

CITY OF ROCKY RIVER

May 21, 2018

The meeting of the Committee-of-the-Whole was called to order by Mr. Moran, President of Council, immediately following the Public Hearing 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, Director Costello

Law Director: Mr. Bemer

MAYOR'S REPORT:

The Mayor thanked everyone that was part of the Rite Aid Marathon on Sunday. It went extremely well. Thank you to the residents whose routes were somewhat disrupted because of the Marathon. The Mayor was happy to see so many residents cheering the runners on. Thank you to the Police and the Service Department. The Mayor appreciates the communication of the Rite Aid Marathon with the city's residents.

There was a Bike-to-School Assembly at the Middle School on Friday. The Mayor shared some statistics from the assembly. One day at Kensington more than 75% of the students rode their bikes to school. During the three week challenge the total number of riders was more than 4,500. The average number of riders a day was 301, which averaged about 45% of the schools. The students biked a total of 14,541 miles or about 5½ times the width of the United States. As a school they saved about 4.1 metric tons of CO² in the atmosphere. The students burned approximately 40 calories a mile totaling 581 thousand plus calories and saved about 465 gallons of fuel which totaled well over \$1,200. A huge thank you to Century Cycle and Scott Cowan, the owner who put a lot of this together. Thank you also to all of the sponsors of this event – Giant Bicycles, Subway, Starbucks, Whole Foods, the PTA, the Bicycle Patrol of the Police Department and the Environmental Club from the High School and many others. "Safe Routes to School" was also mentioned. They have been wonderful role models for safely biking in the community, wearing helmets and other protective gear, obeying traffic laws in the community. It draws attention to sharing the roadways with cyclists and pedestrians as well.

The Tree Tag Scavenger Hunt Competition is now completed. There were 15 winners and Bodie McDougal won the grand prize.

Tomorrow is the Lolley the Trolley field trip for the third graders to City Hall and historical and notable points around the community.

The Mayor distributed the insert of the Cleveland Magazine "Rating the Suburbs" that Rocky River is featured in for the June issue. Rocky River is very pleased that Cleveland Magazine selected Rocky River to be the featured community.

The Mayor announced a new project called Food Truck Fridays. Food Truck Fridays is being launched in the city beginning June 8th. Food Truck Fridays will feature three food trucks on a rotating basis. The community is invited to attend. This will be held on the City Hall Campus. The Mayor thanked Jennifer Barnes, a community member for setting this up.

Memorial Day Events will begin this Saturday at Lakewood Park Cemetery. 3,790 flags will need to be placed at graves at Lakewood Park Cemetery. The American Legion provides a lunch on Saturday at Lake and Linda for all volunteers. On Sunday there will be a concert provided by the Rocky River High School Jazz Band, which kicks off the Summer Concert Series at the Gazebo on the City Hall Campus. On Monday the Memorial Day Parade starts off at 10:00 a.m. from the high school and proceeds west on Detroit to Lakewood Park Cemetery. A huge thank you to the Joint Veterans Council who works with the city every year and especially to Richard Healy who is a tremendous partner. Thank you to the Rocky River High School Band Parents that are helping with the entire parade.

Next week the Mayor will talk about some of the great things that our students are doing in our community regarding athletic achievements and technology achievements. There is a lot to be proud of in our community.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: NONE

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE NO. 81-17 and 82-17: Mr. Shepherd said that these ordinances are regarding the Airbnb's. The changes recommended by the Planning Commission have been drafted but Council is waiting for the approved minutes. The recommendation will be that Airbnb's be allowed in commercial districts only and not residential districts. These two ordinances will be read for a third time next week. There are related items that will be addressed at a later date.

- Councilman Klym is concerned about the definition of limited lodging of 29 days or less. His concern is there is a limited lodging over 30 days or more and he wants to be sure that it gets into the residential license scheme and occupancy certificate scheme to make sure that there is not a loophole or confusion. Mr. Bemer said that anything 30 days or more is covered by landlord tenant law and is covered already by the City's Code. It's a rental whether it's in written lease or an oral lease. The only distinction was to cut out what the city is doing with short term rentals or limited lodging which would be under 29 days. Mr. Moran is concerned about making sure the people are stopped who are trying to find the loophole of being a limited lodging by saying we are going to do this for a longer term and then cancel it out early. Mr. Bemer said they will already be covered as a rental and the city already regulates rentals. They can be fined, their permit pulled, etc. Mr. Klym said that right now there are people that say this is through a booking agent and it is not the same as a rental. This same argument is used if it's over 30 days. Mr. Klym wants to be sure that as Council is looking through these definitions that any potential loophole is closed.

Mr. Shepherd wants to push the Airbnb through even if the discussion above isn't ready by next week.

AMENDED ORDINANCE NO. 84-17 through AMENDED ORDINANCE NO. 90-17: Mr. Shepherd said that all these ordinances were discussed by the Planning Commission and he is waiting for feedback.

ORDINANCE NO. 93-17: This ordinance is regarding the wireless telecommunication units and is on hold waiting for the Dublin meeting in mid-June.

ORDINANCE NO. 22-18: This ordinance is the change in parcel classification from R1 to R3 and R4 and was discussed at the Public Hearing this evening. Mr. Moran said that 23 people spoke this evening with 12 people in favor and 11 people against it. There was a sign-in sheet with 64 names on it. 39 were in favor of it and 24 against it and one was not marked. This will be read for a third time and voted on next week.

ORDINANCE NO. 23-18: This authorizes the administration to renew a one-year contract with Admiral Product Services to provide printing services for the city. They have been used for the city and has served the city well. This will have one more read.

ORDINANCE NO. 27-18: Mr. Shepherd said that there is potential funding left over from the Hampton and Lakeview repaving project through DOPWIC. DOPWIC pays 80% and the city pays 20%. This money will be used to repave an additional area of Hilliard from Westmoor to Gasser with Fabrizi to continue the project. This will be read for a second time next week.

ORDINANCE NO. 28-18: Mr. Hunt said that this is an agreement with Rocky River City Schools to place an additional SRO Officer at the Middle School for the next three school years.

ORDINANCE NO. 29-18: This is a companion ordinance to Ordinance No. 28-18. Based on the anticipated passage of Ordinance No. 28-18, the codified ordinance section of 139.01 detailing the composition of the police department will need to be updated. The 181 day assignment for each of the SRO's will be paid for by the School District including wages and benefits.

- Mr. Furry asked where the "all-in" rate comes from. The Mayor said that the city has that breakdown for every employee of the city for an all-in wage. The 181 days is the school calendar. When that officer is not in the schools, they are with the Police Department.
- The Mayor added that this is not a reduction in the force. To provide clarity #5 has been added to show the compliment includes two SRO's for 181 days of the school year. The School District has indicated that they may be seeking additional support in this area.
- Mr. Sindelar asked if this officer will be a new hire. Typically, it will be somebody from the ranks who knows the schools, community and the students. The city will back-fill with a new hire.

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: President Moran said that the Memorial Day Parade starts off at 10:00 a.m. Anyone in the parade will need to be there by 9:30 a.m. because the roads will be closed

down. President Moran also stated that next week's meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 29th, in honor of Memorial Day.

There was also some discussion about the crosswalk on Hilliard Blvd. by Snowflower and making it safer for pedestrians. Director Costello is having the engineer's look at changing the location a little bit, closer to the pool itself and possibly making a waiting area in the middle of the median. With new paving next year on Hilliard Blvd. this is a good time to take a look at it. Director Costello said that there could be lights installed that are actually activated by pedestrians trying to cross. This will continue to be discussed.

As there was no further business by members of Council, President Moran thanked everyone for attending this evening's meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

James W. Moran
President of Council

Susan G. Pease
Clerk of Council