

## **CITY OF ROCKY RIVER**

**June 19, 2017**

The meeting of the Committee-of-the-Whole was called to order by Mr. Moran, President of Council, at 8:00 p.m. in the David J. Cook Council Chambers.

Council Members Present: Mr. Hunt, Mr. Shepherd, Mr. O'Donnell, Mr. Furry,  
Mr. Sindelar, Mr. Klym, Mr. Moran

Administration: Mayor Bobst, Director Costello

Law Director: Mr. Bemer

Press: Ms. Botos

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT:**

The Mayor reported that the Eagles Tribute Band Concert was held last night on the artificial turf inside the Hamilton Ice Rink due to weather. Councilman Shepherd was in attendance and said the concert was very good. All the Summer Concert Series will be held rain or shine. An estimated 250 people were in attendance.

The Mayor announced that there was a fire at Bucci's Restaurant Saturday night into Sunday morning. The fire was under control quickly. There was a lot of smoke damage in the adjacent businesses. The Health Department and the State Fire Marshal have been at the site. Bucci's will be up and running as soon as possible.

Lieutenant Adam Pettit of the Rocky River Fire Department participated in the Ohio Police and Fire Games, which are the Olympics for the Police and Fire Departments. The Mayor is proud to announce that Lt. Pettit won two gold and two bronze medals all in running events. Congratulations to Lieutenant Pettit.

The Mayor is continuing to monitor the State Budget Process. This Tuesday or Wednesday the Budget will be voted out of the Senate and sent back to the House. The House will probably reject the Senate's version and go into Conference Committee. The Mayor has been working very closely with Senator Dolan as well as Representative Greenspan regarding a couple of issues. One of the issues is the Municipal Income Tax Collection. The House had taken that provision out after the Governor had placed it in the Budget. The House gutted that proposal and the Senate put much of it back in. The Mayors, R.I.T.A., C.C.A., the Ohio Municipal League and other communities around the state are joining together to communicate to both representatives and the senators that this is not a well thought out inclusion in the budget bill. The other issue being watched is regarding the MARCS Radio funding and the Transportation Budget was already passed with additional dollars for ODOT Funding.

This Thursday from 4:00-7:00 p.m. there will be a celebration for the National Accreditation received by the Senior Center. There is a new stone wall with geraniums by the front entrance. Thank you to Director Costello, Mike Reyes, Rich Snyder, Mr. Connelly of Connelly Landscaping and staff members at the Senior Center for the completion of this project.

The Mayor announced that on Monday, June 26<sup>th</sup> there is a meeting at the airport. There will be an opportunity to meet the new Airport Director, Robert Kennedy. The Airport Management will be there along with the FAA giving updates on airport construction projects and the FAA Detroit and Cleveland Metroplex air efficiency project that they have been working on.

The Mayor also said that there will be mid-year Budget Reviews during the month of July. The Mayor will report back to Council at the end of July regarding the reviews.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS: NONE**

**COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:** President Moran announced that as of the July 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting, all Council Meetings will begin at 7:00 p.m. instead of 8:00 p.m.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**ORDINANCE NO. 15-17:** Mr. Sindelar said this ordinance will need to be amended for next week's meeting before the second read. July 10<sup>th</sup> will be the third reading and a vote providing all Council members are in attendance. The amended ordinance will be in Council packets this Friday.

**AMENDED ORDINANCE NO. 32-17:** Mr. Sindelar said that this ordinance has been amended. A Public Hearing will be set for July 17, 2017. Mr. Ferry had attended to be at this meeting but had a conflict with his schedule.

**ORDINANCE NO. 33-17:** Mr. O'Donnell said that this is the annual housekeeping ordinance to buy janitorial supplies at a cost not to exceed \$55,000. Ohio Valley has agreed to renew this contract for one year at the 2015 bid prices. Ohio Valley has a great service record and the city has not had any problems with them as a vendor. Councilman Shepherd said that Ohio Valley is one of his clients and a personal friend so he will recuse himself from voting on this ordinance. This will have a third read next week and will be the first item on a consent agenda.

**RESOLUTION NO. 34-17:** Mr. Hunt said that this has been read twice and will be added to the consent agenda. The resolution will authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Cuyahoga County to receive funds from the Community Development Supplemental Grant Program. This is for the pedestrian safety project at Wooster and Shoreland. The CDSG will reimburse the city \$49,950 for expenses related to this project upon completion. This project will make the crossings ADA compliant along with signalization improvements for pedestrians heading east and west on Wooster at the Shoreland intersection. This will be put out to bid late this summer and the work should be completed before the end of construction season.

**ORDINANCE NO. 35-17:** Mr. Shepherd said that this ordinance will be placed on the consent agenda also. This ordinance authorizes the city to enter into a three-year agreement with Gardiner for the maintenance of the HVAC, humidifiers, air conditioners, water pumps, hot water tanks etc. This is a three-year contract at \$36,028 per year for three years. This work will be done in all major buildings.

**ORDINANCE NO. 36-17:** Mr. Furry said that this ordinance will need to be amended as it has gone from a memorandum to an agreement. This agreement is between the City of Rocky River and the Cuyahoga County Board of Health for Phase II Stormwater Services for 2017-2018. This is necessary because the city is outside the North East Ohio Regional Sewer District because of its own collection system. The Board will verify previously identified municipal separate stormwater system outfall locations and update any outfall information that has changed during this two year reporting period. The Board will monitor outfall locations over a minimum 72-hour period with no rain and sample all of these locations. These samples will be analyzed for the presence of E. coli bacteria. This is a two-year agreement for a total of \$5,064.00 or \$2,532.00 annually. This dollar amount is below the amount to be reported to Council but since it is a governmental entity, this ordinance provides full disclosure. This will have a third read next week along with an amendment and Mr. Furry will be seeking passage.

**ORDINANCE NO. 38-17:** Mr. Shepherd said that this ordinance will have a second read next week. This ordinance is for a contract for the Crack and Joint Sealing Program to prolong the useful life of the streets. New streets are prime candidates. It was put out to bid and Specialized Construction was the only bid received. In 2015 the city received two bids and Specialized Construction was the low bidder by over \$20,000. The amount is about 2% over the cost of last year and that is reasonable. This will have three full reads.

**RESOLUTION NO. 39-17:** President Moran said that this resolution is the alternative tax budget for the year 2018. The Finance Director prepares the information with little to no information from the Mayor or Council. This is basically general projections to the County and making sure that it is on file by July 20<sup>th</sup>. This will have two more reads.

**ORDINANCE NO. 40-17:** President Moran said that this ordinance requests an August Recess for City Council. This provides an opportunity for Council to schedule some vacation time. This will have a second read next week.

**ORDINANCE NO. 41-17:** Mr. Shepherd said that this ordinance will have a second read next week. This sets forth the repaving program for this year. The Safety Service Director advertised for bids for the 2017 Street Repair Program which will provide new pavement for the following streets: Buckingham Rd., Elmwood Rd. (from Lake to Avalon), Erie Rd. (west from Elmwood through and including Whittlesay Ln.), High Pkwy. (from 18519 High Pkwy. to East Shoreland), Kensington Oval, Morewood Alley East, Orchard Grove Ave. (to Westmoor), Palmer Dr., Smith Ct. (from Ingersoll to South Falmouth / South Kensington), Southbend Circle/Southbend Dr. (street repairs), Stratford Dr., Wooster Pkwy., and City Hall between the Senior Center and Civic Center. Six bids were received and Crossroads was the low bidder by \$44,000 at a price of \$789,947. The engineer's estimate was \$950,000. Crossroads has done work for the city in the past and has done a good job. Crossroads has worked for Fairview Park and Lorain County and the City of Medina with favorably from those two communities. There were no unresolved findings in the database from the State Auditor. Wooster Road will be repaved in 2018 and will be repaved through ODOT.

- Mr. Furry asked about the street repairs for Southbend Circle and Southbend Drive. Director Costello said that the repairs will be full depth concrete section repairs. There will be some parts of the street where larger portions will be replaced but in the areas where the concrete is in good working order, it will not be replaced. Driveway aprons will not be replaced unless impacted by the contractor.

- Mr. O'Donnell mentioned that Westway is opened and looks great.

**ORDINANCE NO. 42-17:** Mr. Klym said that in the 2017 Budget, funds were allocated to replace the roof of the Hamilton Ice Arena. In conjunction with that project the Administration put out a request for qualifications in April to Engineering Firms and selected the bid from R. E. Warner & Associates Inc. at a price of \$45,650. This is underneath the \$50,000 amount needing approval from Council. However, because of the age of the roof and the unknown this ordinance will ratify the approval of that contract and add another \$20,000 above that if additional concerns are found in the roof project requiring additional engineering services. This will be read three times.

- Director Costello wanted to assure Council that the administration would never go over an additional \$50,000 so wanted it to be clear that it would be for a nominal amount not to exceed the limited contingency.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 43-17:** This resolution allows the city to put the delinquent sanitary sewer bills in collection. These bills were due by the end of 2016. These amounts will be added to the tax bill if not paid before that. Currently the list has 537 names. This list will be amended by the final read as some of these bills will be paid prior to that time. This will be read for the first time next week.

**ORDINANCE NO. 44-17:** Mr. Sindelar said that this parcel is located on Eastlook and is formerly know as the Lighthouse Alliance Church. The request is for the classification to be changed from Public Facility to an OB1 Office. This will be read next week and then refer it to the Planning Commission.

**RESOLUTION NO. 45-17:** President Moran said this resolution is to collect the unpaid maintenance fees on specific properties in Rocky River. These bills will be added to the tax bill if not paid before. This will be read for the first time next week.

- Mr. Sindelar asked what maintenance was done at the Kautilya Rocky River LLC property that came down on Center Ridge. Director Costello explained that she had the unkempt property contractor weed whip around the perimeter since 2015.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: NONE**

As there was no further business by members of Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

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James W. Moran  
President of Council

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Susan G. Pease  
Clerk of Council