

CITY OF ROCKY RIVER

November 2, 2020

PUBLIC HEARING – THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

Council Members Present: Mr. Hunt, Mr. Shepherd, Mr. O'Donnell,
Mrs. Morris, Mr. Klym, Mr. Moran

Absent: Mr. Furry

Administration: Mayor Bobst, Mr. Snyder

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Public Hearing for the Community Development Block Grant Application began at 7:00 p.m. in the Civic Center Community Room. President Moran turned the meeting over to Mayor Bobst. The Mayor began by stating that the Community Development Block Grant Program is a Federal Program. For the City of Rocky River, it is a competitive grant through the county. Communities like Lakewood and Parma are large enough to receive a direct distribution through the Federal Government. The maximum grant award is \$150,000. The Public Hearings are held to understand if there are any projects that residents are interested in having the city look at. There is significant criteria to adhere to; specifically the project has to be in an ITA, which stands for Investment Target Area or a LMI, which stands for Low to Moderate Income. The County has identified one of Rocky River's neighborhoods as an ITA in Ward 3. There are other identified ITA's but those are primarily along Center Ridge Road in business areas and on Hilliard Blvd. to the east. On two occasions, the Wooster/Shoreland Park Project area was submitted which has historical significance, great connectors with the Middle School, the library and commercial districts. Now that the pedestrian safety project is completed along with the Wooster repaving, this is the perfect time to submit this application. This application has information about the Master Plan and the Confluence Grant that Mr. Snyder is working on along with connections to the State and National Bike Route. A second Public Hearing will be held next Monday in the event that residents have thoughts regarding this project that is being proposed or any other project. It is the administration's intent to present to Council next week the application paperwork and the resolution for the Wooster/Shoreland Neighborhood Park. Councilman O'Donnell has met with the Mayor and residents hoping that this project moves forward. Residents and other stakeholders have been engaged in developing this project and it meets the ITA criteria. The draft or elements of the project can be modified if feedback is received from the community at next week's Public Hearing.

The City has been fortunate in receiving grants most notably when the city received \$350,000 for the Old Detroit Road area that translated into a large amount of investment from property and business owners in that small historic area. These grants are meaningful and encompass many partners including conversations with the Green Team, the Historical Society, the RRPL and other stakeholders.

- Alex Kamezyc, a WestLife reporter, has questions and will meet later with the Mayor and Director Snyder.

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

As there was no further comment, President Moran moved to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Mr. O'Donnell.

Vote:	Hunt – aye	Shepherd – aye	O'Donnell – aye	
	Morris – aye	Klym – aye	Moran – aye	
	6 ayes	0 nays		PASSED

The meeting was adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

James W. Moran
President of Council

Susan G. Pease
Clerk of Council

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The meeting of the Committee-of-the-Whole was called to order by Mr. Moran, President, immediately following the Public Hearing in the Civic Center Community Room.

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MAYOR'S REPORT:

A Shredding Event was held this Saturday at the City Hall Campus. Thank you to the Community Emergency Response Team for volunteering to direct the traffic of about 160 cars. Councilwoman Morris was also in attendance with the Green Team educating the community about recycling along with Master Recyclers from the County.

A number of crews are out in the city beginning leaf collection. This season the leaves will be taken to Rust Belt Riders for composting at no cost to the city. Thank you to the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District for informing the city about Rust Belt Riders and this service. The leaves were slower to fall this October making the start-up date for leaf pick up one week later than in past.

Salt trucks are ready to go out also, if necessary.

Lieutenant Lichman was sworn in this afternoon to the position of Chief of the Rocky River Police Department. Thank you to Council for the kind words to Chief Lichman after the press release went out. Chief Lichman has done a tremendous job preparing for this moment. He has always said he wanted to be the best Patrol Officer, the best Sergeant, the best lieutenant and now the best Chief for this community and that is heartfelt. Every dimension the assessment center evaluated Chief Lichman on, he scored way above the average. The Mayor knows he will do a great job for the community, businesses and members of the Police Department. Thank you for welcoming him to his new position.

Next Monday at 4:30 p.m. in Council Chambers, the Mayor will swear in Patrolman Bunner to Lieutenant Bunner along with Patrolman Rodriguez to Sergeant Rodriguez. Congratulations!

The Mayor announced that Nicholas Barille was appointed to Superintendent of the Rocky River Wastewater Treatment by the Wastewater Treatment Plant Management Committee effective Monday, November 2, 2020. Mr. Barille has most recently served as the assistant superintendent. During his short time with the city, he began and completed a Master's Degree and has built tremendous relationships with employees, the union of the WWTP and the EPA which is extremely important in this role. Nick is committed to the environment and will advance that with his work at the WWTP.

The Mayor shared Building Department Statistics for the year to date through October. The city is down in the number of permits issued with 1450 permits this year compared to 1500 last year. However, valuation is up from \$41,000,000 last year to \$57,500,000 today in both residential and commercial.

Bradstreet's Landing has begun to mobilize. The fencing, equipment, a trailer and signage will be going up shortly. The city is very excited to see that move ahead.

The General Election is tomorrow with voting beginning at 6:30 a.m. at the Civic Center and the Presbyterian Church in Rocky River. The Mayor hopes for an uneventful election in the City of Rocky River. There are 61 polling booths set up along with ballot scanners and electronic poll books. This will be an efficient operation with a good traffic pattern for residents.

- Mr. Shepherd commented that the leaves did stay on the trees longer this year but was one of the prettiest falls the area has had in ages. The Mayor concurred it has been a vibrant season of color.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Finance Committee – Mr. O'Donnell reminded Council that the schedule for the first read of the 2021 Budget will be November 9th, second read on November 23rd, and the Finance Committee Meeting on December 4th from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon, with a Public Hearing and a possible third read on December 7th or December 14th. Councilmembers should begin to schedule meetings with their Directors.

COMMUNICATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS: NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE NO. 75-20: Mr. Hunt said this ordinance authorizes the purchase of a new ambulance from PFund Superior Sales and has been discussed at length for several weeks. Mr. Hunt has not had any comments so this is set for a third read at next week's meeting and potential passage. This will be on the consent agenda.

ORDINANCE NO. 76-20: Mr. Shepherd stated that this is an annual ordinance that authorizes the city to enter into a Public Health Service agreement with the Cuyahoga County Board of Health to provide certain mandated health services to the residents. This contract continues the rate of \$5.45 per capita, which is the same rate as 2020. This will be read for a third time next week and placed on the consent agenda.

RESOLUTION NO. 77-20: Mr. Shepherd stated that this resolution authorizes the Mayor to submit an application to the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA) for the Transportation for Livable Communities Initiative (TLCI) Implementation grant, to fund improvements for the "Beachcliff/Lake Road Pedestrian Crossing Improvement" Project. Mr. Shepherd said that a map was distributed to Council to better identify the aspects of this project. Key features to this will be the installation of a specialty crossing at the top of Yacht Club Hill with a pause area in the center to create a safe stamped concrete crosswalk for residents to go into or come out of the Yacht Club Basin. This grant will be in the range of 80% paid by NOACA. This will be read for a third time next week and placed on the consent agenda.

ORDINANCE NO. 79-20: Mr. Moran said this ordinance authorizes the city to purchase gasoline, fuel oil and allied products on the Open Market at the best prices possible. This is an annual ordinance and thanked Director Snyder for the actual statistical data. The difference in cost is substantial and close to .30 a gallon by going out on the Open Market. This will be read for a second time next week.

- Mrs. Morris asked how many total gallons the city purchases in a year. The Mayor said that the chart is in monetary components but Director Snyder estimates it to be about 163,000 gallons purchased yearly.

ORDINANCE NO. 80-20: Mr. Moran said this is the partner ordinance to 79-20 that authorizes the city to purchase tires on the Open Market at the best prices possible. The city receives quotes from local suppliers and then compares these amounts to the state bid. This will be read for the second time next week.

RESOLUTION NO. 81-20: Mr. Shepherd said this resolution authorizing the Service Department to prepare and submit an application in the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement and Local Transportation Improvement Program for repair of sanitary sewers on Spencer Road. The city has applied for this in the past, but has not been approved. Work has been completed on the catch basins and the administration is hopeful for success this time around. This will be read for a second time next week.

ORDINANCE NO. 82-20: Mr. Hunt stated that this has been discussed for the last several weeks with very good discussions. This authorizes the Mayor to enter into a supplement agreement with Sitetech, Inc. who completed the remediation site work for the police station and would continue that work. As discussed, there was an agreement and release entered into between Sitetech and Bowen and potentially the city if this legislation is approved. The principal was agreed to on October 16th regarding the remediation of the unknown unsuitable soils underneath the foundation of the police department discovered during demolition. The additional work accomplished in removing the soils and bringing in the proper fill as well as the site preparation work including labor costs and the extension of the contract with Sitetech to complete their work. The total authorization will be in the amount of \$163,019.35. This will be read a second time next week.

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: Mr. Moran congratulated the Rocky River High School Girls Soccer Team for winning Districts and hopes their winning streak continues.

As there was no further business by members of Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

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