

**CITY OF ROCKY RIVER**

**June 24, 2019**

The Regular 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, Mr. Furry,  
Mr. Sindelar, Mr. Moran

Absent: Mr. Klym, Mr. O'Donnell

Administration: Mayor Bobst, Mrs. Costello, Mr. Thomas

Law Director: Mr. Bemer

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MOTION:**

Moved by Mr. Moran, seconded by Mr. Furry that the reading of the minutes of the Legislative Meeting of June 10<sup>th</sup> be waived and that the minutes be accepted as submitted.

Vote: Hunt – aye                      Shepherd – aye                      Furry – aye  
Sindelar – aye                      Moran – aye  
5 ayes    0 nays    **PASSED**

Moved by Mr. Moran, seconded by Mr. Furry that the reading of the minutes of the Special Meeting and the Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting of June 17<sup>th</sup> be waived and that the minutes be accepted as submitted.

Vote: Hunt – aye                      Shepherd – aye                      Furry – aye  
Sindelar – aye                      Moran – aye  
5 ayes    0 nays    **PASSED**

**MAYOR’S REPORT:** The Mayor introduced Mr. Robert Holub, the new Director of Parks and Recreation, to City Council. Mr. Holub is a graduate of Kent State University for both his undergrad and his graduate degree. Bob has worked at recreation centers for Cleveland State, Alabama and most recently at Marshall University. The recreation department at Marshall was for the University but also served the community as well. Bob is a very successful administrator, an educator and has received several awards and accolades. Bob has been busy meeting with all the staff, meeting with key community members, learning Munis and is moving at the same time. Today he was interviewed regarding Rocky River being voted one of the best beach towns in the United States. Programming, budgeting and capital projects have all been discussed. Council members introduced themselves to Bob. Bob said he is excited to be here and all the warm welcomes have been fantastic. The first week was a whirlwind, but very educational.

The Mayor said there was a great meeting last week regarding the Police Station. Director Costello has everything moving forward. The city will be going out for bid for construction and will be in the newspapers on July 9<sup>th</sup>. Bids will be opened in early August, reviewed during August with one selected, and will be in front of Council in September.

The Fire Truck arrived last Wednesday morning. The firefighters are going through training on the vehicle now and stocking all the compartments. The truck will be operationalized soon.

The Mayor announced that the City of Rocky River took 12th, according to the annual ranking from WalletHub.com for the nations best beach towns. Staffers used six factors: affordability, weather, safety, economy, education, health and quality of life; including housing costs. The winners are divided between lake and ocean communities. There is only limited beach area currently due to the high water and what is there is covered with a lot of driftwood.

The Mayor, Director Costello and Mark Bacon, a representative from the Parks and Recreation, met with Sixmo Architects and Engineers who have been selected to design the new pavilion at Rocky River Park, that is being paid for by the Parks and Recreation Foundation. The city will have some involvement with demolition and site prep and perhaps a small contribution to that effort. Next week the administration will receive the first round of renderings. By September, a contractor will be selected. Bids will go out at the same time as the police station bids.

Another project the city is undertaking is a new sound system at the ice-skating rink that was presented to the city by the Hockey Foundation. This will be a 50/50 partnership and will be operational before the ice is put down at the rink.

The non-profit organization called “Because I said I Would”, which is about integrity, character building and keeping promises, is located on Center Ridge Road in Rocky River, will be doing a crowd volunteer effort to clean up Morley Park. This will take place on Friday of this week. The Mayor thanked them for this effort. Commissioner Rich Snyder will be working along with them.

The Greek Festival was a huge success this weekend with beautiful weather and so many amazing volunteers. The Mayor met their new priest, Father Andrew, who is doing a great job at St. Demetrius. The Mayor thanked the community and the local businesses and parishioners who advertised in the Festival Booklet.

The Garden Club Show was also a huge success this Friday and Saturday.

The Poverty Simulation had about 100 people attend. Thank you for opening the gymnasium doors and allowing them to host that event.

On Sunday, the city will be hosting an event called “Common Ground” from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the Civic Center. These community conversations will be happening throughout the greater Cleveland area. The city is doing this in partnership with the Rocky River Public Library and the League of Women Voters. The focus will be on community and community connections and how to be involved in a community in a productive way.

- Mr. Sindelar commended the Mayor regarding the annual ranking of the Nations Best Beach Towns. From the administration to the residents and the good schools, it is always exciting to talk about this community.
- The Mayor said this also provided an opportunity to discuss the work at Bradstreet’s Landing, which is about beach restoration and beach resiliency. This will be a park that people will want to go to thanks to Director Costello and SmithGroup, JJR.

**LAW DIRECTOR’S REPORT: NONE**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS: Planning, Zoning and Economic Development Committee:** Mr. Moran said that the Planning Commission met last Tuesday, June 18<sup>th</sup>. Valvoline has a contract to develop the property of the former First Merit Bank. Raising Cane representatives were not in attendance, but are moving forward on the property on Center Ridge Road. River Preservation Partners joined together with the Planning and Architectural Review Board and are looking forward to having another meeting. The message from the first meeting was that if this development goes through, that it be one that everyone is proud of. Mr. Bemer added that ARB would hear this alone on July 8<sup>th</sup> at their meeting regarding updated renderings of the building structure itself. This meeting will commence at 4:45 p.m.

- Mr. Sindelar asked if there would be an opportunity for residents to voice their opinion on design. There will be a Public Hearing before final approval of the design.

**COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: NONE**

**PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**ORDINANCE NO. 44-19** **BY: MICHAEL P. O'DONNELL**  
**AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$6,000,000 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 OF CONSTRUCTING, EQUIPPING, FURNISHING AND OTHERWISE IMPROVING A NEW POLICE FACILITY, TOGETHER WITH ALL NECESSARY APPURTENANCES THERETO**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> READING**

Mr. Moran spoke with Mr. O'Donnell and received emails from Mr. Klym regarding this ordinance. There have not been any questions or problems with this over the last three readings. This will permit the city to use bond financing up to \$6,000,000 to help pay for the new police facility. Mr. Moran asked Director Thomas if there have been any questions or changes. Director Thomas confirmed that there have been no changes. Mr. Moran moved for passage of this ordinance, seconded by Mr. Furry.

Vote: Hunt – aye	Shepherd – aye	Furry – aye	
Sindelar – aye	Moran – aye		
5 ayes		0 nays	<b>PASSED</b>

**ORDINANCE NO. 45-19** **BY: MICHAEL P. O'DONNELL**  
**AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$750,000 OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO PAY OR REIMBURSE THE CITY, TOGETHER WITH OTHER AVAILABLE FUNDS, FOR A PORTION OF THE COSTS OF ACQUIRING AND EQUIPPING A NEW LADDER FIRE TRUCK, TOGETHER WITH ALL NECESSARY APPURTENANCES THERETO**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> READING**

Mr. Moran said that this is the third read for this \$750,000 bond for the fire truck. The entire portion of this amount probably will not be utilized, but it will be there for the city to use if necessary. Mr. Moran asked Director Thomas if there have been any questions or changes. Director Thomas confirmed that there have been no changes. Mr. Moran moved for passage, seconded by Mr. Furry.

Vote: Hunt – aye	Shepherd – aye	Furry – aye	
Sindelar – aye	Moran – aye		



pay 100% of the costs of the local share of the construction of the administration costs of the CMAQ project. The amounts of these two projects are set forth in the agreement. This is a good and fair arrangement for both cities.

**ORDINANCE NO. 50-19** **BY: BRIAN J. SINDELAR**  
**AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO PURCHASE ONE (1) 2019 SENIOR MOBILITY VEHICLE WITH 15 TOTAL PASSENGER CAPACITY FOR THE SENIOR CENTER FROM AMERICAN BUS & ACCESSORIES, INC. AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$83,885.00**  
**1<sup>st</sup> READING**

Mr. Sindelar introduced this last week. The bid the city is recommending is \$41,087 less than the other bids. The city went out in the Open Market for this purchase. This is a substantial upgrade from the current vehicle with capacity for two wheelchairs and enough space for regular passengers and walker storage. It will have an HVAC air compressor which will allow for better air flow, slip resistance floors, storage pouches, a public address system, a back-up camera and monitor. 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 \$80,000 vehicle.

**ORDINANCE NO. 51-19** **BY: THOMAS J. HUNT**  
**AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH SITETECH, INC. FOR THE DEMOLITION & SITE WORK FOR THE POLICE STATION FOR THE CITY OF ROCKY RIVER IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,107,000.00**  
**1<sup>st</sup> READING**

Mr. Hunt will defer discussion of this until next week based on this week's agenda. The Safety-Service Director has requested a Special Meeting next week because time is of the essence to move on the demolition and site prep for the police station. Mr. Hunt has had no questions or comments regarding this ordinance. Mr. Moran said there will be a Special Meeting next week beginning at 7:00 p.m.

**RESOLUTION NO. 52-19** **BY: JAMES W. MORAN**  
**AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THAT ROCKY RIVER CITY COUNCIL SHALL RECESS DURING THE MONTH OF AUGUST IN 2019**  
**1<sup>st</sup> READING**

Mr. Moran stated that the month of August has been set for Council break for many years. The reason is so council has the opportunity to take vacations during the month of August.

**ORDINANCE NO. 53-19** **BY: BRIAN J. SINDELAR**  
**AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO PURCHASE ONE (1) 2020 INTERNATIONAL SINGLE & TANDEM AXLE CAB AND CHASSIS FOR THE SERVICE DIVISION UNDER THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S COOPERATIVE PURCHASING CONTRACT NO. 18 FROM RUSH TRUCK CENTERS OF OHIO, INC., AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$128,726.00**  
**1<sup>st</sup> READING**

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.

**RESOLUTION NO. 54-19** **BY: MICHAEL P. O'DONNELL**  
**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CERTIFICATION OF DELINQUENT SANITARY SEWER ACCOUNTS TO THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY FISCAL OFFICER FOR COLLECTION, IN**

**ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF OHIO AND AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN THE ATTACHED EXHIBIT "A"**  
**1<sup>st</sup> READING**

Mr. Moran stated that this list comes up this time every year. This is a list of delinquent sewer accounts that will be turned over to the County for collection. There are 536 names currently on this list, but this list will be amended by the third read with a lower amount of names. This will give the residents on this list time to pay their bill.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**ORDINANCE NO. 40-19** **BY: JOHN B. SHEPHERD**  
**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY-SERVICE TO RENEW A CONTRACT FOR ONE (1) YEAR FOR THE PURCHASE OF PRINTING SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF ROCKY RIVER FROM ADMIRAL PRODUCTS, INC. AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT "A"**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> READING**

Mr. Shepherd stated that Admiral Products has been a very efficient and good vendor for the City of Rocky River and the Court. Their prices have held since 2014. Mr. Shepherd said this will go out to bid next year.

**ORDINANCE NO. 41-19** **BY: BRIAN J. SINDELAR**  
**AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO PURCHASE ONE (1) 2019 CHEVROLET MALIBU VEHICLE FOR THE SENIOR CENTER UNDER THE STATE COOPERATIVE PURCHASING ACT FROM GANLEY CHEVROLET OF AURORA LLC, AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$18,007.74**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> READING**

This is for the replacement of a 2006 Impala that has over 123,000 miles on it. The purchase of a 2019 Chevy Malibu at \$18,077.14 for the Senior Center, from the State Cooperative Purchasing Contract, will be used for senior transportation. The seniors prefer the four-door sedan for their transport needs.

**ORDINANCE NO. 42-19** **BY: BRIAN J. SINDELAR**  
**AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH LOGICALIS FOR THE CITY OF ROCKY RIVER NETWORK UPGRADE OF FIREWALL, SWITCHES, WIRELESS ACCESS POINTS AND SECURITY CAMERAS, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$159,943.06**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> READING**

Mr. Sindelar said all of Council was present when Mr. Grau spoke about Logicalis and the need for these upgrades. This was likened to residential equipment being compared to commercial equipment, an upgrade that is necessary to push the city forward to the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Mr. Sindelar feels that these upgrades are a necessity.

**ORDINANCE NO. 43-19** **BY: JOHN B. SHEPHERD**  
**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HER DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO A SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH WESTLAND HEATING AND AIR CONDITIONING FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE DECTRON POOL DEHUMIDIFICATION SYSTEM AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$20,000**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> READING**

Mr. Shepherd said that this sets an amount of \$86.00 per hour for maintenance repair for this HVAC equipment. There has been no debate on this ordinance.

President Moran moved for passage of the Consent Agenda, Ordinance No. 40-19, 41-19, 42-19 and 43-19, seconded by Mr. Furry.

Vote:	Hunt – aye	Shepherd – aye	Furry – aye	
	Sindelar – aye	Moran – aye		
	5 ayes		0 nays	<b>PASSED</b>

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: NONE**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Mr. Bill Welch asked for clarification of the location of the Valvoline Station that was discussed earlier in the meeting. Mr. Moran responded that it is at Plymouth and Center Ridge Road. There is an issue regarding a parking spot and the path of the cars moving through the parking lot. The Mayor mentioned there would be shared access with the next-door property owner. Mr. Moran said that there was some questions regarding that.

- Mr. Sindelar asked if Valvoline would be utilizing the current building. Mr. Moran said the building would be torn down.

As there was no further business by members of Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

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James W. Moran  
President of Council

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Susan G. Pease  
Clerk of Council