

CITY OF ROCKY RIVER

October 17, 2016

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, Mrs. Costello

Law Director: Mr. Bemer

Press: Ms. Botos

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Last week's Business Expo was very successful, and the Mayor reported seeing many Council members in attendance, involved and volunteering. Numbers will be available from the Chamber of Commerce shortly.

Yesterday a dedication ceremony was held for a Blue Star memorial marker which was placed at the clock tower. The Mayor extended thanks to the Beach Cliff Garden Club, Pastor Bogre and Richard Healy, chairman of the Joint Veterans' Council of Lakewood and Rocky River. Safety-Service Director Costello, Service Commissioner Reyes and the Police Division also contributed to the ceremony for this beautiful gift to the community which is an enduring reminder of the service and sacrifices of veterans. A certificate of appreciation was received from the National Garden Clubs for participation in this national program which has placed memorials in Ohio and surrounding states.

Regarding the TLCI Grant (Transportation for Livable Communities), a community meeting in conjunction with Fairview Park will be held at 5:30 on Wednesday, October 19 at Memorial Hall. A short presentation will outline the traffic analysis and assessments of existing conditions. This will be followed by conversations, discussions and work sessions which have been held with multiple focus groups along the corridor. Preliminary recommendations will then be presented prior to hearing comments from residents and business owners. Their enhancement plan studies how public and private investment can be leveraged along the corridor and hopefully qualify for outside funding. Some other goals are simplifying traffic patterns and achieving a recognizable difference in making the area more pedestrian-friendly. The community is encouraged to attend.

The City received a confirmation from the County Department of Public Works confirming their contribution of \$250,000 for the Spencer Road Project. The resolution for the application is presently before Council. The application has been forwarded to DOPWIC and notification should be received sometime in December.

Award-winning Finance Director, Michael Thomas, has received an award from the Auditor of State for financial records of the Rocky River WWTP which is a collaboration with Bay Village, Westlake and Fairview Park. The certificate is given in recognition of clean and accurate record keeping, the foundation of good government. It states that the “taxpayers can take pride in your commitment to accountability”. On his behalf, the Mayor thanked Council for its role in the budget process and monitoring expenditures. The Mayor extended her congratulations to Director Thomas.

On Saturday, the Police Division will sponsor Operation Medicine Cabinet in the lobby of the station. The Mayor noted that the cabinet is always there, but at this time of year, a special campaign is held with public service announcements and media support to encourage residents to properly dispose of outdated and unused prescription drugs. Collection will be Saturday, October 22 from 12 to 2 p.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: NONE

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE NO. 89-15: Mr. Hunt explained that this ordinance has been pending for some time. As briefly discussed last week, final approval is pending for the Valore project on Morewood Parkway. In communications with Safety-Service Director Costello today, he reported that agreement is close, and hopefully, final review and approval are possible by the end of the week. If so, he said he will consider a third reading at next week’s Legislative meeting.

AMENDED ORDINANCE NO. 26-16: Councilman Sindelar said that he would like to discuss this rezoning ordinance and Ordinance No. 53-16 at the same time. He indicated that at this time, there is nothing new to report, and that Council is aware of the issues before it. As discussed last week, Council is holding the vote on these two ordinances until a full complement can be present at a Legislative Meeting. That will be on November 14 when he plans to call for a vote on both ordinances.

RESOLUTION NO. 47-16: As discussed over the past weeks, Mr. Moran explained that this is a resolution that requests that the Cuyahoga County Fiscal Officer advance taxes from the proceeds of special assessments for the tax year 2016. These funds are primarily from assessments to a small portion of Beach Cliff II for the construction for a breakwall. If this money is not requested, the City would have to wait six months to receive it. He expects to call for passage next Monday.

RESOLUTION NO. 48-16: Similar to Resolution No. 47-16, this resolution requests that the Cuyahoga County Fiscal Officer advance taxes from the proceeds of all tax levies for the tax year 2016. Mr. Moran noted that if these funds are not requested, the City would have to wait six months. This

ordinance is also due for a third reading and Mr. Moran requested that both 47-16 and 48-16 be placed on the Consent Agenda.

ORDINANCE NO. 49-16: This ordinance, which has been read twice, authorizes the purchase of a 2016 twenty-five cubic yard rear loading refuse packer for the Service Division. This is a significant expenditure, but the ordinance has been discussed multiple times. In the absence of any questions, Mr. O'Donnell requested that this ordinance also be placed on the Consent Agenda.

RESOLUTION NO. 50-16: Councilman Klym explained that Resolution 50-16 authorizes the Administration to enter into an agreement with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources' Ohio Coastal Management Program for a Coastal Management Assistance Grant (CMAG) in the amount of \$45,000 to which the City would add another \$45,000. This would allow the City to hire a company to complete a study of Bradstreet's Landing, including the stabilization of the shoreline, the creek, parking issues and upgrades to the bait shop and restroom areas. This resolution will authorize acceptance of the grant and the spending of the initial \$45,000 to provide the study. As the resolution will be presented for a third reading, Mr. Klym added this to the Consent Agenda.

ORDINANCE NO. 51-16: Mr. O'Donnell indicated that Ordinance 51-16 allows the City to purchase gasoline, fuel oil and allied products on the open market. He said this is a cost-saving measure because although the products are available through the state's purchasing programs, the Administration has been able to save by buying them on the open market. Since it has been read twice, he will seek passage next week and placed it on the Consent Agenda.

ORDINANCE NO. 52-16: In this companion ordinance to the one above, Mr. O'Donnell indicated that the City would be authorized to purchase tires on the open market. Unlike gasoline and fuel oil mentioned above, tires are not for sale through the state. Tires are, however, purchased in bulk where possible to achieve the best prices. (Consent Agenda)

ORDINANCE NO. 53-16: See discussion of Amended Ordinance No. 26-16.

RESOLUTION NO. 55-16: Councilman Shepherd explained that this resolution will authorize the Administration to make application to participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission's State Capital Improvement and/or Local Transportation Program(s) for the Spencer Road Improvement Project which is a substantial rebuilding of the infrastructure of the entire road. It will also involve restructure of the sewers as some sanitary sewers are tied into storm sewers. The cost is estimated at \$2.24 million, and he noted that the Mayor's announcement of the awarding of \$250,000 will be just over 10% of the total cost. Mr. Shepherd anticipates a second reading next week and discussion at two more meetings.

RESOLUTION 56-16: Mr. Furry indicated that this resolution, like Resolution No. 55-16, authorizes an application for financial assistance for the 2017-2020 WWTP capital improvement project. He noted that this resolution is to make application, but not for the expenditure of funds and similar resolutions

are being presented in Westlake, Fairview Park and Bay Village. The majority of the work is for the primary clarifier building which dates back to 1961 and includes updating pumps, valves, electrical and more. An additional portion will be the final clarifier which is more structural with concrete removal and replacement, grouting and miscellaneous electrical work. The total hard and soft costs, including contingencies, is slightly more than \$1.9 million. Mr. Furry expects three readings of this resolution.

ORDINANCE NO. 57-16: Mr. Klym explained that this is an annual ordinance which authorizes the Administration to enter into a contract with the General Health District of Cuyahoga County to provide services required by Ohio statutes, as well explained last week by the Mayor and the Safety-Service Director. He mentioned that the cost is increased by 5%, the first increase in three years. There will be other opportunities for discussion as Mr. Klym anticipates three readings.

ORDINANCE NO. 58-16: Mr. Furry indicated that this is the first of eight “sewage keeping” ordinances, this one for the exercise of a one-year renewal for the purchase of cationic polymer for 2017. The polymer is added to the liquid sludge prior to the dewatering process which helps turn it to digested sludge cake which can be hauled away from the plant. This is a one-year renewal of last year’s price from the current supplier, Polydyne, Inc. of Riceboro GA. Mr. Furry anticipates three readings and noted that it has no emergency clause.

ORDINANCE NO. 59-16: This ordinance will authorize the purchase of ferric chloride from PVS Technologies, Inc. Mr. Furry indicated that there has been some price volatility as the last five years have seen prices from \$297 to \$438. Last year, two bids were received with a range of \$438 to \$461; PVS Technologies was the lowest and best bidder, and this is a renewal at last year’s price. This will have three readings and also no emergency language.

ORDINANCE NO. 60-16: This ordinance is for the purchase of sodium bisulfite and is a one-year renewal with the current supplier. Mr. Furry explained that this chemical is added to the final effluent and excess flow and is used to remove chlorine in the plant effluent. Two bids were received last year from \$1.145 to \$1.15 gallon. JCI Jones Chemical, who had previously supplied the product, was the lowest and best bidder at \$1.145/gallon. The five-year average is \$1.17/gallon. This will also have three readings and has no emergency language.

ORDINANCE NO. 61-16: This ordinance will approve a contract for the removal of digested sludgecake from the WWTP, and is a one-year renewal at the current price of \$31.95/ton. Mr. Furry recalled that it was originally necessary for the months of December to March because of EPA regulations for renewal of the NPDES permit. During other months, it could be sent to a farm at a much lower cost. Five bids were received with a range of \$31.95 to \$51.17/ton; Agri-Sludge was the lowest and best bidder at \$31.95/ton. This will have three readings and has no emergency language.

ORDINANCE NO. 62-16: Mr. Furry explained that this ordinance will authorize the purchase of sodium hypochlorite. This is used at three application points: effluent (disinfection), pre-chlorination (odor control) and primary sludge (thickening to settle the sludge). The current supplier, Bonded

Chemicals of Columbus was the only bidder at a price of \$0.616. Last year two bids were received with a range of \$.715 to \$.72. Although generally, Mr. Furry noted that he prefers to have more than one bidder, the price was reduced by almost \$.10/gallon. As with the previous ordinances, this will be read three times and uses no emergency language.

ORDINANCE NO. 63-16: This ordinance will approve a contract for removal of digested sludgecake to a landfill from December 2016 through 2017 due to regulations set by the EPA for renewal of the NPDES permit. Three bids were received from \$42.10 to \$47.905/ton with Rumpke of Northern Ohio Inc. as the lowest and best bidder. This ordinance is slated for three readings, but because the contract expires in December, emergency language is necessary.

ORDINANCE NO. 64-16: This ordinance will approve a contract for the removal of raw sewage sludge from the WWTP and is in place for emergency purposes only when there is a mechanical failure. This has not been utilized in the past, but Mr. Furry indicated that it is required for the NPDES permit. Two bids were received with a range of \$42.10 to \$47.95 with Rumpke of Northern Ohio submitting the lowest and best bid. This ordinance will have three readings and will have emergency language due to the contract expiration date.

ORDINANCE NO. 65-16: The last of the annual ordinances is for the removal of grit and screenings from the WWTP. Grit is removed by the grit tanks at the screening building, and screenings (rags, paper, rocks, sand, etc.) are mechanically removed. Both must be sent to a landfill. Two bids were received with a range of \$42.10 to \$47.95/ton and once more Rumpke of Northern Ohio Inc. was the successful bidder. This ordinance will have three readings and emergency language was not necessary.

Mr. Furry finally reiterated that the purchase of these services and chemicals is required under the NPDES permit which is necessary for operation of the plant.

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Mr. Moran indicated that he will be unable to attend next week's meeting as he will be traveling on business. President Pro Tem Hunt will preside at the meeting.

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

Misao Kurokawa
Acting Clerk of Council

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