

CITY OF ROCKY RIVER

March 4, 2024

The Special Meeting of Council was called to order by Mr. Furry, President of Council, immediately following the Public Hearing in the David J. Cook Council Chambers.

Council Members Present: Mr. Hunt, Mrs. Gallagher, Mr. O'Boyle,
Mrs. Morris, Mr. Sindelar, Mr. Furry

Absent: Mr. Shipp

Administration: Mayor Bobst, Mr. Thomas

Law Director: Mr. O'Shea

MAYOR'S REPORT:

The Mayor opened her report by wishing Carter Sindelar a happy birthday and welcomed another RRHS student, Reagen, to this evening's meeting.

The Mayor discussed the Amber Alert received in the early morning hours today. This was a situation that took place on Riverwood in Rocky River. A mother took her young child. The police received a phone call about 3:00 a.m. and through some extremely good police work along with the benefits of today's technology in law enforcement, within about three hours the police found the mother and the three-year-old, unharmed and returned to her father and the remainder of her family. Thank you for subscribing to that service as people are very helpful when receiving these alerts by being the eyes and ears of the law enforcement.

Director Snyder is unable to attend this evening's meeting, but he will be speaking at the North Coast Urban Forestry Conference, another plug for our "Leaders Among Leaders". Director Snyder has done a great job as an arborist himself along with another four-arborist employed in the city that work in the Parks Department because of how we care for our Urban Forest. The conference is this Thursday at Tri-C. Those in attendance are tree commissioners, service directors, etc. The program is titled "What are the Neighbors Doing?" Director Snyder will be talking about the City of Rocky River's program to plant trees on private property. It is a unique project and the city has received two grants from the County to plant trees on private property at an acceptable site. The city's first program was between Hilliard and Center Ridge on the connector streets east of Wagar and now in Christiansen Estates and West River Estates talking with residents. This is a very innovative program and Director Snyder has been recognized throughout the County.

The Mayor said that Director Kerber completed digitizing the Set Back Map from 1987 which was falling apart. If a resident wants to understand what the setback is on their lot, it is easily accessible and at the city's fingertips.

This week the new Fire Suppression System at the Service Garage will be installed. Thanks to our residents, the city can purchase needed equipment and the city wants to be sure it is always well taken

care of, well maintained and the suppression system is important at the Service Garage. The city was already working on this when the City of Brecksville had a fire in their Service Garage disrupting service.

The Mayor discussed White Tail Deer Management. The Ohio State University, School of Environmental and Natural Resources will be holding a meeting on various ways to control the deer population. They will provide scientific information, especially as it relates to deer in urban areas, some of the management options and program logistics will be discussed. They will have an overview of lethal control of deer as well as fertility control. There has been a great deal of culling in the MetroParks and they have expanded that program because it has been quite successful, but the City of Rocky River continues to have significant deer population. Unfortunately, many of the city's lots do not meet the standards to use other lethal methods. There is always a discussion in the community about what is the best way to control deer and there are many that do not like the idea of lethal methods. The city's Animal Control Officer and possibly others will be attending this meeting and bringing back important information. Council is on top of this issue and has inquired about this issue many times.

The Mayor announced that the Senior Center will be having a Soda Bread Sale, some loafs will be gluten free, made by all volunteers as a fund raiser for Seniors Council. The sale will take place from Monday March 11th through Friday, March 15th. There will be a Corned Beef Luncheon as well as the "New BarleyCorn" playing on Friday, March 15th. These are both ticketed items. Please contact the Senior Center if you are interested in attending.

The Mayor announced that the Recreation Center sold out all of the 85 spots for nine weeks of the recreation camps. There is a very high demand and there is a waiting list. This waiting list requires the hiring of seasonal staff as well as the facilities to accommodate all the campers safely throughout the summer. The city is pleased that residents are so interested, but there are a lot of people interested. The Recreation Center will try to accommodate all of those interested.

The Mayor also noted that "Day Light Saving Time" is this Sunday, losing an hour but picking up sunshine.

- Mr. Hunt said he appreciates the effort the ACO is making regarding the deer population. In the last ten years Mr. Hunt has been on Council, it is independently the single most communicated complaint that he receives bar none. If there is anything the city can do with new materials or anything the city can try, he looks forward to hearing that.

LAW DEPARTMENT: NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

PENDING BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE NO. 10-24

BY: JEANNE GALLAGHER

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICE TO PURCHASE ONE (1) NEW 25 CUBIC YARD LEACH REFUSE COLLECTOR FOR THE SERVICE DEPARTMENT UNDER A SOURCEWELL COOPERATIVE PURCHASING CONTRACT FROM BEST EQUIPMENT COMPANY, AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$253,971.00, AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN THE ATTACHED

**EXHIBIT “A”
3rd READING**

Mrs. Gallagher said that this ordinance is for the authorization to purchase a new 2024 25 cubic yard Leach Refuse Collector and chassis from Best Equipment not to exceed \$253,971. The procurement is through the Sourcewell Cooperative purchasing contract. This truck will be added to the frontline day-to-day equipment. As the fleet ages, these are rotated down from frontline to yard waste collection and backups. The most recent purchase was 2019, delivered in 2020 and has over 50,000 miles on it. A 2004 refuse packer with 111,000 miles was taken out of commission due to overwhelming amounts of repairs needed and was sold on Gov.deals for \$5,100. Best Equipment is holding the packer for the city and that is why Mrs. Gallagher is requesting passage this evening, otherwise the city may have to wait over a year for delivery. Currently there are two refuse packers in good condition, 3 in fair and 3 in poor condition. On any given day, five are in use. Mrs. Gallagher moved for passage of Ordinance No. 10-24 seconded by Mrs. Morris.

Vote: Hunt – aye	Gallagher – aye	O’Boyle – aye	
Morris – aye	Sindelar – aye	Furry - aye	
6 ayes	0 nays		PASSED

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: NONE

COMMITTEE REPORTS: NONE

COMMUNICATIONS: NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT: Linda Gandee, Cleveland.com reporter and a Rocky River resident, asked about the refuse pick up in her condo development. Often, she sees white plastic bags, transparent bags, etc. She is wondering why they aren’t using the blue recycle bags. The Mayor responded that more than likely the city is not her garbage hauler. Generally, the City of Rocky River does not pick up the condominium’s garbage, as there is probably a separate contractor. The city’s recycling program is a blue bag recycling program. The city is taking a closer look at that and may have some news in the next couple of months. The Mayor said that if her neighbors are not using blue bags, it is probably because it is a different hauler and the Mayor cannot speak to what their recycling requirements would be.

Mr. Furry adjourned the Special Meeting at 7:23 p.m., seconded by Mr. Hunt.

Vote: Hunt – aye	Gallagher – aye	O’Boyle – aye
Morris – aye	Sindelar – aye	Furry - aye
6 ayes		0 nays

David W. Furry
President of Council

Susan G. Pease
Clerk of Council