

CITY OF ROCKY RIVER

September 19, 2022

The Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting of Council was called to order by Mr. Moran, President of Council, immediately following the Special Meeting 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: Mr. Snyder, Mr. Thomas

Law Director: Mr. O'Shea

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Director Snyder announced that the city has been awarded \$1.217 million for the completion of the Police Department Firing Range. These are ARPA Funds coming through Cuyahoga County and these funds will be able to completely outfit the range, finish construction, the installation of all the ballistics, the final engineering and construction administration of that project. Congratulations to Chief Lichman for his hard work in applying for this grant. The Mayor and Director Snyder worked on this also, but the majority of the application was completed by Chief Lichman.

- President Moran said that the Chief did a great job in his presentation at the County along with all the work prior to that and Council appreciates all the work the Mayor, Director Thomas, Director Snyder and Chief Lichman did to obtain this grant. It will be great when this is completed and utilized by Rocky River and other departments from other cities.

Director Thomas discussed the pricing component for the Police Facility bond sale that closed last week. Director Thomas stated that it was a successful bond sale by all measures. The city issued \$9,890,000 just for technical reasons the total was not rolled over. However, on the sale date there were orders of \$23.7 million. There was a lot of institutional interest. The investors that ordered did not necessarily know they were buying more than what was available or other bids at particular maturities. There were some longer maturities that were over ordered 2 to 3 to 4.5 times. There were other maturities that did not initially receive any orders but eventually sold. The electronic platforms were available that day and Director Thomas was able to obtain the statistics. The individual orders were 40% of the orders taken. The individual dollar volume was 20%. Out of the 52 orders, 21 were individual retail orders. On the electronic platform, Director Thomas could see investors that self-identified, several were Ohio investors with one identified as a Rocky River resident. This resident wanted to support, in addition to their tax dollars for the police station. The 40% of the individual orders represented about \$2 million of the \$9.8 million issued, which is about 20% in dollar volume.

- Mr. Sindelar asked what the increments were for an individual purchase. Director Thomas stated that the individual bonds are \$5,000 each. There was an individual order for \$10,000 and one for \$20,000 and \$25,000.

The overall interest rate ended up at 4.1% which is what generated the investor interest especially for individuals, it is tax free for federal and state.

- Mr. Sindelar asked how long the bonds are and Director Thomas said they are 25 years. Interest is paid twice a year.
- As a side note, Mr. Sindelar asked if Council could have a presentation on municipal bonds.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: NONE

COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL: NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION NO. 52-22: Mr. Moran said this resolution is establishing a new fund entitled “OneOhio Opioid Settlement Fund” with a receipt from the law suit. The city is participating to be sure funds are received from the state. This has been read twice and will be read for a third time next week. This will be on the Consent Agenda.

ORDINANCE NO. 53-22: Mr. Shepherd said this is an ordinance for the repaving of Beaconsfield and Dorothy Avenue with a new process that recycles the asphalt on the streets by grounding up the current asphalt, adding additives and placing it back down. The city is excited about this new process. References have been checked from Akron and Bedford with good results and it was stated that the end product lasts as long as the other processes. This process is more environmentally friendly as it uses less energy and recycles. This will be read for a third time next week and will be on the Consent Agenda.

ORDINANCE NO. 54-22: Mr. Sindelar said that this ordinance will be read for a third time next week and placed on the Consent Agenda.

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, the low bidder. Admiral Products has held this contract for two years and for the renewal period of one year will hold the contract at the same prices that were originally bid. They have done good work for the city and are very familiar with the city and the printing that is needed. This will have three full reads.

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RESOLUTION NO. 57-22: Mr. Shepherd said this is for the Rockcliff Project that has inverted sewers. The sewers will be corrected, waterlines replaced, the street repaved and patch repairs as needed. This is a critical project because the city is under a consent agreement with the EPA to

eliminate the sanitary sewer overflows and this feeds into the Westway and Magnolia overflow, one of two left in the city. This project will resurface and improve the trail leading down into the MetroParks in compliance with the Community Confluence Program with the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission. The total estimated cost is \$3.12 million and the city is applying for funding from Ohio Public Works Commission, in the nature of a 30-year loan totaling \$963,600. Additionally, the city will apply to the City of Cleveland for help with the waterline replacement.

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 will include pedestrian improvements, streetscapes and signalization improvements. Mr. Shepherd travels Center Ridge Road several times a day and he observes that the traffic flow has improved tremendously on the east end of Center Ridge Road with Phase 1 of this project. The total estimated cost of this project is \$2,058,000. The city has been awarded with a grant of \$200,000 in funding from the State Capital Budget along with leveraging the project with applications as part of NOACA's Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program and with ODOT's Urban Planning Pavement Program. Mr. Shepherd said that Phase I, the east end of Center Ridge Road was also done with a Congestion Mitigation Grant. Mr. Shepherd will send out an email to Council with details of this project including diagrams and maps.

RESOLUTION NO. 59-22: Mr. Shepherd said if passed, this resolution will allow the city to auction off online city property as authorized by State law which requires a resolution to allow this. Some of the advantages are: items do not have to be stockpiled to warrant a physical auction; assets will be able to dispose of year-round; a broad exposure to more bidders; no charge for the auction although the auction will charge the buyer a 12.5% charge. Advertising cost is also avoided along with the physical hours of someone running the auction. Mr. Snyder added that the city spoke with other communities including Bay Village and Westlake and many other communities in northeast Ohio actively engage in this already. They have provided sample legislation and provided positive experiences with working online auction.

- Mr. Furry commented that bicycles are popular auction items. Will the city have a policy to hold onto the bikes in case the owner claims it. Mr. Snyder said there will be a policy set up with the police department regarding private property.
- Mrs. Gallagher asked if this is the first time the city has done an online auction. Mr. Snyder responded yes. The typical process was once enough assets have been compiled, the city will advertise in the Plain Dealer and generally a Lieutenant will hold an auction for the assets. This process brought only small numbers of people in attendance. With the online auction, the city can list a lamp to a packer on the auction site. This will benefit the city in the long run.
- Mr. Hunt asked if the online auction company will walk the administration through the process. Mr. Snyder said GovDeals has an administrator to help the city through this process.
- Mr. Sindelar asked how the funds will be collected. Mr. Snyder said that the payment will be collected electronically via PayPal, credit card or wire transfer. It is then transferred into an account that is set up through GovDeals.

RESOLUTION NO. 60-22: This was read for the first-time last week and will have three full reads. 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. 61-22: Mr. Sindelar said that the city has the opportunity to use the State Cooperative Purchasing Act when the price is better than the open market. Under both Ordinance Nos. 54-22 and 61-22, this contract expires September 30th. Both of these ordinances will be read for a third time next week and placed on the Consent Agenda. Ordinance 54-22 is a bid for two chassis only, that will replace a 1999 and 2007, both with frame damage. Ordinance 61-22 is replacing a truck from 2008 and is well passed its useful life and will be used exclusively for the Recreation Center. This truck will be available in October. The City of Rocky River does a great job in extending the life of the city's equipment.

- Mr. Snyder added the two internationals are chassis only and the city will be going to bid for the snow and ice package which is the plow and the bed. As an alternate, the city will be looking to incorporate two tanks on the chassis that will hold 420 gallons of a pre-wet system made up of calcium chloride that will be sprayed on the salt before it is placed on the roadways. Other communities such as Bay Village has seen reductions up to 50-60% in salt usage. The city is always looking for more cost effective, efficient ways to go through and do this process.
- Mr. Moran added that 54-22 is for the Service Department and 61-22 is for the Recreation Department. Ordinance No. 54-22 is for just the chassis and Ordinance No. 61-22 is for the complete truck and plow. The one thing in common is the purchases are both from the State Cooperative Purchasing Program, but they are two different divisions. Mr. Moran wants to be sure everyone understands that one is a much smaller truck used for recreation and the other is for the service department.
- Mr. Hunt asked about the salt process mentioned. Mr. Snyder explained that the salt enters the bed of the truck, drops down hitting the spreader and is then sprayed with the calcium chloride prior to it hitting the pavement. It is more effective than a pre-treated salt. If salt is pre-treated and not used right away, the salt solidifies into rock. Going forward, the city is looking at a potential pre-treatment of the road surfaces, but that is a whole other application, truck and system.
- Mr. Snyder added that the city is also looking at a hook lift system for trucks where instead of having a fully mounted bed, it would have something similar to a hydraulic hook so the bed could be removed, put a roadway pre-treatment system on there or take that off and put a regular flatbed or something. It allows for more flexibility, but that is something down the road due to the increased costs. Mr. Snyder will need to evaluate the value and if it is worth the additional costs.

ORDINANCE NO. 62-22: Mr. Sindelar stated that Chapter 947 lists the fees for Memorial Hall that have not been updated for many years. The increases will bring the fees more in line to current and will help Memorial Hall to stay even on costs.

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 in 2023.

ORDINANCE NO. 64-22: This ordinance is for the authorization to purchase a 2022 Ford F550 truck with a plow and stainless-steel bed for the sewer department from Valley Truck Centers for a not to exceed cost of \$123,870.00. This is also under the State Cooperative Purchasing contract as discussed earlier, but not the same necessity or time frame as the other two. This will replace a 2007 vehicle with over 90,000 miles on it with severe rust, frame damage, cabin body damage and severe rust with major exhaust issues. This will have three full reads.

- Mr. Snyder said the bed on this is a stainless-steel bed which allows the city to remove the stainless-steel beds and place them on new chassis. The goal is to get two chassis out of every bed. The total cost for replacement will be less going forward.
- Mr. Moran asked about the cost of stainless-steel beds compared to having a plastic bed insert in a steel bed or coating for a steel bed. Mr. Snyder will get the comparable cost information for Council. An issue with coating the steel beds is that the materials do not come out freely.

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: President Moran said the RRHS Homecoming Parade is this Friday beginning at 5:45 p.m. from St. Christopher's parking lot. Please be at the parking lot by 5:00 p.m.

The next Legislative Meeting will be September 26th beginning at 7:00 p.m.

As there was no further business by members of Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

James W. Moran
President of Council

Susan G. Pease
Clerk of Council