

CITY OF ROCKY RIVER

October 12, 2020

The Regular Legislative Meeting of Council was called to order by Mr. Moran, President of Council, at 7:00 p.m. in the Civic Center Community Room.

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Administration: Mayor Bobst, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Snyder

Assistant Law Director: Mr. O'Shea

MOTION:

Moved by Mr. Moran, seconded by Mr. O'Donnell, that the reading of the minutes of the Legislative Meeting of September 28th be waived, and that the minutes be accepted as submitted

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

MAYOR'S REPORT:

The Mayor discussed the September Financials that included a Corona Virus Fund. These are distributions received from the State through the Local Government Fund and others. This money will be transferred from the General Fund into the Corona Virus Fund, which is required by the state. Council will receive the supplemental budget legislation showing the establishment of the account, in the amount of almost \$1.4 million. The city is anticipating the distribution of \$720,000 this week. Additionally the Bureau of Worker's Compensation has issued another rebate in the amount of \$353,000, which is 100% of the premium paid in 2019.

The Mayor discussed the Insurance Project that Director Snyder, Director Thomas and Mrs. Nakonek are working on. The RFP will be released to agents on Tuesday, October 27th along with opportunity of tours of the facilities and questions taken. The final proposals will be due to the city by November 23rd.

The Street Department crew completed pavement repairs on Center Ridge Road from Spencer to the Westlake line along with cleaning up the sidewalks. Thank you to Director Snyder for making sure this work was completed. The crew is moving over to Spencer to complete work on catch basins.

The Parks Department is cleaning up the brush on Riverdale, completing a punch list concerning the beautification of this area.

Elle's Enchanted Playground installation will be in the spring of 2021. This fall the base will be installed along with the curbing and path. In the spring, the poured-in-place rubber will be installed.

Director Snyder has submitted a pre-proposal grant to ODNr and Coastal Management in the amount of \$100,000 for Bradstreet's Landing, specifically for the Pedestrian Bridge and Spencer Creek.

The Mayor said goodbye to Superintendent McConnell who will be leaving the WWTP to join the Northeast Regional Sewer District as Superintendent of the Westerly Plant this Friday. Nicholas Barille was named Interim Superintendent until an individual is named for Superintendent McConnell's replacement. The chemical bid ads will be posted. The Mayor wishes Carianne well.

Building Department Statistics from the end of September, 2020: Investment continues during this tough economic time. 1,291 permits have been issued which is slightly less than last year but brought in fees 17% greater than last year totaling \$213,000. The total investment amounts to \$55,000,000 compared to almost \$38,000,000, which is a 45% increase over last year. There were increases in both residential and commercial properties. The Mayor has more detail along with historical information if Council is interested. Thank you to Commissioner Reich and Pat Nugent from the Building Department for compiling this data.

The Parks Survey has received 835 responses with the survey ending this Friday. Director Holub is hoping for 1,000 responses by that time.

A big thank you to Councilwoman Morris who approached the Mayor to include the Recreation Center along with the Rocky River Women's Club and the RRPL in collecting food for the Rocky River Assistance Program for Thanksgiving. Today's pick up filled Mrs. Morris' car.

The Senior Center is working with the Rocky River High School Key Club on a pen pal program with the seniors. This is especially for seniors who are somewhat isolated.

The Senior Center Playreaders will be performing October 14-17th. Reservations are still available and everyone will be practicing social distancing.

This weekend the Recreation Department will be hosting the Great Pumpkin Float at the indoor pool. Pumpkins will be floating in the pool with children picking out pumpkins in the pool.

Learn to Swim Registration began today with Learn to Skate Registration beginning November 2nd. These are consistent with honoring the health department recommendations.

- Mr. Furry asked if the city has received information from R.I.T.A. regarding finance withholding for resident tax by December 31st. The Mayor stated that she is on a Task Force, a collaborative of former mayors, working with Cleveland State. R.I.T.A. will be giving another projection later this week to the Task Force. The Mayor will forward this information when it is received.

LAW DEPARTMENT: Mr. O'Shea said Mr. Bemer sends his regards as he is unable to be at this evening's meeting. Mr. O'Shea discussed a residential housing issue (~~on Beaconfield~~) actually at the corner of Arundel and Battersea where the resident was fined \$20,000. This resident also has property in the Yacht Club Basin that has some problems. The Building Department is reasonable but aggressive in getting these housing violations fixed up. Mr. O'Shea also said that the damaged fire engine at the WWTP has been removed by the company that issued the check.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Mr. Klym noted that there was a Parks and Recreation meeting last Thursday on zoom. They may meet by zoom again next month. Mr. Klym mentioned the Pumpkin Swim

at the Rec Center this weekend. The Recreation Department is looking at incentives to spur new memberships and retain memberships at the Rec Center. The memberships and usage is down along with the revenue being down. Mr. Klym will receive a pre-summary of the program that will be put into place in November. Mr. Klym will forward this information to Council.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL: Mr. Moran announced that Council received Emergency Resolution No. 77-20 this evening. Mr. Moran moved to suspend the 72-hour rule and include this resolution on this evening's agenda, seconded by Mr. Furry.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE NO. 75-20 **BY: THOMAS J. HUNT**
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO
PURCHASE ONE (1) 2021 EMERGENCY MEDICAL AMBULANCE FOR THE FIRE
DIVISION FROM PFUND SUPERIOR SALES AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED
\$255,660.00 AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT A
1st READING

Mr. Hunt said there is a revised version of Ordinance 75-20 at Council's place this evening. The reason for the revision is the original ordinance indicated PFund Superior Sales/ Lifeline Emergency Vehicles as the vendor but it should read PFund Superior Sales, which is the dealer. Lifeline Emergency Vehicle is the manufacturer of the vehicle. This purchase has been discussed and is in the 2020 budget. Mr. Hunt stated that there are only two medic vehicles currently operating, Medic 67 is 14 years old and has 75,682 miles on it along with Medic 68 that has 57,000 miles on it over three years. Ambulances need to be rotated in and out of the fleet for service. Chief Lenart sent an email that Mr. Hunt forwarded to Council this afternoon. A Fire Department committee was put together to spec out what they wanted in this vehicle. The new squad should be more durable with a heavier duty chassis and be a complete vehicle when purchased. These specs were provided to four manufacturers for bids and only one bid was received in the amount of \$255,660.00 from Lifeline for a 2021 vehicle. The Chief also compared this bid with the State Procurement website to compare prices and that amount came back at \$251,214.00 but did not include paint or graphics. Director Snyder said that the out of service Medic 63 vehicle will be leveraged as a set off on this price by trade in or by auction. There is an offer for \$2,500 for a trade in. Mr. Hunt feels that this purchase will keep the standards of the fire department for this community where it should be. This will have three full reads.

- Mr. O'Donnell asked if it was surprising to receive only one bid. The Mayor was concerned about receiving one bid and the Mayor telephoned the other companies. Two companies did not call back, one company said the timing was not good for them and the last company said they did not have time to respond. The administration is discussing if this could be considered in part a COVID related expense, as the city would always want to have three Medics in the fleet. The Mayor also mentioned that the \$251,000 is state term pricing which helps the administration judge if the city received a good bid. The state term pricing is the manufacturers or a reps lowest price but is not competitively bid. The city never uses state term pricing because it's not

competitively bid per the Charter.

- Mr. Snyder added that the city always looks at the option of extending the bid period if a potential bidder contacts the city and it could mean receiving a better bid. That did not happen this time.
- Mr. O'Donnell asked what the old ambulance is worth. Mr. Snyder responded that it has a completely blown engine and the city is removing as much out of it as they can. The radio will be removed along with the lift assist and placed in the new one. Scrap price might be more than \$2,500 so it might be put in the vehicle auction. The original contract had a \$1,000 offer. Mr. O'Shea added that there is not a used car engine lot or a used ambulance lot. These items are so regulated with equipment and cannot be resold.
- Mr. Furry asked about accessorizing. Mr. Snyder stated that there will be minor things needed to add, but the ambulance will be operational not long after received. The lead-time is 180 days for a new ambulance.

ORDINANCE NO. 76-20

BY: JOHN B. SHEPHERD

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR 2021 WITH THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH FOR SERVICES TO THE CITY OF ROCKY RIVER AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT A
1st READING**

This ordinance comes in front of Council yearly because Chapter 3709 of the Ohio Revised Code states that each city must provide health services either through a health district or by a valid contract or union with the county health district or an adjacent city health district. Rocky River has always done it with the Cuyahoga County Board of Health. This contract continues the rate of \$5.45 per capita, which is the same rate as 2020. This will have three full reads. The services provided are immunizations from the Board of Health, outreach flu clinics, newborn home visits, lead poisoning prevention, medical handicap nursing services, indoor air quality programs, environmental services, health services, food protection, storm water surface water quality, watershed protection program, recreation facility services and mosquito control. This will have three full reads. The Mayor added that over the last several months the Health Department has provided a tremendous amount of guidance and has been a wonderful resource. They have been very responsive.

RESOLUTION NO. 77-20

BY: JOHN B. SHEPHERD

**AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND HER DESIGNEE TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE NORTHEAST OHIO AREAWIDE COORDINATING AGENCY (NOACA), FOR TRANSPORTATION FOR LIVABLE COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE (TLCI) IMPLEMENTATION, TO FUND IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE "BEACHCLIFF/LAKE ROAD PEDESTRIAN CROSSING IMPROVEMENT" PROJECT
1st READING**

Mr. Shepherd stated that this was added to tonight's agenda because of the deadline for this application to the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency, for a Transportation for Livable Communities Initiate (TLCI) Implementation, to fund improvements for the Beachcliff/Lake Road Pedestrian Crossing Improvement Project. Mr. Shepherd stated that this does not obligate the city to take the grant or obligate

the city to do the project. This grant will be in the range of 80% being paid by NOACA. This will have three full reads. Mr. Snyder said that this project will tie all the projects being done together. This project is set up by the Community Confluence Project so it is taking the information from that planning grant and implementing it. Key features to this will be the installation of a specialty crossing at the top of Yacht Club Hill with a pause area in the center to create a safe crosswalk for residents to go into or come out of the Yacht Club Basin. The cost will be approximately \$125,000 including engineering and construction administration. Mr. Snyder has been working with MacKay Engineering. Mr. Snyder will redo the attached diagram for easier readability.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: President Moran wished Mr. Bemer a belated happy birthday last week. Mr. Moran also commented about the Citizen's Police Academy graduation that was held last week at the Civic Center. Interim Chief Lichman does a tremendous job with this program. For the first time, one of the graduates received a perfect score on the final exam. Chief Stillman was also on hand to speak to the graduates.

Mr. O'Shea added "Go Pirates". The Rocky River High School football team won their first playoff game on Friday. Congratulations!

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

James W. Moran
President of Council

Susan G. Pease
Clerk of Council