

CITY OF ROCKY RIVER

July 18, 2016

The Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting was called to order by Mr. Moran, President of Council, immediately following the Special Meeting 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

MAYOR'S REPORT:

The Mayor said the city is finalizing the Community Survey with the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission. This is a community survey that will be part of the basis for the Master Plan Update. This will be sent to 1,400 randomly selected residential households in Rocky River later in August. As soon as it is finalized, each of the Councilmen will receive a copy.

Congressman Renacci's office has identified funds that were earmarked for ODOT Projects that were not used. These funds were either not used fully or communities and/or ODOT didn't act upon them, so these dollars were made potentially available to local communities. Director Costello has aligned local projects that the city is anticipating with the projects that were funded in the first place. These projects would include the pier at Bradstreet's Landing, the City Hall parking lot, the Marion Ramps, Spencer repaving and work on Center Ridge and Detroit as it relates to the recommendations from the TLCI Study. The Mayor will keep Council apprised.

The Finance Department will be submitting two ordinances to Council. These ordinances concern a supplemental ordinance and depository contracts ordinance. The depository contracts do not expire until October. Council will see these in their packets this week, but will continue on through the September Council meetings.

This Sunday the Jersey Brothers, which is a Frankie Valli tribute band will be performing beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the City Hall Gazebo. The Mayor is looking forward to a good turn out for this performance.

- Councilman Furry mentioned that he has heard some comments from residents and businesses regarding the timing of notification for some of the construction projects going on in the city. Mr. Furry asked if a Ready Notify could be sent out earlier to alert the businesses and residents. The Mayor asked which of the construction projects this

was concerning. Mr. Furry said it was Linden Drive and he has already spoken to Director Costello regarding this. The Mayor said the city has a Ready Notify that captures just those that have asked to be notified and targets those that are most directly impacted. It is often difficult for the city to know exactly when the paving contractor will schedule work, so historically the city has not sent out notices regarding paving. Director Costello feels that the best person to notify residents affected is the contractor within 72 hours prior to the start of the project. Director Costello will ask that to be included in the competitive bidding in the future along with a timelier Ready Notify.

The Mayor said the city also received an email message from someone regarding the late timing of the Ready Notify sent out last night warning about severe weather. The City of Westlake sent out a Nixel alert regarding a severe weather warning followed by a Ready Notify from the County sometime later. Neither of these alerts were sent from the City of Rocky River. The city will communicate to the County that the weather warning should be sent out earlier than it was last evening.

Director Costello also mentioned that there were some issues with Ready Notify regarding the construction projects. Some of the emails did not get through. Director Costello is waiting to hear back from Ready Notify to see if there are some system issues.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: NONE

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE NO. 89-15: Mr. Hunt said that this ordinance is referred back to the Planning Commission based on discussions most recently concerning the no left egress or ingress. The Planning Commission meets tomorrow, Tuesday July 19th. Council should have received the Planning Commission Meeting Agenda from Kate Straub.

ORDINANCE NO. 26-16: Councilman Sindelar said that this ordinance is also on hold until the Planning Commission Meeting minutes are approved. Mr. Sindelar said that the Developer met with himself and Councilman Furry last week to discuss some points and why they believe Council should move forward with this ordinance. The design of the building was discussed and Mr. Sindelar expressed his personal reservation and how he has heard from more people that are not in favor of this project. The Developer said that they have many resident in favor of this project. Mr. Sindelar requested that they get in touch with fellow Council members and let Council know of residents that are in favor of this proposition to rezone this area. This ordinance will be amended next week once the minutes are finalized and also will have a second reading.

- Councilman Klym confirmed that the Public Hearing on July 25th will begin at 7:00 p.m.

RESOLUTION NO. 34-16: This resolution concerns the delinquent sewer bills. These sewer bills will be sent to the Cuyahoga County Fiscal Officer for collection. These unpaid balances will be added to their tax bill. This list will be amended before passage due to anyone who has

paid prior to July 18th. This will be read for a third time and hopefully passed at next week's Legislative Meeting.

ORDINANCE NO. 35-16: Councilman Shepherd said this is scheduled for a third reading next week. This ordinance authorizes the payment of \$4,430 to Law Director Andrew Bemer for work done beyond his Law Directorship in representing the city in the Collective Bargaining process with Teamsters Local 436 that was approved last month. This has been discussed several times.

ORDINANCE NO. 36-16: This ordinance was just discussed at the Special Meeting prior to this meeting. Mr. Shepherd said that this ordinance for the waterline projects on both Lakeview and Hampton Roads will be read for a third time next week and hopefully passed.

- Councilman Klym asked when this project would start assuming it is passed next week. Director Costello said that there is a pre-construction meeting with the contractor on July 26th and she hopes that this project will begin mid-August. Mr. Klym asked if the Wooster Road project would be done by then. Director Costello said no, that Wooster Road is a two-year project so Phase 1 will continue through the end of October but the Linden Road project will be done by mid-August. Councilman Klym continues to bring this up due to the difficult traffic pattern. Hampton and Lakeview are very heavily traveled along with Gasser along with buses being moved to Lakeview. Director Costello said that it is important to remember that the re-lining is not as disruptive as some of the waterline replacements. However, there will be construction equipment in the way which in some ways will be helpful to residents as it slows the traffic down. Director Costello hears often again how traffic speeds up between Center Ridge Road and Hilliard on all of these streets. Director Costello asks that residents be patient and allow themselves enough time to reach their destinations.

Councilman Shepherd asked if Lakeview and Hampton will be done simultaneously. Director Costello has not heard that they will have two crews working simultaneously which would be needed if they proceed in that direction.

The Mayor said that the city does not purposely work on streets that are going to cause traffic disruptions. Part of this is the timing of funding that the city received a zero interest loan through Ohio Public Works to do this very large last overflow. The city needs to do this project correct which means waterlines need to be done. Paving on Linden has been needed for some time. The city received another full grant to complete Wooster Road. These projects do converge all together, which wasn't the city's intent, but the city needs to react when grants and zero loans are being received. Councilman Klym said he is not questioning the money the city is receiving or that the work needs to be done, but he is asking that it be coordinated well. The Mayor responded that traffic maintenance plans have to be in place prior to construction beginning. Mr. Klym said that this is going to cause questions and complaints and he feels it is good to discuss. Director Costello said that the one way on Linden was thought out very carefully to accommodate First Federal of Lakewood as it only has one entrance off of Linden. There was a lot of thought for the Wooster detour. Director Costello looked back to see how

ODOT detoured it as it is a state route for trucks and the trucks needed to be taken into consideration. Trucks need to get to their destination without driving through city streets. Director Costello reiterated how much time and effort there is that goes into placing one-way detours. Linden needs to be completed by August prior to Lutheran West High School opening. It is also a safety issue concerning workers and residents driving through these areas. These decisions are difficult and the city appreciates the fact that there will be complaints and Director Costello asks that these phone calls be directed to her so she can explain the many steps and discussions prior to these projects.

The Mayor said that when the city does a project there will be disruption but Maintenance of Traffic Plans are finalized taking into consideration several variables. The city tries to minimize it and looks at everyone who utilizes the road way and the impacted roadways and tries to make the best choice possible.

Councilman Klym asked for a city wide Ready Notify regarding the Wooster and Wooster Parkway area, as that area is heavily utilized.

Councilman O'Donnell asked if Council could see the Maintenance and Traffic plan to show the work that is being done concerning these projects.

ORDINANCE NO. 37-16: Councilman Hunt said this will be read for a third time next week. This ordinance has been discussed several times.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: President Moran said that next week will be the last meeting prior to Council's Recess during the month of August. Council Meetings will resume in September.

As there was no further business by members of Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

James W. Moran
President of Council

Susan G. Pease
Clerk of Council