

CITY OF ROCKY RIVER

December 20, 2021

The meeting of the Committee-of-the-Whole was called to order by Mr. Moran, President, at 6:30 p.m. in the David J. Cook Council Chambers.

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

Administration: Mayor Bobst, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Snyder

Assistant Law Director: Mr. O'Shea

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOTION:

President Moran announced that City Council will move into Executive Session at 6:30 p.m. to discuss negotiations under Article 10, Section 6, Subsection (4) of the Charter.

The Executive Session was adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

Vote: Hunt – aye	Shepherd – aye	O'Donnell – aye	Furry - aye
Morris – aye	Klym – aye	Moran – aye	
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MAYOR'S REPORT:

The Mayor reported the latest COVID numbers from Cuyahoga County for the last two weeks is 215 new COVID cases in Rocky River. There are break through cases within several departments of the city of employees who are vaccinated and boosted. The city continues to mask, distance, sanitize and disinfect. Testing is difficult to schedule and it is hard to obtain at-home tests. The Senior Center has been testing their staff. The Mayor reached out to Terry Allen from the County Board of Health and the Veterans Service Agency, to see if the city could secure at home testing kits for employees. Wait times at hospitals are extreme and is affecting the rescue squads ability to deliver residents quickly to any of the hospitals. If it is not a dire emergency, residents are sitting in the squad until they are admitted. The Mayor asks residents to be as careful as possible during the holidays and be safe.

Superintendent Nick Barille compiled graphs and charts showing that the WWTP is saving over \$10,000 a month in electricity, thanks to the work of Directors Thomas and Snyder in negotiating a new electric contract. The Mayor publicly thanked the Directors for securing this new pricing. The Mayor also appreciates that Superintendent Barille watches it closely and sees that bottom line.

The Mayor wished City Council a wonderful Christmas Holiday and New Year's. Council will be back at it after the first of the year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: NONE

COMMUNICATIONS: Mr. Shepherd ran on the indoor track this week and complimented Director Holub on the new track. It is a better product, softer and easier on all joints. It is a very nice track. Mr. Klym said Mr. Holub was adamant that the track needed to be replaced.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE NO. 71-21: Councilwoman Morris said this has been referred to the Planning Commission and is on hold.

ORDINANCE NO. 88-21: Mr. O'Donnell stated that Council received a revised Exhibit A in their packet this weekend. Mr. O'Donnell will be amending Ordinance No. 88-21 by substitution of Exhibit A during the Special Meeting this evening. Mr. O'Donnell has not had any questions on this ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 96-21: Mr. Shepherd stated that this ordinance is for the city's professional engineering services as needed. He will discuss this further at the Special Meeting.

ORDINANCE NO. 97-21: This is for the purchase of three 2021 Ford Hybrid Explorer Interceptors. Two of these vehicles will be for the police department and one vehicle for the Service Director. This is a great deal, as the cars are available now and ordering this year will be less expensive. This will be discussed further at the Special Meeting.

ORDINANCE NO. 98-21: Mr. Shepherd stated that this is for an easement to the City of Cleveland to improve the waterline on Beaconsfield Blvd., as the pressure is too low for the fire hydrants. This is also on the consent agenda.

RESOLUTION NO. 99-21: Mr. Moran explained that this provides the Mayor the opportunity to receive the funds from the opioid settlement against Johnson and Johnson. With this resolution, the city can receive funds from the National Opioid Settlement Agreement. This will be discussed more at the Special Meeting.

ORDINANCE NO. 100-21: Mr. Klym said this is a bi-annual review of municipal fees and this is for an increase of fees at the outdoor pool. This has been discussed for the last several weeks and he will seek passage at the Special Meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 102-21: Mr. Shepherd said this is the ordinance for the charging station at the Civic Center paid for by NOACA. This is on the consent agenda.

ORDINANCE NO. 103-21: Mrs. Morris said this is a change in mailing in the revised code. This is to make the language in Chapter 1101 in the Code consistent with the language change in the Charter. Mrs. Morris will ask to suspend rules to pass this ordinance tonight.

ORDINANCE NO. 104-21: Mrs. Morris said that this changes a different part of the Codified Ordinances that updates Section 1135.13 with the same language as Ordinance No. 103-21 in Article III, Section 13 to reflect the change in the Charter Amendment. Mrs. Morris will ask to suspend rules to pass this ordinance tonight.

ORDINANCE NO. 105-21: Mr. Moran stated that this has been referred to the Planning Commission. This is a zoning change from an R-6 to an R-5 for the facility on Hilliard Blvd. This will be discussed more at the Special Meeting.

ORDINANCE NO. 106-21: Mr. O'Donnell stated this is for the purchase of vehicle maintenance parts to help with repair of vehicles in the city in the amount of \$55,000. This will be read a second time, but Mr. O'Donnell will request to suspend the three read rule and ask for passage at the Special Meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: NONE

The Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting was closed by President Moran and Council moved into the Special Meeting immediately following

James W. Moran
President of Council

Susan G. Pease
Clerk of Council