

CITY OF ROCKY RIVER

April 20, 2020

The Legislative Meeting of Council was called to order by Mr. Moran, President of Council at 7:00 p.m. in the Civic Center Community Room.

Council Members Present: Mr. Hunt, Mr. Shepherd, Mr. O'Donnell, Mr. Furry,
Mrs. Morris (Facetime with Councilman Furry), Mr. Klym, Mr.
Moran

Administration: Mayor Bobst, Director Snyder

Law Director: Mr. Bemer (Facetime with Assistant Law Director O'Shea)

Assistant Law Director: Mr. O'Shea

MOTION:

Moved by Mr. Moran, seconded by Mr. O'Donnell that the reading of the minutes of the Legislative Meeting of March 23rd be waived and that the minutes be accepted as submitted.

Vote: Hunt – aye	Shepherd – aye	O'Donnell – aye	Furry – aye
Morris – aye	Klym – aye	Moran – aye	
7 ayes		0 nays	PASSED

MAYOR'S REPORT:

The Mayor said that a Resident Update was sent out this evening prior to this meeting. The update included the following information.

Tonight the Rocky River City School District will be joining several other districts around the state of Ohio to honor the Rocky River High School graduating Class of 2020 as well as other graduates throughout the state. The RRHS stadium lights will be turned on tonight at 8:20 pm (20:20 military time) for 20 minutes and 20 seconds. Residents are encouraged to turn on their porch lights during this time in support and celebration of our graduate's academic success!

Mayor Bobst also extended thanks to Councilman Klym and Executive Director Angela Barth for all the assistance they have given in helping small businesses in the community. The Chamber has also launched a creative way for residents to support local restaurants and win valuable prizes at the same time called "Let's Rock River".

The Mayor said that an employee update was sent out discussing various items including the securing of thermometers for all departments. Directors are working on costs associated with the COVID-19 response so that the city may be in line for reimbursements and to quantify any losses with program fees, rentals or memberships. Directors are also working on plans for re-opening and restarting programming. More information will be needed from the State Department of

Health, the County Department of Health and the Governor's Office to re-open the Senior Center and the Recreation Center, etc. The Mayor stated that the city now has a comprehensive document that contains all of the Continuity of Operation plans that the Directors have completed.

The Mayor said that the Finance Department received a letter from R.I.T.A. projecting a loss of income tax in the amount of \$1.4 million in revenue losses. In addition, the local Government Fund, which is tied to state receipts, will see a possible modification and DOPWIC funding is on hold at this time. Property tax valuation is the highest it has ever been, however this could be a time where collection drops off. The Directors have begun cutting budgets. The city is in an excellent position with past practices that served the city well in 2009 and 2010, but it will mean adjustments to the city budget and finances.

The Mayor gave an update regarding various projects in the city:

- Shoreland and Struhar waterlines are moving forward.
- Work has commenced on Story Road with some tree removal. Residents have been notified by the city and Fabrizi. Story Road will be closed westbound with the detour on Lorain Road.
- Cleveland Water awarded the city new waterlines for Malvern and Telbir.
- The WWTP began the Sewer Flow and Strength Study on April 15th.
- The Police Station is moving ahead with the excavation of the front parking lot and the Storm Water Management System. Many spectators have been enjoying the excavation.
- The Pavilion at Rocky River Park is expected to be finished by the end of the month weather permitting.
- The Senior Center HVAC project is completed and is up and running.
- The Senior Center gift shop is being transformed into an Internet Café and gift shop. This was part of the Strategic Plan for the Senior Center Accreditation process.

Please call the Mayor if there are any questions regarding this report.

A special thank you to the staff and volunteers from the Senior Center who are involved in daily outreach to resident seniors, checking on their health, assessing needs they may have, and simply engaging in a friendly, supportive conversation.

The Police Marine Patrol Grant was awarded in the amount of \$29,999.99, which is in front of Council this evening.

The city received the "Tree City USA" designation for the 35th year in a row. Thank you to Director Snyder, Dave Arendec and Shelley Sollars and this year a Growth Award was attached to this designation.

LAW DIRECTOR BEMER: Mr. Bemer said that the Charter Review Commission met last Thursday via WebEx. This Thursday, the Mayor and Council received an invitation to participate regarding Articles II & III concerning the Mayor Executive Office as well as City

Council Powers and Duties. Comments are more than welcome and encouraged. Please let Kate Straub know if interested in attending this meeting electronically on Thursday, April 23rd at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Bemer also commented that he had a series of commentaries and letter writings with Mr. and Mrs. Wood and their attorney. Council has been copied on this. If anyone has a comment about that process, please contact Mr. Bemer.

Assistant Law Director O'Shea reported that Rocky River Municipal Court is functionally closed until May 11, 2020.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: NONE

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: NONE

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE NO. 24-20 **BY: MICHAEL P. O'DONNELL**
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO PAY THE CITY OF CLEVELAND, DIVISION OF WATER FOR WATER METER READINGS NEEDED BY THE CITY OF ROCKY RIVER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$33,837.24, FOR THE PERIOD DATED MARCH 1, 2019 TO FEBRUARY 29, 2020 AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN THE ATTACHED EXHIBIT "A"
1st READING

Mr. O'Donnell stated that this is an annual ordinance. The City of Cleveland, Division of Water, is paid to do an accurate reading of water meters each year for calculating sanitary sewer charges.

ORDINANCE NO. 25-20 **BY: THOMAS J. HUNT**
AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF OHIO TO ACCEPT A GRANT UP TO \$29,999.99 FOR THE OPERATION OF THE MARINE PATROL FOR THE YEAR 2020, AND AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN THE ATTACHED AWARD LETTER
1st READING

Mr. Hunt thanked the Mayor for mentioning this ordinance in her remarks. This is a yearly grant with nothing new regarding this process. Mr. Hunt may need to seek a rule suspension next week, as the due date for this grant is May 8, 2020. Mr. Hunt spoke with Chief Stillman this afternoon and in the past the city has received an extension on this date. The Mayor added that this amount represents 75% of the operation cost and the city pays 25%.

ORDINANCE NO. 26-20 **BY: THOMAS J. HUNT**
AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO
PAY WATCHGUARD VIDEO THE SUM OF SIX THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED
NINETY DOLLARS (\$6,990.00) FOR REDACTIVE SOFTWARE
1st READING

Mr. Hunt stated that this will be discussed further at the next meeting and will have a three full reads.

ORDINANCE NO. 27-20 **BY: THOMAS J. HUNT**
AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO
PAY HALL PUBLIC SAFETY UPFITTERS THE SUM OF TEN THOUSAND THIRTY-
SEVEN DOLLARS AND SEVENTY-NINE CENTS (\$10,037.79) FOR SAFETY
EQUIPMENT UPGRADES TO ONE 2019 FORD UTILITY POLICE VEHICLE
1st READING

Mr. Hunt said that this will be discussed further at the next meeting. This is for the up fitting of a 2019 utility cruiser for the police department.

ORDINANCE NO. 28-20 **BY: CHRISTOPHER J. KLYM**
AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY-SERVICE TO ENTER INTO A SUPPLEMENTAL
AGREEMENT WITH LJB INC., FOR ENGINEERING AND DESIGN FOR THE
CENTER RIDGE COMPLETE STREETS PROJECT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO
EXCEED \$15,335.00
1st READING

Mr. Klym forwarded an email to Council regarding this ordinance from Director Snyder. The original ordinance (#1-19) was in the amount of \$68,000.00. This supplemental amount is the sum of two contract modifications that were outside the scope of the additional contract with LJB. The modification in the amount of \$9,435 was to perform additional traffic studies on additional intersections on Center Ridge Road west of Savors. This additional work came at the City's request because the information will be beneficial for the city with the upcoming CMAQ project for Center Ridge Road. The second modification was to aid in the revision and bidding of the project for the amount of \$5,900.00. The initial bid for construction was over the 10% threshold of the engineer's estimate so the best course of action was to change the scope of the project.

ORDINANCE NO. 29-20 **BY: MICHAEL P. O'DONNELL**
AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE DECLARING THE INTENT OF THE CITY OF
ROCKY RIVER TO REIMBURSE CERTAIN COSTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE
CONSTRUCTION, EQUIPPING, FURNISHING AND OTHERWISE IMPROVING
A NEW POLICE STATION, TOGETHER WITH ALL NECESSARY
APPURTENANCES THERETO, FROM THE PROCEEDS OF A FUTURE ISSUE OF
SECURITIES

1st READING

Mr. O'Donnell discussed this ordinance with Mr. Thomas this afternoon. This relates to the funding of the new Police Station but is not a funding mechanism. This was suggested to be done by Bond Council to approve the full amount of \$10 million of the project to comply with the Reimbursement Regulations to protect the City's ability to finance the project on a tax-exempt basis. Council will have time to review any costs and expenses regarding the new Police Station. Let Mr. O'Donnell know if you have any questions. Director Thomas will be in attendance at the next meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: Mr. Moran thanked Mike Balla and Sue Pease for setting up for the meeting this evening that was held in the Civic Center Community Room. Participants and audience members were more than six feet apart with legislation being read for the first time. President Moran will communicate the next step concerning future Council Meetings. Currently, the next meeting is scheduled for next Monday, April 27, 2020.

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

As there was no further business by members of Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

James W. Moran
President of Council

Susan G. Pease
Clerk of Council