

CITY OF ROCKY RIVER

February 27, 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, Mr. O'Donnell, Mr. Furry,
Mr. Sindelar, Mr. Klym, Mr. Moran

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

Press: Ms. Botos

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Moran said that Law Director Bemer will not be in attendance this evening but he will be back next week.

MOTION:

Moved by Mr. Moran, seconded by Mr. Furry, that the reading of the minutes of the Legislative Meeting of February 13th be waived and that the minutes be accepted as submitted

Vote: Hunt – aye	Shepherd – aye	O'Donnell – abstain	Mr. Furry - aye
Sindelar – abstain	Klym – aye	Moran – aye	
5 ayes	2 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 February 21st be waived, and that the minutes be accepted as submitted

Vote: Hunt – aye	Shepherd – abstain	O'Donnell – aye	Mr. Furry - aye
Sindelar – abstain	Klym – aye	Moran – aye	
5 ayes	2 – abstain	0 nays	PASSED

MAYOR'S REPORT:

The Mayor distributed the 2016 Annual Reports to Council this evening. Copies have also been distributed throughout the city.

The Mayor received notice from the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections that Rockport United Methodist Church will no longer be a polling location. The three precincts have been moved as follows:

Precinct 4A will vote at Rocky River Middle School
Precinct 4C & D will vote at Goldwood Primary School
Precinct 4B will continue to vote at the Civic Center

The Mayor did ask if all the precincts could be consolidated into the Civic Center but the Board of Elections said no, that they were already at their maximum at the Civic Center. These changes have been made internally at the Board of Elections. Registered voters in this precinct will receive a card noting the new polling location.

The Mayor announced that the city did not receive funding from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for the Wooster/Shoreland Park Project. There were several projects funded from this grant and all but one were for road resurfacing and construction, safety projects, sidewalk repair and sewer repair. These types of projects all score very highly with CDBG funding. The city may try to fund the Wooster/Shoreland Park Project in other ways.

The Mayor was happy to announce that the city did receive part of the Supplemental Grant, which was new this year, for Pedestrian Safety on Wooster. Lakewood received \$50,000, Rocky River just under \$50,000, Bay Village \$50,000 and Fairview Park \$50,000. Congratulations to Director Costello and thank you to former County Councilman Dave Greenspan who started this Supplemental Grant Program.

The Mayor attended the State of the Schools this afternoon during the Rotary Club Noon Meeting. Dr. Shoaf did an excellent job hitting the highlights of the successful school system and the path that it is on. The Superintendent spoke about the level of collaboration between the city and the schools. Information was shared regarding the collaboration relating to safety issues. This includes working with Safety-Service Director Costello on Safe Routes to School, Cops in Schools and the SRO Program. Also discussed was the collaboration being done concerning purchasing and facility use, i.e. the hockey locker room along with the high school stadium turf. More detailed information can be found on the school's website.

The Mayor received information from Meals on Wheels. Meals on Wheels operates out of Our Savior Lutheran Church on Hilliard Blvd. A large group of multi-generational volunteers work each week preparing and serving 300-350 home cooked meals weekly. The month of March is National Meals on Wheels Month and the Mayor wants the volunteers to know how much their presence is appreciated in the community. Emergency non-perishable meals are prepared also and done in conjunction with an Eagle Scout project. Meals on Wheels has had a tremendous run in Rocky River, beginning in 1976.

Friday is the Basketball Challenge Cup Game beginning at 6:00 p.m. at Rocky River High School. This benefits the Community Coalition and Kiwanis.

On March 6th at 7:00 p.m. there will be a Town Hall Meeting held at the Rocky River High School Commons focusing on the Ohio Drug Addiction/Overdose Issue. The Rocky River Police Department, Westshore Enforcement Bureau, the County Health Department and several other agencies have been invited to discuss what is happening and what a community can do to help combat this issue.

- President Moran commended the young seniors who help deliver the meals for Meals on Wheels during inclement weather along with driving their personal vehicles. Not only do they deliver meals, but they are also a friendly face each day for lonely residents on a daily basis. The Mayor also mentioned the younger residents that have been engaged through scouting groups and K-Kids making favors that are delivered with the meals.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Councilman Klym announced that there was a Master Plan Working Group Meeting held last Thursday evening at the Civic Center. This was a preliminary meeting to see where the process will be going over the next six months. There is another working group meeting at the end of March and a Public Meeting on April 19th beginning at 7:00 p.m. The Mayor said there was a good turnout for this first group meeting. The city is already through the first phase with the community survey and also the second phase of assessing the current conditions. The next phase is community envisioning and determining what is really important for the city along with the priorities of the community. In addition to the Public Meeting, this information will be available online for public comment also. The Mayor thanked Councilman Klym for representing Council on this important committee.

- Councilman O'Donnell asked if the study for the Lakefront and Parks was going to help with the Master Plan. The Mayor and Mr. Klym clarified that the Master Plan discussed earlier in the year is a park master plan for Bradstreets Landing. What was just discussed is for the whole city Master Plan. The Mayor said that many of the studies the city has done will help with important information needed for the Master Plan.
- Councilman Sindelar asked if there is any discussion regarding the Marion Ramp and the Master Plan. The Mayor confirmed that that was one of the key components of the TLCI Study on Detroit Road. The Marion Ramp will be revisited during the Master Plan meetings.
- Councilman Shepherd asked about the Center Ridge Road TLCI Study. Director Costello said that the study is nearing completion. There is input from Fairview Park, Mayor Bobst and Director Costello that the study needs to incorporate. A resident had contacted Mr. Shepherd with some ideas concerning the Center Ridge Road TLCI Study. The Mayor asked Mr. Shepherd to have the resident contact her.
- Councilman Sindelar asked if there was discussion about bicycles in the Master Plan. The Mayor said that both TLCI studies have an emphasis on bicycles and pedestrian amenities.

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: President Moran questioned the Liquor Request Application for the Normandy Apartments. The Mayor said that representatives from the Normandy will be meeting with her tomorrow and she will ask them for more information regarding this request.

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 developer is in discussion with the MetroParks regarding the deed restrictions.

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
3rd READING

President Moran moved to amend ordinance No. 3-17, seconded by Mr. Furry. Mr. Moran asked for consistency in the ordinance regarding the number of homes in the Valleyview Sewer District. The Mayor asked Director Thomas about the letter she received from the City of Lakewood dated December 2016 showing the number of homes to be 102. Director Thomas said the number 109 is from the city engineer.

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

President Moran moved for passage of Amended Ordinance No. 3-17, seconded by Mr. Furry. 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.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 4-17 **BY: JAMES W. MORAN**
AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 75-16 CREATING POSITIONS
AND FIXING OR ESTABLISHING THE ANNUAL SALARIES AND HOURLY RATES
COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2017 FOR THE APPOINTED EMPLOYEES IN THE SEVERAL
DIVISIONS AND DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY OF ROCKY RIVER
2nd READING

Mr. Moran said this is an amendment to Ordinance #75-16 to provide a clothing allowance for the Maintenance Manager Position at the Civic Center. This was originally left off the wage ordinance. There was also a name change in the uniform allowance portion in the police division. The parapolice title is now the police secretary dispatcher with the addition of a new dispatcher. This will be read for a third time in two weeks.

ORDINANCE NO. 5-17 **BY: JOHN B. SHEPHERD**
AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND SAFETY SERVICE
DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH FABRIZI TRUCKING AND PAVING
COMPANY, INC. FOR THE 2017 WESTWAY SEWER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AT A
COST NOT TO EXCEED \$919,989.60
2nd Reading

Mr. Shepherd said that this will be the first of three major sewer projects in Ward 4 over the next couple of years. The storm line will be replaced on Westway and placed at a deeper depth. The 8-inch sanitary pipe will be eliminated and that sewage will go to an existing 21-inch county pipe. The city received eleven bids for this project and Fabrizi was the low bidder by \$134,000 and substantially below the engineer's estimate of \$1,200,000. The city has been satisfied with the work by Fabrizi and has had good recommendations from other communities.

- Councilman Sindelar asked if the city monitors the engineer's estimates and if he is questioned when the estimate is far off. Director Costello replied that the eleven bids hovered at the engineer's estimate. Most of the bids were spot on to the engineer's estimate. Mr. Sindelar asked if the city follows up when a bid is much lower than the other bids. Director Costello said that during the pre-construction meetings that is addressed. Estimates are based on the last bid project. The city looks at the materials, equipment, labor cost and carefully constructs the estimate based on taking apart the project and applying the most recent pricing. Director Costello has a frank discussion about materials and anything that is missed in the bid with the construction company prior to the project beginning. The Mayor added that the city engineer and Director Costello watch that the bids remain those bids. The city avoids change orders so projects don't incur additional costs. Director Costello also pointed out that Fabrizi was the contractor that replaced the waterline on Westway and is familiar with the area. Mr. Moran said that Fabrizi has given the city good results in the past.

ORDINANCE NO. 6-17

BY: MICHAEL P. O'DONNELL

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO PURCHASE FOUR (4) 2017 FORD INTERCEPTORS FOR THE POLICE DIVISION UNDER THE STATE COOPERATIVE PURCHASING ACT FROM LEBANON FORD AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$107,779.00

2nd Reading

Councilman O'Donnell moved to amend ordinance No. 6-17, seconded by Mr. Furry. Mr. O'Donnell said there is a typographical error in the title. The correct amount in the title should be \$107,799.00.

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

PASSED

Mr. O'Donnell said that four Ford Interceptors would be purchased for the Police Division. Two will be purchased through the POPAS general fund and two will be purchased out of the equipment purchasing fund through the State Cooperative Purchasing Plan. The administration is satisfied with the pricing.

NEW BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE NO. 7-17

BY: JAMES W. MORAN

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO PAY THE CITY OF CLEVELAND DIVISION OF WATER FOR A REIMBURSEMENT FOR THE 2016 TONAWANDA WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$32,310.09

1st Reading

President Moran said that the Tonawanda Project estimate was for \$146,037.81 and the net cost was \$113,727.72 thus the project cost was \$32,310.09 under the budget distribution from the Cleveland Water Department. Mr. Moran explained that if all funds are not used, the city has to repay the balance. This will be discussed further at next week's meeting.

ORDINANCE NO. 8-17

BY: MICHAEL P. O'DONNELL

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO PURCHASE TWO (2) 2017 FORD INTERCEPTORS, ONE FOR THE RECREATION CENTER AND ONE FOR THE WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT UNDER THE STATE COOPERATIVE PURCHASING ACT FROM LEBANON FORD AT A TOTAL COST NOT TO EXCEED \$56,006.00

1st Reading

Mr. O'Donnell said that one vehicle is for the Recreation Director and one is for use at the Waste Water Treatment Plan. Mr. O'Donnell said that the Recreation Director is currently driving a 2002 Rav4 that was obtained in a drug seizure. The car for the WWTP will be in addition to a 2007 & 2008 pick-up truck. The cost for the WWTP car will be split between the various cities.

- Mr. Sindelar asked if the Rav4 and pick-up trucks are in disrepair. Director Costello said that the Rav4 is becoming unreliable. It has needed a number of repairs over the past year. At the WWTP the trucks are used for snow plowing and to pick up materials. This summer the WWTP will have an intern doing testing as part of the Sewer Strength and Flow Study and looking at manifests and grease traps at restaurants.
- President Moran asked if the Interceptors are like the police vehicles. Director Costello said that it doesn't have a police package. It is a bare basic vehicle. The Mayor will discuss this further with the supervisor and will clarify and provide more information to Council.

Mr. O'Donnell said this will have three reads.

ORDINANCE NO. 9-17

BY: MICHAEL P. O'DONNELL

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO PURCHASE TWO (2) 2017 FREIGHTLINER TWO AND ONE HALF TON (2 ½) SINGLE & TANDEM AXLE CAB AND LIGHT DUTY CHASSIS FOR THE SERVICE DIVISION UNDER THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM FROM VALLEY FREIGHTLINER, INC. AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$150,344.00

1st Reading

This is a purchase of two 2 ½ ton trucks for the service department. Mr. O'Donnell said that this is for the truck and chassis only. The boxes will be purchased separately. Director Costello said the city will be publicly bidding the actual stainless steel dump bodies and will be on separate ordinances for Council. These dump bodies are a very high performing product. These purchases have already been approved in the budget. This ordinance will have a full three reads and this portion is being purchased through ODOT's Coop and the city is satisfied with the price.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: NONE

As there was no further business by members of Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

James W. Moran
President of Council

Susan G. Pease
Clerk of Council