

CITY OF ROCKY RIVER

July 1, 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

OATH OF OFFICE

Chief Aaron Lenart said that anytime a Chief has the opportunity to promote a new shift commander, two new lieutenants, and a new firefighter into the ranks of the Rocky River Fire Department, it is a proud moment in his career. Tonight the Mayor will swear in Captain Adam T. Pettitt, Lieutenant Zachary Wallenhorst, Lieutenant Robert J. Hallen and Firefighter Daniel J. Wolf. Mayor Bobst presented the Oath of Office to Captain Pettitt, Lieutenant Wallenhorst, Lieutenant Hallen and Firefighter Wolf. The Mayor invited the families of these firefighters to visit the Fire Department and the new ladder truck following the swearing-in. The Mayor thanked the families for all the support they give to these firefighters. The firefighters could not do what they do without that support.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

The Mayor stated that the "Common Ground" conversation that was hosted by the League of Women Voters, the Rocky River Public Library and the city was well attended. Lieutenant Lichman of the Rocky River Police Department was present at this meeting. There were many good ideas and important conversations focusing on building community, building neighborhoods, looking at ways to turn ideas into action and how ambassadors could be created for the city. The Mayor shared handouts from the meeting with Council. Looking forward, the hope is to reconvene this group on a quarterly basis to talk about actionable items and steps the group can take. The library will put some of this together. The Mayor will provide Council with additional information as it comes.

Next week City Council will be receiving a new piece of legislation regarding work with the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission. The Planning Commission will be updating the city's zoning map and reviewing the development code looking at definitions, zoning classifications. This will be a two-phase approach and will take about 5-6 months. The administration would like to begin this work while Council is on recess in August. The total cost is \$28,000 for the first two phases. There is a third phase that would be the actual implementation of all the recommendations. It is a detailed process. The attachment will have the entire contract for this legislation.

The Mayor shared Building Department statistics. These stats compare June 2018 with June 2019. Building permits are at 800 at the end of June with a total valuation of \$19.8 million. That compares to \$13,956,000 at the end of June 2018. The most significant difference is in residential investment. This year it is at \$17 million and last year at about \$10 million. The 10-year average is about \$7.8 million. Overall investment the 10-year average is about 12.9. \$19.8 is well above that. It is good to see that investment continues and individuals are interested in making investments either residentially or commercially in our community.

The Mayor also shared recycling stats. Last year the city broke 40% in recycling efforts and this year the city is at 43%, so it continues to grow. Thank you for the efforts of the Service Department, especially the lead supervisor in the refuse department who has spent a lot of time on recycling. The bottom line is that the residents are assisting the city with recycling and it has not been easy with the information changing of what can or cannot be recycled. Many of these changes come from the Solid Waste District and some because of nationwide recycling changes. The administration appreciates all the cardboard that is being recycled.

The Mayor announced that Rocky River Recreation Center members, Karen and Billy Stross and Vickie and Ed McElhiney participated in the National Senior Games in Albuquerque, New Mexico. There were over 13,000 participants from across the country and they won several medals in the hammer, shot put, 5,000 meter and 1,500 meter power walks. It is nice to see the Recreation Center well represented in the National Senior Games.

The Administration along with City Council extend their condolences to the Green Family with the passing of their son Patrick. Patrick is a recent graduate of Rocky River High School, a very successful punter at the high school, well loved, well liked and he will be missed. Patrick's funeral is Wednesday morning at St. Christopher Church. The city has extended any assistance that the family may need to feel free to call upon the city. With such a tragedy, a community comes together in so many meaningful and helpful ways and the city will continue to do that for the Green Family.

Refuse pick-up is delayed one day this week due to the Fourth of July.

- Mr. Shepherd asked if the administration or Environmental Chair Furry heard anything about flight pattern changes out of Hopkins Airport. The Mayor said the city has received one call from a resident who was encouraged to call Hopkins. The Mayor said that when there is construction on the airfield or bad weather the flight patterns may change. The pattern now with the Metroplex approach, is that all flights go over the valley and out to the lake. A phone call to the airport is very helpful and any issue will be communicated to the F.F.A. and the airlines.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Planning, Zoning and Economic Development: President Moran said that there was a Design and Review Meeting this evening and two items were approved. One item was an addition on Beachcliff and the other was for Raising Cane Chicken. Both of these items had a final review.

COMMUNICATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS: NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION NO. 46-19: Mr. O'Donnell said this has been discussed for several weeks and will be read for a third time next week. This is the Alternative Tax Budget. The information was prepared by the Finance Director. This is a preliminary budget with many assumptions without formal input from the directors. This is required by the Ohio Revised Code and will be submitted to the County. This is the initial roadmap of the budget with the hard work of the budget being completed at the end of the year.

ORDINANCE NO. 48-19: Mr. Sindelar said that this is for the purchase of a 2019 Chevrolet Malibu Vehicle for the Building Department. This will replace a 2007 Ford Focus that is no longer worth repairing and the mechanics recommend that this vehicle be replaced. The Building Department is currently using the Safety Services vehicle to do their inspections. This will be read for a second time at next week's Legislative Meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 49-19: Mr. Shepherd said that this is scheduled for a second read next week. This is an agreement that sets forth the cooperation between Fairview Park and Rocky River for the Center Ridge Road Project. Fairview Park has received a TLCI Grant and Rocky River received a CMAQ Grant, both administered by NOACA. This will improve the pedestrian walking areas, timing of pedestrian crossing, crossing curbs,

upgrades pedestrian signals, installing stamped concrete crosswalk areas, modifications to control southbound traffic on Wagar approaching Center Ridge to reduce congestion.

Director Costello added that a copy of an amended exhibit is on Council's desk this evening. If there are any questions, please contact Director Costello. This ordinance will need to be amended by substitution at next week's meeting.

ORDINANCE NO. 50-19: Mr. Sindelar said that this is the ordinance that was read during the Special Meeting this evening. This is for the purchase of 2019 Senior Mobility Vehicle with 15 total passenger capacity. This is a substantial upgrade from the current vehicle. There is a \$60,000 grant from NOACA and private donations totaling \$15,000 leaving the city with a balance of \$8,805 for an \$83,000 vehicle. Director Costello commended Director Huff of Senior Services for the work she did obtaining this grant.

ORDINANCE NO. 51-19: This will be read for a third time at next week's Legislative Meeting. This ordinance authorizes the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Sitetech, Inc. for the demolition and site work for the new police station and the beginning of preparation of the work site. The Sitetech bid was \$1,107,000 which is \$28,800 lower than the next bid. The work to be provided with this agreement will be asbestos removal, the creation of the construction zone with secure fencing around the site, tree protection where necessary, demolition of existing structure and removal of debris, installation of all drainage systems and storm water detention water quality system, moving water service lines, installation of temporary construction grade entrances for the site, installation of porous pavement to replace existing grant funded parking area, concrete for sidewalk areas and asphalt for parking sites. The site preparation work will lead right up to the next phase of steel and masonry trades.

Mr. Klym had asked about the termination of the parking lot and what that looked like. Director Costello followed up with an email to Council with a site plan sketch. The parking lot drive will not extend onto Wagar as it terminates in front of the fire station.

There were no unresolved findings for Sitetech and Bowen has worked with Sitetech before with good success.

- Mr. Sindelar asked about the spill over lot. The Mayor said that some of the storm water management demonstration projects have to be replicated in this project. They will be put back in the new project. The furthest lane out will not be disturbed. Director Costello said that the first right into the storm water demonstration site parking lot will be maintained for construction purposes but will eventually be replaced and the city will actually be adding to it. The boxed trees will be saved and replanted in another area.

ORDINANCE NO. 52-19: Mr. Moran stated that the month of August has been set for Council break for many years. There will not be any scheduled Council meetings in August, but Council will be available for any emergency meetings if something comes up.

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 read two more times.

ORDINANCE NO. 54-19: Mr. O'Donnell stated that this is an annual ordinance 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 their real estate tax bill.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION NO. 55-19: Mr. O'Donnell stated that this is another annual ordinance for the millage of the city. This is a standard ordinance that lists the inside millage and outside millage.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: NONE

As there was no further business by members of Council, President Moran wished everyone a great and safe Fourth of July holiday. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

James W. Moran
President of Council

Susan G. Pease
Clerk of Council