

CITY OF ROCKY RIVER

May 2, 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. Furry,
Mr. Sindelar, Mr. Klym, Mr. Moran

Absent: Mr. O'Donnell

Administration: Mayor Bobst, Mrs. Costello, Mr. Thomas

Law Director: Mr. Bemer

Press: Ms. Botos

MAYOR'S REPORT:

The city hosted a shredding event this past weekend. The truck filled up as it has in the past. This truck was more than 50% larger than the trucks used in past years. Mrs. Umerley is communicating with the shredding company to see what can be done. There is a possibility of adding a day or the company has offered to take the material at no cost at their own location. The city will communicate with residents when a solution is decided. This is a highly valued service.

Habitat for Humanity reported that there were 33 donors on Saturday donating items that were like new, very useful and top quality. In June there will be a tool drive to benefit Habitat for Humanity through the Building and Recreation Departments. The report from Habitat for Humanity reinforces the generosity of the Community of Rocky River.

On Friday there was an Arbor Day Tree Planting. Thank you to Councilman Hunt, Councilman Shepherd and Councilman Klym who were in attendance. The Mayor highlighted the City's Forester, Arborist Rich Snyder. The tree that was planted is a beautiful Seven Sun Flower tree. There is a new feature on the City's Website called the Arborist Corner by Rich Snyder. It can be found on the Home Page and also under the Service Department tab. It currently features "Tree City USA". Arborist Snyder will be accepting the City's "Tree City USA" award next week in Westlake. This new feature on the webpage also discusses the new tree just planted. Many residents have consulted with Rich regarding their own trees. He has been very helpful and has received a lot of positive feedback from residents.

Last week, the Mayor and Safety-Service Director Costello attended Arborist Snyder's graduation from the Tree Commission Academy, which is sponsored by the State Division of Forestry. The focus was on Urban Forestry. Rich presented his Community Forestry Plan for Rocky River reporting that in the last few years, Rocky River has planted almost 1,100 trees. Hopefully, Rich will have the opportunity to present his plan to Council. Rich is also working very diligently on a comprehensive tree inventory. He is marking and recording all trees: their location, type, size, circumference, the soil conditions and

location. This will translate into a Master Planting Plan for the entire city. Rich also works alongside the Beautification Committee.

Bid openings will be held on May 27th for the Wooster and Tonawanda waterline projects. The paving bids will be opened soon after (June 3rd). The paving projects this year will include: Northview - Detroit to Westway; Morewood – Lake Road to the railroad tracks; Falmouth; Linden – the entire length; Tonawanda – the entire length; Pocono to Laramie; Devon Hill and Country Club.

Hydrant flushing will be commencing soon. There will be signage out in the neighborhoods along with an E-update regarding the flushing. The Mayor thanked Ms. Botos for putting this information in the West Life.

The Crown Filtration Plant will be hosting an Open House this Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in recognition of National Drinking Water Week. There will be tours and activities for families. This is a very worthwhile event.

Healthy Rocky River is kicking off its new schedule. It will be posted on the website and sent out in an E-update as well. Healthy Rocky River will have timely and informative topics and will have something for everyone.

On May 14th, the City will host a Guinness World Book of Record event. The World's Largest Finger Painting will be on campus to benefit "Elle's Enchanted Forest" from 10:00 – 2:00 p.m. Residents are invited to add their touch to the world's largest fingerprint painting.

The Rite-Aid Marathon will be held this Sunday. The race will be on Lake Road but the turning point will be at Kensington as it was last year. The Mayor commended Director Costello along with Jan Thomas who reached out to Churches and Business so everyone is aware of the event on Sunday. The race coordinators notified residents.

The Mayor spoke about how the City prides itself on communication. Every phone call and email is returned each day even if the answer is unknown, so that the resident knows the administration has received it. There was some interpretive signage placed down at Rocky River Park that has been defaced with a notation about the number of trees that were destroyed because of the construction project at Rocky River Park. The Mayor stated that there were no trees destroyed. The city had an opportunity to remove trees that were diseased, dead or dying. These trees were replaced with healthy trees. The smaller trees located in the area that the project took place were removed and replanted in other locations in the park. The city's commitment to trees shouldn't be questioned. Unfortunately, this individual didn't give the Mayor the opportunity to explain why the trees were removed and why it was in the best interest of the healthy trees to have them removed and replaced.

A City of Rocky River employee received an anonymous phone call. The caller was upset because they felt they witnessed a policeman using a police car for personal use. The description of what this person saw was a police officer removing a child's safety seat and then the person saw a woman leave the vehicle holding a child. What this person witnessed was actually a sad story. The police made an arrest of someone who went into Whole Foods leaving their child in the car. The police had to take custody of the child until the mother arrived back at the car. The anonymous caller did not give the Mayor a chance to explain what was really going on. The Mayor wanted Council to know this in the event it appears on social media or if Council hears about it in the community. The Mayor encourages residents to leave their name and phone number or at least call back for an answer.

- Councilman Furry commented that he didn't take part in the shredding event, but he was at City Hall at 9:45 a.m. on Saturday and was amazed at the amount of people there. The Mayor is pleased that residents value this service.
- President Moran received an email with some constructive ideas on better ways to handle the shredding. On a good note, the message is getting out and a lot of people are utilizing it. The Mayor also mentioned that Key Bank and other businesses have sponsored shredding days also. The Mayor did receive positive comments from people thanking the city for hosting the shredding event.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: NONE

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE NO. 89-15: Mr. Hunt said that there is nothing new to add since this was discussed last week. This will continue to be on hold. There was discussion regarding moving this ordinance from the agenda, but since Council referred it to Planning Mr. Hunt would rather have it come back from Planning before Council decides to do anything with it.

ORDINANCE NO. 16-16: Mr. Hunt said this has been read twice and that this is an annual 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, which is 75% of the \$40,000 operating budget. The parameters for patrol are the same as in the past, mandating that the three holiday summer weekends be patrolled, that there are vessel safety inspections and operational violations, including intoxicated boaters, are handled and that boat safety education programs are conducted. The administration is satisfied with the agreement and ODNR is satisfied with the operation. This will be read for a third time next week.

ORDINANCE NO. 17-16: Councilman Furry presented the Green Team to Council a few months ago for a preliminary discussion on revising the current Codified Ordinances concerning "Compost Accumulation". Councilman Furry distributed various composting container systems to Council that are available with prices beginning at \$50 to \$229 or higher. This was last revised 25 years ago. An updated exhibit has been distributed to Council via email with some of the changes discussed. Changes are in bold. This ordinance will be discussed further next week.

ORDINANCE NO. 18-16: Councilman Hunt said this was read for the first time last week. 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. Mr. Hunt has a list of items he needs clarified and Law Director Bemer is checking on the insurance component.

ORDINANCE NO. 19-16: President Moran said this ordinance was passed earlier this evening at the Special Meeting. This is a two-year extension for Ciuni & Panichi, Inc. for their audit services at the cost of \$69,447. Mr. Moran thanked Council for the opportunity to pass this ordinance as the city can now move forward and be on time. Director Thomas thanked Council for passing this ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 20-16: Councilman Furry announced a firm date for the Environmental Committee Meeting, which will be held Monday, May 9, 2016 beginning at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers. The Environmental Committee is comprised of Mr. Furry as Chair, Mr. Moran, Mr. Shepherd and Mr. Klym but based on this project Mr. Furry strongly encourages all members of Council to attend. This ordinance encompasses all of City Hall including the Ice Rink, Civic Center, Senior Center, Courthouse, Fire, Service Garage, pools and parks. There is a lot of depth in this ordinance. Mr. Furry does have questions concerning a few things in the contract. The Mayor asked that as Council reads the contract to keep a list of questions that can be passed onto Gardiner Services to prepare for the Environmental Committee Meeting.

- Councilman Klym asked the Mayor if there will be a discussion regarding payment to Gardiner before this ordinance comes up for vote. The Mayor said that next week's meeting will be two fold, including the discussion with Gardiner and the discussion of budget. The Mayor said that it is important to note that the calculation of the guaranteed savings or the shared savings are nationally recognized formulas that Gardiner will describe to Council at next week's meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS: President Moran mentioned that Council received a TREX application from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control regarding River Dogs Café. This has been presented to the Rocky River Police Department and Lieutenant Crates approved the application. Council also approved this application.

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

James W. Moran
President of Council

Susan G. Pease
Clerk of Council