

CITY OF ROCKY RIVER

January 9, 2017

The Regular 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, Mr. O'Donnell, Mr. Furry,
Mr. Sindelar, Mr. Klym, Mr. Moran

Absent: Mr. Hunt

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 Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting and the Special Meeting of December 19th be waived, and that the minutes be accepted as submitted

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

PASSED

MAYOR'S REPORT:

The Mayor announced the launch of OhioCheckbook.com for the City of Rocky River, Rocky River Municipal Court, Rocky River Wastewater Treatment Plant, the Tri-City Park and the Safe Air for the Environment (S.A.F.E.) on January 4, 2017. The City of Rocky River has always had the financials posted on the city's webpage but this website will provide greater transparency for residents and allows easy access to public information concerning municipal expenditures. This website will also allow citizens to use up-to-date technology to view expenditures in an easy and convenient format. The Mayor extended a huge thank you to Director Mike Thomas for all his help with the launch of OhioCheckbook.com.

The Mayor was alerted last week that R.I.T.A. distributed delinquent tax letters to individuals who had not filed. After reviewing records, many of these were cleared up. In the future, R.I.T.A. will notify the Mayor prior to distributing these letters and a ReadyNotify will be sent out in advance to residents alerting them to the distribution of these letters.

The city has 1,800 tons of salt currently inside the barn. Last week, 250 tons of salt was used throughout the city. Normally 400-450 tons of salt is used per storm. The city is in good shape regarding its salt supply. There will be pre-salting tonight to help avoid issues in the morning due to the forecast for tonight.

The Senior Center Accreditation Meeting will be held this Thursday morning. Breakfast, cooked by Director Thomas and other Directors will be served at 9:00 a.m. The external evaluator will be in attendance and on site all day Thursday and will give a final report Friday morning.

The Mayor was pleased to announce that the Executive Club demolition began today. The total demolition may take a couple of weeks.

The Resident's Reference Guide was mailed out to residents last week.

City Hall will be closed this Monday, January 16th in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

- President Moran received a phone call regarding the lack of salt on side streets. Director Costello confirmed that salt is distributed on main and thoroughfare roads and intersections. The Mayor and Director Costello noted that salt was distributed throughout the city during the ice storm that hit prior to Christmas and that was an exception due to the amount of ice.

LAW REPORT:

Mr. Bemer reiterated the excitement regarding the demolition of the Executive Club that began today. This project has been years in the making and has required many hours of work and effort of many city employees to reach this point. Law Director Bemer congratulated all these employees including Rob Crowe who has been a significant contributor to the project throughout the last year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Klym updated Council on the Parks and Recreation Commission. Kathleen Goepfert, James Ulchaker, Ed Wasp, Joe Roszak and himself are on the Commission. The outdoor pool had good attendance this summer with 976 passes sold equaling the number of passes sold in 2015. Under the direction of Director Mehling, the Recreation Center sold gift cards this December totaling \$14,397. A single membership to the Center is \$262.00 for the year; a Rocky River Business Employee or Non-Resident is \$400.00 for the year. The Recreation Center is piloting a program where Rocky River Businesses would allow employees to receive a discounted rate. There are a tremendous amount of programs offered and the Program Guide can be found on the city's webpage. Also on the webpage is a link to begin online registration.

Mr. Klym announced that Mr. Ed Wasp will be retiring from his position on the Parks and Recreation Commission after 10 years of service and dedication. Mr. Wasp will be hard to replace.

- President Moran commented that the Recreation Center is a great spot in the city and is priced competitively.

- Councilman O'Donnell asked if the Recreation Center is satisfied with the enrollment and use of the outdoor pool. Councilman Klym said that the Recreation Center would like to sell more pool passes and it has added programs to encourage more families to join.
- The Mayor also noted that discounted passes are available in May for purchase prior to the opening of the pool in June.

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

President Moran discussed the Liquor Control Requests in front of Council this evening. The first is a TREX application for Gormley's Pub, 19500 Center Ridge Road. Some discussion followed raising questions regarding Gormley's liquor licenses and the transfer from the Irish Barber to Gormley's Pub. The Mayor will have these questions clarified and will get back to Council. The second request was for Martin's Corner. This request is waiting for approval from the Rocky River Police Department.

President Moran announced that the Republican Central Committee members have selected Nan Baker to replace David Greenspan as the District 1 County Council person. Councilwoman Baker will be serving Fairview Park, Rocky River, Bay Village, Westlake and North Olmsted for the remainder of Mr. Greenspan's term ending December 31, 2018. Congratulations to County Councilwoman Baker.

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"

Mr. Sindelar stated there was nothing new to report on this ordinance. Mr. Sindelar is waiting for the official minutes from the Planning Commission Meeting. A Public Hearing will be scheduled next regarding this Ordinance.

- Law Director Bemer said that the MetroParks have concerns regarding easements and restrictions going back to the 1920's regarding setbacks and use for single family use only. Mr. Bemer spoke with the Developer and suggested he hire a Real Estate Lawyer. Mr. Bemer will keep Council posted.

ORDINANCE NO. 83-16

BY: JOHN B. SHEPHERD

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR TO RENEW AN AGREEMENT WITH MI-TECH SERVICES, INC. FOR STORM AND SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM SERVICES FOR 2017 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$61, 494.95 AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT "A"

3rd READING

Mr. Shepherd said that Mi-Tech had a good competitive bid and the city is very pleased with the work that Mi-Tech has done in the past. Mi-Tech is not increasing their rates from last year. Mi-Tech televises and performs emergency cleaning of the sewer lines. Moved by Mr. Shepherd and seconded by Mr. O'Donnell and Mr. Furry that Ordinance No. 83-16 be passed as read.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

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 HUNDRD FIFTY DOLLARS (\$650.00) FOR
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RENDERED AS SPECIAL PROSECUTOR
1st READING

Prosecutor O'Shea had a conflict and was unable to handle this particular case. Andrea Rocco has great experience working with municipal matters. Mr. Shepherd noted that the exhibit total is different than that on the ordinance. This ordinance will be amended and will have three full reads.

- Mr. O'Donnell asked about the delay in billing when the work was completed in February 2016. Law Director Bemer said the city had just received the bill.

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
1st READING

Councilman Klym said the city received a grant in the amount of \$90,000/\$45,000 from the city for the study and planning for Bradstreet's Landing. Bids and RGQ's were received and the city chose the SmithGroup JJR for the Bradstreet's Landing Park Costal Management Study. The scope of the project will consist of a pier assessment, the Spencer Creek run-off and coastal conditions. The SmithGroup will also help with sources of funding and will draft a Master Plan for the park. Mr. Klym feels that this is a nice proposal and the work that the SmithGroup has done in Indiana, Toledo, Euclid and Bay Village is very impressive. This will have three full reads.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Council's next meeting will be held Tuesday, January 17, 2017, beginning at 8:00 p.m. As there was no further business by members of Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

James W. Moran
President of Council

Susan G. Pease
Clerk of Council