

SUMMARY OF CAUCUS DISCUSSION AND MINUTES OF THE STRONGSVILLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON, TUESDAY, JULY 6, 2021.

The Council of the City of Strongsville met in Council Chambers at the Mike Kalinich Sr. City Council Chamber, 18688 Royalton Road, on **Tuesday, July 6, 2021 at 7:30 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:** Assistant Clerk of Council Tiffany Mekeel. **Administration:** Mayor Thomas P. Perciak and Law Director Neal M. Jamison.

Absent:

Administration: Finance Director Joseph Dubovec, Economic Development Director Brent Painter, Building Commissioner Mike Miller, City Engineer Ken Mikula, Service Director Joe Walker, Human Resource Director Steve Kilo, Fire Chief Jack Draves, Public Safety Director Charles Goss, Police Chief Mark Fender, Communications & Technology Director David E. Sems and Recreation and Senior Services Director Bryan Bogre.

Council President Schonhut called the caucus to order at 7:31 p.m.

Mr. Schonhut noted the necessity for an executive session for the purpose to discuss pending civil matters. It was so moved by Mr. Short and seconded by Mr. DeMio to adjourn from open session into executive session [Article XI, Section 9, City Charter]. All members present voted aye and the motion carried. Council adjourned into executive session at 7:32 p.m. Also present from administration: Law Director Neal Jamison. The executive session concluded at 7:42 p.m. and reconvened into open session.

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

Planning, Zoning & Engineering Committee: Chairman Schonhut advised Ordinance No. 2021-064 is to rezone certain vacant land and real estate located at Royalton Road and Prospect Road from R1-75 (one family 75) classification to LB (local business) classification, part of PPN's 393-15-003 and 393-15-004; and from R1-75 (one family 75) classification to RT-C (townhouse-cluster) classification, part of PPN's 393-15-002; 393-15-003; 393-15-004 and all of 393-15-005; 393-15-006; 393-15-007; 393-15-008; 393-15-009; 393-15-010; 393-15-012; 393-15-013 and 393-15-014. The recommendation is to adopt. Resolution No. 2021-095; a resolution providing for the submission of Ordinance No. 2021-064 to the electors and establishing an election date. The recommendation was to suspend and adopt. Suspension and adoption was also recommended for Ordinance No. 2021-096; approving and authorizing the assignment of a revocable license previously granted to PDS Properties, LTD. dba Centerline Carstar Collision to My Property Holdings, LLC-8000 Pearl Road for use of public property in connection with a parking lot area, fencing, landscaping and appurtenances; authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement in furtherance. Mr. Jamison stated the property is located in the back and years ago, the City entered into a license agreement to allow Centerline Carstar Collision to use the property for parking. Mayor Perciak added since then, the owner of Centerline Carstar Collision has cleaned up the parcel. Mr. Jamison noted the license is non-assignable and is revocable; should the City need to access the treatment plant. Mr. Jamison stated in light of Centerline Carstar Collision selling the business; the new owners would like to have the ability to use the property, similarly. The City; however, still holds the rights to revoke the license for any reason. This ordinance is allowing the Mayor to authorize an assignment over to the new owner. Mr. Carbone noted a variance was granted when Centerline Carstar Collision did renovations. Mayor Perciak confirmed and noted the business has always done right by the City; repairing vehicles at little

to no cost to the City. Mr. Carbone confirmed the owner of Centerline Carstar Collision is a great neighbor and partner with the City and hopes the new owners will follow suit.

Public Safety & Health Committee: Chairman Short advised Resolution No. 2021-097 is a resolution authorizing the Police Department to purchase an evidence tracking and management system through funds available in the Law Enforcement State Contraband Seizure Fund. Mayor Perciak noted this fund has limits on what the City can purchase. Mr. Jamison stated the City used the Seizure Fund to purchase new body cameras. Ms. Kosek asked the amount Council would be authorizing. Mr. Jamison stated around \$40,000.00. The recommendation for this resolution was to suspend and adopt.

Recreation & Community Services Committee: Chairwoman Kosek recommended suspension and adoption for Ordinance No. 2021-098; an ordinance authorizing the Mayor and Director of Recreation and Senior Services to submit a proposal to receive funding from the Cuyahoga County Department of Senior and Adult Services through its Community Social Services Program (CSSP) in connection with various City Senior programs, functions and transportation for 2022; and the total funds are not to exceed \$180,476.00. Mr. Jamison mentioned ordinance is time sensitive with a deadline for submission next week.

Motion made by Ms. Kosek, seconded by Mr. DeMio, to approve the Recreation and Community Services Committee meeting minutes for June 21, 2021. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

Committee of the Whole: Chairman Schonhut advised Ordinance No. 2021-080 is an ordinance enacting a new Chapter 850 entitled "Tenant's Right to Pay to Stay" of Title Two of Part Eight – Business Regulation and Tax Code. Mr. Short requested this be placed on third reading. The Realtors' Association had sent information and time is needed to review it. Mr. Jamison stated the ordinance is modeled off of similar legislation passed in 2020 in Toledo. To date, Toledo's legislation has not been challenged, legally. This legislation establishes an affirmative defense for a tenant to assert over the Berea Municipal Court. The burden falls to the court to decide whether the defense rises or falls; the legislation is neutral. It give both sides, the landlord and tenant, the ability to have their day in court. It establishes, if this fact pattern runs true, this is a defense the tenants would have in certain situations. Mr. Schonhut asked about the reasonable late fees because it states, "...not more than \$25.00; or 5%..." and someone calculating a late fee is worth more than \$25.00. Ms. Kosek noted it was the higher of the two. If 5% is less than \$25.00; the fee would be at least \$25.00. Ms. Roff added the City is not the one processing it, it is offered as a defense. Mr. Schonhut stated the fee of \$25.00 would need to be more, especially, if it's for a late payment. Late payments are typically built into lease agreements and the City does not need to enforce a late fee in the Code. Mr. Kaminski asked if this situation has occurred in the City. Mayor Perciak could not confirm it has. Mr. Kaminski asked why the City was creating legislation. Mayor Perciak advised it is the perception; if people are in need, they have a tool to use. It demonstrates compassion and if the City runs into situations like this, there is at least some initial remediation. Ms. Roff stated most religious based organization have been in favor of this legislation. Ms. Kosek agreed and noted the purpose of the legislation was brought forth by the UCC and the Lutheran church. This is an ordinance a resident asked Council to consider. Mayor Perciak confirmed the church communities collect funds to help families in need. Ms. Kosek stated Council should not wait until this situation arises to be compassionate to the people in the community. Ms. Kosek requested this ordinance be adopted prior to August recess and if any member of Council has questions, to contact her. Ms. Roff asked if the legislation can be amended and the late fees be changed to match the lease agreement. Mr. Jamison advised against this change. What is reasonable to the landlord may not be reasonable to the tenant. This was done in an attempt to resolve any issue when the case went to court. Mr. Schonhut agreed; but feels this is taking some rights away from the landlord. Mr. Jamison stated this situation does not occur often. Most times, the tenant is being evicted because they cannot make their payment. It is rare when tenants have made

all their payments or are offering to make payment. Mr. Kaminski asked if the legislation was enforceable as it is currently written, for the City and State. Mr. Jamison stated at this time, the State has no interest pursuing this. The City will not know if it's enforceable until it enters court. The Magistrate cannot pre-judge laws before they are enacted. Ms. Roff added this might keep these type of cases out of the court system. This will be placed on third reading this evening.

Ordinance No. 2021-099 is an ordinance amending section 266.03(c) of Chapter 266 of Title Six of Part Two – Administration Code. On June 17, 2021, the President of the United States, Joseph Biden, signed a bill into law making June 19th (Juneteenth) Federal holiday. Mr. Schonhut noted section (c) (1) will be amended from twelve days to thirteen days. The recommendation was to suspend and adopt. Resolution No. 2021-100 is a resolution consenting to the proposed plan of reorganization for Purdue Pharma, in regards to bankruptcy proceedings in the United States Bankruptcy Court, in connection with the Opioid Epidemic Litigation. Mr. Jamison advised several years ago, the City joined in the various litigations against pharmaceutical companies around the country. Purdue Pharma is in Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceedings and has proposed a reorganization plan. Mr. Jamison stated about \$6 billion will be made available to public and private creditors; which includes the City. Funds will be distributed to the State and the State will then distribute to the appropriate municipalities. This is the first step in the bankruptcy proceedings and each creditor is asked to vote an approval of this proposed plan. It is the recommendation of the Law Department this resolution be passed this evening. The recommendation was to suspend and adopt.

MINUTES OF THE STRONGSVILLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, JULY 6, 2021 IN THE MIKE KALINICH SR. CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

CALL TO ORDER:

Council President Schonhut called the meeting to order at 8:05 p.m. All joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

CERTIFICATION OF POSTING:

The Assistant 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:** Assistant Clerk of Council Tiffany Mekeel. **Administration:** Mayor Thomas P. Perciak and Law Director Neal M. Jamison.

Absent:

Administration: Finance Director Joseph Dubovec, Economic Development Director Brent Painter, Building Commissioner Mike Miller, City Engineer Ken Mikula, Service Director Joe Walker, Human Resource Director Steve Kilo, Fire Chief Jack Draves, Public Safety Director Charles Goss, Police Chief Mark Fender, Communications & Technology Director David E. Sems and Recreation and Senior Services Director Bryan Bogre.

COMMENTS ON MINUTES:

The Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on June 21, 2021 were approved as submitted.

APPOINTMENTS, CONFIRMATIONS, AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS:

Mayor Perciak – Thank you Mr. President. I would like to re-appoint David J. Houle to a four year term on the City's Board of Zoning Appeals, effective September 18, 2021 and expiring on September 17, 2025.

Motion mad by Mr. Short, second by Mr. DeMio, to confirm David J. Houle to a four (4) year term on the City's Board of Zoning Appeals, effective September 18, 2021 and expiring on September 17, 2025. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

SCHOOL BOARD – Ms. Kosek: Yes, the school board met on June 29th; which was an unusual date for them to meet; but, they had some end of the month things to get in order. So, they met on a Tuesday as opposed to a Thursday. Mrs. Housum is here with us today, as our representative from the school board. They had a few things that came up during the meeting that I wanted to share with everyone. There were some discussion about the tennis court; which we did discuss at the last meeting and everyone...

Mr. Schonhut – He perked up...

Ms. Kosek – I know...

(Multiple conversations)

Mr. Schonhut – You know, Neal just...

Ms. Kosek – Yes, everyone can look forward to a decision, I'm told, on July 12th. If I'm reading the tea leaves, it sounded hopeful; but I won't hold Mrs. Housum to that. They also passed their second resolution to put the renewal of the \$6.0 mil tax on the ballot this November. This is a renewal. It is not new money. It's an operating tax. They will be taking that downtown at the beginning of August to get their issue number. The other good news is that they hired over 40 new staff members; including multiple teachers. It sounds like they are gearing up for a really great next school year with some really fantastic people taking over some positions. A lot of new blood and I think they're going to have a great year. The next meeting will be on July 12th when everyone can hear what's happening with the tennis courts.

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

SOUTHWEST GENERAL HEALTH SYSTEM – Mr. Short: Thank you Mr. Schonhut, we did not have a board meeting since our last meeting; but I do have an update from Bill Young, the President and CEO. He was very pleased to announce that Southwest General was again named in *The Plain Dealer's* Top Workplaces. A list of some of the best places to work in northeast Ohio. Southwest was 13th overall in the large employer category and noted that it is only one of very few employers who have achieved this recognition; 12 consecutive years. Turning to a COVID-19 update; more than 32,600 people have been tested at Southwest; more than 4,050 confirmed, positive patients have been treated and 300 employees have tested positive for COVID. Unfortunately, 144 patient died due to COVID-19 since last March. However, the trend of fewer people being tested continues and the testing positivity rate has remained steady at about 5% at the hospital. Although the number of patients being hospitalized for COVID-19 has remained low, as I mentioned at the last meeting, they did have one day where they had no in-house COVID-19 patients. Currently, in the past few weeks, the in-house incidences of COVID-19 patients has been from about three to five patients a day. Significantly lower than it has been in the past.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

SOUTHWEST GENERAL HEALTH SYSTEM – Mr. Short (cont'd):

Mr. Short (cont'd) – On a couple other notes, in terms of the hospital system itself; they are seeing a pickup in volume in both in-patient and out-patient volumes. With the lifting of most of the restrictions, visitors are allowed; however, masks are still required at the hospital system due to the CDC recommendations for hospitals. The system does have a positive operating margin for the past month and they again, as I mentioned before, have committed to investing more than \$5.2 million of capital improvement into projects this year; including the maternity expansion; the endovascular expansion; replacement of various infrastructures at the hospital system and a new CATH lab, cardiac CATH lab has been completed. Good things continue to happen at Southwest General. The trend is upwards, in terms of patient care and patient volume, although again, not the levels budgeted before COVID; but certainly much better than it has been in the past. So that concludes my report; but, I'll happily take any questions.

Mr. Schonhut – Thank you Mr. Short for the in-depth report, any questions for Mr. Short?

BUILDING AND UTILITIES – Mr. DeMio: There is nothing before this committee today. I reached out to Mike Miller. He was unable to get back to me today. I think he's out, right? So, there was no update from his department, if you will; but again, the one reminder is if there's any homes that need to be on a list, that Mike needs to take a look at, I'll give them to the Mayor and he will forward them, appropriately. So, we can work from there. And, if I may; hey, Matt; I'm going to go right into Finance. Mayor, really, I turn to you on this. Is there any update from Columbus?

Mayor Perciak – No update from Columbus. Exhaustive discussions; but, nothing that has changed the look of our balance sheet at the present time.

Mr. DeMio – Okay, then I look forward to us picking a date, I guess, in a couple weeks or something. Whatever you decide.

Mayor Perciak – Well...

Mr. DeMio – I know...

Mayor Perciak – It's not me...

Mr. DeMio – I know, I know. Our hands are tied. I get it...

Mayor Perciak – Thank you. If it were me, we'd have the money in our account already.

Mr. DeMio – Okay. Fair enough. So, if you'd close both of those committees for me, unless there's questions, I will field them.

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

COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY – Ms. Roff: I don't have anything at this time; but I'll happily take any questions.

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

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Mr. Carbone: Yes, last Monday, here in the Council Chambers we had our Economic Development meeting. Very well attended. We discussed old business; being SouthPark Mall and the downtown center plan. Again, this committee, years ago, made a recommendation to Council to up zone the mall. Giving a lot of opportunities; we have a draft of that legislation; but, we are holding off for the new owners. If you didn't hear, Kize Capital Investment purchased the mall. The Spinoso Group is going to be running the mall. We are just waiting for them. In the next 12 months, to lay out a plan for the mall and just make it vital...like we've been saying, is be open minded. We have great opportunities there. I believe that we can make...we can work them...work alongside with them to make that a great shopping opportunity. A great campus. Also, we discussed the downtown center plan. Going to an outside consultant. Something I want to revisit before the end of the year and really take a through look at our downtown. At our rec center. We know there's challenges there; prior to COVID and now with COVID. We were as high as \$7,500.00 a day when we were turning on the lights there; so, we understand it's a 20 year center plus, things have changed, evolved; so, we've got to really look at that and see what the future would look like for that center. Also, looking at some downtown, family amenities in our downtown area; which this committee, over the last couple years, and countless residents have expressed. We really need some of these amenities and I couldn't agree more with them. Also, Brent Painter, our Economic Development Director was present at the meeting. He discussed the Business Expo we're going to be having in the fall. We also discussed how...now what we're seeing is... we've really mastered this. You guys have done a great job; Mayor, Brent Painter, everybody. There's a lot of hands in this and a lot of minds. It takes a lot of time. But, to be able to spotlight businesses. To be able to help them, it is amazing and it's all they want. Marketing is huge and they've made an investment in our community and to be able to put them in the rec center with 130+ businesses, with 100s of residents and people to spotlight there business. Not a lot of communities do that; but, one thing, Brent and I talked before the meeting was now, all the communities around us starting to do this. So, we were really the catalyst...

Mayor Perciak – They're using ours as a template...

Mr. Carbone – Absolutely...

Mayor Perciak – And you know what's even more amazing about that Jim is so many of the businesses are unaware of what each other do. We have an hour before we open to the public, and they network with each other. The amount of business that is conducted, right there, and the deals that are cut; because the businesses are there; the bankers are there; the brokers are there and...it's amazing. These people just don't know, the other one might be here doing business...

Mr. Carbone – And you know, to have something like that it's great to attract new business; which is always good. What we've seen, is a lot of retail space backfilled with non-retail. Which is really important with the wave and where retail is heading; but also, to retain business. It's very important. Some of it is out of our control; but some of it is and I think we maximize every opportunity we have to retain businesses as well.

Mayor Perciak – And one last thing, Jim; the Union Home Mortgage campus, they were recognized. There was a full two page ad in Sunday's *The Plain Dealer* recognizing Bill Cosgrove and the Union Home Mortgage and what they have done with their company; the number of employees they have, and if you would just ride up and down Sprague Road, you can see how many building they occupy today. They have done a wonderful job there and it really helped our bottom line significantly by the number of employees that they have there currently, plus the number of new employees that are going to be going in to the building there. Just finishing, I think we just gave them a permit to occupy one of the floors in the new building. It's moving along and that in itself is a homerun.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Mr. Carbone (cont'd):

Mr. Carbone – I toured that area, it reminds me of a campus.

Mayor Perciak – Yes.

Mr. Carbone – It really does...

Mayor Perciak – Yes.

Mr. Carbone – It's going to be a great working environment for the employees; which is only going to strengthen us here in Strongsville and again, it goes back, look, location has a lot to do with it. We have a great location. That's why we will, our mall will overcome everything and we're going to make that a vital center...

Mayor Perciak – And you can see with the Union Home Mortgage, Third Federal decided to bring their processing here, to the Strongsville Greens.

Mr. Carbone – Well, we've discussed that in the past too. With bringing...

Mayor Perciak – Yes...

Mr. Carbone – That's 30, 40 jobs into a non-retail center...

Mayor Perciak – So; but, what happens is the job pool is here. They will; however they're going to pull from where and how; but, between 71; 82 and the turnpike, and the access, it's absolutely amazing. These companies are beginning to realize that.

Mr. Carbone – Very good. A lot of good things. We also discussed a lot of businesses coming into town. Backfilling empty businesses. There's a lot of great things going. I think the community should be excited and I think we're all excited. That ends my report.

Ms. Kosek – Jim, do we have a date on when the fall breakfast is going to be? You mentioned networking and I thought that Brent had said that he had plans for a fall breakfast.

Mr. Carbone – I don't...was anything confirmed?

Mayor Perciak – No, but Westfield Bank is sponsoring it. That I know.

Ms. Kosek – That's what I remember; but I couldn't remember what day it was. I just knew it was in the fall and I thought people might want to get it on the calendar because you mentioned the networking and I know that is a great opportunity we've missed out while COVID has been in control.

Mayor Perciak – I don't remember, I'm sorry.

Ms. Kosek – No need to apologize...

Mr. Carbone – We'll have that for the next meeting.

Ms. Kosek – Absolutely...

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Mr. Carbone (cont'd):

Mr. Carbone – Brent did bring it up; but I don't know if it was confirmed or not.

Ms. Kosek – I thought he said October; but I didn't think he gave us a specific date so that's why I thought it worth asking...

Mr. Kaminski – He did not have a specific date yet. He said he was going to set that this week, I believe.

Ms. Kosek – Okay.

Mr. Carbone – We will definitely have that for the next meeting. And that ends my report.

Mr. Schonhut – Thank you Mr. Carbone...

Mr. Carbone – Anybody have any questions, I could talk...

Mr. Schonhut – We know. We know. Any questions for Mr. Carbone?

FINANCE – Mr. DeMio:

See "Building and Utilities" committee report.

PLANNING, ZONING AND ENGINEERING – Mr. Schonhut: Ordinance No. 2021-064; this is a rezoning at the corner of 82 and Prospect. We had a public hearing for that at the last meeting. I know there are a couple people here this evening representing them. The recommendation on that is going to be adopt. Resolution No. 2021-095 is putting Ordinance No. 2021-064 on the ballot. The recommendation on that will be suspend and adopt. Ordinance No. 2021-096; Carstar and the north end of town is changing hands; so this is just transferring an easement that they have with the City up there to use some land over to the new entity. The recommendation on that is to suspend and adopt. Any questions on any of those?

PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEALTH – Mr. Short: Thank you Mr. Schonhut, one resolution tonight. Resolution No. 2021-097; this is to authorize the Police Department to purchase a new evidence tracking and management system through the funds that are available in our State Contraband Seizure Fund. This is needed to replace the current evidence tracking and management system; which has become obsolete. So my recommendation there is to suspend and adopt. I also just want to say; give a shout out to our Safety Forces; both the Police and Fire for a great fireworks show and the work they put in there to make sure that went off safely and without a hitch. And also, to all our sponsors of that as well. I think that it was a very nice display on Sunday evening. So that concludes my report, but I'll happily take any questions.

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

PUBLIC SERVICE AND CONSERVATION – Mr. Kaminski: Yes, Public Service and Conversation has no ordinances or resolutions this evening; however, I do want to let everyone know they continue to make great progress on the road reconstruction program. I have received numerous calls from residents and compliments about the efficiency and the work from the contractors; so that's been great to hear. They started repaving of Whitney Road this week. Be careful around Pearl and Whitney intersection.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

PUBLIC SERVICE AND CONSERVATION – Mr. Kaminski (cont'd):

Mr. Kaminski – There's a lot going on with the construction of Arby's; we have the Discount Drugmart over there and now the repaving and possibly even the bridge will get started here shortly. There's a lot going on; so we just have to be careful throughout the next four to five weeks in that area. Also, I just want to second the thanks to the Police Officers that helped at the fireworks. It was an awesome display and to all the sponsors as well. What a great night. And that concludes my report.

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

RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES – Ms. Kosek: I thought fireworks would fall under the Recreation; both you gentlemen have thanked everyone. I'll add my thanks, it was very well appreciated from two little boys who had missed out on fireworks last year. So, thank you to everyone who contributed and also, of course, to our Safety Forces to make sure it went off without any harm to anyone. I have a couple things I want to talk about; but let's go first with the ordinance. Ordinance No. 2021-098 which is authorizing the Recreation, Senior Center to go out for a grant request to the county. They are seeking an \$180,000.00 and some change related to services that are being offered for the seniors. As Neal mentioned, it is, we need to make some timely movement on it; because it is coming up due. The county did not give us a ton of lead time on that. This would be an increased grant amount if we get the whole amount. So, I would ask everyone to suspend and adopt on that. I also wanted to give an update on the Strongsville Movie Night. We have locked in August 7th at the football fields across from Volunteer Park. I spoke with Bryan this afternoon and asked him to get it up on Facebook sometime this week. Choosing between Zootopia, Abominable and Raya and the Last Dragon is the three potential movies that everybody can vote on. We did it last time and we had a lot of input and I think people like being able to choose what movie they want to see. In addition to the movie, we are working on food trucks and Bryan was able to get some bounce houses at a price that was pretty reasonable; so we're going to go ahead and have those as well. One of the concerns that we had from last time was making sure we had enough volunteers to help with the bounce houses so that the kids didn't get a little bit too rambunctious and actually took turns. Bryan has reached out to the Kiwanis and Rotary to see if they'll be able to help us with that and have Women's League next in line if we still need some more folks to help. I'm also hoping that we will have an update on Silver Sneakers at the next meeting. Bryan and I did not get a chance to follow-up about that; but I know that he is working on it. And Jim wanted to talk about Chick-fil-A.

Mr. Carbone – Yes, I talked with Brian, the Operator of Chick-fil-A on another topic; but we brought up the rec center and trying to get seniors back into the rec center and everybody loves their Chick-fil-A. We started talking about, maybe, having an incentive for seniors that go into the rec center. Maybe offering a free sandwich at some point. A raffle for a sandwich a week for a year. A whole bunch of things came up and they're just wonder people. Again, a wonderful business and I think that would be a great partnership. I think the seniors would go for it and hopefully it would be enough incentive for them to come back and visit some old friends at the rec center. We'll continue talks on that. We'll put our heads together with what would be the best possible solution there for that and we'll go from there.

Ms. Kosek – Great. I love the creativity to get people back into the rec center; so thanks Jim. With that I'll end the committee unless somebody has questions.

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

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – Mr. Schonhut: We Ordinance No. 2021-080, “Tenant’s Right to Pay to Stay” that will be placed on third reading tonight and will be on our next agenda. We have Ordinance No. 2021-099; this is adding Juneteenth to our holidays via order of the President of the United States. We will have to amend that this evening to change one word from “twelve” to “thirteen” and we will handle that when we reach calling roll around. Lastly, Resolution No. 2021-100 this is a resolution consenting to the proposed plan of reorganization of Purdue Pharma and hopefully, at the beginning of the end of that lawsuit concerning the opioid and then some settlement coming our way. I’m sure very far away still, but coming our way at some point. The recommendation on that is to suspend and adopt. Any questions on any of those this evening?

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

MAYOR PERCIAK: Thank you Mr. President, just a few, quick announcements. July 14th we kick-off our Homecoming on the Commons. So, July 14, 15, 16 and we’re going to wrap it up at 10 o’clock on the 17th with fireworks. I want to thank all fireworks sponsors. I know everybody there did, but I want to thank them about 45,000 times; because that was the amount of money that we were able to receive from our businessmen and some of our residents in town to support the fireworks for both events. Needless to say our Safety Forces, our Service Department, made us proud yesterday and I’m certain will provide for us a very safe Homecoming. In addition to the fireworks and the Homecoming; on Saturday, July 17th, we will be observing our 50th Anniversary of a full-time Fire Department. At our main Fire Station in Ward 4 on Prospect Road, we’re having a pancake breakfast there, from 8:30 to 11:30. If you get chance, stop in.

Mr. Schonhut – What’s the date on that again?

Mayor Perciak – That is the 17th of July. So, if you get a chance, stop in. Congratulate the guys and we wish them well. 50 years of a full-time Fire Department here in the City of Strongsville and they have all kinds of history and pictures and everything else. It should be, if you’re interested in Strongsville history, we have it right there. That ends my report, Mr. President.

Mr. Schonhut – Thank you very much Mayor.

Ms. Roff – (mic off asking a question to Mr. Schonhut)

Mr. Schonhut – Ms. Roff would like to know how much money to bring for the pancakes. Any cost of admission for the pancakes Mr. Mayor?

Mayor Perciak – To the best of my knowledge, no.

Mr. Schonhut – Okay. Thank you very much.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT – Mr. Dubovec:

Mr. Jamison – Thanks Mr. Chairman, “Based upon careful review of the July 6, 2021 Council meeting agenda, I hereby certify that funds will be made available for all ordinances and resolutions on such agenda requiring certification of funding.” So signed by Mr. Dubovec.

A copy of that memo is attached to the back of these minutes.

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

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

Mr. Schonhut – Thank you very much.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Mr. Schonhut – Brings us to the portion of our meeting for audience participation, is there anybody that wishes to address Council this evening? If you would, please state your name and address, spell it for the record...nope, come up to the mic please. If you'd please state your name and address, spell your name for the records and take it from there. Kindly try to keep your comments to within five minutes.

Michelle Hill, 20691 Forestwood Drive, Strongsville, OH: Hi, my name is Michelle Hill; Ward 4, 20691 Forestwood Drive and I just wanted to talk a little bit about the Strongsville Early Childhood PTA. If you're not familiar, we service to birth to kindergarten and we have some really great activities going on this coming year and we even did a lot of great things this past year with COVID. We had some great activity chair people that did in-home and then we also service the community with different events with the Food Bank and Adopt-A-Family and also with the Altenheim Senior Center; we did adopt-a-grandparent. So, just wanted to take a few minutes to let the community know about some of the great things we're going to be doing this coming year. On August 2nd, we have an ice cream social and a membership drive and that is at the Strongsville Dairy Queen. They're helping sponsor that event, so we thank them. That is from 5:30 to 7:30 and on September 21st, from 6:30 to 9:30, we'll have our new member social. On October 19th from 7:00 to 9:00 we'll have a general meeting with a special guest, Dr. Ryba is going to come talk to our organization about the things that are going on with the school system. We're very active in the community. We are going to be working with Home Days that we talked about early. I'm excited to be helping with the PTA Council tent and on September 15th from 12:00 to 5:00 we'll be participating at Day at the Chalet Art Festival and that's a great even for our children in our community. And then in early November, we're going to be hosting a preschool open house and that's for all the different preschools in the area that will be able to participate and let folks know about their different curriculum opportunities here. And then in March, we are hoping to bring back our Preschool Prom, which is a great fundraiser for our organization so we're able to do all these other community outreach items. So, just wanted to thank you guys today for letting me speak about the PTA. We're really excited about all the activities we have for our kids this coming year. Thank you.

Mr. Schonhut – Thank you very much and thank you for the all events that you guys put together and it all makes our community a great place to live and go to school; so we appreciate everything that you guys do. Is there anybody else that wishes to address Council this evening?

(No comment)

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

Ordinance No. 2021-064 by Mayor Perciak and All members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE ADOPTED BY SECTION 1250.03 OF TITLE SIX, PART TWELVE OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF STRONGSVILLE TO CHANGE THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF CERTAIN VACANT LAND AND REAL ESTATE LOCATED AT ROYALTON ROAD AND PROSPECT ROAD IN THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE FROM R1-75 (ONE FAMILY 75) CLASSIFICATION TO LB (LOCAL BUSINESS) CLASSIFICATION (PART OF PPN'S 393-15-003 AND 393-15-004), AND FROM R1-75 (ONE FAMILY 75) CLASSIFICATION TO RT-C (TOWNHOUSE-CLUSTER) CLASSIFICATION (PART OF PPN'S 393-15-002; 393-15-003; 393-15-004 AND ALL OF 393-15-005; 393-15-006; 393-15-007; 393-15-008; 393-15-009; 393-15-010; 393-15-012; 393-15-013 AND 393-15-014), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. *First reading and referred to Planning Commission 05/03/21. Favorable recommendation by the Planning Commission 05/13/21. Second reading 05/17/21. Public hearing set for 06/21/21.*

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

Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2021-064 ADOPTED.

Ordinance No. 2021-080 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE ENACTING A NEW CHAPTER 850 ENTITLED "TENANT'S RIGHT TO PAY TO STAY" OF TITLE TWO OF PART EIGHT-BUSINESS REGULATION AND TAX CODE, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. *First reading 05/17/21.*

Placed on third reading and referred back to the committee.

Resolution No. 2021-095 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION OF ORDINANCE NO. 2021-064 TO THE ELECTORS, ESTABLISHING AN ELECTION DATE THEREFOR, 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. 2021-095 ADOPTED.

Ordinance No. 2021-096 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE ASSIGNMENT OF A REVOCABLE LICENSE PREVIOUSLY GRANTED TO PDS PROPERTIES, LTD. DBA CENTERLINE CARSTAR COLLISION TO MY PROPERTY HOLDINGS, LLC-8000 PEARL ROAD FOR USE OF PUBLIC PROPERTY IN CONNECTION WITH A PARKING LOT AREA, FENCING, LANDSCAPING AND APPURTENANCES; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT IN FURTHERANCE THEREOF; 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. 2021-096 ADOPTED.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):

Resolution No. 2021-097 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO PURCHASE AN EVIDENCE TRACKING AND MANAGEMENT SYSTEM THROUGH FUNDS AVAILABLE IN THE LAW ENFORCEMENT STATE CONTRABAND SEIZURE FUND, 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. 2021-097 ADOPTED.

Ordinance No. 2021-098 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND DIRECTOR OF RECREATION & SENIOR SERVICES TO SUBMIT A PROPOSAL TO RECEIVE FUNDING FROM THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SENIOR & ADULT SERVICES THROUGH ITS COMMUNITY SOCIAL SERVICES PROGRAM (CSSP), IN CONNECTION WITH VARIOUS CITY SENIOR PROGRAMS, FUNCTIONS, AND TRANSPORTATION FOR 2022; AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF ANY REQUIRED AGREEMENT AND DOCUMENTS RELATED THERETO; 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. 2021-098 ADOPTED.

Ordinance No. 2021-099 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 266.03(c) OF CHAPTER 266 OF TITLE SIX OF PART TWO-ADMINISTRATION CODE OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE CONCERNING HOLIDAYS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion to amend Section 266.03 (c) (1); instead of saying "...shall be entitled to following twelve days off with pay..." it should be "...shall be entitled to the following thirteen days off with pay..." by Mr. Schonhut, seconded by Mr. DeMio.

Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carries.

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 as amended by Mr. Short, second by Mr. DeMio.

Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2021-099 ADOPTED AS AMENDED.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):

Resolution No. 2021-100 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. A RESOLUTION CONSENTING TO THE PROPOSED PLAN OF REORGANIZATION FOR PURDUE PHARMA, IN REGARDS TO BANKRUPTCY PROCEEDINGS IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT, IN CONNECTION WITH THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC LITIGATION, 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. 2021-100 ADOPTED.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS AND CLAIMS:

(None)

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

(None)

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before this Council, President Schonhut adjourned the meeting at 8:42 p.m.

Tiffany Mekeel, MMC
Assistant Clerk of Council

Date