

CITY OF ROCKY RIVER

September 5, 2017

The meeting of the Committee-of-the-Whole was called to order by Mr. Moran, President of Council, immediately following the Special Meeting 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, Director Thomas

Law Director: Mr. Bemer

Press: Ms. Botos

MAYOR'S REPORT:

The Mayor said that the Capital Improvement Projects are moving along very well thanks to Director Costello, MacKay Engineering and the contractors. One issue that emerged was the change in process for Cleveland Water that the city was alerted to a couple weeks ago. It has been addressed and had to do with the waterline and waterline connections in the work zone. Cleveland Water will be handling the expense of changing out these waterlines and connections. There has not been any indication that this will delay the project. The Mayor will keep Council informed if this creates any delays.

The Mayor mentioned that ODOT and the County have begun working on the Detroit Road Bridge. The city was not aware of this project. However, traffic is being maintained in both directions with truck traffic being redirected. Director Costello said that they will be working on the bridge one half at a time along with the deck and below. The Mayor will be meeting with the ODOT District Director along with the City of Lakewood next week and this will be on the agenda.

- Councilman Shepherd commented that sidewalks were being dismantled on the south side today. Director Costello feels that is part of the decking work.

The Mayor said that the city will move ahead with the Water Main Replacement Project for Laurel and Purnell Drive with the passage of Ordinance No. 50-17.

The city is repaving and resurfacing the City Hall parking lot along with improvements to the intersection between the Court, Police Department and the Recreation Department. The drop off area for internet transactions will be moved a couple of spaces over.

The Dog Swim was this evening and the outdoor pool is now closed until next summer. The Spray Ground will remain open for the next couple of weeks as long as weather permits.

The Mayor said that the city is applying for three grant applications.

- The DOPWIC Grant Application for the sewer project at Collver and Oak;

- The Waste Water Treatment Plant will apply for grants for the combination of Capital Projects that need to happen in 2018-2021;
- A TLCI Implementation Grant Program for Center Ridge Road for pedestrian safety and improvements to the pedestrian environment from the Transit Center to the Northview and Linden intersection. This is one scope of the project and it will be in conjunction with Fairview Park and RTA, residents and businesses. Additional information will be provided on this project. Handicap accessibility will be a big part of this grant.

The Mayor announced that leaf machines are being readied for the fall leaf season.

The Mayor also announced that the Police Station Feasibility Committee with Bowen and Associates will be ready to present to City Council within the next couple of weeks. The Mayor will discuss with President Moran and Councilman Hunt a time to schedule a Safety Committee Meeting for this presentation.

Mayor Bobst said that the budget process has started. The Mayor had very good budget meetings in the month of July. Some minor adjustments were needed and the draft of the budget will be ready for Council to view the first week of November.

The Mayor gave a shout out to Lead Supervisor Steve Elek, the Refuse Crew and Rocky River residents regarding the Hazardous Waste Collection. The Solid Waste District collected almost 23,000 pounds of hazardous waste with only twelve communities participating. Rocky River alone contributed 1,765 pounds of material. The Solid Waste District was very appreciative and complimented the Refuse Crew for the safe removal of this waste.

The Mayor said that on Monday, September 11th, the City will hold its annual 9/11 Ceremony at the flagpole in front of City Hall beginning at 8:30 a.m. Pastor Bogre will be joining in with words of remembrance. All residents are invited.

- Mr. Moran inquired about the recycled bins being moved at City Hall. Director Costello said that the parking lot is being expanded by 15 feet for the recycled papers and cardboard bins. The bins will be put back as soon as the paving is completed.
- Mr. Moran also asked about reports regarding Simple Recycling. Director Costello said there have been a few complaints regarding non-collection but Simple Recycling responded immediately.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: NONE

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: President Moran thanked Director Mehling and his staff for all their hard work during “Dog Days” and the entire Concert Series. He and his staff were always there for set up and tear down and everything in between.

The Mayor added a huge thank you to all the very generous sponsors who sponsor the Concert Series through the Parks and Recreation Foundation.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION NO. 51-17: Mr. Moran said that this is the resolution that is the next step in the 2018 budget process. The County Budget Commission has determined that for 2018, the City needs to levy 10.80 mills to meet the projected obligations. In addition to the General Fund (6.3 mills), several city activities have levies that are part of the 10.80 mills that include: the Senior Center, Refuse & Recycling, Recreation Center, Bond Retirement, Fire Pension, Police Pension and Capital Improvement. This will be discussed more at next week's meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 52-17: Mr. Moran said this resolution is a request to the Cuyahoga County Fiscal Officer to advance pay special assessments prior to final reconciliation. The monies will be paid beginning in January with a second payment in February instead of waiting until May.

RESOLUTION NO. 53-17: Mr. Moran said this is similar to Resolution No. 52-17. This is for advance pay for real property taxes prior to final reconciliation. The monies will be paid beginning in January with a second payment in February instead of waiting until May.

RESOLUTION NO. 54-17: Mr. Shepherd said that this project will replace inverted sewers and sewers in disrepair on Collver and Oak Road much like the other projects done throughout the city. The city has applied for this type of funding for the Avalon, Frazier, Hampton and Valley View area projects. The city is applying for a zero interest 30-year loan and anticipates contributing a local portion. These projects have to be done to comply with EPA mandates. These projects have greatly reduced flooding in the city. This is authorizing the application for a funding mechanism. The applications are due by October 5th and the city has two years to begin the project. This will be read three full times.

NEW BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE NO. 55-17: Mr. Moran said that this Ordinance will pay the Division of Water a reimbursement for overpayment on the 2016 Lakeview Avenue Water Main Improvement Project in the amount of \$58,342.42. This will be read for the first time and discussed further at next week's Legislative Meeting.

ORDINANCE NO. 56-17: Mr. Hunt said that this Ordinance relates to amending Fire Code Chapter 1501 and to amend 1501.01, 1501.13 regarding nuisance fires and 1501.99 entitled penalty. This will have three full reads and will be read for the first time next week. Mr. Hunt will follow up with the administration regarding the genesis of the new language regarding the necessity of the emergency language as well as the deletion language from the State Fire Code.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: Happy Birthday to Dave Furry and Sue Pease!

President Moran said that next week's meeting will be on Monday, September 11th beginning at 7:00 p.m. As there was no further business by members of Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

James W. Moran
President of Council

Susan G. Pease
Clerk of Council