

CITY OF ROCKY RIVER

January 16, 2018

The meeting of the Committee-of-the-Whole was called to order by Mr. Moran, President of Council, immediately following the Special Meeting at 7:57 p.m.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT:

The Mayor thanked City Council Members, the Law Director and Safety Service Director who attended Chief Stillman's swearing in as the President of the Cuyahoga County Chief's Association this past Saturday evening. Chief Stillman is a leader among leaders and the City is very proud of his achievements. It meant a great deal to the Chief for everyone in attendance.

The Mayor announced that Director Michael Thomas has been appointed to the Rocky River Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. He will be sworn in this Thursday at noon. Director Thomas is also in the Citizen's Police Academy which began this evening.

The Mayor said that the notification for the RFP's for the police station will be posted in the Plain Dealer on January 19th regarding architectural services. Submissions are due by February 16th. The final selection will be scheduled the end of March. Director Costello said that questions regarding the RFP's are due in her office by February 9th and answers will be completed by February 12th. The proposals will be evaluated and the individuals scoring the highest will be interviewed. The recommendation will follow and then the negotiation process.

The "No Parking on the Hydrant Side" signs have been ordered. The sign will indicate the no parking ordinances of the City - No Parking on Hydrant Side of the Street, if Snow Exceeds 2 inches and between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. The signs will be installed immediately when received. A Ready Notify will be sent out when signs are being installed. Chief Stillman is already having conversations with each of his platoons.

The Mayor shared statistics on Recycling of Hazardous Waste. On Friday, January 5th, seven communities participated out of fifty-nine communities with the total weight delivered of well over 12,000 lbs. The City of Rocky River had the third highest total in pounds of material. A big shout out to Steve Elek, the Lead Supervisor in Refuse and Recycling along with the residents that gather up the material and dispose of it properly.

The Mayor also announced the Public Hearing tomorrow morning for the Senior Transportation Grant through NOACA. That will be in conjunction with the Senior's Council swearing-in.

The Citizen's Police Academy began this evening. There are 18 cadets in this class and this is the 8th class of the Citizen's Police Academy. Thank you to Chief Stillman and Lieutenant Lichman for all the work that they do for this program.

A reminder about the Cuyahoga Green Print Project meeting this Thursday at 6:30 pm at the Gemini Center in Fairview Park. They will be seeking public comment on their work so far. The Cuyahoga Green Print Project is a collaborative between the Cuyahoga Planning Commission, the Cleveland Metroparks and NOACA. Director Costello has been involved in this process also.

The Mayor shared Building Department Statistics. There were 16,049 permits issued versus 15,015 last year. The total valuation this year is \$31,266,000 compared to \$24,299,000 last year which was up \$20,000,000 from the year before. This shows the building department is hard at work on both the residential and commercial side. Residential accounts for almost \$20,000,000 and about \$11,500,000 is commercial.

- Mr. Sindelar confirmed that the placing of the "No Parking" signs will be placed only at the entrances to the city. The Mayor confirmed that the signs will be placed at the gateways of the city and notable locations. If more signs are needed the city will have additional signs that can be placed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: President Moran commented on the Rocky River Resident's Reference Guide. Every year he receives this he reads every page and he is amazed at how much information is in the Guide. If residents haven't received their guide, there are extra copies at City Hall. On page 32, both the Planning and BZA Commissions are listed. Bill Bishop is the Chair for Planning along with Mike DeMarco, Chuck Gustafson, Tom Long and Lynn Murphy along with Eric Pempus, Chair of the BZA along with Todd Brandt, Richard Christ, Pat Farrell and Chris Wolf. The third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. is when the Planning Commission meets and the second Thursday of each month is when the BZA Commission meets. Last Wednesday there was a Public Hearing regarding the development of Breezevale Cove and the two properties on Lake Road. About 50 people attended the meeting. The plan right now is for 23-25 unit condo on one unit and 17 townhouses on about 4 acres of property. Sixteen letters were submitted for and against the proposition for the meeting. Many issues were discussed that Council has heard before. The present plan for this property is a division of an R-4 for a portion of it and an R-3 which will be the townhouses. Seventeen people spoke with 7 against and 10 for the proposal and the new design was discussed. The Planning Commission did vote 5-0 for the new proposal. The minutes of the meeting will be forwarded to Council. Thank you to Councilman Furry for attending this meeting also.

On Thursday there was a BZA meeting. There were 7 issues of variances that were requested. Of the 7 issues, 6 of them were approved and one was held for more information.

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE NO. 79-17 – 93-17: Mr. Shepherd said that all these ordinances were just discussed during the Planning, Zoning and Economic Development Committee Meeting this evening. More communication will be forthcoming on these ordinances.

ORDINANCE NO. 106-17: This ordinance has been referred to the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission Meeting was held last Wednesday, January 10, 2018. There will be more discussion.

ORDINANCE NO. 1-18: Mr. Shepherd said that this ordinance is for emergency repairs to the sanitary and storm sewers and the streets. This will be read a second time next week. Director Costello provided a summary of how the \$90,000 was spent from Ordinance No. 68-16. The repairs on Laurel in the amount of \$97,798 seem to be the main reason the funds from Ordinance No. 68-16 have been depleted. Director Costello stated that recently the Laurel/Purnell waterline replacement project began at the section between Lakeview and Hampton. As part of that work, it was discovered that serious sanitary sewer faults and failings needed to be corrected. An emergency repair had to be made and as that was worked on more and more bad sewer lines were discovered. This was a large scope of repair work that used the remaining portion of the money from that ordinance. Ordinance No. 1-18 will be for upcoming emergency sewer repairs in 2018. A portion of Laurel will need to be paid out of this ordinance as well. This repair covered four homes that were connected to this stretch of the sewer line that was failing, approximately 200 feet.

RESOLUTION NO. 2-18: Mr. Moran said there was a special meeting concerning Resolution No. 2-18. This is the application to NOACA for \$60,000 for the new vehicle for the Senior Center. There will be a Public Hearing regarding this application at 9:00 a.m. tomorrow at the Senior Center. This will be read for a third time next week.

NEW BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE NO. 3-18: Mr. O'Donnell said that this is the annual ordinance authorizing the adjustment of sewer rates that the City of Rocky River pays to the City of Lakewood for Wastewater Treatment Service for the Valleyview neighborhood. Lakewood has increased their rates per the exhibit attached to this ordinance. Last year the city paid \$62 per MCF; this year there is a rate increase along with a millage increase that brings the total to \$77.84 per MCF. Last year there was some discussion about the number of homes that this pertains to. Engineer MacKay confirmed that there are 110 single family areas that will participate in this program. This is a positive partnership with the City of Lakewood. If the City of Rocky River couldn't send this wastewater and sanitary sewage to Lakewood, Rocky River would have to install a pump and pump it back up to Wooster into our system. This is definitely a cost saving measure. The City of Rocky River appreciates the partnership it has with the City of Lakewood. This will have three full reads.

- The Mayor added that these residents of Rocky River are charged the same MCF rate as any other resident of Rocky River. The City of Rocky River picks up the balance and pays the City of Lakewood.
- Mr. Klym said that what should be highlighted is that the residents of Rocky River pay \$38 per MCF while Lakewood is at \$77 per MCF. The cost to Lakewood has increased every year.
- Mr. Moran noted that previously the letter stated that the increase is the same increase as passed along to the City of Lakewood residents. Mayor Bobst said that the calculation is the same for Rocky River residents as the residents of the City of Lakewood.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: NONE

As there was no further business by members of Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

James W. Moran
President of Council

Susan G. Pease
Clerk of Council