

CITY OF ROCKY RIVER

June 20, 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, Mr. Thomas

Law Director: Mr. Bemer

Press: Ms. Botos

MAYOR'S REPORT:

The Mayor updated Council on the 2010 Feasibility Study with the West Shore Fire District. Since that time the Fire Departments along with the Mayors have been working on various consolidation issues. The Feasibility Study included seven communities but currently there are only four communities remaining. The four remaining communities are Rocky River, Bay Village, Westlake and Fairview Park. Mayor Bobst has been working with the Chiefs of these communities for the last year. There were four consolidation focus areas that include: increases in staffing efficiencies; emergency operations; purchasing and training. The Mayor is happy to report that 88–95% of the recommendations presented in the Feasibility Study have been addressed or implemented by the Fire Departments. This lays a foundation for future collaboration. Currently, this group is not looking at full consolidation, but will continue to work efficiently and effectively as four separate fire departments. The study has been the catalyst for the four new chiefs to create the environment in which they operate. Efficiencies have been created along with standardization of practices and the sharing of training through Fairview Hospital and the Cleveland Clinic. The Mayor said the Chiefs are highly motivated to work together to standardized operations and address quality of care issues. Currently there is automatic aid through WestCom which is helpful in a fire scene situation to be sure there is proper staffing and equipment on the scene. Fire inspection and fire prevention are areas of cooperation. They have also experienced cost reduction because of joint purchasing. Another benefit is if a piece of equipment breaks in one city, the same equipment could be borrowed from another city. Several courses of training have been completed by bringing the trainer in and moved throughout the departments so all three shifts and all the departments are trained. Many grants have been received to help complete this. The Mayor extended a thank you to all the Chiefs of the WestShore Fire Departments and especially to Chief Lenart and Chief Raffin, who has led the way on these issue. The Mayor can provide further detail if needed.

- Councilman Klym asked for clarification regarding the percentages and how it pertains to consolidation. The Mayor explained that the percentages she is referring to are the recommendations presented in the Feasibility Study that set the stage for cooperation, collaboration and consolidation. The Chiefs are very pleased with how this progressing. Work will continue on priorities focused on quality of care, service delivery efficiencies and cost effectiveness.

There will be a bid opening for Lakeview and Hampton. The Mayor informed the Directors that Council will be on recess in August so there will be a deadline of this Thursday to get everything to Council that would need to be considered for passage.

The Mayor thanked Lieutenant Lichman for completion of the second Student Citizen Police Academy. The five cadets were four Magnificat students along with a college student. The students did a great job. Lieutenant Lichman designed the Citizen's Police Academy Curriculum along with the Student's Citizens' Police Academy Curriculum.

Zoup Fresh Soup Co. will be opening this week at Westwood Town Center and will be hosting a fundraiser this Wednesday from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. for the Rocky River Education Foundation. Please stop by. All proceeds will be donated to the Rocky River Education Foundation.

The Mayor shared that Adam Pettit, one of Rocky River's Firefighters, competed in the annual Ohio Police and Fire Games in Lancaster and earned a gold medal in the 4 x 4 100 relay in the track and field events, along with a bronze in the two mile, a bronze in the 800 and placed 5th in the one mile. The city can be proud of Adam's athletic successes.

The Art Exhibit is open at the Senior Center. This Sunday, June 26th, the Senior Center will be hosting one of the Rocky River Library's Cultural Series. This one will be a Poetry and Theater production called "Lovingly Yours Langston and Lorraine".

COMMITTEE REPORTS: NONE

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE NO. 89-15: Mr. Hunt said that this ordinance addresses the easement request from Valore Builders regarding the Morewood Parkway four unit cluster development project. There was great discussion last week with members of the community regarding this project. This Ordinance is on the Planning Commission's Agenda for final review. The meeting will be held tomorrow evening beginning at 7:00 p.m.

- Councilman Furry asked for clarification of the revised legal description dated May 19, 2016. Director Costello described that part of the legal description is the City's sanitary sewer that Valore's development would have to provide the city access to the sewer in case a repair is necessary. Valore is asking the city for the section along the driveway

and an additional area to tie into an existing storm sewer. There is an existing sewer that will go under the driveway north to south. Valore is aware that if the city needs to repair the sewer, Valore would be responsible for repairing the driveway.

ORDINANCE NO. 18-16: Councilman Hunt said this ordinance has been on hold for quite sometime. This is an emergency ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement for mutual aid services for Rocky River Police and the City of Cleveland Police concerning security assistance for the 2016 Republican National Convention in July. This has been read twice. The city has not received any updated information regarding the outstanding issues.

- President Moran asked if there were any updates from the Cleveland Law Department. Law Director Bemer said that he reported on the verbal communication he has received last week. Mr. Moran asked if Rocky River was the only city holding on this agreement. The Mayor said that Fairview is still outstanding also. A decision will need to be made by July 5th. Councilman Klym asked if there are officers signed up to work the Convention. Law Director Bemer confirmed that there are officers signed up to work when not scheduled to work for Rocky River. Councilman O'Donnell asked why the City of Cleveland hasn't put this into writing. Mr. Bemer said that as of 10 days ago, the insurance was not in place yet. Mr. Bemer will be attending a Law Directors Seminar Luncheon on Thursday and he will make an inquiry at that time.

ORDINANCE NO. 24-16: Councilman Klym said that this is an emergency ordinance to pay an invoice for Gardiner Energy Services relating to the shared savings contract. The invoice is dated November 18, 2015 and since we are working out of the 2016 Budget, Council will need to pass this ordinance in order to pay this invoice.

ORDINANCE NO. 25-16: Councilman Shepherd said this ordinance authorizes the City to renew its printing services for the following year with Admiral Products Inc. This was bid a couple of years ago and the city is renewing it at the same price as before for a third year.

ORDINANCE NO. 26-16: Councilman Sindelar said that there was some spirited discussion regarding this ordinance last week. Several residents were at last week's meeting who are opposed to this ordinance along with the developers who presented reasons for the rezoning. This deals with three parcels of property on Lake Road and Breezevale Cove seeking to be rezoned from single family to multi-family. This is slated to be discussed at tomorrow evening's Planning Commission Meeting. Mr. Sindelar asked if there would be public comment tomorrow regarding this ordinance. The Mayor confirmed that there would be public comment tomorrow evening at the Planning Commission Meeting on this issue only. The residents were contacted to confirm this.

- Councilman Furry said he exchanged voice mails with Mr. Carney and Mr. Carney will try to schedule a group meeting.

ORDINANCE NO. 27-16: Councilman Shepherd said that this ordinance is to either adopt or reject the bargaining agreement that has been negotiated with the Teamsters Local 436. This

agreement covers all the Service Department Employees along with three employees from the Rocky River Recreation Department. As a result of these negotiations, the dispatcher for the Service Department has been removed from the bargaining unit. By all reports, this has been a very productive negotiation. The new representative from the Teamsters has a professional approach and appears to have a very good working relationship with bargaining representatives and with the unit. There were a lot of work issues addressed along with several labor management issues that were addressed. The wages are in line and follow what other unions have received and that is a 2 ½% for each of the three years of the contract. Health insurance will be the same as all the employees of the City and maintains a 15% cost share that the employees pay. The period of time that raises are given has been consolidated over the term of the contract. This is important because it will help reduce administration costs and payroll accounting work. In 2017 steps will be reduced to two times a year and in 2018 it will go to one time a year. The number of seasonal and part-time employees has been increased to 12. Life Insurance in 2018 will be increased from \$25,000 to \$50,000. This mirrors the other bargaining units. In 2018, the bargaining unit members will be given a fifth week of vacation, if they have been employed for twenty-five years or more. There were several Memorandums of Understandings on issues that both sides benefited from, including modifying job descriptions and job openings and how they are part of the contract. The probationary period for new employees will change from one year to six months allowing them to apply for new job openings sooner. This gives the city more candidates to choose from when there is an opening. Rules have been added clarifying the use of sick time.

ORDINANCE NO. 28-16: This ordinance will have a full three reads. This is the city's major repaving bid for this summer. This was put out to bid and six bids were received and Crossroads Asphalt was the low bidder and lower than the Engineer's estimate. Crossroads has done work for the city before and has received good references from the city of Oberlin, Medina and Olmsted Falls. The funds for this come from the Capital Improvement Fund Resurfacing Paving Contractors account.

ORDINANCE NO. 29-16: This is for the Wooster Road Water Main Replacement Project. This is a large project at \$2,126,838.55. This was also put out to bid and received two responsive bids. Fabrizi Trucking was the low bidder and under the Engineer's estimate. Fabrizi has worked for the city before. This project will be paid for from the Capital Improvement Grant from the Cleveland Water Department.

ORDINANCE NO. 30-16: This water main replacement was put out to bid and received three responsive bids for Tonawanda Drive. The cost for this is \$129,237. Fabrizi was the low bidder and was under the Engineer's estimate. This is also covered by the same grant from the Cleveland Water Department.

- Councilman Furry asked if a statement could be included with Ordinance No. 29-16 and 30-16 stating that the city will be reimbursed for these two projects. Mr. Shepherd said that the grant letter could be attached to these ordinances.

ORDINANCE NO. 31-16: Councilman Klym said this was discussed briefly at the last meeting. It is concerning a budget and invoice issued in 2015 for the Cleveland Suburban Hockey League Referees. This needs Councilmanic approval.

ORDINANCE NO. 32-16: President Moran said that for the last 30 years City Council has taken off the month of August to allow for family vacations without missing meetings. Council will still be available for phone calls and emails.

ORDINANCE NO. 33-16: This Ordinance mirrors Councilman Shepherd's 27-16. This is for the non-union positions and salaries that will mirror Ordinance No. 27-16. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

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 updated before passage for anyone who pays prior to July 30th. The balances due include fees and penalties.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: Councilman O'Donnell asked about the Planning Commission Meeting tomorrow night. As far as the Valore Project is concerned, the traffic study has already been submitted and the Planning Commission will just vote if it is adequate. The Mayor said there would be a presentation by the Traffic Engineer and the Engineer will answer any questions related to the traffic study.

President Moran commented on the quick demolition of the building at 20950 Center Ridge Road. To dispel rumors, a Taco Bell will not be built in that area. There are no final plans yet but plans for a possible office building have been submitted.

As there was no further business by members of Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

James W. Moran
President of Council

Susan G. Pease
Clerk of Council