

CITY OF ROCKY RIVER

July 15, 2019

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

Council Members Present: Mr. Hunt, Mr. Shepherd, Mr. O'Donnell, Mr. Furry,
Mr. Sindelar, Mr. Klym, Mr. Moran

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

Law Director: Mr. Bemer

MAYOR'S REPORT:

The Mayor thanked the entire community for making "River Days" such a great success! The Mayor thanked the sponsors that were listed on the back of the t-shirts this year. The Mayor thanked the many volunteers, members of all the Civic Organizations, Churches, the Chamber of Commerce and the "Taste of River" which exceeded last year's totals. Old Carolina Barbecue was voted "Best Food" for the "Taste of River". Thank you to Jay and Jean Rounds, the Toth Family, Kiwanis and the Library for the events on Sunday. Thank you also to Mary Ellen Umerley and City Council for assisting with "Pie in the Park". There were 73 pies donated, 584 pieces of pie served and the band Revolution Pie did a great job! Thank you also to the Service Department and Recreation Staff for a very successful "River Days".

Tomorrow at 2:00 p.m., the Mayor will be presenting a 90 Year Anniversary Proclamation to Heinen's Grocery Store for their longevity and all that they have meant to the community. Everyone is invited to attend and it will be held in the produce section.

The Mayor will begin the Budget Hearings this week. If Council has any questions, please let the administration know.

The Mayor reported great news regarding R.I.T.A. and their managing of costs effectively throughout the year. Because their operating expenses were 1.61%, the city received a reimbursement in the amount of \$237,000 from R.I.T.A.

- President Moran asked Councilman Klym how the "Taste of River" went with the change from Saturday to Sunday. Mr. Klym thought it was very well attended. "Taste of River" made more money this year than last year, the restaurants were great and he sees no reason not to do it again on a Sunday. The Mayor said that there were many positive comments.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Parks and Recreation and Health: Mr. Klym said that there was a Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting last Thursday morning at 7:45 a.m. The Mayor introduced Mr. Bob Holub, the new director. Bob was at all the events this weekend and got an idea of what Rocky River is all about. The Mayor delivered a great run down regarding Bradstreet's Landing and the paving projects that Mr. Klym was able to deliver later on Thursday to the Chamber Board of Directors Meeting. Mr. Klym informed Council that there will be a shut down at the Rec Center for two weeks beginning July 29th for general maintenance along with replacement of all the carpet in the fitness area with rubber matting.

Planning, Zoning and Economic Development: President Moran said that there was a Design and Review Meeting this evening discussing 700 River. There were many questions about windows, doors and elevations. There will be a Planning Commission meeting tomorrow evening with a BZA meeting on Wednesday evening in Council Chambers.

COMMUNICATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS: NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE NO. 48-19: Mr. Sindelar said that this is for the purchase of a 2019 Chevrolet Malibu Vehicle for the Building Department. The same vehicle was authorized for purchase a month ago for the Senior Center. There have not been any questions regarding this ordinance. This will be placed on the consent agenda for next week's Legislative Meeting.

AMENDED RESOLUTION NO. 49-19: Mr. Shepherd said that this is an agreement between Fairview Park and Rocky River for the Center Ridge Road Project. Fairview Park received a TLCI Grant and Rocky River received a CMAQ Grant, both administered by NOACA with Rocky River being the lead agency. There have not been any questions regarding this resolution and will be placed on the consent agenda next week.

RESOLUTION NO. 52-19: Mr. Moran stated that the month of August has been set for Council recess for many years. Council will be available for any emergency meetings that may come up. The Mayor thanked all of Council for being willing and understanding when the need has arisen to reconvene Council during the month of August. The Mayor does not anticipate doing that this August, but always appreciates that Council is available if the need was there. Mr. Moran mentioned that there is a fifth Monday in July and if necessary, Council could meet on the 29th. This will be on the consent agenda.

ORDINANCE NO. 53-19: Mr. Sindelar said this is a corrective ordinance. Ordinance No. 33-19 was read three times in early June and was approved for this exact purchase, but there was an error in the vendor. Valley Freightliner was the vendor on Ordinance No. 33-19, and it should have been Rush Truck Centers of Ohio. This will be on the consent agenda.

RESOLUTION NO. 54-19: Mr. O'Donnell stated that this is an annual resolution for the collection of sanitary sewer accounts. Collection letters have been sent out to residents to collect these charges and fees. This list will significantly reduce as residents pay their bills. The past due amounts that are not paid, will be sent to the County to be collected on the real estate tax bill. Mr. O'Donnell said that this will need to be amended at next week's meeting and will not be placed on the consent agenda.

RESOLUTION NO. 55-19: Mr. O'Donnell stated that this was discussed this evening at the Special Meeting and he does not have anything to add. This will not be placed on the consent agenda.

ORDINANCE NO. 56-19: This authorizes the Mayor to enter into a Professional Planning Services Agreement between the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission and the City of Rocky River regarding zoning updates. The Planning Commission will be updating the city's zoning map and reviewing the development code looking at definitions, zoning classifications and making it consistent with the Master Plan and easier to understand. This will be on the consent agenda.

RESOLUTION NO. 57-19: Mr. Shepherd stated that as discussed earlier, this ordinance extends the NOPEC Energized Community Grant that will allow the city to extend the grant agreement from 2018 and combine the funds from these grants with funds received in later year grants. The project earmarked for these grants is a diesel generator for the Civic Center. This will be on the consent agenda.

ORDINANCE NO. 58-19: Mr. Shepherd said that this is the annual repaving project. This was put out to bid and two companies responded. The engineer's estimate was \$1,010,000 and Crossroads came in at \$839,000. Crossroads has done many projects in the City of Rocky River, Fairview Park, and Oberlin. There were no unresolved findings in the State Auditor's Database. The engineer recommended Crossroads as the lowest and best bid. This will be on the consent agenda.

NEW BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE NO. 59-19: Mr. Sindelar stated that this was read for the first time this evening. This is for the replacement of the City Hall roof. Mr. Sindelar said that this is the original roof since 1954. There are several leaks in areas that cannot be corrected any further. The RFP was sent out and the winning bid was A.W. Farrell & Sons, Inc. The roof replacement itself is \$343,000; with a contingency of \$5,000 in case more asbestos is discovered or a drain that may need to be repaired; and \$8,500 for a professional inspection. The total is \$356,500 which is \$7,400 less than the next bid. Director Costello mentioned that over time insulation has settled so the roof will be built back up in layers and will redirect the water so it is efficiently moving to the drains. Mr. Sindelar also noted that part of the bid specification is working in concert with the contractor for the Police Department. Director Costello explained that the roofs do not interact but activity will be starting with Sitetech so Bowen & Associates will be sure that the roofing contractor is not causing a delay as well as the other contractors not delaying the roofer.

- Mr. Klym asked if this includes the roof on the Fire Department. Director Costello responded no, parts of the fire station have been added on and the Mayor stated there was a fair amount of work already done on the fire department roof.
- Mr. Furry asked about the "30 work days" on the contract but on Exhibit A it states it will be completed in six weeks. Director Costello said that the administration allowed for 30 workdays, but it could be over 6 weeks because they will not be working every day.

The Mayor requested Council to consider this for passage next week, as it would allow the administration to take advantage of a longer construction season. If Council is not comfortable with that, administration will tell the contractor it will have to wait until September.

- President Moran said the cost is a large number, but if not passed next week, passage would not be until mid-September. Council will discuss this further at next week's meeting.

ORDINANCE NO. 60-19: Mr. Furry stated that this ordinance is authorizing amendments to Chapter 1175 titled Flood Damage Reduction and addresses the Department of Homeland Security's FEMA floodplain requirements/measures/insurance, which are relegated to the City through ODNR. This establishes flood zones and development restrictions and then makes available the National Flood Insurance Program. NFIP is available to homeowners where local communities adopt and enforce the floodplain management regulations as directed by FEMA/ODNR.

This was last updated in 2010 and adopted new flood zone risk zones, updates to floodplain maps and administrative updates. These current revisions to Chapter 1175 add new definitions including but not limited to: breakaway walls, coastal high hazard areas and new zones V and VE regarding wave velocity/erosion not addressed in previous floodplain regulations. A new requirement is that owners of new or substantially improved nonresidential structures that have been flood proofed shall supply a certificate completed by a registered engineer or architect.

The administration was alerted in March that these changes would be coming. Building Commissioner Reich just received the updates on Monday July 8th and they need to be passed by August 15th. Mr. Furry does not like

utilizing emergency language in ordinances that he sponsors and would prefer not to waive the three read rule but may need to with this ordinance.

Council received highlighted changes in packets over the weekend but there is a revised copy on Council's desk this evening, with ODNR's changes highlighted in light blue.

- Mr. Shepherd stated that if Council is going to make Federal Insurance available for residents, the changes need to be approved. Mr. Shepherd suggests that Council spend the week to see if there is anything that would counterbalance the need to pass this ordinance. This is mandated or residents will not be able to apply for this insurance.
- The Mayor and Director Costello stated that the Yacht Club Basin flood designation did not change. The only changes are along the Lake Erie coastal shoreline. The Mayor will be sure that Council receives the new floodplain maps.

Mr. Furry stated that he will be asking for a rule suspension for possible passage of this ordinance next week. Nothing in this exhibit can be changed. Residents will be notified about these changes. Mr. Bemer reiterated that Commissioner Reich forwarded Chapter 1175 to the ODNR in March and on July 8th the revisions were received. Mr. Bemer stated that this is being done for the residents who may have their FEMA opportunity for insurance affected if not adopted. The Mayor shared a paragraph received today: "The City of Rocky River must adopt floodplain management measures such as a floodplain management ordinance that meet or exceed the minimum NFIP requirements by August 15th, 2019 to avoid suspension from the NFIP Program. If suspended, your community becomes ineligible for flood insurance through NFIP, new insurance policies cannot be sold and existing policies cannot be renewed". Mr. Bemer stated that the administration did ask for an extension and was rejected.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: President Moran thanked the Mayor and Director Costello for "River Days". The entire community appreciated the day and the weather was beautiful. Everything went very smooth and Rocky River was shown very well. Thank you to the many people who gave of their time.

As there was no further business by members of Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

James W. Moran
President of Council

Susan G. Pease
Clerk of Council