

CITY OF ROCKY RIVER

August 3, 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

Law Director: Mr. Bemer

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Special Meeting this evening is in regards to Ordinance No. 65-20.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

The Mayor announced that the city tentatively received word that the city is receiving two grant awards that were recently submitted. The Mayor will have more details when Council is back in session.

The final biddable plans and specifications have been received for Bradstreet's Landing and will be in the newspaper and sent out to several qualified construction applicants. Council should have legislation awarding these contracts for Bradstreet's Landing in September so work can begin this fall.

LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Mr. Bemer thanked Council for reconvening so quickly this evening. Mr. Bemer received a phone call from Brent Lawler from the Board of Elections regarding Ordinance No. 38-20. Mr. Lawler's interpretation was that Council was deleting everything in paragraphs 1-6 which provides for exemptions to open meetings and executive sessions. Mr. Bemer understood his thought process and made the necessary change. Mr. Bemer added the proper language so the entire subsection 6, paragraphs 1-6 and the new 7 would be included in ordinance form to satisfy the Board of Elections. Mr. Lawler noted one other thing in the last paragraph which was number 6 was deleted and numeral 7 was added to reflect that there are 7 subsections that permit executive session.

President Moran confirmed that nothing was changed from what the Charter Review Commission presented, it was just cleaning up details of what someone else might read into it. Mr. Bemer concurred. Mr. Bemer also mentioned that Councilman Hunt caught a typo and had better language for Section 2 of the ordinance changing the word adding to adopting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: NONE

COMMUNICATIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS: NONE

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE NO. 38-20

BY: ALL MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

Mr. Bemer stated that nothing needs to be done with Ordinance No. 38-20 as Ordinance No. 65-20 repeals Ordinance No. 38-20. It readopts the language with the necessary addition of including the entire Section VI of Article X. No vote is needed to repeal.

ORDINANCE NO. 65-20

BY: ALL MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE 38-20 AND IN ITS STEAD, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORS A PROPOSAL TO AMEND SECTION 6 OF ARTICLE X OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF ROCKY RIVER BY PROVIDING THAT DISCUSSION OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MATTERS ARE CONFIDENTIAL AND AN EXCEPTION TO OPEN MEETINGS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

1st READING

Mr. Bemer concurred with Mr. O’Donnell that Ordinance No. 65-20 does not need to be amended as it has not been read yet. Mr. Moran stated that City Council has reviewed this ordinance and Mr. Bemer has discussed the change for economic development matters are confidential and an exception to open meetings. Mr. Moran moved that Council declare an emergency and requests waiving the three read rule for Ordinance No. 65-20, seconded by Mr. Furry.

Mr. Shepherd stated that it needs to be clear of the changes being made to Ordinance No. 65-20 per Mr. Hunt’s correspondence. Mr. Bemer asked President Moran to direct the clerk to make the necessary typographical change of the word stead in the title and substitute the word adopting rather than adding in Section 2 of the body of the ordinance. President Moran directed the clerk to make these changes.

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

Mr. Moran said that Council has gone over everything regarding this ordinance. He appreciates Council coming together this evening and thanked Mr. Bemer for posing the new language. Mr. Moran moved for passage of Ordinance No. 65-20, seconded by Mr. Furry.

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

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: Mr. Moran asked if there would be a Homecoming Parade this year as he has received a communication discussing everything but the parade. The Mayor will let Council know if that decision has been made.

Moved by Mr. Moran, seconded by Mr. O’Donnell 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	PASSED

The Special Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

James W. Moran
President of Council

Susan G. Pease
Clerk of Council