

CITY OF ROCKY RIVER

October 18, 2021

The meeting of the Committee-of-the-Whole was called to order by Mr. Moran, President, at 7:00 p.m.

Council Members Present: Mr. Hunt, Mr. Shepherd, Mr. O'Donnell, Mr. Furry
Mrs. Morris, Mr. Klym, Mr. Moran

Administration: Mayor Bobst, Mr. Snyder

Law Director: Mr. Bemer

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

The Mayor stated that the paving projects are moving along and updates to residents have been sent via ReadyNotify.

The Budget Meetings have commenced. The Mayor is meeting with the Directors over the next two weeks and reviewing all aspects of the budget. Council should receive the budget by the end of the first week in November.

The Mayor stated that AECOM has been working with the city on an Inflow and Infiltration Pilot Program. The dye testing evaluation phase is completed on Hampton Road between Center Ridge and Hilliard. When the city receives the report, the results will be shared with the residents and then the next step will be taken. Council will be kept informed.

The Mayor announced that the city is looking for Crossing Guards in the morning, afternoon or both. The city is also in need of seasonal CDL's for leaf collection and the winter season. Leaf collection will begin on November 1st.

Patrol Officer Rod Keeler was sworn in today and was the first officer to be sworn in at the new Police Station surrounded by family and friends. It is very telling when fellow academy officers show up for the occasion along with several of the city's officers. The Mayor wishes Rod well and welcomes him to the law enforcement family.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Planning, Zoning and Economic Development Committee: Councilwoman Morris stated that the Planning Commission is meeting tomorrow evening to discuss the Public Library and Hilliard Partners. There will also be a preliminary for the Krueger Partners to discuss a multi-family apartment development. Dates will be forthcoming for the two ordinances referred to the Planning Commission.

- Mr. Shepherd asked for verification regarding the Hilliard Partners, if that is next to the Hilroc. Mrs. Morris responded yes and stated that the meeting begins at 6:30 p.m.

Parks and Recreation and Health Committee: Mr. Klym announced that the Parks and Rec Committee Meeting scheduled for this Thursday will be postponed and rescheduled for November 11th at 7:45 a.m. Mr. Klym received a report from Mr. Holub and will discuss that next week.

Finance Committee: Mr. O'Donnell stated that the first read for the 2022 Budget is tentatively scheduled for November 8th, the second read on November 22nd, the Finance Committee Meeting, that is opened to the Public, on Friday, December 3rd from 8-12:30 p.m., and then a third read possibly on December 13th.

Mr. O'Donnell reminded Council to meet with their following Directors.

- Councilman Hunt – Safety – Chief Lenart and Chief Lichman
- Councilman Furry – Environmental - WWTP – Superintendent Barille
- Councilwoman Morris – Senior Center – Director Huff
- Councilman Shepherd – Service Department – Director Snyder
- Councilman Klym – Recreation – Director Holub
- President Moran – Courts, Judges Fitzsimmons/Hagan and Clerk Comery
- Councilman O'Donnell – Finance – Director Thomas

COMMUNICATION: NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE NO. 63-21: Mr. O'Donnell said this has been discussed for several weeks. This is the supplemental appropriations for current expenses of the budget for 2021. The ordinance was held last week and not read due to additional changes on the exhibit. Council received a revised exhibit in their packets on Friday. Mr. O'Donnell will amend by substitution of the exhibit for Ordinance No. 63-21 and seek passage at next week's meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 67-21: Mr. O'Donnell said this has been discussed for the last month. This is simply transferring funds from the Community Impact Fund, Fund No. 250 into the General Fund in the amount of \$3,311.75. This Impact Fund was set up for a particular purpose in the late 1990's and all the funds were used for the purpose it was allocated for and this amount is being transferred to the General Fund.

ORDINANCE NO. 68-21: Mrs. Morris stated that this ordinance would amend the code so that the fire code is automatically updated along with the Ohio Fire Code.

ORDINANCE NO. 69-21: Mrs. Morris stated this ordinance updates the construction of sidewalks to add 6-inch base of gravel rather than 4 inches of gravel.

ORDINANCE NO. 70-21: Mrs. Morris said this ordinance updates pest control to be the explicit responsibility of the building owner rather than the tenant; it makes basement rooms conditional on exits; and updating stacking firewood rules for safety reasons. Property maintenance codes will be pulled from the most current edition of the International Property Maintenance Code, to stay updated.

ORDINANCE NO. 71-21: Mrs. Morris said this has been referred to the Planning Commission for a combination meeting of the Planning Commission, BZA and the Architectural Review Board. Mr. Bemer said the tentative date for this meeting is next Wednesday, October 27th.

ORDINANCE NO. 72-21: Mrs. Morris said this ordinance brings up to code and requires new construction and rentals to have carbon monoxide and smoke detector alarms installed.

ORDINANCE NO. 73-21: Mrs. Morris said this was referred to the Planning Commission and will be discussed at the joint meeting next Wednesday, October 27th. The Planning Commission will have a Public Hearing on this.

- Mr. O'Donnell inquired if Ordinance No. 71-21 and 73-21 will be read twice, referred and then left on the

agenda until Council hears back from the Planning Commission. Mr. Bemer stated that the Public Hearing will be with the Planning Commission only. The Mayor added that City Council can have a Public Hearing but is not required to hold one.

- Mr. Klym asked if City Council will read it for a second time before it comes back. Mr. Moran stated that it has already been referred and will be held for next week's meeting.

ORDINANCE NO. 74-21: Mr. O'Donnell said this is an amendment to the annual wage ordinance for the employees of the city. This ordinance recognizes that there is a 27th pay period in this year and accounts for that. The Mayor said this does not change anyone's annual compensation included in the wage ordinance. This occurred because there was a pay for December 2020 on January 1st, 2021.

ORDINANCE NO. 75-21: Mr. Shepherd said that state law requires the City of Rocky River to maintain a health district. The city has an agreement with the Cuyahoga County Board of Health. In 2021 the cost was \$5.45 and increases to \$6.00 per capita for a 10% increase in 2022 and an additional 10% increase in 2023. Some of the services provided, in addition to help with the COVID-19 Pandemic, are:

Community Services: Immunizations, Outreach Flu Clinics, Newborn Home Visits, Lead Poisoning Prevention, Medical Handicap Care, Health Improvement Partnership Program, and Indoor Air Quality;

Environmental Health Services: Food Protection, Storm Water Surface Water Quality, Watershed Protection Program, Recreational Facility Services and Larvicide Applications for Mosquito Control. The contract contains a more detailed description of health services for this ordinance. This will be read for a second time next week.

- Mr. Furry asked if the per capita cost is based on the 2020 Census. The Mayor said the payment is based on the 2020 Census of 21,755 residents.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: NONE

As there was no further business by members of Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Monday, October 25th in Council Chambers.

James W. Moran
President of Council

Susan G. Pease
Clerk of Council