting here, your fire chief is sitting here and they can attest to everything I've said because we do support the men in blue in this community.

Mr. Beznoska (from the audience) – Won't it be nice for the men and women to hear that mayor?

Mayor Perciak – Yes, I'm just saying, so that everyone knows, we do support our safety forces. I am behind our police and fire every day and no matter what you may think, our police department, our men in blue, are the best. The best trained, the best educated and the best prepared. Our EMS, our firefighters, I would challenge any community to put a firefighter up against our guys. They are well trained. They are nurses. They are nurse practitioners. They are paramedics. These men are well educated men. When they're coming to your house, they are prepared or any situation in this community. So, I don't want anybody to think or walk out of here thinking that anybody in this place doesn't support police and fire. We do. Does everybody understand? Can I hear an "I do?" Yes? Okay, thank you.

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

Mr. Beznoska (from the audience) – (Inaudible conversation)...learned in the Strongsville City...

Mr. Jamison – Mr. Chairman? There's supposed to be no dialogue like this. They have to speak at the mic.

Mayor Perciak – I know that Norm; but, I just want to go on record that these people are good people and they support us. Yeah.

Mr. Schonhut – Thank you Mr. Beznoska and thank you Mayor and...would give a rousing speech like you just did; but, I think you covered it all for all of us and we appreciate that and we certainly support our men and women in blue. They are the best educated. They are the best trained and we certainly do try to give them all the tools that they need to best serve this community. And we thank all of you for the job that you do. Next on the list is Kelly and I might pronounce it wrong, Kenderes...

From the audience – (Inaudible)

Mr. Schonhut – Oh, I'm sorry. I apologize. Then we are out of anybody on the sign sheet; however, if you would like to still address us, you are welcome to at this time. And again, please, name and address for the record.

Brandon Baldwin, 20688 Lunn Road, Strongsville, OH: Yep, of course. Hi, my name is Brandon Baldwin. B-R-A-N-D-O-N I live at 20688 Lunn Road and I'm here also because of flooding; but, I'm not here to demonize or patronize or condemn anybody. I just want to help shed some light as I am a technical manager at an engineering firm and I do controls work, currently at the Ohio Sewer District. I got in touch with the Watershed Engineer and I've spoken to Mike Gallagher and I want to say thank you all for the amazing community you guys put together and all the other services that you provided. That's what made us want to buy a house here in the first place. But, as so many people have already come forth and told you their stories, I have to just shed some light to what I found in my initial findings. On the Prospect Road, there is an eight inch main; which is very, very, very tiny. It does not allow for anywhere as much water flow to go down to the 21 inch main which goes past North Royalton. Because of that everybody, including my house and the neighbors, all in my suburb, have experienced flooding for the last decade. The lady down the street has just experienced flooding for the fourth time this year and she's very upset that she continues to lose everything every time it rains. I worked on many rehabilitation projects for sewage and drainage; specifically in Detroit and I know that the amount of infrastructure changes that need to be done here are not that costly as compared to placing a 55 inch main or a 45 inch main. They're construction cost were around \$20 million. When I looked at the budget, from the City, there's roughly \$14 million available from the budget in Sewer Funds.

Mr. Schonhut – A lot of that is appropriated to a sanitary plant on the north end of town which is going to be undergoing major renovation to the tune of, I think, \$9 to \$10 million. Is that correct Mr. Walker? So, a lot of that is going into that pump station or sanitary sewer station...

Mr. Baldwin – To correct the issues that are down on Prospect, I don't believe a cost that much at all and to save the sanctity and give peace of mind to all your residents and citizens; I think is something that will be well invested into. I know there's retention basins installed; but apparently the problems of flooding continue to occur. And if it may not affect all of you, it certainly effected many of us and I have the luxury to move anywhere I want. Most of these people may not have that ability. And the city's beauty and functionality and the services you provide that attracted me to this city aren't enough to keep here. So, if there's anything I could possibly do, with my expertise as my degree is in nuclear engineering and I'm a controls engineer per trade, I'd love to help and bring peace of mind to all of our citizens here in this city; because I get scared now, every single time I know it rains.

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

Mr. Baldwin (cont'd) - I know all my neighbors do. Every single one of the neighbors that are on my block have had to put in check valves and backflow preventers and sump pumps and the neighbor that lives right next to me had to call out people on four separate occasions because of the way the piping is intertwined. The backflow preventer didn't work the first time. There was another backflow preventer that had to be installed. But that still wasn't enough. So, sump pumps had to also be installed on two separate occasions. And that's the case for many people and even people with sump pumps, when they tied into the main waterlines, the main waterlines are too small and the pressure pushes all the water back into their house. To replace a main waterline is...for...to make it a 15 inch would be over, almost double what it is now. It could handle almost four times the amount of flow capacity and that's something that would be under a few million dollars. So, even with \$9 million being put into the water treatment plant facilities, I believe that it's a feasible option to give the people of your city peace of mind when it rains. And that's all I have.

Mr. Schonhut – Thank you, and again, if you're on Lunn Road, I think Gordon would be your council person there. If you wanted to reach out to him or again, anyone of us to set something up we would be happy to do that and I'm sure you are smarter in that category than any of us sitting up here. And I'm sure our engineers would welcome your conversation. So again, we'd be happy to set that up. I do just, so everybody knows though, we put a lot of money into infrastructure in Strongsville. Since 2004, we're roughly at \$110 million in infrastructure improvements. So, there's not a short change of that happening. Unfortunately, we realize that we could spend another \$50 million tomorrow, unfortunately, we don't print money like the Federal Government does; so, there's lots of projects that we would like to tackle and want to tackle and want to solve for each and every single one of you; unfortunately, we can't make everything happen overnight. I know you alluded to some of basins that were up in that were in some of our extreme, extreme flooding areas that to the best of my knowledge have worked very well and we continue to tackle those projects. Again, it's challenging and I know everybody says, "Well why aren't we first?" We're doing our best to help everybody out. As best I can, some of this is the first time that I was made aware of anything on Prospect Road in certain areas. So, again, if you want to reach out, set up a meeting with some of us, we'd be happy to...

Mr. Short – Brandon, I'd be happy to sit down and chat with you. I'm an accountant by the way, so you have far more knowledge about this than I do; but I'd be happy to chat with you about it, for sure...

Mr. Baldwin – I'd be happy to speech with you, thank you.

Mr. Schonhut – Thank you.

(Applause)

Mr. Schonhut – Open mic, if anybody else would like to address us this evening.

Chris and Steve Hightower, 14656 Stillbrooke Drive, Strongsville, OH: Hi, Chris Hightower, H-I-G-H-T-O-W-E-R...

Mr. Hightower – I got dragged up here by you...

(Laughter)

Mrs. Hightower – 14656 Stillbrooke Drive and...

Mr. Hightower – Steve Hightower.

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

Mrs. Hightower – Steve Hightower. You know, he's...he knows more about this. I just want to say again, I keep hearing we can reach out to one of you; but we actually need real action. We've been in Strongsville for 25 years. Our current house, we've been in it for 18 to 19 years. We have had water up to our knees six times and yesterday, we spent five and a half hours shop-vac-ing water up, carrying buckets of water up...five in a half hours...trying to keep our basement from flooding. It's an issue that someone needs to address and literally, we were shop-vac-ing up...you know it. Right from the sewer. Right there for us to see. Our kids go down there. We use this basement. Just laid new carpet two months ago. Ripped it up. It's...we need more than we can contact. We need action. You know, this is a third of our house that we can't use. And we're about ready to give up. And then, resale, I don't know how we would do that.

Mr. Hightower – First of all, thank you Norm. And I want to say thank you, to the police chief and the firemen. Thank you guys. God bless you guys. So, all I want to say is, I get concerned when we use the word storm, and you can tell me if I'm wrong, storm and sewer. Because my sewer backs up; but only when there's this large rain. So my concern is the combination is not supposed to happen. It's not supposed to be a sewer with a combination sewer. It's supposed to be storm water here and sewer there. Am I correct? So somewhere, they're tied together...

From the audience – (Inaudible)

Mr. Hightower – Exactly. That's what you're getting. You're not getting storm water. You're getting sewer because they're tied together...

From the audience – (Inaudible)

Mr. Hightower – You're getting both. If it's in the floor drain, you're getting both. And so that's my concern. I know we talked a little bit about Lake County did some smoke work. I don't know if they did camera work. How do you stop that storm water from getting into the sewer water? To the sewer lines? That's my concern. I know it's no simple task; but that's my biggest concern. Am I close?

From the audience – (Inaudible)

Ms. Pientka – Mr. President? I'm so sorry; but, it's, I know this is an important issue for everybody and I want to get the minutes down; but I can't hear in the audience to transcribe so, I can only hear, just so the audience knows, the person at the podium. When I'm re-doing the minutes...

Mr. Hightower – I'm good. Thank you. I'll go; but that's my concern is how do we stop that storm water from going to the sewer when we have these heavy rains. You get a combination, it comes back into the house and we've done the backflow and everything else. But I do appreciate you guys. We love living in Strongsville. Thank you for the work you have done. Again, thank you.

(Applause)

Mr. Schonhut – Thank you. Is there anyone else who would like to address us this evening?

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

Nicolas Paterniti, 10163 Prospect Road, Strongsville, OH: I'll put my name on the record. Nicolas Paterniti, 10163 Prospect Road. Paterniti, P-A-T-E-R-N-I-T-I. Purchased my house five years ago. Ever since I purchased my house, it just floods. I got the excuse when I bought my house, we had a little bit of water. The storm of the year. \* pfft \* I've had water ever since then. My house has flooded seven times this year. I've got an eight month old daughter. I talked to Mr. Carbone today for a good time. I sent him a lot of detailed pictures and everything. I have water that's coming through the street. My brand new apron I had to replace because it cracked and broke because of the water draining in my driveway. Drains into my driveway, then goes into the tree lawn; which my neighbors on the corner, before the side street, I forget the name of the side street, umm, but, he's on the corner and there's the main sewer. I went over there yesterday and I watched water from up Prospect trying to drain in that way and water back flowing back up Prospect, into the same drain. Which, then is was just whirlpool. That's not going to do nothing. My house flooded twice yesterday after we cleaned it up twice. I had to take off work today so I could bleach the whole basement. Umm, thousands of dollars of my daughter's clothes and our clothes; all in the garbage right now; because water came up in my basement. We've even put stuff in totes and everything like that; but moisture and all that stuff, still screws up the clothes. Sorry about my French. But, umm, you know, I've had engineering department out from the City of Strongsville. I've had the city sewer department out at my house. They've put a camera down my drainage that goes out to the tree lawn. No, you don't have really have any debris in there or anything. Everything looks good. Everything. Okay. Still keeps backing up. I can sit down in the basement one of the times, I'll hear gurgling and the next thing, here comes water shooting up out of my drainage for my, you know, for my laundry and everything. Add a sump pump, had my, had waterproofing done in my house maybe 20 years ago from the people that owned it before me. I had them come back out, check everything. Oh, you might have a weak a...you might have a weak septic pump or not septic pump, umm storm pump. I put a brand new \$4,000.00 pump in April of this year. Flooded again yesterday. And what does it do, bubbles up, bubbles up, bubbles up, flows over. Can't drain in the main line because it's too small. And then it pours into my backyard. My backyard was a swamp yesterday. Everything it rains it's a swamp. I've had an engineer out, to try and figure that out. How do I stop this? I have a secondary garage in my backyard that I do automotive and stuff work on that. I can never pull any of my vehicles in or out because I'm always swamped. My neighbors all around me, they're older. They can't do...they don't want to do anything about it because they're all older; but I said, "I'm done with this. I'm sick of it." My other half, she's been on the Strongsville's Moms page. There's plenty of moms and I'm sure some of the ladies that came up. They the ones she's talking to. Talked to my dad's girlfriend, she's a legal secretary downtown. She says if I can't get any resolution, she's going to give me an attorney and we're going to go after the City of Strongsville because why am I dumping \$3,000.00 a month in city taxes and I can't even use half of my house and I have to worry about our safety and everything. I got mold...I got warped drywall in and everything in my basement. I can't afford to fix it and everything. I'm the only income in my house because we have a newborn and everything. I'm trying to figure out how to live in my house and not worry about this. We were on a weekend getaway. We had to end that and come home Saturday, or Sunday just because we knew it was going to storm. If we didn't come home. Who knows what we would've came home to? Today, looking around at foundation of my furnace and everything, all the brick...all the cement around my furnace and my water pump, it's all deteriorating and breaking up because our basement floods so many numerous times. It's just getting ridiculous and everything and I hear people saying, "Yeah, we're going to look into this. Look into that. Blah, blah, blah, blah." But, if everybody keeps coming up with the same solutions, you know, why aren't we getting something done for one and for two, I mean, isn't the health and safety of people that live on Prospect Road more concerning than, "Hey, we just put new brick and painted all the stuff on the corner of Rt. 82 and Pearl." I mean come on...

(Laughter and applause)

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

Mr. Paterniti – The health and safety is what we should be worried about. I mean, I'll tell you the truth, I'm about to stop paying on my house and just let it go to foreclose and let it go. Because I don't want to be in the City of Strongsville if I have to worry about my daughter. If she's going to be sick or something like that. But I'll just leave it like that.

Mr. Schonhut – Thank you.

(Applause)

Mr. Schonhut – Is there anybody else that would like to address...hold on ma'am. We have to give everybody else an opportunity first. I apologize. Since you've already spoken. Is there anybody else that would like to address us this evening at all? Seeing none, you may come up, if you wish.

Ms. Hook – What are you going to do about this, Tom?

Ms. Pientka – Ma'am, can you restate your name though; because it's like I said for the minutes, I know who you are; but, for the minutes.

Ms. Hook – Who's asking that?

Ms. Pientka – Me, the Clerk. Thank you.

Ms. Hook – Karen Hook H-O-O-K.

Ms. Pientka – Thank you.

Mr. Schonhut – And you're address please.

Mayor Perciak – It's not a matter of what we're going to do. I think, Sandy Lopatka said it best. This has been going on for a long time. There's been study, after study. I do not have an answer for you tonight and if I did, I would tell you. Joe Walker is here. He has been our city engineer and our service director for years. We've addressed this. All I can do is readdress it and then come back to each and every one of you, and...with a solution. And I have no idea what that solution might be at this time.

Ms. Hook – There's only one solution. You have to dig up Prospect Road and replace those drains and if you have too...

Mayor Perciak – Ma'am, but it's not... it's simply not that easy in this day and age...

Ms. Hook – If you have \$2.5 million a year to spend on everybody's trash pickup; I don't mind spending \$20 or \$30 a month for someone to come pickup my trash. I don't need it to be free.

Mayor Perciak – Well...

Ms. Hook – If you have enough money to spend lights every year and Christmas...

Mayor Perciak – Oh, those are donated ma'am.

Ms. Hook – Donated, okay. But everything else that's been going on in this city, why aren't we important? This has been 38 years of this...

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

Mayor Perciak – Well, Mr. Walker is here with me. He's been with me since I've gotten here 17 years ago and long before everybody up there on council, and maybe just Joey, maybe not Joey. But at the end of the day, we'll do what we can. We'll meet with Ken and Lori and if we have to, we'll bring in some outside consultants and see what can be...because it just isn't one spot. When you're dealing with storm, it's...I hate to say it, it's systemic. When we were having floods on the south end of town, we wound up fixing and putting in retention basins between Ash and Walnut Drive. So, there's...I'm not an engineer. I'm a banker. I don't pretend to be an engineer; but, we will do our very best to try and help you and to the young guy with the baby. I feel bad for you dude, but don't stop paying on your house. Don't ruin your credit. That is something I wouldn't advise you to do. But, Joe's here and Joe and I and members of the city council will work with you wherever we can. But, I need to tell you, you know Mr. Schonhut, President, was very clear about the infrastructure improvements we made. And it said \$103 million and he's accurate; but, at the end of the day, \$52 million of that was in different aid from the State and from the County. We aren't going to get any money from the State. We're not going to get any money from the County now. We are in a position here where we will get through the end of the year here and balance our budget. And so will those agencies; but they're not going to give us any money this year. I can guarantee you that. We are doing everything we can to garner as much money as we can; but, they can't, unfortunately, the State and the County cannot print money the way the Fed do. So, unless we get some Fed money; which, funnels sometimes through the State and then to the County and then to us. This is something that's going to have to be paid for locally and even maybe through assessments. And I have no idea what that would be; but, I think Mr. Walker, if you want to address some of that, just not, just Prospect Road.

Mr. Walker – I know our engineering department has looked at this entire corridor Mayor, and, the price tag on it is in excess of \$2 million to start the process there. It's...we are aware of the problem; but, it's, right now, a funding issue. We don't have the money to do it. And I know people see stuff, you know, you saw what was done at the center of town, that was not Strongsville money. That was outside money that was put into the center of town. We didn't spend our money on that improvement. We don't spend our money on Christmas lights. That's all done on donations; so, it's a matter of funding.

Mayor Perciak – Karen, we're going to look for as much money as we can on this. You know, we...we hope through this mess, this financial mess that we have navigated through that we're able to maintain our Aaa bond rating and we're going before Moody's, again, here very shortly; in the next 30 to 45 days. If there's a way with the proper studies and the detail here and we can find a way to fund this, even though a lending arm, with council's blessings, I can't authorize that without them. But, they will do everything they can to work with me as they do on most major items. This group up there, they are attentive. They do their very best to understand the budget the best they can. And they too understand the dollars and for some reason, if they don't, they come in and see the finance director or myself or both of us and we go over it. So, we're not going to play around with this. We'll do what we have to do and I'm sure the Council President, myself, and Kelly, from Ward 3, I'm not sure and we'll, I've got to check. Hightowers, are they still here? I don't know what the hell the problem is there. I remember when I first became mayor there was something going on there; so, I'll have to check into that. Joe, would you see what that's all about...?

Mr. Walker – Yeah, I talked to Mr. Hightower earlier, I'll catch up with him tomorrow.

Mayor Perciak – Yeah, but, Matt are we on the same page on this?

Mr. Schonhut – Yes, sir.

Mayor Perciak – Okay.

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

Ms. Kosek – If I just can, since so many folks are from Prospect Road, I know that my offering to come and meet with you is not what necessarily looking for; but, the offer is there. Feel free to give me a call. Feel free to send me an email. I am much better at responding quickly to email. So definitely, you can do that. You can text me. Either of...any of those ways, I will respond. I want you to know that I understand what you're going through. The house that I grew up in with my parent's, we had a basement that flooded. My parents still live in that house and I understand the musty and how terrible it is. And so, I understand what you're going through and I'm sorry you're going through that and I will advocate for this council to get the money together to get what you need to get things fixed. It is a systemic problem in the north end. It is not just your street that has had problems. There are other parts of Ward 3 that also are having problems and it would great if we could get to the position of understanding how that all works together so that we can solve the problem for the residents who deserve to be able to use their basements.

Mr. Kaminski – That's a great point Kelly because we have a couple other hotspots in Ward 1 as well on the north end. Maple Brook Trail, we had four or five people on that street alone that had water in their basement and it's been multiple times and that continues to be an issue over on Maple Brook. And Joe, I know you're aware of that as well.

Mr. Schonhut – And as its been stressed, just one second Sandy. As it's been stressed, at the end of the day, we get to decide where the dollars that we have get spent. Again, it's a finite amount of money; but, we have been able to fund quite a few projects that have been very successful in helping many, many people in this community that have had issues similar to yours. I've been in the basements with them. I've been there when it's pouring rain, standing at the waist deep, chest high water in some of these areas. So, I understand that. I admittedly have never, I don't believe so, been out to any of your residences; but again, would be happy to do so. So we have a better understanding of what we need to do to help you. Yes Sandy? If you could, your name and address again, please. Sorry...

Ms. Lopatka – Sandy Lopatka, L-O-P-A-T-K-A, 10248 Prospect Road. You know, the immediate need, insurances have run out. And, he's got a health issue with a baby. Is there any way that there can be any funding for the short term to get this stuff fixed? And setup a fund for these homeowner's who can't do it themselves.

Mr. Schonhut – It's a question for our legal department because it's private property versus tax dollars and where is Mr. Jamison?

Ms. Lopatka – Set it up as an aid. To set it up as a low interest loan. To set it up as somehow, to assist the residents?

Mr. Schonhut – I do not have an answer for you. We can look into that for you and get back to you. I'm no Lawyer; but we can...

Mayor Perciak – I don't have an answer on that, I don't believe that's doable simply because, in order to obtain any type of financial aid from any of the different agencies; whether it be the sewer district or anything else, we have to have the necessary documentation to submit to them before they will make any commitment to us or to a resident. So, the only avenue we have is to look at the studies we have, let our engineering and even if we have to call in some outside consults and I think Mr. Walker would agree with me on that. We call any consultants and make a recommendation to the council. That's about as fast as it can go. And then we go from there. Joe is that sound agreeable or doable?

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

Mr. Walker – Yeah, and I know our engineering department has already started that process for the Prospect corridor.

Mayor Perciak – Okay.

Mr. Walker – They've already started the process there.

Mr. Schonhut – Thank you is there anybody else that would like to address us this evening?

(No comments)

Mr. Schonhut – You are all welcome to stay, should you so like. This next portion of our meeting is just going through our ordinances and resolutions which (static interference)...not all that exciting. However, you're welcome to stay should you so wish.

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

**Ordinance No. 2020-114** by Mayor Perciak. AN ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE ANNUAL EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, OHIO, FOR THE YEAR 2020 AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NUMBER 2020-097.

Motion by Mr. Short 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 Mr. Short, second by Mr. DeMio.**

**Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2020-114 ADOPTED.**

**Resolution No. 2020-115** by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDED CREDIT/ PURCHASING CARD POLICY FOR THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, 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 Mr. DeMio. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

**Motion to adopt by Mr. Short, second by Mr. DeMio.**

**Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Resolution No. 2020-115 ADOPTED.**

**Resolution No. 2020-116** 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 Mr. DeMio. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

**Motion to adopt by Mr. Short, second by Mr. DeMio.**

**Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Resolution No. 2020-116 ADOPTED.**

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

**Resolution No. 2020-117** by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE OF THE CITY TO CERTIFY TO THE FISCAL OFFICER OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY UNPAID PROPERTY MAINTENANCE NUISANCE ABATEMENTS FOR LEVY AND COLLECTION ACCORDING TO LAW, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Short 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 Mr. Short, second by Mr. DeMio.**

**Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Resolution No. 2020-117 ADOPTED.**

**Resolution No. 2020-118** by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2016-031 TO DESIGNATE AN ADDITIONAL DEPOSITORY FOR ACTIVE AND INTERIM FUNDS OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, 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 Mr. DeMio. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

**Motion to adopt by Mr. Short, second by Mr. DeMio.**

**Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Resolution No. 2020-118 ADOPTED.**

**Resolution No. 2020-119** by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY FISCAL OFFICER, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Short 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 Mr. Short, second by Mr. DeMio.**

**Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Resolution No. 2020-119 ADOPTED.**

**Ordinance No. 2020-120** by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE FURNISHING OF SOLID WASTE, RECYCLABLE MATERIALS AND YARD WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES; FOR THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE STRONGSVILLE TRANSFER STATION; AND FOR THE RECEIPT, TRANSPORT AND DISPOSAL OF SOLID WASTE OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE; 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 Mr. DeMio. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

**Motion to adopt by Mr. Short, second by Mr. DeMio.**

**Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2020-112 ADOPTED.**

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

**Resolution No. 2020-121** by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. A RESOLUTION GRANTING PERMISSION TO TRANSFER CERTAIN CERTIFICATES FOR BURIAL RIGHTS IN THE STRONGSVILLE MUNICIPAL CEMETERY. [Antolik]

Motion by Mr. Short 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 Mr. Short, second by Mr. DeMio.**

**Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Resolution No. 2020-121 ADOPTED.**

**Resolution No. 2020-122** by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. A RESOLUTION GRANTING PERMISSION TO REPURCHASE CERTAIN CERTIFICATES FOR BURIAL RIGHTS IN THE STRONGSVILLE MUNICIPAL CEMETERY. [Westbrook]

Motion by Mr. Short 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 Mr. Short, second by Mr. DeMio.**

**Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Resolution No. 2020-122 ADOPTED.**

**Resolution No. 2020-123** by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. A RESOLUTION GRANTING PERMISSION TO REPURCHASE CERTAIN CERTIFICATES FOR BURIAL RIGHTS IN THE STRONGSVILLE MUNICIPAL CEMETERY. [Lehnecker]

Motion by Mr. Short 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 Mr. Short, second by Mr. DeMio.**

**Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Resolution No. 2020-123 ADOPTED.**

**Ordinance No. 2020-124** by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE RATIFYING, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO, THROUGH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND OHIO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY CONCERNING THE TRANSFER AND ACCEPTANCE OF RADIOLOGICAL DETECTION EQUIPMENT AND CALIBRATION, FOR USE BY THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT, 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 Mr. DeMio. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

**Motion to adopt by Mr. Short, second by Mr. DeMio.**

**Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2020-124 ADOPTED.**

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

**Ordinance No. 2020-125** by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PURCHASE PRICE IN SECTION 1 OF ORDINANCE NO. 2020-032 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A STATE OF OHIO ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) NEW SUTPHEN MIDMOUNT AERIAL PLATFORM TRUCK WITH RELATED VEHICLE MODIFICATIONS AND APPURTENANCES, FOR USE BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, IN ORDER TO DELETE, ADD AND/OR OTHERWISE MODIFY CERTAIN EQUIPMENT, 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 Mr. DeMio. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

**Motion to adopt by Mr. Short, second by Mr. DeMio.**

**Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2020-125 ADOPTED.**

**Ordinance No. 2020-126** by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSAL OF CERTAIN ITEMS UTILIZED BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, AND WHICH ARE BEYOND THEIR SERVICE LIFE, OBSOLETE AND/OR DAMAGED AND NO LONGER NEEDED NOR SAFE FOR ANY MUNICIPAL PURPOSE.

Motion by Mr. Short 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 Mr. Short, second by Mr. DeMio.**

**Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2020-126 ADOPTED.**

**Ordinance No. 2020-127** by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE BY INTERNET AUCTION, OF CERTAIN OBSOLETE PROPERTY NO LONGER NEEDED FOR ANY MUNICIPAL PURPOSE BY THE CITY'S FIRE DEPARTMENT, 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 Mr. DeMio. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

**Motion to adopt by Mr. Short, second by Mr. DeMio.**

**Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2020-127 ADOPTED.**

**Ordinance No. 2020-128** by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ADOPTING MID-YEAR REPLACEMENT PAGES TO THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY, REPEALING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT THEREWITH, 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 Mr. DeMio. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

**Motion to adopt by Mr. Short, second by Mr. DeMio.**

**Roll Call: All ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2020-128 ADOPTED.**

**COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS AND CLAIMS:**

(None)

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:**

***Motion by Mr. Short to appoint John Mockler as the Credit Card Compliance Officer for the City of Strongsville, seconded by Mr. DeMio. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.***

***Motion by Mr. Short pursuant to Article IV, Section 5(g) of the Strongsville Charter to extend the time for the Planning Commission to submit its report and recommendation on Ordinance No. 2020-104 until November 17, 2020, seconded by Mr. DeMio. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.***

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mr. Schonhut – Allison, are you thrilled that you stayed through the whole thing?

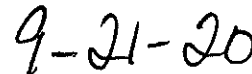
Mr. Short – You are glutton for punishment.

(Laughter)

There being no further business to come before this Council, President Schonhut adjourned the meeting at 9:42 p.m.



Aimee Pientka, MMC  
Clerk of Council



Date