

**SUMMARY OF CAUCUS DISCUSSION AND MINUTES OF THE STRONGSVILLE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING HELD ON, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 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, November 1, 2021 at 7:15 p.m.**

Present: Council Members: Matthew A. Schonhut, James A. Kaminski, Gordon C. Short, Joseph C. DeMio, Annmarie P. Roff, Kelly A. Kosek and James E. Carbone. Also Present: Clerk of Council Aimee Pientka. **Administration:** Mayor Thomas P. Perciak, Law Director Neal M. Jamison and Human Resource Director Steve Kilo.

Absent:

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

Council President Schonhut called the caucus to order at 7:15 p.m.

Mr. Short made a motion to adjourn into executive session for the purpose of discussing civil litigation matters. It was 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 7:15 p.m. Also present from the Administration: Mayor Thomas Perciak, Law Director Neal Jamison and Human Resource Director Steve Kilo. 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:

Finance Committee: Councilman DeMio recommended suspension and adoption for Ordinance No. 2021-137; an appropriations ordinance for the annual expenses and other expenditures of the city for the year 2021. Suspension and adoption was also recommended for Ordinance No. 2021-138; an ordinance amending the General Salary Ordinance No. 2020-168 to amend the pay range for Assistant Director of Finance. Mr. Jamison advised Mr. Eric Dean will be hired to replace Joe Dubovec as the Finance Director due to his retirement. He will be starting work soon as the Assistant Finance Director until Mr. Dubovec's retirement. Ms. Roff asked if the pay allocation range will decrease back down to what it was originally was Mr. Dean becomes Finance Director. Mr., Jamison advised no; it is only moving up one scale range. Mayor Perciak advised Mr. Dean's starting salary will remain fixed for the initial 14 months of his employment. Ordinance Nos. 2021-139 through 2021-142 are TIF (tax increment financing) ordinances for Arby's, Freddy's, Sprague Road and Strickland respectively. All will be placed on first reading this evening.

Public Safety & Health Committee: Chairman Short recommended suspension and adoption for Ordinance Nos. are pertaining to the agreements for public safety dispatch services for the cities of Middleburg Heights, North Royalton Olmsted Township respectively. The recommendation was to suspend and adopt all of them.

Public Service & Conservation Committee: recommended suspension and adoption for Resolution No. 2021-146; a resolution to repurchase certain certificates for burial rights in the Strongsville Municipal Cemetery [Wotawa]. Mr. Kaminski advised he spoke to State Representative Tom Patton this week. He will be helping to submit a grant for the Strongsville Community Theater in 2022. They

will also need letters of support from the Mayor's office and from all of Council to submit with the grant to the State.

Communications & Technology Committee: Chairwoman Roff recommended suspension and adoption for Ordinance No. 2021-147; an ordinance to make payment to the Southwest Regional Communications Network Council of Governments for the purchase of routine maintenance, repairs and other services required for the radio needs of the city during 2021. The contract is with Motorola in the total amount of \$89,320.56

Miscellaneous Business:

Councilwoman Kosek distributed to Council, the Mayor, Neal Jamison, and Chief Fender correspondence she received from residents regarding the noise disturbance complaints on Elizabeth Circle. She has met with some residents there on Thursday. This is an ongoing issue. Ms. Kosek has also spoken to the owner of Plidco. She has indicated she is interested in trying to be a good neighbor and trying to resolve issues that satisfy both parties. Mayor Perciak advised the owner is also a councilwoman for the City of Berea; so she is familiar with city codes and her rights; and she will not hesitate to employ legal counsel if need be. Ms. Kosek advised the residents are also willing and able to reach out to their own legal counsel if they feel it is needed. The residents have taken a lot of measures on their own to purchase things for their homes to try and cancel some of the noise. Mayor Perciak advised he and his administration will look into this.

MINUTES OF THE STRONGSVILLE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 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, Law Director Neal M. Jamison and Human Resource Director Steve Kilo.

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

COMMENTS ON MINUTES:

The Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on October 18, 2021 were approved as submitted.

APPOINTMENTS, CONFIRMATIONS, AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS:

Mayor's appointment and Council confirmation of Eric Dean as Director of Finance to fill the upcoming vacancy (due to retirement) effective January 1, 2022.

Mayor Perciak – Yes, as indicated earlier and as per the agenda, I would like to appoint Eric Dean as Director of Finance to fill the upcoming vacancy due to the retirement of our current Finance Director, Joe Dubovec. Eric's appointment will become effective January 1st as full Finance Director, 2022. The legislation speaks for itself. He will come in at first as an Assistant Finance Director to acquire as much information as he possibly can from the current Finance Director so that it will be a smooth transition.

Motion made by Mr. Short, seconded by Mr. DeMio, to confirm the appointment of Eric Dean as Director of Finance to fill the upcoming vacancy (due to retirement) effective January 1, 2022. All members present voted aye and the motion carried.

(Applause)

Mr. Schonhut - Eric, welcome aboard, hopefully you will find it as easy to work with everybody up here and whoever else may or may not join up here to fill my upcoming spot. Welcome aboard, and we look forward to having you here.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES:

SCHOOL BOARD – Ms. Kosek: Yes, the school board met on October 21st. They have a lot of housekeeping issues regarding hiring and dealing with some contracts; but I think the most important issue they discussed was that there is a renewal levy on the ballot. It is tomorrow and they are asking everyone to vote yes because it is to just maintain the amount of tax that they are currently receiving. It is not a new tax; and that's really the biggest thing that's going on with the schools.

Mr. Schonhut – Thank you Ms. Kosek, and we would encourage everybody to vote in favor of that. Any questions?

(None)

SOUTHWEST GENERAL HEALTH SYSTEM – Mr. Short: Thank you Mr. Schonhut, we did not have a board meeting since our last Council meeting; but I do have an update from the hospital system on COVID and some other matters. The hospital has seen a decrease in COVID-19 patients and in positivity rates for those being tested at the hospital system, which is consistent with trends that are happening across the State of Ohio and the county; so that is good news. The hospital does have a lot of test kits available; so if there is a need for that, the hospital can provide that as they have ample supplies on site. There are still visitor restrictions in place at the hospital. It's allowed one visitor per day per patient. That is being consistent with guidelines in the State of Ohio. On some other notes from the system, the Oakview Behavioral Health Service Center had a ribbon cutting celebration. It was delayed due to the pandemic but they were celebrating an expansion due to the generous gift from Wayne and Debbie Brassell over a \$265,000.00 gift, that they made to enhance the behavioral health services there at the center there; so that was very good news; and also, the system is very grateful to the Brassells for their gift. Other than that, regular patient volumes continue to be up as people continue in-patient and out-patient procedures performed at the hospital system; so that is good news. Finally, there are still developing (unintelligible) capital into projects this year. Obviously, the Cosgrove Maternity Center was the big project completed this year at the system there; so we continue to see improvements and things getting back on schedule that were delayed or postponed due to the pandemic. That concludes my report, but I will happily take any questions.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

BUILDING AND UTILITIES – Mr. DeMio: There's nothing at this time; although I would still ask our law director to reach out to our building commissioner or acting building commissioner. The house on St. Rt. 82 is disgusting. That's all I'm going to say. If you drive past it today and Saturday and whatever day since we had our last meeting, it's a tremendous nuisance. You can get in the facility. It's totally unsafe. I'm totally confused why we're still sitting on this.

Mr. Jamison – So, if I could respond, I'm preparing the complaint as we speak, to file it in Common Pleas Court. We're getting everything ready.

Mr. DeMio – Are we allowed to like secure the place or can we not secure it?

Mr. Jamison – Nope, I mean, they put yellow tape on it to prevent people from going in it; but you just can't go down and level it without going through...

Mr. DeMio – It is such a joke looking at that place.

Ms. Kosek – We can't lock the door? Like, there is no door?

Mr. DeMio – There is no door. The door is gone.

Mr. Schonhut – There's no securing the place other than with an excavator to demolish it. It would be basically impossible to...it needs to be demolished.

Mr. Jamison – The complaint is being prepared to file in Common Pleas Court. There's a process we have to go through and we're starting it. After our last meeting, I discussed it with them and I followed up and we're getting it ready.

Mr. DeMio – I know all about foreclosures. I would like to answer that Mr. Kaminski, but out of respect I will not answer it.

COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY – Ms. Roff: I have one ordinance, Ordinance No. 2021-147. It is just an ordinance for just basic housekeeping maintenance on our communication's system, suspend and adopt for that.

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

(None)

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Mr. Carbone: Yes, at our last economic development meeting, we had the Director of Economic Development, Brent Painter, at the meeting. Mayor, he did a wonderful job; came in, I mean really impressed. He made a packet for everybody. The main topic was with all the help wanted signs in the community and with how can we, and we've been talking with Brent and the Mayor for over the past year, about how we can help link jobs to our businesses here. We know how important 55% of our income comes from our business parks and how can we assist them with jobs. One thing that Brent did talk with the committee about was wanting to get the green light on the Strongsville job gateway. Basically, an opportunity for residents to go to www.strongsville.org, look under the job gateway and really be able to assist them in business services, restaurant, retail companies and manufacturing jobs. The nice thing here is it's not something that we're going to maintain. It's something that we will work on behalf of the company; and we have their link on the www.strongsville.org job gateway; and they would be responsible for updating it.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – Mr. Carbone (cont'd): We don't want to get into a situation where we're over our heads and can't maintain it. At the end of the day, we get these companies to come in; we have their links on there; we help assist them; and they keep up their link. They explain what their need is and then we go out and we promote that in our city. Brent did a wonderful job. I like this opportunity that we have. I like the fact that it's reasonable. We have to remember that this is a global pandemic. We have to remember that we have great opportunity with Brent Painter and his educational background and his experience. We really as a committee, we have to work under Brent and the Mayor and their direction; so it's really important. I think the committee was happy with that and we're ready to assist in any way. That should be up and coming. I have to mention too, David Sems is very instrumental in this too with setting up the website and also help linking a lot of these businesses with us. Lastly, because of Thanksgiving, the last Monday of the month might be difficult after a holiday weekend; so we're looking to do December 13th, which is a Monday night, for the last meeting of the year believe it or not. That ends my report.

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

(None)

FINANCE – Mr. DeMio: Thank you, so Ordinance Nos. 2021-137 and 2021-138 are suspension and adoption; that means we're going to vote on it tonight. The first one is the expenditures that we often do throughout the year. The other is what we just saw a minute ago, Mr. Dean being appointed. This is part of that process; so we are creating that for him and looking forward to his experience and his education to help us out and work with the administration and council as the new finance director. He will be the assistant finance director until he takes over. Mayor, do you want to add anything to that?

Mayor Perciak – No, that's it, good job, thank you.

Mr. DeMio – Then the remainder are all TIFs which we're going to read 3 times before we vote on that. That goes from Ordinance Nos. 2021-139 to 2021-142. We'll just continue to read that until the law director says we're good. It should be 3 times though. We're all good, unless there's questions.

Mr. Schonhut – Any questions for Mr. DeMio?

Mr. DeMio – I apologize, there's one other thing, I just want the folks that are watching tonight that we did go through, I don't know the exact amount, of how big the proposed budget is of 2022; but we did have a successful meeting regarding the budget. Remind Council that if there's additions, subtractions or other questions that we need to talk about, the Mayor, as always, is available, our finance director is available. He also went as far to say that our directors can have questions asked as well. This is a lean, trim budget. During these times we think we're heading in the right direction but we really don't know. We don't know what the real numbers are going to be from all the stimulus they're going to send us, we think Mayor, someday. We're not sure.

Mayor Perciak – That is correct.

Mr. DeMio – But we're going to work from there. So we'll close the meeting or close the finance.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

FINANCE – Mr. DeMio (cont'd):

Mayor Perciak – Write your Congressman and Senator and tell them to get this supply chain mess straightened out because that is the next thing hovering over us. Inflation is one thing, but it is the supply chain right now that is having a huge impact on the inflation; and unless we get this supply chain straightened out, that will have an impact on employment and that will have an impact on city income tax; so I'm watching that very, very carefully; and that is something we here locally just can't control; but a letter to them might not hurt.

Mr. Schonhut – Start unloading some of those ships on...

Mayor Perciak – Well, that would be a good idea, but the matter of the fact is it's...never mind. I don't want to comment.

Mr. DeMio – Mayor, the last thing I want to tell you is it's funny you brought that up because today they believe, the retailers believe they will have as high as an 8.5% increase by the end of the year after the holiday. If someone could explain to me how that works, they don't have the goods; that's their prediction.

Mayor Perciak – See, but we're not going to see pre-Christmas sales this year I don't think and we're not going to see a lot of after Christmas sales this year simply because the merchandise that they do have is going to be sold. Jim was there...who else...Gordon was there when we celebrated 25 years for the mall. According to the Spinoso group, they've had more foot traffic in the mall now than they've ever had simply because the www.amazon.coms and all the rest of them are having a hard time just keeping their warehouses full where at least into the retail side, the traditional retail stores have enough to maintain themselves through the holidays' so they are expecting a bigger volume at the stores this year than they have in the past. I'm just repeating their statistical data. Is that about right Jim?

Mr. Carbone – Yes.

Mr. DeMio – That's great, hopefully it will work.

Mayor Perciak – Yes, me too, the more people we have working and the other ironic part is...and as we toured the mall that day, everybody is looking for help; and some stores have closed down certain sections all together because there is no one to man the registers. That's even a bigger problem; so even if people do come, they're going to wait in line to get checked out. All a very interesting scenario in this day and age.

Mr. DeMio – Just like you said, if they have a product; they'll wait to get in. They'll wait in line.

Mayor Perciak – Yup.

Mr. DeMio – Okay, thank you Matt, we're all good.

Mr. Schonhut – Thank you Joe.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

PLANNING, ZONING AND ENGINEERING – Mr. Schonhut: We have nothing for a change. That is rare.

PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEALTH – Mr. Short: Thank you Mr. Schonhut, we have 3 ordinances tonight. I'll group these together as they are all related to the same subject matter. Ordinance Nos. 2021-143, 2021-144 and 2021-145 all deal with amending the public safety dispatch services agreement between the City of Strongsville and Middleburg Heights, North Royalton and Olmsted Township to adjust fees, an increase of fees, for the services that we provide to them as a Southwest Dispatch Center. It's located here and based and serviced out of Strongsville for those cities. These new fees will adjust commencing January 1, 2022; and all these cities have agreed to the new fee schedule; so the recommendation there is to suspend and adopt. A couple of news...the police department has been very busy. They had a drug collection day recently. They collected over 23 pounds of prescription drugs, unused prescription drugs. A reminder that if you do have those, there is a drop-box inside the police lobby to dispose properly of unused prescription pills rather than throwing them down the toilet or in the landfill or have them fall into teenagers' hands. That box is open there 24/7, 365 days a year in the police lobby. Also, they had two successful, "Coffee with a Cop" days at the Starbucks on Pearl Road where residents were able to sit down and chat and meet with various police officers. It was successful; I think the police department will continue to do those. Finally, hats off and a round of applause for our police department for again achieving the, "Ohio Collaborative Certification" by the Community Police Advisory Board. This board sets standards for policing...for standards covering community engagement, body-worn cameras, telecommunicator training, bias-free policing, investigation reporting misconduct, vehicle pursuits as well as safe policing and safe community standards. Our department was awarded this certification on October 21, 2021 which shows, I think, that our police and our leadership over there is dedicated to providing unbiased and safe policing and holding these high standards for our communities; so I just want to give a round of applause for our police.

(Applause)

Mr. Short – Mayor, pass along to the chief that this Council appreciates what they're doing to continue to represent the finest in policing here in the State of Ohio. That concludes my report but I will happily take any questions.

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

(None)

PUBLIC SERVICE AND CONSERVATION – Mr. Kaminski: Yes, tonight is Resolution No. 2021-146; a resolution granting permission to repurchase certain certificates for burial rights. The recommendation is suspension and adoption. Just on a side note, this weekend they had a tribute to Broadway which was presented by the Strongsville Community Theater. It was both a Friday and Saturday night sold out performance. They had over 140 people each night at the senior center. It was a great event. Also on that same line, the Council and the Mayor are going to support a grant, thanks to State Senator Tom Patton; he's going to submit that for 2022. We cross our fingers and hope we can help them with that grant. They really want to obviously make Strongsville a permanent home with some type of a structure. That's what they would love to be able to do in the future; and hopefully, this grant process will help them achieve that goal. That concludes my report. If anyone has any questions I'd be happy to take them.

Mr. Schonhut – Thank you Mr. Kaminski.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES – Ms. Kosek: Yes, thank you, we don't have any ordinances or resolutions on tonight; but I did want to share that we've been talking a lot about Silver Sneakers. Silver Sneakers kicked off on October 26th and the Mayor was kind enough to give me some statistics on the first 5 days. The good news is that in 5 days we've had 157 people sign up for Silver Sneakers, 80 people on the very first day which is pretty impressive. We are refunding if someone already has a membership; so there have been refunds numbers; but they're partial refunds and we've had about 25 people ask for refunds...which is, you know, we're coming out on the better of that. We will see revenue increase as they move forward and use the punches. There's only been 145 punches so far; so we'll see at the end of the month how we come out. People were very excited on Tuesday to sign up. We had lots of people standing in line over at the membership desk to sign up. It was exciting...

Mr. Schonhut – Eating some popcorn too correct?

Ms. Kosek – Well, because Strongsville and Silver Sneakers are “Butter Together.”

(Laughter)

Mr. Schonhut – Thank you Kelly and Ann for doing that.

Ms. Kosek – Ann was there also on Tuesday and this was really one thing that Ann had really wanted to do; so I appreciate her making all of us aware of this important issue for our residents.

Ms. Roff – It was a nice thing for sure; and thank you to the ladies over at that front desk because they were swamped the whole time. It was nice to see though.

Mr. Kaminski – Congratulations Kelly and Ann, great event, that's awesome. Anymore thought to the incentive you were going to do to increase membership; because they did have some businesses in town that would be willing to participate.

Ms. Kosek – Well, I think that would be a wonderful way for us to maybe kickoff the beginning of the year. Let's see how people are responding to the Silver Sneakers. I guess the other thing I would be remiss if I did not say is that we did have some folks who are not part of a plan that has Silver Sneakers but of another large Silver Sneaker like program, I think it's called Renew Active; and I had asked Bryan to look into that if it is the same type of program providing similar kinds of dollars. I see no reason why we shouldn't do the same thing and add that to it. We did talk about that on Tuesday and I have not gotten an opportunity to see where he's gone with that. I'd like to do that and then I agree Jim in doing some promotions maybe in the beginning of the year when people are doing their New Year's resolutions that will help bring some people to us as opposed to some of the other facilities.

Mayor Perciak – I would just, one other thing I'd like to add, along with Bryan, you should bring in Sheena and Debbie Branich. Both are very instrumental on the senior side and have an excellent rapport with our seniors that do show up. I think we need to include them in the conversation.

Ms. Kosek – The more the merrier. I'd be happy to do that.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES (cont'd):

RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES – Ms. Kosek (cont'd):

Ms. Roff – I did make a couple of phone calls to different rec centers. Just really quick, Berea and Westlake both take that program and it is extremely similar, if not identical, to Silver Sneakers. When it first came out, it was not the same thing; they were doing partial payments. Obviously, the program did not work out so well and a lot of places did not take it; but they've upped their game to compare to Silver Sneakers. Hopefully, when Bryan takes a look at that, the numbers that they have coming in from those couple of rec centers that I was able to speak with are good.

Ms. Kosek – It did seem like, just for everybody's edification, but there are a lot of communities nearby that take both the Silver Sneakers and Renew Active...Berea, Brunswick, some other locations that were nearby; so if what Ann is finding is true, hopefully that will be just another additional revenue source for us. With that, which I didn't expect to be that long, I'll close the committee.

Mr. Schonhut – Thank you.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – Mr. Schonhut: Other than we encourage everybody to get out and vote tomorrow, the school levy which we discussed, a couple of rezonings here in town and an election for Council-At-Large members; so please get out tomorrow to vote. If you are using Chapman on Drake Road, Mayor...I see you want to talk about it.

Mayor Perciak – Yes, we are providing additional traffic control there. Our police officers will be there all day. They also understand the importance of getting as many voters into the school building as possible; so we will have policemen there assisting our residents for ingress and egress there.

Ms. Roff – Do we have an update for that at all as far as...?

Mayor Perciak – They laid the base the other day. Today, they put the first coat down. It should be done by the end of the week. Tomorrow, they're going to start moving the mailboxes over; so they're looking to get it done. Simply, they're running out of weather and they have worked as late as they can most every day. With the weather, and to be honest with you, once they started digging there, they found more issues there than we had anticipated and that was the reason, as you know, the road would not hold up no matter how many times we tried to fix it. Hopefully...we got...

Ms. Roff – It seems to be a common thing that we are running into...when they did the roads.

Mayor Perciak – Hopefully, we got it right this time.

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

MAYOR PERCIAK: Thank you Mr. President, good evening everyone, our Christmas lighting will take place on Sunday, November 21st at 5:30 p.m. As always, we are still accepting donations to enhance our Winter Wonderland on The Commons. We again this year are going to be following all the COVID protocols. As much as we would like to go back to the wagon rides, we just feel that's a bit premature this year yet; but we're going to bring back as many of the opportunities as we can. We will bring Santa Claus into visit; but we are not certain where it will go after that. Again, we're going to be following strict guidelines. In fairness to everybody from the schools, we wanted to do pretty much like the schools are doing. We don't want to have a conflict, you know, we're doing one thing at The Commons and the schools are doing another thing. We're trying to stay in sink with their end; have a uniformed message throughout the community.

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

MAYOR PERCIAK (cont'd): That's what we're doing; so that's where we're going with that. Anybody who still wants to write a check, please write the check. We'll be happy to accept that check. Next, The Chamber luncheon, November 16th, the whole luncheon is going to be dedicated to economic development and the presentation will be made by our own Brent Painter. He's got a lot of things he wants to discuss with everyone. The man is a fountain of information when it comes to economic development. All his networking, and that's going to come across that day...support this guy. We need a dozen Brent Painters to build this economic engine here that we've been building for the last 18 years. It really has caught fire and has Jimmy Carbone has said, we've come such a long way and we want to continue to do that. I want to thank The Chamber trustees for allowing Brent to come there and make his presentation because they understand too how vital it is to our community and to their membership. It kind of works both ways there.

Mr. Short – Is that at the rec center?

Mayor Perciak – At the rec center; and Joe Bucci will be catering the lunch; so the food is expected to be better than good, how does that sound? Friday, November 5th at 11:00a.m., that's this Friday, in my capacity as President of the Mayors and Managers Association, again we will be having another conference call on the municipal income tax just to see where this thing is going. As you all are aware, we're working very closely with the Mayor's Alliance out of Columbus also. Any group that has credibility at the State Capitol, and as Neal reminds me from time to time, this is something Columbus has to take care of and help us with; and he is right. We're putting pressure on from every angle that we can. This will have an impact, not only on this community but every community. Channel 5 sometimes comes out and does things just to create news; but this time, the information they had was very factual and very meaningful. I think it was Akron that they...they reported 10 cities and Strongsville was No. 9. Akron stands to lose approximately \$20 million dollars. Going forward, that's a big clip. You heard about Strongsville, it could be anywhere as high as \$2 million dollars by their estimates. We are going to be working much closer with RITA and our estimates and I should be able to report to you by the close of this business year where we will be or where we anticipate to be, simply based off of W-2s that are issued and where these people live; and we will be able to run a special program for those living in the townships, because all they have to do is walk into their employer and say, "I live in Columbia Township, I don't pay city income tax;" so we at least have a general idea as to where this trend may be going, not only us but the rest of the cities. That ends my report.

Mr. Schonhut – Thank you Mayor Perciak.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT – Mr. Dubovec:

Mr. Jamison – Thanks Mr. Chairman, "Based upon careful review of the November 1, 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.

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

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

(None)

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

Ordinance No. 2021-137 by Mayor Perciak. AN ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE ANNUAL EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, OHIO, FOR THE YEAR 2021 AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NUMBER 2021-114.

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. 2021-137 ADOPTED.

Ordinance No. 2021-138 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE GENERAL SALARY ORDINANCE NO. 2020-168 TO AMEND THE PAY RANGE ALLOCATION FOR THE POSITION OF ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF FINANCE (SECTION 5-010) IN THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT; REPEALING ALL OTHER ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion by Mr. Short to suspend the rules requiring every ordinance or resolution to be read on three different days, second by 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. 2021-138 ADOPTED.

Ordinance No. 2021-139 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE DECLARING IMPROVEMENTS TO CERTAIN PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY TO BE A PUBLIC PURPOSE, DESCRIBING THE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS TO BE MADE TO DIRECTLY BENEFIT SUCH PARCELS, REQUIRING THE OWNERS OF THE IMPROVEMENTS ON SUCH PARCELS TO MAKE SERVICE PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES, ESTABLISHING AN ARBY'S MUNICIPAL PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT TAX INCREMENT EQUIVALENT FUND FOR THE DEPOSIT OF SUCH SERVICE PAYMENTS PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTIONS 5709.40, 5709.42 AND 5709.43, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Placed on first reading and referred back to the committee.

Ordinance No. 2021-140 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE DECLARING IMPROVEMENTS TO CERTAIN PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY TO BE A PUBLIC PURPOSE, DESCRIBING THE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS TO BE MADE TO DIRECTLY BENEFIT SUCH PARCELS, REQUIRING THE OWNERS OF THE IMPROVEMENTS ON SUCH PARCELS TO MAKE SERVICE PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES, ESTABLISHING A FREDDY'S MUNICIPAL PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT TAX INCREMENT EQUIVALENT FUND FOR THE DEPOSIT OF SUCH SERVICE PAYMENTS PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTIONS 5709.40, 5709.42 AND 5709.43, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Placed on first reading and referred back to the committee.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):

Ordinance No. 2021-141 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE DECLARING IMPROVEMENTS TO CERTAIN PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY TO BE A PUBLIC PURPOSE, DESCRIBING THE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS TO BE MADE TO DIRECTLY BENEFIT SUCH PARCELS, REQUIRING THE OWNERS OF THE IMPROVEMENTS ON SUCH PARCELS TO MAKE SERVICE PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES, ESTABLISHING A SPRAGUE ROAD MUNICIPAL PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT TAX INCREMENT EQUIVALENT FUND FOR THE DEPOSIT OF SUCH SERVICE PAYMENTS PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTIONS 5709.40, 5709.42 AND 5709.43, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Placed on first reading and referred back to the committee.

Ordinance No. 2021-142 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE DECLARING IMPROVEMENTS TO CERTAIN PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY TO BE A PUBLIC PURPOSE, DESCRIBING THE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS TO BE MADE TO DIRECTLY BENEFIT SUCH PARCELS, REQUIRING THE OWNERS OF THE IMPROVEMENTS ON SUCH PARCELS TO MAKE SERVICE PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES, ESTABLISHING A STRICKLAND MUNICIPAL PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT TAX INCREMENT EQUIVALENT FUND FOR THE DEPOSIT OF SUCH SERVICE PAYMENTS PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTIONS 5709.40, 5709.42 AND 5709.43, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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. 2021-142 ADOPTED.

Ordinance No. 2021-143 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT FOR PUBLIC SAFETY DISPATCH SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE AND THE CITY OF MIDDLEBURG HEIGHTS, IN CONNECTION WITH AN ADJUSTMENT OF FEES COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2022, 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. 2021-143 ADOPTED.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (cont'd):

Ordinance No. 2021-144 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A SEVENTH AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT FOR PUBLIC SAFETY DISPATCH SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE AND THE CITY OF NORTH ROYALTON, IN CONNECTION WITH AN ADJUSTMENT OF FEES COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2022, 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. 2021-144 ADOPTED.

Ordinance No. 2021-145 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT FOR PUBLIC SAFETY DISPATCH SERVICES BETWEEN THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE AND OLMSTED TOWNSHIP, IN CONNECTION WITH AN ADJUSTMENT OF FEES COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2022, 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. 2021-145 ADOPTED.

Resolution No. 2021-146 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. A RESOLUTION GRANTING PERMISSION TO REPURCHASE CERTAIN CERTIFICATES FOR BURIAL RIGHTS IN THE STRONGSVILLE MUNICIPAL CEMETERY. [Wotawa]

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. 2021-146 ADOPTED.

Ordinance No. 2021-147 by Mayor Perciak and All Members of Council. AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO MAKE PAYMENT TO THE SOUTHWEST REGIONAL COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS FOR THE PURCHASE OF ROUTINE MAINTENANCE, REPAIRS AND OTHER SERVICES REQUIRED FOR THE ONGOING GENERAL RADIO NEEDS OF THE CITY OF STRONGSVILLE DURING 2021, 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. 2021-147 ADOPTED.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS AND CLAIMS:

Application for Permit: NEW C1-C2: To: Dolgen Midwest LLC dba: Dollar General Store
23637, 17900 Pearl Road, Strongsville, Ohio 44136 (Responses must be postmarked no later
than 11/04/21).

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

Application for Permit: TRFO D5-D6: To: Empire Bar Group LLC dba: Local Bar, 14751-53
Pearl Road, Strongsville, Ohio 44136 (Responses must be postmarked no later than 11/08/21).

There was no objection to this permit.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

(None)

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before this Council, President Schonhut adjourned the
meeting at 8:41 p.m.



Aimee Pientka, MMC
Clerk of Council

11-15-21

Date

CITY OF STRONGSVILLE, OHIO

FINANCE DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

Date: November 1, 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 November 1, 2021 Council Meeting

Since I will not be present at the November 1, 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 November 1, 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: November 1, 2021