

CITY OF ROCKY RIVER

March 21, 2022

The Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting of Council was called to order by Mr. Moran, President of Council, at 7:00 p.m. in the David J. Cook Council Chambers.

Council Members Present: Mr. Hunt, Mr. Shepherd, Mrs. Gallagher, Mr. Furry,
Mrs. Morris, Mr. Sindelar, Mr. Moran

Administration: Mayor Bobst, Mr. Snyder

Law Director: Mr. O'Shea

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Mayor respectfully requested an Executive Session this evening under Article X, Section 6, Subsection 4 to discuss negotiations regarding Collective Bargaining.

MOTION:

Moved by Mr. Moran, seconded by Mr. Furry that an Executive Session under Article X, Section 6, Subsection 4 to discuss negotiations regarding Collective Bargaining be held this evening.

Vote:	Hunt – aye	Shepherd – aye	Gallagher– aye	Furry - aye
	Morris– aye	Sindelar– aye	Moran – aye	
	7 ayes	0 nays		PASSED

The Executive Session ended at 7:23 p.m. and the Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting resumed immediately following the Executive Session.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

The Mayor stated that the administration will go out to bid the first week of April for the remaining project for Bradstreet's Landing. This will include the boardwalk, the revetments, the turn-around circle at the pier and the new parking area. This will eliminate the "U" and should be completed this construction season. The railings are continuing to be worked on and the benches that will be installed are completed. The final plans for Bradstreet's Landing will be received sometime around the beginning of April and the Mayor will share those with Council. Director Snyder is doing a great job keeping things moving.

The restrooms will be removed this week at Bradstreet's Landing and the Bait Shop. As of May 1st, porta potties will be available for the public.

There is pothole and waterhole repair being done this week on the streets along with seeding the fields at Elmwood, soccer fields and the swings are being installed in the parks.

The State Capital Request was submitted last week. The Mayor and Director Snyder spoke with Senator Matt Dolan's office this afternoon to clarify the project regarding the Center Ridge Road Project. It is over a \$2 million project including resurfacing and everything that needs to be done. With a CMAQ Grant, the ODOT Urban Paving Program and the city's contribution, the request is for \$600,000. Representative Smith has also received the request. The city received a letter of support from the Rocky River City School District because of the work being proposed at Goldwood School, a letter

from the Chamber of Commerce will be received tomorrow, a letter from the City of Fairview Park and the Welsh Home regarding pedestrian access. Thank you to Director Snyder for all his work on this submission. The Mayor stated that it is a good submission because of all the work that has already been completed including the TLCI Grant that had an extensive stakeholder engagement process and was included in the city's Master Plan along with the leverage of ODOT dollars to complete the project.

On April 24th, tree removal on Telbir will begin. Residents have been notified and the contractor will send out a construction memo with contact information. The scope of this project includes waterlines on Malvern and Telbir followed by paving and some full depth repairs. It will be completed this construction season. The replanting of the trees will begin in 2023.

The Recreation Department announced the offering of a Passport Program to bundle memberships to include the Civic Center, the outdoor pool and the ice rink on an annual basis.

The city is working on consolidating PSAP which stands for Public Safety Answering Points. The City of Rocky River is in Westcom but police dispatch is not included. The city, along with other Westshore Communities, is looking at consolidating the police into Westcom along with the Fire Department so 911 funds can still be received from the county. More details to follow.

The Mayor gave a shout out to The Dance Centre on Smith Court. The Mayor was honored to participate in "Girls Geared for Greatness" which is empowering and inspiring young woman in our community. It was an amazing afternoon. Thank you to Heidi Glynias for her support of some of the youngest members of our community working with them on leadership, development, envisioning and curiosity. Tiffany Tucker from Channel 19 was also a speaker. The Dance Centre does a lot to benefit Prayers from Maria and Our Lady of the Wayside. The Mayor shared with them a Hopi Indian saying: "To watch us dance is to hear our hearts speak". The Mayor told them that when they bring joy we hear their hearts and we thank them for the ability to hear their hearts.

The Mayor also mentioned that the Law Director has begun drafting legislation for fireworks, reaffirming what is already included in the city's code.

- Councilwoman Gallagher asked about the Recreation Summer Camps. The Mayor stated they are working on hiring more staff to fulfill the waiting list. The Mayor will ask Director Holub where they are on this. People on the waiting list will be notified when room is available.
- Councilman Furry asked about the article included in Cranes Publication today regarding the AirBnb House Bill. The Mayor stated the Mayors and Managers are well aware and are working on this. The City of Rocky River allows AirBnbs only as long term and in commercial areas.

The Mayor thanked Councilwoman Gallagher for the information on the Sunshine Law that she distributed. The Mayor said the city's protocol is that any public record request goes through the Law Department. Please forward any request Council may receive to the Law Department. The city practices the Sunshine Law rules daily and Mary Ellen Umerley does a great job in handling these requests.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: NONE

COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL: Councilwoman Morris received a drawing from Superintendent Barille regarding the new pumps and how they work at the WWTP. Ordinance No. 7-22 was approved last week. Councilwoman Morris stated that Superintendent Barille is compassionate, transparent and caring and the city is lucky to have these types of people in leadership roles for the city. He is a great superintendent. The Mayor added that Superintendent Barille presented to Fairview Park

City Council regarding the WWTP and they were very impressed and now understand why these purchases are necessary. President Moran added that at the end of last year, Nick gave a tour of the WWTP to Bay Village City Council.

MOTION:

President Moran moved to suspend the 72-hour rule and add Ordinance Nos. 19-22 and 20-22 to this evening's agenda, seconded by Mr. Hunt and Mrs. Morris.

Vote:	Hunt – aye	Shepherd – aye	Gallagher– aye	Furry - aye
	Morris– aye	Sindelar– aye	Moran – aye	
	7 ayes	0 nays		PASSED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE NO. 71-21: Mrs. Morris said this continues to be referred to the Planning Commission and is still on hold.

ORDINANCE NO. 105-21: Mr. Moran said that the Planning Commission approved the minutes of their Public Hearing regarding this ordinance. City Council will hold a Public Hearing on this ordinance on April 11th which will be posted in the WestLife the next two publications as required. This has been read once and will be read for a second time next week with the third read after the Public Hearing.

ORDINANCE NO. 10-22: This ordinance was read for a second time at last week's meeting. The city received two bids for the ice resurfacers and although Zamboni was not the lowest bid, after discussion with the city mechanics who have the responsibility of maintaining this unique vehicle, based on maintenance knowledge, parts inventory and operational training, the Zamboni albeit not the lowest was the best bid. The city is getting a small trade in allowance and although appropriated for 2022, it will not be received until 2023. Zamboni Company USA, Inc. had no findings in the Auditor of State's Database. This will be placed on a consent agenda.

ORDINANCE NO. 11-22: This ordinance has been read twice and will be placed on a consent agenda. This is for the purchase of replacement flooring for the turf in the Hamilton Ice Arena which has gone through its useful life. The replacement cost budgeted was \$250,000 and this is coming in at a not to exceed amount of \$95,500 with the useful life on this product of 16 years. The flooring is not made out of recycled plastic, but is recyclable. This company also had no findings on the Auditor of State's Database.

- Mr. Sindelar asked if this flooring will come up and be stored? The flooring does come up and will be stored at Admiral Printing or the city service garage. The Mayor added that the color of the floor will need to be one of the three gray shades because of the stripping for floor hockey and futsal. The striping will be permanent and the modular squares will be 20 x 20.

ORDINANCE NO. 12-22: Mr. Shepherd said this ordinance is for the contract for repaving of Wooster Road between Center Ridge Road and Westover Avenue. This is also set for a third read and is a good candidate for the consent agenda. There was a healthy response to the bid request with six bids in response. The Karvo Company's references and qualifications all came back positive.

RESOLUTION NO. 13-22: Mr. Shepherd said that Resolution 13-22 authorizes the Mayor to renew an agreement with NOPEC for the Energized Community Grant. This agreement needs to be in place to

accept these funds. This is also scheduled for a third read and is an excellent candidate for the consent agenda.

RESOLUTION NO. 14-22: Mrs. Gallagher stated that this resolution supports the placement of a proposed shore structure. This is in support of the placement of a concrete deck with stair access and placed at the base of the cliff in the northwest corner of the lot. There is already an existing erosion control that may also need maintenance. This request is part of the process for the granting of the submerged land lease through ODNR. This has been read once and will be read for a second time next week.

ORDINANCE NO. 15-22: Mr. Moran said this is an annual ordinance and is an arrangement between the City of Lakewood and the Valleyview area of the City of Rocky River for treatment of sanitary sewage. Lakewood charges are increasing from \$90.80 mcf to \$94.90 mcf with an additional \$12.58 base for a total of \$106.78. This is for 102 addresses in the Valleyview area. The Valleyview residents pay the same amount as all Rocky River residents, and the city pays the difference. This will be read for a second time next week.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION NO. 16-22: This resolution authorizes a contract between Fairview Park and Rocky River for an expense sharing arrangement between the two cities for the Spencer Road resurfacing sanitary sewer improvement project. Ohio Public Works Commission provides a no interest loan in the amount of \$524,000. The Ohio Public Works Commission wants Rocky River to handle the bidding and payment and bill the City of Fairview Park. Fairview Park's percentage interest of this project is 2.7%. This will have three full reads.

- President Moran asked if the resurfacing will be asphalt over concrete and will the streets be smoothed out. Mr. Snyder said there will be full depth repairs and this should alleviate some of the issues with Spencer Road.

RESOLUTION NO. 17-22: Mr. Shepherd said this is an annual resolution. The city uses ODOT for the purchase of salt and the contract requires a response by April 29th. Mr. Shepherd will ask for a rules suspension after two reads so the contract can be approved by April 29th. The amount to be ordered is 2200 tons. Mr. Snyder explained that the city plans for 4000 tons for a winter season. Based on what is left on the current contract plus the 2200 tons will allow for the 4000 tons for next year.

- Mr. Furry asked if there were issues with salt this past year. Mr. Snyder said there were issues, but he reached out to ODOT directly and it was handled within the week. The city still has salt coming on the current contract and can fit approximately 1800 tons in the salt barn. The next contract starts in the Fall of 2022. The Mayor said this is a 90/110 contract and Mr. Snyder added that there is 10% flexibility either way.

ORDINANCE NO. 18-22: Mr. Hunt said this is a supplemental agreement with Zenith Electric for additional work that needed to be done at the police station. Mr. Hunt met with Director Snyder before this evening and would like to hold off discussion and questions until next week. This is similar to the arrangement with Sitetech regarding the demolition portion of the former police station. An arrangement has been worked out incorporating oversights by Bowen and the payment to Zenith for the work that has been done. This will have three full reads.

ORDINANCE NO. 19-22: Mr. Moran stated that this is amending Ordinance No. 1-22 creating positions and salaries for the non-bargaining, hourly rate employees commencing January 1, 2022. The raises follow the same raises on other contracts and will be discussed further at next week's meeting.

ORDINANCE NO. 20-22: Mr. Shepherd said this ordinance authorizes the Mayor to enter into a collective bargaining agreement with the Teamsters Local Union 436 representing certain employees of the Service Division and three employees of the Recreation Department. Details of this agreement was discussed during executive session at the beginning of this meeting. The raises were within the pattern set for the city with the other collective bargaining units. This ordinance needs to be passed within 30 days of the union agreeing to these terms. Mr. Shepherd anticipates requesting a rules suspension on this ordinance in order to fulfill the 30-day rule.

- Mrs. Morris asked if the percentage of what the city pays on these contracts changes very much contract to contract. The Mayor said citywide personnel costs account for approximately 72-74% of the budget. Luckily the city has revenue that supports these increases. Many other public entities are at about 82, 85, 87%.

Mr. Shepherd thinks this could be ready for passage at the April 11th meeting, with two readings.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: President Moran said the next meeting will be March 28th in Council Chambers. President Moran wished Councilman Shepherd a happy birthday this week.

As there was no further business by members of Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

James W. Moran
President of Council

Susan G. Pease
Clerk of Council