

CITY OF ROCKY RIVER

September 11, 2023

The Regular Legislative Meeting of Council was called to order by Mr. Moran, President of Council in the David J. Cook Council Chambers at 7:00 p.m.

Council Members Present: Mr. Shepherd, Mrs. Gallagher, Mr. Furry,
Mrs. Morris, Mr. Sindelar, Mr. Moran

Council Members Absent: Mr. Hunt

Law Director: Mr. O'Shea

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

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 July 24th, be waived and that the minutes be accepted as submitted.

Vote: Shepherd – aye	Gallagher – aye	Furry - aye
Morris – aye	Sindelar – aye	Moran - aye
6 ayes		0 nays

PASSED

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Today was the Remembrance for 9/11 where staff and community members recited the Pledge of Allegiance under the leadership of Chiefs Lenart and Lichman. Thank you to the Councilmembers in attendance. There was a good turnout between staff and the community. We will continue to remember.

The Mayor asked Director Snyder to give an update on flooding within the city. On July 20th the city received over 2 inches of rain with approximately 1.8 inches within thirty minutes. On August 23rd the city received 3.5 inches of rain over eleven hours with an inch and three quarters of that in thirty minutes. A very significant amount of rainfall. The Service Department mobilized sewer crews to go through and handle the almost 200 sewer calls received and mobilized the Refuse Department to assist in clean up. A comprehensive call list was created for reference to be used by the Safety Service Department and Sewer Department to prioritize and focus on sanitary issues first over storm and utilize the call data to determine problem spots. Televising was done on Tonawanda, Gibson, Pocono area after the July 20th rainfall but had not received the data back prior to the August 23rd rainfall. Some of the issues from the 23rd in the Mercedes, Mark, Idlewild and Leona area. In addition to televising, additional checks were done with dry weather flow. Councilman Shepherd joined Director Snyder to look at catch basins. Since August 24th, the Service Department and Sewer Division has visited over 140 homes that the city received calls on and have spoken to countless residents beyond that. Some issues were identifiable, but many were not. Storm and sanitary were open, the flow came in, basements were flooded and as soon as the flow in the mains dropped, the water receded. This indicates that the mains could not accommodate the significant volume of water over a short time. The televising helps to locate any potential deficiencies where there is high impact. This data is used to identify major issues, correcting them and communicate that back to the residents. Emails have been collected for communication with residents. Typically, the city maintains sewers via cleaning the storm and sanitary

system every 5-7 years. The focus will be on expediting that schedule so Director Snyder is looking to bring a contractor next year to assist the Sewer Division with maintenance. Downspouts connected to footer tiles can exacerbate this issue because of all the roof water in high flow events and its put right next to the house. Splashing downspouts can also be problematic. The inflow and infiltration are another issue that further exacerbate this problem. Director Snyder has informed residents to maintain their storm laterals in addition to the sanitary because if it is blocked there is nowhere for the water to go and it can come back in the house. To help reduce these extreme rain events, there needs to be a collaborative effort on the part of the city and private property owners. The city has spent over \$40 million over the past two decades with an additional \$20 million planned for projects and will continue utilizing grant funding and tax dollars to increase the capacity in the system and reduce defects in the system that adds to that volume. Sanitary compacity is not the solution to this. The inflow needs to be reduced into the sanitary while increasing capacity at the same time. These storms were of higher volume than usual, and the administration is working with the engineers to increase the diameter of sewer pipes and to see if they need to go to the next step also. Director Snyder thanked all the residents that have reached out to his office for their patience. The city realizes the impact that this has caused on each and every individual with a flooded basement. The city is doing its best in handling all these, planning for them and developing solutions for the future.

The Mayor thanked Council for the Emergency Sewer Contract which was critically important during a time like this along with Council's support on the I & I reduction. If Council hears of other residents that have an issue that has not called, please have them call the Safety Service Department.

- President Moran asked if the calls were broken down into sanitary verses storm. Mr. Snyder said it is hard to get a true indication because you don't always know if the water came from the foundation or the basement drain.
- Mr. Shepherd said there are residents who do have issues but don't call in. He has noticed in his ward that he believes most is the infiltration problem and has reported that to Director Snyder.

The Mayor announced that NOACA awarded their TLCI Implementation Grants. Mr. Snyder will receive \$450,000 for the Center Ridge Road Project.

NOACA reached out to the Mayor regarding the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration a climates resilience regional challenge. Through NOACA, they are sending in several projects that run across eight lakefront communities for a total award of \$75 million. This addresses work at Spencer Creek and erosion control at Rocky River Park below the parking lot wooden deck. This is a letter of intent and interest and will know in the coming months if it is accepted. A huge thank you to Director Snyder for submitting the information.

The city received an award for Parklane Drive for thirteen hundred feet of waterline replacement in the amount of \$400,000. Notably, the items submitted that were not funded this time, may be funded because of other resources they have. This includes Battersea, Westmoor, Jameston and Rivergate. Congratulations to Director Snyder.

Director Snyder has been working with the Illuminating Company regarding LED light replacements. The city entered into an agreement, at no cost to the city, for the Illuminating Company to change out street lighting to LED lights, only as lights burn out.

The Mayor announced that budget preparation has commenced as of this morning. The Directors will have their budgets turned in to Director Thomas and herself by September 29th and November 6th the information will be to Council.

The Mayor announced that the Westshore Young Leaders Network under the Westshore Enforcement Bureau, received a \$25,000 grant from the Ohio Traffic Safety Office called “Drive to Succeed”. This money is for scholarships for individuals who are learning to drive. The individuals need to meet certain criteria to be eligible. More information can be found on the Westshore Enforcement Bureau’s website.

The Mayor shared Building Department Stats through July:

- Total permits - 1,118 which out paces last year at this time by 100.
- \$32 million in added valuation investment as compared to \$26 million last year. This is the highest for the last 10 years for the end of July.

The Fall Arts Festival is this Saturday. There are sixty exhibitors along with the Green Team who will be there and perhaps other civic organizations.

Rocky River Homecoming is September 29th. Please let the school know if you are participating.

The Mayor respectfully requests a Special Meeting next week to move along some of the legislation.

The Mayor also respectfully requests an Executive Session under Article X, Section VI, Subsection III to discuss four legal matters with Legal Counsel.

LAW DEPARTMENT: Law Director O’Shea said that Carl Collins kept suing the City of Rocky River and the City of Westlake based upon convictions from a while back. Law Director O’Shea managed to have the case dismissed. An opinion came out on August 24th by the 8th District Court of Appeals that affirmed the dismissal of a hit skip charge that the City of Rocky River charged someone with under the city’s code. The city’s code does not mirror the State’s Statute Code #4549.02, so the hit skip charge was dismissed. The Law Department has forty-five days from August 24th to appeal this. Director O’Shea intends to reach out to the General Assembly to request a change in the State Code.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: NONE

COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL: President Moran said that the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District information that Council received, had Rocky River in the middle of the pack of the 59 communities outlined in 2021. In 2022 the city moved up four places increasing the recyclables from 32.12 to 34.38. Thank you to the residents for all they are doing to recycle.

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE NO. 51-23

BY: JEANNE GALLAGHER

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTIES KNOWN AS AUDITOR’S PERMANENT PARCEL NOS. 301-17-082, 301-17-083, 301-17-048, AND 301-17-084, FROM THEIR PRESENT CLASSIFICATION OF SM-SERVICE MANUFACTURING TO OB-2-OFFICE, AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT “A”

2nd READING

Mrs. Gallagher said this ordinance needs to be amended. Mrs. Gallagher moved to amend Ordinance No. 51-23 to remove the word emergency and change Permanent Parcel No. 301-17-048 to 301-15-048, seconded by Mr. Furry.

Vote: Shepherd – aye
Morris – aye

Gallagher – aye
Sindelar – aye

Furry - aye
Moran - aye

6 ayes

0 nays

PASSED

AMENDED ORDINANCE NO. 51-23

BY: JEANNE GALLAGHER

AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTIES KNOWN AS AUDITOR'S PERMANENT PARCEL NOS. 301-17-082, 301-17-083, 301-15-048, AND 301-17-084, FROM THEIR PRESENT CLASSIFICATION OF SM-SERVICE MANUFACTURING TO OB-2-OFFICE, AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT "A"

2nd READING

Mrs. Gallagher said there was a Public Meeting on July 26, 2023 with the Planning Commission regarding this ordinance and that is when the error in parcel number was discovered.

ORDINANCE NO. 55-23

BY: BRIAN J. SINDELAR

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 COMPANY AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$55,000.00, AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT "A"

3rd READING

Mr. Sindelar said this has been discussed for a couple of weeks with no major questions or discussion. This company has served the city well and is keeping the price the same through 2024. Mr. Sindelar moved for passage, seconded by Mr. Furry.

Vote: Shepherd – abstain	Gallagher – abstain	Furry - aye
Morris – aye	Sindelar – aye	Moran - aye
4 ayes	2 abstain	0 nays

PASSED

Mr. Shepherd abstained as he has a professional relationship with Ohio Valley Supply and Maintenance Company and Mrs. Gallagher abstained as she has a personal relationship with the owner of this company.

ORDINANCE NO. 61-23

BY: JAMES W. MORAN

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE RATIFICATION OF THE PAYMENT TO UNITED SURVEY, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF TWENTY FOUR THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$24,500.00) FOR THE COST OF THE EMERGENCY PARKLAWN DRIVE SEWER LINER REPAIR AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN THE ATTACHED EXHIBIT "A"

2nd READING

Mr. Moran stated that this is for the payment of the Parklawn Drive sewer liner repair. United Survey completed their services in April 2023.

RESOLUTION NO. 62-23

BY: DAVID W. FURRY

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR A RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM GRANT FROM THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES FOR A STORYBOOK TRAIL AT LINDEN PARK

2nd READING

Mr. Furry stated that this is an authorization to submit an application to ODNR for a Storybook Trail along the path at Linden Park. The city was approached by Evan Baisch, an Eagle Scout candidate from Rocky River. Evan expressed interest in partnering with the city and Rocky River Public Library to create a storybook trail along the path of Linden Park with the help of the Recreational Trail Program

Grant for RTT. As part of the Eagle Scout Project, Mr. Baisch will complete the application, the city will submit it and assist with implementation. This is an \$8,000 request and the grant is \$6,400 and could be less, but Evan is expecting at least \$1,600 in matching funds and/or donations. The city will help install and maintain the angled structures and the Public Library will rotate it out monthly with high resolution PDFs which will be the storybook pages. Mr. Furry moved for a rules suspension, seconded by Mr. Sindelar.

Vote: Shepherd – aye	Gallagher – aye	Furry - aye	
Morris – aye	Sindelar – aye	Moran - aye	
6 ayes		0 nays	PASSED

Mr. Furry moved Resolution No. 62-23 for passage, seconded by Mrs. Morris.

Vote: Shepherd – aye	Gallagher – aye	Furry - aye	
Morris – aye	Sindelar – aye	Moran - aye	
6 ayes		0 nays	PASSED

ORDINANCE NO. 63-23 **BY: JEANNE GALLAGHER**
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE DEVELOPMENT CODE OF THE CODIFIED
ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ROCKY RIVER, SECTION 1167.03 ENTITLED USE
REGULATIONS, REGARDING BUSINESS DISTRICT REGULATIONS AS FURTHER
DESCRIBED IN THE ATTACHED EXHIBIT “A”
REFERRED TO PLANNING

This ordinance is to amend Section 1167.03 regarding teller machines or drive thru’s in general business zones to Conditional Use from Permitted Use. This was referred to the Planning Commission.

ORDINANCE NO. 64-23 **BY: JEANNE GALLAGHER**
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE DEVELOPMENT CODE OF THE CODIFIED
ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ROCKY RIVER, SECTION 1183.09 ENTITLED
CONDITIONAL USES IN THE BUSINESS DISTRICTS, REGARDING BUSINESS DISTRICT
REGULATIONS AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN THE ATTACHED EXHIBIT “A”
REFERRED TO PLANNING

This ordinance is to amend Section 1183.09 to include #3 Car Wash in the schedule and the requirements set forth by Planning for regulations for Uses in Business Districts. This was referred to the Planning Commission.

ORDINANCE NO. 65-23 **BY: JEANNE GALLAGHER**
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE DEVELOPMENT CODE OF THE CODIFIED
ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ROCKY RIVER, SECTION 1187.23 ENTITLED
OFF-STREET WAITING/QUEUING SPACES FOR DRIVE-THRU FACILITIES, REGARDING
BUSINESS DISTRICT REGULATIONS AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN THE ATTACHED
EXHIBIT “A”
REFERRED TO PLANNING

This ordinance is to amend Section 1187.23 #1 to change the minimum number of waiting and queuing spaces from 6 to 12 in establishments serving and or selling food and or drinks. To change #2 automatic car washes from 5 to 12 queuing waiting spaces and to change the language allowing Planning to reduce or add spaces on a case-by-case basis so as not to spill on the street at peak times. This was referred to the Planning Commission.

ORDINANCE NO. 66-23 **BY: JEANNE GALLAGHER**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE DEVELOPMENT CODE OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ROCKY RIVER, SECTION 1183.11 ENTITLED SUPPLEMENTAL REGULATIONS FOR CERTAIN USES, REGARDING BUSINESS DISTRICT REGULATIONS AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN THE ATTACHED EXHIBIT “A” REFERRED TO PLANNING

This ordinance is to amend Section 1183.11 Supplemental Regulations for Certain Uses to include car washes. This was referred to the Planning Commission.

NEW ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCE NO. 67-23

BY: CHRISTINA MORRIS

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ROCKY RIVER AND BROWN AND CALDWELL FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES BIOGAS FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR THE ROCKY RIVER WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$150,320.00

1st READING

Mrs. Morris is excited about this ordinance. The purpose of this project is twofold: to develop a long term sustainable plan to reuse by products at the plant and save money on disposal costs and energy consumption, but reduce the plants overall environmental impact; to take advantage of the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) Funding which as of 2022 includes a 50% credit if started in 2023, a 40% credit if started in 2024 and a 30% credit if started in 2025. This is a planning study and will evaluate the return on investment for putting in a combined heat and power unit to make our own electricity and improve the quality of the biosolids and save on disposal costs. That would create a classification of Class A biosolids to sell for fertilizer. This has been approved in the 2023 budget and there is a grant that has been applied for in the amount of \$40,000 and because of the scope on this project, it may be less than \$150,000. The Management Committee has recommended the acceptance of this project on August 11th.

- Mr. Furry asked who the other engineering firms that are submitted for the study. Mrs. Morris said they are using Brown and Caldwell because they are experienced and has done a similar plan in Columbus.

RESOLUTION NO. 68-23

BY: JAMES W. MORAN

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY FISCAL OFFICER
1st READING

Mr. Moran said that this is the tax rate resolution that is a first step in the 2024 budget process each year. The total city millage will be set at 10.55 mills including:

- Senior Center 0.50
- Refuse & Recycling 1.00
- Recreation Center 0.50
- Bond Retirement 0.65
- Fire Pension 0.30
- Police Pension 0.30
- Capital Improvement 1.00

The debt millage has been reduced over time from 1.0 mills to the amount needed for 2024: 0.65 mills.

RESOLUTION NO. 69-23

BY: JAMES W. MORAN

**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY FISCAL OFFICER TO
ADVANCE TAXES FROM THE PROCEEDS OF ALL TAX LEVIES FOR THE TAX YEAR
2023 PURSUANT TO THE OHIO REVISED CODE
1st READING**

The city requests the Cuyahoga County Fiscal Officer to advance pay property taxes collected from the various city levies to the city prior to the final reconciliation settlement and disbursement. By making this request, the city will receive the 2023 property taxes, for the first half collection cycle, the monies will be paid first in mid-January with a second payment in February instead of waiting until the final reconciliation disbursement in late March or early April.

ORDINANCE NO. 70-23 **BY: BRIAN J. SINDELAR**
**AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY-
SERVICE TO PURCHASE TWO (2) FORD F350 TRUCKS FROM MIKE BASS FORD FOR
THE SERVICE DEPARTMENT AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$102,148.00 AS FURTHER
DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT "A"**
1st READING

Mr. Sindelar noted that this purchase is from Mike Bass Ford as opposed to the State Cooperative Purchasing as there is leeway to save money by purchasing from Mike Bass Ford and are ready now for delivery.

- Mr. Furry noted that in section 3 it states the Police Department and it should read the Service Department.
- Mr. Shepherd asked on the price quote if it is safe to assume that the prices given are per vehicle price and is the same for both vehicles. Mike Bass has two prices listed and the others have only one as they had only one available.

ORDINANCE NO. 71-23 **BY: JOHN B. SHEPHERD**
**AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY-
SERVICE TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH SONA CONSTRUCTION, LLC. FOR
GENERAL CONSTRUCTION OF THE ROCKY RIVER POLICE FIRING RANGE PROJECT
AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$814,500.00, AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT "A"**
1st READING

Mr. Shepherd noted that just the shell of the firing range was completed with the new building. The proposed firing range can be used for rifles. Most of the neighboring police forces do not have this type of facility. It is anticipated that other cities will use this rifle quality range for practice. The city was able secure a contribution in the form of regionalization in the amount of \$1.217 million from the County Council under the ARPA Program. To finish the rifle range, the amount is higher than originally discussed. This ordinance is building out the interior, physical structure of the range. The second ordinance will be for the equipment for the range and HVAC and filtration. This was put out to bid with two bids returning. There was a lower bid, but it was nonresponsive. The bid was reviewed by the Project Manager, the city, the architect, police chief and interviewed SONA and feel they have an understanding of the project and can deliver. SONA's references were checked and were all favorable including the City of Cleveland and the Lorain Port Authority. SONA's subcontractors references were also checked including the Cleveland Clinic, the Regional Transit Authority and three contractors as references. This will have three full reads.

- Mr. Furry said originally the cost to finish the range would be under \$1 million. However, with the grant the amount is close.

ORDINANCE NO. 72-23**BY: BRIAN J. SINDELAR**

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY-SERVICE TO PURCHASE ONE (1) REFUSE SEMI TRAILER FOR THE SERVICE DIVISION FROM REFUSE EQUIPMENT & TRUCK SERVICES, INC., AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$141,000.00, AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT "A"

1st READING

Mr. Sindelar said this was put out to bid and received only one bid back. Before the break, Mr. Sindelar discussed the importance of the transfer station and the current truck bed has structural and rust issues.

- Mr. Furry asked if this is less expensive than going through the State Coop. Mr. Snyder said this cannot be purchased on the state bid as it is a specialized piece of equipment. This contractor has built the last three. This will take six months to build.

ORDINANCE NO. 73-23**BY: THOMAS J. HUNT**

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY-SERVICE TO PURCHASE ONE (1) EMERGENCY MEDICAL AMBULANCE FROM PFUND SUPERIOR SALES FOR THE FIRE DIVISION AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$420,536.00, AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT "A"

1st READING

Mr. Moran said this is the first read. There are three other ambulances in service and this would replace Medic #67 which was purchased in 2005. Medic #67 has 79,947 hard miles on it. The other two vehicles are from 2016 and 2021. The price is a large increase over the last one as they are getting more expensive. This is the best quote so far and includes a powered cot which will enhance the service of the ambulance. This will be delivered in 2025. Mr. Snyder added that Chief Lenart said that so far this year the fire department is ahead 330 calls from last year. The last squad that was purchased two years ago, has 36,643 miles on it and 3,000 engine hours. The 2016 has 78,000 miles on it.

ORDINANCE NO. 74-23**BY: JOHN B. SHEPHERD**

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY-SERVICE TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH INVERIS TRAINING SOLUTIONS, INC., FOR THE ROCKY RIVER POLICE FIRING RANGE SYSTEMS AND EQUIPMENT PROJECT AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$1,050,902.00, AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT "A"

1st READING

This is the ordinance for the equipment for the firing range and HVAC. This was put out to bid with two responsive bids. InVeris was the low bid by \$154,000. There was a scope review conducted by Bowen. The Police Chief and Safety Service Director Rich Snyder were both there. They interviewed the contractor and were satisfied. References include the city of Brecksville, the City of Elizabeth, New Jersey and the Sussex County New Jersey Sheriff. A representative from Bowen talked to each reference directly.

- Mr. Furry asked if the city will need to hire additional police. The Mayor said the city has a Range Master, Detective Asbury. Other departments could also bring their own personnel. This will be a very dynamic range that will allow a lot of opportunity for the department to train effectively.
- Mr. Sindelar asked if this will be a shared service or something they will reimburse the city for. The city has looked at cost sharing on the maintenance of the range. The exact numbers have not been determined.

ORDINANCE NO. 75-23**BY: JAMES W. MORAN**

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE TO MAKE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE CITY OF ROCKY RIVER, OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND TO AMEND AMENDED ORDINANCE NOS. 77-22; 17-23 AND 54-23

1st READING

The need for additional appropriations has arisen in the following areas:

- Safety Service needs appropriations to engage the services of Crain, Langner to prepare to receive proposals for city-wide insurance.
- Computer A Funds for computer workstations for the Judges and from the Computer B Fund a workstation for the Clerk of Court office.
- Commissioner Ray Reich authorized a partial release of the 700 Lake Project \$250,000 deposit in the amount of \$100,000. The city is retaining \$150,000.

ORDINANCE NO. 76-23

BY: BRIAN J. SINDELAR

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY-SERVICE TO PURCHASE ONE (1) 2024 FORD E450 BOX TRUCK FOR THE SERVICE DEPARTMENT UNDER THE STATE COOPERATIVE PURCHASING ACT FROM VALLEY TRUCK CENTERS, AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$73,003.00 AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT "A"

1st READING

Mr. Sindelar said this will need to be amended as there is an error on the exhibit stating it is an F450. The current van was the Sewer Department van and is currently used by the Street Department. It is over 20 years old and has over 76,000 miles on it. The old van can be sold on Gov.deals. This will be purchased from the State Coop.

ORDINANCE NO. 77-23

BY: JOHN B. SHEPHERD

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICE TO ENTER INTO A SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH FABRIZI TRUCKING & PAVING COMPANY, INC. FOR THE EMERGENCY REPAIR OF STREETS AND STORM AND SANITARY SEWERS WITHIN THE CITY OF ROCKY RIVER AND THE WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$325,000.00 AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT "A"

1st READING

Mr. Shepherd said that in Ordinance No. 16-23, Council passed a similar ordinance for \$175,000 set aside for emergency repairs. There has been a substantial increase in pricing for sewer repairs and a surplus of infrastructure conditions that were not detectable before but came to our attention. Attached to the ordinance is a list itemizing the dollar amounts of the five repairs. It was approximately \$7,000 for Elmwood/Kenwood; \$19,000 for Wooster; \$67,000 for the Service Garage; \$64,000 for Hilliard/Westway; and \$244,000 for Center Ridge. This is another \$325,000 but on the budget it will only be an additional \$100,000 because \$225,000 will be switched from the Capital Improvement Fund over to the Capital Improvement Fund Emergency Sewer Repair account and the WWTP Utility Fund.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: Mr. Moran reiterated that there is a request from the high school for the homecoming parade on September 29th. Please let them know if you can attend.

MOTION:

President Moran moved to hold an Executive Session just before the end of this meeting under Article X, Section VI, Subsection III for legal matters that need to be discussed, seconded by Mr. Furry.

Vote: Shepherd – aye Gallagher – aye Furry - aye

Morris – aye
6 ayes

Sindelar – aye

Moran - aye
0 nays

PASSED

PUBLIC COMMENT: Andrea Mediate, the Green Team President and 20-year resident spoke. The Green Team is now 235 members strong with a great meeting last week. The Green Team collaborated with the Chamber of Commerce this summer on the “Tour de River”. Over 100 community members of all ages and they are thankful to the police department for their assistance. However, there were hazards trying to navigate through the streets of Rocky River. The Master Plan created in 2018 has 11 key goals. At least four of these goals relate to providing safer streets for pedestrians and cyclists. Goal #2: improve streetscapes through infrastructure repair and enhancement; Goal #4: collaborate with neighboring cities to unify the Westshore Community; Goal #5: to construct a city-wide trail and bicycle network with a map; Goal #9: develop a connected network of safe streets. Since the beginning of the pandemic and the onset of many working from home, bicycle ridership has grown. The infrastructure for bike lanes, traffic calming and pedestrian safety has improved in neighboring cities, while Rocky River has remained stagnant. A biker can safely ride along bike lanes from downtown Cleveland to Avon Lake/Sheffield border with the exception of Rocky River. Rocky River does not have one bike lane in the entire city for people to navigate. In our meeting with Mayor Bobst this past winter, you tasked the Team to identify gaps within the infrastructure and building culture through bike related events. Ms. Mediate urges the Mayor to work with partners, like the Green Team, Bike Cleveland and its partners Bike Lakewood and Bike River, as well as with the Cuyahoga County Partners and NOACA as you consider future infrastructure improvements. Ms. Mediate asks to be included in the conversations moving forward. One question remains, when do we begin.

President Moran said the next meeting will be September 18th. President Moran wished Councilman Furry and Clerk of Council Pease a happy birthday.

Council moved into Executive Session at 8:25 p.m.

MOTION:

Moved by Mr. Moran, seconded by Mr. Furry that the Executive Session be closed and the Legislative Meeting be adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

Vote: Hunt – aye
Furry – aye
6 ayes

Shepherd – aye
Sindelar – aye
0 nays

Gallagher – aye
Moran - aye

PASSED

James W. Moran
President of Council

Susan G. Pease
Clerk of Council