

CITY OF ROCKY RIVER

FEBRUARY 10, 2020

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

Council Members Present: Mr. Hunt, Mr. Shepherd, Mr. O’Donnell, Mr. Furry,
Mrs. Morris (7:03), Mr. Klym, Mr. Moran

Administration: Mayor Bobst, Director Snyder, Director Thomas

Law Director: Mr. Bemer

MOTION:

Moved by Mr. Moran, seconded by Mr. Fury that the reading of the minutes of the Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting of February 3rd be waived and that the minutes be accepted as submitted.

Vote: Hunt – abstain	Shepherd – aye	O’Donnell – aye	
Furry – aye	Klym – aye	Moran – abstain	
4 ayes	2 abstain	0 nays	PASSED

Moved by Mr. Moran, seconded by Mr. O’Donnell that the reading of the minutes of the Legislative Meeting of January 27th be waived and that the minutes be accepted as submitted.

Vote: Hunt – aye	Shepherd – aye	O’Donnell – aye	Furry – aye
Morris – aye	Klym – aye	Moran – aye	
7 ayes		0 nays	PASSED

MAYOR’S REPORT:

The Mayor announced that today was the opening of Raising Cane’s Chicken Fingers along with the ribbon cutting ceremony. The Mayor discussed the amount of work performed by Law Director Bemer in having the Executive Club Buildings demolished. The City of Rocky River received \$450,000 in the first round of Cuyahoga County’s demolishing fund. Because of this, today there is a new Raising Cane’s Chicken Fingers opening and employing over 100 individuals to work there. The Mayor thanked the Rocky River Chamber of Commerce along with members of City Council for their support today at the ribbon cutting ceremony.

The Mayor reported on Building Department Statistics:

- 74 residential permits pulled at this time in 2019 compared to 97 residential permits pulled as of today
- Commercial permits pulled have doubled since this time last year
- Valuation in 2019 was \$1.399 million to \$2.293 million dollars

The Mayor stated that what the city saw during the last few months of 2019 is continuing in 2020.

The Rocky River Police Department participated in the 10th annual Lorain County Blue Foundation Pete Soto chili cook-off at Lorain Community College and brought home a 1st place victory with their famous white chicken chili. The benefit raises money for police officer families who are injured in the line of duty, this year raising more than \$20,000.

Lieutenant George Lichman graduated this past Friday from the Ohio State Patrol Academy with a Certified Law Enforcement Executive Accreditation. This is a very difficult accreditation and certification to receive. Lt. Lichman worked on this for about fourteen months, as it was an extraordinary amount of work with several projects. Lt. Lichman was also awarded the Chief Michael Kailai Award for academic achievement and community engagement. Lt. George Lichman will be the new ESA replacing Bill Crates and is also involved in the Citizen's Police Academy, the Bike Patrol and the Alumni Association of the Citizen's Police Academy, so has done a lot with community engagement.

Today was the kick-off for the countywide trivia competition at the Senior Center. Twenty-six trivia tournament teams from nine Westshore Communities met at the Senior Center this afternoon.

The Mayor stated that the city took delivery of the new pickup truck that Council approved and showed a picture displaying the plow and stainless steel bed.

LAW DIRECTOR BEMER: Mr. Bemer expressed his congratulations to Lieutenant George Lichman on his graduation from the Ohio State Patrol Academy. Mr. Bemer said Lt. Lichman is always learning and handled the recent high profile record requests very well and provided the necessary documentation in a speedy, timely fashion. Lt. Lichman is a super asset for the Rocky River Police Department.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: NONE

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: NONE

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE NO. 5-20 **BY: THOMAS J. HUNT**
AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ROCKY RIVER, SPECIFICALLY SECTION 333.09 ENTITLED RECKLESS OPERATION ON STREETS, PUBLIC OR PRIVATE PROPERTY, AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN THE ATTACHED EXHIBIT "A"
2nd READING

Thank you to Interim President ProTem Shepherd for discussing this ordinance at last week's meeting. The superfluous language in subsection B has been deleted. This will be discussed further and passed in two weeks with the appropriate amendment language.

ORDINANCE NO. 6-20 **BY: DAVID W. FURRY**
AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ROCKY RIVER AND HAZEN AND SAWYER FOR PROFESSIONAL CONSULTING SANITARY ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR 2020 AND 2021 FOR THE ROCKY RIVER WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$79,200
2nd READING

This ordinance is a two-year renewal of an existing agreement with Hazen & Sawyer for professional consulting services at the WWTP. This has been discussed for a month and will be discussed further next week, with passage in two weeks.

NEW BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE NO. 7-20 **BY: DAVID W. FURRY**
AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE REPEALING AND REPLACING ORDINANCE NO. 95-19
AND AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY-SERVICE TO PURCHASE
FERRIC CHLORIDE FOR THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT FROM PVS
TECHNOLOGIES, INC. AT \$578.00 PER DRY TON FOR 2020
1st READING

This ordinance repeals and replaces Ordinance No. 95-19 that was passed by the Rocky River City Council on December 16, 2019 to purchase Ferric Chloride for the WWTP in the amount of \$558.00 per dry ton. The price should have been \$578.00 per dry ton. Mr. Furry moved for a rule suspension on the three read rule on Ordinance No. 7-20, seconded by Mr. O'Donnell.

Vote:	Hunt – aye	Shepherd – aye	O'Donnell – aye	Furry – aye
	Morris – aye	Klym – aye	Moran – aye	
	7 ayes		0 nays	PASSED

Mr. Furry then moved for passage of Ordinance No. 7-20, seconded by Mr. O'Donnell.

Vote:	Hunt – aye	Shepherd – aye	O'Donnell – aye	Furry – aye
	Morris – aye	Klym – aye	Moran – aye	
	7 ayes		0 nays	PASSED

CONSENT AGENDA:

ORDINANCE NO. 1-20 **BY: MICHAEL P. O'DONNELL**
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO PAY THE CITY OF
CLEVELAND DIVISION OF WATER A REIMBURSEMENT FOR THE HOMELAND DRIVE
AND RIVERWOOD AVENUE WATER MAIN IMPROVEMENT PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT
OF \$91,771.77
3rd READING

Mr. O'Donnell said this has been discussed for the last month. This ordinance authorizes reimbursement to the City of Cleveland Division of Water for the Homeland Drive and Riverwood Avenue Water Main Improvement Project in the amount of \$91,771.77.

ORDINANCE NO. 2-20 **BY: MICHAEL P. O'DONNELL**
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ADJUSTMENT OF SEWER RATES PAID TO THE
CITY OF LAKEWOOD FOR WASTEWATER TREATMENT SERVICES FOR THE
VALLEYVIEW SEWER DISTRICT
3rd READING

This is an annual ordinance that residents in the Valleyview neighborhood pay the same amount for wastewater treatment as other residents of Rocky River. This ordinance authorizes payment to the City of Lakewood for the difference in costs charged. It would be a significant capital expense cost to the City of Rocky River to pump the wastewater back to Rocky River's Wastewater Treatment Plant.

ORDINANCE NO. 3-20 **BY: MICHAEL P. O'DONNELL**
AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENGAGE JAMES G.
ZUPKA, CPA, INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR THE FISCAL PERIODS
JANUARY 1, 2019 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023 AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN THE

ATTACHED EXHIBIT “A”

3rd READING

Mr. O’Donnell stated that this ordinance has been discussed for the last several weeks. This ordinance is to engage a new audit firm, James G. Zupka, CPA Inc. to provide professional service for the City. This will be a new audit firm for the city and will be in place for the next five years. The last two audits were conducted by the Auditor of the State of Ohio. Previous to that, the city used Ciuni Panichi, Inc. for the audit for a ten-year period. This was publicly bid and James G. Zupka came back as the lowest and best bid. The Finance Director circulated a list of other municipalities that James G. Zupka, CPA Inc. worked for and the question regarding peer review has been satisfied with information also from Director Thomas.

ORDINANCE NO. 4-20

BY: JOHN B. SHEPHERD

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH FABRIZI TRUCKING AND PAVING COMPANY, INC. FOR THE 2020 WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT FOR SHORELAND AVENUE AND STRUHAR DRIVE IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$895,602.00

3rd READING

Mr. Shepherd said this ordinance provides for the water line replacement for Shoreland Avenue and Struhar Drive. Six bids were received and Fabrizi was the low bid and has good references. Mr. Shepherd asked that the minutes reflect that the City of Rocky River will be reimbursed by the City of Cleveland’s Water Department for this work.

President Moran moved for passage of the Consent Agenda, Ordinance Nos. 1-20, 2-20, 3-20 and 4-20 seconded by Mr. O’Donnell.

Vote:	Hunt – aye	Shepherd – aye	O’Donnell – aye	Furry – aye
	Morris – aye	Klym – aye	Moran - aye	
	7 ayes	0 nays		PASSED

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mr. Bill Welch asked if Story Road is scheduled for repaving this year. Director Snyder responded that it will be repaved in 2021. The city is working on receiving grant money, as Story Road is a county road. Temporary patching will be done in 2020 to hold the road until county grants are received.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: NONE

As there was no further business by members of Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

James W. Moran
President of Council

Susan G. Pease
Clerk of Council