

CITY OF ROCKY RIVER

June 6, 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. Hunt, Mr. Shepherd, Mr. O'Donnell,
Mr. Furry, Mr. Klym, Mr. Moran

Absent: Mr. Sindelar

Administration: Mayor Bobst, Mrs. Costello

Law Director: Mr. Bemer

Press: Ms. Botos

President Moran opened the meeting by saying the Mayor will be in attendance but had an appointment prior to the meeting.

Mr. Moran also moved that an Executive Session be held prior to this evening's meeting being adjourned under Article 10, Section 6 and Subsection 4; seconded by Mr. O'Donnell.

Vote: Hunt – aye	Shepherd – aye	O'Donnell – aye
Mr. Furry – aye	Klym – aye	Moran – aye
6 ayes	0 nays	

PASSED

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Bobst thanked Mr. Jim Spallino for his work organizing all the volunteers who marched in the Memorial Day Parade along with Commander Richard Healy, Chair of the Joint Veterans Council, who brings everyone together. Commander Healy organizes the placing of the flags and everything that happens at the Ceremony. There was a beautiful fly over at the perfect moment during the Ceremony. The Mayor has received a lot of positive feedback for the way in which the City honors the fallen and veterans of the city.

The City of Rocky River was #2 in the Cleveland Magazine overall in the "Rating the Suburbs" article but #1 in Cuyahoga County. This is a nice jump from last year's rating. The City thanks the Cleveland Magazine for recognizing all that the city has accomplished. The Mayor noted the insert in this issue featuring Mr. Fred DeGrandis, a former Councilmember, along with a feature of Mr. Bill Brink who has been a great ambassador for Detroit and Old Detroit Road.

The dredging of the Rocky River will begin in July and will continue through the middle of September. The area being dredged will begin north of the Metro Parks boat launch to north of the Cleveland Yacht Club. There will be approximately 20,000 cubic yards of debris dredged from that area. This dredging is very helpful for the winter months and managing the ice jams that form on the river.

The Mayor and Director Costello along with Chief Stillman and Chief Lenart attended the beginning of the demolition at 20950 Center Ridge Road today. This building has been vacant, but has been used by the city's safety forces for training along with the West Shore Safety Forces.

Key Bank volunteers helped five Rocky River Seniors clean up their yards this weekend. Thank you to the Key Bank volunteers along with Home Depot who donated the materials.

The D.A.R.E. Graduation will be begin at 9:30 a.m. this Wednesday, June 8th.

The Rocky River Pool opens this Thursday, June 9th.

The Rocky River Tool Collection for Habitat for Humanity will be June 13th through June 18th. Rocky River Residents are encouraged to donate usable tools of all kinds for Habitat's building and remodeling program. Some tools will be sold in the ReStore to help homeowners repair their own homes inexpensively. Hammers, screwdrivers, saws, electric or battery-operated tools, levels, sledge hammers, miter saws, landscaping tools, angle drills, generators, sanders, hammer drills, tape measures, step ladders, specialty items or tool sets. Please drop them off at the designated boxes located at the Senior Center, Pool, Recreation Center or Building Department.

The American Diabetes Association "Tour de Cure" will be held this weekend. The Cycling Tour leaves the Cleveland Science Center this Saturday morning, traveling through Rocky River on Lake Road to Huron then turning around going through Rocky River again on their return.

The Mayor respectfully requested an Executive Session under Article 10, Section 6 and Subsection 4 to discuss a collective bargaining matter.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: NONE

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: President Moran announced that the City of Rocky River was #1 in Cuyahoga County and #2 overall in the Rating of the Suburbs article in this month's edition of the Cleveland Magazine. President Moran said that the administration should receive a round of applause for all that they do to place the city in this position.

President Moran discussed the approval of the Liquor Request for Bucci's Restaurant. President Moran said that Bucci's has been in business for a long time and that there was a slight change in ownership due to a death. Council approved this request.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE NO. 89-15: Mr. Hunt said that this ordinance continues to be on hold until an action from the Planning Commission is announced. Law Director Bemer said there were still some issues to work out.

ORDINANCE NO. 17-16: Councilman Furry said that Council has been working on this ordinance for a while. The exhibit has been tweaked and a revised copy dated May 20, 2016 was received by Council addressing all of the concerns. Councilman Furry will seek passage for this ordinance next week.

ORDINANCE NO. 18-16: Councilman Hunt said this ordinance has been pending 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. Councilman Hunt spoke with Law Director Bemer and he is still waiting for information from the City of Cleveland verifying insurance issues. The Mayor attended a meeting regarding the security issues and will share the information from this meeting.

ORDINANCE NO. 21-16: Councilman O'Donnell said this has been discussed a number of times. This is an annual housekeeping ordinance for the purchase of janitorial supplies in the amount of \$55,000. The city has had a good experience with Ohio Valley and the administration is satisfied with the pricing. This ordinance will be read for a third time next week and moved for passage.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-16: President Moran said this ordinance is accepting the alternative tax budget information for the year 2017. This is a rough draft put together concerning the fiscal budget for next year. These numbers are submitted in as projections. This will be read for a third time next week.

NEW BUSINESS:

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. Mr. Klym has not spoken with Mr. Mehling or Mr. Thomas about it yet. 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. Admiral Products Inc. prints the sewer bills for the city, stuffs and mails the envelopes along with printing “The Quill” publication for the Senior Center. Along with that, Admiral Products Inc. also prints the city’s letterhead and business cards. Director Costello said that Admiral Products is the principle bidder and President Moran added that they always give good service. This ordinance does not have an increase in price from last year.

ORDINANCE NO. 26-16: President Moran asked Law Director Bemer to address this ordinance in the absence of Councilman Sindelar. Law Director Bemer distributed to Council a color-coded zoning map along with an entire legend, which was brought current today. Public Notice has gone out in anticipation of a referral to the Planning Commission on the application for rezoning only, not the particular project. This is a Brickman partnership with the former property owners of the two lots immediately to the west of Breezevale Cove. There has been a lot of discussion on this for the past year. Mr. Brickman has spoken to residents of Breezevale Cove regarding the purchase of lots as well as some of the surrounding areas. Mr. Bemer anticipates that Mr. Brickman will be in attendance at next week’s meeting. This will have a first read next week.

- President Moran confirmed that the Breezevale Cove situation is west of the Beach House on Lake Road along with the two lots immediately west of Breezevale Cove. Mr. Bemer concurred.
- Councilman Furry asked if this was being sent to the Planning Commission now. Mr. Bemer said no, it would need to be read once first.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: President Moran said that the Memorial Day Parade went very well. Mr. Gary Stenzel created a video of the parade, which was distributed to Council. Thank you to the Mayor for an excellent job presenting information and delivering a great speech on Memorial Day.

- Councilman O’Donnell asked about the status of the Valore Project on Morewood Parkway. He understands that preliminary approval has been granted. Law Director Bemer said that a traffic study was being done to identify vehicle visibility. The results will be presented to the Planning Commission at the next meeting. Councilman O’Donnell asked if it would be sent to Council upon completion of the traffic study. Mr. Bemer confirmed that it would be sent to Council.
- President Moran asked what the cost would be to take that area and build a railroad overpass. The Mayor said that this is very premature, but the Mayor has been speaking with the Ohio Rail Development Commission about the railroad tracks and establishing a quiet zone. One of the areas the Commission is looking at is Morewood. There would need to be continuing conversation with Norfolk & Southern Railroad along with an open discussion with the community. The Mayor reiterated that this is in a very early stage.

President Moran announced that Council, Mayor Bobst, Law Director Bemer and Director Costello will recess to Executive Session at 8:32 p.m. and thanked the audience for their attendance.

President Moran reconvened to the Regular Meeting of Council.

As there was no further business by members of Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

James W. Moran
President of Council

Susan G. Pease
Clerk of Council