

CITY OF ROCKY RIVER

February 6, 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 Governor released the state budget last week. An important component that will impact municipalities is the possibility of a centralized income tax collection.

Another component is that currently through R.I.T.A. as well as with C.C.A., the cities receive monthly distributions of income tax collections, which is very helpful in managing the budget. The Mayors want to be sure that municipalities will continue to receive these distributions on a monthly basis.

Also, the Local Government Fund has been cut in half over the years going from approximately \$840,000 to \$420,000. Several Mayors have asked that this be reinstated for Capital Investment Improvements because of the health of the state government.

The Mayor is also looking at an updated ODOT \$2 billion dollar budget. Representative Greenspan will forward all the details in the transportation budget to the Mayor. The Mayor said that it is early in the process and she will continue to share with Council as she receives more information.

The Mayor announced that the Annual Report is being compiled and is almost complete. Copies will be forwarded to City Council.

The Mayor received official notification that the Senior Center will be awarded National Accreditation. The exact date for the presentation of the award has not yet been set.

Gardiner Energy met with the Mayor, Safety Service Director Costello and Facilities Manager Mike Balla this morning to finalize the "punch list". Directors will be going through the scope of the energy program with them to be sure that everything has been completed. The Mayor said that Gardiner Energy has been very responsive. Director Costello said that 70% of the lights in the outdoor area still need to be completed.

The Mayor received word from Lt. David Wagner, Officer Gonzalez and Officer Camp that they came in third in a chili cook-off fundraiser over the weekend. Thirty departments participated to raise funds for injured or fallen officers. The Rocky River team won an AED machine, first-aid kits and tourniquet kits. Congratulations!

- Councilman Furry asked the Mayor about the condition of the Rocky River Fire Truck that was involved in an accident a couple of weeks ago on I 90. An appraiser from Trident Insurance Company is evaluating the ladder truck. There is considerable amount of damage. Progressive Insurance Company insures the van that hit the truck. Details are still being worked out and the Mayor will keep Council informed.
 - President Moran mentioned that he and Councilman Klym had an opportunity to see some of the damage. There is frame damage and a considerable amount of damage underneath the truck.

The Mayor extended thanks to all the residents who stood at attention for Officer Fahey's funeral procession. The outpouring of support from Rocky River residents meant so much to the family and the Cleveland Police Department as well as our safety forces. The Citizen's Police Academy Alumni distributed the blue ribbons on the City Hall Campus.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Councilman Sindelar announced that there is a Planning Commission Meeting Tuesday, February 7th at 7:00 p.m. and a BZA Meeting on Thursday, February 9th beginning at 7:00 p.m. Both meetings will be held in City Council Chambers.

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"

The Mayor, Law Director Bemer and Building Commissioner Reich met with the MetroPark Officers. The deed restrictions are critically important to the MetroParks but they are willing to work with the developer. Keeping the development as single-family homes as opposed to townhomes/clusters/multi-family is important to the MetroParks. The MetroParks have invested a great deal on Rockcliff and have concerns regarding the geotechnical aspects and the erosion of that piece of property. At this point, the Mayor is not sure how the developer will proceed.

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 said this will have a third reading at next week's meeting. This ordinance is to pay an invoice of \$625.00 for a special prosecutor as the city's prosecutor had a conflict. This ordinance will need to be amended on record at next week's meeting.

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 will seek passage on this ordinance at next week's meeting following a third read. The city has received a grant to cover \$45,000 of the \$87,650. This ordinance deals with a contract with the SmithGroup JJR for the Bradstreet's Landing Park Costal Management to look at the beach and erosion, Spencer Creek and the pier. The SmithGroup will draft a Master Plan to help the city with what needs to be done and also help in finding grant money to complete this project.

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 this ordinance will be read for a second time next week. 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. The rates are being increased by 10%.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: Council received a Liquor License Request for Herbs Tavern taking the 50/50 split and giving Mr. Herbert Brugh 100% control. Councilman Shepherd doesn't think there would be any substantial problem with this. Provided Council receives an approval from the police department, this request will be approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE NO. 4-17

BY: JAMES W. MORAN

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 75-16 CREATING POSITIONS AND FIXING OR ESTABLISHING THE ANNUAL SALARIES AND HOURLY RATES COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2017 FOR THE APPOINTED EMPLOYEES IN THE SEVERAL DIVISIONS AND DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY OF ROCKY RIVER

Mr. Moran said this is an amendment to Ordinance #75-16 to provide a clothing allowance for the Maintenance Manager Position at the Civic Center. This was originally left off the wage ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 5-17

BY: JOHN B. SHEPHERD

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH FABRIZI TRUCKING AND PAVING COMPANY, INC. FOR THE 2017 WESTWAY SEWER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$919,989.60

Mr. Shepherd said that this is to authorize a contract with Fabrizi Trucking and Paving Company, Inc. for the 2017 Westway Sewer Improvement Project at a cost not to exceed \$919,989.60. This will eliminate the last sanitary overflow. The city received eleven bids for this project and Fabrizi was the low bidder. The engineer's estimate came in at \$1.2 million. The city has been satisfied with work by Fabrizi. Fabrizi has also done work for many communities including Twinsburg and Elyria and had favorable reviews. Fabrizi has no unresolved findings in the auditor's data base and their bid package was complete. The project itself will eliminate a sanitary line that is only eight inches in diameter with a county installed 21 inch sewer line. The storm line will be repositioned and replaced with larger pipe at a deeper depth. This will be funded by the city through the Sewer Rehabilitation Contractors Account.

- Mr. Sindelar asked what the project was that was completed about eight months ago on Westway. Director Costello said that that was the waterline replacement as it came up Northview Road from Detroit. This sewer project will extend into the Wagar intersection further than the waterline. Westway will be repaved and curbs will be replaced on the south side along with driveway aprons.

As there was no further business by members of Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

James W. Moran
President of Council

Susan G. Pease
Clerk of Council