

CITY OF ROCKY RIVER

September 16, 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. Furry,
Mr. Klym, Mr. Moran

Absent: Mr. O'Donnell, Mr. Sindelar

Administration: Mayor Bobst

Law Director: Mr. Bemer

MAYOR'S REPORT:

The Mayor commented that the Fall Art's Festival was very successful and the weather was beautiful. Terri Jones did a fantastic job along with other members of the Foundation. Thank you to the Service Department, Recreation Department and the High School Hockey Team that helped the artists set up and tear down. The artists and merchants were very happy with the Festival.

This Sunday the run for "Our Lady of Wayside" will begin at 8:30 a.m. at Rocky River High School. The city will be assisting with the run.

Today, the Mayor had the pleasure of presenting a proclamation to the Beachcliff Garden Club on behalf of Council and the City's Administration, commemorating their 90th Anniversary. The Garden Club has done a considerable amount of work in the community, most notably raising funds many years ago to rebuild the Clock Tower, and continuing to maintain the gardens in collaboration with the city. It was wonderful to share the afternoon with the Garden Club.

This Thursday, the Council of Community Organizations will be meeting, formerly known as the Community Federation. There are about 38 organizations including schools, libraries, clergy, Rotary, Women's Club, Beachcliff Garden Club, the Community Garden, and a number of other organizations including the Parks and Recreation Foundation. The Council is hoping for a good turnout for this particular meeting because in 2020 the Council is planning "The Summer of Fun" with events planned all summer long including the Summer Concert Series and moving away from "River Days". Attendance has waned slightly but all the activities will continue as special events. More information will be forthcoming.

This Friday the Mayor will be meeting with Superintendent Shoaf and the President of the School Board. If Council has any matters they would like the Mayor to discuss with Dr. Shoaf, please forward that information to the Mayor.

The Mayor announced that the city received a \$20,000 grant from the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission through the efforts of Service Commissioner Rich Snyder and one of the arborists. It is part of the Urban Canopy Grant Program. The city will use the money to forward work that Rich Snyder has already completed, i.e. inventory of tree lawn trees and assessing soils in tree lawns and move this information into a software program that can be loaded on the GIS System. This will be very helpful when working with the utilities. An interesting comment that Rich shared this morning is if a tree is disturbed by a utility and needs to be replaced, the value of the tree can be accurately assessed.

The sound system installation at the ice rink will be finishing up by the end of this week or early part of next week.

The DOPWIC Grants have been submitted and Council has the two resolutions regarding these grants. The WWTP resolution is also in front of the three other Councils that represent the Management Committee.

The Mayor thanked President Moran for standing in for her during the 9/11 Ceremony last Wednesday. The Mayor heard it was fantastic.

The Mayor stated that bids were opened for the Police Station for all the trades. Council will see the first three ordinances in packets on Friday for the electrical, elevator and fire suppression. The city will be going through some rebidding processes with some of the other trades. General trades, plumbing and HVAC will be rebid.

- Councilman Furry asked how day one of the demolition of the Police Department went. The Mayor said it went very well.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Planning, Zoning and Economic Development: President Moran said that there will be a Planning Meeting tomorrow evening at 7:00 p.m. There are three issues on the agenda. A Bridal Boutique is requesting a change of use at 20668 Center Ridge Road next to King Wah; a Valvoline new commercial building at Center Ridge and Plymouth; and an application to occupy a property as a church in an existing building located in a Public Facilities Zoning District at 3300 Wooster Road.

Parks, Recreation and Health: Mr. Klym stated that there was a Parks and Recreation meeting last Thursday. There will be no new fees. Director Holub provided the committee with an executive summary in a very nice format that went through a lot of statistics, comparisons and attendance. It is a very interesting summary that Councilman Klym will share with the rest of Council. Dave Ford discussed the shut down work at the Civic Center notably the replacement of the flooring at the Fitness Center along with painting and other work.

The Mayor added that a donation for \$5,000 for the Rocky River Recreation Foundation was received as a thank you for the Fitness Center and the track. The donors use the facilities and are very appreciative. The fitness center and track were mentioned but they did not specify a restriction on the use of the funds. The Mayor has asked that if this money is used for something other than fitness or the track, the donors be contacted for approval.

The Mayor also added that Director Holub has been using the recreation software to create spreadsheets to see if programs are meeting the needs of the community. Mr. Holub has spent a lot of time and is doing a fantastic job and has already made some changes that were very effective. The Mayor thanked Council for their support of upgrades in the computer system in both software and hardware.

COMMUNICATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS: President Moran asked Law Director Bemer if he has found out anything more regarding the Liquor License Request for BEA Bubbly LLC. Mr. Bemer has not, but a 30-day extension with the Liquor Control Board has been approved.

President Moran thanked Councilman Furry for joining him in representing Council at the 9/11 Ceremony. Father John Chlebo did an excellent job presenting information in his talk. More than 50 people attended the new location this year and gave tribute to those who lost their lives on 9/11. The new fire truck was a great backdrop along with staff, fire fighters, police officers, Chiefs Lenart and Stillman, Director Costello and Director Thomas who were also in attendance.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION NO. 61-19: Mr. Shepherd said this resolution supports the establishment of a Lake Erie Water Trail Project. It would provide information, instructions and listing of amenities at various stops on the lake where paddling sport people can enter and exit the lake. This is scheduled for a third read next week.

RESOLUTION NO. 62-19: President Moran stated that Mr. Sindelar will read this for a third time next week. This is an annual janitorial contract. Ohio Valley Supply and Maintenance Co. has been the city's preferred supplier for years and are the lowest and best bid. This contract allows the city to shop on the open market for supplies, should they be lower than that at Ohio Valley Supply and Maintenance Co.

- Mr. Shepherd will recuse himself from voting on this as Ohio Valley Supply and Maintenance Co. is a client of his.

RESOLUTION NO. 63-19: Mr. Moran stated that this is an annual resolution requesting the advance of the special assessments. There is no reason for the city to wait until the end of the year so by passing this resolution the Cuyahoga County Fiscal Officer will advance pay special assessments prior to the final reconciliation disbursement to the City. By making this request, the City will receive the 2019 special assessments paid in 2020. This will have three full reads.

RESOLUTION NO. 64-19: Mr. Moran stated that this is an annual resolution requesting the Cuyahoga County Fiscal Officer advance pay property taxes prior to the final reconciliation disbursement to the City. By making this request, the City will receive the 2019 property taxes, for the first half collection cycle, the monies will be paid first in mid-January with a second payment in February, instead of waiting until the final reconciliation disbursement in late March or early April. This will have three full reads.

AMENDED RESOLUTION NO. 66-19: Mr. Shepherd stated that this contains changes to the verbiage to better capture the intent of the ordinance, thanks to the recommendation of Councilman Klym. This was discussed in detail last week. Mr. Shepherd asked how far along the city is with the major city sewer projects. The Mayor stated that the city is now combining several streets into one request. All of the 14 overflows have been addressed. The pump station in the Yacht Club Basin needs attention. There is still major work to do moving to all the inverted sewers where there is infiltration along with waterline work to be done. Cleveland Water has given approval to do the waterline on Morewood.

The city will also begin a program with the residents on inflow to be sure downspouts are disconnected, etc. This will take time and education but the city wants to be sure that all the work is done on the public side before residents are asked to do work on the private side. This will have two more reads.

RESOLUTION NO. 67-19: Mr. Furry said this is a resolution requesting that the city apply for financial assistance from the Ohio Public Works Commission. Mr. Furry met with Superintendent McConnell and 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 treatment addition is basically 35 years old and is in poor shape due to constant use. This has been approved by the WWTP Management Committee and is circulating in front of the other Councils governed by the Management Committee. Superintendent McConnell is also checking with the EPA for possible low interest loans. This will have three full reads.

ORDINANCE NO. 68-19: Mr. Shepherd said this is an annual ordinance for the crack and joint sealing. This will fix some of the newer streets to maintain their useful life. The city received two bids and for the fourth year, Specialized Construction, Inc. was the low bidder at \$85,600. This will be read for a second time next week.

ORDINANCE NO. 69-19: Mr. Moran said that this is for the purchase of a 2019 refuse truck that helps with cleaning up parks and picking up excess garbage. The total amount is \$77,906. Mr. Moran asked about the 2019

model, as it is late in the season for a 2019. The Mayor stated that that is what the state bid has. When this is submitted and if there is a 2020 that can be provided at the same price and stats, that will happen. The Mayor stated that there have been times when the city has ended up with a newer model. This purchase will be for the chassis only and the bidding of a stainless steel body will be down the line.

- Mr. Furry asked if the city would need to purchase any other parts for this truck. The bidding of a stainless steel body will be done at a later date.

NEW BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE NO. 70-19: This ordinance was put on hold at the request of Director Costello.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: NONE

As there was no further business by members of Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

James W. Moran
President of Council

Susan G. Pease
Clerk of Council