

CITY OF ROCKY RIVER

February 8, 2016

The Regular Meeting of Council was called to order by Mr. Moran, President of Council, at 8:00 p.m. in the David J. Cook Council Chambers.

Council Members Present: Mr. Hunt, Mr. Shepherd, Mr. O'Donnell, Mr. Furry,
Mr. Sindelar, Mr. Klym, Mr. Moran

Administration: Mayor Bobst, Mrs. Costello, Mr. Thomas

Law Director: Mr. Bemer

Press: Ms. Botos

MOTION:

Moved by Mr. Moran, seconded by Mr. Furry, that the reading of the minutes of the Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting of February 1st be waived, and that the minutes be accepted as submitted

Vote: Hunt – aye	Shepherd – aye	O'Donnell – aye	Furry – aye	
Sindelar – aye	Klym – aye	Moran – aye		
7 ayes		0 nays		PASSED

Moved by Mr. Moran, seconded by Mr. O'Donnell, that the reading of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 25th be waived, and that the minutes be accepted as submitted

Vote: Hunt – aye	Shepherd – aye	O'Donnell – aye	Furry – abstain	
Sindelar – aye	Klym – aye	Moran – aye		
6 ayes	1 abstain	0 nays		PASSED

MAYOR'S REPORT:

The Mayor announced that the city's Master Plan Application would be funded by Cuyahoga County. This is a \$60,000 project and the Mayor will report back to Council regarding the exact amount as soon as the award letter is received. The City of Rocky River is very excited about this partnership with the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission. The two TLCI Grants the city has received will be perfect planning documents to support what the city is doing with the Master Plan.

The Mayor also announced the Community Development Block Grant that the city submitted for the Wooster/Shoreland Park was not funded. The Mayor spoke with County Councilman

Greenspan and this grant is on the County's agenda. Councilman Greenspan will obtain the scoring sheets to see how Rocky River scored and if there are areas that can be improved. The Mayor said that often when the city is not successful in obtaining a grant, it is due to paving projects, pedestrian safety projects or sewer projects that score higher.

The Mayor mentioned that the Cuyahoga Soil and Water Conservation District provides services for stormwater management and stormwater maintenance as part of the NPDES Permit on public information and public education. There will be two information sessions.

- The first session will be held on March 17th regarding storm water maintenance training for homeowner associations concerning detention basins, retention basins, bioswales and underground bioretention. This is all done to help the homeowners association remain in compliance with the EPA standards.
- The second session will be held on April 21st for local communities, the City of Rocky River staff and contractors at the request of Safety-Service Director Costello. This will be held in Rocky River Park to observe the stormwater management techniques implemented in the park with the most recent construction project there and how to maintain these techniques. The Mayor will share more information as the date draws nearer.

The Mayor mentioned that the Rocky River Senior Center was highlighted in the publication "Boomer and Beyond". The article explains how University Circle Inc. works closely with community sites to customize programs at senior community centers to enhance lifelong learning for senior residents. The city is very excited for this program.

This Thursday, February 11th, the Rocky River High School Hockey Team, second seed, will participate in the Baron Cup Tournament beginning at 6:30 p.m. vs. Mentor at the Brooklyn Ice Rink.

The Mayor respectfully requested an Executive Session under Article 10, Section 6 and Subsection 4 to discuss three collective bargaining matters.

Rocky River City Hall will be closed on Monday, February 15, 2016 in observance of President's Day.

- Councilman O'Donnell asked if there is a Plan B for the Wooster/Shoreland Park. The Mayor wants to first review the scoring to see if there is a way the city could increase the chances or eligibility by modifying parts of the grant. There is also a chance that the city scored high enough that funding may come through because other projects cannot move forward for one reason or another. The city will also look at partners such as the Historical Society, the Green Team, the Beautification Committee along with the neighbors in that area so as to complete some phases of the project. There is also another grant program that mimics the CDBG that is being sponsored by Councilman

Greenspan. If this program is approved, it could be another avenue for this particular project.

LAW DIRECTOR’S REPORT: This Thursday there will be a BZA Hearing with a light docket. The next Planning Commission Meeting will be March 1st. Due to scheduling conflicts there will not be a meeting in February. Law Director Bemmer will be out of the office for the next two weeks. Assistant Law Director, Michael O’Shea will be in attendance at the next two Council meetings.

Moved by Mr. Moran that the Executive Session be held prior to this evening’s meeting being adjourned under Article 10, Section 6 and Subsection 4; seconded by Mr. O’Donnell.

Vote: Hunt – aye	Shepherd – aye	O’Donnell – aye	Mr. Furry - aye
Sindelar – aye	Klym – aye	Moran – aye	
7 ayes	0 nays		PASSED

COMMITTEE REPORTS: NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT – LEGISLATIVE ITEMS: NONE

ORDINANCE NO. 89-15 **BY: THOMAS J. HUNT**
AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE
EASEMENTS TO JOSEPH P. VALORE AND VALORE BUILDERS BY THE CITY OF
ROCKY RIVER, AND AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN EXHIBITS “A-1” AND “A-2”
ON HOLD

This Ordinance has been referred to the Planning Commission and will be on hold until Council has received a report from the Planning Commission. The next Planning Commission Meeting is scheduled for March 1st but it is not yet determined if this will be on that agenda.

RESOLUTION NO. 91-15 **BY: ALL MEMBERS OF COUNCIL**
AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION APPOINTING THE BOARD OF TAX REVIEW
MEMBERS AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 171.2821 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES
OF THE CITY OF ROCKY RIVER, OHIO
3rd READING

Mr. Moran said the Mayor has made her appointment of Dr. Gary Previts to the Board of Tax Review, and Council would like to appoint Mr. John Urban and Mr. Brian Kolonick to serve on the Board of Tax Review. Mr. Moran moved for passage of Resolution No. 91-15, seconded by Mr. Furry.

Vote: Hunt – aye	Shepherd – aye	O’Donnell – aye	Mr. Furry - aye
Sindelar – aye	Klym – aye	Moran – aye	
7 ayes	0 nays		PASSED

ORDINANCE NO. 2-16**BY: JAMES W. MORAN****AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ADJUSTMENT OF SEWER RATES PAID TO THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD FOR WASTEWATER TREATMENT SERVICES FOR THE VALLEYVIEW SEWER DISTRICT****3rd READING**

As this has been discussed before, Lakewood has adopted new rates at their December 21, 2015 Council Meeting in the amount of \$4.96 per hundred cubic feet (ccf) of metered water consumption to \$5.58 per ccf for the approximate 109 homes in the Valleyview area. The Valleyview residence that are served by the City of Lakewood for Wastewater Treatment Services pay the same rate as all Rocky River residents, and the difference is paid by the City of Rocky River. There is also a base charge of \$8.35 per mcf for a total rate of \$64.15 per mcf. The increase is what the city will pay. This has been passed every year that the charge has increased. Mr. Moran moved for passage of Ordinance No. 2-16, seconded by Mr. Furry.

Vote: Hunt – aye	Shepherd – aye	O'Donnell – aye	Mr. Furry - aye
Sindelar – aye	Klym – aye	Moran – aye	
7 ayes	0 nays		PASSED

ORDINANCE NO. 3-16**BY: JOHN B. SHEPHERD****AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH MI-TECH SERVICES, INC. FOR STORM AND SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM SERVICES FOR 2016 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$61,494.95****3rd READING**

Mr. Shepherd welcomed two residents from Ward 4 at this evening's meeting. Jennifer Beach and her son E.J. Beach were both in attendance to work on a badge for Scouts. Mr. Shepherd explained that this Ordinance has been discussed at five meetings prior to this evening. Mr. Shepherd explained that this is to enter into a contract with Mi-Tech to televise the sewers to find leaks and other problems. This was put out to bid and five bids were received and Mi-Tech's bid was less than half the price of the high bid. Mr. Shepherd moved for passage of Ordinance No. 3-16, seconded by Mr. O'Donnell.

Vote: Hunt – aye	Shepherd – aye	O'Donnell – aye	Mr. Furry - aye
Sindelar – aye	Klym – aye	Moran – aye	
7 ayes	0 nays		PASSED

RESOLUTION NO. 4-16**BY: THOMAS J. HUNT****AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE OHIO**

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR AN INFRASTRUCTURE
IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FOR THE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL GRANT
1ST READING**

This Resolution will be discussed further at next week's Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting. Mr. Hunt noted that he will be seeking a rule suspension at the next Legislative Meeting because the application is due the first week of March. As Council continues to consider this resolution, please let Councilman Hunt know if there are any questions. Also, based on the timing of the submission and when the city will hear back regarding funding, the actual work will be scheduled in 2017.

President Moran further clarified for the audience that Council normally reads Legislation three times. Instead of reading Resolution No. 4-16 three times, Mr. Hunt has asked for a possible elimination of a third read by requesting a possible rule suspension.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: President Moran mentioned a correspondence he received today from FirstEnergy. It relates to an ad attack against FirstEnergy and AEP's plans that are currently before the Ohio Commission by the Alliance of Energy Choice Group. FirstEnergy will begin running ads to counter the Alliance for Energy Choice's campaign against the PPA. FirstEnergy believes it is crucial for customers to understand that the Alliance for Energy Choice members are operating out of self interest and immediate financial gains and do not have Ohioans long-term energy needs in mind.

- The Mayor said that Council should have received communication from NOPEC regarding their position on this situation.

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

President Moran announced that Council, Mayor Bobst, Law Director Bemer, Director Costello and Director Thomas will recess to Executive Session at 8:28 p.m. and thanked the audience for their attendance.

President Moran reconvened to the Regular Meeting of Council.

As there was no further business by members of Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

James W. Moran
President of Council

Susan G. Pease
Clerk of Council