

CITY OF ROCKY RIVER

May 28, 2024

The Legislative Meeting was called to order by Mr. Furry, President of Council, at 7:00 P.M. in the David J. Cook Council Chambers.

Council Members Present: Mr. Hunt, Mrs. Gallagher, Mr. Shipp, Mr. O'Boyle,
Mrs. Morris, Mr. Sindelar, Mr. Furry

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

Law Director: Mr. O'Shea

MOTION:

Moved by President Furry seconded by Mr. Hunt and Mrs. Morris that the reading of the minutes of the May 13th Legislative Meeting, Public Hearing and the CIC Meeting be waived and that the minutes be accepted as presented.

Vote:	Hunt – aye	Gallagher – aye	Shipp – aye	O'Boyle – aye
	Morris – aye	Sindelar – aye	Furry - aye	
	7 – ayes		0 - nays	PASSED

Moved by President Furry seconded by Mrs. Morris and Mrs. Gallagher that the reading of the minutes of the May 20th Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting be waived and that the minutes be accepted as presented.

Vote:	Hunt – aye	Gallagher – aye	Shipp – aye	O'Boyle – aye
	Morris – aye	Sindelar – abstain	Furry - aye	
	6 – ayes	1 – abstain	0 - nays	PASSED

MAYOR'S REPORT:

The Mayor announced that the City of Rocky River was ranked #1 in Cleveland Magazine. A huge shout out to everyone that contributes to making it all happen, most importantly the residents. There is a good team in City Government including the administration, City Council and especially the Leadership Team on the administration side working with the residents day in and day out to make sure that this is the best city to settle, raise a family and have a business. The Mayor is very pleased to receive this ranking. When the questionnaire comes, the Mayor is huddled in the office with all the details that should be shared. The Mayor is blessed and fortunate that she has a lot to share with Cleveland Magazine about how great the community is and of course it comes out in those rankings. The Rocky River City Schools are top performing, the safety statistics are stable and solid along with the resources and the personnel that the city needs. It was a happy day last week to share that with the community.

A big thank you for Memorial Day starting with the Joint Veteran's Council and the Memorial Day Committee. The Memorial Day Committee is an off shoot of the Veteran's Council within the last couple years and the younger veterans have stepped up and have been very helpful with added energy, ideas and support to those who have been doing the Memorial Day Program with the city for many years. The Mayor gave a big thank you to everyone who came out for the flag placement which went very well and included scout troops, church groups, H2O from Lakewood High School and others. Thank you also to Giant Eagle and Starbucks for their donation of refreshments for the volunteers. More than 4,000 flags were placed on veterans' graves on Saturday. Unfortunately, the Jazz Band Concert scheduled for Sunday evening was canceled due to weather. There will be other concerts throughout the summer. On Monday, a big thank you to Council President Furry for standing in for the Mayor during the Memorial Day Ceremony. The Memorial Day Ceremony is something the Mayor has always felt strongly about

and she has been honored every year to stand and share words of remembrance and respect for our fallen. She is sorry she could not be there, but she is glad President Furry was able to deliver the remarks. Thank you to everyone that participated including the Police, Fire, Citizen's Police Academy Alumni, Scout Troops and those of Council that were in attendance.

The Mayor thanked Director Snyder and the staff at City Hall for making sure everything ran smoothly while the Mayor was under the weather.

Director Snyder announced that the city is on schedule to begin the resurfacing of the Wagar/Hilliard intersection beginning June 10th and it is expected to run through August. This is a busy intersection and due to the scope of the project and the small working area, during the construction phase there will be no left turns at that intersection except for police, fire and EMS. There will be detours in place. This information will be shared on social media and it will also be on the website. The detours are for safety and to allow this project to be completed as soon as possible.

The Mayor said that residents should have received a ReadyNotify regarding the June Sewer Bill. Although this information has been sent out for several years, it can be confusing because it is the adjustment bill. Residents will pay three fourths of an estimated bill along with an adjustment bill, along with another quarter of a bill. There is good information on the website regarding this. If there are any resident questions, please forward them to the Finance Department. Thank you to Director Thomas.

The Mayor gave a shout out to Kathryn Kerber, the Director of Planning and Community Development, as she completed her GIS Professional Education and now has a GIS Certification. GIS stands for Geographical Information System, which layers infrastructure that includes sewers, waterlines, electric lines, gas lines and a number of other things and it layers all of this information together so it can be seen at once within an image. The city has wanted someone who is proficient in this, and Director Kerber was willing to take the course and was successful in passing and receiving certification. Congratulations to Director Kerber.

The Mayor announced that the Rocky River Clean-Up is June 1st from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon in the Rocky River Emerald Necklace Marina. This will be the 25th year the WaterShed Council has sponsored the Rocky River clean-up. There will also be a barbecue that will start around 11:00 a.m.

The Mayor also announced that the City of Rocky River will be part of the "Celebration of America 250" in Ohio which will be celebrated across the nation. Communities are being selected as "America 250 Ohio" and the Mayor is happy to announce that the City of Rocky River was selected to be one of these communities that will be a part of the celebration. The Mayor is not sure what is involved, but more information will be forthcoming. City Council will be receiving a resolution on the legislative agenda soon.

- President Furry said he knows how important the Memorial Day Ceremony is to the Mayor and it was an honor to serve in her absence.
- Mr. Sindelar said that President Furry did a nice job at the Memorial Day Ceremony. Mr. O'Boyle concurred that it was delivered very well.
- Mr. Sindelar added that it was good to see different generations helping with the placement of the flags in the community. The Mayor said that it is our role on Memorial Day to carry on the important tradition of remembrance and respect of honoring our fallen.

LAW DEPARTMENT: NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION NO. 28-24

BY: PAUL SHIPP

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR AND ADMINISTER A NATUREWORKS GRANT FROM THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES FOR ELLE'S ENCHANTED FOREST

2nd READING

Mr. Shipp said this has been discussed for a couple of weeks regarding Elle's Enchanted Forest. The city is applying for a grant and a resolution is needed authorizing the Mayor to apply for and administer a Natureworks Grant from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources.

NEW BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE NO. 29-24

BY: BRIAN J. SINDELAR

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICE TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH FABRIZI TRUCKING AND PAVING COMPANY, INC., FOR THE KENSINGTON ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$1,609,441.00, AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT "A"

1st READING

Mr. Sindelar said this went out for bid and the city received only two bids. One bid was from Fabrizi and one was from a company called Tri Mor Corporation. Fabrizi was the low bidder by \$70,000, however was over the engineer's estimate by \$98,000 but still within the allowable 20%. Fabrizi is the recommended contractor for this project. Fabrizi has worked for the city for several years including sewer work such as this. Recommendations have also been received from Strongsville, Bedford and the Lorain County Engineer. Fabrizi has the equipment and the know how to do this type of work. Mr. Sindelar stresses that this project will eliminate some of the over/under sewers which can be a big problem. The new sewers will be separated, lowered and the diameter of the pipe increased to assist in storage capacity. This project will help with basement flooding. Mr. Sindelar said the City of Cleveland Water Department will be paying for the watermain replacement. Since Mr. Sindelar has been on Council, the city has saved at least \$15 million with the agreement with the City of Cleveland Water Department. This will have three full reads.

- President Furry said that the city has been having a good track record on receiving multiple bids but why only two bids received for this project. Mr. Snyder explained that this is a much more complex project so not as many companies are able to do watermain, sewers and resurfacing. Also, it is the time of year and some of the other firms may already have their slate filled for the year.
- President Furry also said that the city has worked with Fabrizia many years and Farizi has specialized equipment so has a more competitive advantage than others. Why was their bid so much higher than the engineer's estimate. Director Snyder said that it comes back with some of the material costs where the costs of precast metal such as manhole structures and things that are difficult to gauge and this project has a lot of that.

CONSENT AGENDA:

RESOLUTION NO. 22-24

BY: THOMAS J. HUNT

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY 9-1-1 PLAN DATED MARCH 6, 2024

3rd READING

Mr. Hunt said this has been discussed for a few weeks. This is a resolution that is required as a community in Cuyahoga County to approve the update of the County’s 9-1-1 Plan that was revised and dated March 6, 2024.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-24

BY: THOMAS J. HUNT

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION VOTING FOR A MAYORAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR APPOINTMENT ON THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY 9-1-1 PROGRAM REVIEW COMMITTEE

3rd READING

Mr. Hunt said that this is a companion piece to the prior resolution regarding appointing a Mayoral Representative on behalf of the members of the 9-1-1 Program Review Committee and all membered communities.

ORDINANCE NO. 24-24

BY: BRIAN J. SINDELAR

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICE TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH RMH CONCRETE & FOUNDATIONS, INC., FOR THE 2024 STREET REPAIR PROGRAM PHASE I AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$1,224,730.81, AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT “A”

3rd READING

Mr. Sindelar said that this has been discussed for several weeks. Mr. Sindelar thinks this is a great project which has been in the works for a long time and will be a transformative area for the city. RMH Concrete & Foundations, Inc. worked on Safety Town and the Parklane Repair Projects, both in 2023. Mr. Sindelar is seeking passage on this tonight.

ORDINANCE NO. 25-24

BY: BRIAN J. SINDELAR

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICE TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH F. P. ALLEGA CONCRETE CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION FOR THE 2024 SIDEWALK PROGRAM IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$564,281.70, AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT “A”

3rd READING

Mr. Sindelar said this is an annual program for the last four years and the city has developed a good relationship with F. P. Allega. F. P. Allega has the knowledge to complete this project. Some residents are taken aback initially with the Sidewalk Program, but this is a way for the city to keep the sidewalks safe and beautiful and to enhance the walkability throughout the city.

ORDINANCE NO. 26-24

BY: BRIAN J. SINDELAR

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICE TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH CARRON ASPHALT PAVING, INC., FOR THE CIVIC CENTER AND LINDEN PARK ASPHALT PATH REPLACEMENT PROJECT AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$160,880.00, AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT “A”

3rd READING

Mr. Sindelar said that the Path Replacement Project for the Recreation Center, Senior Center and Linden Park is exciting. There is a young man in the city, Evan Baisch, that will complete his Eagle Scout Project, “Storybook Trail” once the path at Linden Park is replaced. The “Storybook Trail” will be one story that is replaced often. Both path replacements will enhance the city.

Mr. Furry moved for passage of the Consent Agenda regarding Resolution Nos. 22-24 and 23-24, Ordinance Nos. 24-24, 25-24 and 26-24, seconded by Mr. Hunt.

Vote:

Hunt – aye

Morris – aye

7 – ayes

Gallagher – aye

Sindelar – aye

Shipp – aye

Furry - aye

0 - nays

O’Boyle – aye

PASSED

COMMITTEE REPORTS: NONE

COMMUNICATIONS: NONE

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: Mr. Shipp said that Saturday evening in Ward 4, there was a bad situation and he would like to commend the Rocky River and Fairview Police Department for apprehending the three suspects in Morley Park. They got the job done quickly and efficiently.

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

As there was no further business by members of Council, the Legislative Meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Gallagher. There will be a Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting on June 3rd.

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	Morris – aye	Sindelar – aye	Furry - aye	
	7 – ayes		0 - nays	PASSED

David W. Furry
President of Council

Susan G. Pease
Clerk of Council