

CITY OF ROCKY RIVER

January 25, 2021

The Regular Legislative Meeting of Council was called to order by Mr. Moran, President of Council, at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom.

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

Law Director: Mr. Bemer

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 January 11th be waived, and that the minutes be accepted as submitted.

Vote:	Hunt – aye	Shepherd – aye	O'Donnell – aye	Furry - abstain
	Morris – aye	Klym – aye	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 Special Meeting and the Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting of January 19th be waived, and that the minutes be accepted as submitted.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT:

The Mayor announced that the Cuyahoga County and the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission will host a Virtual Public Information Meeting on Thursday, January 28 at 7:00 p.m. to invite residents to hear about future plans to create easier access to Lake Erie. The plan is being developed by the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission and the County Department of Public Works, along with the consulting firm Smith Group. The information was included in the ReadyNotify and information can be found on the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission website along with a portal that will have updated information throughout the project. The plan will include detailed analysis and extensive public engagement to help build a unified, countywide vision for enhanced lakefront access. Property owners have already met last week. There are many partners on this project along with the MetroParks, Bay Village, Lakewood and the City of Euclid that has already begun construction. Hopefully, several residents will join in to hear the plans.

The Mayor stated that there was a meeting last week regarding the Hilliard Road County Bridge. This project is being funded through the county with state and federal money totaling round \$50-52 million. Currently it looks like it will be a complete demolition and rebuild. The city is working with the City of Lakewood, MetroParks, ODOT, and the County along with a consult. The most notable plan that is being discussed is the narrowing down of one lane in each direction with a center turn lane. On the

south side of the bridge, there will be a multi-purpose trail with a significant buffer for cyclist and pedestrians for an easier connection to the valley on the east end. There has been a lot of interest on this shared path. In the Master Plan there is a discussion about narrowing the bridge with turn lanes. Nothing is written in stone, but the Mayor wanted Council to know what is been discussed. The Mayor will forward the project slides out to Council. Thank you to Director Snyder who did a tremendous job illuminating the considerations and issues that may occur by doing some of the proposals on the table. Rich advanced what the City of Rocky River cares about.

Rocky River Schools are back in session full-time beginning tomorrow which will cancel the midday transition. Parents can still opt for full day remote. The Mayor wished the school district and students well as this new schedule begins.

The Mayor shared that the computer recycling totaled 15,554 pounds of computer equipment from residents. The Mayor thanked the residents, as this is significant amount of material being kept out of the landfill.

The Mayor received a letter from the MetroParks regarding deer culling which began on January 22nd and continues through March 21st. The police department will be notified as well as residents who live along the park. There will be times that the park will be closed because of the deer culling. Details can be found on the MetroParks website. The venison will be donated to food banks. Residents may see an increase in the number of deer in and around the city because of this process.

ReadyNotify announced the 211 Help link through United Way for individuals that need assistance in scheduling vaccinations. The Senior Center has been extremely busy helping senior residents in scheduling appointments and identifying where vaccinations are available. Thank you to Director Huff and all her staff that are working with the seniors.

The Mayor also announced that Dave Ford's mom Lottie passed away last week at the age of 104. Lottie had an incredible life and the Mayor extends her condolences to Dave and his family. Lottie was Dave's biggest fan.

- Mr. Furry and Mr. Shepherd asked for renderings regarding the Hilliard Road Bridge.
- Mr. Shepherd asked if the multi-purpose path would have an alternative access down into the valley going west. The Mayor said they are considering an access on the eastside of the bridge in Lakewood. The Mayor requested that the MetroParks look at a west side connector for the Valleyview and Hilroc neighbors before Rockcliff or Hogsback but the MetroParks responded that the topography is not conducive for that. Mr. Snyder said that there has been discussion about this and he feels that the MetroParks are set with the two access points being Hogsback and Rockcliff. They stated that the path off Valleyview is technically an access and they have added wood chips to try to make it an improved trail.
- President Moran noted that Hogsback is narrow and Mr. Snyder stated they are trying to make improvements, as it is steep and not safe for cyclists or pedestrians.
- The Mayor added that Sean McDermott talked in detail about what they want to do once the bridge project begins. There is not a perfect timeline set yet, but they are looking to complete the project in 2024.

- Mrs. Morris asked how this would be paid for. The Mayor responded it would be federal money.

LAW DEPARTMENT: NONE

COMMITTEE REPORTS: NONE

COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL: NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

NEW ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCE NO. 1-21

BY: DAVID W. FURRY

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CUYAHOGA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT AND THE CITY OF ROCKY RIVER REGARDING STORM WATER POLLUTION EDUCATION FOR A TWELVE (12) MONTH TERM, ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT “A”
2nd READING**

Mr. Furry stated that this is a renewal of an ordinance that has been in effect for numerous years and is a joint cooperation with the Cuyahoga Soil and Water Conservation District and the City but this ordinance is for PIPE or Public Information and Public Education, more specifically the education and stewardship for the conservation of soil and water resources. This ordinance does have an increase of \$500 annually totaling \$6,000. It is not a major line item in the budget but it was in the budget and since it is a fellow governmental entity we are providing full disclosure. This MOU can be renewed solely at the City’s discretion after the 12-month period. It also may be amended or terminated at any time via mutual consent of both parties. This has been read twice and there will be three full reads. This could be added to a consent agenda at the next Legislative Meeting.

ORDINANCE NO. 2-21

BY: DAVID W. FURRY

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CUYAHOGA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT AND THE CITY OF ROCKY RIVER REGARDING STORM WATER POLLUTION PREVENTION TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR A TWELVE (12) MONTH TERM, ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT A
2nd READING**

This is a companion piece with Ordinance 1-21 and has been in effect for numerous years and is also a joint cooperation with the Cuyahoga Soil and Water Conservation District and the City and is related to our Municipal Separate Storm Sewer (MS4) EPA Permit and is for minimal control measures 4 and 5. The Cuyahoga Soil and Water Conservation District shall provide technical assistance to the city. Cuyahoga Soil and Water held the price the same at \$11,330. This is not a major line item in the budget but it was in the budget and since it is a fellow governmental entity we are providing full disclosure. This MOU can be renewed solely at the City’s discretion after the 12-month period. It also may be amended or terminated at any time via mutual consent of both parties. This has been read twice and there will be three full reads. This can be added to a consent agenda at the next Legislative Meeting.

ORDINANCE NO. 3-21

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 stated that this is an annual ordinance that authorizes the City of Rocky River to pay the difference to the City of Lakewood for the approximate number of 110 homes in the Valleyview neighborhood that use Lakewood's treatment plant. These residents are charged a higher rate from Lakewood, and the City covers the difference. This is a great value to the City of Rocky River as it would be a significant capital investment for the City of Rocky River to route all of that wastewater to the WWTP in Rocky River. This ordinance is also a good candidate for the consent agenda for the next Legislative Meeting.

ORDINANCE NO. 4-21 **BY: JAMES W. MORAN**
AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICE TO PURCHASE ONE (1) 75 CUBIC YARD REFUSE TRANSFER TRAILER FOR THE SERVICE DIVISION FROM REFUSE EQUIPMENT & TRUCK SERVICES, INC. AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$81,100.00, AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT "A"
2nd READING

Mr. Moran said that this ordinance is to purchase one 75 cubic yard transfer trailer for the Service Division at a cost not to exceed \$81,100. Mr. Moran thanked Director Snyder for the pictures showing the refuse transfer trailer that is in poor condition and in need of being replaced. The transfer trailers transport garbage from the transfer station. This will be read for a third time in two weeks.

ORDINANCE NO. 5-21 **BY: JOHN B. SHEPHERD**
AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICE TO ENTER INTO A TWO (2) YEAR AGREEMENT FOR FULL SERVICE VENDING WITH METROPOLITAN VENDING COMPANY FOR THE CITY OF ROCKY RIVER RECREATION DEPARTMENT AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS, AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT "A"
2nd READING

Mr. Shepherd said that in previous meetings the terms of the contract have been discussed along with the bidding history regarding this ordinance. Metropolitan Vending is the current vendor and this will authorize a two-year contract for vending machines at the Civic Center and Ice Rink. The Safety Service Department advertised for bids, but Metropolitan Vending was the only bid received and has provided this service for the past several years. The commissioned rates the city receives on vending sales is 28% on gross sales of snacks and food and 30% on gross sales on coffee and ice cream and is comparable to what other cities are paying.

ORDINANCE NO. 6-21 **BY: JAMES W. MORAN**
AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICE TO SELL USED CITY VEHICLES WHICH WERE OFFERED FOR SALE THROUGH PUBLIC BIDDING FOR A TOTAL SUM OF \$26,053.03
2nd READING

Mr. Moran stated that on December 4, 2020 eight bidders submitted their bids for the attached list of vehicles for the total sum of \$26,053.03. There were 13 items on this list including four-wheel riders, a 1978 airstream trailer, a backhoe and a refuse packer. Three bidders presented the best bids for these vehicles. This will have one more read in two weeks.

RESOLUTION NO. 8-21**BY: CHRISTINA MORRIS**

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE PLACEMENT OF A PROPOSED SHORE STRUCTURE AND APPROVAL OF A LAKE ERIE SUBMERGED LANDLEASE FROM THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES (ODNR) ADJACENT TO PERMANENT PARCEL NO. 302-09-004 AT 21468 AVALON DRIVE, ROCKY RIVER, OHIO

1st READING

Councilwoman Morris thanked Mr. Moran for his discussion regarding this resolution at last week's meeting. This is another erosion control revetment and ODNR requires the City of Rocky River to support the placement of this proposed shore structure.

ORDINANCE NO. 9-21**BY: THOMAS J. HUNT**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH BROOKSIDE CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, INC. AS THE PRIME CONTRACT FOR LANDSCAPING OF THE POLICE STATION FOR THE CITY OF ROCKY RIVER IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$106,710.00 AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT "A"

1st READING

Mr. Hunt said Council should be in possession of a revised copy of this ordinance in the amount of \$106,710.00. This authorizes the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Brookside Construction Services for the landscaping at the new police station. Four bids were received and were competitive. Bowen recommended Brookside as the lowest and best bid with the irrigation system included. Director Snyder sent renderings to Council of what the landscape will look like.

- The Mayor mentioned that the hostas and some bushes were removed and replanted around the city.
- Mr. Furry thanked Mr. Snyder for the rendering of the landscape. The Mayor said that along with a landscape architect and Rich's arborist background, this is an easy thing for Director Snyder to oversee.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: The meeting next week will be held via zoom but President Moran will make calls next week for input on future meetings. At this point, Council will continue with zoom until notification or direction is received from the Governor.

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

James W. Moran
President of Council

Susan G. Pease
Clerk of Council