

CITY OF ROCKY RIVER

January 16, 2024

The Special Meeting of Council was called to order by Mr. Furry, President of Council, at 7:00 p.m. 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

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOTION:

Moved by Mr. Furry seconded by Mrs. Gallagher that the reading of the minutes of the Legislative Meeting of January 8th be waived and that the minutes be accepted as submitted.

Vote:	Hunt – aye	Gallagher – aye	Shipp – aye	O'Boyle – aye
	Morris – aye	Sindelar – aye	Furry - aye	
	7 ayes		0 nays	PASSED

MAYOR'S REPORT:

The Mayor discussed the cold temperatures. The city is prepared and has had discussion regarding the possibility of an area of the city losing power or individuals needing a warming center or shelter. Between the Senior Center, Memorial Hall and the Recreation Center, there is accommodation for people, even though there are scheduled meetings in all those buildings, it can still accommodate a great number of people. The city is in regular communication with First Energy. Director Snyder and the Mayor talked with First Energy about the possibility of power outages over the weekend, but luckily the city did not have widespread power outages. Some trees did come down along with some large limbs. The Mayor stressed the relationship the city has with First Energy. They know that if they are coming to Rocky River and lines are live and down, they address those and the city can be helpful with removing the tree, removing the branch, so the city is working with them so the power can be restored more efficiently. That relationship started way back during Super Storm Sandy and has continued. The Mayor appreciates the good communication and working side by side. The Mayor has told First Energy that if they need anything from tree removal to traffic control, just let the city know and the city will be there to assist.

The Mayor stated that there were some waterline breaks on Jameston and Bonnie Bank over the weekend which are being addressed. One of the things Council has discussed and Commissioner Dave Arendec mentioned this morning is that the calcium product can be added to salt when temperatures are low and is very effective. He was very pleased, especially where there is a waterline break, the city can control some of that ice.

The Mayor said the administration is sending out letters regarding Infiltration and Inflow compliance with the dye testing of homes where sewer projects have been completed. There are four streets that will receive follow-up letters: Lakeview, Hampton, Oak and Culver. Council will recall that the city has completed work on those streets. If Council receives any questions, please refer them to Director Snyder and the city is happy to work with residents as they work on remediating their I & I issue.

Today, several administrators were on an Eclipse Planning zoom meeting with Destination Cleveland and County Emergency Management. There are many things to be considered, with traffic being the most significant as the region only has east, west and south. Several things are being worked on including events in the city and how that will be managed, encouraged or not encouraged. All hotels are full. Many people that want to see the eclipse along the whole path of the eclipse which runs from Texas to Cleveland and beyond in a diagonal fashion, are booking hotels all along the path due to the weather being unpredictable. The Mayor is working with fire and police departments, the schools, refuse collections in the parks and public areas will be important, porta potties and working with the unions about having all personnel in place that day. City Hall will be open and functioning. There could be road closures. They do not anticipate doing contraflow, sending all lanes of a highway in one direction. They are determining that is not a good idea. The city will know more information as the time is closer from Emergency Management. The city is on top of it and working with our partners and other communities. Whatever other communities do, has a direct impact on the City of Rocky River because of being mutual aid partners. Communication will be paramount. There will be a dedicated channel for all first responders and other emergency management personnel.

The Fire Department Firefighters have all been certified in pediatric advanced life support, which is extremely important. A big thank you to the Cleveland Clinic for providing that critical training to all the firefighters and EMS professionals.

Chief Lenart provided the Mayor with the total number of runs in 2023, which came in at 3,799. This is a 6% increase over 2022. The Mayor has asked the Chief to dissect that number with more specifics to understand where those calls are coming from and if there are preventative measures the city may be able to take to moderate those numbers.

The Rocky River Watershed Council will have their annual meeting on Thursday, January 25, 2024 at the Rocky River Nature Center. Mr. Dan Meaney from the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission will be presenting on the Urban Tree Canopy and the work being done along with the Green Print Tool that the City of Rocky River has used, that shows areas for opportunities for increased vegetation, tree cover, et cetera.

The Mayor said the firing range construction is progressing well. Fire suppression is in along with masonry and electrical work. Director Snyder works with the contractors and subcontractors. There could be a delay in the HVAC system, so looking for ways to expedite that.

The Chili Cook Off is this Friday at the Senior Center and all are invited to attend. The cost is \$10.00 for residents and \$11.00 for non-residents.

- Mr. Hunt said that when the number for runs is 3,799, are those actual responses or are those calls and times where there is mutual aid that helps cover the calls. The Mayor said 3,799 are responses. There is a breakdown for how many times the City of Rocky River provides mutual aid and how many times mutual aid comes to Rocky River for Fire and EMS, but primarily EMS. It is very equal. WestCom also has that detail.

LAW DEPARTMENT: NONE

COMMITTEE REPORTS: NONE

COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL: NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

PENDING ORDINANCES:

ORDINANCE NO. 1-24 **BY: THOMAS J. HUNT**
AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY-SERVICE TO PURCHASE THREE (3) FORD EXPLORER INTERCEPTORS FROM MONTROSE FORD FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$136,086.39, AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT "A"
2nd READING

This will be discussed at the Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting immediately following this meeting.

ORDINANCE NO. 2-24 **BY: BRIAN J. SINDELAR**
AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY-SERVICE TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH REPUBLIC FIRST NATIONAL CORPORATION FOR A RAPID VIEW IBAK CAMERA SYSTEM AND TRUCK CHASSIS AT AN ANNUAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$99,111.92 FOR THE PERIOD OF 2024 THROUGH 2028, AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT "A"
2nd READING

This will be discussed at the Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting immediately following this meeting.

ORDINANCE NO. 3-24 **BY: BRIAN J. SINDELAR**
AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICE TO EXTEND A CONTRACT FOR ONE (1) YEAR FOR FULL-SERVICE VENDING WITH METROPOLITAN VENDING COMPANY FOR THE CITY OF ROCKY RIVER RECREATION DEPARTMENT, AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT "A"
2nd READING

This will be discussed at the Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting immediately following this meeting.

ORDINANCE NO. 4-24 **BY: CHRISTINA MORRIS**
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CUYAHOGA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT AND THE CITY OF ROCKY RIVER REGARDING STORM WATER POLLUTION EDUCATION FOR A TWELVE (12) MONTH TERM, ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT A
2nd READING

This will be discussed at the Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting immediately following this meeting.

ORDINANCE NO. 5-24

BY: THOMAS J. HUNT

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF OHIO TO ACCEPT A GRANT UP TO \$35,000.00 FOR THE OPERATION OF THE MARINE PATROL FOR THE YEAR 2024 AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT "A"

2nd READING

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NEW BUSINESS: NONE

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

Mr. Furry adjourned the Special Meeting at 7:17 p.m., seconded by Mr. Hunt.

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

David W. Furry
President of Council

Susan G. Pease
Clerk of Council