

CITY OF ROCKY RIVER

November 4, 2019

The meeting of the Committee-of-the-Whole was called to order by Mr. Hunt, President Pro-Tem 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

Absent: Mr. Moran

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

Law Director: Mr. Bemer

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

The Mayor stated that the Service Department shared that at the beginning of leaf season pick up last week, seventy-two tons of leaves were collected. The Service Department is continuing to pick up leaves and will be picking up refuse next Monday, Veterans Day, and the Transfer Station will be open. The spreaders are being prepared for the weather anticipated later next week.

Tree planting continues with the completion of Eldorado, Wooster and Detroit. Tree planting is being coordinated with Dominion East Ohio Gas for Laurel, Riverwood and Purnell. Director Costello forwarded a memo regarding a meeting with Commissioner Rich Snyder and Arborist Arendec to select streets for the 2020 Free Tree Lawn Tree Planting Program. The following streets were chosen:

Ward 1: Kenwood (the whole street), Endsley (Elmwood to Wagar - see also Ward 3) and Chatham

Ward 2: Chrisfield / Beverly Hills (this is the tree replacement / sidewalk improvement capital improvement project) and Higley

Ward 3: Lakeview (I-90 to Detroit – see also Ward 4), Mitchell, and Endsley (from Wagar to Woodside)

Ward 4: Lakeview (from Center Ridge to Hilliard) and Goldengate

The Mayor thanked Director Costello for the good work and selections. In addition, the Mayor said she met with Angela Dudek, the Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce along with others regarding the All-Aglow Tree Lighting. Angela shared that there will be twenty-two trees decorated by individuals of the Chamber and those trees will also be planted in the city in the spring. Thank you to the Chamber of Commerce.

The Mayor shared that there was an audit from the County, inspecting the Fire Department for the grants received from the County within the last ten years. The Mayor is happy to report that every item that the County purchased or provided a grant was accounted for. The County congratulated the Fire Department and the Mayor congratulated the County for following up on these grants. Most of these grants provided critical equipment to the city through Emergency Management.

The Mayor thanked the Council members who attended the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission Kick-off last Tuesday regarding the Development Code Update. The Mayor asked if Council would complete the survey sent out via email from Kate Straub. It is a quick survey/overview to help the Planning Commission drill down to the issues the group needs to focus on. Thank you to Law Director Bemer for his memo getting things started.

The Mayor received information from the Coastal Management Grant Program. Director Costello submitted a pre-proposal to the grant program and the city has been selected to submit a full application for Spencer Creek and/or the Pedestrian Bridge. Congratulations to Director Costello and SmithGroup, JJR. The full application will be submitted by the middle of December.

The Mayor said that tomorrow is Election Day. The Mayor received a letter from First Energy regarding their concern about the weather tomorrow. The letter stated that polling locations will take top priority tomorrow if there are issues providing energy due to the weather.

- Councilman Furry inquired if the city was still progressing on the Submerged Land Lease. The Mayor announced a few weeks ago that the city has four of the six permits. The city has one permit that the Port Authority will assist with and the final is the Submerged Land Lease along with the signature of the governor. The Mayor stated that the city does not have the final documents of the permits that have been tentatively approved but the city is waiting to see if there are changes. The Coastal Management is looking for things that have already been engineered and the city is well underway with the Pedestrian Bridge. The city is also submitting to the State Capital Fund through Representative Greenspan and Senator Dolan. The city has been in discussions with them.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: NONE

COMMUNICATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS: NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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 due to unrepairable body issues and has over 70,000 miles on it. The new plow package will be stainless steel, will have a longer useful life and will be easier to clean and maintain. This will have one more read and will be placed on a consent agenda.

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. Thank you to Director Costello for forwarded pictures of the machine this week to Council. This will have a diesel engine with more fuel efficiency and is self-contained. This will have one more read and will be placed on the consent agenda.

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. This will have an automated signal and will be moved a little to the south. This was put out to bid and Perram was the low bid. This ordinance will be amended next week so will not be placed on the consent agenda. Section 2 was corrected showing reference to the 2019 Safe Routes to School.

ORDINANCE NO. 76-19: Mr. Hunt said that this has been discussed since the beginning of October authorizing the Mayor to enter into a School Resource Officer Agreement with the Rocky River City School District for a third SRO Officer to be placed at Kensington, Goldwood and Beach Pre-School. There has not been any questions or concerns regarding this ordinance. The Memorandum of Understanding that is attached to the ordinance outlines 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. This will be read for a third time and will be on the consent agenda.

ORDINANCE NO. 77-19: Mr. Furry said that this will be read for a third time next week. There has not been any discussion regarding this ordinance. Service Commissioner Rich Snyder 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. This amount is under the threshold, but since it is an intergovernmental entity, Council has provided full disclosure. This ordinance will also be added to the consent agenda.

ORDINANCE NO. 78-19: This ordinance is for a one-year renewal of an agreement with James Diaz for the removal of digested sludgecake at a cost of \$30.50 a ton. Two bids were received, one from James Diaz for \$30.50 a ton and one from Quasar Energy Group for \$49.33 a ton. This reflects an increase of \$8 a ton but is still the least costly alternative during the non-winter months. Mr. Diaz was the lowest and best bid and this is a one-year renewal at an increase. There will be three full reads and non-emergency language is being utilized.

ORDINANCE NO. 79-19: This ordinance is for the one-year renewal of an existing agreement for the removal of grit and screenings from the WWTP. Grit is removed by the grit tanks by the screening building and screenings are separated by the bar screens at the Headworks building and are removed by mechanical means and must be sent to landfill. Rumpke of Northern Ohio, Inc. has been the current provider for the last two years and was the sole bid at \$36 a cubic yard. This is slated for three reads and emergency language is not being utilized, but it is necessary for compliance with the NPDES permit.

ORDINANCE NO. 80-19: This is for the removal of digested sludgecake for the WWTP to a landfill. Two bids were received, one from Rumpke of Northern Ohio, the current provider, who was the lowest bid at \$42.87 a ton, a very slight increase from \$42.10 a ton. The other bid was Quasar Energy Group at \$63.65 a ton. This is for the months the city cannot send it to Mr. Diaz with the companion Ordinance 78-19 due to regulations set by the EPA for the renewal of the NPDES permit last year. This is slated for three reads and will also not use emergency language and is necessary to comply with the NPDES permit.

ORDINANCE NO. 81-19: This ordinance is for the purchase of sodium hypochlorite. This is used in three different application points, effluent, pre-chlorination and primary sludge. The first stage is effluent or disinfection, the second or pre-chlorination is odor control and the third or primary sludge is a thickener to settle the sludge. This is a renewal with the current provider Bonder Chemicals of Columbus at the same price. It was bid last year with three bids with a range of \$.769 to \$1.255 a gallon. This is slated for three reads and will not be using emergency language and is necessary to comply with the NPDES permit.

ORDINANCE NO. 82-19: This ordinance is for the purchase of sodium bisulfite, which is added to the final effluent and excess flow and is used to remove chlorine in the plant effluent. This is a one-year renewal with the current provider PVS Chemical Solutions at the current rate of \$1.26 a gallon. This was last bid in 2018 with four bids received with a range from \$1.26 to \$2.1273 gallon with PVS Chemical Solutions, Inc. being the lowest and best bid at \$1.26 a gallon. This is slated for three reads and non-emergency language is being utilized and is necessary to comply with the NPDES permit.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE NO. 83-19: Mr. Sindelar said this ordinance authorizes the administration to purchase tires on the Open Market at the best prices for January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020. Purchasing on the Open Market instead of bidding tires that the city may need for the entire year or using the State Coop, will allow the city to

obtain various prices from different vendors. Director Costello has stated that this is more convenient and provides a cost savings with lower prices. This will have a full three reads.

ORDINANCE NO. 84-19: Mr. Sindelar said this ordinance authorizes the administration to purchase gasoline, fuel oil and allied products on the Open Market for January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020. The city seeks quotes from different vendors. Director Costello explained that the city can have up to two orders a month so the city is probably in excess of 15 orders per annum. Prices are checked regularly and the city realizes cost savings. The state pricing is one of the quotes, so the city is always lower. This will have a full three reads.

RESOLUTION NO. 85-19: This resolution authorizes the administration to participate in the Ohio Department of Transportation Cooperative Purchasing Program for the years 2020 and 2021. This is a bi-annual resolution. There is no requirement for the city to use this program to make purchases. The city occasionally finds the best deal with this program. Mr. Shepherd stated that under this program, if there are problems with the vendor, the city is responsible for the problems and indemnify the Ohio Department of Transportation for any exposure they may have. There has never been any concerns or issues regarding this resolution. This will have a full three reads.

ORDINANCE NO. 86-19: Mr. O'Donnell stated this is a refund for money that was paid from the City of Cleveland to the City of Rocky River for the Purnell Watermain Replacement Project. Through the Water Service Agreement, the City of Cleveland is required to pay for these projects. The project came in under the estimated and budgeted amount, so the City of Rocky River needs to refund \$59,664.22 back to the City of Cleveland. This ordinance will authorize the Finance Director to return these funds to the City of Cleveland.

ORDINANCE NO. 87-19: Mr. O'Donnell stated this is for the Watermain Replacement Project on Laurel. This project came in at \$64,572.05 under budget. These funds were advanced to the City of Rocky River from the City of Cleveland and this amount needs to be returned to the City of Cleveland. Mr. O'Donnell anticipates three full reads on both Ordinance No. 86-19 and 87-19.

President Pro-Tem Hunt reminded Council that next week's Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 12th in observance of Veteran's Day. City Hall will be closed on Monday, but refuse will still be collected and the Transfer Station will also be open.

Mr. Hunt also wished Director Thomas a Happy Birthday tomorrow on Election Day!

As there was no further business by members of Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Thomas J. Hunt
President Pro-Tem of Council

Susan G. Pease
Clerk of Council