**REGULAR MEETING**

**February 26, 2025**

**Struthers, Ohio 44471**

**LIVE STREAM MEETING LINKS:**

**Caucus 6:15 PM**

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**General Session 7:00 PM**

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The Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Struthers, Ohio, was held on Wednesday, February 26, 2025 at roughly 7:00 p.m. with the following members present at Roll Call: Baluck, Bayus, Bigley, Burnside, Carcelli, Gomon (absent), Pingley.

President of Council, Michael S. Patrick was present at the Regular Meeting of Council.

President of Council, Michael S. Patrick asked everyone to stand for the Pledge.

Pledge was recited.

President of Council, Michael S. Patrick thanked everyone for coming this evening.

President of Council, Michael S. Patrick recognized the invited guest in attendance at the Regular Council Meeting: Robert Benson, Safety Service Director and Law Director, John N. Zomoida, Jr.

President of Council, Michael S. Patrick asked for a motion to excuse 1st Ward Councilwoman, Mrs. Lori A. Gomon from the 2nd Regular Meeting dated Wednesday, February 26, 2025 due to recovering from surgery.

Bigley moved seconded by Baluck to excuse Mrs. Lori A. Gomon form the 2nd Regular Meeting Dated Wednesday, February 26, 2025 due to recovering from a recent surgery.

Roll Call: Voting yea: Baluck, Bayus, Bigley, Burnside, Carcelli, Gomon (absent), Pingley.

Motion carried 6-0.

Mrs. Lori A. Gomon excused by 6-0 vote.

President of Council, Michael S. Patrick asked for a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of 1st Regular Meeting Dated Wednesday, February 12, 2025 and accept the minutes. Do I have a motion? A second?

Bigley moved seconded by Carcelli to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the 1st Regular Meeting Dated Wednesday, February 12, 2025 and accept them as prepared by the Clerk.

Roll Call: Voting Yea: Baluck, Bayus, Bigley, Burnside, Carcelli, Gomon (absent), Pingley.

No Remarks.

Motion Carried 6-0.

Meeting minutes approved and accepted by 6-0 vote.

President of Council, Michael S. Patrick asked the clerk to read the one (1) piece of communications.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

1. **STRUTHERS CITY AUDITOR’S MONTHLY STATEMENT OF CASH POSITION, REVENUE REPORT WITH TRANSFER IN & OUT, AND EXPENSE TRANSACTION LEDGER REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2025, SUBMITTED BY CHRISTINA S. BOHL, STRUTHERS CITY AUDITOR.**

President of Council, Michael S. Patrick asked for a motion to receive and file the communication.

Bigley moved seconded by Bayus to receive and file said communications.Roll Call: Voting Yea: Baluck, Bayus, Bigley, Burnside, Carcelli, Gomon (absent), Pingley.

No Remarks.

Motion Carried 6-0.

Communications accepted, received, and filed by 6-0 vote.

**MAYOR’S REPORT**

Mayor, Catherine Cercone Miller was not present and had no said report for Council this evening.

There were no remarks or comments for the Mayor

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES (ON AUDIO)**

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 2025**

**NOTICE OF COUNCIL- AS- A -WHOLE COMMITTEE MEETINGS- SCHEDULED ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 05, 2025 AT 6:00 P.M. IN COUNCIL CAUCUS ROOM #11.**

**5:30 P.M.**

**CHIP PUBLIC MEETING WITH PHILIP PURYEAR**

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**6:00 P.M.**

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**Finance & Legislation Committee Chairman Dallas A. Bigley & Members: Robert D. Burnside, James E. Baluck. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss pending legislation.**

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**ANYONE WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL ON PENDING LEGISLATION**

There were no remarks or comments under Anyone Wishing To Address Council On Pending Legislation.

There were no remarks or comments under Addressing Council on Pending Legislation.

President of Council, Michael S. Patrick stated that there is four (4) pieces of legislation this evening for the Regular Meeting of Council.

**LEGISLATION**

**25-016**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE AUDITOR TO TRANSFER THE SUM OF $60,000.00 FROM THE 2025 GENERAL FUND BUDGET CATEGORY TRANSFER TO POLICE PENSION # 100 9100 59004 TO THE POLICE PENSION FUND # 805 0000 47101 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Bigley moved seconded by Carcelli that the rules of Council be suspended and the ordinance be placed upon its passage.

Roll Call: Voting Yea: Baluck, Bayus, Bigley, Burnside, Carcelli, Gomon (absent), Pingley.

No Remarks.

Bigley moved seconded by Carcelli that the ordinance be passed as read.

Roll Call: Voting Yea: Baluck, Bayus, Bigley, Burnside, Carcelli, Gomon (absent), Pingley.

No Remarks.

Motion Carried 6-0.

Legislation passed by 6-0 vote

**25-017**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE AUDITOR TO TRANSFER THE SUM OF $45,000.00 FROM THE 2025 GENERAL FUND BUDGET CATEGORY TRANSFER TO FIRE PENSION # 100 9100 59005 TO THE FIRE PENSION FUND # 810 0000 47101 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Burnside moved seconded by Bigley that the rules of Council be suspended and the ordinance be placed upon its passage.

Roll Call: Voting Yea: Baluck, Bayus, Bigley, Burnside, Carcelli, Gomon (absent), Pingley.

No Remarks.

Burnside moved seconded by Bigley that the ordinance be passed as read.

Roll Call: Voting Yea: Baluck, Bayus, Bigley, Burnside, Carcelli, Gomon (absent), Pingley.

No Remarks.

Motion Carried 6-0.

Legislation passed by 6-0 vote

**25-017**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE AUDITOR TO TRANSFER THE SUM OF $5,000.00 FROM THE 2025 GENERAL FUND BUDGET CATEGORY 100 9100 59003 TRANSFER TO ELDERLY VAN FUND, TO THE REVENUE CATEGORY 265 0000 47101 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Carcelli moved seconded by Bigley that the rules of Council be suspended and the ordinance be placed upon its passage.

Roll Call: Voting Yea: Baluck, Bayus, Bigley, Burnside, Carcelli, Gomon (absent), Pingley.

No Remarks.

Carcelli moved seconded by Bigley that the ordinance be passed as read.

Roll Call: Voting Yea: Baluck, Bayus, Bigley, Burnside, Carcelli, Gomon (absent), Pingley.

No Remarks.

Motion Carried 6-0.

Legislation passed by 6-0 vote

**25-018**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH PANTHEON HOUSING DEVELOPMENT GROUP, LLC FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION OF WORKFORCE HOMEOWNERSHIP UNITS UNDER THE FY 2025 WELCOME HOME OHIO PROGRAM, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Bayus moved seconded by Pingley that the rules of Council be suspended and the ordinance be placed upon its passage.

Roll Call: Voting Yea: Baluck, Bayus, Bigley, Burnside, Carcelli, Gomon (absent), Pingley.

No Remarks.

Bayus moved seconded by Pingley that the ordinance be passed as read.

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No Remarks.

Motion Carried 6-0.

Legislation passed by 6-0 vote

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS (ON AUDIO)**

President of Council, Michael S. Patrick announced that there will be a CHIP Public Meeting on Wednesday, March 5, 2025 at 5:30 Council Chambers (Courtroom).

**NEW BUSINESS (ON AUDIO)**

President of Council announced that the Honorable Judge James A. Melone will be addressing Council on Regular Meeting under Addressing of Council on March 12, 2025 at 7:00 pm regarding changings to Council Chambers and Courtroom to help accommodate Jury Trials.

**REPORT OF LAW DIRECTOR (ON AUDIO)**

Law Director, John N. Zomoida, Jr. was present and had no said report for Council this evening.

There were no remarks or comments for Law Director.

**REPORT OF AUDITOR**

Auditor, Christina S. Bohl was not present and had said report dated January 2025 for Council this evening for Council. Struthers City Auditor’s Monthly Statement Of Cash Position, Revenue Report With Transfer In & Out, And Expense Transaction Ledger Reports For The Month Of January 2025, Submitted By Christina S. Bohl, Struthers City Auditor. (On File)

There were no remarks or comments for the Auditor.

**REPORT OF SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR (ON AUDIO)**

Safety Service Director was present at the meeting and had no report for Council this evening.

There were no remarks or comments for Safety Service Director.

**ADDRESSING OF COUNCIL (ON AUDIO)**

**(On Audio - These minutes are a summarization of the Regular Meeting and not verbatim.)**

President of Council, Michael S. Patrick announced if anyone in the audience would like to address council, please come to the podium, and state your name and address for the record. You will have three (3) minutes to speak. Thank you!

President of Council, Michael S. Patrick asked again that the audience come forward if they wish to speak. The following spoke: No one

President of Council, Mr. Michael S. Patrick announced: the following:

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There were no remarks or comments for Addressing of Council.

President of Council, Michael S. Patrick asked for a motion to go into Executive session on Wednesday, February 26, 2025 for the purpose to discuss certain personnel matters.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION: CALLED FOR CERTAIN PERSONNEL MATTERS.**

**MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE TO DISCUSS CERTAIN PERSONNEL MATTERS:**

**To Discuss matters required to be kept confidential under Ohio Open Meeting Act Chapter 3: Executive Session.**

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Bigley motioned seconded by Pingley to go into Executive Session to discuss matters required to be kept confidential under the Ohio Open Meeting Act Chapter Three: Executive Session for:

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  + Called For Certain Personnel Matters.

Roll Call: Baluck, Bayus, Bigley, Burnside, Carcelli, Gomon (absent), Pingley.

Motion passed by 6-0 for Council to go into Executive Session at 7:09 p.m. in Council Caucus Room #11. President of Council, Michael S. Patrick asked for the Law Director and Clerk of Council be present during Executive Session.

**MOTION TO RECONVIEN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

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* Executive Session: The Purpose To Discuss Certain Personnel Matters.

Council went in the Council Caucus Room #11 and those not asked to stay in Executive Session to be seated in the Council Chambers and went into Executive Session at 7:09 p.m. and returned at 7:41 p.m.

President of Council, Michael S. Patrick asked for a motion to reconvene from the Executive Sessions and to go back into the Regular Meeting of Struthers City Council.

Bigley motioned seconded by Pingley to reconvene from the Executive Session and go back into the Regular Meeting of Struthers City Council.

Roll Call: Baluck, Bayus, Bigley, Burnside, Carcelli, Gomon (absent), Pingley.

Motion Carried 6-0.

Reconvened from Executive Session by 6-0 vote.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Bayus moved seconded by Pingley that the meeting be adjourned.

Roll Call: Voting Yea: Baluck, Bayus, Bigley, Burnside, Carcelli, Gomon (absent), Pingley.

Motion Carried 6-0.

Meeting Adjourned by 6-0 vote.

Meeting Adjourned.

President of Council, Michael S. Patrick declared the meeting be adjourned and thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

\_*Megan R. Shorthouse*\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_Michael S. Patrick\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

CLERK OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL