

CITY OF ROCKY RIVER

December 11, 2023

PUBLIC HEARING - ORDINANCE NO. 95-23

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE CITY OF ROCKY RIVER, OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2024

Finance Committee Members Present: Mr. Moran, Mr. Hunt, Mr. Furry, Mr. Shepherd

Other Council Members in Attendance: Mrs. Gallagher, Mr. Sindelar

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

Law Director: Mr. O'Shea

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 95-23 was opened at 7:00 p.m. by Mr. Moran, Chair of the Finance Committee. Councilman Moran stated that Ordinance No. 95-23 is the expenses and appropriations for the City of Rocky for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2024. City Council had the opportunity to review the 2024 Budget with the Mayor and Directors on December 1, 2023. The Public Hearing is being held to discuss any questions and/or comments regarding Ordinance No. 95-23. If anyone has any questions/comments, please come forward at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Dr. Gary Previts, 3420 Bradfords Gate asked about the development of the rifle range. Dr. Previts asked how the rifle range relates to the budget and what it involves, access to it and safety concerns about it. It is a sizable amount and you can begin by talking about what the budget will be for construction and operation. Director Snyder responded that the firing range was originally to be constructed with the Police Station as a whole, but through the process of bidding that was held off until recently. The city was lucky enough to secure funding from the Cuyahoga County of \$1.217 million to be allocated towards that. When the original station was designed and the opinion of probable cost came forward from the engineer the total cost was \$1 million. Due to market prices and overall economy based on COVID, the costs did go up. The city recently bid the project in June with the firing range being broken down into general construction and the outfitting of the range portion, so two separate bid packages. Total cost of the range was approximately \$1.8 million total. General construction was \$1 million and the outfitting was about \$800,000. That is roughly the overall cost of the firing range. The city went through the process of bidding for contractors. Two contractors submitted sound bids and the city went with Sona Construction for the general trades. They are a prime contractor with consultant sub-contractors who do the different portions. The firing range fit out itself is being done by Inveris. They have built firing ranges around the country, most notably in New Jersey and others. The city collaborated with engineers to evaluate the bids and select the contractors for each one. The city hired a firm called Quality Control Inspection, Inc. that is doing the construction administration of this project. They are providing an owner's representative on site during the construction of this project. Someone is out there every day. The city has worked with QCI successfully in many different projects within the city. The

overall construction commenced in late November with an expected completion date of end of June 2024. The contract period is 240 days. The city hopes to exceed that. Obviously, the city goes into it with material questions, the biggest being the HVAC System which is very specialized for that range. The range itself, the city collaborated closely with the police department with the design. Richard L. Bowen and Associates is the architect and designer and worked with the police station and were the most knowledgeable of the overall fit out and felt they would be complimentary in getting the range finished. They worked with the city, spoke with other departments to determine the needs and feel this will be a dynamic range with five range lines set up at 90 feet so to qualify with both rifle and pistol. It is set up to bring a vehicle in to practice felony stops, ballistic walls, acoustic baffled ceilings, ballistic ceilings. It is a very dynamic area that will be used for a lot of different features. It will be an asset to the community but also this region for training of members of our department and other departments.

The Mayor added that this will not require the hiring of additional personnel. The police department has range master's that are part of the force. If others use it, there is an exhaust system and filtration system as part of the ballistic portion on one end. The city will be looking at costs for maintenance going forward and charging back some of that cost to other communities per hour.

Director Snyder said he holds progress meetings and the next one is scheduled for this Thursday. He will provide regular updates to Councilman Hunt and will also provide updates to the community.

Finance Director Thomas said that in relation to the budget, the project is underway and mainly appropriated in 2023. There is some carryover in the 2024 appropriations that is staging in conjunction with the progress of the construction.

As there was no further comment, Mr. Moran moved to close the Public Hearing, seconded Mr. Furry.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

James W. Moran
Chair of the Finance Committee

Susan G. Pease
Clerk of Council

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The Regular Legislative Meeting of Council was called to order by Mr. Moran, President of Council in the David J. Cook Council Chambers immediately following the Public Hearing.

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

MOTION:

Moved by Mr. Moran seconded by Mr. Furry that the reading of the minutes of the Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting of December 4th and the Legislative Meeting on November 27th be waived and that the minutes be accepted as submitted.

Vote: Hunt – aye
Furry – aye
6 ayes

Shepherd – aye
Sindelar – aye
0 nays

Gallagher – aye
Moran - aye

PASSED

MAYOR'S REPORT:

The Mayor is pleased to announce that the administration has hired Kathryn Kerber as the new Director of Planning and Community Development. Most recently, Kathryn continues to work in Bay Village writing grants, economic development, etc. She comes to Rocky River with a great deal of background including a law degree and is graduating from CSU's Urban Economic Development Program. She is also a certified program manager. She will be working with Kate in the Building Department on various projects and also with Director Snyder writing grants and managing, administering grants and several other community projects that we hope to expand. She will begin in early January. Kathryn Kerber is the new director, not to be confused with Kim Kerber, our city engineer and they are not related.

The Mayor shared examples of two projects that came in under budget and on time:

- Phase II of Bradstreet's Landing came in more than a quarter of a million dollars under an awarded budget and ahead of schedule. This project was to be completed next spring and it was completed a few weeks ago.
- The improvements at Tri-City Park came in at \$100,000 under budget even with all the issues involved in this project.

Council has always been supportive and engaged in all these projects and it is a measure of everyone's diligence and ultimate success bringing the projects in under budget. The Mayor also gives a shout out to the engineers and contractors.

The Mayor mentioned that the city will be submitting by next Monday a request for the Ohio Capital Budget. The state has a capital budget every two years, this year the budget and next year will be the capital budget. This year it is \$700+million across the state. It is a one-time strategic investment fund that the city will be applying for. These are for transformational, once in a few decade projects and the city

will be submitting to both funds for the renovation of the fire station.

The Mayor reported that it was asked at the last S.A.F.E. meeting to give the suburbs updated noise data from the airport. S.A.F.E. is a Council of Governments that was established to have suburban oversight over Cleveland Hopkins Airport when they were doing an expansion to the runway. Residents can now go online to a tracking system of all flights to voice a complaint. The statistics the Mayor received are as follows concerning noise complaints per city by year for the City of Rocky River:

- 2020 – 128 complaints
- 2021 – 11 complaints
- 2022 – 8 complaints
- 2023 – no complaints

During this time, the Detroit/Cleveland Metroplex was put in to place which sent air traffic down the path of the valley then out several hundred feet over the lake before turning. The Metroplex has had some impact. The city was getting hundreds of complaints prior to the Metroplex being put in to place.

The Mayor gave a big thank you to Mary Hildebrandt, the Senior Center social worker. More than seventy-five Pinzone Tower residents participated in a holiday celebration with treats, games, carols and gift cards. The Mayor thanked Mary for all her time and effort. It used to be an arrangement of dropping gift cards off without special time to spend with the residents.

The Mayor said that next week will be the last week of leaf collection. This week will be the sixth pass through the city and next Monday will begin the last pass of the season. After that, residents may use the brown lawn bags for yard waste. The Mayor reiterated that if there is a car parked in front of leaf piles causing leaves not to be picked up, let the city know and they will manage that for the residents.

LAW DEPARTMENT: Law Director O'Shea said that he is beginning the process of drafting the appropriate legislation to address Issue 2 and whether the city will permit an operation in the City of Rocky River. He will be drafting this legislation and sending it Councilman Hunt for review to pass before the end of the year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Finance Committee: President Moran said that Council had the opportunity on December 1st to finalize Ordinance No. 95-23. There was excellent communication and thank you to the Mayor, Director Thomas and all the directors. It is a great outline for what will be happening in 2024. This Ordinance will not be read for a third time this evening since Councilwoman Morris is absent and not able to vote on it.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL: NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mr. Bobby Kreuger, 21495 Avalon Drive, read a prepared statement. Mr. Kreuger was born and raised in Rocky River and currently resides at the above address. He is a real estate developer that purchased the land at 18960 -19970 Ingersol Drive in September of 2021. In addition to owning these parcels on Ingersol, they are currently working on two significant projects in Rocky River. The first is at 22655 Center Ridge Road, a two-phase multi-family development and the second one is 19933 Lake Road which will be a family office. He also submitted a list of projects for the record that his family's company, the Kreuger Group, has either developed, owned, constructed, or managed in Rocky River over the past 45 years. Over sixty projects in total. The parcels he owns at Ingersol are a topic of legislation this evening and the reason for his forthcoming statement. Rocky River has a formal rezoning process that he has followed with the guidance of the Mayor and the Planning Commission. His request is that the City Council support the Planning Commission's recommendation

for the rezoning of these parcels on Ingersol to OB-2. Their goal for this project is to create a meaningful community development. The service manufacturing uses associated with the current zoning are obsolete and are not an asset to the community. Without proper zoning the best position for any developer would be to sell off the existing lots individually to separate owners each with their own vision. It is difficult to predict how this might turn out but it seems fair to say that it would present challenges to creating a cohesive development pattern. He believes this is a once in a lifetime opportunity for the property and the City of Rocky River. The company has made every effort to respect and compliment the city's Master Plan goals with the development of this project and being transparent about their intentions throughout this zoning application. He is asking for the zoning change to make the project work for them, yes, but they also believe this change will benefit the broader community economically and socially both now and for years to come. Thank you.

Lisa Havemann, 180 Buckingham Road, said that during the Planning Commission meeting, they commented that City Council did not have the experience or expertise needed to determine the appropriate height restrictions and while she thinks engineering and zoning knowledge is useful, she agrees with Councilwoman Gallagher's statement that the primary objective is to look out for the interest of the residents. Therefore, she believes City Council does have the adequate knowledge and experience to evaluate these things. She appreciates that Council is taking a more in-depth look at the zoning proposals that come before Council. As the Mayor rightly pointed out, the railroad tracks are adjacent to the parcels while the streets are not. However, for residents the impact is much the same regardless of whether they are separated by a street or railroad tracks. Therefore, Councilman Shepherd's idea of a radius to determine whether a project is near a residential property seems like an appropriate standard than using the adjacent parcel standard. Last week Councilman Sindelar argued that office buildings are still a desired land use since two buildings were put up on Lake Road. She argues that his observation is only partly correct because developers are still interested in small office buildings in Rocky River but suspects the demand for super tall buildings which would require the OB-2 zoning as it is now, are probably more limited. Councilman's Shepherd's suggestion to create a mixed land use zoning designation seems like the most appropriate solution to the Ingersol situation. OB-2 with the higher height restriction, for example 80 to 100 feet seems reasonable for an all-commercial location like Center Ridge Road. However, it is a bit high for a location like Ingersol Drive. She also thinks that the proposed re-development for that location is not really an office building. It is expected to be commercial and residential mixed land use. Therefore, neither a residential only or an office building only classification seems appropriate to her. Frankly, both the current designation of 150 feet and the County's recommendation of 120 feet, seem too tall for Ingersol Drive and possibly the entire city. She has heard many residents express this same sentiment. At their last meeting, the Planning Commission expressed concern that seventy feet was not significantly different than the OB-1 height limit of 55 feet. She thinks that is a fair point. A higher OB-2 height restriction might be appropriate for large commercial centers like Center Ridge. Even more reason to create a new mixed use zoning classification that then could be used for Ingersol Drive. One of the Councilmembers said that decisions should not be anecdotal stories from citizens, but rather rely on the comments made during the Public Hearings. Often, residents are unaware or unable to attend the Public Meetings, however opinions communicated directly to Council members are just as valid as those made during the hearings and shouldn't be considered anecdotal. Lastly, in the past, minutes, agendas and attachments were very challenging to locate on the city's webpage. The new link of Meeting Central on the city's homepage is very helpful and eliminates a lot of confusion.

- Mr. Sindelar corrected Ms. Havemann saying he did not advocate for office buildings. He stated the fact that regardless of trends two people about 100 feet from each other are building office buildings. He was not advocating one way or the other. Ms. Havemann did not mean Mr.

Sindelar was advocating. Mr. Sindelar said he was just pointing out a fact.

Brenda Russ, 522 Beachcliff Row Drive, which is near Ingersol. Her question tonight is as described in Exhibit A and there is no Exhibit A, where can she locate that? That might give information as to what the builder is intending to build. Mrs. Gallagher gave her Exhibit A. Ms. Russ said that with the addition of the two office buildings there will be an increase in traffic in that area and that should be a heavy consideration. The Mayor said that Ms. Russ can meet with the Building Department regarding the rezoning. The Mayor said the rezoning is separate from the project itself. Rezoning should look at the highest and best use in each area. That is hard because everyone wants to know what the project is, why it is being rezoned, but they are parallel processes. In addition, the Development Code is being updated because the city has been working on it to match the Master Plan. In addition to this height question, which is an important one, there is also an addition of permitted uses. The question of mixed use is addressed in these additional permitted uses, even though it is not defined as mixed use zoning. Feel free to call the Mayor's office in the morning, she will get Ms. Russ everything she has.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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,
301-17-048, AND 301-17-084, FROM THEIR PRESENT CLASSIFICATION OF SM-SERVICE
MANUFACTURING TO OB-2-OFFICE, AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT "A"
ON HOLD

This was referred to the Planning Commission and remains on hold.

AMENDED ORDINANCE NO. 80-23 **BY: JEANNE GALLAGHER**
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING VARIOUS SECTIONS OF ROCKY RIVER CODIFIED
ORDINANCES CHAPTER 1163 ENTITLED: OFFICE BUILDING DISTRICT
REGULATIONS", AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN THE ATTACHED EXHIBIT "A"
ON HOLD

Mrs. Gallagher said this is amending various sections of the Codified Ordinances, Chapter 1163 Entitled Office Building District Regulations. This was discussed last week and is being referred back to Planning with the recommendation.

ORDINANCE NO. 81-23 **BY: JEANNE GALLAGHER**
AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF CERTAIN REAL
PROPERTIES KNOWN AS AUDITOR'S PERMANENT PARCEL NO. 301-18-083 FROM ITS
PRESENT CLASSIFICATION OF OB-2 OFFICE TO LB LOCAL BUSINESS, AS FURTHER
DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT "A"
3rd READING

Mrs. Gallagher said there will be a Public Hearing next Monday, December 18th at 7:00 p.m. regarding this ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 95-23 **BY: JAMES W. MORAN**
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3rd READING

Mr. Moran said this is an annual ordinance for the 2024 Budget. Director Thomas forwarded an amended exhibit with a total decrease of about \$15,000. There were changes made to the WWTP and other alignments with insurance and severance compensations. Mr. Moran moved to amend Ordinance No. 95-23 by substitution, seconded by Mr. Hunt.

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

PASSED

ORDINANCE NO. 101-23

BY: JAMES W. MORAN

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE CREATING POSITIONS AND FIXING OR ESTABLISHING THE ANNUAL SALARIES AND HOURLY RATES COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2024 FOR THE APPOINTED EMPLOYEES IN THE SEVERAL DIVISIONS AND DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY OF ROCKY RIVER

3rd READING

This is the employees receiving approximately a 3% increase to their 2024 salaries. A couple of new positions were added along with minimum wage increasing to \$10.45 and other individual items that were discussed previously. Mr. Moran moved for passage, seconded by Mr. Furry.

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

PASSED

ORDINANCE NO. 102-23

BY: JOHN B. SHEPHERD

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH MACKAY ENGINEERING AND SURVEYING COMPANY A DIVISION OF WALLACE & PANCHER, INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL CONSULTING AND ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR 2024 AND 2025 AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT “A”

2nd READING

Mr. Shepherd said this ordinance will be a two-year contract where MacKay could provide engineering services for the city as needed by the city at the option of the city. The city is free to go outside this agreement as it is a non-exclusive contract, but it does set forth the rates that will be charged during the term if the city elects to use MacKay. As discussed before, MacKay has a strong institutional knowledge of the city’s infrastructure and streets.

ORDINANCE NO. 103-23

BY: JOHN B. SHEPHERD

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH DELTA DENTAL TO PROVIDE DENTAL COVERAGE FOR THE FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF ROCKY RIVER, AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT “A”

2nd READING

Mr. Shepherd said this meets the city’s obligations under the Collective Bargaining Agreements for the organized labor and other full-time employees to provide Dental Insurance. This ordinance will have an increase of 2.68% in premium costs for the first year with no rate increase in the second year.

RESOLUTION NO. 104-23**BY: JOHN B. SHEPHERD**

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND HER DESIGNEE TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES URBAN FORESTRY GRANT PROGRAM FOR TREE LAWN TREE PLANTING TO IMPROVE THE CITY'S TREE CANOPY
2nd READING

Mr. Shepherd said this is at no cost to the city. It authorizes the city to apply to the Department of Natural Resources for grants to plant trees. This is used for tree lawn trees which is one device used for traffic calming.

ORDINANCE NO. 105-23**BY: JOHN B. SHEPHERD**

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR VARIOUS INSURANCE COVERAGES FOR THE CITY OF ROCKY RIVER WITH MCGOWAN INSURANCE COMPANY, INC. FOR THE YEAR 2024 AT A TOTAL COST OF \$313,791.00, AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT "A"
2nd READING

Mr. Shepherd said this is insurance for the city and the agency would also be writing the proposal for the Municipal Court and the WWTP under one policy. The package for all three policies is at a 10% increase in premium costs.

- The Mayor received information back from McGowan on those items recommended by Crain Langner. At an additional premium of \$3,852 they would add to the quote \$1 million of coverage for employee theft and dishonesty, forgery, robbery, safe burglary, outside theft, any computer fund transfers, money orders or fraudulent impersonation. It also includes \$100,000 in first party sewer back up for city buildings and an additional \$5 million in flood and earthquake. They also say to increase the \$25,000 blanket on emergency medical equipment to \$60,000. The Mayor said the cover sheet will be amended to add this recommendation and have it ready for Council next week. All three entities are being covered and will be broken out into those various budgets.

ORDINANCE NO. 106-23**BY: JOHN B. SHEPHERD**

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR VARIOUS INSURANCE COVERAGES FOR THE ROCKY RIVER MUNICIPAL COURT WITH MCGOWAN INSURANCE COMPANY, INC., FOR THE YEAR 2024 AT A TOTAL COST OF \$8,700.00, AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT "A"
2nd READING

Mr. Shepherd said this is for insurance for the municipal coverage for the courts.

ORDINANCE NO. 107-23**BY: JOHN B. SHEPHERD**

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR VARIOUS INSURANCE COVERAGES FOR THE ROCKY RIVER WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT WITH MCGOWAN INSURANCE COMPANY, INC., FOR THE YEAR 2024 AT A TOTAL COST OF \$113,226.00, AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT "A"

2nd READING

Mr. Shepherd said that Council just discussed the rates and the underline insurance and some fine tuning that may need to be done prior to next week's meeting, but this is the portion for the WWTP. An RFP was put out for this insurance and seven companies expressed some interest, three tried to bid on it and only two came through with bids. The city hired an independent consultant that closely analyzed these bids and came up with the recommendation to go with the agent and insurance company that is mentioned in these ordinances. Mr. Shepherd said Council appreciates Director Snyder and the administration for hiring the consultant.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION NO. 108-23

BY: JOHN B. SHEPHERD

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM FOR THE YEARS 2024 THROUGH 2025

1st READING

Mr. Shepherd said that by participating in the Ohio Department of Transportation Cooperative Purchasing Program, the city often gets better pricing than on the open market or through other means. They buy in bulk for the state and various cities and governmental agencies within the state that participate. To participate, the city signs a two-year contract but do not have to make any purchases under it but have to have a contract in place. Part of the contract procedure is to have a resolution.

ORDINANCE NO. 109-23

BY: JAMES W. MORAN

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR TO PURCHASE GASOLINE, FUEL OIL AND ALLIED PRODUCTS ON THE OPEN MARKET AT THE BEST PRICES POSSIBLE FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2024 TO DECEMBER 31, 2024

1st READING

Mr. Moran said that this has been looked at in the past and the city has always been able to save money. The city has an opportunity to buy gas and fuel oil and allied products under the State Cooperative Program but save 10-15% by doing it on the open market. In 2023, it was a 5% savings in the amount of \$15,000. Thank you for the time it takes to compare the state bid to the open market. This is the first read and may be passed on a second read next week to be sure it is in place for the first of the year.

ORDINANCE NO. 110-23

BY: JAMES W. MORAN

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR TO PURCHASE TIRES ON THE OPEN MARKET AT THE BEST PRICES POSSIBLE FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2024 TO DECEMBER 31, 2024

1st READING

Mr. Moran said that the city has the opportunity to buy tires on the State Cooperative Program but the city can take it out to bid as done in the past. The city usually saves money by going out to the open market. This is a first read and is a yearly ordinance for the last ten years. This will also have a second read next week and may be passed on two reads instead of three.

ORDINANCE NO. 111-23

BY: JOHN B. SHEPHERD

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR 2024 AND 2025 WITH THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH FOR SERVICES TO THE CITY OF ROCKY RIVER AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT "A"

1st READING

Mr. Shepherd said that by law the State of Ohio requires Rocky River to maintain a Public Health District to provide certain basic needs to the city's residents. They allow the city to participate in a large group to do this and the city participates in the Cuyahoga County Health District for years. Under this ordinance the rates will be \$7.25 per capita for 2024 and \$8.00 per capita in 2025. The County used the last ten-year census with the population of Rocky River at 21,755 people. The contract attached to the ordinance lists many services for the residents and it would be extremely hard for the city to provide all the services listed under this ordinance.

CONSENT AGENDA:

ORDINANCE NO. 88-23

BY: CHRISTINA MORRIS

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY-SERVICE TO RENEW FOR ONE (1) YEAR THE AGREEMENT WITH RUPLE TRUCKING LLC FOR THE REMOVAL OF DIGESTED SLUDGE CAKE (WINTER SEASON) FOR THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT AT A COST OF \$56.99 PER TON AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT "A"

3rd READING

Mr. Moran said this is to renew for one year the agreement with Ruple Trucking for the removal of digested sludge cake for the winter season at \$56.99 per ton, which is the same price as last year.

ORDINANCE NO. 89-23

BY: CHRISTINA MORRIS

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY-SERVICE TO RENEW FOR ONE (1) YEAR THE AGREEMENT WITH JAMES DIAZ FARM FOR THE REMOVAL OF DIGESTED SLUDGE CAKE (SUMMER SEASON) FOR THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT AT THE COST OF \$46.00 PER TON FOR THE YEAR 2024

3rd READING

This is a yearly ordinance for the renewal of the agreement with James Diaz Farm for the removal of digested sludge cake for the summer season at \$46.00 per ton, which is the same price as last year.

ORDINANCE NO. 90-23

BY: CHRISTINA MORRIS

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY-SERVICE TO RENEW FOR ONE (1) YEAR THE AGREEMENT WITH PVS TECHNOLOGIES, INC FOR THE PURCHASE AND SUPPLY OF FERRIC CHLORIDE FOR THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT AT A COST OF \$1173.00 PER DRY TON FOR THE YEAR 2024

3rd READING

This is a yearly ordinance for the renewal for one year with PVS Technologies for the purchase and supply of Ferric Chloride for the WWTP at a cost of \$1173 per dry ton. This is the same price as last year.

ORDINANCE NO. 91-23

BY: CHRISTINA MORRIS

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY-SERVICE TO RENEW FOR ONE (1) YEAR THE AGREEMENT WITH PVS CHEMICAL SOLUTIONS, INC FOR THE PURCHASE AND SUPPLY OF SODIUM BISULFITE FOR THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT AT A COST OF \$1.87 PER GALLON FOR THE YEAR 2024

3rd READING

This is a yearly ordinance for the renewal for one year with PVS Chemical Solutions for the purchase and supply of Sodium Bisulfite for the WWTP at \$1.87 per gallon. This is the same price as last year.

ORDINANCE NO. 92-23

BY: JAMES W. MORAN

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 171 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ROCKY RIVER ENTITLED "MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX" BY AMENDING SECTIONS 171.2803, 171.2805 AND 171.2818 AND ADDING SECTION 171.2827 AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN THE ATTACHED EXHIBIT "A"

3rd READING

Mr. Moran said this is to align the City Income Tax Code with provisions passed as part of Ohio House Bill 33. It was reviewed by R.I.T.A. and HB 33 was correctly incorporated in the city's Codified Ordinance in relation to this ordinance. Thank you to Director Thomas for the review.

ORDINANCE NO. 93-23

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; 54-23 AND 75-23

3rd READING

Mr. Moran said this has been discussed the last few weeks. This is a supplemental appropriation to cover \$125,000 worth of electricity bills for the traffic division and other expenses that will remain for the fiscal year 2023.

ORDINANCE NO. 94-23

BY: DAVID W. FURRY

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICE TO PURCHASE PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT FOR MARTIN PARK FROM SNIDER RECREATION INC. AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$125,000.00, AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT "A"

3rd READING

Mr. Furry said that this is to purchase playground equipment for Martin's Park at a cost not to exceed \$125,000. Three bids were received and although Snider was not the lowest, they were the best as vetted by the Parks and Recreation Commission, Parks and Recreation Foundation as well Recreation Department staff. The city was looking for elements in the 2-12 age range.

ORDINANCE NO. 96-23

BY: CHRISTINA MORRIS

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY-SERVICE TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR FOR THE REMOVAL OF GRIT AND SCREENINGS TO A MUNICIPAL LANDFILL FOR THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT FROM KIMBLE COMPANY, AT A COST OF \$98.73 PER TON AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT "A"

3rd READING

Mr. Moran said this is a yearly ordinance that removes grit and screenings. The WWTP will be using the Kimble Company which was the only bid at the price of \$98.73 per ton.

ORDINANCE NO. 97-23

BY: CHRISTINA MORRIS

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ROCKY RIVER AND HAZEN AND SAWYER FOR PROFESSIONAL CONSULTING SANITARY ENGINEERING SERVICES IN 2024 AND 2025 FOR THE ROCKY RIVER WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT (WWTP) IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$485,300 AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT "A"

3rd READING

Mr. Moran said Hazen and Sawyer has been the consulting engineering contractor for many years. This is a two-year contract. The cost will be split between the four cities that utilize the WWTP.

ORDINANCE NO. 98-23

BY: JOHN B. SHEPHERD

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS WITH OCHS, INC. LIFE INSURANCE TO PROVIDE LIFE INSURANCE FOR THE FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF ROCKY RIVER, AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT "A"

3rd READING

Mr. Shepherd said that the city provides a benefit for the full-time employees and the bargained for employee's life insurance that is required under the bargaining units under the collective bargaining agreements. This policy is for a three-year period with a zero percent premium increase for all three years. The current coverage is maintained at \$50,000 and the full-time employee can purchase supplemental coverage at their own expense. There have been no design changes in the policy.

ORDINANCE NO. 99-23

BY: JOHN B. SHEPHERD

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS WITH MEDICAL MUTUAL OF OHIO TO PROVIDE HEALTH CARE, PRESCRIPTION INSURANCE COVERAGE, AND OPTIONAL VISION COVERAGE FOR THE FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF ROCKY RIVER, AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT "A"

3rd READING

Mr. Shepherd said this provides the health benefits to the full-time employees and the collectively bargained for employees. It is for healthcare and prescription coverage with optional vision if the employee wants it at their cost. There was no plan design change, but by the city increasing the stop gap to \$130,000 it lowered the premiums by 5.12%.

ORDINANCE NO. 100-23

BY: CHRISTINA MORRIS

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO PURCHASE TWO (2) IDENTICAL PUMPS FROM BERRINGTON PUMPS & SYSTEMS, INC. FOR THE ROCKY RIVER WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$160,000

3rd READING

Mr. Moran said this ordinance has been discussed several times along with Superintendent Barille presenting this information at the Finance Committee Meeting. They are necessary with a long lead time and will keep one for back up.

MOTION:

Mr. Moran moved for passage of the consent agenda for Ordinance Nos. 88-23 through 94-23 and 96-23 through 100-23 seconded by Mr. Furry.

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

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT: Lisa Havemann, 180 Buckingham Road, revised her earlier statement to say that Councilman Sindelar pointed out that office buildings are being built. Last week the Mayor mentioned Lily White's business model. Ms. Havemann saw her last week and joined her business. Her medical practice is \$80.00 a month and you can see her as many times as you want, you can text her and very quickly get an appointment with her. It is a nice option for people who cannot afford to see their actual doctor. The first appointment she spends two hours with you and is very thorough. She believes in collaborative care and considers what the patients want and collaborates with the patients. Dr. White also bills labs at cost.

As there was no further business by members of Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m. Next week Council will have a Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 81-23 followed by a Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting then finishing with a Special Meeting.

James W. Moran
President of Council

Susan Pease
Clerk of Council