

CITY OF ROCKY RIVER

November 17, 2025

The Special Meeting and Committee-of-the-Whole 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. O'Boyle, Mr. Shipp,
Mrs. Morris, Mr. Sindelar, Mr. Furry

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

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATION BY MUNICIPAL ADVISORS, MATT STUCZYNSKI WITH MAS ADVISORS AND AJ ALLEN WITH DAVENPORT COMPANY

President Furry welcomed Municipal Advisors Mr. Stuczynski with MAS Advisors and Mr. AJ Allen with Davenport Company. Mr. Furry said the city has three different rounds of fire station plan of finance and handed the meeting over to Mr. Jonathan Lindow, Assistant Director of Finance. Mr. Lindow said that a plan is something that a team puts together. There are many moving parts when looking to do a debt service for a new fire station. The Fire Station GMP is just over \$14.4 million and will be paid long term for the next 20 to 30 years. Mr. Stuczynski and Mr. Allen are here to represent and advise the city and help lay the groundwork for long term to put the community in a good position. Mr. Lindow turned it over to Mr. Stuczynski and Mr. Allen who discussed the plan of finance for the fire station. The city has identified the need to borrow \$12.5 million filling the rest of the gap with resources that the city has currently on hand. The plan of finance to securing all of this is to align with the funding needed to implement the GMP. That is intended to have a closing of this funding by February 2026 which aligns closely with the GMP and the funds needed to start to pay for costs associated with that GMP. To secure the approximately \$12.5 million in funding needed for the new fire station, MAS & Davenport recommend the city issue a one-year Bond Anticipation Note ("BAN") in early 2026. BANs are short-term interest only, interim funding facilities and are widely used throughout the State of Ohio. They provide a flexible and cost-effective means of financing construction. During the BAN process, it will be interest only so the city will only pay interest for one year which will give the city time to fully flush out how the city would like to borrow for this on a permanent basis. This will be structured as a one-year bond anticipation note maturing in early 2027. Eventually at maturity they would likely go out for a long-term loan, a 20-year plus borrowing matching the useful life of the fire station. At that point the long-term ultimate debt service would be known.

- President Furry asked if the market conditions were favorable, could the bonds be rolled over 4th quarter of 2026 or does the city have to go a year. Mr. Allen said they could evaluate what is called an early prepayment provision and can do a cost-benefit analysis of what that is.
- Mr. Sindelar asked why BANS are recommended over starting with Bonds. Mr. Stuczynski said this is like what the city did with the police station. They are looking at the flexibility primarily of giving Council the where with all to measure funding sources, and the city has the luxury of figuring out or at least measure what might happen in the State of Ohio as it relates to tax reform, tax reveal. It gives Council time to then decide a year from now based upon what may surface

over the course of the next year. It could dramatically change how we think about this. It also provides the luxury of borrowing more a year from now or pay down and borrow less. It gives Council and the administration tremendous flexibility as opposed to rushing into Bonds right now.

Mr. Allen said they are recommending a negotiated sale through Raymond James & Associates. They have previously served as the city's underwriter with the Senior Center Bonds. They further recommend the city utilize the Ohio Market Access Program ("OMAP") to secure a rating for the BAN. By utilizing the OMAP program, the city's BAN will carry a rating of SP-1+, which is the highest short-term rating offered by Standard & Poor's. The city's very strong underlying rating of Aa2 from Moody's Investors Service will serve to further improve the marketability of the short-term BAN.

Mr. Allen said the city expects to repay the Debt Service on the BAN and the ultimate long-term borrowing from a combination of resources primarily the 0.50% income tax dedicated to capital improvements and equipment purchases. Interest rates have been moving lower generally over the past nine to twelve months.

President Furry thanked Mr. Stuczynski and Mr. Allen for attending this evening's City Council Meeting.

MOTION:

Moved by President Furry seconded by Mrs. Morris that the reading of the minutes of the Legislative Meeting of November 10th be waived and that the minutes be accepted as is.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT:

The Mayor thanked Finance Director Michael Thomas and Assistant Finance Director Jonathan Lindow along with Mr. Stuczynski and Mr. Allen for this evening's presentation. The presentation laid everything out clearly so everyone understands the decisions that have been made and will be made as well as sharing the information in a way that the community can see it. Directors Thomas and Lindow have worked on this for several months and as information came in on the 2026 Budget, it had some impact on that.

The Mayor announced that bids came in for the Westmoor, Glendale and Orchard Grove sewer and waterline project. The apparent low bidder came in at \$4.9 million on a \$5.5 million engineer's estimate. The low bidder is Digioia who has performed work in the city in the past. The bid is being reviewed and the city also has Cleveland Water funding for the waterline.

The Mayor shared Building Department Statistics:

- Total permits are at 1,500. Commercial permits are up significantly and residential permits are down. Of the 1,500 permits, total valuation is \$52,210,000 compared to last year at this time of \$44,524,000. It is a significant increase in valuation. This represents investment in commercial areas as well as residential areas with no major project represented in the total of valuation.

The Mayor said that in the first week of December, City Council will receive a communication from the I.T. Department regarding information about the mandatory Cyber Security Training that all employees

will have to take. This is required by the State of Ohio and is also a positive training for the city insurance. Newly elected individuals will receive the communication also and are asked to complete the training. It will be part of the onboarding process for all new employees as well as new elected officials.

The Mayor noted the presence of the Chairman of the Parks and Recreation Commission, Dr. James Ulchaker. Dr. Ulchaker has served on the Commission for 28 years. The Mayor shared good news coming from the Recreation Department. Last week was Rec Membership Week and \$239,000 was raised. \$190,000 was in membership with the balance paying for discounted programs offered during Membership Week. This is \$45,000 ahead of last year and has exceeded the revenue goals in the Recreation Department. A big thank you to Director Holub and his staff at the Recreation Department.

The Mayor said the Recreation Commission met last week regarding several things, but Pickle Ball was top on the agenda. There is now a Pickleball Program Plan. There will be a designated Program Supervisor and their responsibilities will include signing people up and setting up and managing the space. This program will be registration only with priority given to residents first, non-resident members and then non-residents. Each session will run for five to six weeks including a small program fee, much like swim lessons and volleyball, et cetera. Registration will be limited to twenty players per session to ensure a quality experience and a manageable group size. The program will initially operate for two days a week with the third week for mini sessions to teach people the rules of pickle ball. Fees for pickleball will be \$30.00 per session for members, \$36.00 for residents and \$48.00 for non-residents. Mr. Shipp added that the price of the session includes multiple weeks. The Mayor concurred by adding there will be two sessions along with the educational piece. Depending on the number of people enrolling, that will make the decision regarding the third day. Thank you to Director Bob Holub, the Recreation Staff along with the Rec Commission.

The Mayor gave a big shout out to the Rocky River High School Football Team for their win against Buckeye last week. They will be playing in Clyde, Ohio this Friday.

The Mayor announced that this Friday at 10:30 a.m. there will be a Ribbon Cutting at the Senior Center Gymnasium and Dance Studio. It will be a wonderful day filled with gratitude being the season of thanks.

LAW DEPARTMENT: NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

PENDING BUSINESS:

Mr. Hunt said that there is no new information regarding Ordinance Nos. 50-25, 51-25, 52-25 and 53-25 and they are still on hold.

ORDINANCE NO. 50-25 **BY: THOMAS J. HUNT**
AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING AND ENACTING NEW SECTION 521.14 OF
THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ROCKY RIVER TO PROHIBBIT
CAMPING ON PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WITHIN RIGHTS-OF-WAY, AS FURTHER

DESCRIBED IN THE ATTACHED EXHIBIT "A"
ON HOLD

ORDINANCE NO. 51-25**BY: THOMAS J. HUNT**

**AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 557.01 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ROCKY RIVER, OHIO, TO PROHIBIT SLEEPING IN MUNICIPAL PARKS, AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN THE ATTACHED EXHIBIT "A"
ON HOLD**

ORDINANCE NO. 52-25**BY: THOMAS J. HUNT**

**AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING PART THREE-TRAFFIC CODE OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ROCKY RIVER TO PROHIBIT THE OPERATION OF LOW-SPEED AND UNDER-SPEED VEHICLES AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN THE ATTACHED EXHIBIT "A"
ON HOLD**

ORDINANCE NO. 54-25**BY: THOMAS J. HUNT**

**AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 729.01 DEFINITIONS AND ADDING SECTION 729.021 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ROCKY RIVER TO PROHIBIT CERTAIN SOLICITATION PRACTICES IN ORDER TO PROMOTE PUBLIC SAFETY, COMMERCIAL SECURITY, AND TRAFFIC SAFETY, AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN EXHIBITS "A" AND "B"
ON HOLD**

Mr. Hunt said that City Council received an electronic version of Ordinance No. 54-25 on Friday with a hard copy at everyone's desk this evening. Mr. Hunt presumed that no one has had a chance to go through it at this point. There was some redundancy in some of the language as well as some formatting changes.

- The Mayor requested a copy be sent to the Police Chief.

ORDINANCE NO. 84-25**BY: DAVID W. FURRY**

**AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOTES, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, IN A PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$12,500,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING, EQUIPPING, FURNISHING AND OTHERWISE IMPROVING A NEW FIRE STATION, TOGETHER WITH ALL NECESSARY APPURTENANCES AND RELATED IMPROVEMENTS THERETO
2nd READING**

President Furry said that Council heard from the Municipal Advisors from MAS Financial Advisory, LLC and Davenport and Company, LLC earlier on the time frame and sequence of events. Mr. Furry has discussed this for several weeks now and obviously this was a component of the fire station piece that has been in the works that everyone has known about. Mr. Furry will be looking for a final read and seek passage at the legislative meeting on December 8th. For those that were not on this body in 2014, Council approved a .5% tax increase. This was precipitated from the State of Ohio getting rid of the Estate tax which as a resident of the State of Ohio he did not like but as a City Councilman, he liked it. The City of Rocky River historically used these funds for capital purchases like ambulances, police cars, etc cetera, however, it was not a reliable stream. The city put strings on it that that portion could only be used for capital because with most governmental entities, if you give them more money unchecked, they will spend more money unchecked.

Mr. Sindelar asked the Clerk to read the next three ordinances and he will discuss them together as they are companion pieces. Mr. Furry stated that the revisions Council received were adding a space between Munich Re.

ORDINANCE NO. 85-25

BY: BRIAN J. SINDELAR

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR VARIOUS INSURANCE COVERAGES FOR THE CITY OF ROCKY RIVER WITH MCGOWAN INSURANCE AND UNDERWRITTEN BY MUNICH RE SPECIALTY INSURANCE COMPANY FOR THE YEAR 2026 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$392,999.00, AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN THE ATTACHED EXHIBIT "A"

2nd READING

ORDINANCE NO. 86-25

BY: BRIAN J. SINDELAR

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY-SERVICE TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR VARIOUS INSURANCE COVERAGES FOR THE ROCKY RIVER MUNICIPAL COURT WITH MCGOWAN INSURANCE AND UNDERWRITTEN BY MUNICH RE SPECIALTY INSURANCE COMPANY FOR THE YEAR 2026 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$11,070.00, AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN THE ATTACHED EXHIBIT "A"

2nd READING

ORDINANCE NO. 87-25

BY: BRIAN J. SINDELAR

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY-SERVICE TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR VARIOUS INSURANCE COVERAGES FOR THE ROCKY RIVER WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT WITH MCGOWAN INSURANCE AND UNDERWRITTEN BY MUNICH RE SPECIALTY INSURANCE COMPANY FOR THE YEAR 2026 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$149,450.00, AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN THE ATTACHED EXHIBIT "A"

2nd READING

Mr. Sindelar said last week he described the reason why it was not put out to market. The consultants have advised the city not to go out to market as it could hurt the chances of the city getting coverage. These insurances are for the City of Rocky River, the Rocky River Municipal Court and the Rocky River WasteWater Treatment Plant. The not to exceed amounts listed in the legislation are maximum fees for 2026. According to the renewal date, the budget increased 5.24%. This impacts public official's liability, cyber liability and general liability insurance. Property increased 3% to keep pace with general labor and building inflation which impacts property insurance. Auto physical damage increased 6% with new vehicle purchases. All three of these were factored in the renewal pricing and as of today the pricing indication is at \$553,518.00 for all three entities. This is an increase of \$44,203.00 or 8%. These are necessary things the city needs and the city has trusted the advisors for several years now.

ORDINANCE NO. 88-25

BY: BRIAN J. SINDELAR

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY-SERVICE TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH PERK COMPANY, INC., FOR THE CUY-US20-6.53 CENTER RIDGE GATEWAY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT (PID110943) AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$3,941,794.14, AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN THE ATTACHED EXHIBIT "A"

2nd READING

Mr. Sindelar moved to amend Ordinance No. 88-25 by substitution of the total amount, seconded by Mrs. Morris.

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

PASSED

AMENDED ORDINANCE NO. 88-25

BY: BRIAN J. SINDELAR

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY-SERVICE TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH PERK COMPANY, INC., FOR THE CUY-US20-6.53 CENTER RIDGE GATEWAY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT (PID110943) AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$3,841,217.74, AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN THE ATTACHED EXHIBIT “A”

2nd READING

Mr. Sindelar said the good news is the amendment was to reduce the cost from \$3,900,000 to \$3,800,000. Mr. Sindelar asked Mr. Snyder to discuss the alternatives listed in the exhibit. Mr. Snyder explained that this bid package had two alternates for proprietary hardware. This is an ODOT project and ODOT allows certain hardware. If you choose to seek an alternate for additional proprietary piece you need to add an alternative. The justification for this is this is what was used in the Center Ridge Signals Project in 2020. For the city to have good communication the Stop Line Radar Detection with Wavetronix and the ATC Controllers are the controllers that were used throughout the corridor. The pricing was very competitive. This allows the city to have uniform hardware throughout the corridor. The city had to seek a proprietary request with ODOT that they approved but the difference is the city must pay the difference between the hardware.

- Mr. Shipp asked if the radar detection is the technology that senses oncoming emergency vehicles. Mr. Snyder said this is the Stop Line Detection. Old roadways have a loop detector on the pavement and this is up on the signal mast arm that identifies if a vehicle is sitting there. It is much more accurate and reliable for improving the flow of traffic. This radar Stop Line Detection allows for more seamless resurfacing of the streets. The Mayor said the first phase of the project was when these were first implemented and were from a Congested Mitigation Air Quality Grant that the city received. Mr. Snyder said it also has audible preemption for the public safety vehicles.

ORDINANCE NO. 89-25

BY: BRIAN J. SINDELAR

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH DELTA DENTAL TO PROVIDE DENTAL COVERAGE FOR THE FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF ROCKY RIVER, AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT "A"

2nd READING

Mr. Sindelar said this was introduced last week. There is a 10.69% increase which seems high but is an increase of .22 cents for single coverage, an increase of .41 cents for employee plus one, and an increase of .79 cents for family coverage. In addition to that the city had a two-year rate freeze. Mr. Greco did go out and received a bid from Medical Mutual but this is the lowest and best bid.

ORDINANCE NO. 90-25**BY: DAVID W. FURRY****AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE CREATING POSITIONS AND FIXING OR ESTABLISHING THE ANNUAL SALARIES AND HOURLY RATES COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2026 FOR THE APPOINTED EMPLOYEES IN THE SEVERAL DIVISIONS AND DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY OF ROCKY RIVER****2nd READING**

President Furry said this is the annual wage ordinance for 2026. Some general items are the state minimum wage increases to \$11.00 an hour. The secretary position was added for the Charter Review Commission which is done every six years with the same salary as 2020. The Civil Service Commission Member rate increased to \$50.00 a month from \$30.00 a month where it had been for quite a while. The title of Assistant Senior Center Director was added in expectation of the Director's retirement. Police and Service received a 3.5% bump per their contracts and accordingly exempts saw the same as they follow what CBAs receive. Mr. Furry expects this will need to be amended at some point as Fire and WWTP are still in negotiations for their 2026-2028 contracts.

ORDINANCE NO. 91-25**BY: CHRISTINA MORRIS****AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY-SERVICE TO PURCHASE ONE (1) FORD F250 TRUCK FOR THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT UNDER THE STATE COOPERATIVE PURCHASING ACT FROM VALLEY TRUCK CENTERS, AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$62,187.98, AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN THE ATTACHED EXHIBIT "A"****2nd READING**

Mrs. Morris said this is legislation for the purchase of a Ford F250 Standard Cab Pick-up Truck with a plow connection. It is replacing a 2008 Chevy pick-up truck which is extremely broken down as seen in the pictures forwarded to Council. Superintendent Barille had planned on purchasing this next year, which is in his budget for next year, but has money left in this year's budget and would like to purchase it now as it is available at a good cost.

ORDINANCE NO. 92-25**BY: DAVID W. FURRY****AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE CITY OF ROCKY RIVER, OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2026****2nd READING**

President Furry said this is the second read on the proposed 2026 Budget. Mr. Furry was able to do a cursory pass this past week and the operating portion of the budget is basically cost of living adjustments while Director Snyder has thrown gas on the fire on the capital side and to saying it is aggressive would be passive aggressive. Mr. Furry asks that all Council Members meet with their respective directors prior to the December 5th Budget meeting. Mr. Furry is meeting with Finance tomorrow morning at 10:00.

NEW BUSINESS:**ORDINANCE NO. 93-25****BY: JEANNE GALLAGHER****AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR TO PURCHASE GASOLINE, FUEL OIL AND ALLIED PRODUCTS ON THE OPEN MARKET AT THE BEST PRICES POSSIBLE FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2026 TO DECEMBER 31, 2026**

1st READING

Mrs. Gallagher said this ordinance requests authorization to purchase fuel on the Open Market for the 2026 calendar year. As with past years, we compare pricing between vendors and the state bid prices to obtain the best price.

ORDINANCE NO. 94-25

BY: JEANNE GALLAGHER

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR TO PURCHASE TIRES ON THE OPEN MARKET AT THE BEST PRICES POSSIBLE FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2026 TO DECEMBER 31, 2026

1st READING

Mrs. Gallagher said this is similar in that it allows Frank Sinito, the lead mechanic, to shop prices for tires for the 2026 calendar year before making a purchase. He obtains three estimates for the same or comparable tire and makes the purchase based on the best price.

ORDINANCE NO. 95-25

BY: DAVID W. FURRY

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE TO MAKE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE CITY OF ROCKY RIVER, OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025 AND TO AMEND AMENDED ORDINANCE NO. 88-24, ORDINANCE NO. 14-25, AND ORDINANCE 58-25

1st READING

Mr. Furry said this ordinance is to tweak the supplemental appropriations and it might need to be amended by substitution by year end. The General Fund is requiring an additional transfer to debt service fund, a correction to Engineer categories from prior 58-25 and adjusted IT for a new staff health insurance. Capital Improvement and Sewer Rehab was budget compliance of available resources, projects not done in 2025, estimated revenues reduced due to less than original budget and the Health Insurance Reserve was adjusted to year end estimated claims.

CONSENT AGENDA:

ORDINANCE NO. 75-25

BY: BRIAN J. SINDELAR

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICE TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH RMH CONCRETE AND FOUNDATIONS, INC., FOR THE SHORELAND PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$513,913.50, AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN THE ATTACHED EXHIBIT "A"

3rd READING

Mr. Sindelar has already painted the picture from the historic filling station to the current field. This is a great project and he is more than thrilled to be attached to it and it is located in his neighborhood.

Councilman Shipp asked the Clerk to read Ordinance Nos. 76-25, 77-25, 78-25, 79-25 and 80-25 for the third time.

ORDINANCE NO. 76-25

BY: PAUL SHIPP

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ROCKY RIVER, SPECIFICALLY SECTION 951.01 ENTITLED FEES, PERTAINING TO THE

MUNICIPAL SWIMMING POOL, AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN THE ATTACHED EXHIBIT “A”

3rd READING

ORDINANCE NO. 77-25

BY: PAUL SHIPP

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ROCKY RIVER, SPECIFICALLY SECTION 953.02 ENTITLED FEES, PERTAINING TO THE ICE SKATING RINK, AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN THE ATTACHED EXHIBIT “A”

3rd READING

ORDINANCE NO. 78-25

BY: PAUL SHIPP

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ROCKY RIVER, SPECIFICALLY SECTION 954.01 ENTITLED FEES, PERTAINING TO THE CIVIC CENTER RECREATION FACILITIES, AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN THE ATTACHED EXHIBIT “A”

3rd READING

ORDINANCE NO. 79-25

BY: PAUL SHIPP

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ROCKY RIVER, SPECIFICALLY SECTION 957.01 ENTITLED FEES, PERTAINING TO THE ELMWOOD PARK CABIN, AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN THE ATTACHED EXHIBIT “A”

3rd READING

ORDINANCE NO. 80-25

BY: PAUL SHIPP

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ROCKY RIVER, SPECIFICALLY SECTION 958.01 ENTITLED FEES, PERTAINING TO THE CITY HALL PARK GAZEBO AND THE ROCKY RIVER PARK PAVILION, AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN THE ATTACHED EXHIBIT “A”

3rd READING

Mr. Shipp recognized and thanked Dr. Ulchaker for being in attendance and supporting the Clerk while reading all the ordinances. Dr. Ulchaker is Mr. Shipp’s colleague on the Parks and Recreation Commission. These ordinances have been discussed for several weeks. These are roughly a 10% increase. There is an ordinance for each of the areas being discussed including the Civic Center, Outdoor Municipal Pool, and Ice Rink admission and membership rates, rental fees for Elmwood Cabin, the Rocky River Park Pavilion, and the City Hall Gazebo. These are needed increases largely due to the number of part-time workers employed and the wage expectations in the market. Neighboring communities are increasing their pay scale as well as the private sector which is the primary driver and reason for the increases. For the facility rentals there has not been an increase since 2021. Two years ago, there was a small increase due to wages as well for these facilities and the part-time workers that need to be hired.

ORDINANCE NO. 81-25

BY: CHRISTINA MORRIS

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICE TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH ALEXANDER CHEMICAL CORPORATION, FOR THE PURCHASE OF SODIUM HYPOCHLORITE FOR THE ROCKY RIVER WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT IN 2026 AT A COST OF \$1.87 PER GALLON FOR ONE (1) YEAR AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT “A”

3rd READING

Mrs. Morris said this is a yearly ordinance for sodium hypochlorite, which is a disinfectant for wastewater. This is a new supplier and there was a 12% reduction in price from \$2.13 a gallon to \$1.87 a gallon. Superintendent Barille feels the new supplier will be able to handle the capacity and the supplier has been vetted.

RESOLUTION NO. 82-25

BY: THOMAS J. HUNT

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HER DESIGNEE TO MAKE APPLICATION TO THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SUPPLEMENTAL GRANT (CDSG) PROGRAM FOR AN IMPROVED MID-BLOCK ON ROCKCLIFF DRIVE

3rd READING

Mr. Hunt said Council has discussed this for a few weeks now. This resolution would authorize the Mayor or presumably Director Snyder to make application to the Cuyahoga County Community Development Supplemental Grant Program to install a mid-block crossing on Rockcliff Drive in conjunction with the road and sewer water main work on Rockcliff Drive. Timing would be perfect to connect the trail egress and ingress from the MetroParks to Rockcliff and Wooster.

RESOLUTION NO. 83-25

BY: PAUL SHIPP

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HER DESIGNEE TO FILE AND ADMINISTER AN APPLICATION WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND AGREE TO OBLIGATE THE NECESSARY FUNDS TO COMPLETE THE ROCKY RIVER PARK UPLAND IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

3rd READING

Mr. Shipp said the city would like to apply for a grant to implement upland improvements at Rocky River Park that were recommended by the Master Plan done for the park earlier this year. The improvements include a new restroom, viewing deck, parking lot entrance and an ADA compliant trail from the street level to the playground and pavilion level. The estimated cost is around \$1.6 million and this grant is requesting \$500,000. Everyone has seen drawings or plans of the area of the park that would be improved under this project. The grant application needs to be submitted to ODNR by December 14th.

President Furry moved to approve Ordinance Nos. 75-25, 76-25, 77-25, 78-25, 79-25, 80-25, 81-25 and Resolution Nos. 82-25 and 83-25, seconded by Mrs. Gallagher.

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

PASSED

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: NONE

COMMITTEE REPORTS: NONE

COMMUNICATIONS: Law Director O’Shea updated City Council on the RRHS Football game this Friday night at 7:00 p.m. This is the first time in OHSAA History, 108 years that the RRHS Football team has made it to this game. The Pirates will be playing Toledo Central Catholic on November 21st at the Robert Bishop Stadium in Clyde, OH. The address is 1015 Race Street, 43410. According to google it is

an hour and 11-minute drive from City Hall taking I 90 all the way to Route 4.

Mr. Shipp noted that he has had a couple of residents reach out asking about the removal of the speed cushions, already missing them and saying positive things that they have already noticed a difference in speed with the speed cushions being gone. They were happy to have the speed bumps and are eagerly waiting their return. The Mayor added she has statistics from the pre-and-post testing after installation. Pre-testing showed the average speed on East Shoreland, Schlather to Winfield from March until May was anywhere from 21 to 28 mph. Post-testing from June 3rd through October 31st the range is from 17 to 20 mph. There was a significant reduction. These tools are very helpful for the city and the Police Department, but also an educational tool for the residents.

President Furry wished everyone a Blessed Thanksgiving. The next meeting will be a Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting on Monday, December 1st. Mr. Furry adjourned the Special/Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting at 8:12 p.m.

David W. Furry
President of Council

Susan G. Pease
Clerk of Council