

CITY OF ROCKY RIVER

December 9, 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. O’Donnell, Mr. Furry,
Mr. Sindelar, Mr. Klym, Mr. Moran

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

Law Director: Mr. Bemer

MOTION:

Moved by Mr. Moran, seconded by Mr. Furry that the reading of the minutes of the Legislative Meeting of November 25th and the Executive Session be waived and that the minutes be accepted as submitted.

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

Moved by Mr. Moran, seconded by Mr. O’Donnell that the reading of the minutes of the Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting of December 2nd be waived and that the minutes be accepted as submitted.

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

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and led by Webelos Troop #390.

MAYOR’S REPORT:

The Mayor thanked Webelos Troop #390 for meeting with her prior to this meeting and leading the Pledge of Allegiance. The Mayor said that if the Troop needed anything to feel free to contact her office. Thank you to the parents and the Troop Leaders as well.

Thank you to Early Childhood PTA for sponsoring All Aglow and the tree lighting Friday evening. Twenty-two trees were sponsored by the Rocky River Chamber of Commerce and were lit and a special shout out to Councilman Klym for this suggestion. The Pratt family assisted with the lighting of the trees. Thank you also to Angela Barth, Executor Director of the Chamber of Commerce and all the businesses that participated.

The Holiday Walk on Saturday was well attended with great weather. Thank you to Bill Brink, manager of Beachcliff Market Square, who puts together all the merchants and sponsors for this event.

Yesterday was the Holiday Home Tour sponsored by the Rocky River Women’s Club who does so much for Meals on Wheels, the Senior Center, the Scholarship Program and a number of other organizations throughout the community. A big shout out to the Service Department for making sure the streets were free of leaves and other debris in front of the homes highlighted.

Before Council this evening is the Firefighters Collective Bargaining Agreement as well as the WasteWater Treatment Plant Collective Bargaining Agreement. The WWTP Collective Bargaining Agreement was reviewed by the Management Committee of the Treatment Plant and was recommended for approval. The Wage Ordinance will be amended this evening, by substitution of the exhibit, to reflect the changes in the Collective Bargaining Agreements.

The Mayor shared Building Department Statistics through November 30, 2019 as compared to November 30, 2018:

- Total permits are up to 1,639 compared to 1,599 last year
- The estimated additional valuation this year is \$42,923,000 compared to \$29,640,000 last year

The Mayor stated that the city appreciates the businesses and residents who continue to invest so enthusiastically in this great city.

The Mayor noted that 241 tons of leaves were picked up last week. Friday, December 20th will be the last day of tree lawn pick-up. The city will continue to pick up bagged leaves. A notice was sent out to residents on the Ready Notify System. If you do not receive Ready Notify notices, please go to the city's website to register.

The Mayor announced that the Resident Reference Guide is being finalized and will be delivered to residents at the beginning of January. The Reference Guide is something that residents should keep in their homes as it contains important information and contact numbers. This year the theme is "Being Part of the Puzzle". The Autism Center will be highlighted along with Recycling from a re-use and reduce perspective and information about the new Puzzle Sharing Program at the Rocky River Public Library. The city will also present the importance of completing the 2020 Census.

St. Christopher School's D.A.R.E. Graduation is Tuesday, December 17th at 9:00 a.m.

- President Moran inquired about the last day of leaf pick-up. Director Costello stated that the Service Department will tour the city twice the last week to pick-up leaves. Please watch the Service Department's Facebook page for notifications. The Mayor stated that a crew may be out on Saturday as well, depending on the weather.

LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Law Director Bemer reported that Ordinance No. 90-19, Chapter 1321, Entitled Permit, Inspection and License Fees and Ordinance No. 92-19, Chapter 1141.11 Entitled Permit, Failure to Obtain Certificates and Orders have some common language that Councilman Klym and Mr. Bemer have been working on but have not quite completed. Please note that in No. 90-19 there was some significant reformatting done in the last week along with minor substantive changes. Please let Mr. Bemer know if there are any questions. The language has to do with assessment or failure to secure inspections or permits. Mr. Bemer recommends Council does not address these two Ordinances this evening.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Finance Committee: Councilman O'Donnell said that there was a Finance Committee Meeting on December 6th beginning at 8:00 a.m. regarding Ordinance No. 94-19. This Ordinance was read for the first time on November 12th, discussed at the Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting on November 18th, a Public Hearing was held on November 25th and read for a second time and a Finance Committee Meeting on Friday, December 6th for over four hours. It was an insightful meeting attended by Mayor Bobst, Mr. Thomas, Director Costello, Director Holub, Chief Stillman, Chief Lenart, Director Huff, Superintendent McConnell, Judge Fitzsimmons, Clerk Comery and Commissioner Snyder. It was a dynamic overview of what is happening in the city. Director Thomas is working on some additional updates to the budget that Council will receive in their

packets this week. Please review as Ordinance No. 94-19 will be read for a third time at the Special Meeting next Monday.

- President Moran congratulated Mr. O'Donnell for putting a great meeting together. The four-hour meeting could have gone another four hours. The Directors had quite a bit to say about the great things in 2019 and the great things that will happen in 2020. Council learned quite a bit from all the presentations.

Planning, Zoning and Economic Development: President Moran said there is a Public Hearing scheduled for this Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. regarding 700 River. Thursday there will be a BZA Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: NONE

MOTION:

Moved by Mr. Moran seconded by Mr. Furry that the 72-hour notification rule be waived and that Ordinance No. 105-19 and Ordinance No. 106-19 be considered on this evening's agenda.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mr. O'Donnell moved to 2nd Amend Ordinance No. 88-19 by substitution of an updated exhibit, seconded by Mr. Furry.

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

2nd AMMENDED ORDINANCE NO. 88-19 **BY: MICHAEL P. O'DONNELL**
AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE CREATING POSITIONS AND FIXING OR ESTABLISHING THE ANNUAL SALARIES AND HOURLY RATES COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2020 FOR THE APPOINTED EMPLOYEES IN THE SEVERAL DIVISIONS AND DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY OF ROCKY RIVER
3rd READING

Mr. O'Donnell said this is an annual ordinance and has been discussed for nearly a month. As the Mayor alluded to, the amendment relates to the Collective Bargaining Agreement that the city reached with the Firefighters and the WasteWater Treatment Plant. Mr. O'Donnell has not had any questions regarding the Ordinance and moved for passage, seconded by Mr. Furry. Mr. Furry noted that when an exhibit is updated, the exhibit should be marked accordingly.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 90-19 **BY: JAMES W. MORAN**
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUILDING CODE OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ROCKY RIVER, SPECIFICALLY CHAPTER 1321, ENTITLED PERMIT, INSPECTION AND LICENSE FEES, AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN THE ATTACHED EXHIBIT "A"
ON HOLD

Mr. Bemer discussed this Ordinance during his report and he is still in the process of amending the exhibit.

ORDINANCE NO. 91-19 **BY: JAMES W. MORAN**
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUSINESS REGULATION CODE OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ROCKY RIVER, SPECIFICALLY: CHAPTER 705, ENTITLED BARBERSHOPS; CHAPTER 709, ENTITLED GAMING ROOMS; CHAPTER 725, ENTITLED OUTDOOR SHOWS; CHAPTER 731, ENTITLED TEMPORARY STORES AND SALES AT PRIVATE RESIDENCE; CHAPTER 737, ENTITLED TAXICABS AND VEHICLES FOR HIRE; CHAPTER 743, ENTITLED RESTAURANTS; AND CHAPTER 749, ENTITLED GOING OUT OF BUSINESS SALES, AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN THE ATTACHED EXHIBIT "A"
3rd READING

Mr. Moran said that there are details within the Codified Ordinances to assure things are done as written. This has been discussed the last 4-6 weeks. Mr. Moran moved for passage, seconded by Mr. Furry.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 92-19 **BY: JAMES W. MORAN**
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE DEVELOPMENT CODE OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ROCKY RIVER, SPECIFICALLY SECTION 1141.11, ENTITLED PERMIT, FAILURE TO OBTAIN CERTIFICATES AND ORDERS, AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN THE ATTACHED EXHIBIT "A"
ON HOLD

Mr. Bemer discussed this Ordinance during his report and he is still in the process of amending the exhibit.

ORDINANCE NO. 93-19 **BY: JAMES W. MORAN**
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE DEVELOPMENT CODE OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ROCKY RIVER, SPECIFICALLY SECTION 1141.21, ENTITLED ABATEMENT OF VIOLATIONS, AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN THE ATTACHED EXHIBIT "A"
3rd READING

Mr. Moran said that he discussed this ordinance with Commissioner Reich. Commissioner Reich's name will be added so he can make decisions regarding abatement of violations. Mr. Moran moved for passage, seconded by Mr. O'Donnell.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 94-19 **BY: MICHAEL P. O'DONNELL**
AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE CITY OF ROCKY RIVER, OHIO DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020
ON HOLD

Mr. O'Donnell stated that this ordinance will not be read this evening giving the Finance Director a chance to update the 2020 Budget. This will be read for a third time at next week's Special Meeting.

ORDINANCE NO. 95-19

BY: DAVID W. FURRY

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY-SERVICE TO PURCHASE FERRIC CHLORIDE FOR THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLAN FROM PVS TECHNOLOGIES, INC., AT \$558.00 PER DRY TON FOR 2019

2nd READING

This will be discussed more at next week's Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 96-19

BY: CHRISTOPHER J. KLYM

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND HER DESIGNEE TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR A \$100,000.00 GRANT FOR A COASTAL MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE GRANT (CMAG) UNDER THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES OHIO COASTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM, AND IF GRANTED, TO ACCEPT SAID GRANT

2ⁿ READING

Mr. Klym stated this has been discussed for several weeks and in the sake of the lengthy agenda he will not belabor it tonight as this can be discussed more at next week's meeting. Director Costello did email Council a breakdown with the potential costs for the bridge over Spencer Creek, which amounts to just under \$500,000. The grant is for \$100,000 and the city will need to match the balance although Mr. Klym is sure the city will seek additional grants to help with the rest of that cost. The permitting process with ODNR is part of the process with Bradstreet's Pier.

ORDINANCE NO. 98-19

BY: JOHN B. SHEPHERD

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH MACKAY ENGINEERING AND SURVEYING COMPANY FOR PROFESSIONAL CONSULTING AND ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR 2020 AND 2021 AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT "A"

2nd READING

Mr. Shepherd said that this authorizes the Mayor to enter into a two-year contract with Mackay Engineering. Mackay Engineering has served the city well and has been the city's engineers for many years. They have a lot of institutional knowledge. Mr. Shepherd said the rates are reasonable with slight cost of living increases. This contract is terminable on 30-days notice if the city is dissatisfied or they are dissatisfied. Mr. Shepherd does not think there is an exclusivity clause so it would not prohibit the city if the city wanted a different type engineer. It is a contract but one that relies upon good faith and trust with the performance.

RESOLUTION NO. 99-19

BY: JAMES W. MORAN

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE PLACEMENT OF A PROPOSED SHORE STRUCTURE AND APPROVAL OF A LAKE ERIE SUBMERGED LAND LEASE FROM OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES (ODNR) ADJACENT TO PERMANENT PARCEL NO. 302-09-006 AT 21508 AVALON DR., ROCKY RIVER, OHIO

2nd READING

This is being presented to support the placement of a proposed shore structure at this address. A submerged land lease plan is being made and will need approval from the ODNR. This is the city's approval for this work to be completed. This will be discussed more at next week's meeting.

ORDINANCE NO. 100-19 **BY: JOHN B. SHEPHERD**
AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY-SERVICE TO RENEW A CONTRACT FOR VARIOUS INSURANCE COVERAGES FOR THE ROCKY RIVER MUNICIPAL COURT WITH JACKSON DIEKEN & ASSOCIATES FOR THE YEAR 2020 AT A TOTAL COST OF \$9,840.00
2nd READING

Mr. Shepherd said this is for the Rocky River Court Insurance and the premium increase is .1%.

ORDINANCE NO. 101-19 **BY: JOHN B. SHEPHERD**
AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY-SERVICE TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR VARIOUS INSURANCE COVERAGES FOR THE ROCKY RIVER WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT WITH MCGOWAN & COMPANY, INC. FOR THE YEAR 2020 AT A TOTAL COST OF \$84,991.00
2nd READING

Mr. Shepherd said this is the insurance for the WWTP. This was put out to bid in 2018 and the city is renewing this contract at a 9% increase due primarily to the cost and nature of the equipment and the umbrella coverage.

ORDINANCE NO. 102-19 **BY: JOHN B. SHEPHERD**
AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY-SERVICE TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR VARIOUS INSURANCE COVERAGES FOR THE CITY OF ROCKY RIVER WITH MCGOWAN & COMPANY, INC. FOR THE YEAR 2020 AT A TOTAL COST OF \$280,000.00
2nd READING

Mr. Shepherd said this coverage is for the city and was bid out in 2018. This is a renewal with McGowan Insurance with an increase of 1.4%.

NEW BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE NO. 97-19 **BY: THOMAS J. HUNT**
AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ROCKY RIVER, SPECIFICALLY SECTION 331.38 ENTITLED STOPPING FOR SCHOOL BUS; DISCHARGING CHILDREN, AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN THE ATTACHED EXHIBIT "A"
1st READING

Mr. Hunt wanted to have a first read on this ordinance. There is still work on the amendment language that needs to be addressed on this ordinance. Mr. Hunt read the code and Reckless Operation is only a minor misdemeanor. Mr. Hunt stated that the amendment as proposed or some determination of a degree of a misdemeanor above a minor misdemeanor may be appropriate. This will be discussed further next week.

ORDINANCE NO. 103-19 **BY: DAVID W. FURRY**
AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CUYAHOGA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT AND THE CITY OF ROCKY RIVER REGARDING STORM WATER POLLUTION PREVENTION TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT A
1st READING

Mr. Furry said this is a renewal for Ordinance No. 7-19 that was passed early this year. This will be discussed more at the Committee-of-the Whole Meeting next week.

ORDINANCE NO 104-19 **BY: DAVID W. FURRY**
**AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CUYAHOGA SOIL AND WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT AND THE CITY OF ROCKY RIVER REGARDING STORM WATER
POLLUTION EDUCATION, ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT A**
1st READING

This is also a renewal and will be discussed further at next week's Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting next week. This is not a huge line item at \$5500 but since it is with the Cuyahoga Soil and Water Conservation District, the city is providing full disclosure.

ORDINANCE NO. 105-19 **BY: JOHN B. SHEPHERD**
**AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT
WITH THE ROCKY RIVER FIRE FIGHTERS ASSOCIATION, LOCAL #659, REPRESENTING THE
EMPLOYEES OF THE ROCKY RIVER FIRE DIVISION, AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT
"A"**
1st READING

This ordinance was just received this evening. This authorizes and ratifies the entering of a collecting bargaining agreement with the Rocky River Firefighter's Association. Council has been apprised during negotiations in Executive Session, but this should be discussed in open session next week. Mr. Shepherd asked if this needs to be passed this year. The Mayor said it would be helpful if passed next week to make the 30-day mark. The firefighters have already voted.

ORDINANCE NO. 106-19 **BY: JOHN B. SHEPHERD**
**AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT
WITH THE TEAMSTERS LOCAL UNION 436 REPRESENTING CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF THE
ROCKY RIVER WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT, AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT
"A"**
1st READING

This is for the Collective Bargaining Unit Teamsters, Local Union 436 that represent the employees at the WWTP. This will be discussed in depth at next week's meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA:

ORDINANCE NO. 83-19 **BY: BRIAN J. SINDELAR**
**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY-SERVICE TO
PURCHASE TIRES ON THE OPEN MARKET AT THE BEST PRICES POSSIBLE FOR THE PERIOD
JANUARY 1, 2020 TO DECEMBER 31, 2020**
3rd READING

Mr. Sindelar said this annual ordinance authorizes the administration to purchase tires at the best price possible.

ORDINANCE NO. 84-19 **BY: BRIAN J. SINDELAR**
**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY-SERVICE TO
PURCHASE GASOLINE, FUEL OIL AND ALLIED PRODUCTS ON THE OPEN MARKET AT THE
BEST PRICES POSSIBLE FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2020 TO DECEMBER 31, 2020**

3rd READING

Mr. Sindelar said this ordinance authorizes the administration to purchase gasoline, fuel oil and allied products at the best price possible.

RESOLUTION NO. 85-19

BY: JOHN B. SHEPHERD

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM FOR THE YEARS 2020 THROUGH 2021

3rd READING

This is a bi-annual resolution that authorizes the administration to participate in the Ohio Department of Transportation Cooperative Purchasing Program when it is advantageous to the city. This has been used to purchase salt and vehicles in the past.

ORDINANCE NO. 86-19

BY: MICHAEL O'DONNELL

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO PAY THE CITY OF CLEVELAND DIVISION OF WATER A REIMBURSEMENT FOR THE PURNELL AVENUE WATERMAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$59,664.22

3rd READING

Mr. O'Donnell said that 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. 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.

ORDINANCE NO. 87-19

BY: MICHAEL O'DONNELL

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO PAY THE CITY OF CLEVELAND DIVISION OF WATER A REIMBURSEMENT FOR THE LAUREL AVENUE WATERMAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$64,572.05

3rd READING

Mr. O'Donnell said this is for the Watermain Replacement Project on Laurel. This project came in \$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.

ORDINANCE NO. 89-19

BY: JOHN B. SHEPHERD

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS WITH MEDICAL MUTUAL OF OHIO TO PROVIDE HEALTH CARE, PRESCRIPTION INSURANCE COVERAGE, AND OPTIONAL VISION COVERAGE FOR THE FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF ROCKY RIVER, AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT "A"

3rd READING

This contract will allow the city to fulfill their obligations under the collective bargaining agreements and also provides important health benefits for full-time employees. There are no substantial reduction in benefits. Prior to being Mayor, Mayor Bobst was involved with the healthcare industry and is very knowledgeable in how to structure this and work things out for the best. The Mayor was able to keep the overall increase at 3.8% and in today's healthcare inflation, that is tremendous.

President Moran moved for passage of the Consent Agenda, Ordinance Nos. 83-19, 84-19, 86-19, 87-19, 89-19 and Resolution No. 85-19 seconded by Mr. O'Donnell.

Vote: Hunt – aye Shepherd – aye O'Donnell – aye Furry – aye

Sindelar – aye
7 ayes

Klym – aye
0 nays

Moran - aye

PASSED

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: Mr. Klym added in regard to Ordinance Nos. 86-19 and 87-19, he would like to thank Director Thomas, Director Costello and the Mayor in receiving almost \$11 million dollars on the watermain projects from the City of Cleveland. This is not the first time money has been sent back to the City of Cleveland and never has the city asked for more money. This has to do with how successful the city is on these projects year in and year out and is a tremendous credit to the administration. Since 2012 almost \$11 million has been received for approved projects, which is a tremendous assistance to the city. This also shows very good stewards of the funds as the city is using only what it needs.

Mr. Moran concurred with Mr. Klym's statement regarding this decision years ago. This has been a very advantageous situation with huge savings of money that would have come out of the city's budget. The city jumped on this at the right time.

Mr. Furry said the first offer from Cleveland Water was not as good, but the next offer was more advantageous for the city. The waterlines were not assets but liabilities then.

Mr. Shepherd noted that next year the city will be receiving another \$2 million for Story Road and a couple of other projects.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mr. Ed Nolan, 22607 Meadowhill Lane, Rocky River, thanked the administration for all the infrastructure improvements. Mr. Nolan would like to discuss the Master Plan and the ideas concerning cycling. He has not seen a sign or paint anywhere in Rocky River. The Mayor stated that NOACA is providing a program regarding bicycling and pedestrian Master Plans. This is something Director Costello wanted to do coming out of the city's Master Plan. Rocky River is on the State and National Bike Route. Starting with signage, the city has looked at sharrows but other communities have shared that sharrows work well at first but people begin to ignore them. The Mayor thinks there needs to be a lot of public education about sharing the roads and what that means both for cyclists and motorists. There has been discussion about expanding the sidewalk on the south side of Hilliard by taking the entire tree lawn and making a two way pedestrian and cycling from Westlake to the Metroparks. The issue for Rocky River in striping Hilliard is #1 there is not enough cartway or lane width on Hilliard to do that. #2 Rocky River also allows for parking on Hilliard because there are great distances between the north and south connectors. The city needs to look at other solutions. Parents have given feedback about striping and adults understand what that means, but maybe not children and it could encourage something that is not safe. The Confluence Grant that Director Costello secured for access around the community along with the MetroParks and Lakewood will have some impact, including the section of Hilliard east of Wooster. This is something that is on the administrations mind but it is not happening tomorrow. Putting up signage and sharrows were a part of Detroit Road and the community did not think Detroit Road was the right place for that. The Mayor would love to discuss this further to identify opportunities and where the biking community sees opportunities. The Mayor works a lot with Scott Cowan at Century Cycle. The Bike to School Program is something the city encourages along with bike racks that create an artistic element in the community.

- Councilman Klym encouraged Mr. Nolan to attend the meeting this evening because this is something that is in the Master Plan. There is a two to three page discussion regarding this topic. It is something the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission discusses regarding connections to the Metroparks and here is an opportunity for a citizen who is interested in this topic. Mr. Klym knows there are others because he has had others ask him about bike paths. This may be a chance to continue making the Master Plan a living and breathing document by putting together a committee of residents to discuss this topic.

The Mayor said that stakeholders are needed on the Confluence Grant. If the County receives grant money, they are looking for lakefront access points and have plans for both cyclists and pedestrian. The city was part of the support for that. The Mayor wants the Master Plan to be put in action.

As there was no further business by members of Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. Mr. Moran reminded Council that next week will be a Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting followed by a Special Meeting.

James W. Moran
President of Council

Susan G. Pease
Clerk of Council