

CITY OF ROCKY RIVER

January 19, 2021

The meeting of the Committee-of-the-Whole was called to order by Mr. Moran, President, immediately following the Special Meeting via Zoom.

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

Absent: Mrs. Morris

Administration: Mayor Bobst, Director Snyder

Law Director: Mr. Bemer

MAYOR'S REPORT:

The Mayor is excited to announce that the city received another grant from NOPEC, the energy aggregation partner in the amount of just under \$60,000. This grant will be used towards the generator for the Civic Center that will power the Civic Center and Recreation Center. These buildings are designated and identified as gathering spaces should there be a natural or man-made disaster in the city. These buildings are also evacuation sites for some of the schools in the city. The bid should come in a little under \$300,000. The city already has \$240,000 through this grant program and with the addition of the \$60,000 it will be enough to cover this new generator. The specs have been written and will be in front of council shortly.

The Mayor talked about other projects:

- The sheet pilings are going in at Bradstreet's Landing. They are alternating on each side of the pier and moving out. This will need reinforced so equipment can get on the deck. The workers are mindful that they need to be out of the water by the middle of April for fish migration concerns.
- Work is beginning on Malvern and Telbir waterlines. Director Snyder is putting together a brochure on what to expect in 2021 for the residents of Rocky River and will include where the city is planting trees, paving, sewer projects and waterline projects with Morewood being a part of that. This will be very helpful for residents and business owners to have some of this detail. Thank you to Director Snyder for doing this.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: NONE.

COMMUNICATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS: President Moran announced the Standing Council Committees for 2021 will continue as is from 2020. This includes:

Buildings, Equipment and Technology

James Moran, Chair
David Furry
Christopher Klym
John Shepherd

Contracts – Government and Judicial

John Shepherd, Chair
David Furry
Thomas Hunt
Christina Morris

Environmental

David Furry, Chair
Michael O'Donnell
Thomas Hunt
Christina Morris

Finance

Michael O'Donnell, Chair
James Moran
Thomas Hunt
John Shepherd

Parks, Recreation and Health

Christopher Klym, Chair
David Furry
James Moran
Christina Morris

Planning, Zoning and Economic Development

Christina Morris, Chair
Christopher Klym
Michael O'Donnell
John Shepherd

Safety

Thomas Hunt, Chair
James Moran
Christopher Klym
Michael O'Donnell

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE NO. 1-21: Mr. Furry thanked Mr. Moran for filling in for him last week. This is a renewal of an ordinance that has been in effect for numerous years and is a cooperation with the Cuyahoga Soil and Water Conservation District and the City but this ordinance is for PIPE or Public Information and Public Education more specifically the education and stewardship for the conservation of soil and water resources. This ordinance does have an increase of \$500 annually totaling \$6,000. It is not a major line item in the budget but it was in the budget and since it is a fellow governmental entity, we are providing full disclosure. This MOU can be renewed solely at the City's discretion after the 12-month period. It also may be amended or terminated at any time via mutual consent of both parties. This has been read once and there will be three full reads.

ORDINANCE NO. 2-21: This is a companion piece with Ordinance 1-21 and has been in effect for numerous years and is also a joint cooperation with the Cuyahoga Soil and Water Conservation District and the City and is related to our Municipal Separate Storm Sewer (MS4) EPA Permit and is for minimal control measures 4 and 5. The Cuyahoga Soil and Water Conservation District shall provide technical assistance to the city. Cuyahoga Soil and Water held the price the same at \$11,330. This is not a major line item in the budget but it was in the budget

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ORDINANCE NO. 3-21: Mr. O'Donnell stated that this ordinance authorizes the City of Rocky River to pay the difference to the City of Lakewood for the approximate number of 110 homes in the Valley View neighborhood that use Lakewood's treatment plant. These residents are charged a higher rate from Lakewood, and the City covers the difference. Mr. O'Donnell circulated a memorandum last week to Council showing the rate changes over the years. It would still be a significant capital investment for the City of Rocky River to route all of that wastewater to the WWTP in Rocky River. This is an annual ordinance and will have three full reads.

ORDINANCE NO. 4-21: Mr. Moran said that this ordinance is to purchase one 75 cubic yard transfer trailer for the Service Division at a cost not to exceed \$81,100. Mr. Moran thanked Director Snyder for the pictures showing the refuse transfer trailer that is in poor condition and in need of being replaced. The transfer trailers transport garbage from the transfer station. This will have three full reads.

ORDINANCE NO. 5-21: Mr. Shepherd said that this is authorizes a two-year contract for vending machines at the Civic Center and Ice Rink. The Safety Service Department advertised for bids, but Metropolitan Vending was the only bid received and has provided this service for the past several years. The commissioned rates the city receives on vending sales is 28% on gross sales of snacks and food and 30% on gross sales on coffee and ice cream. Mr. Snyder has determined these rates are in line with what neighboring cities pay. These are the same rates that were under the contract back when this company first won this bid. The only major change in the contract is this vendor use to commit to pay for slightly over \$1,000 for advertising at the rink. This has been taken out of the contract as it has been for the other cities also.

ORDINANCE NO. 6-21: Mr. Moran stated that on December 4, 2020 eight bidders submitted their bids for the attached list of vehicles for the total sum of \$26,053.03. There were 13 items on this list including a 1978 airstream trailer, a backhoe and a refuse packer. Three bidders presented the best bids for these vehicles. This will have two more reads.

ORDINANCE NO. 7-21: This ordinance was passed at the Special Meeting this evening.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION NO. 8-21: Mr. Moran said that Councilwoman Morris is not here this evening but this is a new shore structure approval at 21468 Avalon Drive. It is not a dock but a structure to stop erosion. The ODNR requires that the City of Rocky River does not have an objection to the placement of this proposed shore structure within Lake Erie submerged lands adjacent to this property.

- Mr. Furry added that Northern Title handled this transfer last year and at that time nothing was promised about voting for said submerged land lease as Mr. Furry knew nothing about it at the time.

ORDINANCE NO. 9-21: Mr. Hunt said this authorizes the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Brookside Construction Services for the landscaping at the new police station. Four bids were received from Zscape, Brookside, Royal Landscape Gardening Inc. and Green Leaf. The bids were competitive. The base bid of Royal Landscape was lower than Brookside, but the lowest total all-in bid was Brookside. Council should have received a corrected version of this ordinance and the total for this contract should be \$106,710 which removes the inclusion of top soil. The base bid was \$87,710 with an alternate of \$13,500 for the irrigation installation and a \$5,500 contingency. It was determined that it would be in the best interest to have Brookside do all the work. Royal had a lower base bid but their irrigation was higher. A representative from Bowen has reached out in regards to references for Brookside and was told that they have provided quality work and completed projects

within their schedule and budget. Additionally, a search of the Auditor's State Database, indicates that Brookside has no outstanding findings. This will be read for the first time at next week's Legislative Meeting.

- Mr. Snyder explained that the problem regarding the alternate having two different companies perform the installation of the landscaping and irrigation is due to the warranty. One of the requirements of the landscape irrigation is a one-year warranty, but if the installation work is performed by another company, the original contractor may not be as willing to accommodate the warranty as required by the contract. They will be more mindful in making sure the irrigation is working properly.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: Mr. Moran announced that the next Council Meeting will be January 25th via zoom beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Approval for the Bucci Italian Restaurant Liquor Control Request was granted.

Mr. O'Donnell asked if City Council is on zoom for the foreseeable future. Mr. Moran said for sure next week and he will discuss it with all the Council members regarding future meetings.

As there was no further business by members of Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

James W. Moran
President of Council

Susan G. Pease
Clerk of Council