

CITY OF ROCKY RIVER

December 4, 2017

The meeting of the Committee-of-the-Whole was called to order by Mr. Hunt, President Pro-Tem of Council, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Council Members Present: Mr. Hunt, Mr. Shepherd, Mr. O'Donnell,
Mr. Furry, Mr. Sindelar, Mr. Klym

Absent: Mr. Moran

Administration: Mayor Bobst, Director Costello, Mr. Thomas

Law Director: Mr. Bemer

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

The Mayor discussed the biggest project for next year which will be ODOT's repaving of Detroit and Wooster Roads in 2018-2019. The work will begin on Detroit, with an extensive scope of concrete work to be done along with ADA compliant intersections. There will also be full-depth repairs before the asphalt goes down. There will be maintenance of traffic on both roads which will be completed sequentially not simultaneously. Because of the center turn lane, east, west, north and south traffic will be able to be maintained. This is partly because it's a very large project but also to be helpful to the businesses and residents along Detroit and Wooster. The city is thankful that this project is on ODOT's schedule and that 80% will be paid for by ODOT. These numbers are reflected in the 2018 Budget.

The Mayor thanked Council for all their time spent with the Directors, receiving information and showing deep interest and confidence in them during the Finance Committee Meeting last Friday. The Directors were very pleased with Friday's meeting. The administration and directors will be available if Council needs any clarification or have any questions.

Tomorrow night at 5:00 p.m. at the Civic Center is the F.A.A. Meeting where they will be presenting the Environmental Impact Assessment that was completed for the Metroplex Project that is focused on satellite navigation. This does not propose an increase of air traffic and no new construction of ground facilities. All comments from the meeting or online will be read and addressed. The proposed implementation for this project is for the Fall 2018. The project began in 2014. Some of the goals of this project are to promote satellite navigational technology and reduce the dependency on land base navigational aides and to improve flight paths and climb and descent profiles. The Environmental Assessment contains several things: noise and noise compatibility as it relates to land use, historic and cultural resources and how they are impacted, the impact on wildlife, environmental justice, air quality, climate, energy supplies, visual affects and the Department of Transportation Resources that go beyond flight. A lot of information will be shared at tomorrow evening's meeting.

A big thank you to a number of civic organizations, volunteers, staff members, Early Childhood PTA, the Senior Center, the Key Club, Magnificat's choir, Bill Brink with the Downtown Merchant's Association, Cox Communications, the Rocky River Women's Club with the Home Tour, vocal and instrumental musicians that played on Old Detroit Road and the beautiful weather. Thank you also the City Hall Staff: Mary Ellen Umerley, Ron Gottschalk, Chris Mehling, Mike Balla, Mike Reyes and Jim Toth for the antique fire engine, Chief Lenart made sure the spotlight was on Santa, Jim Umerley prepared the lights and electricity and Mary Kay Costello for the luminary lined path to the Senior Center.

The Mayor announced that Sunday, December 10th is "Light Up River" and luminary kits are on sale for \$5.00.

- Mr. Shepherd attended the "All Aglow" on Friday night and commented that it was like something out of a movie when the fire truck drove around with the spotlight on Santa. It was something very special. Mr. Shepherd also attended the Westshore Chorale at Magnificat High School and that was spectacular with the Bell Choir from the Rocky River Methodist Church that he had never heard before. Mr. Shepherd said it was a very nice event.

The Mayor thanked Council for their attendance at the various events this weekend.

The Mayor then welcomed the Girl Scouts and their families who attended the meeting this evening. The Scouts were in attendance to earn their Local Government badge.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Mr. Hunt thanked the members of Council for their diligence in working with the Directors. Mr. Hunt thanked the administration for preparedness and putting together the meeting on Friday. It worked very well and the Directors did a great job answering the questions from Council.

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE NO. 56-17: Mr. Hunt said that a final draft was provided to Council from Law Director Bemmer for his diligence and Councilman Klym who worked tirelessly with Mr. Bemmer to put this language together. With the warning component as well as the reasonableness component to subsection A and the drifting smoke nuisance ordinance a third read can be done next week.

- Mr. O'Donnell asked if the word comfort was removed. Mr. Bemmer confirmed that the word was removed.

Mr. Hunt also pointed out that this ordinance also has an amendment to 1501.01 to the Ohio Fire Code and deleting some exceptions that would permit small fires to be permitted on balconies, and other areas that Fire Prevention Crowe felt was inappropriate.

- Mr. Furry said this was also amended earlier by removing the "emergency" language and will be amended again with these changes. He is fine with this new draft as it seems as fair as it can be.

ORDINANCE NO. 79-17: Mr. Shepherd discussed this ordinance along with all the ordinances through to Ordinance No. 93-17. These are a set of ordinances that amend the zoning code in different ways, procedures, and some substantive changes. Mr. Shepherd suggests that there be a Committee Meeting in January to discuss these ordinances with the representative of Planning Commission, the Commissioner of the Building Department, Law Director Bemer and Council and focus on these issues. These will be put on hold next week and not read. Some of these ordinances add definitions to bring Airbnb's within the purview of the laws. Mr. Shepherd asked the Law Director to give Council some ideas of the type of regulations, prohibitions to the extent that is permissible under law.

ORDINANCE NO. 80-17: This will be on hold and postponed until January 2018.

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ORDINANCE NO. 93-17: This will be on hold and postponed until January 2018.

ORDINANCE NO. 97-17: This emergency ordinance is to make appropriations for the current expenses of the City of Rocky River during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2018. This ordinance sets forth the budget for 2018. The Finance Committee had a meeting Friday morning where appropriations from each department and director were discussed. This has been read twice and will have a third read next week.

- Mr. Klym asked about the statement that ODOT would pay 80% of the Detroit/Wooster Roads project. The Mayor explained that ODOT pays 80% of the roadway pavement. The city needs to pay for all the concrete work and ADA compliance mandated concrete work. There will be an amendment to the budget to split this project between the 2018 and the 2019 budget.

ORDINANCE NO. 98-17: This is the ordinance to renew the insurance coverage with McGowan Insurance for the city. This did increase slightly because of a claims and loss history. It is the intent of the administration to bid this and all the other insurance ordinances out next year. Mr. Shepherd would like this to go on a Consent Agenda for next week's meeting.

- The Mayor added that there has been a claim and loss history but also the valuation has increased 3%.

ORDINANCE NO. 99-17: This will be amended next week because the Court would like to add that their Computer Fund A and B will contribute to the funding of this ordinance in the amount of \$9,664 for the Court Insurance which was reduced because of no claim and loss history since 2011.

ORDINANCE NO. 100-17: This ordinance renews the insurance for 2018 for the Wastewater Treatment Plant in the amount of \$68,175 to McGowan Insurance. This is less than a 2% increase because of the value of the equipment at the WWTP is more expensive. This will also be put out to bid next year. Mr. Shepherd would like to add this to the Consent Agenda.

ORDINANCE NO. 101-17: This is the ordinance to renew the contract with MacKay Engineering Surveying with a 2.5% increase. This is equivalent to the increase that the general employee's will receive in 2018.

ORDINANCE NO. 102-17: This is for the replacement of four HVAC rooftop units at the Hamilton Ice Arena not to exceed the amount of \$235,580. These units are not working and are over 30 years old. These units will also provide dehumidifier services which is necessary for the operation of the ice rink. Mr. Mehling spoke to Council last Friday and gave a run down of the needs of the ice rink. This will be read two more times.

RESOLUTION NO. 103-17: Mr. Hunt said this is the proposed resolution that will approve the adoption of the Cuyahoga County All Hazard Mitigation Plan for the years 2017-2022. The plan has to be adopted and updated every five years. This adoption by the city would allow the city to tap into funds and services from the County. The County has 59 jurisdictions that are involved. This plan allows the County to locate areas of risk and assess cost, develop strategies and priorities to mitigate the risk from natural hazards, guide communities in risk management activities and minimize conflict between the agencies responsible for mitigation and provide eligibility for future mitigation program funds. Every Community is required to formally adopt the plan once it is approved by FEMA. This program covers for things like storms, flooding, severe winter weather, tornados, temperature extremes, erosions and landslides, drought and wildland fires, earthquakes and coastal flooding and ice jams on the Rocky River.

- Mr. Furry asked about the emergency language on this ordinance. Director Costello said that the individual she spoke with assured her that as long as there is a signature on the resolution it wasn't necessary for this to be an emergency. Mr. Furry said it wasn't necessary to be amended. Mr. Hunt told Mr. Furry it is a point well taken regarding the overuse of emergency language.

ORDINANCE NO. 104-17: Mr. Hunt said this is an emergency ordinance creating positions and fixing or establishing the annual salaries commencing January 1, 2018. This ordinance was read for the first time last week. The mayor added that this represents a 2.5% increase and also represents the collective bargaining agreements.

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: NONE

As there was no further business by members of Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Thomas J. Hunt
President Pro-Tem of Council

Susan G. Pease
Clerk of Council