

## **CITY OF ROCKY RIVER**

**December 19, 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, Mr. Furry,  
Mrs. Morris, Mr. Sindelar, Mr. Moran

Absent: Mrs. Gallagher

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

Law Director: Mr. O'Shea

The meeting was opened with a Pledge of Allegiance.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT:**

The Senior Center's post-evaluation for accreditation was held last Wednesday. The Mayor thanked all of Council who were able to be part of the zoom call along with all the administration that participated. It showed great support and engagement to the National Association of Senior Centers National Council on Aging. Results will be available around the middle of January. The Mayor emphasized that some of Rocky River's initiatives will be added to the Best Practices for Senior Centers around the country. This includes the R.E.A.C.H. Program that has recently been discussed by Council that was initiated during COVID and now has even more meaning going into holidays and next year. That program continues to be refined and expanded. Senior Theater, the Computer Café along with the advocacy around changing the definition of aging. The Mayor is very pleased that the Senior Center received a such a good recommendation and guidance. The Mayor also noted that what is really important is that since the first accreditation is that document, recommendation and guidance and translated it into initiatives and impact with the seniors. The Mayor feels that will be the most notable thing included in the evaluation. The Strategic Plan and the addition on the Senior Center will also be included.

The Mayor stated that four architectural firms were at the Senior Center last week for a site visit prior to submitting proposals.

The Mayor announced that ODOT Urban Paving Program moved up the Center Ridge Project to fiscal year 2025 which will actually begin July 2024 through June of 2025 thanks to the good work of Director Snyder. That was escalated by two full years. The engineering is currently being done now.

The Mayor announced that Superintendent Barille of the WWTP received his Class Four certification. It is a Class Four WasteWater Treatment Professional License. Mr. Barille submitted a 400-page document that supported his application for his Class Four. This is a tremendous achievement.

The Mayor stated that the Rec Department has changed their schedule for the holidays: Christmas Eve will be opened from 7:00 a.m. to noon; Christmas Day closed; New Year's Eve will be opened from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; New Year's Day closed. There are special holiday skating events listed on the website or give the ice-skating rink a call. The rink will be closed on December 25<sup>th</sup>.

City Hall will be closed December 26<sup>th</sup> and January 2<sup>nd</sup> in observance of the Federal Holidays for Christmas and New Year's Day.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS: NONE**

#### **COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL: NONE**

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**AMENDED ORDINANCE NO. 76-22:** President Moran said this is the ordinance fixing the salaries starting January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023. The exhibit has been amended with some small changes along with some title changes. This will be discussed further at the next meeting.

**AMENDED ORDINANCE NO. 77-22:** President Moran said this is the projected budget and appropriations for the current expenses from January 1<sup>st</sup> 2023 through December 31<sup>st</sup> 2023. This will be discussed further at the following meeting.

**ORDINANCE NO. 82-22:** Mr. Shepherd said this authorizes a contract with Medical Mutual that provides for the health care insurance, prescription coverage and optional vision care for the full-time employees and collective bargaining employees. This will be discussed further at the next meeting where Mr. Shepherd will move to amend the cover page of the ordinance.

**ORDINANCE NO. 83-22:** Mr. Moran said this was discussed at length last week. This is the contract with the Rocky River Firefighters for the next three years for wages and other details. This will be discussed at the next meeting. As this should take effect at the beginning of the year, Mr. Moran will seek a rules suspension of the three-read rule during the Special Meeting this evening.

**ORDINANCE NO. 84-22:** Mr. Moran said that this is the bargaining agreement for the WWTP. This will be a three-year agreement for wages and other details including shifts, vacation, positions, sick leave and health benefits over time. As this should take effect at the beginning of the year, Mr. Moran will seek a rules suspension for three reads at the Special Meeting this evening.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**ORDINANCE NO. 85-22:** Mr. Moran said this is a reference coming back from the Building Commissioner and the Law Director regarding attached garages. This will be discussed further at the next meeting and will be referred to the Planning Commission.

**ORDINANCE NO. 86-22:** Mr. Moran stated that this is for detached garages and will be

discussed further at the following meeting.

**ORDINANCE NO. 87-22:** Mr. Hunt stated that this is a proposed authorization for the Mayor to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the County, Division of Children and Family Services and on behalf of the Rocky River Police Department. Mr. Hunt said that Law Director O'Shea and/or Prosecutor Dever mentioned this in the past. There was some familiarity when he saw this on the agenda regarding the MOU and the purpose behind it with regard to streamlining some of the investigation that goes on with regard to abuse and neglect of children. The County wants law enforcement to be on the same page with prosecution and investigation. This is an amendment of a prior MOU which reinforces the same primary goals of the original MOU to ensure the prompt reporting of all incidents of suspected child abuse or neglect including human trafficking; to conduct comprehensive and coordinated investigations of suspected child abuse or neglect including human trafficking; and to eliminate all unnecessary interviews with children subject to reports of child abuse or neglect. This will be read for the first time at the Special Meeting and will delve deeper into any questions over the course of the next few meetings and look for passage after the first of the year.

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:** Mr. Moran said that since City Hall will be closed the two Mondays following the Christmas Holiday, tonight's Special Meeting will take the place of next week's Legislative Meeting. The next meeting will be scheduled for January 9<sup>th</sup> which will be the next Legislative Meeting.

As there was no further business by members of Council, Mr. Moran wished everyone a Merry Christmas. The meeting was adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

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James W. Moran  
President of Council

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Susan G. Pease  
Clerk of Council