

**CITY OF ROCKY RIVER**

**October 14, 2019**

The Regular 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, Mr. Klym, Mr. Moran

Absent: Mr. Sindelar

Administration: Mayor Bobst, Mrs. Costello, Mr. Thomas

Law Director: Mr. Bemer

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 September 23<sup>rd</sup> and the Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting of October 7<sup>th</sup> be waived and that the minutes be accepted as submitted.

Vote:	Hunt – aye	Shepherd – aye	O’Donnell – aye	
	Furry - aye	Klym – aye	Moran – aye	
	6 ayes		0 nays	<b>PASSED</b>

**MAYOR’S REPORT:**

The Mayor sadly reported the sudden death of former Mayor Bill Knoble on Friday morning. Mayor Knoble was Council President and was appointed in 2001 to serve as Mayor after the passing of Mayor Don Umerley and served until 2006. Mayor Knoble formed a Recreation Vision and Task Force Committee and was instrumental in putting the issue on the ballot to pay for the new Civic Center, Natatorium and the Recreation Facility. His service to the community goes as far back as 1972 when he served on the Charter Review Commission, then was appointed to the BZA and shortly after that was elected at-large to City Council. He was a good friend to many and was very active in the Rotary Club, Westwood Country Club and many other charitable organizations and foundations. Mayor Knoble’s services will be at the Rocky River Presbyterian Church where he was a member for decades, beginning at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday. He will be missed.

The Mayor said that the legal ad for the Police Station has been in the paper once and will be again on October 18<sup>th</sup>. There will be a pre-bid meeting on October 22<sup>nd</sup> for the masonry, general trades, plumbing and HVAC. Additional questions need to be forwarded to Director Costello and the engineers by October 29<sup>th</sup>. Addendums will be out by November 4<sup>th</sup> and bids will be open on November 8<sup>th</sup>. The bids will be evaluated and then forwarded to City Council. Furniture, fixtures, landscaping and the City Hall elevator will be put out for bid in March 2020. The construction schedule may be pushed back a bit but the administration will wait until these bids are in and get started with the respective contractors. The Mayor also mentioned that there is a camera on the Court Building that is taking one photo per minute of the construction site.

This Wednesday evening, the RTA will be at the Civic Center at 5:30 p.m. to glean resident feedback regarding improvements to their system, etc.

The city will have a Shredding Truck this Saturday beginning at 9:00 a.m. for residents only, limited to two boxes. Director Costello and the Community Emergency Response Team will be on site to help facilitate.

**LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT: NONE**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS: Parks and Recreation, Health:** Mr. Klym said that there was a Parks and Rec meeting last Thursday. Mr. Klym reported that there was discussion regarding a small increase of fees for the beginning Lacrosse Program, the Boys and Girls Lacrosse League, Pony League and Girls Rec Softball with a larger increase in the Emerald Necklace Girls Fast Pitch Softball. Rocky River Recreation is looking to begin travel softball for the girls as a feeder program for the high school. The fees need to be larger due to travel, umpire fees, league fees and limited indoor practice time. These fees will still be less than what Westlake, Avon, Independence and Parma charge.

Director Holub provides the committee with a very nice monthly report including upcoming programs and projects. These projects include the possible renovations at Elmwood Cabin to update the kitchen and restroom facilities, the chimney in the ice rink and the resurfacing of four tennis courts at Tri-City Park with the remaining courts to be resurfaced next year. The cost will be shared with the three cities and Rocky River City Schools.

- President Moran asked about the Pickle Ball Court noise concern. Mr. Klym said that there has been some discussion but the noise is a real thing and needs to be addressed. The Mayor added that last Wednesday there was a Tri-City Park meeting with the Rec Directors and the Mayors of the three respective cities. The plan is to plant arborvitaes on one side and then shield the court with a sound deadening fabric that wraps around the pickle board court on one end. Mr. Furry asked if the noise is the heated play or the sound of the pickle ball. It is the sound of the actual ball.

**Planning, Zoning and Economic Development:** President Moran said that there is a Planning Commission Meeting for a final pre-preliminary meeting regarding Preservation Partners tomorrow evening at 7:00 p.m. Law Director Bemer added he understands that the Preliminary Review Public Hearing will be held on October 29<sup>th</sup>. Preservation Partners has been working diligently with the Design and Review Board and that Board will hear this on October 21<sup>st</sup>.

**COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Councilman O'Donnell stated that the he and the Mayor had a short meeting this evening regarding a small park in Ward 3 at the corner of Wooster Road and Shoreland Avenue. Residents are interested in seeing the park move forward and this meeting was an update for the residents. Mr. O'Donnell stated that there is resident interest in having this park completed. The Mayor added that the residents were provided the last grant proposal and a description of all the stakeholders who have been working on this project i.e., the Green Team, the Beautification Committee, the Library, the Landbank, the Historical Society and many others working to make this park a reality. The city has not been successful after two submissions to the Community Development Block Grant Fund so the city is reviewing it as a priority for the 2020 budget. The city will look at other funding opportunities as well, as Council accepted the funds of \$50,000 to complete the pedestrian safety portion in this area. Those funds were from the Community Development Supplemental Grant. The city has completed a lot of work in that area with waterlines, sewers, paving and resurfacing of Wooster Road. It was a great meeting with very good feedback from the residents. The Mayor feels the residents are pleased with the potential design and engagement of the stakeholders. The Mayor thanked Councilman O'Donnell and Director Costello for their efforts on this project.

**PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**ORDINANCE NO. 71-19**

**BY: MICHAEL P. O'DONNELL**

**AN ORDINANCE PURSUANT TO CITY OF ROCKY RIVER, CODIFIED ORDINANCES, SECTION 133.04, ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL PROJECT DESIGNATION FOR THE CITY OF ROCKY RIVER NEW POLICE STATION PROJECT**

**2<sup>nd</sup> READING**

Mr. O'Donnell stated that this has been discussed for almost a month. He has not had any questions on this but said that this ordinance is required so that any investment earnings received as proceeds of the debt issuance for purposes of funding the new police department will go into a Special Projects Fund so that money can be used for the purpose of building the new police department. If this is not established, the Codified Ordinances require that money to go into the General Fund, and the money would have to be re-allocated separately at that time. This allows any proceeds from the debt issuance to go towards the police department project. Mr. O'Donnell thinks it makes logical sense to have any proceeds from the debt issuance go to the project. This will have a third read in two weeks.

**ORDINANCE NO. 72-19**

**BY: THOMAS J. HUNT**

**AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY AND THE CITY OF ROCKY RIVER REGARDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CITY'S TEMPORARY PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINT (PSAP), ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT A**

**2<sup>nd</sup> READING**

This has been discussed for a few weeks with no questions or comments from Council at this point. Mr. Hunt said that Exhibit A is the contract proposing the city enter into this agreement for a call center for an emergency telephone number for first responders and dispatching services (PSAP). Mr. Hunt said that it is a \$3,500 fee each time there is a relocation of a workstation so over the course of two years the cost will be \$7,000. This will be discussed next week and will be read for passage in two weeks.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**ORDINANCE NO. 73-19**

**BY: BRIAN J. SINDELAR**

**AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO PURCHASE ONE (1) 2019 FORD F-550 PICK-UP TRUCK WITH BONNELL PLOW FOR THE SERVICE DIVISION UNDER THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S (ODOT) COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM FROM VALLEY FORD TRUCK, INC., AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$87,075.23**

**1<sup>st</sup> READING**

Mr. Moran said that this was introduced at the Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting last week by Mr. Sindelar. This ordinance is authorizing the administration to purchase a new pick-up truck to replace a 1999 pick-up truck with 70,500 hard miles on it. This truck has been used as a Packard and worked in refuse and leaf collections. This will be discussed further at next week's meeting.

**ORDINANCE NO. 74-19**

**BY: BRIAN J. SINDELAR**

**AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO PURCHASE A 25 CUBIC YARD TRAILER MOUNTED SELF-CONTAINED VACUUM LEAF**

**COLLECTOR FOR THE SERVICE DIVISION FROM BEST EQUIPMENT AT A TOTAL COST NOT TO EXCEED \$74,190.00**

**1<sup>st</sup> READING**

Mr. Moran said that this is an ordinance authorizing the purchase of a 25 Cubic Yard Trailer Mounted Self-Contained Vacuum Leaf Collector for the Service Division. Director Costello stated that this machine is a new device that will be pulled behind but is self-contained with a vacuum, mulching/compacting and will self-dump so nothing will need to be detached. The previous ordinance of a one-ton dump truck will be pulling these devices and then the vehicle can be used for leaves, yard waste and plowing. This is also better for the employees operating it and better for the environment because the dust and debris will be limited.

**ORDINANCE NO. 75-19**

**BY: JOHN B. SHEPHERD**

**AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH PERRAM ELECTRIC, INC., FOR THE 2019 SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL (CUY-SRTS FY 2020) LAKEVIEW AVENUE/LAKEVIEW COURT PROJECT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$54,925.00**

**1<sup>st</sup> READING**

Mr. Shepherd said that this grant was actually awarded in 2017. This will move the crosswalk slightly to the south of the middle school parking lot and include curbs, ADA compliance and an actuated signal system to improve the crossing there. The project was bid out with three responsive bids and Perram Electric was the low bidder and underneath the engineer's estimate. Perram Electric has good references from Fairview Park, Mentor and Sandusky. They are an ODOT pre-qualified contractor and there are no unresolved findings in the state auditor database. This will have two more reads.

**ORDINANCE NO. 76-19**

**BY: THOMAS J. HUNT**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER AGREEMENT WITH THE ROCKY RIVER CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR**

**1<sup>st</sup> READING**

Mr. Hunt thanked the Mayor for presenting this ordinance at last week's meeting. This will be the addition of a third SRO Officer for Kensington, Goldwood and Beach Pre-School. Officer Bernhardt is at the High School, Officer Blazer at the Middle School and Officer Czaplicki will rotate between Goldwood, Kensington and Beach Pre-school. The Memorandum of Understanding is attached to the ordinance outlining the detail that the Mayor discussed last week regarding the school district paying the city for 181 days of full compensation, all benefits and wages for these officers. The other time the officers are not engaged in their duties at the school, they will return to their ordinary duties with the force. Mr. Hunt is in the process of scheduling a meeting with Chief Stillman to discuss this further.

**ORDINANCE NO. 77-19**

**BY: DAVID W. FURRY**

**AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION FOR THE 2019 CUYAHOGA COUNTY HEALTHY URBAN TREE CANOPY GRANT, ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT "A"**

**1<sup>st</sup> READING**

Mr. Furry said that this authorizes the city to enter into an intergovernmental agreement for a grant award. This was started in late June by the Service Commissioner Rich Snyder, who applied and was awarded an Urban Site Analysis of Public Trees and Right-of-Ways Grant. These funds will further the inventory and planning efforts that Commissioner Snyder has made to advance the public tree investments. This grant is from the Cuyahoga County Planning Department and the award was in the amount \$25,075.00

This project will allow our Service Commissioner to work with a third party to complete the Urban Site Index which will establish a vulnerability assessment and it will include action plans to best utilize the urban canopy to reduce storm water, reduce heat index / greenhouse gases, improve air quality and counter climate changes. The ‘tree tracker’ technology will be used to assist in updating the Master Planting Plan and place a value on tree lawn trees so the city can invoice for their replacement if damaged by construction or accidents.

This work meets the Master Plan goal to protect green infrastructure in the community and will aid our Arborists in their ongoing efforts to improve the public property tree investments through 2025. This is under the \$50,000 cap but since it is intergovernmental agency, there will be full disclosure. This will have two more reads.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 63-19** **BY: MICHAEL P. O’DONNELL**  
**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY FISCAL OFFICER TO ADVANCE TAXES HELD FROM THE PROCEEDS OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR THE TAX YEAR 2019 PURSUANT TO THE OHIO REVISED CODE**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> READING**

Mr. O’Donnell stated that this is an annual ordinance requesting money from the County for special assessments for the tax year 2019 so the city can receive the money sooner. Mr. O’Donnell urges passage of 63-19.

**RESOLUTION NO. 64-19** **BY: MICHAEL P. O’DONNELL**  
**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY FISCAL OFFICER TO ADVANCE TAXES FROM THE PROCEEDS OF ALL TAX LEVIES FOR THE TAX YEAR 2019 PURSUANT TO THE OHIO REVISED CODE**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> READING**

Mr. O’Donnell stated that this is a similar resolution to 63-19. This is an annual ordinance requesting money from the County for tax levies so the city can receive the money sooner. Mr. O’Donnell urges passage of 64-19.

**AMENDED RESOLUTION NO. 66-19** **BY: JOHN B. SHEPHERD**  
**AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR’S OR HER DESIGNEE’S APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION’S STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND/OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM(S) FOR THE COLLVER ROAD / OAK ROAD / MOREWOOD PARKWAY (FROM WAGAR TO RAILROAD TRACKS) STORM AND SANITARY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> READING**

Mr. Shepherd stated that this is a major sewer project to correct inverted sewers on these three streets. The total project is \$7,886,000. This application is to request \$4,399,000 of loan funding through DOPWIC.

**RESOLUTION NO. 67-19** **BY: DAVID W. FURRY**  
**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE CITY OF ROCKY RIVER APPLY FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION’S STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE FUNDING OF THE ROCKY RIVER WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT FINAL CLARIFIER REHABILITATION PROJECT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> READING**

Mr. Furry said this is a resolution requesting that the city apply for financial assistance from the Ohio Public Works Commission. Mr. Furry said that the biggest cost is to rehab the traveling bridge, mechanisms and tracks that go over the clarifiers, which was last done in 1982. The secondary is basically 35 years old and in poor shape due to constant use. This has been approved by the WWTP Management Committee and is circulating in front of Councils in the Management Committee. This is a resolution to apply for money and Superintendent McConnell is also checking with the EPA for possible low interest loans.

**ORDINANCE NO. 68-19**

**BY: JOHN B. SHEPHERD**

**AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH SPECIALIZED CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR THE 2019 CRACK & JOINT SEALING PROGRAM IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$85,600.00  
3<sup>rd</sup> READING**

Mr. Shepherd said this is an annual ordinance where money is set aside to seal the cracks and joints in certain select city streets. Two bids were received and Specialized Construction was the low bidder and has done this work for the city since 2016 and the city is happy with the results.

**ORDINANCE NO. 69-19**

**BY: BRIAN J. SINDELAR**

**AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR THE SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR TO PURCHASE ONE (1) 2019 REFUSE WHITE GOODS TRUCK CHASSIS FOR THE SERVICE DIVISION UNDER THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S COOPERATIVE PURCHASING ACT FROM VALLEY FREIGHTLINER, INC. AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$77,906.00  
3<sup>rd</sup> READING**

Mr. Moran said that this has been read twice and this is the third read. This is the truck that picks up the goods throughout the neighborhoods. The current truck is a 2002 and has body condition issues and has a number of repairs on the lift that need to be done.

President Moran moved for passage of the Consent Agenda, Resolution Nos. 63-19, 64-19, Amended Resolution No. 66-19, Resolution No. 67-19, Ordinance Nos. 68-19 and 69-19 seconded by Mr. O'Donnell.

Vote:	Hunt – aye	Shepherd – aye	O'Donnell – aye
	Furry – aye	Klym – aye	Moran - aye
	6 ayes	0 nays	

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: NONE**

**PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE**

As there was no further business by members of Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

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James W. Moran  
President of Council

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Susan G. Pease  
Clerk of Council