

CITY OF ROCKY RIVER

March 25, 2019

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. Hunt, Mr. Shepherd, Mr. O'Donnell,
Mr. Furry, Mr. Sindelar, Mr. Klym, Mr. Moran

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

Law Director: Assistant Law Director/Prosecutor O'Shea attended on behalf of Mr. Bemmer, who joined the meeting later.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOTION:

Moved by Mr. Moran, seconded by Mr. Furry that the reading of the minutes of the Legislative Meeting of March 11th be waived and that the minutes be accepted as submitted.

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

Moved by Mr. Moran, seconded by Mr. O'Donnell that the reading of the minutes of the Public Hearing and Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting of March 18th 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 abstain	0 nays	PASSED

MAYOR'S REPORT:

- Mayor Bobst reported that over the weekend she and Director Costello attended Troop 194's Eagle Scout Ceremony for Chris Read at the Rocky River United Methodist Church. Troop 194 awarded their 97th Eagle award. Chris' project is at Elmwood Park. Tapping in on his great interest in the out-of-doors and his love of hiking, he started the project to do a connector trail between Elmwood Park and Bradstreet's Landing. Due to the topography and grade at this point in time is not conducive to creating that connector trail; although at some point in the future we do envision accomplishing it. However, Chris showed leadership and made the necessary adjustments for the project and established a very detailed trail map and trail markers of the wooded area of the park. Additionally, his project was the catalyst for another scout's project regarding a footbridge being built at the park. Thank you to Chris, his scoutmasters, and fellow scouts for gifting the City with such a beautiful project that the City deeply values.
- Next week the tree lawn planting program gets underway again. Trees will be planted in every Ward, as well as at the City Hall campus. The City Hall trees are being planted to replace the trees that will be removed because of the new Police Department being built. Also, Arbor Day is April 26th. We will be planting four fruit trees (2 apple and 2 peach) at the Community Garden.

- Thursday is the State of the City Address. Mayor Bobst thanked the Chamber of Commerce for hosting the event. The Mayor will be reviewing municipal finances, grantsmanship and regional collaboration, investment within the City, and information about how the City is advancing the Master Plan.
 - Mr. Sindelar made inquiry regarding whether the State of the City Address would be available on-line for viewing for those who cannot attend. Mayor Bobst indicated the slides would be available through her office and that all the documents she refers to are on the City's website.

LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Planning, Zoning and Economic Development Committee: Mr. Moran said that there was a Planning Meeting on March 19th that he was not able to attend. The agenda item approved the project on Center Ridge Road for Tomorrow's Hair Salon.

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: Mr. Moran reported on his discussion with Finance Director Thomas regarding assistance for tax preparation. Director Thomas indicated R.I.T.A. has free taxpayer assistance at the R.I.T.A. office in North Ridgeville, where they have extended hours during tax season. Also, there is software available on their website that is more user friendly. Further, taxpayers can mail their tax information to R.I.T.A., and request that the return be prepared, and if there is any tax liability, the taxpayer will be billed.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mr. Stephen Kershner, 3344 Wooster Road, Rocky River, Ordinance No. 88-18: He is against the rezoning for two family houses, as he sees it becoming a 6-unit rental, not owner occupied. He would like to see owner occupied houses, not rental properties.

Mr. Matthew Parnell, 551 Linda Street, Rocky River, Ordinance No. 88-18: Mr. Parnell quoted the Rocky River's Master Plan Adopted 7/23/18 to highlight how this project fits in with it; as well as referencing the Planning Commission process of going through the 8 criteria for consideration regarding a zoning change.

- In the 2018 plan, they referenced 9 values from the 2005 Master Plan. Two of the values relate directly to housing: (1) Quality Housing – maintaining high residential standards; and (2) Housing Diversity – accommodating a broad range of lifestyles.
- On page 25, it gets into the public input, where it states that among survey respondents, 85.6% said maintaining existing housing and neighborhoods was a high priority, and among surveyed residents, 83.5% agreed new development should reflect existing scale and character.
- On page 30, Overview of findings provides: While the majority of Rocky River's housing units are single-family, more than 40% are townhouses, condos, or apartments. This housing diversity allows different households to find the housing they need. Rocky River's land is almost entirely built-out, meaning new construction will require redevelopment.
- On page 32, Major findings Housing Stock states: The analysis of housing in Rocky River shows a community of diverse housing types. Of the City's 9,725 occupied housing units, 40.7% are townhouses, condos, or apartments. There are 59.3% single Family detached units and 5.9% or 574 are single-family attached units.
- On page 33, Major Findings Land Use & Zoning states: There is very little undeveloped land remaining in the City. As a built-out suburb, most new construction would require the redevelopment of existing sites.
- Vision Statements on page 38: total of 10 here are two that address housing:
 - 2 QUALITY HOUSING — MAINTAINING HIGH RESIDENTIAL STANDARDS Homes in Rocky River are attractive and well maintained. This vision is for continuing those standards by encouraging home upkeep and maintenance to ensure neighborhoods remain strong long into the future.

- 3 HOUSING DIVERSITY — ACCOMMODATING A BROAD RANGE OF LIFESTYLES

Housing diversity means having a range of housing types such as traditional single-family homes, accessible housing options, townhouses, or condominiums. This vision is for maintaining a diversity of housing styles so all people— young professionals, seniors, large families—can find the type of housing they desire in River.

- Goals and actions:

- Goal #2 page 46: This more directed at the city’s responsibility - IMPROVE STREETSCAPES THROUGH INFRASTRUCTURE REPAIR & ENHANCEMENT: Last paragraph: Outside of business districts, residential areas can also be enhanced through streetscaping elements. While residential streetscapes should not be as intense as in business districts, the addition of trees, neighborhood signs, or stamped concrete crosswalks can enhance the feeling of quality.

We will plant over 18 trees in addition to other plantings.

- Goal #6 Page 56: INCENTIVIZE THE BEAUTIFICATION OR REHABILITATION OF RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES: While the vast majority of the City’s residential structures are well-maintained, small areas in the City show signs of distress.
- The Master Plan outlines two strategies for improving these areas. The first is to beautify existing structures through repairs and enhanced landscaping. By partnering with property owners to beautify lots, the City can maintain affordable units while increasing the attractiveness of certain structures. The second strategy is to incentivize the rehabilitation or redevelopment of properties when landscaping alone is unwanted by property owners or would not fully improve the look and feel of a property. The City should develop a Community Reinvestment Area plan that would provide incentives to rebuild in such areas. Such incentives might include a structured plan to reduce the future tax burdens for a set period of time to help fund reinvestment.

Although this site and our development fit in this box, we are not asking for any CRA funds.

- ACTION STEPS

- A. Develop a Community Reinvestment Area to assist in the rehabilitation or redevelopment of distressed areas
- B. Identify owners of distressed properties and undertake proactive outreach to showcase how the City can assist with and owners can profit from beautification or rehabilitation projects
- C. Work with property owners, developers, and public agencies to assemble land in target redevelopment areas
- D. Continue to aggressively pursue code enforcement violations of distressed properties
- E. Update and strengthen the City’s existing landscaping regulations to ensure new construction and renovations incorporate substantial landscaped areas
- F. Develop landscaping plans for struggling corridors and specific plans for standard multi-family properties to provide to landlords
- G. Work with non-profits, garden centers, and Cuyahoga Soil & Water Conservation District to hold front yard landscaping and green infrastructure classes to educate property owners on how to comply with a landscape plan

- H. Develop incentives or matching funds to assist in making improvements as part of a landscape plan.

Although we will remove three trees, we will plant 18 trees and 8 bushes in addition to other bushes, flowers and grasses that will be planted.

- Goal 7 BEAUTIFY THE CITY AND PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT WITH GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE page 58: The land use and development decisions made in Rocky River directly affect the health of the City's streams and rivers, and ultimately, Lake Erie. With the majority of the City located in a watershed that drains directly to Lake Erie, a healthy environment is critical to water quality. Currently, the Lake Erie West Tributaries watershed has an existing tree canopy of 39.6%, but 12.8% of the watershed is comprised of impervious surfaces in the form of parking lots, portions of which could provide space for additional trees.

We are reducing this impervious surface on this property and planting more trees and bushes.

- Goal 8 UPDATE CODES TO ALLOW WALKABLE COMMERCIAL AND MULTI-FAMILY PROJECTS:
 - F. Update multi-family district regulations to require stricter design guidelines while easing setback and lot coverage standards
 - G. Allow well-designed, denser development along major roads and at major intersections;

Wooster is a major road and this development again reduces the density and the imperviousness.

- Goal 10 SUPPORT THE GROWING SENIOR POPULATION WITH HOUSING, AMENITIES, AND SERVICES:
 - Actions: Research, develop, and consider adoption of a universal design guidebook that outlines features such as first-floor master suites, accessible entrances, accessible bathrooms, or easy-entry handles;

Although these houses do not have first floor masters, they will be built with accessible entrances and bathroom.

Mr. Parnell stated the Development had favorable response from the architectural review board; at the public planning commission meeting the neighbors to the north and south of the property who are going to be most impacted were ok with it. Councilman Shepherd whose ward it falls in was not in favor of it and said that it reminds him of the development at Lake Road and Linda Street.

My office is on Linda Street, and my desk looks at the Linda and Lake Road development over the last five years, I have witnessed these homeowners, clean windows, paint front doors, replace fences, replace drives, replace the landscaping, and replace garage doors among other things. It is a successful development. The developer is the head of the Planning Commission. They pay about \$40,000 a year in taxes, and it is roughly a \$2M development. The residents of this development are doing exactly what the Master Plan asks. They are investing in the neighborhood, they are investing in their houses, and they are maintaining them.

The Planning Commission voted in favor.

During last weeks' public meeting on this, three of the individuals that spoke were in favor of the development.

I ask you to vote in favor of this development. Thank you for your time and attention during this process.

Kim Kramer & Linda Sprague, Howard Hanna – Ordinance No. 88-18 Ms. Kramer indicated the property has been on the market for almost 3 years. There have been several potential buyers go through for a multitude of reasons for looking at it. They had three written offers. The first one requested to be release from the contract because the City Code prevented their pet grooming facility from locating there. The third offer is one that is in a secondary position to Mr. Parnell's. It is a drug rehabilitation center. She indicated she has fielded calls from neighbors saying they do not want that to be located on the parcel. However, she believes under the current zoning it is an allowable location for a center. Others have looked at it for a residence and possibly have a small business, but renovation costs were prohibitive. Ms. Sprague added that the property had been on the market for 998 days and they have been working to sell it. They feel strongly about what Mr. Parnell can do with the property and what it will do for the church congregation. She also corrected the record from last week where she said she the church moved November 2017 and that is when they listed the property, when in actuality they listed the property the prior year on June 30, 2016. If anyone has any questions, they would be glad to answer them. Thank you for the opportunity to speak.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE NO. 88-18

BY: JAMES W. MORAN

AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY KNOWN AS AUDITOR'S PERMANENT PARCEL NO. 304-29-046, AND THE CONSOLIDATED PARCEL NO. 302-29-047, FROM THEIR PRESENT CLASSIFICATION OF PF PUBLIC FACILITY TO R-2 TWO FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT, AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT "A" ON HOLD

Mr. Moran indicated this ordinance is a zoning change on Wooster from PF Public Facility to R-2 Two Family Residential. This ordinance has been read twice and referred to Planning Commission, who have sent it back to Council with their approval. There continues to be many comments and questions among Council members: the changing of the zoning between two R-1s, which are single home residential, the definition of R-2, and the concern about putting three doubles with the driveway in the front on the site. Mr. Moran sought clarification from the other Councilmen to determine if this ordinance should or should not be read for the third time this evening.

Mr. Furry inquired of Mr. Klym as to whether the actual clarification was provided on the R-2 definition. Mr. Klym indicated he still has this question. Is each structure a 2-family unit permitted in the R-2 or is it a single family attached home which is not permitted by the Code in R-2? Mr. Klym continued to speak regarding requirements for lot coverage. He understands there is approximately 24,000 square feet on this property and is looking for further direction from either the Planning Commission or the Law Department. He indicated it looks like in an R-2 to have a 2-family dwelling you need 6,000 square feet lot coverage per dwelling unit, so in a 2-family home you need 12,000 square feet lot coverage. In this situation with three homes on a total property with 24,000 square feet, so it is not quite to the 6,000 square feet per dwelling unit, if it is being considered simply as a 2-family development. He likes the look of the project and the property needs to be productive and a residential use is the best use for the parcel. He still has concerns that it looks like a cluster development. In order for him to vote, he needs to understand how these will be classified. What portion of the development code is being applied to these dwellings? He is looking to the Law Department for guidance.

Mr. Moran indicated that initially this project was presented as an R-3, which he feels is not appropriate due to the R-1's that about the property. Alternatives were then considered and this request for the R-2 would require variance. Mr. Moran feels it would blend better with fewer homes on the lot.

Mr. Shepherd acknowledged that he has said in the past that there are a couple areas in the City where too much was squished into too small a space. Regarding the parcel on Lake Road referenced earlier by Mr. Parnell, it was not Mr. Shepherd's intention to say it was not good for the City, nor did he know that the chair of one of the boards developed it many years ago. Looking at this project, he feels that it is squishing too much on too little of a space. Additionally, considering the R-2 two-family house definition, this project does not bring to mind a structure that looks like a single-family house. The definition says that it has the appearance of a single-family house. He does not see that with this project. There should be windows, dormers, and different roof styles. On both sides of this piece of property are 5 or 6 houses on each side and they each have a front yard, a dedicated driveway, a front door, windows, dormers, different roof styles. It looks like a street of single-family homes. This project does not fit the definition intended for an R-2. The driveway for this project is more of a cluster home type driveway, where the houses are sharing the access. The issue is whether this is an appropriate use of an R-2. He does not think it is. Additionally, the property does have a value that it would sell at right now and that is with its current zoning of a public use facility and with the structures as they have been maintained, but those factors would determine what its fair price is now. If it is rezoned as an R-2, it might have a different fair price, etc. If the only way this property is going to develop is if there is a change that is not allowed by the Code, then we are not doing the City a service.

Mr. O'Donnell agrees generally with the comments that have been said. He believes clarification is needed and time to review are needed. He also noted it is interesting that including the public hearing, he has not heard anyone speak against the project until tonight. Given that, he believes the decision should be driven by the City Ordinances and the eight different criteria laid out there to consider when making a zoning change, and he is not insensitive to the comments of the Ward Councilman who lives in the neighborhood and has the sense of that Ward. His suggestion is that there not be a reading this evening because there is too much unknown information at this point.

Mr. Sindelar inquired where Mr. Kershner lives. He lives at 3344 Wooster, just south of the property. He also asked Mr. Parnell if there was any discussion or look to the feasibility of R-1. He indicated yes, there was.

Mr. Furry said he has questions on the R-2 aspect, but he is mostly comfortable with it. Generally speaking, he is in favor of the project. The property needs to be repurposed into residential so it will blend in. He feels this project meets that. He still has questions on the R-2, but generally he is in favor.

Mr. Sindelar is in agreement with Mr. Klym and Mr. Shepherd, and he feels it does not fit the R-2 definition. Property needs to be redeveloped, but different than R-2. He would like Planning Commission to explain why this is okay. Are there some variances that they are envisioning in the future? In his mind, this project is not an R-2. It is a nice design, but it does not fit the single families of the rest of the street. He does not think a vote should be taken this evening.

Mr. Moran stated Council does not wish to move too quickly and set a precedent, or do something they are not comfortable with. He is not comfortable asking for a third read on this ordinance this evening. There are questions that need to be answered. Mr. Moran would like an opportunity to discuss more during the week and spend some time with the Law Director, the Chair of the Planning Commission, and the Building Commissioner.

Mr. Bemmer encouraged Council holds a study session with Bill Bishop, Chair of the Planning Commission, so he can explain the dynamics with every redevelopment, i.e. lot coverage, lot size, setbacks, and height are always the focal points. There is uniqueness in land that gives Planning Commission some discretion to grant a variance even though it is not the Board of Zoning Appeals. From his vantage point, knowing Bill Bishop's background and understanding his desire to do what is best for the City, he would really encourage Council to have a work session where Bill comes before City Council to explain his thought process, as not all of it gets into the minutes.

Mr. Moran indicated he appreciates Mr. Bishop's background, but also noted that it is Council's responsibility to oversee what happens in the entire community. Everyone on Council and all the Commissions has a responsibility to all the residents. We will not always have the same design because things are different. This is one of those unique situations where they want to make sure that all the details are covered, and make sure for all the residents and everyone involved that it goes through as it should.

Mr. Berner indicated he would be happy to set it up for next Monday. Mr. Moran indicated he would get in touch with Mr. Bishop as well.

Mr. Moran stated that Ordinance 88-18 would not be read this evening. It will be kept on the agenda.

ORDINANCE NO. 18-19

BY: MICHAEL P. O'DONNELL

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ADJUSTMENT OF SEWER RATES PAID TO THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD FOR WASTEWATER TREATMENT SERVICES FOR THE VALLEYVIEW SEWER DISTRICT

2nd READING

Mr. O'Donnell said that this is an annual ordinance to pay for wastewater treatment services provided by the City of Lakewood. Residents in the Valleyview neighborhood pay the same rates that all other Rocky River residents pay. The City of Rocky River pays any additional charges that Lakewood has in excess of our fees. This service is provided by Lakewood as a courtesy and a favor to the City because it is easier to send that wastewater down to Lakewood, than it is to pump it back to our own wastewater treatment plan, because to do so would require too much capital improvement. He anticipates a third read in two weeks.

ORDINANCE NO. 19-19

BY: MICHAEL P. O'DONNELL

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THE INTENT OF THE CITY OF ROCKY RIVER TO REIMBURSE CERTAIN COSTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE ACQUISITION AND EQUIPPING OF A NEW LADDER FIRE TRUCK AND THE CONSTRUCTION, EQUIPPING, FURNISHING AND OTHERWISE IMPROVING A NEW POLICE FACILITY, TOGETHER WITH ALL NECESSARY APPURTENANCES THERETO, FROM THE PROCEEDS OF A FUTURE ISSUE OF SECURITIES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

2nd READING

Mr. O'Donnell said that this ordinance is required by the Revised Code if we are going to use any bond proceeds to pay ourselves back, and then we are required to pass this ordinance by statute. This is not an approval of the cost amounts. Those amounts could change from time to time and Council will have the opportunity to vote on those amounts many times between now and the time this project is approved. This is required to be on our books if we are going to use bond proceeds. He anticipates a third read in two weeks.

ORDINANCE NO. 20-19

BY: CHRISTOPHER J. KLYM

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 951.01 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ROCKY RIVER, REGARDING CITY SWIMMING POOL FEES AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN THE ATTACHED EXHIBIT "A"

2nd READING

Mr. Klym indicated this has been discussed several times. Further discussion will be at the next Committee-of-the-Whole meeting. He anticipates a third read in two weeks.

ORDINANCE NO. 21-19**BY: JOHN B. SHEPHERD**

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE TEAMSTERS LOCAL UNION 436 REPRESENTING CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF THE ROCKY RIVER SERVICE DIVISION, AND CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT, AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT “A”

3rd READING

Mr. Shepherd said this ordinance has been discussed in detail at previous meetings. The Administration was able to reach a tentative collective bargaining agreement with the Teamsters Local 436 for the Service Department and certain Recreation Department employees. It maintained the pattern of increases that was established by our other unions: 2.5% increase in wages in the first year, 2.5% increase in the second year, and 2.75% increase in the third year of the contract. Mr. Shepherd moved for passage of Ordinance 21-19. Mr. O'Donnell seconded.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 22-19**BY: MICHAEL P. O'DONNELL**

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING AMENDED ORDINANCE 13-19 CREATING POSITIONS AND FIXING OR ESTABLISHING THE ANNUAL SALARIES AND HOURLY RATES COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2019 FOR THE APPOINTED EMPLOYEES IN THE SEVERAL DIVISIONS AND DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY OF ROCKY RIVER

3rd READING

Mr. O'Donnell said that this ordinance is the companion ordinance to Ordinance 21-19. Council passed Ordinance No. 13-19 was passed establishing the annual salaries and hourly rates for the employees and now that the collective bargaining negotiations are complete for the service department, we need to amend the ordinance that set those rates to include those negotiations that were just concluded. Mr. O'Donnell moved for passage of Ordinance 22-19. Mr. Furry seconded.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 23-19**BY: CHRISTOPHER J. KLYM**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 953.02 ENTITLED “FEES” OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ROCKY RIVER, REGARDING THE ICE SKATING RINK, AND AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN THE ATTACHED EXHIBIT “A”

2nd READING

Mr. Klym indicated this has been discussed several times. Further discussion will be at the next Committee-of-the-Whole meeting. He is following up with Director Mehling to confirm that the skate rental is included in the fees for the tot learn to skate figure skate program. That is a cost savings to the residents and non-residents who will be participating. He also reported they removed something called patch freestyle moves in the field. He

would like to follow up with Director Mehling to make sure he understand what exactly that program was that they are removing. He will report back again next week. He anticipates a third read in two weeks.

ORDINANCE 24-19

BY: THOMAS J. HUNT

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITIES OF BAY VILLAGE, WESTLAKE, AND ROCKY RIVER REGARDING THE HOUSING OF JAIL INMATES, ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT A

1st READING

Mr. Hunt said this ordinance is part and parcel of the development of the new Police Department. We will need space to house prisoners for short periods of time during our construction. This is a memorandum of understanding with Cities of Bay Village and Westlake to house our prisoners on a \$125.00 per diem cost. Mr. Hunt noted two typos in the agreement that need to be corrected and will forward them to Law Director Bemer for correction. Further discussion is anticipated at the next Committee-of-the-Whole meetings.

ORDINANCE 25-19

BY: JOHN B. SHEPHERD

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF ROCKY RIVER TO PURCHASE SALT FROM THE STATE-APPROVED VENDOR AN ESTIMATED 2,500 TONS OF SALT FOR THE 2019/2020 WINTER SEASON FOR THE SERVICE DEPARTMENT UNDER THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S COOPERATIVE PURCHASING CONTRACT NO. 18

1st READING

Mr. Shepherd indicated this is an annual ordinance where the City receives the benefit of good pricing through this program. As the City just received this contract from the State and the turnaround deadline is short, Mr. Shepherd anticipates needing a Special Legislative Meeting on April 1, together with the regular Legislative Meeting on April 8, in order to have three reads for this ordinance. Background for the order is a proposed order of 2,500 tons for next season. The City can order up to 10% more than that or 10% less. The City currently has 2,300 tons in storage, so this will bring the total to 4,800 tons. Normally, the salt order is kept around 4,500 tons.

Mr. Sindelar inquired if the City used less salt this year since the winter was mild. Director Costello indicated the winter was very icy. We have 1,600 tons in the barn and 700 tons under tarp, totaling 2,300 tons for use currently. The City likes to have around 4,500 tons on hand. Mr. Moran asked if we took the entire contract for this year. Director Costello indicated yes, the final order went in last month before March 15th to take advantage of the lower price.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: Mr. Moran said he had a brief conversation with the Mayor and Chief Stillman about the 30-foot parking distance to a stop sign. Chief Stillman indicated rather than make an entire rule citywide, if there are intersections that may need to be reviewed for placement of no parking signs on the approach to those intersections. He looks forward to further communication with the Chief and Councilman Hunt, who is the chair of the Safety Committee. If any Councilmen see any other areas that have a dangerous area of parking too close to an intersection that could cause some problems, please bring it up to him or Councilman Hunt, so they can have that communication with the Chief.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Michael Poretsky, 831 Morewood Court – He met with the Building Commissioner and the Law Director a few weeks ago concerning one of the conditions necessary for the approval for the development of Morewood Court. One of the conditions made was the “right out and right in only” for the

development. Now that 6-9 months of real life experience with that condition, the residents requested a meeting with the Law Director to address the “right out only”. Residents feel it may not be necessary to have the “right out only”, but they agree that the “right in only” is the safer way to go. As far as exiting the development, they do not feel that is necessary. Since Council granted as part of the easement and part of the development process this as a condition, it was suggested that the residents address the issue with Council. This is what they are here to do.

Mr. Moran acknowledged the comment and indicated it has been brought to Council’s attention and there will be discussion it.

Kim Kramer, Howard Hanna – Ms. Kramer asked if the current real estate transaction with Mr. Parnell fails to go forward and the drug rehab facility offer moves into first position, will the drug rehab facility be able to be on the property on Wooster as it stands now with the zoning? Mr. Moran indicated he would have to look into it to know for sure. He directed Ms. Kramer to the City’s website for the zoning ordinances.

As there was no further business by members of Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

James W. Moran
President of Council

Mary Ellen Umerley
Acting Clerk of Council