

CITY OF ROCKY RIVER

April 15, 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.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

The Mayor reported that the County Solid Waste Management Plan, which was passed by this Council several weeks ago, has been passed by 100% of all the Communities. The Plan has been ratified and will now move on to the Ohio E.P.A. The County extends their thanks to Rocky River City Council for their leadership on approving this plan.

Tuesday evening at 6:00 p.m. there will be a joint Land Use Commission Meeting. Council should have received a large packet of information detailing the history of the rezoning. Council's attendance is extremely important for tomorrow evening's meeting.

In addition, Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m., the Citizen's Police Academy Graduation Ceremony will be held at the Civic Center. Council is invited to attend. At this graduation, the City will graduate their 98th Cadet.

This week is National Library Week and the theme of National Library Week is "Libraries = Strong Communities". The Mayor was presented a very large thank you card that many people have signed thanking the city for the support of this wonderful community library and all the good work that they do. The Library's strong commitment to the holdings of the library, to technology, to community outreach and the work they have done on Common Ground creates a place where there is life long, self-directed learning. The Mayor appreciates the Library's thoughtfulness.

The Volunteer Recognition Luncheon was held this afternoon at the Senior Center. The Mayor was thrilled to recognize all the good work of so many of the seniors who volunteer their time in so many diverse ways. The seniors live very busy lives but still extend thousands of hours to the Senior Center. The seniors touch so many lives and help with all the good work that is done at the Senior Center. The Mayor thanked Councilman Hunt and Council President Moran for attending the luncheon also.

The Mayor announced that City Hall will be closed this Friday in observance of Good Friday. The Mayor wished everyone a Happy Easter Holiday.

- President Moran confirmed that City Hall will be closed, but trash will be picked up on Friday and the Transfer Station will also be open.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Parks and Recreation Commission: Councilman Klym reported on the Parks and Recs Commission Meeting last Thursday morning. The Mayor joined the meeting along with the Interim Parks and Rec Commissioner, Mr. Ford. There are some new classes being discussed for pre-school age children regarding proper etiquette along with an American Doll making class. The Rocky River Chamber of Commerce Landscaping Project was also discussed which includes landscaping around the pool entrance. This project will begin around May 18th.

Design Review Board: President Moran said that there was a Design Review meeting this evening reviewing the new Police Station. There is a Planning Commission Meeting tomorrow evening at 7:00 p.m. Prior to that at 6:00 p.m. there will be a Land Use Commission Meeting along with City Council with a focus on the Wooster Road Project, Ordinance No. 88-18.

Board of Zoning and Building Appeals: A BZA Meeting was held last Thursday with six items on the agenda. One item was pulled, one item was put on hold and four were approved with details, two that had air conditioning situations. Mr. Moran feels that there will be more issues concerning air conditioner location as new construction begins.

COMMUNICATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS: NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE NO. 88-18: Mr. Moran said that this ordinance pertains to the rezoning of the property on Wooster Road. This ordinance has been read twice. Before the third reading, City Council will meet with the Land Use Commission tomorrow evening to further discuss this ordinance beginning at 6:00 p.m.

ORDINANCE NO. 24-19: Mr. Hunt said that this ordinance has been discussed for a few weeks and is scheduled for a third and final read at next week's Legislative Meeting. This ordinance authorizes the Mayor to enter a Memorandum of Understanding with the Cities of Rocky River, Bay Village and Westlake for the housing of jail inmates during the construction period for the new police department and jail. A revised Memorandum of Understanding has been provided with a few grammatical corrections and will be amended by substitution at next week's meeting. The City of Rocky River will be paying \$125.00 per day if the inmate has been there for more than two hours. Anyone who is processed and released within two hours will not be charged a per diem fee. The city will be invoiced on a monthly basis. Rocky River Police will be required to be on scene for processing any inmates and be responsible for transport as well.

- Mr. Klym asked if there would be any prisoners brought in to the temporary facility at any time. The Mayor responded no. All the processing will be done at Bay Village or Westlake or transported to another facility.

ORDINANCE NO. 26-19: Mr. O'Donnell said that this has been read once and will be read for a second time next week. This is an annual ordinance in the amount of approximately \$34,000 for an actual meter reading from the City of Cleveland. The city bills quarterly estimates to the residents during the year with an actual reading at the end of the year. This is a cost savings to the City to only purchase the readings once a year, rather than paying the \$34,000 figure four times a year.

RESOLUTION NO. 27-19: Mr. O'Donnell said this resolution has been read once and he expects three full reads. This is special assessments to be added to the tax duplicate for residents for unpaid private property maintenance costs incurred by the City. These amounts are being sent to the County for inclusion on the property tax bill for the code violations. The city has performed the work and the City has requested payment but payment is not forthcoming. The total amount of the assessment is just less than \$1,800.00.

ORDINANCE NO. 28-19: Mr. Shepherd indicated this ordinance authorizes the Administration to enter into an agreement with AECOM Technical Services for a project that would provide designs and create specifications for bidding of the project on Riverdale. Currently there is a soil erosion problem and a narrow one-lane road, and this project will stabilize the slope and soil and widen the road to two lanes. Mr. Shepherd has forwarded a summary of the history and pictures of the soil to Council. This will be read for a second time next week.

ORDINANCE NO. 29-19: Mr. Hunt said that this ordinance was read for the first time last week. This authorizes the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the State of Ohio ODNR for the operation of the Marine Patrol and the receipt of up to \$30,000 in grant funds. Council should be familiar with the substance of this ordinance, as it has been a yearly ordinance and an annual program for the Police Department. This is accepting grant money from the state to operate the Marine Patrol Boat from Memorial Day, Fourth of July and Labor Day Weekend and the majority of weekends in between. The actual cost of the program is \$40,000. The city is responsible for the 25% difference. Eighty percent of the time the Marine Patrol will actually be patrolling with the balance of twenty percent occurring at ramps/docks performing vessel safety checks. Director Costello said that the Chief is requesting an extension so Council can have three full reads on this legislation.

NEW BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE NO. 30-19: This ordinance authorizes the Safety-Service Director to purchase two 2019 Ford Utility Police Cars for the Police Division under the State Cooperative Purchasing Act at a cost not to exceed \$57,586.80. This was discussed during the Budget Process. This will be read for the first time next week.

- Mr. Furry asked if these new cars will need to be outfitted. The Mayor said that the purchase of three vehicles is in the budget; two out of POPAS and one out of the General Fund. The reason to purchase these now is that the Ford Interceptors will not be available anymore but all the equipment fits in this vehicle. Ford is moving to a Lincoln Nautilus. The police department will save just under \$10,000 if they are able to transfer all of the equipment to the new vehicles. The two Ford Utility vehicles being replaced have 92,000 plus miles on them and will be used in other departments. If these purchases are approved, the police will not need to purchase any new vehicles until 2021. The administration is contemplating the third vehicle.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: Mr. Furry will be in attendance tomorrow at the 6:00 p.m. meeting, but will not be at next Monday's meeting.

Mr. Moran said that last week was a long week for the city, specifically for Councilman Hunt and Shelley Sollars. The city lost two residents last week; Dave Sollars, the husband of Shelley Sollars who is an employee of the city, suddenly lost his life. It is very challenging to have that happen at such a young life. Mr. Moran said that Terry Hunt also lost his life suddenly last week and this has been a challenge for everyone. Mr. Moran compared Terry's life to that of the Creed of a Boy Scout: Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean and Reverent. Mr. Moran stated that he knows Tom will miss his brother but we will miss him also. The funerals were great ceremonies and he wishes the Hunt Family and Sollars Family all of God's Peace.

As there was no further business by members of Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

James W. Moran
President of Council

Susan G. Pease
Clerk of Council