

SUMMARY OF CAUCUS DISCUSSION AND MINUTES OF THE STRONGSVILLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON, MONDAY, JULY 19, 2021.

The Council of the City of Strongsville met in Council Chambers at the Mike Kalinich Sr. City Council Chamber, 18688 Royalton Road, on **Monday, July 19, 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: Clerk of Council Aimee Pientka. **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 7:35 p.m.

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

Planning, Zoning & Engineering Committee: Chairman Schonhut advised Ordinance No. 2021-069 is to rezone property located on Royalton Road, all of PPNs 393-18-003, 393-18-004 and 393-18-005 from R1-75 (One Family 75) classification to PF (Public Facilities) classification. Planning Commission gave this a favorable recommendation at its 5/27/21 meeting. There will be a public hearing tonight for this rezoning. Mr. Jamison advised there have been questions in regards to this rezoning. This is the start of a process for the city and The Chamber of Commerce to exchange land. The city owns the building where The Chamber currently sits on. They have expressed a desire to own this land. In exchange, they will give us the property that is subject to this rezoning. This is beneficial to the city to determine if it can be used as a public facility before the exchange agreement; because if it stays residential per the voters in November, it holds no value to the city. The rezoning is important because it gives the city the flexibility to have a footprint in the downtown central area of the city. There are restrictions on the site the city currently owns in terms of size and expansion capability. This property for the rezoning will enhance the other property. Any proposed use of development for the land might not happen in the next year, five years, ten, etc.; but it is good now to have it rezoned for any type of future proposed development. An example of future development could be for safety services such as the expansion of the regional dispatch center. Other examples are recreational uses, community activities or overflow parking to provide walkability in the downtown area. Mayor Perciak added that the Old Town Hall is a declared historical site which cannot be removed. That building will be painted along with some other exterior work in September. Ms. Kosek wanted it to be made clear by the administration that there are no immediate plans for development of this property and that The Chamber is in agreement with the rezoning. Mr. Jamison advised that is correct. Resolution No. 2021-106 is to submit this ordinance to the November ballot. The recommendation for this resolution will be to suspend and adopt after the adoption of Ordinance No. 2021-069. Suspension and adoption was also recommended for Ordinance No. 2021-101; an ordinance to issue and approve a change order with Fabrizi Trucking & Paving Company in connection with the Royalton Road culvert project near The Greens of Strongsville. The change order is an increase in the amount of \$113,127.02; thereby increasing the total contract price to \$2,361,612.42. Mr. Short asked if Fabrizi is completed with the project. Mr. Jamison advised they are at the end of the project; just doing some cosmetic things to finish up. Mr. DeMio inquired about the pole in that area that needed work and if the work was done. Mayor Perciak advised he would have to look into that. Ms. Kosek advised she will be abstaining from voting on this legislation because her firm represents Fabrizi Trucking.

Finance Committee: Chairman DeMio recommended suspension and adoption for Ordinance No. 2021-102; an appropriations ordinance.

Public Service and Conservation Committee: Chairman Kaminski advised Ordinance No. 2021-103 is to amend Section 618.01 of the Codified Ordinances concerning dogs and other animals running at large. Mr. Jamison advised he collaborated with the animal warden on these amendments. The current language is outdated and the city would like to make it consistent with how the animal warden feels is appropriate to address these types of issues. Mr. Carbone asked if that can be placed on first reading due to some calls he has received regarding this legislation and he would like to give Council an opportunity to look it over. Ms. Kosek expressed concern of not passing the legislation this evening because the current language does not provide any leash enforcement which could be a safety issue. She advised Council could pass the legislation tonight and look at it later to do additional amendments if necessary. It was determined to vote to suspend and adopt this legislation this evening. Ordinance No. 2021-104 is to enter into a contract with Murphy Tractor & Equipment Co., Inc. for the purchase of a John Deere excavator for use by the service department. The contract is in the amount of \$111,327.55. The recommendation was to suspend and adopt this legislation. Suspension and adoption was also recommended for Ordinance No. 2021-105; an ordinance for the purchase of three 2022 Ford trucks for use by the service department. The contract is with Valley Ford Truck, Inc. in a total amount of \$188,989.00. Ms. Roff asked if these are replacement vehicles or additional vehicles to add to the fleet. Mayor Perciak advised these are replacement vehicles.

Committee of the Whole: Chairman Schonhut advised Resolution No. is to declare August, 2021 as Council recess month. Suspension and adoption was recommended for this resolution. 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. There will be two amendments to this resolution. Under Section 850.04, there will be additional language to include, "...through an electronic commerce company (i.e. PayPal, Venmo) or..."; and in Section 850.06 the late payment fee will be amended to Fifty Dollars(\$50.00) instead of Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00). The recommendation will be to amend then adopt as amended. There will also be a conditional object to the OM JK LLC liquor permit.

Ms. Kosek asked if there has been any progress to the Silver Sneakers program. Mr. Jamison advised he would follow up with Mr. Bogre.

MINUTES OF THE STRONGSVILLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, JULY 19, 2021 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 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 July 6, 2021 were approved as submitted.

MOTION TO AMEND THE AGENDA:

Motion made by Mr. Short, second by Mr. DeMio, to amend the agenda to add under "Ordinances and Resolutions," Ordinance No. 2021-069 and Resolution Nos. 2021-107 and 2021-107. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS, CONFIRMATIONS, AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS:

(None)

PUBLIC HEARING:

Ordinance No. 2021-069 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 PROPERTIES LOCATED IN THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, ON ROYALTON ROAD, BEING ALL OF PPNS 393-18-003, 393-18-004 AND 393-18-005, FROM R1-75 (ONE FAMILY 75) CLASSIFICATION TO PF (PUBLIC FACILITIES) CLASSIFICATION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. *First reading and referred to Planning Commission 05/17/21. Favorable recommendation by the Planning Commission 05/27/21. Second reading 06/07/21. Public hearing set for 07/19/21.*

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

(No comments)

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

(No comments)

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

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

SCHOOL BOARD – Ms. Kosek: Yes, the school board met on July 12th and it was a short meeting but it was momentous, Mr. Jamison. The tennis courts are now open to the public. They will be opened to the public beginning every year when spring tennis starts; and they will remain open until the end of the fall tennis season. That is good news I think. That was really the most important thing that happened at the meeting. With that, I'll just close the committee.

Mr. Schonhut – I've never seen him smile so much.

Ms. Kosek – Did I make you happy?

Mr. Schonhut – There you go. Well, thank you Ms. Kosek and thank you to the school board for being great partners with our community and opening that up for everybody to be able to enjoy.

SOUTHWEST GENERAL HEALTH SYSTEM – Mr. Short: Thank you Mr. Schonhut, we did not have a board meeting and I do not have an update from the hospital system for this meeting, so I will close my report but happily take any questions.

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

(No comments)

BUILDING AND UTILITIES – Mr. DeMio: Nothing at this time.

Mr. Schonhut – Thank you 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?

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Mr. Carbone: Yes, our next Economic Development meeting will be right here in the council chambers on Monday, August 23rd at 7:00 p.m. We will be discussing again the upzoning of the mall, our downtown center plan; and then also we will be discussing our business breakfast networking. We do have a date which will be Thursday, October 14th. We are currently working on the invites and the agenda. We also have Westfield Bank as our sponsor. We're excited to get back to that and continue moving our businesses forward and spotlighting them. That ends my report.

FINANCE – Mr. DeMio: Yes, we have Ordinance No. 2021-102. We have a net increase of \$387,000.00 on this piece of legislation and we talked about it in caucus; so hopefully, we will suspend and adopt and we'll work from there. To follow up with what the Mayor said, our finance meeting is still on hold until we get the accurate numbers from the State of Ohio for the funds that are owed us. We'll leave it at that. Neal, do you need to add anything to that?

Mr. Jamison – No, that is a fair statement.

Mr. DeMio – That's it.

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

(No comments)

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

PLANNING, ZONING AND ENGINEERING – Mr. Schonhut: We have Ordinance No. 2021-069 which is the ordinance we just had the public hearing for this evening. We ask that you please adopt that tonight. The sister resolution of that is Resolution No. 2021-106 which is submitting that to the Board of Elections to put that on the ballot for this November. Finally, we have a change order under Ordinance No. 2021-101. This is with Fabrizi Trucking & Paving for just north of \$113,000.00. This is for the Royalton Road culvert project. There were a bunch of subtractions and additions on that. That was a very difficult and in depth project. That brings the total for that contract to \$2.36 million dollars. The recommendation on that is to please suspend and adopt this evening as that project is wrapping up here and was very critical to keep about a quarter of our city from flooding and was needing emergency repairs there. Again, please suspend and adopt that this evening. Is there any questions for me for any of that?

(No comments)

PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEALTH – Mr. Short: Thank you Mr. Schonhut, we have no ordinances or resolutions on tonight's agenda but I'll happily take any questions. If not, I will close my committee.

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

(No comments)

PUBLIC SERVICE AND CONSERVATION – Mr. Kaminski: Yes, we have three ordinances this evening. Ordinance No. 2021-103 which is amending Section 618 of our Codified Ordinances concerning the leash laws. The recommendation is suspension and adoption this evening. Ordinance No. 2021-104 is for the purchase of a John Deere excavator for the use of the public sanitary and sewer department. Ordinance No. 2021-105 is for the purchase of three Ford utility trucks which are replacements. The recommendation there is suspension and adoption.

Mr. Schonhut – Thank you Mr. Kaminski, does anybody have any questions?

(No comments)

RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES – Ms. Kosek: Yes, I just wanted to remind everyone that on August 7th we are having the Strongsville outdoor movie night. There was a vote online on Facebook last week between Zootopia and Abominable. Zootopia won on a landslide so they will be showing Utopia. It was 65%; a lot of people wanted to see Zootopia. The movie will start approximately at dusk. There will be some fun activities for kids. There will be some food trucks. The only one that I can certainly say will be there is the Cleveland Camel Corn Company. Joe was the popcorn vendor the last time we had movie night. I look forward to seeing many people at the movie on August 7th. That's really all that I have tonight. With that, I can close the committee.

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

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – Mr. Schonhut: We have two things on the agenda this evening. One is Ordinance No. 2021-080. This is the tenant's right pay to stay. We discussed this over the last four or five meeting that we've had...the meeting at length. I know we worked out a bunch of kinks in that to make it more appropriate and palatable for everybody here and make sure that hopefully we're going to be able to get that taken care of here this evening; so the recommendation on that will be to adopt. Lastly, Resolution No. 2021-107 is declaring the month of August as council recess month, as it is every year, to allow all of us to potentially take a vacation with our families and to get away from some of our regular meetings; although we are all still ready and available to help all of you. The recommendation on that will be to suspend and adopt. Any questions there?

(No comments)

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

MAYOR PERCIAK: Thank you Mr. President, good evening everyone, just several thank yous this evening. As most of you know, we completed a successful Homecoming. I have to tell you, The Commons on Wednesday and Thursday were crowded. Friday night, we had to go home at 8:30 p.m. or so. On Saturday, I never saw so many people waiting in lines for funnel cakes and for rides as we had that evening. Then at the end of the evening, we had a phenomenal conclusion to the night. The band was playing at 9:58 p.m. the National Anthem and singing it; then our fireworks went off. Then the Neal Diamond Band kicked in Coming to America and the crowd was just clapping and the fireworks were going off. It was a great way to end 4 days. To everybody, to our police, to our fire, to our service workers, to all the volunteers, to Amy Feree, to Tom Burchin...everybody who helped make this possible and everybody who worked at the Homecoming, thank you so much for making our community what it is today. Without all your efforts, that event would have never have happened. I can tell you, we had some difficult days with all the rain; yet we had sell-out crowds; thank you to everyone. I want to also thank the sponsors again who helped pay for all the fireworks. That was all again donated dollars. Secondly, on Saturday morning, we had a celebration for our fire department and for our paramedics for fifty years as a full-time fire department. Several of our Council people were there with me and we cooked, we served, we did whatever we had to do. We had an excellent turnout. We had hundreds and hundreds of people coming eating pancakes and sausage and eggs and the little children loved all the fancy donuts and the kids were in the trucks even with all the rain. Congratulations to our fire service and our fire department for 50 years of full-time service in our town. Thank you to all our residents and everybody who helped support them on Saturday morning. We started at 7:30a.m. and by 11:30a.m. we were pretty much wrapped up so that the rest of you could get here at 2:30p.m. to open up your booths to start selling ice cream and Italian sausage and everything else and lemonade. It was really quite a busy weekend but a great weekend here in the City of Strongsville. That ends my report.

Mr. Schonhut – Thank you Mr. Mayor, and I'm sure all of us echo everybody efforts to make...to be thankful for everybody's efforts of making the weekend what it was here in town, so thank you again everybody that helped out or donated to all of those events.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT – Mr. Dubovec:

Mr. Jamison – Thanks Mr. Chairman, "Based upon careful review of the July 19, 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: Thanks Mr. Chairman, I know we have some folks here tonight who potentially will get up in audience participation. I think I do this at least once or twice a year. Just to remind everybody that the purpose of audience participation is to come up and express your opinion, observation, comments, etc. It's not the opportunity to have a dialect or interaction with the Council or the administration. It's really your opportunity to express your opinion and your viewpoint as we go forward. Sometimes I know people get frustrated that there's not really a give and take; but that is not how it is spelled out in our ordinances and is the common practice we have had for a number of years. All ordinances and resolutions are in proper legal form, thank you.

Mr. Schonhut – Thank you Mr. Jamison.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Mr. Schonhut – This brings us to the portion of our meeting for audience participation. We do ask that if you wish to address Council this evening, you please state and spell your name and provide your address for the record. Know that everything that you do say to us is on public record. We kindly ask that you keep your comments to 5 minutes or under. So we welcome...we do not have anybody signed in this evening; however, we welcome anybody that wishes to address Council.

Cindy Zanzano, 19256 Royalton Road, Strongsville, OH: I'd like to address you about the new fire house you'd like to build on Royalton Road.

Mr. Schonhut – We need your name and address for the record if you please.

Ms. Zanzano – I'm sorry, Cindy Zanzano, 19256 Royalton Road. We've heard that you're trying to put another fire house on Royalton Road; Royalton Road and Pearl Road, that's where we live. First and foremost, you had a fire house in downtown Strongsville. You moved it out to Prospect Road. You have four fire houses and now you want to put one on Royalton Road and Pearl Road. First of all, you can't get out of your driveway as it is because of the traffic. I'd like to know how you think you're going to get fire trucks in and out of there? They are supposed to be helping save people's lives. You can't get in and out of there. There's other places to put it. I don't think we need a fifth fire house in Strongsville.

Mr. Schonhut – So, we had a public hearing on that earlier this evening. What is happening right now, and Neal I know we addressed this at length during caucus earlier, but if you could just repeat what you said earlier this evening in regards to that particular property and that its intended use is not necessarily for a fire station.

Mr. Jamison – Sure, so as I related earlier and I think a lot of you weren't here, so no problem. That's fine. So, really what this is, is a process that we're going through with The Chamber. Currently, where they have their current building the city owns that, okay; and then The Chamber then owns land west of Pearl Road on Royalton Road. The proposal is to exchange properties. This is the start of that process because clearly the city doesn't want to receive that property if they can't use it for a public facility; so that's the first step. That is what is going to be proposed for the voters to vote on this November. The second part is what you are addressing...what is it going to be used for? Right now, we don't know. The fire station is not something that is on the drawing plans or is going to be done right now. It could be for safety. It could be us expanding our regional dispatch center. We're currently in the old library, up there on Pearl Road, and we keep adding communities which is a good thing because that enhances our ability to provide quality service, not only to us here in Strongsville, but to the entire region.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):

Mr. Jamison (cont'd) - It also helps us with the ability to get regional and state monies to enhance that facility. It could be used for potential recreational purposes, whatever that might be. It could be for potential community activities. There was a presentation here years ago where a group wanted to have a better house for the community theater. That's another potential use. The bottom line is that in looking forward, 5, 10, 20 years down the road, the ability to for the city to acquire this property, for the purpose we could use it for, is far more to our benefit than it is with the land we currently have. It gives us a footprint in an important part of town as we go forward trying to examine what we're going to do; and it also helps us control in what's going to go down there because we now own that. It's not going to be privately held. So, you know, it's important for us to think to the future and it might not be anything for a long time. It might stay the way it is. I know that when I mentioned earlier, it could be potential overflow parking for the Homedays or other activities we do on the square. It's really just giving us that potential as that area evolves. Maybe it doesn't evolve; but it at least gives us the ability to control our own destiny there and that's something that in the past we sometimes were lacking in terms of having that vision to say, "You know what? This might not be something we need now but maybe in 10 or 20 years it might have value for what the purpose might be at that time." This is really just the start of that process for us to have an important say in what goes on in that area.

Ms. Zanzano – (unintelligible)

Mr. Jamison – That's another potential purpose. You could develop a green space out of it.

Ms. Zanzano – (unintelligible)

Mayor Perciak – And we're trying to...

Mr. Jamison – And we're cognizant of that and we're trying to be compassionate towards that gentleman and recognize that he is very safe and secure in there. We understand that.

Ms. Zanzano – And it is a beautiful property.

Mr. Jamison – It is, and so green space is another one. I know that for Mr. Carbone is near and dear to his heart; and Mr. Schonhut as well as others on Council. It just gives us that flexibility and options; because for us, it has a lot bigger purpose than what we currently have.

Ms. Zanzano – (unintelligible)

Mayor Perciak – It is not a done deal.

Ms. Zanzano – (unintelligible)

Mr. Jamison – And I know we're disobeying what I just said earlier.

(Laughter)

Mr. Schonhut – Well, I understand that with...

Mr. Jamison – I'll blame Mr. Schonhut for that one.

Mr. Schonhut – With having the public hearing, I understand sometimes it can be confusing and we don't know so I'm trying to be accommodating.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):

Mr. Jamison – You're welcome, thanks, thank you Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Schonhut – Thank you very much, is there anybody else that wishes to address Council this evening? And again please, name and address for the record.

Russ Smith, 9898 Lakeview Circle, Strongsville, OH: Hi, my name is Russ Smith. I live at 9898 Lakeview Circle here in Strongsville. I'm here representing the group Indivisible Strongsville. Hopefully, you all got a letter. We tried to pass them out I believe. I just want to read to you that letter. I preface that by saying the last couple of years, the Strongsville Police Department has taken a certification program through the Ohio Collaborate, this community police advisory board. It's a good program and the police department has improved itself I'm sure just by going through a certification program. Part of this program required the police to collect their traffic citation data by race, okay. That is what our letter pertains to. If I could just read this, it's dated this evening.

At this time, Mr. Smith read the letter, a copy of which is attached to the back of these minutes.

Mr. Smith – Well, thank you for your time tonight; and after hearing you go through all the ordinances and resolutions, I appreciate the work you do.

Mr. Schonhut – Thank you very much, is there anybody else that wishes to address Council this evening?

Anthony Vinci, 23615 South Greystone Drive, Strongsville, OH: Hi, my name is Tony Vinci. I live at 23615 South Greystone Drive here in Strongsville, near the Brunswick border. The facts that he was giving, I don't know anything about. We're any of those drivers...do we know if all of those drivers were Strongsville residents for the percentages? Listen, I like my safe community, I like the police. I don't want to take away police. I don't want to be afraid to leave my house and walk my daughter down the street. I don't want any of that. I think this is completely ridiculous in my opinion. My house is worth a decent amount of money because of the safe neighborhood we live in. The schools are fantastic. We are going to Strongsville public schools because of the safe neighborhood we live in. Once you start messing with the police and defunding them and doing other crazy things like that, they'll turn into East Cleveland. The property values will drop. The schools will drop. The city will go into...the city will crash. I'm against this. I just wanted to voice my opinion on that.

Mr. Schonhut – Thank you, and I will just kindly ask everybody in the audience that if you wish to address us, again, please come to the microphone. There will be no shouting back and forth at each other from the audience. Name and address for the record please.

Shannon Burns, 18079 Brick Mill Run, Strongsville, OH: Shannon Burns, 18079 Brick Mill Run, and that's Strongsville. Mr. President, thank you for the time and the attention to this matter tonight. I do stand in objection to the misleading facts that this organization has provided to this Council tonight. First, I stand before you as a longtime resident of the city, recognizing many interactions, very positive interactions, with our police department; knowing personally many of the members of our department. Quite frankly, I see no place in the City of Strongsville for these leftist's policies to be integrating into our city. This type of hateful and leftist, communist actions that we're seeing happening throughout the nation has no place in this city. In this city, we stand in support of our police because they do a phenomenal job for us. There has never been a time in my interactions with our police that we haven't had an amazing interaction with them; and have had amazing experience with them. Our police are top-notch. All communities around us should be aspiring to have the great communication team, dispatch team and police and SWAT teams we have here in this city; and we need to stand and support them.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):

Mr. Burns (cont'd) - Making baseless claims; insinuating that we have racist police officers is beneath the City of Strongsville. There is no need for that. We do not need that. There was a comment made by a person earlier that was making comments here; recognizing an organization that has nothing to do with a Thin Blue Line Flag that I support, I have on my truck, because I support our police. That flag has represented our police for years and years and years before the communist/Marxist Black Lives Matter group started overtaking our culture. That group has no place in Strongsville. Those communist beliefs have no place in Strongsville. I hope that Council will consider that and consider that when you are looking for your votes in the next election; that those types of beliefs have no place in Strongsville. Leftist/Communist beliefs do not have a place here, thank you.

(Applause)

Ms. Kosek – I'd just like to ask everybody, please be respectful. When people are talking, let them have their moment to speak. There's no need for comments, laughter, any of that. It's inappropriate.

Ethel Maheu, 15368 Parkwood Lane, Strongsville, OH: I am a Strongsville resident. My name is Ethel Maheu, address 15368 Parkwood Lane, Strongsville. I am here...I heard the remark about the flag. I don't think the Blue Flag is meant to disrespect anybody else's opinions or views. It's meant to support our police that I feel very strongly need it. They work very hard for us. They keep us safe and I appreciate that. It helps my community; all of us that we live in the community, and it's not meant to be an insult and it should not be taken down because they are here to help us. If they take it as an insult, that's their perspective on it, that's not how I view it at all. I don't look at this as anything to be against any other group. It's a support for one group that we all need to support.

Mr. Schonhut – Thank you.

(Applause)

Karen Kircher, 12189 Park Cliff Road, Strongsville, OH: Karen Kircher, I live at 12189 Park Cliff Road in Strongsville. I agree, I love our police. I have never had but a positive experience with our police. This issue has nothing to do with that; but what it does have to do with is the fact that all human beings in their brains have implicit bias. I do; and all of my black friends admit that they do as well. We are born that way. Our brains are developed that way; and unless we are aware of that and unless we can counter that intelligently and compassionately, we are never going to get beyond these racial stereotypes and these stupid comments that are being made about us being communists. Obviously, communists would not be up here defending other people's rights to speak and to have a voice and to be treated equally. I encourage whatever the police or the City Council can do to counter some of the implicit bias that we all have would go a long way. I've read a lot about the middle school concerns in the paper recently. I'm terribly upset about that as a former educator. I just hope that everybody will do whatever they can to create a dialogue instead of attacking one another. We really need the time to talk to one another and look where we're coming from. Because I'm not offended by something does not mean it's not offensive; so thank you very much.

(Applause)

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):

Beverly Masek, 17142 Rabbit Run Drive, Strongsville, OH: Good evening, my name is Beverly Masek. I live at 17142 Rabbit Run Drive in Ward 2B. I am (unintelligible) of Indivisible Strongsville. I am not a communist. I just want to say that. None of our members are communist. As far as defunding the police, I'm not sure why that comment was stated because of our letter; but clearly, we are saying everything we can in this letter to support the police. We are asking for adequate funding because Captain Goss, Charlie Goss, said that they weren't getting enough data through their software; so we are asking them that you provide adequate funding for them so that outside reviews can be helpful to them. Nowhere in our letter does it say to defund the police. I like everyone else, I support the police 100%; but you cannot argue with facts. These facts, the numbers...and Charlie Goss did not dispute them, are startling...they're startling. It doesn't say anything that we are not supporting the police or anything like that. I hope that Council takes this seriously because certainly, we are going to follow up and ask what's being done, thank you.

Mr. Schonhut – Thank you.

Nick Gerogosian, 20638 Wildwood Lane, Strongsville, OH: Good evening, Nick Gerogosian, I've been a proud member of the City of Strongsville for 23 years. For the record, I live at 20638 Wildwood Lane here in Strongsville. I'm just here to support law enforcement for one reason and one reason alone. There are very few jobs or careers where each and every day your life is on the line. I mean, what was talked about whatever the statistics are...tickets...and it may or may not be true, I don't know, I'm not going to get into that; but every single time a law enforcement officer just pulls somebody over they could be shot; they could be killed. Anytime they are called for some sort of domestic situation, their life can very easily be on the line. When you see Blue Lives Matter, so remember so many of these people here in law enforcement, they live here in our community; they're our neighbors; they're our friends; they go to our churches. We're supporting those people. It's not to be for this or anti this. These are good people and that's ultimately what it means is we support our neighborhood. I mean, I view law enforcement as friends. You Mr. Carbone are obviously a police officer. You know all too well that the school where you work a shooter could...I mean, everyday it could be something really bad really quick. Very few of us can really say that. We should thank them and when we see the Blue Lives Matter, in essence that's what it means. We support you through thick and thin. Not everybody is perfect; not everything is good and clean; but that's a darn tough job. That's a job that's probably underpaid to be honest. Now more than ever we need to support those people, thank you for your time.

Mr. Schonhut – Thank you.

(Applause)

Carl Naso, 17006 Deer Path Drive, Strongsville, OH: My name is Carl Naso. I live at 17006 Deer Path Drive, Strongsville, OH: I've been a resident for 14 years. The godfather to my daughter is a police officer. I happened to be at his house on July 17, 2015. I don't know if many of you remember, but that was when Brent Thompson, Lorne Ahrens, Michael Krol, Mike Smith and Patrick Zamarripa were all killed in a shooting in Dallas. My cousin Joe was out on patrol and I was there meeting with family and talking and I saw the terror in his wife's eyes that day; and she cried and we waited for Joe to come home. Ever since that day, I've worn a Blue Lives Matter wrist band; not because for any reason, just because I always want to keep that in my mind that these policemen go out every day and it's one of the few jobs, like that gentleman said, where they may not come home. Every day, they kiss them goodbye, they say I love you, they go and they protect us and they protect us hard. I've witnessed it in this town. We have some great policemen. There is always room for improvement. There's always laws to protect to make sure that everything is done the way it's supposed to be.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):

Mr. Naso (cont'd) - I'm certain those laws, with our law director and our Mayor, those are always going to be followed; but to me, that flag...and maybe we work out some other things and that's fine...there's always room for improvement; but seeing that flag reminds me in my mind every day to say a prayer. Every time I see that flag I say a prayer-for all the policemen like Jim Carbone and all these other people who are out on the streets being policemen; so please, that flag does something for a lot of people, way more than it offends; and we have to work on that. Where a democracy, we have a lot of things to work on' we're going to get better every day; but please, that flag means a lot to me; it means a lot to my family; it means a lot to this community and that's all I wanted to say. I keep those officers names in my phone. I've got a memo of it. I remember that day. I remember watching my sister-in-law-my cousin cry and it was a sad day. Please, think about that when you think about what to do with this flag, thank you.

(Applause)

Mr. Schonhut – Is there anybody else who wishes to address Council this evening?

Jessica Cozza, 9812 Hazelwood Avenue, Strongsville, OH: My name is Jessica Cozza. I reside at 9812 Hazelwood Avenue. I am just up here to casually remind you that there is a code for the flag that we're not supposed to be doing certain things with the American Flag such as wearing apparel, bedding or drapery. It should always be allowed to fall free. It should never be worn or used as another symbol, especially when you're polarizing groups. That to me is a huge disrespect to the American Flag. When I look at America and I look at a flag it should be up and flowing in a symbol of unity. It should never be used to polarize one group. I would say the same thing to somebody who uses it as a rainbow flag as I would with the Blue Lives Flag. It goes across the board for everybody. And I would just like to also say if you really back the blue you should of understood that you guys didn't have their back on January 6th.

John Pleva, 9651 West Moreland Road, Parma, OH: Good evening Council and guests. I am not a resident of Strongsville. I am a resident of Parma. My name is John Pleva. I live at 9651 W. Moreland Road; however, I do visit your fine city on quite a few many times. About 5 years ago, I was avoiding a chuckhole and it was late at night and a policeman from Strongsville pulled me over because he thought possibly I was a DUI driver. He went, talked to me, and found out I wasn't; I was just avoiding a chuckhole. On your statistics, it doesn't say I'm a resident of Strongsville, Parma, Cleveland, East Cleveland. All it said was on that warning a white male was pulled over for this and we show on the tapes at the police department. The thing of it is, statistics, you can make them say anything. You don't have all the detail and if you look at it, Strongsville attracts a large number of people from all over Northern Ohio. A lot of people that don't live in the City of Strongsville don't respect the city because they don't live here. Even sometimes the other day, on Pearl Road, in 3 different cities, an ems and a fire truck were coming down the street. People would not even stop to let me pull over to the right to let the service vehicles go by. Our level of drivers in Northern Ohio has gone down quite a bit which is why the number of tickets go up quite a bit. It's not racist; it's just the quality of drivers go down. When it comes to the Blue Flag, the Blue Lives Matter Flag; basically, the department still flies the American Flag, the State of Ohio, and also their flag which is modification; it is not an American Flag, it is a modification; basically, that blue stripe is covering because they protect and cover the people of the United States. If you take and want to restrict that, Strongsville (unintelligible) for the high school. If there's people going to a private school, their flag representing their team they don't like, they could say, "Well hey, we should take the Strongsville flag also because I represent this other team." Be careful what rights you take away and I see it as, like I say, it is not a racist thing. It's for people that put their lives on the line every day, thank you.

Mr. Schonhut – Thank you.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (cont'd):

(Applause)

Mr. Schonhut – Is there anybody else who wishes to address Council this evening?

Kiamesha Prince, 8961 Prospect Road, Strongsville, OH: My name is Kiamesha Prince, 8961 Prospect Road. I was up here a few months ago about an issue, obviously, racism. I feel like, you know I spoke about diversity. When I look at the police force, I don't see very much diversity. When I look at...I mean, pretty much anything that Strongsville does has very little diversity. When you have a lack of diversity, you don't have any checks and balances and you would naturally run into these types of issues. Like I said before, I think the city needs to look into diversifying. I don't think it has anything to do with people coming to Strongsville to shop because all races come to shop; so why is it that we're saying that is an issue. The two don't correlate in my opinion. Like I said, you guys just need to work on diversity. I've lived in many places. This is the fourth state I've lived in. My husband is in the military. He puts his life on the line as well...so, that's neither here nor there. You guys have to work on diversity if you tackle these issues because lack of diversity does bring down the quality of the city. That's all I have to say.

Mr. Schonhut – Thank you, is there anybody else that wishes to address Council this evening? Last call.

Mr. Carbone – Mr. Schonhut, I'd like to make a comment. As you heard, I'm a police officer. I'm going to be approaching my 28th year and I take great pride along with the many men and women of law enforcement. We, for the most part, we uphold the laws of the State of Ohio with high integrity, dignity and honesty. When you're looking at statistics, there's so many other factors in this. One factor that you can't deny that one of the gentlemen had brought up, and I appreciate everybody coming up to this podium on both sides making comments because I know that's not easy as well; but when you're looking at statistics, there's many ways you can look at that. I work in a community with a regional mall with a lot of retail, with a lot of industrial, and it brings a lot of people. Sometimes our daytime population exceeds the population in our community; but that doesn't change anything if there is an issue going on. We encourage you to report those. When those are reported, I'm also confident in the supervisors of the police department here in Strongsville that they will be open-minded; that they will look at every individual issue and they will determine if there is any fault or not. I think there is a lot of integrity with our supervisors. They're educated and they're very well trained. I also feel that we do not bury our heads in the sand here in Strongsville. We had a discussion over the phone multiple times and it was a pleasure (speaking to Ms. Prince). It really gave me an opportunity when these middle school issues came up to educate myself on what the schools were doing and what our police department was doing. When I talked with Chief Fender and Safety Director Goss how they were proactive in bias-free policing; I was excited for that. We all need to move forward. Cultural diversity training at every level, Mayor, within this city; and how important community policing is to this community. This is what we're about here. This is what makes up different...to support all people. We serve the people of Strongsville, whether it's 80% Caucasian to 2.5% African American, we are here to serve everybody. I just want to let you know, I am confident that we are not burying our heads and that if there's ever an issue, you report it, and I am confident that our supervisors, and some them are in the back of the room, will look at that open-minded and they will make the right decision; not for police officers or for the person or this, the right decision for the situation with the evidence that is given. That's all I have to say.

(Applause)

Ms. Roff – I just wanted to thank everybody that came to speak. That was respectful and polite in voicing their opinions.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

Ordinance No. 2021-069 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 PROPERTIES LOCATED IN THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, ON ROYALTON ROAD, BEING ALL OF PPNS 393-18-003, 393-18-004 AND 393-18-005, FROM R1-75 (ONE FAMILY 75) CLASSIFICATION TO PF (PUBLIC FACILITIES) CLASSIFICATION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. *First reading and referred to Planning Commission 05/17/21. Favorable recommendation by the Planning Commission 05/27/21. Second reading 06/07/21. Public hearing set for 07/19/21.*

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

Mr. Kaminski – I will be abstaining this evening because I am a member of the trustee for The Chamber.

Mr. Carbone – Abstaining this evening for being on The Chamber board.

Roll Call: Ayes: Roff, Schonhut, Short, DeMio, Kosek.

Abstain: Kaminski, Carbone. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2021-069 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. Second reading 06/21/21. Third reading 07/06/21.*

Motion to amend to reflect the changes highlighted under Sections 850.04 and 850.06, 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. 2021-080 ADOPTED AS AMENDED.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):

Ordinance No. 2021-101 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ISSUE AND APPROVE CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 (FINAL) FOR AN INCREASE IN THE CONTRACT PRICE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE AND FABRIZI TRUCKING & PAVING COMPANY, INC., IN CONNECTION WITH THE ROYALTON ROAD CULVERT-CUY-82-2.57 PROJECT, NEAR THE GREENS OF STRONGSVILLE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ms. Kosek – Abstain, my firm from time to time represents that vendor.

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

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

**Roll Call: Ayes: Kaminski, DeMio, Carbone, Roff, Schonhut, Short.
Abstain: Kosek. Motion carries. Ordinance No. 2021-101 ADOPTED.**

Ordinance No. 2021-102 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE ANNUAL EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, OHIO, FOR THE YEAR 2021 AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 2021-094.

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. 2021-102 ADOPTED.

Ordinance No. 2021-103 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 618.01 OF CHAPTER 618 ANIMALS, PART SIX-GENERAL OFFENSES CODE OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE CONCERNING DOGS AND OTHER ANIMALS RUNNING AT LARGE, 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. 2021-103 ADOPTED.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):

Ordinance No. 2021-104 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE REQUESTING PARTICIPATION IN OHIO DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES CONTRACTS FOR THE PURCHASE OF A JOHN DEERE 75G EXCAVATOR WITH APPURTENANCES, FOR USE BY THE SERVICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO DO ALL THINGS NECESSARY TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT IN CONNECTION THEREWITH; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by 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. 2021-103 ADOPTED.

Ordinance No. 2021-105 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE REQUESTING PARTICIPATION IN OHIO DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES CONTRACTS FOR THE PURCHASE OF THREE (3) 2022 FORD UTILITY BODY TRUCKS FOR USE BY THE SERVICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO DO ALL THINGS NECESSARY TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT IN CONNECTION THEREWITH; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by 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. 2021-105 ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 2021-106 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION OF ORDINANCE NO. 2021-069 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: Schonhut, Short, DeMio, Kosek, Roff.
Abstain: Kaminski, Carbone. Motion carries. Resolution No. 2021-106 ADOPTED.**

Resolution No. 2021-107 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. A RESOLUTION DELCARING THE MONTH OF AUGUST, 2021 AS COUNCIL RECESS MONTH, 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. 2021-107 ADOPTED.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS AND CLAIMS:

Application for Permit: TRFO C1-C2-D6: To: OM JK LLC, (DBA: Convenient Plus) 22933 Sprague Road, Strongsville, Ohio 44149 (Responses must be postmarked no later than 07/22/2021).

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

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

(None)

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before this Council, President Schonhut adjourned the meeting at 8:58 p.m.



Aimee Pientka, MMC
Clerk of Council

09-07-21

Date

CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, OHIO


FINANCE DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

Date: July 19, 2021
To: President and Members of Council
From: Joseph K. Dubovec CPA, Director of Finance
CC: Mayor Thomas P. Perciak
Neal M. Jamison, Law Director
Subject: Certification of Funding for July 19, 2021 Council Meeting

Since I will not be present at the July 19, 2021 Council meeting, I respectfully request that the "Certification of Funding" listed below be read at the meeting in my absence in order to confirm and document the funding in accordance with law.

CERTIFICATION OF FUNDING

Based upon careful review of the July 19, 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.



Joseph K. Dubovec, CPA
Director of Finance

Date: July 19, 2021

July 19, 2021

Dear Strongsville Council Members,

It appears to us that black drivers are being unjustly ticketed by Strongsville Police--at a rate 6 times that of white drivers in Strongsville. According to the data that follows, black residents make up 2.5% of Strongsville's population and thus would be expected to receive 2.5% of the traffic citations/warnings. Instead, in 2019, they received 9.99%. Their expected citation/warning count in 2019 would have been 181 ($2.5\% \times 7,255=181$). Instead, they received 721 citations/warnings. This percentage rose to 14.7% in 2020, when black drivers would have expected to receive 92 citations/warnings ($2.5\% \times 3,677=92$) but instead received 572 citations/warnings. A thoughtful meeting was held with the City of Strongsville's Safety Director back in March to discuss the troubling 2019 traffic data. A recent follow up email suggests (to Indivisible) that the police need specific directives as well as analytical support to address the matter.

We recommend that City Council:

- 1) direct the Strongsville Police Department to perform a review of its citation/warnings and traffic stop practices.
- 2) direct the Strongsville Police Department to conduct or have conducted a rigorous analysis of its citation/warning statistics and provide an explanation of the outsized number of citations/warnings given to black drivers. At a minimum, such an analysis should include an examination of the race, age, residence, the location of the traffic stop, the time of day, type of violation, and the issuing officer for each written citation and warning.
- 3) direct the police department to post its findings on the website and to present findings to city council in person.
- 4) provide the police department with adequate funding to hire outside analysts/reviewers to conduct the analysis.

Direction on what next steps to take may be received from the Ohio Collaborative Community Police Advisory Board. Their number is 614-466-2551.

We also remain concerned about the possible racial implications that attend the Blue Lives Matter flag in the Police Department lobby and on the Department's posts. As was pointed out in the March meeting, the flag has been flown by some residents in apparent rebuttal to the principles of the Black Lives Matter movement, symbolizing the divisiveness that grips not only Strongsville but the nation. We feel that the City of Strongsville should not be party to such polarizing political issues.

Sincerely,

Representatives of Indivisible Strongsville