

CITY OF ROCKY RIVER

April 4, 2016

The Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting was called to order by Mr. Moran, President of Council, at 7:00 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

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Bobst provided a follow-up report regarding the Cuyahoga Soil & Water Conservation District storm water maintenance workshop for homeowner's associations. The workshop was well attended with 16 HOA's represented. Many good questions were posed and helpful information was shared in response. On Tuesday, May 10th another session is being sponsored by Cuyahoga Soil & Water Conservation District and the Ohio Prairie Nursery regarding landscaping with native plants, similar to a rain garden approach to managing/shrinking a lawn.

The Mayor stated that in April there will be a computer round-up and a hazardous waste round-up. The City will be sending Ready Notify notices with the details and as a reminder to residents. Additionally, there is information on the City's website that links to the Solid Waste District so that residents can obtain information about how to prepare their computers, as well as chemicals for pick-up.

Additionally, Mayor Bobst announced that application has been made by the Westshore Senior Center Collaborative for a grant representing the Westshore communities. There are four \$25,000 grants being awarded to senior centers for innovation in senior services. Director Deb Capstick, along with other leaders from the other senior centers in the Westshore, has put together a project that is the planning and development for a centralized website that seniors and caregivers can visit to gather information about programming, activities, trips, transportation, and other services provided to seniors in the Westshore. Many seniors work with or travel to each of the centers for different reasons, so it is important to have one centralized location for information. Each city will still maintain their own website, but there will be one clearinghouse. The catalyst for this project came from the results of surveys done by Cleveland Clinic Health System's Fairview Hospital and University Hospital's St. John Westshore Medical Center looking at the need for additional ways to communicate information and outreach to senior populations. Both hospital systems have provided letters of support for the

Westshore senior centers and the grant has been applied for with the hopes of receiving the \$25,000. Two of the four grants will receive \$50,000 for an expansion of their work.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: NONE

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: Mr. Moran reminded everyone that April 4th is the week that the new refuse pick-up dates begin. He indicated letters were sent to residents that are affected by this change.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE NO. 89-15: Mr. Hunt said that this ordinance continues to pend before the Planning Commission; he has no new information to provide; it will remain on hold until Council has received a report from the Planning Commission.

ORDINANCE NO. 15-16: This Ordinance has been read twice. Ordinance 15-16 is for salaries for appointed positions. It will be amending Ordinance No. 88-15. This Ordinance mirrors the increases that other unions have received, a 2.5% increase. Another change included moving the Public Works Coordinator/GIS position to the Safety Service Department. The minimum wage will stay at \$8.10. Mr. Moran asked if there were any other questions or comments. Mayor Bobst indicated Council will be receiving another wage ordinance that will reflect the results of collective bargaining negotiations with Service, and that the WWTP has a “me too” clause with Service. Additionally, the 1% adjustment for Fire will occur in a subsequent wage ordinance. This is being done in two steps so the retro activity issue can be addressed and managed. Mr. Moran indicated this Ordinance will be read next week for the third time.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: Councilman Shepherd indicated there is a vacant house in his ward. The owner’s have passed away with no heirs and there is a reverse mortgage lien on the property. He has information regarding the current holder of the reverse mortgage and wanted to know if there is a process for forcing a mortgage holder to foreclose on the property. Law Director Bemer indicated if there is a tax delinquency then foreclosure action would commence through the county. The City can assert on any property maintenance issues and requested Mr. Shepherd forward the information to him for follow-up.

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

James W. Moran
President of Council

Susan G. Pease
Clerk of Council