

CITY OF ROCKY RIVER

October 3, 2022

The Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting of Council was called to order by Mr. Moran, President of Council, at 7:00 p.m. in the David J. Cook Council Chambers.

Council Members Present: Mr. Hunt, Mr. Shepherd, Mrs. Gallagher, Mr. Furry,
Mrs. Morris, Mr. Sindelar, Mr. Moran

Administration: Mayor Bobst, Mr. Snyder

Law Director: Mr. O'Shea

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

The Mayor announced that Oak and Culver waterlines have been completed. The Division of Cleveland Water checked for lead or galvanized waterlines to replace, but none were discovered.

The Mayor also announced that the Spencer sanitary line is completed and that project is well underway.

The City of Rocky River had a power outage at the police department over the weekend. The Zenith Company was called in to help resolve some of the issues.

The Mayor reported that the backstop was replaced at the ball field located in Linden Park.

This Saturday the Rocky River Recreation Center will be hosting a job fair from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for part-time positions at the Recreation Center.

The City of Rocky River is also looking for seasonal workers to help assist at the Service Department.

The Business Expo will be held on Thursday, October 13th from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Memorial Hall.

The Senior Center will be hosting a Polka Fest beginning at 1:30 p.m. this Thursday, October 6th.

This Saturday, October 8th, the city will host a shredding event from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. or until the truck is filled. This is for residents only and is limited to two standard boxes per vehicle. The city will coordinate the traffic with the curb work that is being completed in the parking lot.

- Mr. Furry inquired about the need for CDL licenses for the Service Department and if the Mayor is expecting that to hinder the hiring of part-time employees as it did last year. The Mayor said the Service Department jobs have been posted and interviews have begun with some seasonal workers returning from last year. The seasonal candidates being interviewed now are for leaf collection with the hope that these employees will stay through the winter. Mr. Snyder said that typically the CDL employees are hired at the end of October and stay on through March. The seasonal employees help with leaf collections, covering vacations of 12-month employees and are used for plowing. The CDL seasonal employees are invaluable to the operation. The Mayor stated that Director Snyder along with Dave Arendec have done a great job putting this program together. Many of the seasonal employees are hired for a full-time employee when positions open up.
- Mr. Moran asked what trucks require a CDL licensed driver. Director Snyder explained that the CDL requirement is based on the gross vehicle weight. The larger trucks with air brakes require a CDL with an additional air brake endorsement. The Mayor added that the CDL requirement is for all position descriptions for the Service Garage. The Mayor added that there is added pressure to obtain a CDL license now because the state requirements have changed. To obtain a CDL license, an individual needs to attend a CDL school that costs \$5,000 as opposed to training on the job. Some employers are paying the tuition for their employees. The schooling is also very time consuming.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: NONE

COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL: NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE NO. 55-22: Mr. Shepherd said that this is an extension of an existing expiring two-year contract for printing services with Admiral Products, who was the low bidder last time the contract went out for bid. Admiral Products will hold the contract at the same price that was originally bid. This ordinance will be placed on a consent agenda.

RESOLUTION NO. 57-22: Mr. Shepherd said this is an application for a grant from the Ohio Public Works Commission for the Rockcliff Project that will correct the inverted sewers. The sewers will be corrected, waterlines replaced, the street repaved and patch repairs as needed. This project will resurface and improve the trail leading down into the MetroParks. Additionally, the city will apply to the City of Cleveland for help with the waterline replacement. This will be on the consent agenda.

RESOLUTION NO. 58-22: This is an application for outside funding from NOACA for a TLCI Grant for the Center Ridge Gateway Project from Spencer to Pease Drive. The improvements, which will be similar to the project on the east end of Center Ridge Road will include pedestrian improvements, streetscape and signalization improvements done in conjunction with the City of Fairview Park. Mr. Shepherd said he forwarded an email to Council regarding this resolution with some of the details and drawings from MacKay Engineering.

The Mayor added that this is a TLCI Implementation Grant following a TLCI Planning Grant

which is part of the Master Plan. The city will also leverage \$200,000 in State Capital money along with ODOT's Urban Paving Program. Director Snyder is also working on a Congested Mitigation Air Quality dollars from NOACA which will help to also advance the Master Plan. The Mayor said this is long-term and is a few years away. The big project is ODOT's Urban Paving which is paving all of Center Ridge Road. The city is lining up everything that the city will be responsible for through the Urban Paving Program. Director Snyder added that all of these different funding opportunities will be used to focus on key aspects. Congested Mitigation will handle the signalization which makes the drive better on Center Ridge Road. It incorporates pre-emption for the safety forces, incorporating radar detection and multi module pedestrian access, walkability and streetscape. This will also help the traffic at Goldwood Elementary School along with improved pedestrian access to Goldwood School. This resolution will be on the consent agenda.

RESOLUTION NO. 59-22: Mr. Shepherd said if passed, this resolution will allow the city to utilize online resources to auction off city property as authorized by State law which requires a resolution to be passed to allow the execution of the contract. This contract does not require the city to use this company exclusively. This will be on the consent agenda.

RESOLUTION NO. 60-22: Mr. Furry said this has been read twice and will be placed on the consent agenda. This is a renewal of resolution 103-17 that was passed in December 2017. This allows the City of Rocky River to enter into an agreement with Cuyahoga County to participate in the 2022-2027 All Hazards Mitigation Plan. The city must adopt the updated plan to meet requirements outlined in the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 which is Federal and allows the city to continue our eligibility to qualify for FEMA Funds after a hazard event. FEMA requires that it be updated every five years.

ORDINANCE NO. 62-22: Mr. Sindelar asked that this be placed on the consent agenda. This is an amendment to Chapter 947 of the Codified Ordinances regarding the fees for Memorial Hall. The fees will be reviewed and adjusted to current fees charged by surrounding cities.

RESOLUTION NO. 63-22: Mrs. Morris stated that this resolution allows the city to apply for a zero percent interest loan for improvement to the WWTP project scheduled for the second quarter in 2023. This will also be on the consent agenda.

ORDINANCE NO. 64-22: This ordinance is for the authorization to purchase a 2022 Ford F550 chassis with a plow and stainless-steel bed for the sewer department from Valley Truck Centers for a not to exceed cost of \$123,870. This is under the State Cooperative Purchasing contract. The truck will not be delivered for 20-24 months. This will be read for a second time next week.

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: NONE

The next Legislative Meeting will be October 10th beginning at 7:00 p.m.

As there was no further business by members of Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

James W. Moran
President of Council

Susan G. Pease
Clerk of Council