

CITY OF ROCKY RIVER

July 17, 2017

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

Absent: Mr. Furry

Administration: Mayor Bobst, Director Costello

Law Director: Mr. Bemer

MAYOR'S REPORT:

The Mayor reported on her meeting with Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur during last week's Legislative Meeting. Congresswoman Kaptur held a Round Table Discussion on the "Health of Lake Erie". The meeting was held at the Rocky River Civic Center. Panelists included Dr. Reutter, Special Advisor from Stone Lab / the Ohio Sea Grant Program; Charlie Wooley, the Regional Director of U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; Deborah Lee, the Director of the Great Lakes Environmental Research Laboratory and Bryan Stubbs, the Executive Director of the Cleveland Water Alliance. The City of Rocky River is one of the recipients of the good work of all of these agencies and the city considers itself an engaged partner with these organizations because of the work done through the Wastewater Treatment Plant. There is a great amount of success on the wastewater treatment side as it relates to phosphorous. A lot of work has been accomplished but there is a lot of work yet to be done especially on the agricultural aspects of this issue. If interested in this issue, Congresswoman Kaptur's website has the complete presentation.

The Mayor announced that the Rocky River Police Department has two parking spots designated as a MeetUp Spot for internet transactions or web sale exchanges to help reduce the chance of fraudulent or criminal transactions. The Internet Purchase Exchange Location lets buyers and sellers avoid giving personal information, such as home or work addresses, to complete a transaction. The area is marked with a large green sign along with pavement markings in green. The dispatchers can view this area.

Several Memorials have been received in honor of Jerry Crawford, a former police auxiliary who passed away recently. The memorials will be used to purchase police safety equipment. Thank you to the many community members and friends, including Bill Welch, who have contributed to this fund.

River Days was a huge success. The weather was beautiful and lots of residents with their families and friends attended.

The Mayor thanked the staff: Director Costello who was in attendance the whole weekend, Director Chris Mehling, Ron Gottschalk, Mike Reyes, the Police Department, the Fire Department, the Memorial Hall staff and the Chamber of Commerce for the Taste of River and

Buy River. The Chamber estimated that about 900 people attended the Taste of River which is an increase of 150 people over last year. There were 20 businesses selling food and several other retailers showcasing their wares. Old Carolina Barbecue won best in show with Michaels close behind. Mitchells Ice Cream sold the most items at 450 scoops of ice cream and Pearl of the Orient was right behind with 400 plates of food.

Thank you to all the Civic Organizations that had booths, planned games and had fun activities for all who attended. Thank you to all the very generous sponsors and donors.

A special shout out to residents Tom and Judy Blue for the beautiful sand sculpture of the city logo with the River Days 2017 logo on the back. Tom Blue was a Rocky River Police Officer for a short time and moved over to Westlake to complete his career. Tom is now an inspector for the City of Westlake and Judy works for the Westshore Enforcement Bureau. The sculpture is located between the Civic Center and the ice rink.

Thank you also to the APL who had 5 dogs and 1 cat adopted over the weekend. About 106 vehicles were in the car show. Thank you to all the donors for the prizes, Jay and Jean Rounds for their help, the Toth Family along with Ron Gottschalk and Chris Mehling and the Kiwanis Club.

Pie in the Park was a great success with Whole Foods supplying ice cream for National Ice Cream Day. Approximately 420 slices of pie were served. Thank you to all vendors who donated pies. Thank you also to Mary Ellen and Jim Umerley who secured the pies, picked up the pies and cut the pies.

The Mayor discussed solicitors in Rocky River. There are six different entities that have secured and registered for solicitation in the city. The Mayor wants residents to be aware of these solicitors and if there are issues, please contact the Rocky River Police Department non-emergency number. If individuals are interested in the “No Solicitation” stickers, the city has stickers available. Director Costello explained the process with solicitors.

The Mayor discussed the increase of activity on the lake and the river this summer with jet skis, kayaks and paddleboards. The city is asking people to be knowledgeable of the navigation rules and what is expected and required. The Marine Patrol is available to educate any individuals so no one is injured while enjoying these activities.

“Simple Recycling” is the recycling of clothing, cloth and small household items that cannot be donated that residents would want to discard. Each resident will receive communication along with a bright orange bag that is marked “Simple Recycling”, to recycle these items. Residents should place these bags on their tree lawn on garbage day for pick up by Simple Recycling and another bag will be left at the front door. Additional bags will be obtainable at City Hall and possibly the Civic and Senior Centers. Other communities have launched this program and have had a lot of success. This program will begin in August.

The City of Rocky River was voted as the “Best Town to Raise a Family” in the Northeast Ohio Parent Magazine. The Mayor will have extra copies for anyone interested in the article.

The Mayor distributed a letter she received from Grace Hubbard, a 7th grader from Rocky River Middle School. The Mayor met with Grace on Friday and talked about her letter. Grace was away on vacation and this letter describes how she felt on returning to her home in Rocky River. The letter is framed and in the Mayor's office.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Councilman Sindelar reported on the Planning and BZA Meetings that were held last week concerning Ordinance No. 44-17. Mr. Bemer explained that rezoning has no conditions attached. A use variance can have conditions attached and in this instance there were significant conditions attached. Mr. Bemer said it passed in BZA unanimously and the use variance was granted. President Moran said that some of concerns / conditions were parking, number of employees, one of the driveways being removed, hours of operation and hours of deliveries. Mr. O'Donnell asked if this ordinance was still necessary. Mr. Bemer said he would anticipate that it will not be necessary, but would like to wait until the minutes are approved from the BZA Meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: President Moran congratulated the Mayor and her staff on the great River Days held this weekend.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

AMENDED ORDINANCE NO. 15-17: Mr. Sindelar said there was an amended ordinance in Council's packet reflecting the correct name of R-3 single-family zoning. July 24th will be the third read along with the vote on this ordinance. All Council will be in attendance.

- Mr. O'Donnell asked if anyone has heard from Mr. Carney or Mr. Brickman on the R-3 single family zoning issue. President Moran had a message that he was unable to return today and the Council Office also received a phone call but was unable to leave a message because the voice mailbox was full. Mr. Bemer said he had a conversation with Mr. Brickman explaining that the R-3 basically limits his development to townhouses or incorporate an R-2 use, which is a double. He thanked Mr. Bemer for his guidance.

AMENDED ORDINANCE NO. 32-17: Mr. Sindelar said that this ordinance had a Public Hearing this evening. There was no public comment or questions. Next week will be the third read.

RESOLUTION NO. 43-17: This resolution is for delinquent sanitary sewer bills in collection. Currently the list has 537 names. This list will be amended by next week, as some of these bills will be paid. This will be read for the third time next week.

ORDINANCE NO. 44-17: Mr. Sindelar said that this ordinance was updated during the Committee Reports this evening. Mr. Sindelar will hold on this until the minutes are received from the BZA Meeting.

- The Mayor asked if the BZA Minutes could be received by Council in their packets prior to Monday's meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 45-17: President Moran said this resolution is to collect the unpaid maintenance fees on specific properties in Rocky River for 2015 and 2016. Additional parcels may be added to this list. This will be read for the third time next week and may have an amended exhibit.

ORDINANCE NO. 46-17: Mr. O'Donnell said that this ordinance is to purchase vehicle maintenance parts for a two-year period and also contains an option to renew. The city does a lot of work on city vehicles replacing brakes, hoses and filters. This will have a third read next week.

ORDINANCE NO. 47-17: Mr. O'Donnell said this has been discussed for several weeks. It is for the sale of 8 city vehicles that are no longer operational. The administration is satisfied with the pricing received.

- Mr. Shepherd asked if Ordinance No. 46-17, 47-17 and 48-17 should be put on a Consent Agenda for next week's meeting. President Moran agreed to place these ordinances on a Consent Agenda.

ORDINANCE NO. 48-17: This ordinance was read for a second time at this evening's Special Meeting and it is to approve the purchase of a Sewer Jet / Vacuum Truck for the Service Division from Best Equipment Co., Inc. at a cost not to exceed \$298,760.00. The city is currently renting a vehicle for this purpose for \$12,000 a month. Mr. O'Donnell anticipates a third read next week. This purchase is in the 2017 Budget.

ORDINANCE NO. 49-17: President Moran said that this is a three-year contract for engineering services for 2017-2020. This was read for the first time at the Special Meeting this evening. This is for some Capital Improvements that will be taking place over the next several years. Four bids were received and AECOM was the best bid and the most qualified of the group. This will be DOPWIC funded. Additional details will be discussed at next week's Legislative Meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: NONE

President Moran said that next week's meeting beginning at 7:00 p.m. will be the last meeting before the August recess. As there was no further business by members of Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

James W. Moran
President of Council

Susan G. Pease
Clerk of Council