

CITY OF ROCKY RIVER

October 7, 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, led by Boy Scout Troop 390. The members of Scout Troop 390 were Scouts: Elliot Brown, Cody Kimmel and Connor Thomas; along with Leaders: Mr. George Brown and Mr. Robert Kimmel. President Moran thanked the Troop for attending tonight's meeting and leading the Pledge of Allegiance. President Moran introduced the Administration that attends the Council meetings weekly along with Council.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

The Mayor announced for Fire Chief Lenart that this is Fire Prevention Week. The tagline will be "Not Every Hero Wears a Cape; Plan, Practice Your Escape." The city will forward information to the community regarding Fire Prevention Week. This is an important week for the Fire Department.

The Mayor shared the Building Department Statistics for the month of September 2019. The city has twenty fewer building permits pulled this year compared to permits pulled in 2018. However, the 1,324 permits represent almost \$38 million of investment this year in the community as compared to \$19,800,000 in 2018. This is a significant investment in both the residential and commercial sides of the community. The Building Department has more data and information if Council would like more detail.

Within the weeks to come, the Mayor would like to have conversations regarding Refuse & Recycling, Landfill Costs and Recycling Costs. These costs are becoming very difficult and almost unsustainable in many ways. The Mayor suggested that a time be set either during an Environmental Committee Meeting or in the Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting to talk about what is happening in terms of recycling. The city used to receive dollars for cardboard tonnage and now the city is paying for it. The cost is \$70.00 a ton for recyclables compared to about \$50.00 a ton for landfill. The message from the city to residents will be "reduce and reuse". Director Costello and Commissioner Snyder attended a recycling meeting last week and received good information regarding markets that are being developed in the United States now that China is not accepting recyclables, but those will take time to develop.

The Mayor announced that the Senior Center will be celebrating an intergenerational Halloween Party and Show Open House on October 25th. Everyone is invited to attend. There will be a small admission charge.

The Kiwanis Trunk or Treat will be held on October 28th.

Director Deb Huff of the Senior Center also mentioned the concert series being held at the Senior Center. There will be two more concerts during the month of November. These concerts are free of charge through a partnership with a group from Tremont.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Planning, Zoning and Economic Development: President Moran said that there will be a BZA Meeting this Thursday with five items on the agenda concerning Ward 1 and 2. This evening there was a Design and Review Meeting with six different items on the agenda. The pre-preliminary is still moving forward concerning Rocky River Preservation Partners.

Parks, Recreation and Health: Mr. Klym stated that there will be a Parks and Recreation Meeting this Thursday in the Hampton Ice Rink at 7:45 a.m.

COMMUNICATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS: President Moran discussed the letter Council received from Hope Yantek concerning BEA Bubbly LLC. Councilman Klym said that it is a motorized scooter with a cart behind it. It will not be driven but the cart will be put on a trailer and taken to private parties. Mr. Shepherd stated that with this permit liquor can only be taken to private parties and not fundraisers that are open to the public. Everything has to be sealed including kegs, and after the party the remainder of the keg must be resealed and not resold. The sales have to take place at the store location. Mr. Bemer stated that Hope Yantek of BEA Bubbly LLC talked to someone at the Liquor Control Board to inquire what type of permit she would need based on the description of her services. The Liquor Control Board said C1 and C2 classification. Council agreed to approve this request.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION NO. 63-19: Mr. O'Donnell stated that this is an annual resolution requesting the advance of the special assessments. This resolution is necessary in order for the Cuyahoga County Fiscal Officer to advance pay for special assessments to the city in a more timely manner. This will be read for the third time next week and placed on the consent agenda.

RESOLUTION NO. 64-19: Mr. O'Donnell stated that this is an annual resolution requesting the Cuyahoga County Fiscal Officer advance pay property taxes prior to the final reconciliation disbursement to the city. This will be read for the third time next week and placed on the consent agenda.

AMENDED RESOLUTION NO. 66-19: Mr. Shepherd stated that this authorizes the administration to apply for a no interest loan with Ohio Public Works Commission for a major sewer renovation program. It is the processing of the application. This resolution has been reviewed in detail regarding Collver Road/Oak Road/Morewood Parkway and will be placed on the consent agenda.

RESOLUTION NO. 67-19: Mr. Furry said this is a resolution authorizing the Mayor to apply for financial assistance from the Ohio Public Works Commission. The biggest cost is to rehab the traveling bridge, mechanisms and tracks that go over the clarifiers, which was last done in 1982. The secondary treatment addition is basically 35 years old and is in poor shape due to constant use. This will also be added to the consent agenda.

The Mayor explained to Boy Scout Troop 390, that these last two resolutions are examples of successful grant and zero interest loan applications. The total project cost for Amended Resolution No. 66-19 is \$7.8 million. Thanks to the work of Director Costello and the engineers, grant dollars were secured from Cleveland Water to do the waterlines for this project. Resolution No. 67-19 that Councilman Furry just discussed is a \$7.5 – \$7.6 million project for the WasteWater Treatment Plant. Council often approves these types of resolutions to secure outside dollars.

ORDINANCE NO. 68-19: Mr. Shepherd said this is an annual ordinance for the crack and joint sealing. This will fix some of the newer streets to maintain their useful life. This has been discussed for several weeks. The city received two bids and for the fourth year, Specialized Construction, Inc. was the low bidder at \$85,600. This will be placed on the consent agenda.

ORDINANCE NO. 69-19: Mr. Sindelar said that this is for the purchase of a 2019 refuse white goods truck chassis only. The body will be bid out later. The total amount is \$77,906 and is used to pick up large items like refrigerators and couches. This will replace a 2002 truck with body issues and a number of repairs on the lift. This will be placed on the consent agenda.

ORDINANCE NO. 71-19: Mr. O'Donnell said that this ordinance relates to funding for the Police Department and is required so that any investment earnings received as proceeds off the debt issued for purposes of funding the new police department will go into a Special Projects Fund so that 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 have to be allocated separately at that time. This will be read for a second time next week.

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. This will have two more reads.

NEW BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE NO. 73-19: Mr. Sindelar said that this is a new ordinance authorizing the administration to purchase a new pick-up truck, which will be outfitted with a specific type of snowplow. This will replace a 1999 pick-up truck. This will be read three times.

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 a read for a full three reads. Director Costello stated that this will replace the dinkmar leaf machine and will have new devices that are self-contained and will self-dump so nothing will need to be detached.

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 as a result of this product in cooperation with the Rocky River City School District. This will be discussed further at next week's meeting. The Mayor added that the city was awarded the grant for the Safe Routes to School Grant.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: The Mayor discussed Ordinance No. 76-19 sponsored by Mr. Hunt regarding the School Resource Officers, which will be on next week's Legislative Agenda. The Mayor requests that Council review the contract. This is for three school resource officers. The city is in a Pilot Program with one officer being split between Kensington and Goldwood. As a parallel process the city is advertising for school year SRO's that will be a supplement to the police department, but the city is receiving limited success in finding candidates that want to serve only for the school year. These are the city's officers that the school district pays the city for 181 days of full compensation, all benefits and wages. There may be an ordinance presented to Council that would modify the number of SRO's and reduce by one a police officer but then added to the SRO's - these officers would be with the police force during breaks and summer.

The Business-to-Business Expo will be held this Thursday on October 10th from 2:00-6:00 p.m. sponsored by the Rocky River Chamber of Commerce. This event will be held at the Don Umerley Civic Center.

President Moran wished Law Director Bemer a Happy Birthday and Director Costello a belated Happy Birthday!

As there was no further business by members of Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

James W. Moran
President of Council

Susan G. Pease
Clerk of Council