

# CITY OF ROCKY RIVER

**February 3, 2020**

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

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

Absent: Mr. Hunt, Mr. Moran

Administration: Mayor Bobst

Law Director: Mr. Bemer

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT:**

The Mayor updated Council regarding the installation of 37 of the 59 cameras that are installed and working around the City Hall Campus, the ice rink, the Service Garage and will be installed in the parks, the Senior Center and outside the Recreation Center. Access is limited for the viewing and downloading of footage to those responsible of those facilities.

The Mayor shared that the Rocky River Chamber of Commerce presented their 2019 Chamber Awards:

Outstanding New Member: Patrick Surdy - Edward Jones Investments  
NOACC Bright Star: Steve Polly (past President of the Chamber of Commerce) - Battle & Polly  
Beautification Award: Sue Johansen - Wild Flour Bakery  
Taste of River "Best Food:" Deb Hand - Old Carolina Barbecue  
Most Active Member: Mike Kowalski - Spooner Risk Control  
Quality Business Award: John Owen - Market, Rocky River Wine Bar & Tommy's

Congratulations to all the award recipients. The new Chamber of Commerce Board members were also sworn in. Law Director Bemer, Councilman Furry and Councilman Klym are Chamber members with Councilman Klym and Finance Director Mike Thomas serving as Board Members.

Congratulations to HR Director Mike Greco who also serves as Secretary for the Civil Service Commission. He was accepted and awarded a scholarship for half of the tuition costs to the Maxine Goodman Levin College of Urban Affairs Program. This program is an Ohio Certified Public Managers program through the Center of Public and Non Profit Management. This will be an important credential for the City of Rocky River to have, as they will focus on a number of things creating efficiencies in government, etc.

The Mayor received a letter of thanks from the Beachcliff Garden Club for the assistance they receive from the Service and Parks Department, Rich Snyder and Dave Arendec. The Mayor stated that the city should be thanking the Beachcliff Garden Club members for all their hard work of planting and clean up at the Clock Tower. Thank you to the Beachcliff Garden Club for maintaining the garden for the entire summer season.

There are 250 participants in the Wellness Competition. Sixty-six are Rocky River residents and the rest are from Fairview Park, North Olmsted and Westlake. The Competition is off to a great start. There is a lot of good

collaboration along with unique recreational opportunities across all of these Rec Departments in the Westshore. A big thanks to the Cleveland Clinic for coordinating this competition as well as the Recreation Directors.

The Mayor thanked Mr. Harlan Radford, a retired teacher from Rocky River High School and resident of Rocky River, who has been raising funds through swim-a-thons for important organizations like “Girls Have Sole”, the “Community West Foundation” and most recently for a lift for individuals with limited mobility to get in and out of the pool. The Mayor stated that it very smoothly lifts individuals in and out of the water. It is mobile, not attached to the side of the pool so it can be moved anywhere in the pool. The cost of this piece of equipment was approximately \$9,000. Mr. Radford still has funds available that he is providing to the Autism Center for swim lesson scholarships. Mr. Radford is doing a great job and is beginning a new campaign to purchase a special sauna for the Rocky River Fire Department. This sauna will have a bicycle in it that fire fighters will spend 20 minutes in after showering, and then shower again to rid toxins from their bodies following a fire. Mr. Radford is raising money for the City of Rocky River and the City of Lakewood’s fire departments.

## **COMMUNICATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS: NONE**

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**ORDINANCE NO. 1-20:** Mr. O’Donnell said this ordinance has been discussed for over a month and relates to the water service agreement regarding the reimbursement to the City of Cleveland Division of Water for the Homeland Drive and Riverwood Avenue Water Main Improvement Project in the amount of \$91,771.77. Mr. O’Donnell will seek passage of this ordinance at next week’s meeting and will be added to a consent agenda.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2-20:** This is an annual ordinance that residents in the Valleyview neighborhood pay the same amount for wastewater treatment as other residents of Rocky River. This ordinance authorizes payment to the City of Lakewood for the difference in costs charged. The City of Rocky River appreciates the City of Lakewood for working with Rocky River on this. It would be a significant capital expense cost to the City of Rocky River to pump the wastewater back to Rocky River’s Wastewater Treatment Plant. This ordinance has been in place for at least the past 10 years or so. This ordinance will also be added to the consent agenda.

**ORDINANCE NO. 3-20:** Mr. O’Donnell stated that this ordinance is to engage James G. Zupka, CPA Inc. to provide professional service for the City. This will be a new audit firm for the city and will be in place for the next five years. The last two audits were conducted by the Auditor of the State of Ohio. Before that, the city used Ciuni Panichi, Inc. for the audit for a ten-year period. This was publicly bid and James G. Zupka came back as the lowest and best bid. This ordinance will be read for a third time next week and added to the consent agenda.

- Mr. Furry said that Director Thomas sent out a list of other municipalities and he was satisfied with their experience. His question is regarding their last peer review listed was June 30, 2016 and this is to be completed every three years. He would like Director Thomas to see if this has been updated. The Mayor stated that they are pre-qualified and it could be that it has been completed but not released yet.

**ORDINANCE NO. 4-20:** Mr. Shepherd said this ordinance is for the waterline main replacement for Shoreland and Struhar Drive in the amount of \$895,602 and was put out to bid. Six bids were received and Fabrizi was the low bidder and under the engineer’s estimated of \$975,000 and their credentials and references all checked out including the City of Rocky River’s experience with them has been good. There are no unresolved findings in the Auditor’s State Database. This will be fully reimbursed by the City of Cleveland Water Division. This will also be added to the consent agenda.

**ORDINANCE NO. 5-20:** This ordinance is an amendment to the Reckless Operation penalties in the city. This is scheduled for a second read. This does make the offense a fourth degree misdemeanor, will carry a potential jail sentence and enhances penalties for repeat offenders.

**ORDINANCE NO. 6-20:** This ordinance is a two-year renewal of an existing agreement with Hazen & Sawyer for professional consulting services at the WWTP. There are two pieces to this agreement; the first is for annual services and has a cost of living increase which is spread out over two years; second piece of the agreement will encompass additional services including having Rosalyn Matthews, PhD attend management committee meetings and provide valuable consultation regarding the new feasible alternative study that is a continued work in progress. This will have three full reads.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**ORDINANCE NO. 7-20:** This ordinance repeals and replaces Ordinance No. 95-19 that was passed by the Rocky River City Council on December 16, 2019 to purchase Ferric Chloride for the WWTP in the amount of \$558.00 per dry ton. The price should have been \$578.00 per dry ton. Mr. Furry may do a “rule suspension” next week and pass this ordinance on the first read.

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: NONE**

As there was no further business by members of Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

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John B. Shepherd  
Interim President ProTem of Council

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Susan G. Pease  
Clerk of Council