

CITY OF ROCKY RIVER

July 26, 2021

The Regular Legislative 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,
Mrs. Morris, Mr. Klym, Mr. Moran

Absent: Mr. Hunt

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

Assistant Law Director: Mr. O'Shea

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 Legislative Meeting of July 12th, be waived, and that the minutes be accepted as submitted.

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

Moved by Mr. Moran, seconded by Mr. Furry that the reading of the minutes of the Special Meeting and Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting on July 19th be waived, and that the minutes be accepted as submitted.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT:

The Mayor announced that the Police Department has moved into the new building and are fully functional and can respond to all calls. Access is limited as parts of the building's exterior needs to be completed. There is access through the back door of City Hall between the hours of 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. After hours, residents should call the non-emergency phone number or in the case of an emergency call 911. Tours for the public will be scheduled towards the end of September.

The Mayor discussed the water main break that occurred on Pease Drive this past Thursday. It was addressed on Friday and Saturday by the Cleveland Water Department. Water service was restored on Saturday and finalized on Monday. A resident sent a message to City Hall via email, which was not read until this morning. In cases like this, the City encourages residents to call the Utility Companies and they will respond. If that is not possible, call the Police Department and they will alert the Service Department and utilities along with Director Snyder and the Mayor.

The Rocky River Park's playground site prep will begin the week of August 9th and the installation of the new equipment beginning the week of August 17th.

The Mayor announced that work on the Linden Park Tennis Courts began today. There is limited access to the parking lot and the city encourages residents to avoid the parking area, if possible.

The Mayor reminded Council that the Thistle Nationals will be held on July 31st through August 6th at CYC. Additional traffic will be traveling to the Yacht Club and many visitors in the community. The Mayor hopes everyone enjoys their time in Rocky River.

The Mayor acknowledged the important but sad retirement of Jim Harrington in the Service Department, who will be retiring after 38 years of full time employment but a total of 42 years including a few part time years. Jim is the voice of the Service Department. He answers the phones, responds to resident's concerns and makes sure the various departments are mobilized. He has worked for six Service Commissioners and four Mayors. He knows how the department runs. In addition, Jim was involved with the budgeting process and payroll. The Mayor and the administration appreciates all that Jim has done from purchasing, inventory and work on the budget. Jim will be missed.

- Mr. Furry asked if the water main break was on Pease Drive. The Mayor confirmed that there was hydrant flushing and testing being done and the break was in between the two hydrants. The Cleveland Water Department finalized everything on Pease Drive this morning.

LAW DEPARTMENT: NONE

COMMITTEE REPORTS: NONE

COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL: President Moran and Mr. Shepherd reminded Council of the "Dog Days of Summer Concert" on August 8th along with Mr. Shepherd's band "The Current".

Mr. Moran said that Council received a Notice from the Division of Liquor Control regarding Objections to Renewal of a Liquor Permit. All liquor permits expire on October 1, 2021. If there are any questions or problems, please let the administration know. The Mayor requested that this notice be forwarded to Chief Lichman to have the Police Department review.

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION NO. 46-21

BY: MICHAEL P. O'DONNELL

Mr. O'Donnell stated that Council received a revised exhibit for Resolution No. 46-21 in their packets last week. Mr. O'Donnell moved to amend by substitution Exhibit A for Resolution No. 46-21, seconded by Mr. Furry.

Vote: Shepherd – aye
Morris – aye
6 ayes

O'Donnell – aye
Klym – aye

Furry – aye
Moran – aye
0 nays

PASSED

AMENDED RESOLUTION NO. 46-21

BY: MICHAEL P. O'DONNELL

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CERTIFICATION OF DELINQUENT SANITARY SEWER ACCOUNTS TO THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY FISCAL OFFICER FOR COLLECTION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF OHIO AND AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN THE ATTACHED EXHIBIT "A"

3rd READING

Mr. O'Donnell stated that this is an annual resolution to certify special assessment for delinquent sanitary sewer accounts as of December 31, 2020. The amendment that was just passed has been reduced significantly. Initially there were 424 open accounts listed. Over the course of the last few weeks, there are now 274 accounts open. The initial amount to be certified was over \$86,000 and it is now just over \$60,500. This is the lowest amount the City of Rocky River has had to certify since 2008. The city has done a great job collecting these open accounts. Mr. O'Donnell moved for passage of Amended Resolution No. 46-21, seconded by Mr. Furry.

- Mr. Klym asked if there is any movement of getting these payments online. Director Thomas stated that it is a possibility, however the cost of the service is higher than anticipated. The Mayor stated that a program may be piloted and then a determination will be made. Mr. Klym thinks it would be worth exploring as so many people pay their bills online and it would be a nice service to offer, if cost affective. Mr. O'Donnell has heard residents that would be interested in that service.

Vote: Shepherd – aye
Morris – aye
6 ayes

O'Donnell – aye
Klym – aye

Furry – aye
Moran – aye
0 nays

PASSED

ORDINANCE NO. 55-21

BY: MICHAEL P. O'DONNELL

**AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING THE PUBLIC DEPOSITORIES FOR THE ACTIVE, AND INTERIM AND/OR INACTIVE FUNDS OF THE CITY OF ROCKY RIVER FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING NOVEMBER 1, 2021 AND ENDING OCTOBER 31, 2026
ON HOLD**

Mr. O'Donnell said this has been read twice but asked that this ordinance be held as it has designated certain financial institutions as public depositories. As Director Thomas stated, he has reached out to an additional financial institution being Ohio Savings. The responses are not due back until mid-August. Until that time, it may be necessary to amend this ordinance. At this time, Mr. O'Donnell asks that this be placed on hold until the next Council meeting in September.

RESOLUTION NO. 56-21

BY: MICHAEL P. O'DONNELL

**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY FISCAL OFFICER TO ADVANCE TAXES FROM THE PROCEEDS OF ALL TAX LEVIES FOR THE TAX YEAR 2021 PURSUANT TO THE OHIO REVISED CODE
2nd READING**

Mr. O'Donnell stated that this is an annual ordinance and has been read twice. Essentially, the County collects the tax dollars on behalf of the city and ultimately releases the funds to the city. If this resolution is passed, the County will send the funds to the city earlier.

RESOLUTION NO. 57-21

BY: MICHAEL P. O'DONNELL

**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY FISCAL OFFICER TO ADVANCE TAXES HELD FROM THE PROCEEDS OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR THE TAX YEAR 2021 PURSUANT TO THE OHIO REVISED CODE
2nd READING**

Mr. O'Donnell stated that this is a companion resolution to 56-21. It is nearly identical except that 57-21 relates to proceeds from special assessments collected by the County. If this collection is requested, the County will provide the funds to the city sooner. Mr. O'Donnell has not had any questions regarding Resolution Nos. 56-21 or 57-21. Mr. O'Donnell intends to seek passage at the first Legislative Meeting

in September.

NEW BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE NO. 58-21

BY: JAMES W. MORAN

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY-SERVICE TO EXTEND A CONTRACT FOR ONE (1) YEAR FOR THE PURCHASE OF JANITORIAL SUPPLIES FOR THE CITY OF ROCKY RIVER FROM OHIO VALLEY SUPPLY AND MAINTENANCE CO. AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$55,000.00

1st READING

Mr. Moran said that this ordinance is based on a quote received on June 28, 2019. There were three bidders at the time and Ohio Valley Supply and Maintenance Co. has done a great job and the administration is happy with their products and service. Ohio Valley Supply and Maintenance Co. is holding the same price for everything for next year. This will be read for a second time at the next Legislative Meeting in September.

- Mr. Shepherd will recuse himself from all activity relating to this ordinance because of a personal and business relationship with the owner.

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: Mr. Moran said the next meeting for City Council will be held on September 13th in City Council Chambers beginning at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Moran wished Council a good recess.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

James W. Moran
President of Council

Susan G. Pease
Clerk of Council