

CITY OF ROCKY RIVER

May 1, 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. Sindelar, Mr. Klym, Mr. Moran

Absent: Mr. Furry

Administration: Mayor Bobst, Director Costello

Law Director: Mr. Bemer

Press: Ms. Botos

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

The city had a successful Arbor Day Planting last Friday in Ward 4. A beautiful Crab Apple Tree was planted at Lance Corporal Daniel Scherry's Memorial in Linden Park. The first Arbor Day in Nebraska, where Arbor Day originated, saw over a million trees planted with groups competing with one another. Celebrating Arbor Day is a large part of the Tree City USA Program and in the last few years more than 1,200 trees have been planted through the city's free tree lawn-planting program, not including all the other trees that have been planted and replaced throughout the city. Rich Snyder, the city's arborist has been very busy this spring securing 100 seedlings and distributing them to the schools. The Mayor thanked Rich for all the good work he does along with the park crews. The Mayor also thanked Councilman Shepherd for being in attendance at the Arbor Day Planting.

The Senior Center Volunteer Luncheon was held last Friday. Thank you to Councilman Hunt for attending. Hundreds of volunteers were recognized for contributing thousands of hours to the Senior Center in a variety of ways. This past year was the accreditation process with nine committees working over eighteen months and engaging a number of volunteers in a variety of areas. The luncheon was a great opportunity to recognize everyone and their efforts. Barrio catered the event and the food was delicious. Thank you also to the staff at the Senior Center for their work in putting together meaningful volunteer opportunities for individual volunteers.

The Federation met this morning. This group is made up of all the leadership of the civic organizations in Rocky River including the Church Clergy, Library, Schools, Chamber of Commerce, Rotary, Kiwanis, Women's Club, Beautification Committee, Green Team, Community Garden, et cetera. The Federation meets together to discuss programming, challenges, funding opportunities, et cetera. The meeting was well attended and a lot of good information was shared. The leadership teams then share the information with their members.

The Mayor welcomed Firehouse Subs at River Plaza this morning. Firehouse Subs has delicious food along with a commitment to safety forces. The restaurant is decorated with old pictures from the archives of the Rocky River Fire Department along with a painting of the city's fire truck.

The Mayor discussed the phone calls received last week by City Hall and Council members regarding the Marion Ramp. The removal of the Marion Ramp was an idea that was proposed and presented in the 2005 Master Plan which can be found on the city's website. Since that time, there were an increasing number of questions asked regarding the demolition of the ramp. When the City applied for the TLCI Grant for Detroit Road, a review and evaluation of the Marion Ramp was included. The TLCI Study results are also on the city's website. The City wanted to look at Detroit Road from a traffic and parking perspective because in 2018 Detroit Road will be paved by ODOT through their Urban Paving Program. The city wanted to align anything additional on the roadway itself. There is no project currently regarding the Marion Ramp. ODOT could turn that infrastructure over to the city in the future, but it would always have to be used for a public purpose. The ramp was built prior to I 90 so from a functional standpoint it is utilized less as traffic has moved to I 90. Detroit Road currently carries about 14,000 cars. The ramps carry a small portion of those cars during peak times. The Marion Ramp is valuable and if it was not there it would have an impact on other roadways. At this point, there are no plans for the Marion Ramp. During the current Master Plan process, this could be discussed. All information regarding the Master Plan can be found on the city's website. Surveys will also be posted on the website for Rocky River residents to complete.

The Rocky River Parks and Recreation Foundation has raised considerable funds for the Park Pavilion Project at Rocky River Park. There are a few more resources to secure but the project is in good shape. This project has been designed, all the specifications will be finalized along with some additional prints. This will be presented to the Boards and Commissions and also to the Safety-Service Director for review and then a bidding process will begin. This project will be paid in full by the Parks and Recreation Foundation but will be managed by the City of Rocky River as it is a gift to the city. It is hoped that construction will commence after school begins this fall. The city will be doing the demolition of the current structure, remove the concrete pad and prep the site.

The Mayor extended special recognition to the Middle School and High School students who attended Ohio History Day. Five teams were recognized for their projects and papers with three of the students moving on to the National Competition in Maryland. Mr. Frank O'Grady serves as the student's dedicated teacher and advisor. Congratulations to the students, schools and Mr. O'Grady.

The Mayor announced that this Friday, Leadercast will be held at Lutheran West High School. Lutheran West has sponsored this for several years. Local business leaders and young professionals will gather at Lutheran West to hear world-renowned leaders speak during this leadership event broadcast live from Atlanta to hundreds of host sites across the world. The Mayor and several other administrators have attended several times and the Chamber of Commerce helps sponsors Leadercast. More information can be found on the Chamber of Commerce or Lutheran West websites.

This Saturday Hilliard Blvd. will be closed from Wagar Road to the Little League Field about 9:00 – 10:00 am for the annual Little League Opening Day Parade. The Mayor will be throwing out the first pitch at the Little League Field.

The second Shredding Day will be held this Saturday. Residents are asked to come into the City Hall Campus from Wagar Road and remain in your vehicle. Volunteers will be on hand to remove the materials from your car.

Election Day is tomorrow in Rocky River. Issue 13 for the Rocky River City School Levy is on the ballot.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: NONE

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE NO. 15-17: Mr. Sindelar said that Council did receive the minutes from the Planning Commission along with their recommendation. Mr. Sindelar would like to set a date for the Public Hearing regarding this ordinance. Mr. Sindelar asked about having Director Reich answer some questions from Council. The Mayor suggested that Mr. Sindelar call a Committee Meeting and invite the Chairman for the Planning Commission and Director Reich to answer any questions Council may have.

- Mr. Klym is not sure if it is appropriate to ask the Chairman to attend a Committee Meeting to explain their recommendation. Mr. Klym is fine if Director Reich attends the meeting to answer questions.
- The Mayor asked for questions to be prepared ahead of the meeting so that the meeting is productive.
- Mr. Bemer said that if there are questions regarding their decision making process, they would be able to speak through their chairman avoiding any personal opinion. The Chairman led the process.
- Mr. O'Donnell asked that since it was a split vote would someone from the other side need to attend also.
- Mr. Hunt said that the recommendation of the Planning Commission is in the minutes.
- Mr. Moran said that the Planning Commission Chairman is always open to discussion and would answer questions at the Committee Meeting.
- The Mayor said that the project has changed. If there are questions after reviewing the minutes, that is the time to contact the Chairman.
- Mr. Bemer said that there are positive aspects, pro and con. The setting should be in a transparent public forum.
- Mr. O'Donnell asked about the Development Agreement with this ordinance. Mr. Bemer said that what was before the Planning Commission is what is before Council and there is not a Development Agreement at this time.
- Mr. Shepherd said that Council is in agreement that a meeting with Director Reich would be in Council's best interest.
- The Public Hearing date was set for June 12th.

ORDINANCE NO. 16-17: This has been discussed for the last six weeks. This ordinance is for the dump bodies with snow plow packages that are to be installed on the truck chassis. Mr. O'Donnell will seek passage for this at next week's Legislative Meeting and would like to begin a consent agenda.

ORDINANCE NO. 18-17: This is an annual ordinance for the Marine Patrol Grant. Mr. Hunt thanked the Mayor and administration for forwarding more information to him regarding this ordinance. The budget for this year is identical to last year's budget in the amount of \$40,002. This city is obligated to

pick up the balance of \$10,000. The budget specifically accounts for \$20,000 in personnel expenses, \$2,000 for fuel, \$2,800 for equipment and dock expenses, \$4,000 for vessel insurance and \$2,000 for basic marine patrol training and \$10,000 in miscellaneous expenses. The marine patrol will be provided on weekends including holiday weekends. Mr. Hunt would like this on the consent agenda next week.

ORDINANCE NO. 19-17: This ordinance will be amended at next week's Legislative Meeting. This Resolution authorizes the Mayor to submit an application to NOACA for a State of Ohio Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Grant Regarding Congestion Reduction, Traffic Flow Improvements and Intelligent Transportation Systems. The total cost of the project is estimated to be \$562,000. The city is estimated to pay \$202,644.

ORDINANCE NO. 20-17: This ordinance is authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Hazen and Sawyer for professional services. This is not to exceed \$274,600. This ordinance will be added to the consent agenda.

ORDINANCE NO. 21-17: This is for the position of City Council for January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2019. This part time position will be held at the same rate as the last four years.

ORDINANCE NO. 22-17: This is for the position for the Council President for January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2019. This would keep the same rate as the last four years.

ORDINANCE NO. 23-17: This is for the position of the Director of Law for the term January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2019. The outline for the pay is \$59,000 with all other monetary amounts to stay the same.

ORDINANCE NO. 24-17: This is for the position of Mayor for the term January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2019. The outline for the pay is \$99,975. The last increase for this position was eight years ago.

ORDINANCE NO. 25-17: Mr. Shepherd said that this ordinance authorizes a contract with Utilicon Corporation for the water main rehabilitation for Kensington Oval. This was put out to bid and two bids were received and they were the low bidder and their price should not exceed \$127,514. Funds come from the Sewer Rehabilitation Fund. This will be paid for by Cleveland Water and will be added to the consent agenda.

ORDINANCE NO. 26-17: This has been discussed at the last few meetings. This is the salt ordinance which the city gets from the Ohio Department of Transportation at a good price. This will also be put on the consent agenda.

ORDINANCE NO. 27-17: Mr. Shepherd said that this authorizes a contract with United Survey, Inc. 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. The funds come from the Sewer Rehabilitation Fund. This has not been done before but the administration is optimistic that this will work well. This will be read for a second time next week.

ORDINANCE NO. 28-17: Mr. Klym said that this ordinance has been read once. This deals with the acceptance of the bid for the provision of beverage services throughout the city mainly for the recreation department. The bid from Coca-Cola was substantially better. This was discussed at length last week.

Coca-Cola has agreed to a \$6,000 a year sponsorship and Pepsi was zero. Also, Coca-Cola agreed to a dasher board add along with scoreboard incentives of \$2,500. This will be an eight year agreement. This will be read two more times.

ORDINANCE NO. 29-17: Mr. Shepherd said that this ordinance is to renew a contract with Admiral Products for Printing Services. In 2014 Director Costello sent out 11 bid packages and only Admiral Products responded. Admiral Products has offered to extend this contract for a fourth year at the same price. This will be read for a second time next week.

NEW BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE NO. 30-17: This ordinance is to make supplemental appropriations for the current expenses. This will be making an amendment to Ordinance No. 66-16. The purpose for the appropriations and amounts are as follows:

- Special Project - \$2,000
- Printing - \$3,000
- Lakewood Fees - \$62,000
- Meter Read Cost - \$36,500

This will have three full reads.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: The Mayor added that bids were opened on April 21st for the Hampton/Lakeview Project. Seven bids were received. The engineer's estimate was \$5.6 million. This is being paid with a grant, zero interest loan from Ohio Public Works. The low bidder is Fabrizi Trucking & Paving at \$5,078,000 and the high bid from Mr. Excavator was \$6.8 million. This memo will be included with legislation in this Friday's packets.

President Moran wished Mr. Klym a Happy Birthday!

As there was no further business by members of Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

James W. Moran
President of Council

Susan G. Pease
Clerk of Council