

CITY OF ROCKY RIVER

September 20, 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

Assistant Law Director: Mr. O'Shea

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

The Mayor announced that the Memorial Mass for Mr. Bill Welsh will be held on Saturday, October 2, 2021 beginning at 10:00 a.m. at St. Luke's Church, at the corner of Clifton Blvd. and Bunts Rd., Lakewood, Ohio.

The Police Department Dedication will be held on Wednesday at 3:00 p.m. There will be a relatively short ceremony followed by an opportunity to take a self-guided tour of the first floor of the new Police Station. Public tours will take place in October for anyone who is interested.

The Fall Art Festival this weekend was a successful event. Thank you to the Parks and Recreation Foundation as well as their volunteers, the Recreation Department staff, students from the National Honors Society and the Rocky River High School Hockey Team. There were many positive comments from all of the artists who were pleased with the helpfulness from the hockey team and the National Honor students. Thank you to the police department and the merchants that welcome this festival on Old Detroit Road.

The Mayor gave a Construction Update:

- The sidewalk program is moving along well. Several sidewalks have been marked and replaced and this project continues to move along. By seasons end, a great deal will have been accomplished. Thank you to Director Snyder for his work on this project.
- Concrete base work is commencing for the pavement program, followed by the paving work scheduled for this fall.
- The playing surface for the Linden Park Tennis Courts will be installed in a few weeks, followed with painting and then the courts will be ready for use.
- The Dominion East Ohio Gas Company has been working in the city on Hilliard, Westmoor, Lakeview and Northview Roads. Sidewalks have been ripped up and it has been very disruptive for vehicle traffic, pedestrian traffic, students and public school busses. Director Snyder and the Mayor have spoken to Dominion about their maintenance of traffic plans. The traffic plan has improved slightly. Dominion will be working in the city until December. Gas lines are being improved, but it has been disruptive. Please

contact the city with any concerns, as soon as possible, and the administration will meet with the Superintendent on the job.

- COVID numbers were received today from the County Health Department via Count Council for the last ten days and the report shows an increase of cases. The City of Rocky River has 52 new cases, which is up from the summer. Bay Village is at 33 new cases, Fairview Park at 51 new cases and North Olmsted at 114 new cases. Reporting of cases stopped over the summer, but is now being reported again. The vaccination rate in Cuyahoga County is at 58.45% up from 57.8% a week ago. Vaccination rates are increasing.

The City of Rocky River was named the “Suburb of the Week” by the Cin-Day Lucky Dawgs, which is a group of Cleveland Brown Fans in the Mason, Ohio area just north of Cincinnati. Their purpose is to actively support and positively promote the Cleveland Browns. The city received a proclamation from the organization. The Mayor appreciates having this connection with friends in the southern part of the state.

The Rocky River Historical Society will be holding an Appreciation Evening and a Museum Preview this Friday at 6:30 p.m. at Beach School.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Parks, Recreation and Health: Mr. Klym reported on the Parks and Rec meeting on Wednesday evening. A member of the Green Team spoke and explained their purpose and offered help with the parks. There was a lengthy discussion regarding “Silver Sneakers” at the Rec Department and the Senior Center and how those programs work together at the various centers. Reports were given regarding membership at the Civic Center and utilization. Membership numbers and utilization are increasing. The Fairview Park pool and Rec Center is closed and their members are using Rocky River and Westlake facilities for another nine months. The Parks and Recreation Foundation worked very hard on the Fall Arts Festival and built on the work that Terri Jones did for many years. Terri put together a wonderful festival but stepped aside this year. The Foundation used a committee approach and many people stepped up. It was a smaller event than in years past mainly due to COVID and other things.

- Mr. Moran asked about the membership link for the Parks and Recreation Membership webpage: <https://rrparksandrecfoundation.com/partnership-program>

COMMUNICATION:

Mr. Moran congratulated Coach Patrick Hopkins, who celebrated his 200th win with the Rocky River High School Girl’s Soccer Team. Congratulations Pat!

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE NO. 55-21: Mr. O’Donnell said this has been read twice and has been on hold. Mr. Thomas has not received a response from all of the financial institutions listed. The Charter requires that every five years to provide for the safekeeping of the funds and designate a financial institution as a Public Depository. Mr. O’Donnell said this ordinance might be ready for a third read at next week’s meeting.

ORDINANCE NO. 58-21: Mr. Moran said that this ordinance would extend the Janitorial Supply Contract with Ohio Valley Supply and Maintenance Company for up to \$55,000. Ohio Valley has extended their 2019 bid and honor the same pricing. The city has had great success with Ohio Valley Supply and Maintenance Co. This will be read for a third time next week.

RESOLUTION NO. 59-21: Mr. O’Donnell said this was read for the first time last week. Mr. O’Donnell stated that the city is receiving just over a million dollars through the American Rescue Plan Act Fund, and in order for

the city to comply and receive these COVID dollars, a new account needs to be set up. This resolution authorizes the opening of this account. This will have two more reads.

RESOLUTION NO. 60-21: Mr. O'Donnell said this resolution relates to the inside and outside millage and accepting the rates from the Cuyahoga County Budget Commission who went through and determined what the millage was. Mr. O'Donnell said this millage is a reduction from last year in particular the General Bond Retirement millage has been reduced to .75 mills. Last year it was .78 mills. Mr. O'Donnell stated that this resolution may be amended and will have two more reads.

RESOLUTION NO. 61-21: Mr. Moran said this resolution ratifies the OPIOID Settlement. Mr. Moran thanked Law Director Bemer for his explanation last week. More details will be forthcoming in the next couple of weeks and this will be read for a second time next week.

ORDINANCE NO. 62-21: Mr. Furry said this ordinance was read for the first time last week. The WWTP is contracting with R2O Consulting, LLC to create a hydraulic model to identify areas of high inflow/infiltration in the collection systems tributary to the WWTP. This model was required by the Ohio EPA as part of a negotiation process following the No Feasible Alternative Study submittal in 2019 to eliminate bypasses at the WWTP. This modeling, in conjunction with the required CEPT/Final Clarifier Improvement Project proposed to Council in April of this year is how the plant will work toward eliminating bypasses.

Data collection was completed in July of 2020 with a series of 54 flow meters used to monitor critical sanitary line branches within the four cities collection systems. This data is now being used to create the Calibrated Hydraulic Model. Additionally, the contract includes "Remedial Measures Planning" following the completion of the Calibrated Hydraulic Model to address identified locations of high concern with alternative solutions to reducing inflow & infiltration. This portion of the contract is an "As Authorized" portion, which requires authorization from both the WWTP Management Committee AND the respective community receiving the service. The remedial measures are required to be presented to the Ohio EPA with a scheduled plan of implementation. Apparently separating this portion of the contract provides transparency and flexibility to each individual city for their action and implementation schedule to be presented to the EPA.

Three firms responded to the RFP. Hazen and Sawyer screened that each firm met or exceeded minimum qualifications and Superintendent Barille also had Hazen & Sawyer further diagnose each firms technical understanding and proposed strategy.

Kellie Rotunno is the principal of R2O and was Director of Engineering and Construction and COO of NEORSO for nearly 10 years. R2O is a relatively young firm in existence since 2017 since Ms. Rotunno bought out the previous ownership of 31 years. They have a qualified and experienced staff.

The Management Committee of the WWTP unanimously approved this on September 3 and showed no unresolved findings in the Secretary of State's database. Please let Mr. Furry know if there are any questions, as he will ask Superintendent Barille to attend a Council meeting to discuss further.

ORDINANCE NO. 63-21: Mr. O'Donnell said this ordinance would effectively amend the Budget Ordinance No. 95-20. This ordinance will amend Ordinance No. 95-20 to reflect certain changes of things that were not anticipated on both sides of the ledger. The attached Exhibit A details the changes and includes change orders for the building of the Police Department, reflects the CARES Act dollars that were received, changes related to the Municipal Court and changes related to the Fire Department for overtime and pension contributions. Mr. O'Donnell mentioned that the need for the supplemental appropriations has risen through the ongoing monitoring of actual anticipated needs and those discussions came up as Department Heads met with the Mayor to begin preparing next year's budget. Council will receive this budget information in October or November.

ORDINANCE NO. 64-21: Mr. O'Donnell said this was read for the first time last week. The City of Cleveland Division of Water advanced the funds for this project. As the cost was under budget, the balance needs to be reimbursed to the City of Cleveland Division of Water in the amount of \$73,708.97. This will have two more reads.

ORDINANCE NO. 65-21: This is a companion ordinance to 64-21, related to the Story Road Water Main Project that the City of Cleveland Division of Water advanced funds for this project. The cost came in under budget, so the balance needs to be reimbursed to the City of Cleveland Division of Water in the amount of \$3,108.56. This will have two more reads.

RESOLUTION NO. 66-21: Mr. Shepherd said this resolution authorizes the city to apply to the Ohio Public Works Commission for funding for engineering and design of a project on Rockcliff. This project would correct the inverted sewers, curb work and sidewalks, as necessary. The sewer system feeds into the Magnolia Drive SSO (Sanitary Sewer Overflow). When there is an extreme rainfall the sewers overload at the SSO's and actually have some sewage drain into the storm system and go directly into Lake Erie. This project is good for the environment, corrects the sewers and reduces sanitary backup in basements. The city is applying for approximately 80% of the funding in the amount of \$200,000. This will have a full three reads.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION NO. 67-21: Mr. O'Donnell said this was just received by Council this week and has not been read yet. This is essentially transferring money from the Community Impact Fund back to the General Fund. This is not an expenditure, but a transfer of about \$3,300.00 to the General Fund. Mr. O'Donnell will have more information at next week's meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Mr. Moran stated that there is a Planning Commission Meeting tomorrow beginning at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers. This meeting will be one of the largest growth opportunities for all parts of Rocky River. The Rocky River Hilliard Partners with almost 100 units, Radiant Bride, the Krueger Group on Center Ridge Road with almost 100 units and the Rocky River Historical Society Museum. This will be a big meeting with important factors.

As there was no further business by members of Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

James W. Moran
President of Council

Susan G. Pease
Clerk of Council