quick number, if 20 percent of the workforce in
Cleveland continued to work from home, Cleveland
would lose over $25 million a year in revenue.
25 million. The impact on the big cities is
overwhelming. Now, some communities stand to
gain, Bratenahl being one of them, nowhere near
those kind of numbers.

MR. BENJAMIN: It's like 34,000 at 20
percent and like 68,000 at 100 percent.

MAYOR LICASTRO: That's right. Those
numbers to us, I'd like to have it in my pocket
right now, are not as overwhelming, but the big
cities stand to lose tens of millions. And, you
know, when some communities win big and some lose
big, everyone loses. The purpose of the
committee is to try to find a way to make
something more fair and equitable for a system
that is really only exists in Ohio and a couple
other states where we have different rates,
different credits. Townships don't get taxed. I
can sit here and talk all day about the problems
the system has and what the potential for losses
going forward.

What I can't offer you are solutions. There's a

1  MAYOR LICASTRO: So move right to
2  Council? Do we need more time? All right.
3  Please rise and join me in the Pledge of
4  Allegiance.
5  (Pledge of Allegiance.)
6  MAYOR LICASTRO: So let's refrain from
7  sidebars during the Pledge of Allegiance.
8  MS. BURKE-JONES: My fault.
9  MAYOR LICASTRO: Would you call the roll
10  for the meeting?
11  MS. COOKS: Mr. Benjamin?
12  MR. BENJAMIN: Here.
13  MS. COOKS: Ms. Burke-Jones?
14  MS. BURKE-JONES: Here.
15  MS. COOKS: Ms. Huffman?
16  MS. HUFFMAN: Here.
17  MS. COOKS: Mr. McDonald?
18  MR. MCDONALD: Here.
19  MS. COOKS: Mr. Taylor?
20  MR. TAYLOR: Here.
21  MAYOR LICASTRO: Thank you. You've
22  heard me talk at length about municipal income
tax and the impact of working from home. That is
moving forward. We have a meeting of the Mayors
Association tomorrow. Just to give you some

1  group and hopefully make a recommendation to the
2  General Assembly to look at this critical revenue
3  stream. 20 years ago, the most money came from
4  property tax. Now it comes from income tax. So
5  playing with fire.
6  Mayfield Village, where Progressive
7  could lose, they already gave them tax abatement
8  for 25 years. They could lose over $2 million a
9  year if indeed Progressive, in particular,
10  continues to work, allow their employees. And by
11  the way, it may be as much as $10 million. So
12  this is going to grind forward. Right now the
13  General Assembly is focused on redistricting.
14  We've all been reading about that. So it's been
distracted. We want to get to them before this
is on their radar, come up with something fair
and equitable.
15  I mean, Keith, how much could South
16  Euclid lose?
17  MR. BENJAMIN: We actually are like
18  Bratenahl. We will actually gain.
19  MAYOR LICASTRO: Shows about $94,000.
20  MS. BURKE-JONES: Fantastic.
21  MAYOR LICASTRO: But when you look at
Dayton, Columbus, the numbers are overwhelming. I've used this before as well. No one bites into an apple with a rotten core. If Cleveland goes down, don’t kid yourself the suburbs will be definitely be affected.

We have 29 members meeting tomorrow to discuss this. A lot of people want to be engaged. So I'll keep you posted going forward. Hopefully we can come up with a solution. If you can think of a couple, Keith, throw them my way.

MR. BENJAMIN: Well, there’s also a new bill that was introduced to lower the gas tax by $10 per gallon, which would hurt our cost to fix our local roadways.

MAYOR LICASTRO: Well, yeah. And look, New York State does a revenue sharing in lieu of an income tax. There’s other ways to get it done, but Ohio is different. And everyone who doesn’t like change, they want to keep what they have, but COVID has changed this going forward we think forever. Working from home is effective. It works. So the big companies aren’t going to be renting all kinds of commercial real estate downtown. Another impact on the large communities. People aren’t going to be living in town if they don’t work downtown. The impact this has is way more than tens of millions I’m discussing here.

MR. BENJAMIN: You might want to have Myron Orfield come in from Minnesota and talk about their revenue tax sharing, because that’s what they have.

MAYOR LICASTRO: We have a couple studies we’re looking at, but tomorrow we’re meeting with the Greater Cleveland Partnership to get input from businesses, the business community, who by the way hate Ohio’s tax system, which is so convoluted and unique that it’s difficult to deal with. We’re at the beginning of this, but we need to get to the end relatively soon.

Any questions on that?

The Mayor’s Court report for January, the Treasurer of State of Ohio received $2,219; the City of Cleveland, $90; the County Treasurer, $965.50; the Village of Bratenahl $18,301.83.

Any questions on that?

Ms. Cappello left the room. This is her annual usage report, which she’s mandated to give us. This is really just for you.
MS. COOKS: Mr. McDonald?
MR. MCDONALD: Aye.
MS. COOKS: Mr. Taylor?
MR. TAYLOR: Aye.
MAYOR LICASTRO: Before we go further, I’m getting ahead of myself. One month I’m out of practice. Any questions from the audience on agenda items?

Thank you.

Ms. Burke-Jones, if you would, Resolution 1244.

MS. BURKE-JONES: Yes. Introducing Resolution 1244 for suspension, a resolution authorizing and approving a settlement for joint mutual release of claims with Shannon Darby and declaring an emergency.

MR. BENJAMIN: Second.

MAYOR LICASTRO: Roll call on suspension, please.

MS. COOKS: Mr. Benjamin?
MR. BENJAMIN: Aye.
MS. COOKS: Ms. Burke-Jones?
MS. BURKE-JONES: Aye.
MS. COOKS: Ms. Huffman?
MS. HUFFMAN: Aye.

MAYOR LICASTRO: Roll call on Resolution Number 1245 for passage.

MR. BENJAMIN: Second.

MAYOR LICASTRO: Discussion? Mr. Matty, any comments?

MR. MATTY: No comments, Mayor. The settlement agreement speaks for itself.

MAYOR LICASTRO: Thank you. There being no further comments, roll call on passage, please.

MS. COOKS: Mr. Benjamin?
MR. BENJAMIN: Aye.
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MAYOR LICASTRO: Roll call on suspension, please.

MS. COOKS: Mr. Benjamin?
MR. BENJAMIN: Aye.
MS. COOKS: Ms. Burke-Jones?
MS. BURKE-JONES: Aye.
MS. COOKS: Ms. Huffman?
MS. HUFFMAN: Aye.

MAYOR LICASTRO: Roll call on Resolution 1245 for passage.

MR. BENJAMIN: Second.

MAYOR LICASTRO: Thank you. There being no further comments, roll call on passage, please.

MS. COOKS: Mr. Benjamin?
MR. BENJAMIN: Aye.
MS. BURKE-JONES: Yes. Introducing Resolution 1245, a resolution accepting the proposal of DS Architects for a feasibility study for a proposed new Village center and declaring an emergency, for suspension.

MR. BENJAMIN: Second.

MAYOR LICASTRO: Roll call on suspension, please.

MS. COOKS: Mr. Benjamin?
MR. BENJAMIN: Aye.
MS. COOKS: Ms. Burke-Jones?
MS. BURKE-JONES: Aye.
MS. COOKS: Ms. Huffman?
MS. HUFFMAN: Aye.

MAYOR LICASTRO: Roll call on Resolution 1245 for passage.

MR. BENJAMIN: Second.

MAYOR LICASTRO: Discussion? Ms. Akins participation or DS?

MS. BURKE-JONES: I’m talking about the amount of money. This is a new something that’s just come up. And if they’re willing to -- I’m just asking a question. If they’re willing to -- frankly, if they’re willing to roll the dice on it, fine.

MAYOR LICASTRO: Are you talking about Ms. Akins participation or DS?

MS. BURKE-JONES: DS. And the $31,000.

MAYOR LICASTRO: Gentlemen, are you comfortable with the proposal as stated?

MR. MEYERS: Yes, comfortable with the proposal as stated.

MAYOR LICASTRO: Thank you. We’ll talk about Jill’s participation at the next meeting.
Any other questions? There being none, roll call on passage, please.

MS. COOKS: Mr. Benjamin?
MR. BENJAMIN: Aye.
MS. COOKS: Ms. Burke-Jones?
MS. BURKE-JONES: Aye.
MS. COOKS: Ms. Huffman?
MS. HUFFMAN: Aye.
MS. COOKS: Mr. McDonald?
MR. McDONALD: Aye.
MS. COOKS: Mr. Taylor?
MR. TAYLOR: Aye.

MAYOR LICASTRO: Thank you. Mr. McDonald, if you would, Ordinance 4134.
MR. McDONALD: Introduce Ordinance 4134, an ordinance confirming Mayor Licastro's appointment of Matthew Woisnet as a full-time police officer for the Village of Bratenahl Police Department, declaring an emergency. This is for suspension.

MR. BENJAMIN: Second.

MAYOR LICASTRO: Roll call on suspension, please.

MS. COOKS: Mr. Benjamin?
MR. BENJAMIN: Aye.
MS. COOKS: Ms. Burke-Jones?
MS. BURKE-JONES: Aye.
MS. COOKS: Ms. Huffman?
MS. HUFFMAN: Aye.
MS. COOKS: Mr. McDonald?
MR. McDONALD: Aye.
MS. COOKS: Mr. Taylor?
MR. TAYLOR: Aye.

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MR. BENJAMIN: Second.
MAYOR LICASTRO: Roll call on suspension, please.

MS. COOKS: Mr. Benjamin?
MR. BENJAMIN: Aye.
MS. COOKS: Ms. Burke-Jones?
MS. BURKE-JONES: Aye.
MS. COOKS: Ms. Huffman?
MS. HUFFMAN: Aye.
MS. COOKS: Mr. McDonald?
MR. McDONALD: Aye.

MAYOR LICASTRO: Thank you. Chief, we can then proceed as stated.

CHIEF LOBELLO: Thank you.

MAYOR LICASTRO: Mr. Taylor, if you would.
MR. TAYLOR: I'll introduce Ordinance 4136.

35. 35. Hold on. I’d like to introduced Ordinance Number 4135, an ordinance to establish annual appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the Village of Bratenahl during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2022, and declaring an emergency.

MR. McDONALD: Second.
MR. BENJAMIN: Second.

MAYOR LICASTRO: Roll call on passage, please.

MS. COOKS: Mr. Benjamin?
MR. BENJAMIN: Aye.
MS. COOKS: Ms. Burke-Jones?
MS. BURKE-JONES: Aye.
MS. COOKS: Ms. Huffman?
MS. HUFFMAN: Aye.
MS. COOKS: Mr. McDonald?
MR. McDONALD: Aye.
MS. COOKS: Mr. Taylor?
MR. TAYLOR: Aye.

MAYOR LICASTRO: Thank you. Mr. Benjamin, and 4136 is pay claims, please.

MR. BENJAMIN: Ordinance 4136, that the following claims against the Village of Bratenahl are hereby directed from the funds and the Fiscal Officer is hereby authorized and directed to draw

MAYOR LICASTRO: Discussion? There being none, roll call on passage, please.

MS. COOKS: Mr. Benjamin?
MR. BENJAMIN: Aye.
MS. COOKS: Ms. Burke-Jones?
MS. BURKE-JONES: Aye.
MS. COOKS: Ms. Huffman?
MS. HUFFMAN: Aye.
MS. COOKS: Mr. McDonald?
MR. McDONALD: Aye.

MAYOR LICASTRO: Thank you. Mr. Benjamin, and 4136 is pay claims, please.
her warrants for payment to wit: The monthly total is $144,728.69. We discussed this at the Finance Committee meeting earlier this evening, and I move for suspension.

MR. MCDONALD: Second.

MAYOR LICASTRO: Roll call on suspension, please.

MS. COOKS: Mr. Benjamin?

MR. BENJAMIN: Aye.

MS. COOKS: Ms. Burke-Jones?

MS. BURKE-JONES: Aye.

MS. COOKS: Ms. Huffman?

MS. HUFFMAN: Aye.

MS. COOKS: Mr. McDonald?

MR. MCDONALD: Aye.

MS. COOKS: Mr. Taylor?

MR. TAYLOR: Aye.

MR. BENJAMIN: Move passage of Ordinance 4136.

MR. MCDONALD: Second.

MAYOR LICASTRO: Discussion? There being none, roll call on passage, please.

MS. COOKS: Mr. Benjamin?

MS. BURKE-JONES: Aye.

MS. COOKS: Mr. McDonald?

MR. MCDONALD: Aye.

MS. COOKS: Mr. Taylor?

MR. TAYLOR: Aye.

MR. BENJAMIN: Move passage of Ordinance 4136.

MAYOR LICASTRO: We have an ongoing maintenance program as recommended by Mr. Zalar on what our priorities should be.

MR. ORRALL: So is that applying to -- are we doing anything with the masonry.

MR. ZALAR: Not at this point.

MR. ORRALL: What about the emergency exit by the locker room, boys locker room.

MR. ZALAR: That was a public improvement. That had to do with the ramp and lift. I don't know where that's at.

MR. ORRALL: Some of these are dangerous.

MAYOR LICASTRO: Mr. Orrall, we appreciate your input. If you could draft your concerns in e-mail, we would certainly like to discuss them.

Anyone else? Then moving to a motion to adjourn, please.

MR. MCDONALD: So move.

MR. TAYLOR: Second.

MAYOR LICASTRO: Roll call on adjournment.

MS. COOKS: Mr. Benjamin?

MS. BURKE-JONES: Aye.

MS. HUFFMAN: Aye.

MS. COOKS: Mr. McDonald?

MR. MCDONALD: Aye.

MS. COOKS: Mr. Taylor?

MR. TAYLOR: Aye.

MAYOR LICASTRO: Thank you. Have a nice evening, everybody.

(Meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.)
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