

CITY OF ROCKY RIVER

January 16, 2024

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

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

Administration: Mayor Bobst, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Snyder

Law Director: Mr. O'Shea

MAYOR'S REPORT: NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

AMENDED ORDINANCE NO. 51-23: Mrs. Gallagher said this amended ordinance is to change the zoning classification of four parcels on Ingersol Drive from their present classification of Service Manufacturing to OB-2 Office and is on hold.

AMENDED ORDINANCE NO. 80-23: Mrs. Gallagher stated that this amending ordinance has been referred to the Planning Commission after much discussion with the recommendation of a maximum building height of 70 feet in Section 1163.09 entitled height requirements. After discussion, Planning moved to recommend amending the height from 70 feet to 80 feet in OB-2 zoning districts with the inclusion of a clause that reads "Planning Commission may allow for up to 25% of the building footprint to increase in height to 100 feet based on a review of the detailed Development Plan". There will be a Public Hearing before the Planning Commission to review the proposed changes to Section 1163.09 on Thursday, January 18, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in City Council Chambers.

ORDINANCE NO. 1-24: Mr. Hunt said that upon passage this ordinance would authorize Director Snyder to purchase three Ford Explorer Interceptors from Montrose Ford to replace vehicles for the Police Department. In the 2024 budget, \$55,000 was appropriated for each vehicle for the total of \$165,000 total appropriation. This total is under that amount. There will be some cost for the outfitting and retrofitting that comes with the new body styles for each of these vehicles to replace the cages, computer terminals and the interior items. These vehicles will replace three patrol vehicles, two of which are 2017 and one 2018. Two of these vehicles are Explores and one is a Charger. This will begin a consent agenda for next week's meeting.

- Mr. Sindelar asked if the changes are drastic enough that the retrofitting will need to be replaced. Mr. Snyder said that the city transfers whatever equipment they can over the MBT's and a lot of the mobile computers can be transferred. Sometimes the cages cannot be moved due to the body of the vehicles. All three of these are ego boost turbos and have the capability to pursuit on I 90.
- Mr. Sindelar asked if the three being replaced will be used somewhere else in the city. Mr. Hunt said he emailed Chief Lichman this afternoon but has not heard back yet. Generally, they are rotated. The Mayor added that these are not being traded in.

- Mrs. Morris asked how many of these are being purchased this year. Mr. Hunt said this is it, these three. Mrs. Morris is wondering when the electric vehicles will be filtering in. Mr. Snyder said they are still trying to work out kinks on the hybrids. The nice thing about these new vehicles is they are on the ground and will be delivered in less than six months. They are 2023 models. If they were 2024 the city may not see them until 2025. Mrs. Gallagher added that the electric vehicles are not doing so good in this weather. Mr. Hunt said unfortunately, they are not. Mr. Sindelar added that there would have to be a rotation cycle too for the cars to be recharged.

ORDINANCE NO. 2-24: Mr. Sindelar said this is to enter into a lease agreement with Republic First National Corporation for a rapid view IBAK camera system and truck chassis. It will be an E450, van front type with the box affixed to the back. The overall point of this ordinance is to authorize a new way of paying for this service with a lease option over a five-year period. In previous years, the city has gone with a contractor which is more expensive and harder to coordinate when needed quickly. The Ohio Company, throughout the five years, will train, maintain and fix the equipment along with a backup camera, if needed. Another great feature is the continual service and that the last payment can be rolled into a new lease if the city likes this program. This is part of the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Contract. This will be on the consent agenda.

- Mr. Furry asked if this is a dollar buy out lease, there were two options. Mr. Snyder said the city has the fixed term without the balloon, so this is option one.
- Mr. O’Boyle asked for clarification on what this piece of equipment is. The Mayor and Mr. Sindelar responded that it is a sewer camera. The city can get in the sewer lines and look at blockages, why it is blocked and to have that immediate ability rather than call another company to look at that for us. Mr. Snyder said the way this technology works is the city would send out a crew and they have within the truck itself computer monitors with a camera that is lowered into the sewer system. It goes up, looks at the sewer infrastructure as it goes up and has a lateral launch camera to go to the sides toward the houses and send a separate camera up that. It takes video and the workers control it. The Mayor said it is a great tool to show residents what is happening. One of the biggest benefits to the city and community is that it limits exploratory digs into a resident’s yard and allows for a more rapid response.
- Mr. O’Boyle asked why the two names of the camera are spelled differently. That was a Scribner’s error, IBAK is the correct spelling.

ORDINANCE NO. 3-24: Mr. Sindelar said this is an authorization to extend the full-service vending contract with Metropolitan Vending Company for the Recreation Department for one year from February 8, 2024 to February 7, 2025. This company has been used for several years and they have done a good job. They will hold their prices for an additional year. Per the contract Metropolitan agrees to pay a commission of 28% of the gross sales on snacks and food, 30% of the gross sales on ice cream and coffee. The commissions are paid monthly. This will be on the consent agenda.

ORDINANCE NO. 4-24: Mrs. Morris said this ordinance is a Memorandum of Understanding between the city and the Cuyahoga Soil and Water Conservation District. This is part of the requirements by the EPA and what the County will be doing is called P.I.P.E. which is Public Information and Public Education. Their website shows their programs, outreach programs and social media. The cost is \$6,000 but since it is a governmental agency this gives full disclosure and it keeps the city current. This will also be on the consent agenda.

ORDINANCE NO. 5-24: Mr. Hunt said this is an annual ordinance and each year the city applies for and have received grant funds from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources to fund the Rocky River Marine Patrol Police Boat during the summer months. In prior years, Council would have the contract in front of Council, but the last couple of years Council has had to pass the legislation and then the contract is received after passage. There are terms consisting of when the police boat should begin patrolling and safety inspections beginning Memorial Day Weekend through Labor Day Weekend. In the past, the city has received full funding of the amount, which this year is \$35,000. There is a match portion from the city of 25% and those funds received will be used for full operation and wages for the officers that operate the Marine Patrol for the city Police Department. It is a fabulous program having the police boat out for a variety of reasons including safety in the summer months as the city is located right on the lake. This will be placed on the consent agenda.

- Mrs. Gallagher asked the age of the boat. Mr. Snyder said that it is approximately 5 or 6 years old. The Mayor stated that the city received a grant for the boat as a collaborative between the City of Lakewood, the MetroParks and the City of Rocky River. The MetroParks provided the local match to acquire the boat. Originally it was for the three entities, but the City of Rocky River is the only one that mans it now because the others have their own. Last year the price increased from \$30,000 to \$35,000.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: NONE

COMMITTEE REPORTS: NONE

COMMUNICATIONS: NONE

MOTION:

President Furry adjourned the meeting at 7:34 p.m. with the next meeting being a Legislative Meeting on January 23rd beginning at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

David W. Furry
President of Council

Susan G. Pease
Clerk of Council