

**CITY OF ROCKY RIVER**

**July 20, 2020**

The Special Meeting of Council was called to order by Mr. Moran, President of Council, at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

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

Administration: Mayor Bobst, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Snyder

Law Director: Mr. Bemer

Assistant Law Director: Mr. O'Shea

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Special Meeting this evening is in regards to Resolution No. 59-20, Ordinance Nos. 60-20 – 63-20 and Resolution No. 64-20.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS: NONE**

**COMMUNICATIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS: NONE**

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: NONE**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 59-20**

**BY: CHRISTINA MORRIS**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE PLACEMENT OF A PROPOSED SHORE STRUCTURE AND APPROVAL OF A LAKE ERIE SUBMERGED LAND LEASE FROM OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES (ODNR) ADJACENT TO PERMANENT PARCEL NO. 302-09-008 AT 21620 AVALON DRIVE, ROCKY RIVER, OHIO  
2<sup>nd</sup> READING**

Mrs. Morris said this is a request for permission for the placement of a proposed shore structure and the approval of a Lake Erie submerged land lease from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. This will be placed on a consent agenda for next week's Legislative Meeting.

**ORDINANCE NO. 60-20**

**BY: JOHN B. SHEPHERD**

**AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH RMH CONCRETE, INC., FOR THE 2020 TREE AND SIDEWALK PROGRAM IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$82,271.70  
2<sup>nd</sup> READING**

Mr. Shepherd stated that RMH Concrete, Inc. was the low bidder by \$4,900.00 and was well below the engineer's estimate of \$106,000. RMH has previously worked for the city and has done a nice job. RMH

has also worked for the City of Perrysburg and the City of Mansfield. References were checked with the City of Mansfield. RMH have no unresolved findings in the Auditor's State Database. This will have three full reads. This is for the sidewalks and replacement of certain conflicting trees on Sunnyhill Drive and Thomson Circle. Mr. Shepherd would like this added to the consent agenda for next week.

**ORDINANCE NO. 61-20**

**BY: JOHN B. SHEPHERD**

**AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR TO PURCHASE PRINTING SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF ROCKY RIVER FROM ADMIRAL PRODUCTS, INC. FOR TWO (2) YEARS  
2<sup>nd</sup> READING**

Mr. Shepherd stated that this was put out to bid to test the market. There were two responsive bidders and one of the bidders did not give prices on a number of items and therefore was not a proper bid. By default, Admiral Products won the bid. Admiral Products was \$3,000 over the low bid. The city pays for printing as needed. This bid is \$19,000 over the old bid but Mr. Snyder stated that some of the items will not be used as in the Quill from the Senior Center, items from the Recreation Center and the city also received a grant from the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District that will offset \$4,500 of printing costs. Mr. Shepherd would like this added to the consent agenda for next week.

**ORDINANCE NO. 62-20**

**BY: MICHAEL P. O'DONNELL**

**AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$10,000,000 OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO PAY OR REIMBURSE THE CITY FOR ALL OR A PORTION THE COSTS AND ADDITIONAL COSTS OF CONSTRUCTING, EQUIPPING, FURNISHING AND OTHERWISE IMPROVING A NEW POLICE FACILITY, TOGETHER WITH ALL NECESSARY APPURTENANCES THERETO  
1<sup>st</sup> READING**

Mr. O'Donnell stated that Ordinance No. 62-20 will have three full reads. Mr. O'Donnell stated that Council approved \$6,000,000 of bonds last year. This is a similar ordinance but includes an additional \$4,000,000 in notes to the anticipated \$10,000,000 cost in terms of what will be borrowed. This is setting up the ability to borrow the funds. These bonds last only 12 months so every year the city will need to approve ordinances such as this so Council can go ahead with funding. Mr. O'Donnell forwarded Director Thomas' email to Council for the detail he provided. This is a significant piece of legislation. Let Mr. O'Donnell know of any questions.

The Mayor will provide Council with any information needed. The email from Director Thomas noted that in 2019 the city issued other notes (\$750,000) for the new ladder truck. The city received settlement proceeds toward the cost to retire these notes and the interest thereon will be paid off and considered retired. Mr. O'Donnell thanked Prosecutor O'Shea for his help in negotiating this settlement.

Director Thomas stated this is for authorization up to \$10 million, but it will be under that amount. The city wants to retain the Bank Qualified Status with this issue and the city is at the threshold. This will contribute to the market of potential bondholders for this issue when it goes into bond as the city wants to be conscience of that threshold. These are one-year notes.

- Mr. Furry stated that the initial note will mature on September 24, 2020 and these notes will segue into bonds. Mr. Furry asked what the administration thinks will be done concerning the

anticipation of the bonds and also asked about the 4% interest rate. Director Thomas stated that the city will get what is available in the market and currently it is much less than 4%. This is the maximum that Council is authorizing to do. In terms of length of time, this is regulatory language. The notes are for one year so this is “bridge financing” to get the construction accomplished. The city might be able to go to bonds next year at maturity. Once this is bonded out, there will be a set amortization schedule.

Mr. O’Donnell stated that this is a lengthy ordinance and he anticipate three full reads. Council has the rest of July and August to consider this legislation.

**ORDINANCE NO. 63-20**

**BY: JOHN B. SHEPHERD**

**AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE SHELLY COMPANY, FOR THE 2020 STREET REPAIR PROGRAM IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$691,320.25**

**1<sup>st</sup> READING**

Mr. Shepherd stated that this ordinance is read for the first time this evening and he will request a rule suspension for the three read rule for this ordinance at next week’s meeting. The streets being repaved are Archwood Drive, Eastlook Road, Eldora Road, Harwich Court, Idlewild Drive, Kingsbury, Marlys, Middle Post Lane, Old Detroit Entrance, Scenic Road, Shoreland Avenue, Westhaven Lane and Wynwood Drive. This was put out to bid and six responsive bids were received with Shelly Company being the best bid at \$36,000 under the next bid from Crossroads. They were also \$208,000 under the engineer’s estimate of \$900,000. The Shelly Company has done work for the City of Rocky River most recently completing the resurfacing of Detroit Road and Wooster Road. The City of Elyria gave a favorable recommendation. There are no unresolved findings in the Auditor of State’s Database.

- Mr. Furry asked if the administration considered adding streets to this as the bid was low. The Mayor said no, the city needed this aggressive bid. The city is looking at the tennis courts at Linden Park and a parking lot at Tri-City Park and hoping to leverage these with Shelly Construction under an additional ordinance. Director Snyder added that he has discussed having the Street’s Department go out to complete limited repair work on various streets.
- President Moran asked if all these streets will be completed this year. Mr. Snyder said Shelly Construction is confident that it will be completed this year.

Councilman Shepherd will forward Director Snyder’s email to Council.

**RESOLUTION NO. 64-20**

**BY: MICHAEL P. O’DONNELL**

**A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE ALTERNATIVE TAX BUDGET INFORMATION OF THE CITY OF ROCKY RIVER, OHIO FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2021 AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN THE ATTACHED EXHIBIT “A”**

**1<sup>st</sup> READING**

Mr. O’Donnell stated that this is an annual ordinance. This is a preliminary budget that Finance Director Thomas puts together without consultation with the Directors of each Department or the Mayor. Director Thomas makes certain assumptions and reasonable adjustments. There are adjustments made for equipment purchases and capital projects because of the police station project and meaningful adjustments to certain revenue sources that resulted in appropriations adjustments and the decision to use

the fund balances to pay for some of these things. These are things Council and the administration should watch while preparing the 2021 Budget. This is required by the Revised Code to pass this and get it to the County. Mr. O'Donnell will seek a rule suspension for the three read rule at next week's meeting.

Moved by Mr. Moran, seconded by Mr. Shepherd to close the Special Meeting.

Vote:	Hunt – aye	Shepherd – aye	O'Donnell – aye	Furry – aye
	Morris – aye	Klym – aye	Moran - aye	
	7 ayes		0 nays	<b>PASSED</b>

The Special Meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

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James W. Moran  
President of Council

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Susan G. Pease  
Clerk of Council