

CITY OF ROCKY RIVER

April 17, 2023

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. Shepherd, Mrs. Gallagher, Mr. Furry,
Mrs. Morris, Mr. Sindelar, Mr. Moran

Absent: Mr. Hunt

Administration: Mayor Bobst, Mr. Snyder

Law Director: Mr. O'Shea

The meeting was opened with a Pledge of Allegiance.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

The Mayor announced that Pedestrian Count Down Signals are being installed adjacent to Kensington Intermediate School, the Middle School and Lake Road. An Audible Pedestrian Count Down Signal for the visually impaired, will be installed at Spencer and Center Ridge Road. Residents have requested this several times.

The Mayor stated that there has been a lot of information on Facebook regarding the two projects on Lake Road. There is a fair amount of misinformation regarding these projects. All the meetings are open to the public and continuing through the process. The Kennedy project is towards the end of the process with an appeal with the BZA later this week. The Roundstone Insurance project is beginning its process. These projects are not being fast tracked and are required to go through the standard process. Please call City Hall with any questions.

The Clock Tower sustained damage to the roof and roof work will be commencing. The weather vane donated by the Garden Club will be installed at this time.

The Summer of Fun Schedule is up on the city's website. Things will be added as summer approaches. There are a lot of great events and great organizations working with the city to plan these events. This will be kicked off following Memorial Day.

Thursday there will be a ribbon cutting at Handel's Ice Cream as it will be their 100th store that they are opening. There will be special recognition along with a proclamation on behalf of City Council and the Administration. The Mayor will be presenting it at 11:00 a.m. this Thursday morning.

The Mayor has been working on the State of the City which the Chamber of Commerce is hosting next Thursday, April 27th. The Mayor stated that this is her great opportunity and honor to present the State of the City, but it is the administrators good work that allows her to do this along with support from City Council.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Parks, Recreation and Health Committee: Mr. Furry reported that the Parks and Recreation Commission met last Thursday and Competitive Swim League fees were passed for a cost-of-living adjustment.

Planning, Zoning and Economic Development Committee: Mrs. Gallagher announced that there will be a Planning Commission Meeting tomorrow regarding the Roundstone Insurance Project on Lake Road at 6:00 p.m. There will be a BZA Meeting on Wednesday evening regarding the Kennedy Project appeal on the ARB decision.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL: President Moran announced that Debbie Bernard passed away last week. Mrs. Bernard was the principal of Rocky River High School from 2005-2015 and was very active in the Rocky River Chamber of Commerce. She will be missed.

President Moran also announced that Carol Benyo passed away this past Saturday. Carol attended many City Council meetings and was always interested in the City of Rocky River. Carol was also a Chamber of Commerce member. She will be missed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE NO. 31-23: Mr. Shepherd said that this is scheduled for a third read next week and will be placed on a consent agenda. This gives the contract for administration and testing for the Center Ridge Project to Quality Control. Three responses were received from the Requests for Proposals and Quality Control was selected as the best candidate. Their price came in at 9.4% of the engineer's estimate for construction which is in the low range as they usually run 10-14%. The paving portion of this project is 85% funded by ODOT and 15% by the city. The city will pay more than that with the additional work of ADA compliance, cement work, etc. The shared funding will contribute in part to this contract with a cap on the shared funding of \$395,000. This company has done good work in the city on several recent projects.

RESOLUTION NO. 32-23: Mr. Shepherd said that this is scheduled for a third read and will be on the consent agenda. This is an annual contract where the city contracts with ODOT to participate in their Salt Program. This year the city did not use much salt and will need to purchase 600 tons of salt to be at capacity. For next year the city will order another 2,200 tons to bring the city up to the target range of 4,000 tons. This program allows the city to take advantage of the state pricing.

ORDINANCE NO. 33-23: President Moran stated that this gives the Mayor authorization to reimburse Zenith Systems. During the build out of the police station there was a connectivity situation that Zenith did not get paid in the amount of \$45,659.50. Councilman Hunt has discussed this several times and the city owes Zenith this amount. This will also be placed on the consent agenda.

ORDINANCE NO. 34-23: President Moran said that this is the contract with RMH Concrete for the Safety Town Project. This project had one bidder and was \$8,600 over the Engineer's Estimate. RMH has done work in the city before and has good references from Mayfield Heights and Mentor. Safety-Service Director Snyder said that the city has worked with them with the Street's Program on the concrete portion for many years. Mr. Moran said that Chief Lichman, Director Snyder, and Patrolmen Camp and Czaplicki have a good outline for this plan. The Safety Town Project will be used year-round and will be opened to the public. Mr. Snyder said it will be an attraction with the hope that kids will ride their bikes around and enjoy the new Safety Town. The Mayor added that Lakewood's WestShore Technical Carpentry class built the structures. Director Snyder said a lot of thought went into the design with different aspects including a railroad crossing, a cul-de-sac and a roundabout. It will be set up to have a working miniature traffic light that will eventually be incorporated. Patrolman Camp has been working with Harlan Radford and with funds from the Swim-A-Thon has purchased pedal cars for this project. This will be read for a second time next week.

- Mr. Sindelar is in favor of this plan for Safety Town and feels the residents have wanted something like this.

NEW BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE NO. 36-23: Mr. Sindelar said this to enter into a contract with Rush Truck Centers to purchase a 2024 Semi Tractor Chassis for the Service Division. Mr. Sindelar has photos if Council is interested. Mr. Sindelar stated that the departments do a great job of assessing vehicles and seeing which ones potentially cause hazards, dangers and environmental impacts and look to make the change on time. The city's contract expires with ODOT to purchase this vehicle on August 31st. It has an estimated delivery of 2024. The current vehicle is over 22 years old with 90,000 hard driven miles from the transfer station. It could be used up to 3-4 times per day. The current vehicle has major exhaust issues, brakes, clutch and rear suspension and is noisy. There is also potential frame damage from rust on the undercarriage of the frame. This will have three full reads. Mr. Snyder said this will bring the fleet of tractors to be less than five or six years old.

ORDINANCE NO. 37-23: Mr. Shepherd said that this authorizes a contract with Chagrin Valley Paving, Inc. in the amount not to exceed \$442,347.20. This is to repave Hilliard from Gasser to Wooster Road. This is not a long section but the whole area is wide with approximately five lanes so there is a lot of pavement to repave. This was put out to bid with six responsive bids. Chagrin Valley was the low bidder by \$19,500. At \$442,347.20 they were under the engineer's estimate by \$516,000. They have done work in the city including the ramps on Beachcliff by the Yacht Club. References have been checked in Bainbridge Township and Bay Village. They are ODOT pre-qualified for this type of work, have filled out all the forms in the bid book and have no unresolved findings in the Auditor's Database. This project is in conjunction with Cuyahoga County and is under the Cuyahoga County's 50/50 program. The County will pay up to 50% of the associated costs up to a cap of \$239,000. The project will also include milling with chip seal, asphalt overlay, some curb, sidewalk and ADA curb ramp improvements and full depth concrete repairs. Mr. Shepherd said it is nice to see a good number of responses to the bids.

- Mr. Sindelar asked about the recycled asphalt from last season. How did it go and will the city use that again. Mr. Snyder said the season cut the work short weather wise. That project will start up in early May for Beaconsfield and Dorothy. Mr. Snyder is having curb work completed along Beaconsfield followed by the recycled asphalt in early May. The city will review overall how this project worked. The recycled asphalt works best when resurfacing side streets.
- Mrs. Morris asked if anything on this project will be complimented by anything happening with the Community Confluence. Mr. Snyder said no, this is strictly resurfacing. This is a small section, but this achieves total resurfacing between Wooster Road and Westlake on Hilliard Blvd. Most of the Community Confluence is along Wooster and east. The Community Confluence has not started yet because of the Hilliard Bridge replacement coming up with construction traffic. The city is always looking to incorporate things that are part of the Community Confluence. There are short term, intermediate term and long-term projects. The Mayor said that Director Snyder submitted to Congressman Miller for the Rockcliff/Wooster Sewer Project which is millions and includes Confluence. Once the Hilliard Bridge Project is done, it will allow the city to move forward with the road diet along Hilliard Blvd. from Wooster to Valleyview and create the multi-use trail that was outlined in the Master Plan.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: President Moran asked when improvements will begin on Spencer. Mr. Snyder said that tree planting begins on Spencer at the end of this week. Following that, resurfacing will begin by the end of the month.

The Mayor and Council discussed the Economic Development Transfer Form (TRES) for Taza III, LLC located at 19310 Detroit Road. Councilwoman Gallagher will forward the email received from Taza to City Council and this will be reviewed and discussed more at next week's meeting. An official will need to sign the attached paperwork on approval from City Council.

As there was no further business by members of Council, Mr. Moran adjourned the meeting at 7:38 p.m. The next meeting will be a Legislative Meeting on April 24th.

James W. Moran
President of Council

Susan G. Pease
Clerk of Council