

CITY OF ROCKY RIVER

December 19, 2022

The Special Meeting of Council was called to order by Mr. Moran, President of Council, immediately following the Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting in the David J. Cook Council Chambers.

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

Absent: Mrs. Gallagher

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

Law Director: Mr. O'Shea

MOTION:

Moved by Mr. Moran, seconded by Mr. Furry that the reading of the minutes of the Legislative Meeting and Executive Session of December 12th, and the Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting minutes of December 5th be waived and that the minutes be accepted as submitted.

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

PASSED

MAYOR'S REPORT: NONE

LAW DEPARTMENT: Mr. O'Shea stated that during the Director's Meeting this morning another email phishing attempt was discussed. They are getting more creative and aggressive so be careful. If an email is not recognized, just delete the message. Mr. O'Shea reinforced the plea to residents to please lock their car doors and do not leave anything of value in them. Do not leave your car running because of the cold. This is one of the biggest crimes of opportunity that happens in Rocky River and the less opportunity they have the less word on the street that Rocky River is the place to go.

- President Moran reiterated that Mr. Grau will assist and help with any questionable email.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: NONE

COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL: NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

AMENDED ORDINANCE NO. 76-22

BY: JAMES W. MORAN

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE CREATING POSITIONS AND FIXING OR ESTABLISHING THE ANNUAL SALARIES AND HOURLY RATES COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2023 FOR THE

APPOINTED EMPLOYEES IN THE SEVERAL DIVISIONS AND DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY OF ROCKY RIVER
3rd READING

President Moran said this is the amended ordinance fixing the salaries starting January 1 2023 through December 31, 2023. The amendments were to make some additions and changes for new titles, a 3% increase for staff and increase of minimum wage to \$10.10 an hour. This has been discussed for several weeks and reflects all the CBA's that have been discussed at length. Mr. Moran said that Council appreciates all the work that has been done by the administration and the unions bringing things together.

Mr. Moran moved for passage of Amended Ordinance No. 76-22, seconded by Mr. Furry as amended.

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

AMENDED ORDINANCE NO. 77-22
AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE CITY OF ROCKY RIVER, OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023
3rd READING

BY: JAMES W. MORAN

President Moran said this is the projected budget and appropriations for the current expenses from January 1st 2023 through December 31st, 2023. As mentioned before through the budget meetings, this was an outline presented by all the Directors to the Mayor and Finance Director. This is the budget for the entire year with a lot of plans going forward for this year. The Director's reports on December 2nd were very informative and it tells a great story and showed the involvement of the directors and enthusiasm for their department. Mr. Moran thanked the Mayor and all the Directors. Mr. Moran moved for passage Amended Ordinance No. 77-22, seconded by Mr. Furry,

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

ORDINANCE NO. 82-22
BY: JOHN B. SHEPHERD

Mr. Shepherd discussed the amendment for this ordinance. The fourth "Whereas" referred to the healthcare as a minimum premium contract and referred to the prescription coverage as an Administrative Services Only Contract and it turns out that both those terms apply to both coverages. The city spoke with the Insurance Division Consultant and he suggested that the minimum premium contract is the most appropriate term to use. Mr. Shepherd moved to amend Ordinance 82-22 with that change in the fourth whereas and in Section 1 of the cover ordinance, seconded by Mr. Furry.

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

AMENDED ORDINANCE NO. 82-22
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"
2nd READING

BY: JOHN B. SHEPHERD

Mr. Shepherd moved for a rule suspension for this ordinance as it needs to be in place by the first of the year to meet the obligations under the Collective Bargaining Agreements and to provide a continuous insurance for the full-time employees. This went out to bid two years ago and will go out to bid next year per the recommendation. This year

there is a modest increase but is below the increases neighboring cities are experiencing and our claims record has been good. Mr. Shepherd moved to suspend the third read rule for Amended Ordinance No. 82-22, seconded by Mr. Furry.

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

Mr. Shepherd moved for passage of Amended Ordinance No. 82-22, seconded by Mr. Furry.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 83-22

BY: JAMES W. MORAN

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE ROCKY RIVER FIRE FIGHTERS ASSOCIATION, LOCAL #659, REPRESENTING THE EMPLOYEES OF THE ROCKY RIVER FIRE DIVISION, AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT “A” 2nd READING

Mr. Moran said that this is the contract with the Rocky River Firefighters and Council has 30 days to pass it. The next Legislative Meeting is not until January 9th, so Mr. Moran will move to suspend the three-read rule. This is a three-year contract with a 3% increase each year and the following additional items:

- Additional steps for the newly hired firefighters
- The acting pay for the MOU between the unions and the management coming into play around July 1st
- The squad differential of \$2.00 for the lead squad
- An increased educational differential, paramedic certification at \$2500 and a Bachelor’s Degree at \$1500 promoting continuing education
- Increase in comp time training bank to 48 hours
- Added the Juneteenth Holiday
- No increase in clothing allowance
- No increase in longevity payments

Mr. Moran moved to suspend the three-read rule, seconded by Mr. Furry.

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

Mr. Moran moved for passage Ordinance No. 83-22, seconded by Mr. Furry.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 84-22

BY: JAMES W. MORAN

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE TEAMSTERS LOCAL UNION 436 REPRESENTING CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF THE ROCKY RIVER WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT, AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT “A” 2nd READING

Mr. Moran said that this contract follows the same increase across the board at 3% and approve this before the end of the year. The contract also includes:

- An added operator license stipend:

- Level one at \$750
- Level two at \$1,000
- Level three at \$1,250
- There is a uniform allowance increase of \$100 up to \$900.
- Contract language was clarified stating the Superintendent can arrange for a temporary job and assignment moving up employees to fill the opening
- Clarified language when employees work on observed holidays verses the actual holiday
- There is a reduced calendar days for internal postings allowing management to speed up the hiring process.

Mr. Moran moved to suspend the three-read rule, seconded by Mr. Furry.

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

Mr. Moran moved for passage Ordinance No. 84-22, seconded by Mr. Furry.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE NO. 85-22 **BY: JEANNE GALLAGHER**
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ROCKY RIVER,
SECTION 1123.02 OF THE DEVELOPMENT CODE ENTITLED “DEFINITIONS”, AS FURTHER
DESCRIBED IN THE ATTACHED EXHIBIT “A”
1st READING

Mr. Moran stated that this ordinance will be referred to the Planning Commission for review and they will send it back to Council. This ordinance will be amended to add the date of recommendation by the Planning Commission. Mr. O’Shea stated that it defines an attached garage. Mr. Moran spoke with Councilwoman Gallagher regarding clarifying the language.

- Mr. Furry asked if this is to remove the extra living space. The Mayor stated that this is not the intent. The intent is to clarify the detached verses an attached. There was an issue in Ward 1 so this needs to be clarified and there will be a next step to this. When a garage is attached to a house, it can have an entire floor on top of it, but if that same garage was 20 feet away or 15 feet away from the house, it could not because it is detached. This defines that space.
- The Mayor added that this is an important definition and provides clarity for the new Development Code.

ORDINANCE NO. 86-22 **BY: JEANNE GALLAGHER**
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ROCKY RIVER
SECTION 1153.15(d) ENTITLED “DETACHED GARAGES”, AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN THE
ATTACHED EXHIBIT “A”
1st READING

Mr. Moran stated that this is a sister ordinance to Ordinance No. 85-22. This will define what a detached garage is. This will be referred to the Planning Commission and the Planning Commission will send it back to Council with their recommendation.

ORDINANCE NO. 87-22

BY: THOMAS J. HUNT

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN CUYAHOGA COUNTY DIVISION OF CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES (“CCDCFS”) AND THE CITY OF ROCKY RIVER POLICE DEPARTMENT REGARDING REPORTING AND INVESTIGATIONS OF ABUSE AND NEGLECT, ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT A

1st READING

Mr. Hunt said this was discussed at the Committee-of-the-Whole meeting. Please let Mr. Hunt know if there are any questions or a need for additional information. This will be discussed further in January.

- Mrs. Morris asked if other cities are involved in this MOU. The Mayor and Mr. Hunt said yes. Many cities signed on with the original MOU. This is an amended MOU. The Mayor said the last page of the exhibit is the signature page which has been signed by several other jurisdictions.
- The Mayor offered to send the full document to Council if necessary. The Mayor stated that she feels this collaboration already exists, it already happens and they are already working together. This happened with prior agreements and that’s the way law enforcement works. This formalizes and standardizes the response.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mr. Sandy Stiassni of Lakewood, Ohio and Irvine, CA. This is his second visit to a Council Committee Meeting. In addition to extending his holiday greeting, this is his 25th Council meeting this year on the north and west coast. He complimented this Council on the truly bipartisan approach to business. Local business comes first and partisan issues clearly come second. He has a strong feeling that this Council looks at Rocky River as a unified entity and makes decisions for the benefit of all its residents. He feels this Council is doing a great job. The Mayor has met Mr. Stiassni previously and he understands and is very involved in local government and how effective and non-effective local government can be.

As there was no further business by members of Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m. The next meeting will be held on January 9th, 2023. President Moran wished everyone a happy, safe and healthy holiday. Looking forward to next year. The Mayor thanked Council for all the time spent with the Directors and passing the 2023 Budget.

James W. Moran
President of Council

Susan G. Pease
Clerk of Council