

CITY OF ROCKY RIVER

January 23, 2017

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 (8:12), 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

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOTION:

Moved by Mr. Moran, seconded by Mr. O'Donnell, that the reading of the minutes of the Legislative Meeting of January 9th be waived and that the minutes be accepted as submitted

Vote: Hunt – abstain	O'Donnell – aye	Mr. Furry - aye	
Sindelar – aye	Klym – aye	Moran – aye	
5 ayes	1 abstain	0 nays	PASSED

Moved by Mr. Moran, seconded by Mr. O'Donnell, that the reading of the minutes of the Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting of January 17th be waived, and that the minutes be accepted as submitted

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

MAYOR'S REPORT:

The Mayor announced that bids were opened last Friday for the Westway project. Eleven bids were received for this project. The Mayor thanked Council for approving the Budget in December allowing the city to go out for bid in January. The bids range from \$1,566,000 down to \$919,000. The average is about \$1,100,000. MacKay Engineering is currently reviewing the bids.

Homes and cars were broken into and one car stolen in the Riverwood/Purnell area. Homes and cars were unlocked. Communication will be sent to residents regarding protecting personal property.

As of today, the Safety-Service Director, Chief Stillman, Lt. Bill Crates and members of the Police Department have toured four police stations that were recently renovated or newly built to gain some idea of the latest use of space, functionality and technology. This Thursday, this same group will review the Rocky River Police Station and begin talking about needs feasibility.

Last week, Director Costello and the Mayor attended four different classes of Mr. Ramirez at Rocky River Middle School regarding a recycling challenge. These groups of students had amazing ideas. The students presented the potential to develop apps that would identify what could be recycled, where an item could be recycled, utilizing new technology in the packers and also additional communications for the residents. There was also a short film produced by the students that Diane Bickett, Executive Director of the County Solid Waste District and Kathleen Rocco, Education Specialist from the County Solid Waste District would like a copy of to link to their website. Steve Elek, the lead supervisor for the city's Refuse Department was in attendance also and shared some ideas and is hoping to use some of the student's ideas to enhance the city's recycling efforts. Thank you to Mr. Ramirez for his leadership on this challenge.

- Councilman Klym asked when the Hampton/Lakeview bids will go out. Director Costello said the bids for that project will go out in March. That project will be started after school is out for the summer. Mr. Klym asked if the Westway project will be done by then. Director Costello said that the Westway project should be completed in 105 days, weather permitting. Westway traffic will be detoured one way during that project.

LAW REPORT:

Mr. Bemer announced that the Land Use Commissions will be meeting early in February. The Planning Commission will meet on February 7th and the BZA Commission will meet on February 9th. Both meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. Beginning in February, Council will receive a meeting calendar for every meeting at City Hall.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: NONE

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT – LEGISLATIVE ITEMS: NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE NO. 74-16

BY: BRIAN J. SINDELAR

AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY KNOWN AS AUDITOR'S PERMANENT PARCEL NOS. 301-32-099, 301-32-100, 301-32-101, AND 301-32-102 FROM THEIR PRESENT CLASSIFICATION OF R-1 SINGLE FAMILY TO R-3 SINGLE FAMILY ATTACHED, IN THEIR ENTIRETY, AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT "A"

2nd READING

Mr. Sindelar stated there was nothing new to report on this ordinance.

- The Mayor confirmed the date of January 31st for the meeting with the MetroParks, the applicant and the Building Department. The Mayor will have a report of that meeting for the February Council Meeting.

AMENDED ORDINANCE NO. 1-17: BY: JOHN B. SHEPHERD
AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO PAY
ANDREA ROCCO, ESQ. THE SUM OF SIX HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$625.00)
FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RENDERED AS SPECIAL PROSECUTOR
2nd READING

President Moran said Councilman Shepherd presented this at the last Council meeting. This Amended Ordinance is authorizing the payment of \$625.00 to Andrea Rocco, Esq. for filling in for the city prosecutor due to a conflict. This will have one more read.

ORDINANCE NO. 2-17: BY: CHRISTOPHER J. KLYM
AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN
AGREEMENT WITH THE SMITHGROUP JJR FOR THE BRADSTREET'S LANDING PARK
COSTAL MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE GRANT FUNDED STUDY IN AN AMOUNT NOT
TO EXCEED \$87,650.00
2nd READING

Councilman Klym said the city received a grant in the amount of \$45,000 for the study and planning for Bradstreet's Landing. A number of proposals were submitted and the one chosen is from the SmithGroup JJR in conjunction with Williams Architects. Both are national firms that specialize in waterfronts and parks. The scope of the project includes a pier assessment, the Spencer Creek run-off, coastal conditions, increasing the use of the park while maintaining the privacy of the surrounding areas and will help with finding sources of funding. The SmithGroup will also help with drafting a Master Plan for the park that will help lead the city into the future. This is an exciting project with a well-qualified design firm. This will have one more read.

NEW BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE NO. 3-17: 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
1ST READING

Mr. Moran stated that this ordinance is authorizing the adjustment of sewer rates paid to the City of Lakewood for Wastewater Treatment Services for the Valleyview Sewer District in Rocky River. As discussed in years past, this area pays the same Rocky River rate and the city pays the City of Lakewood the difference. Lakewood's rate is \$62.00 per mcf plus a millage equivalent rate of \$8.72 per mcf for a total rate of \$70.72 per mcf. This rate is higher than the Rocky River rate but the same cost that the residents of Lakewood pay. The cost for the City of Rocky River to install a pump station or to redirect this back into the city would cost much more. Mr. MacKay will confirm the exact number of homes this affects. This will have two more reads.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Council received a TREX application from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control concerning Tuma, Inc., 21093 Center Ridge Road. Council will wait for the report from the police department.

- President Moran asked Councilman Shepherd what the word "Safekeeping" means that is on this application. Mr. Shepherd and Mr. O'Donnell said that the Swinging Door put their license in "safekeeping" when they closed until the new one opens.

Mr. Bill Welch asked what is involved on the Westway project and asked about the amount of the low bid. The Mayor confirmed that the lowest bid was \$919,000. Director Costello said that the Westway Project is a new storm sewer line from Northview to Westway extending into the Westway/Wagar intersection. There will be some new laterals/connections to the existing county sanitary line. The city is abandoning and eliminating an old sanitary line. Westway will be repaved curb to curb and residents will be getting new driveway aprons and curbs. There will not be a new curb on the north side of Westway. The Mayor added that this will also assist the city in closing down the last overflow.

Council's next meeting will be held Monday, February 6, 2017, beginning at 8:00 p.m. As there was no further business by members of Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

James W. Moran
President of Council

Susan G. Pease
Clerk of Council