

CITY OF ROCKY RIVER

October 21, 2019

The meeting of the Committee-of-the-Whole 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, Mr. O'Donnell, Mr. Furry,
Mr. Sindelar, Mr. Klym, Mr. Moran

Administration: Mayor Bobst, Mrs. Costello

Law Director: Mr. Bemer

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

The Mayor received a letter last Tuesday from Jason Stangland, the Project Leader from SmithGroup JJR, along with others, regarding the Bradstreet's Landing Project. The Ohio EPA responded and the ODNR responded that the Shore Structure Permit will be approved. The technical review is complete and SmithGroup JJR is working with the Port Authority and the ODNR on finalizing that. The Army Corp of Engineers' review will be completed soon. The city has not yet received a list of conditions on the issuance of approvals, which could potentially change the plans. The remaining item is the Submerged Land Lease, but all permits need to be obtained before applying for this. The last step will be to forward it to the Governor's Office for his signature.

The County has applied for a NOACA TLCI Planning Grant (Transportation for Livable Communities Initiative). This will be for the entire lakefront in Cuyahoga County looking at improvements and accessibility to the lakefront. There are several components of this along with several groups working with them. The City of Rocky River did provide a letter of support from the perspective that the city is making investments and have commitments to create connections, i.e. Bradstreet's Landing, Rocky River Park, involvement in the Water Trail and the state and national bike routes. This is consistent with the Master Plan and consistent with the Community Confluence Grant that the city was awarded along with the City of Lakewood and the MetroParks. This is an extremely visionary and ambitious plan.

The Mayor announced that the leaf trucks will be out in the community beginning Monday, November 4th. Commissioner Snyder has begun a new Facebook Page for the Service Department for notifications regarding leaf pickup, etc. Forty-three trees will be planted this fall replacing trees along Wooster, Lakeview and Eldora. Next year, 150 more trees will be planted throughout the city.

The Senior Center received a \$5,000 contribution from Giant Eagle for the Senior Transportation Program. Thank you to Giant Eagle for their continued support.

The Senior Center, along with Deb Huff and committed seniors, will be submitting an application for accreditation to the State of Ohio. The document being submitted is twice the thickness as was submitted for national accreditation.

- Councilman Furry asked the Mayor how much longer the construction at Hilliard and Wagar Road will be. The Mayor stated that there is a police officer at the intersection, manually controlling the signalization to move traffic through the intersection. No matter the time, this work would be disruptive.

Director Costello stated that this is a stamped concrete crosswalk going in at the intersection and by the pool across Hilliard Blvd., as well. The contractors requested the process be handled in this manner, to keep the rest of the project moving along and finishing up with the concrete crosswalks. This work is a little slower as it needs to be completed in three sections. The work hopefully will be completed by the end of this week, weather permitting. The entire Hilliard Road project will be wrapped up by mid-November.

- President Moran asked about the scheduling for leaf pick up. Director Costello said that the Service Department tries to follow the same schedule as the refuse collection but it is based on how heavy/wet the leaves are. The goal is to have a weekly leaf pick up throughout the community.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Planning, Zoning and Economic Development: President Moran attended the Planning Commission Meeting last week regarding Preservation Partners. Mr. Moran was enthused with the detail the commission is going through and making sure details are completed prior to Preservation Partners moving forward. President Moran said that the Planning Commission is doing a great job and it is a lot of work with a lot of details. The Public Hearing scheduled for October 29th may be postponed.

COMMUNICATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS: NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE NO. 71-19: Mr. O'Donnell said that this ordinance has been discussed for a number of weeks and he plans to seek passage next week. This ordinance sets up a special fund for any investment earnings received as proceeds off the debt issued for purposes of funding the new police department and will go into a Special Projects Fund so that the money can be used for the purpose of building the new police department. If this is not established, the money would go into the General Fund and the money would then have to be allocated separately.

ORDINANCE NO. 72-19: Mr. Hunt said that this is an ordinance to authorize the Mayor to enter into a contract with Cuyahoga County for the temporary Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP), which is a call center emergency dispatching service for first responders. The contract attached, Exhibit A, was prepared by the County and looks like a standard form used for most municipalities for their services. Mr. Hunt has discussed this with Chief Stillman and Director Costello and this is simply equipment relating to the 911 systems and interfaced with the County's call workstation. The equipment needed to be relocated to the temporary site on Center Ridge Road. Each relocation and installation will cost \$3,500 with a total cost of \$7,000. This amount is under the threshold for Council approval, but since it is an intergovernmental agreement with the County, Council needs to approve it. Law Director Bemer does not have any questions or concern regarding the contract.

ORDINANCE NO. 73-19: Mr. Sindelar said that this is an ordinance authorizing the administration to purchase a new 2019 Ford F-550 Pick-Up truck, which will be outfitted with a Bonnell plow package. This will replace a 1999 pick-up truck that can no longer be used with unrepairable body issues. This will have two more reads.

ORDINANCE NO. 74-19: Mr. Sindelar said that this is an ordinance authorizing the purchase of a 25 Cubic Yard Trailer Mounted Self-Contained Vacuum Leaf Collector for the Service Division. This will be the second of these machines to be put into the rotation. This will have a diesel engine with more fuel efficiency, is self-contained and will self-dump so nothing needs to be detached. This will have two more reads.

- Councilman Hunt asked if the efficiency of this unit is a result of the process of mulching or is it larger than the packers. Director Costello said it is run by a diesel engine therefore the mulching is smaller and more leaves can be picked up prior to dumping.

- The Mayor added that during a meeting with Commissioner Snyder he described a new process for leaf pick-up. The machines will be cleaned at the end of the day, as opposed to the middle of the day, keeping the machines out working the entire day. Mr. Snyder is creating new efficiencies with the new equipment along with new processes.
- President Moran asked Director Costello for a picture of this new machinery.

ORDINANCE NO. 75-19: Mr. Shepherd said that this is a new ordinance authorizing a contract with Perram Electric, Inc. to upgrade the crossing by the Middle School on Lakeview Road and Lakeview Court. It will be slightly relocated and will be made ADA compliant. There will be an actuated pedestrian signal there in cooperation with the Rocky River City School District for the grant awarded in 2017. Mr. Shepherd asked when this project would begin. Director Costello responded that this project would begin as soon as Dominion completes their project. The first step will be to order the device but that will not be installed until spring. Director Costello would like the new pedestrian ramp and sidewalk installed at the new crosswalk location this fall. In the spring, the “Bike to School Contest” begins, so Director Costello would like the majority of the work completed this year.

- Mr. Sindelar asked if the stop sign will be flashing. Director Costello said it would be a pedestrian activated sign that will illuminate as a standard pedestrian crosswalk. The Ohio Department of Transportation sets the standards as to what the sign looks like. The lights should not reflect in homes as the lights will be a distance away. Director Costello will inquire about shielding for the lights.

ORDINANCE NO. 76-19: Mr. Hunt said that this was read for the first time last week and the week prior the Mayor discussed this ordinance. This ordinance will be the addition of a third SRO Officer for Kensington, Goldwood and Beach Pre-School. Officer Bernhardt is at the High School, Officer Blazer at the Middle School and Officer Czaplicki will rotate between Goldwood, Kensington and Beach Pre-school. The Memorandum of Understanding is attached to the ordinance outlining the detail that the school district pays the city for 181 days of full compensation, all benefits and wages for these officers. The other time the officers are not engaged in their duties at the school, they will return to their ordinary duties with the force.

The Mayor added that the third SRO is still in the pilot phase. If this is finalized consistent with this contract, another ordinance will come before Council to change the compliment of the police force to add the SRO splitting time between a police officer and SRO. The Mayor stated that Chief Stillman is comfortable with this compliment of officers. Much of the city’s population is in the schools during the school day so it is a very important place to have officers.

- Councilman Sindelar commented that he is thrilled with the program and his children love Officer Blazer and Officer Blazer enjoys his job at the school. The Mayor said it builds a very important relationship with the students, parents and the faculty. The Mayor also noted that there is a grant that is applied for with the schools for the D.A.R.E. program as well as a portion of the SRO, which is credited to the schools.

ORDINANCE NO. 77-19: Mr. Furry said that this authorizes the city to enter into an intergovernmental agreement for a grant award. Service Commissioner Rich Snyder started this in late June, applied and was awarded an Urban Site Analysis of Public Trees and Right-of-Ways Grant. These funds will further the inventory and planning efforts that Commissioner Snyder has made to advance the public tree investments. This grant is from the Cuyahoga County Planning Department and the award was in the amount \$25,075.00

This project will allow our Service Commissioner to work with a third party to complete the Urban Site Index which will establish a vulnerability assessment and it will include action plans to best utilize the urban canopy to reduce storm water, reduce heat index / greenhouse gases, improve air quality and counter climate changes. This will have two more reads.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: NONE

As there was no further business by members of Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

James W. Moran
President of Council

Susan G. Pease
Clerk of Council