

CITY OF ROCKY RIVER

April 18, 2016

The Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting 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. Shepherd, Mr. O'Donnell, Mr. Furry,
Mr. Sindelar, Mr. Moran

Absent: Mr. Hunt, Mr. Klym

Administration: Mayor Bobst, Mrs. Costello

Law Director: Mr. Bemer

Press: Ms. Botos

MAYOR'S REPORT: The Mayor distributed the 2015 Annual Report of the Cuyahoga County Board of Health to Council. The Mayor highlighted the wide range of topics that the Cuyahoga County Board of Health is involved with from lead poisoning to opiates to work with restaurants and bed bugs. This is an important annual report which is supplemented by the individual report that is received by the County.

The Mayor announced that Bradstreets Landing received a \$350,000 grant from the State's Capital Budget for stream restoration through ODNR. The city greatly appreciates the efforts of Representative Nan Baker in assisting the city with the submission. Director Costello was a very large part of this as three funding sources were put together. This grant is the first source. The city will go back to Nature Works, which was just submitted, along with the Coastal Management piece and hopefully all of the renovations for Bradstreets Landing will come together.

The Mayor announced that the scope of services was finalized regarding the Gardiner Contract late last week due to the good work of Director Costello, Director Thomas, Director Mehling and Law Director Bemer. The city will be paying for all of the improvements through the Capital Budget. The cost will be split between the 2016 and 2017 budget years because resources will become available in the second half of 2016 and the beginning of 2017. The total amount will be approximately \$1.2 million. Gardiner guarantees the savings going forward for several years. The city will prioritize items that will have the greatest payback; i.e. LED lights, etc. The Mayor will keep Council apprised.

The Mayor said that there was an initial meeting held last week regarding the Master Plan. A timeline was created along with decisions made regarding stakeholders, task force members and

the number of meetings that will be needed. The administration is anticipating initiating a community survey that would assess residents regarding issues of quality of life, housing, city services, safety etc. The Mayor will report back to Council within the next couple of weeks.

Next week there will be two new pieces of legislation for Council. The first one is for the Police Department regarding the RNC Mutual Aid Agreement with Cleveland. Law Director Bemer has reviewed it. This is the same agreement that all communities are signing and this is to receive federal dollars to reimburse the city for assistance during the 2016 Republican National Convention. There will also be legislation regarding the auditor's extension for another two years. Director Thomas has reviewed this legislation with President Moran. The city has had two four year contracts with Auditors Ciuni and Panichi and at the request of the State Auditors this legislation will approve another two year contract with Ciuni and Panichi for a total of ten years.

The Rain Barrel presentation will be held tomorrow, April 19th, from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at Whole Foods. This is being sponsored by the Cuyahoga Soil & Water Conservation District.

Swings are up in the parks except for Martin Park and Morley Park where some repair work is needed. Crews have begun working on park clean up prior to the college students returning for seasonal employment. Road striping has also begun.

The Annual Arbor Day planting is scheduled for Friday, April 29th, at 10:00 a.m. behind the Senior Center where a tree will be replaced. Arborist Rich Snyder will be joining the administration and the entire community is invited to attend.

Community Shredding will be held on Saturday, April 30th, from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. in front of the Court Building. Residents are limited to two boxes of residential material only. This does not include material from local businesses. Habitat for Humanity will also have a truck in front of the Senior Center that morning. If residents have large items to donate to Habitat for Humanity, they will pick up those items at your home. An e-update will be sent out to residents regarding this information.

- President Moran commented that he was in Cincinnati over the weekend and heard an announcement regarding community shredding happening for the first time in one of the communities. President Moran said he was amazed that this was a new service in that area as it has been done for years in the City of Rocky River.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: NONE

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: President Moran mentioned that Council received a TREX application from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control regarding the West Shore Wine Corporation that is changing location from Westgate to Westwood Town Center. This has been presented to the Rocky River Police Department and Lieutenant Crates approved the application.

- Councilman Shepherd confirmed that it is a TREX application due to change in location.
- Councilman O'Donnell asked what a company needs to show to be eligible for a TREX application. Law Director Bemer said a company needs to show some business investment in the community.

The application was approved by Council.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE NO. 89-15: President Moran said that this ordinance will be on the Planning Commission's agenda slated for tomorrow evening.

ORDINANCE NO. 16-16: President Moran said that this is an emergency ordinance directing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the State of Ohio to supply \$30,000 for the operation of the Marine Patrol. Some discussion began last week. The total award last year was for \$24,626.25. The total operating costs for last year was estimated to be \$32,836, which was 75%. Everything has worked out well in past years.

The Mayor asked if everyone in Council received the Rocky River Marine Patrol Operational Cost Breakdown. The Mayor clarified that this \$30,000 comes to the City of Rocky River only because the City of Rocky River applies for it. It is used for personnel costs and Rocky River's portion of the operating costs. It is only utilized by the City of Rocky River.

- President Moran asked if the cost of personnel for Rocky River is less than it has been in years past. The Mayor responded yes. Last year the numbers were higher due to training on the boat. The Mayor anticipates that the MetroPark numbers will increase this year as well as the amount of hours the boat is in use. ODNR is very pleased.

President Moran said that he did receive a phone call today from Director Thomas regarding the new legislation Council will receive at the end of this week. This will be another two-year extension with Ciuni and Panichi as the City's auditors. The two-year extension will be \$35,000 a year totaling \$70,000. More detail will be discussed next week.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: Councilman Furry presented Ordinance No. 17-16 to Council. Councilman Furry said that about two months ago, the Green Team presented to Council an amendment to Section 521.11 entitled "Compost Accumulation" of the Codified Ordinances. Mr. Furry discussed some of the changes found on Exhibit A. Wording has been added to read "Compostable material shall consist of any organic yard waste or fruit and vegetable waste. The following materials are prohibited: meat products, dairy products, food oils and animal wastes." Also changes concerning the particulars for location and type of bins has been updated. Mr. Furry will supply Council with examples of composting bins .

- Councilman Sindelar asked how the city would enforce a bin made by a resident as opposed to purchasing an air-tight container for the refuse. The Mayor suggested

“commercially available” be added to the exhibit. Mr. Furry said this exhibit may need to be changed prior to passing this legislation.

- President Moran said that these discussions have brought more awareness to composting. It reminds President Moran of meetings concerning recycling and how much good recycling has done for the city.

Councilman Shepherd asked what the order of the Planning Commission Agenda is for the meeting tomorrow evening. The Mayor will forward the agenda to Council.

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

James W. Moran
President of Council

Susan G. Pease
Clerk of Council