

# CITY OF ROCKY RIVER

February 18, 2020

The meeting of the Committee-of-the-Whole was called to order by Mr. Moran, President, 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, Mr. Klym, Mr. Moran

Administration: Mayor Bobst, Mr. Snyder

Law Director: Mr. Bemer

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT:**

The Mayor updated Council regarding Bradstreet's Landing. The Mayor spoke with Jason Stangland from SmithGroup, JJR regarding the regulatory requirements. The water quality certification has been received; the Army Corps of Engineers permit has been received; and the Shore Structure permit review has been completed by the ODNR but they are waiting for the issuance of a Port Authority Resolution. The Port Authority is waiting for the Submerged Land Lease from ODNR to finalize the resolution. Calls have been made to ODNR for understanding of where they are in the process and as soon as that is received, the Port Authority can pass their resolution. At this time, because of all the feedback received, this project will move ahead with finalizing the bidding documents. A Capital Request is currently in front of the State Legislature for some of the funding for Phase 1 of Bradstreet's Landing. The Mayor will share when she hears from ODNR. Safety-Director Snyder is also meeting with Matt Snyder from the Army Corps of Engineers to discuss potential ideas.

The Mayor discussed the 2020 Census and the importance of obtaining a complete count. The Senior Center and the Rocky River Library are involved. The Census is easy, quick, safe, secure, and confidential and can be done online, by phone, by paper or a Census Taker will come to a resident's home. Participating in the census is a source of pride and is very critical for representation as it has a lot to do with \$687 billion that is disseminated to states, counties, local communities and schools. The Mayor will be meeting with the Coalition of Community Organizations in Rocky River and their potential roll in making sure everyone is counted. Cuyahoga County was undercounted in the 2010 Census.

The Mayor shared an article in the Rocky River Historical Society Newsletter regarding the Chronology of the History of Rocky River. On May 11, 1892, Ordinance #1 was passed to prevent disorderly conduct; Ordinance #2 was passed to suppress gambling and other misdemeanors; and Ordinance #3 was passed to prevent stealing. In 1893-1894 the Hamlet received \$2,477 in revenue and expended \$2,448, which left a balance of \$29.66!

**COMMITTEE REPORTS: Parks, Recreation and Health Committee** – Mr. Klym reported that there was a Parks and Recreation Meeting and an increase of Day Camp fees was considered. The City of Rocky River is still below surrounding communities regarding Day Camp fees. Last year residents were able to book day camp by week as opposed to a three-week session and it was very well received. The Rec Department is also starting a new program for a Rec Volleyball League for girls, grades 3-8 in conjunction with three or four other cities this spring. Elmwood Cabin's kitchen cabinets and countertops have been replaced and will be painted. This year there is an opportunity to replace the nautilus and treadmill equipment in the Fitness Center with brand new equipment, if the price is right, from a facility that never opened up. Concessions will not be outsourced this year,

as was discussed at the Budget Hearing, but will be handled in house at the rink, the outdoor pool and Elmwood Park.

**COMMUNICATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS: NONE**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**ORDINANCE NO. 5-20:** This ordinance has been pending for several weeks. This is an amendment to the Codified Ordinance Section 333.09 Reckless Operation penalties in the city. This is scheduled for a third read next week. Mr. Hunt will move to amend the exhibit which makes the offense a fourth degree misdemeanor; will carry a potential jail sentence and enhances penalties for repeat offenders as well as deleted language in subsection B that is no longer relevant.

**ORDINANCE NO. 6-20:** This ordinance has been read twice and is a two-year renewal of an existing agreement with Hazen & Sawyer for professional consulting services at the WWTP. There are two pieces to this agreement; the first is for annual services and has a cost of living increase which is spread out over two years; second piece of the agreement will encompass additional services including having Rosalyn Matthews, PhD attend management committee meetings and provide valuable consultation regarding the new feasible alternative study that is a continued work in progress. Mr. Furry will be seeking passage next week.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**ORDINANCE NO. 8-20:** This is an annual ordinance that authorizes an agreement with Fabrizi Trucking and Paving to do emergency repairs of sewers in the city up to \$125,000. Mr. Shepherd received a note from the Safety-Service Director explaining that this was last bid in 2011. The Service-Director consulted with MacKay Engineering and it was concluded that the prices that have been held since 2011 would be higher if put out to bid. The Mayor added that this is a not to exceed amount and is sometimes not used. Last year it was \$125,000 and only about \$68,000 was actually used. The city can handle many of these emergencies but sometimes the project is too large of a project and Fabrizi's equipment and expertise is needed.

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: NONE**

As there was no further business by members of Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

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James W. Moran  
President of Council

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Susan G. Pease  
Clerk of Council