

CITY OF ROCKY RIVER

May 22, 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. Hunt, Mr. Shepherd, Mrs. Gallagher,
Mr. Furry, Mr. Sindelar, Mr. Moran

Council Members Absent: Mrs. Morris

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 May 8th and the Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting of May 15th be waived and that the minutes be accepted as submitted.

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

PASSED

MAYOR'S REPORT:

The Mayor announced that former Councilmember Tom Malling passed away last week. Mr. Malling was the Ward 4 Representative and served on Council from 1980 to 2003. The Mayor served with Tom and every time the Mayor drives by Walgreen's, she credits Tom Malling with the fact that the City of Rocky River has drive thrus. For a long time, they were prohibited. Tom asked one night during a Council meeting, "Why are we prohibiting these? These are a great convenience to our residents and they would like them." The Mayor remembers Tom in a lot of different ways, especially when Councilman Bartolozzi passed away. Tom was extremely helpful to the family and those of us on Council. He will be missed.

The Mayor stated that a Construction Update went out last Friday but the Mayor wanted to mention that traffic will be maintained, one lane in both direction on Center Ridge Road throughout the duration of the project. They will begin with the middle lanes and then move out to the curb lanes. Regarding the Lakeview and Hampton project, a second letter will be mailed to the residents explaining the importance of contacting City Hall and the ability for the city to work along with residents on their positive tests from the I & I testing. As soon as that letter is drafted, a copy will be sent out to Councilmembers. Residents should call the Safety Service Director's office with any questions.

Councilman Sindelar shared with the Mayor that for the sixth straight year, the RRHS Drama Program has been a recipient of the Dazzle Awards. The Drama Program received the Dazzle Award for the Best Overall Show and Best Set Design at less than \$13,000. The Dazzle Awards is sponsored by Playhouse Square and involves about 30 high schools around the region. Rocky River High School's Musical was

“Bright Star” written by Steve Martin and Edie Brickell.

Memorial Day Activities: The Mayor announced that activities will begin on Saturday, May 27th at Lakewood Park Cemetery beginning at 8:30 a.m. There are more than 4,000 flags to be placed around the cemetery. This will be done with the Joint Veteran’s Council of Lakewood and Rocky River. Coffee will be supplied by Starbucks along with donuts supplied by Giant Eagle. Please invite family members and neighbors to join in.

The Summer Concert Series begins Sunday, May 28th at Rocky River Park at 7:00 p.m. The Rocky River High School Jazz Band will be playing.

The Memorial Day Ceremony is Monday, May 29th at 10:00 a.m. at Lakewood Park Cemetery. There will not be a parade. There is a group of volunteers interested in bringing back the parade, so possibly next year. The Joint Veteran’s Council was having a difficult time finding veterans to participate in the parade. The Guest Speaker is Vince Kapka and the High School Marching Band will be playing. Several local scout troops will assist in leading the Pledge of Allegiance as well as many other community representatives. The veterans want the focus on our fallen.

The pool is being filled and the surface is being laid down in the skating rink. A new donor tree has been installed at Elle’s Enchanted Forest. There have been several community members that have been extremely generous. The tree is a wonderful depiction of the helping hands that built Elle’s Enchanted Forest. Thank you to the residents for their generosity.

The Senior Center’s Senior Players, will be in production this week with the play “Standing Ovation”. It is a musical and comedy. There are several free performances starting this Wednesday at 7:00 p.m., Thursday at 1:30 p.m. and Friday at 1:30 p.m. This is a great program.

Hot Dog Fridays are back beginning this Friday. This is always very popular.

The Rocky River Watershed Council will be hosting their annual Rocky River Clean-up on Saturday, June 3rd. People will meet at 9:00 a.m. at the Emerald Necklace Marina. It will run from 9:00 until 12:00 noon. Bring water, sunscreen and gloves. There will be bags and trash pickers available for volunteers.

The Mayor respectfully requests an Executive Session under Article X, Section VI, Subsection I of the City Charter to discuss a personnel matter.

LAW DEPARTMENT: NONE

COMMITTEE REPORTS: NONE

COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL: President Moran announced that as the Mayor mentioned, Tom Malling passed away May 15th. Tom was 74 years old. Tom was a Rocky River City Councilman for 24 years and one of the few Councilmen that eclipsed two decades serving the City of Rocky River. Tom graduated from Lakewood High school in 1966. He later moved to Rocky River where he raised his twin boys, Scott and Robbie. He was the Ward 4 Councilman for twelve terms. He served under Earl Martin who had his tenure as mayor for a long time. They had some lively discussions at times. He was an outspoken guy. After moving to Florida during retirement, he settled back in Columbus where he lived for the last 3 years. I knew him and his sons well. Scott sells medical devices in Jacksonville Florida and Robbie is an Elementary School Principal in Golden, Colorado. Mr. Moran sends blessings to Tom and the entire Malling family from Rocky River City Council. The Mayor also noted that Bill Welch was in Tom’s wedding. They were very dear friends. Bill stopped the Mayor after a Council meeting and told her that Tom had moved back to Columbus and was close by. The Mayor then had an opportunity to talk

to Tom. He wasn't feeling well at that time. Bill and Tom had a very close friendship. Mr. Moran said their family was very involved in Rocky River for a long time. The Mayor also added that Tom worked for the Ohio Lottery.

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE NO. 39-23

BY: JAMES W. MORAN

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO PAY THE CITY OF CLEVELAND, DIVISION OF WATER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$33,433.20, FOR WATER METER READINGS, FOR THE PERIOD FROM MARCH 1, 2022 TO FEBRUARY 28, 2023, NEEDED BY THE CITY OF ROCKY RIVER, AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT "A"
2nd READING

Mr. Moran said this ordinance is in regard to water meter readings from March 1st, 2022 to February, 2023. There are 7,530 meters to read at the cost of \$4.44 per meter. This is much cheaper than if the city did it ourselves and as the Finance Director noted the meters are owned by the City of Cleveland and the City of Rocky River would need to buy the meters to do their own readings. This has been discussed in the past and this is the best and most efficient way to have this done. This will be discussed further in the next couple of weeks.

RESOLUTION NO. 40-23

BY: JOHN B. SHEPHERD

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF ROCKY RIVER, LOCAL PUBLIC AGENCY (LPA), TO SUBMIT AND ADMINISTER AN APPLICATION TO THE NORTHEAST OHIO AREA WIDE COORDINATING AGENCY (NOACA), FOR THE CONGESTION MITIGATION AND AIR QUALITY (CMAQ) PROGRAM, TO FUND IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE CENTER RIDGE ROAD GATEWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT
2nd READING

Mr. Shepherd said this resolution is a request from NOACA for the section of Center Ridge Road from Pease Drive and Spencer Road. The estimated cost of the project is \$755,500 and the city is requesting \$450,000 from NOACA. This is for signal improvements. There hasn't been any questions on this and will be discussed again in a couple of weeks.

ORDINANCE NO. 41-23

BY: JOHN B. SHEPHERD

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICE TO UTILIZE THE SERVICES OF THE SMITHGROUP FOR ADDITIONAL ENGINEERING AND DESIGN REVIEW FOR THE BRADSTREET'S LANDING WATERFRONT IMPROVEMENTS PHASE II, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$25,000.00, AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT "A"
2nd READING

Mr. Shepherd said that SmithGroup was involved this year with value engineering and preparation of documents for the fourth bidding of Phase II. Because of that and the possibility that they may be needed further, the administration is requesting this ordinance be in place in case they go over the per vendor limit of \$50,000 a year. This is not a change to the appropriation but allowing this amount to go to a vendor over the city limit of \$50,000.

NEW ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCE NO. 42-23**BY: CHRISTINA MORRIS**

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO PURCHASE EQUIPMENT AND REPAIR SERVICES FROM HUBER TECHNOLOGY, INC. FOR THE ROCKY RIVER WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$78,000 AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT A

1st READING

Mr. Moran stated that this was introduced last week by Councilwoman Morris. This was the failure of one of the four bar screens and sheer pins. Huber provided a quote for \$117,000 to repair it. Superintendent Barille made some repairs with his staff bringing the quote down to \$78,000. The equipment was carrying a heavier load than it should have been. Going forward, there will be more inspections and repairs on the remaining screens. The WWTP is exploring a contract with Huber to have inspections done on more of an annual rotating basis. This will be read on June 5th at a Special Meeting so this can be repaired as soon as possible.

Mr. Shepherd asked if his legislation could also be placed on the Special Agenda for June 5th. Mr. Moran concurred.

ORDINANCE NO. 43-23**BY: BRIAN J. SINDELAR**

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICE TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH SIBLEY, INC., FOR THE CIVIC CENTER ROOF REHABILITATION AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$609,730.00, AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT "A"

1st READING

Mr. Sindelar said that attached to the ordinance is Exhibit A which is a memorandum from Director Balla. This part of the Civic Center roof is flat and is the original to the building from 2000. The proposed new roof should last for 30 years and has a 30-year warranty. Magnificat High School and North Ridgeville City School District have given good references for Sibley, Inc. They were the lowest and the best bid. Mr. Sindelar expects two more reads. It is great to see four bids on this project.

- Mr. Shepherd added that he is at the Civic Center and there are quite a few locations that on prolonged rains have buckets. There is a need and this will help address this issue. Mr. Snyder said this is for renovation for all eight sections of flat surface on the roof at the Civic Center. Mr. Balla put in a lot of effort working with manufacturer's recommendations for processes to evaluate the right way to do this roof. Mr. Snyder added that this is like a layover and has a particular process based on the existing roof type. Mr. Snyder will get more information on this to share with Council.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:**MOTION:**

President Moran said the Mayor respectfully requested Council to move into Executive Session under Article X, Section VI, Subsection I of the City Charter to discuss a personnel matter before the end of this meeting, seconded by Mr. Furry.

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

PASSED**PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE**

Council moved into Executive Session at 7:27 p.m.

MOTION:

Moved by Mr. Moran, seconded by Mrs. Gallagher that the Executive Session be closed at 7:39 p.m.

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

There will not be a meeting next Monday as it is the Memorial Day Holiday and the fifth Monday of the month. The next meeting of City Council will be June 5th, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

As there was no further business by members of Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

James W. Moran
President of Council

Susan G. Pease
Clerk of Council