

CITY OF ROCKY RIVER

September 18, 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. Sindelar, Mr. Klym, Mr. Moran

Administration: Mayor Bobst, Director Costello

Law Director: Mr. Bemer

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

The Mayor announced that Bradstreet's Landing Pier was closed this weekend on the recommendation of individuals that were evaluating the structure for the city. There is a conference call tomorrow morning regarding next steps, what needs to be done and how best to accomplish it in a relatively short period of time, so the pier can open again as soon as possible.

The Mayor said that eleven trees on Laurel were removed this morning because of the Cleveland Waterline Project. These beautiful trees will be replaced. Director Costello, MacKay Engineering and Ron Gottschalk were on location Friday speaking to residents and providing information. Director Costello along with Arborist Rich Snyder were out speaking with residents again today. A letter was sent out in advance to residents along with a second letter sent out by Fabrizi Construction indicating the exact trees that would need to be removed. Purnell does not need to have any trees removed. Please direct any calls to City Hall.

The Mayor mentioned that the new security system for City Hall will be in place on October 2nd. Each Councilman will receive a fob to gain entrance. Visitors to the building will be buzzed in either by the receptionist or the police dispatch. Receptacles will be in place for residents to drop off their sewer bill. This security system is to create safe accessibility for residents.

The Mayor mentioned that the Westshore Senior Centers received funding from the Community West Foundation to establish a new website where Westshore Senior Centers will have their programming outlined on one website. Senior Center Director Deb Huff is a great leader at Rocky River Senior Center and throughout the region.

Many buildings will be demolished this week in Rocky River. A home on the eastside of Wooster south of Story Road will be demolished; the River Tool & Die building on Detroit will come down with plans for a new small office building in its place; a home on Lake Road west of Avalon, east of Bradstreet's Landing will be demolished after Wednesday due to training by the Rocky River Fire Department; on Allen Court one home is slated to be demolished with the possibility of two or three more. The gas

tanks at Pat's Sunoco will be taken out on Detroit Road. The station will be leveled in the weeks to follow.

The Mayor spoke with Superintendent Shoaf after the state rankings were announced naming the Rocky River City School District #2 in the State. The Mayor congratulated Superintendent Shoaf along with the students, parents, teachers, support staff and all the administrators. This is very exciting for the entire community.

Thank you to everyone who attended the successful Fall Arts Festival held this past Saturday. It was a great success. The race sponsored by Our Lady of the Wayside was also held this weekend. Many residents participated. Thank you to the police department, auxiliary and many others who helped out especially the Service Department, Parks Department, Law Director Berner who helped with traffic control and Director Mehling and the Recreation Department throughout the weekend.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: NONE

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: President Moran thanked the Mayor and Terri Jones for the success of the Fall Arts Festival held this Saturday.

President Moran congratulated the Mayor and Director Thomas regarding the Aa2 Moody Rating for the City of Rocky River. The Mayor pointed out that the comment section discusses in detail why the city received this rating.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION NO. 51-17: Mr. Moran said that this resolution is accepting amounts and rates authorizing the tax levies and certifying them to the Cuyahoga County Fiscal Officer. Mr. Moran discussed this at length last week. This will have a third read next week.

RESOLUTION NO. 52-17: Mr. Moran said this resolution is requesting advance taxes held from the proceeds of Special Assessments for the tax year 2018. The monies will be paid beginning in January with a second payment in February instead of waiting until May.

RESOLUTION NO. 53-17: Mr. Moran said this is similar to Resolution No. 52-17. This is for advance pay for real property taxes prior to final reconciliation. The monies will be paid beginning in January with a second payment in February instead of waiting until May.

RESOLUTION NO. 54-17: Mr. Shepherd said that this is scheduled for a third read at the next meeting. This authorizes the administration to make application to participate in Ohio Public Works Commission's State Capital Improvement Project for the Collver Road / Oak Road Storm and Sanitary Improvement Project. Director Costello said that the pricing will be in place by next week's meeting.

ORDINANCE NO. 55-17: Mr. Moran said that this Ordinance will pay the Division of Water \$58,342.42, a reimbursement for overpayment on the 2016 Lakeview Avenue Water Main Improvement Project. This will be read for the second time next week.

ORDINANCE NO. 56-17: Mr. Hunt said that this ordinance will be read for a second time next week. The ordinance proposes to amend sections in 1501 of the Codified Ordinances regarding nuisance fires.

Mr. Hunt met with Chief Lenart and Fire Prevention Officer Crowe last week. In 1501.01 there is a proposal for some amendments to the Ohio Fire Code with the exceptions being deleted regarding grills and open burning barbecues on porches and open balconies on one or two family dwellings. These are not permitted in the city.

There is some concern and Chief Lenart and Officer Crowe are looking for feedback on the enactment of 1501.13 regarding nuisance. The language is open ended. The intent is regarding open recreational fire and the smoke affecting neighbors. This section would give police officers the capability to restrict fires.

- Mr. O'Donnell and Mr. Klym asked if this is consistent with other communities. Mr. Bemmer said that Officer Crowe came up with the premise of this with some editing by him. One of the main complaints the city receives is regarding outside fire-pits. The complaints come from homes downwind when the smoke becomes a nuisance. Mr. O'Donnell also wants to understand how violations will be viewed.

This will be discussed further at next week's meeting.

ORDINANCE NO. 57-17: Councilman Hunt said that this ordinance is authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with OCHS, Inc. Life Insurance Co. to provide life insurance for full-time employees of the city. There were four proposals received but Liberty Mutual withdrew their proposal. OCHS was determined to be the best proposal with a rate lock of three years. The current provider did not alter the plan design and doubled the rates.

RESOLUTION NO. 58-17: Councilman Shepherd said this resolution authorizes the city to apply for a NOACA grant for TLCI Implementation to fund improvements for Center Ridge Road. There are four crossing areas, Linden, Northview, Wagar and a signal slightly west of the bus loop at the Force entrance that will be contained within this project. Also, there will be improved pedestrian signals, ADA compliant sidewalks, crossing ramps, better road control for traffic on Wagar and Linden/Northview intersection and improved crosswalks.

- Mr. Shepherd asked if this would help with the pedestrians crossing Center Ridge by the bus station. Director Costello said this project would address this issue.

ORDINANCE NO. 59-17: This ordinance is another reimbursement to Cleveland Water Department in the amount of \$371,993.02 for the 2016 Wooster Road Water Main Improvement Project.

RESOLUTION NO. 60-17: Councilman Shepherd said that this resolution is also authorizing the city to apply for a NOACA grant for a TLCI Implementation to fund improvements for Detroit Road. ADA compliant crosswalks will be installed in certain areas on Detroit Road. This will be read for a second time next week. The Mayor added that ODOT will provide two letters of support for both the Detroit Road and Center Ridge TLCI projects. Fairview Park will also be requesting a letter of support from RTA regarding the Center Ridge Road project.

RESOLUTION NO. 61-17: This was read for the first time last week. This is an application for financial assistance from the Ohio Public Works Commission's State Capital Improvement Program for the funding of the Wastewater Treatment Plant 2018-2021 Capital Improvement Project. Items included in this project are:

- The electrical equipment in the Filter Building requires replacement to provide reliability to the plant. There will also be masonry repairs to the Filter Building.
- The Auxiliary Clarifier's grout supporting the rail system is crumbling and in need of repair and replacement due to weather extremes. The Auxiliary Clarifiers are critical in providing primary treatment to wet weather flows experience at the plant and meeting the plant's NPDES permit.
- There are basement structural cracks, leakage and HVAC Replacement and Entry Stairs and SCADA upgrades also needed in the Auxiliary Clarifier

Mr. Furry said this resolution is an application for money and not the disbursement of money. This will have two more reads.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION NO. 62-17: Mr. Shepherd said that this authorizes the Mayor and Safety-Service Director to participate in the Ohio Department of Transportation Cooperative Purchasing Program for 2018 & 2019. This is used to purchase salt and an occasional truck if pricing is good. There is no cost to participate. This will have three full reads.

ORDINANCE NO. 63-17: Mr. Shepherd said that this authorizes the administration to extend an agreement with Fabrizi Trucking & Paving Co., Inc. for the Hampton Road (South) Lakeview Avenue Sewer Improvement Project, for additional work mandated by the Cleveland Water Division. This should not exceed \$544,700. This is for additional water work that will replace lead pipe. The estimate of this work was \$338,200 but the additional money requested would cover any unfound problems underground so the sewer project isn't delayed.

- Director Costello said that if lead pipe is found the new protocols will allow replacement all the way to the house and be fully paid for by the Cleveland Water Department. Director Costello has been informed by the Cleveland Water Department that there is a very low chance that anyone will have a lead line all the way up to the house.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: President Moran said that next week's meeting will be on Monday, September 25th beginning at **6:00 p.m.** due to the presentation by Richard L. Bowen & Associates Inc. regarding the renovations of the Police Department. The presentation will begin at approximately 6:30 p.m.

Happy Birthday to Director Costello!

As there was no further business by members of Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

James W. Moran
President of Council

Susan G. Pease
Clerk of Council