

CITY OF ROCKY RIVER

January 17, 2017

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

Administration: Mayor Bobst, Mrs. Costello

Law Director: Mr. Bemer

Press: Ms. Botos

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

The Mayor announced that the Executive Club Building is down. There is debris left and that will be removed. The Land Bank is pleased with the progress.

The Rocky River Senior Center has been recommended for accreditation. The external evaluator gave her presentation on Friday with very positive things to say about the Senior Center. Recognition will be announced at their National Convention sometime in May or June making Rocky River Senior Center the first to receive accreditation in Cuyahoga County as well as a multi-county area. The Mayor recognized the leadership of Deborah Huff, the Director of the Senior Center. This would not have happened without her leadership. Director Huff quickly credits all the volunteers, seniors, Council, Joyce Umerley and Carole Calladine for all that they did to build the Center. The Senior Center is a very special place. The city administrators prepared breakfast Friday morning for everyone who worked on the accreditation process.

The Mayor reported that the Rocky River was running swiftly and was very full with all the rain last week and today. Director Costello along with Jan Thomas developed a special list for ReadyNotify to alert residents that there are flood warnings, storm warnings along with the status of the river. Councilman Hunt will be added to this communication.

There was some flooding on Breezevale Cove. Director Costello along with City Engineer Mike MacKay are working on addressing this issue and accelerating that project.

Bids will be opened this Friday for the Westway Sewer Project. Twelve contractors have requested the plans.

This Wednesday and Thursday, Mayor Bobst and Director Costello will be at the Middle School listening to the evaluations of middle school students regarding recycling. The city challenged Mr.

Ramirez's class to assist the city with increasing the amount of recycling that is done in the city. Diane Bickett, Executive Director of the County Solid Waste Management District will be at the Middle School to hear the creative ideas from the middle school students.

The Mayor announced that there would be a Police Entrance Exam in March. Further information will be posted.

The Senior Center will be hosting a "Not So New Newlywed Game" on Valentine's Day. Registration is \$5.00 and all are invited to attend.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: NONE

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE NO. 74-16 **BY: BRIAN J. SINDELAR**
AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY KNOWN AS AUDITOR'S PERMANENT PARCEL NOS. 301-32-099, 301-32-100, 301-32-101, AND 301-32-102 FROM THEIR PRESENT CLASSIFICATION OF R-1 SINGLE FAMILY TO R-3 SINGLE FAMILY ATTACHED, IN THEIR ENTIRETY, AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT "A"

Mr. Sindelar stated there was nothing additional to report and is waiting for the finalization of the Planning Commission Meeting minutes.

The Mayor spoke with Mr. McDermott, Chief Planning and Design Officer for the MetroParks. The Mayor will be meeting with Mr. McDermott, Chief Executive Officer Brian Zimmerman along with Law Director Bemer, Dave Maddox and the Building Commissioner towards the end of the month to discuss potential paths forward. Mr. McDermott described to the Mayor that the relief given to the project in Fairview Park is of minor scope compared to what the Argus Group would need to build on Rockcliff.

AMENDED ORDINANCE NO. 1-17 **BY: JOHN B. SHEPHERD**
AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO PAY ANDREA ROCCO, ESQ. THE SUM OF SIX HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$625.00) FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RENDERED AS SPECIAL PROSECUTOR

Mr. Shepherd stated that this Amended Ordinance is authorizing the payment of \$625.00 to Andrea Rocco, Esq. for filling in for the city prosecutor due to a conflict. There will be two more readings of this amended ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 2-17 **BY: CHRISTOPHER J. KLYM**
AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE SMITHGROUP JJR FOR THE BRADSTREET'S LANDING PARK COSTAL MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE GRANT FUNDED STUDY IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$87,650.00

Mr. Klym spoke about this ordinance in detail last week. This ordinance deals with a contract with the SmithGroup JJR for the Bradstreet's Landing Park Costal Management. The city has received a grant to cover \$45,000 of the \$87,650. Director Costello has a brochure if anyone is interested in seeing it. The SmithGroup JJR is a national company with a lot of expertise.

NEW BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE NO. 3-17

BY: JAMES W. MORAN

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ADJUSTMENT OF SEWER RATES PAID TO THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD FOR WASTEWATER TREATMENT SERVICES FOR THE VALLEYVIEW SEWER DISTRICT

Mr. Moran stated that this ordinance is authorizing the adjustment of sewer rates paid to the City of Lakewood for Wastewater Treatment Services for the Valleyview Sewer District in Rocky River. There is a rate increase to \$62.00 per mcf plus a millage equivalent rate of \$8.72 per mcf for a total rate of \$70.72 per mcf. Mr. Moran is asking the administration to verify the number of homes this affects.

- Mr. O'Donnell asked if with these increases, if this is still the best route to go. The Mayor confirmed that this is the best financial way to go. If the city took these homes on, a pump station would need to be built costing hundreds of thousands of dollars.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Council discussed the Liquor Control Request regarding Gormley's Pub. The Mayor confirmed that there would not be any alcohol served in the barbershop and forwarded the minutes of the Planning Commission meeting to Mr. Shepherd where this was discussed. Law Director Bemer confirmed that there would be another Liquor Control Request forthcoming concerning the change of the corporate name. Mr. Shepherd said that there would need to be a modification of the premises description also. Mr. Bemer will contact the attorneys working on this.

Council approved both Liquor Control Requests for Gormley's Pub and Martin's Corner.

As there was no further business by members of Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

James W. Moran
President of Council

Susan G. Pease
Clerk of Council