

CITY OF ROCKY RIVER

May 15, 2017

The meeting of the Committee-of-the-Whole 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. Klym, Mr. Moran

Absent: Mr. Sindelar

Administration: Mayor Bobst, Director Costello, Director Reich

Law Director: Mr. Bemer

Press: Ms. Botos

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Moran turned the meeting over to Mayor Bobst for the Oath of Office for Patrol Officer Alan Bergman.

Oath of Office

The Mayor introduced Patrol Officer Alan J. Bergman. Patrol Officer Bergman was a patrol officer in North Carolina prior to taking the Rocky River test. He is a very experienced officer gaining experience in Jacksonville and Emerald Isle, North Carolina. Mayor Bobst also thanked Patrol Officer Bergman for his service in the United States Marines. The Mayor discussed Community Policing, Community Outreach and being a part of the community during the interview. The Mayor said that Patrol Officer Bergman is committed to all of these things.

Patrol Officer Alan Bergman introduced his mother-in-law Ann Marie O'Neil, who accompanied him this evening.

Chief Stillman thanked Patrol Officer Bergman for coming onto the force. Chief Stillman spoke with Alan's mother-in-law about the family oriented atmosphere and what a great place the City of Rocky River is to work. Chief Stillman thanked Council and the Administration for allowing him to do what he does and the ability to bring great caliber personnel like Alan on board. Patrol Officer Bergman will be an outstanding asset.

Mayor Bobst then administered the Oath of Office to Patrol Officer Alan Bergman. Patrol Officer Bergman thanked the Mayor and Chief Stillman for this opportunity.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

The Mayor announced that the Cleveland Rite Aid Marathon will be held this Sunday morning. The race will enter Rocky River on Lake Road with the turn at Kensington Road. The Marathon has sent out notification to all residents and businesses along Lake Road. A Ready Notify will go out to residents within the next couple of days. The Mayor invited residents to come out and cheer on the runners.

The Cleveland Magazine Rating the Suburbs Issue will be out in a couple of weeks. The City of Rocky River is the featured Community. The Mayor distributed copies of the insert.

The Mayor thanked Director Ray Reich for attending this evening's meeting and thanked him for all the preparation he has done putting together a quick reference guide with a zoning matrix and support materials on permitted uses. Council may have additional questions after reviewing this information that Mr. Reich, Mrs. Straub or Law Director Bemer can assist with.

The Mayor announced that the Planning Commission Meeting tomorrow evening will have the proposed picnic pavilion and band shelter on the agenda. Abutting neighbors have received notice of the meeting.

Next week will be beach clean up in preparation for Memorial Day Weekend.

The Linden Park tennis and basketball courts are completed and ready to use. The basketball courts at Morley and Martin Park are completed and ready to be used also.

On June 3rd, the Rocky River Watershed clean up at the Rocky River Reservation will be held from 9:00 am until 12:00 noon. If anyone or any group is interested in helping, please contact City Hall for more detailed information.

Tomorrow the third graders will be on City Hall Campus with Lolly the Trolley. All the third grade classes have been studying the history of the city along with the landmarks in Rocky River. It is always a great day at City Hall when the students visit.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: NONE

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: NONE

President Moran introduced Director Ray Reich and thanked him for attending this evenings meeting to answer questions regarding Ordinance No. 15-17. Mr. Reich distributed a hand out to all Council members with a matrix to help answer questions regarding lot area for dwellings, lot widths, coverage's, setbacks and heights in R1, R2 clusters and R3 zones. The height in an R3 will be 30 feet unless the structure that is built there is 50 feet off the property line to an R1 or R2. Mr. Reich said that there is a 60 foot setback from Lake Road. The Mayor interjected that there is a setback map for every street in Rocky River so a structure must be built in accordance with the setback map. Law Director Bemer said that this map supersedes any generic or general setbacks. Mr. Reich explained that one of the differences between the R3 and R4 are the side setbacks. In an R3 the building will be 10 feet closer to the abutting neighbors compared to an R4. The height difference between an R3 and an R4 is 6 feet. Discussion ensued regarding the information Mr. Reich distributed and how it pertains to Ordinance No. 15-17.

President Moran said that Council appreciates being educated regarding city zoning. The handout is great for use regarding Ordinance No. 15-17 and for future requests for zoning changes. Council may have additional questions after reviewing this information. Mr. Reich and his department are available for any questions. Mr. Moran thanked Mr. Reich and the Building Inspectors for their feedback and communication with Council.

The Mayor said that Director Reich not only understands the codes but also has a great understanding from a builder and contractor's perspective. The Mayor acknowledged his efforts.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE NO. 15-17: Mr. Moran said that this ordinance is in regard to the Lake Road parcel. This will be discussed further at next week's meeting. Mr. Moran is waiting to hear back from the builder regarding the Public Hearing.

ORDINANCE NO. 27-17: Mr. Shepherd said that this is scheduled for a third read next week and would like it to be put on a consent agenda. This is the contract that will refurbish and grout the sewers on Elmwood, Kenwood and Parklawn. Two bids were received and United Survey was the low bidder.

ORDINANCE NO. 28-17: Mr. Klym said that this ordinance deals with the renewal of an 8-year beverage contract/service agreement with Coco Cola Bottling Company. The bid from Coca-Cola was substantially better. Mr. Klym would like this on the consent agenda.

ORDINANCE NO. 29-17: Mr. Shepherd said that this ordinance is scheduled for a third read and would like it on the consent agenda. Admiral Products has offered to extend this contract for a fourth year at the same price.

ORDINANCE NO. 30-17: This ordinance is to make supplemental appropriations for the current expenses and making an amendment to Ordinance No. 66-16. This has to do with the following: Special Project; Printing; Lakewood Fees; and Meter Read Cost. This will be read for a second time next week.

ORDINANCE NO. 31-17: This will be read for the second time at next week's meeting. Mr. Shepherd said that this is a major sewer project for Lakeview and Hampton. It was put out to bid with 7 bids returned. Fabrizi was the low bidder by \$243,000. This will be discussed further at next week's meeting.

ORDINANCE NO. 32-17: Mr. Moran said this has been referred to the Planning Commission. It will possibly be on the agenda for the May 31st meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: President Moran discussed the Liquor License Request for Westport Quay, which is Beachcliff Tavern and Tommy's. Both Liquor License Requests were approved by Council.

As there was no further business by members of Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

James W. Moran
President of Council

Susan G. Pease
Clerk of Council