

CITY OF ROCKY RIVER

April 27, 2026

The Legislative Meeting was called to order by Mr. Shipp, President of Council, at 7:00 p.m. in the David J. Cook Council Chambers.

Council Members Present: President Shipp, Mr. Furry, Ms. Havemann, Ms. Morris, Mr. Hunt, Mr. Moran, Ms. Gallagher

Administration: Mayor Bobst, Mr. Lindow, Mr. Snyder, Mr. O’Shea

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOTION:

Moved by President Shipp, seconded by Mr. Hunt, that the reading of the minutes of the Legislative Meeting held April 13, 2026, be waived and that the minutes be accepted as presented.

Vote: Hunt – aye	Moran – aye	Shipp – aye	Gallagher - aye
Morris – aye	Havemann – aye	Furry - aye	
7– ayes	0 – nays		PASSED

Moved by President Shipp, seconded by Mr. Furry, that the reading of the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held April 20, 2026, be waived and that the minutes be accepted as presented.

Vote: Hunt – aye	Moran – aye	Shipp – aye	Gallagher - aye
Morris – aye	Havemann – aye	Furry - aye	
7– ayes	0 – nays		PASSED

MAYOR REPORT:

Mayor Bobst advised that the Wagar Rd. resurfacing Maintenance of Traffic signs will be posted by May 18th and work will commence June 1st after Rocky River High School and Magnificat are on summer break. Weather permitted the project will be done by the end of July.

Mayor Bobst advised that they had a second meeting with ODOT about I-90 and the Contraflow lane that is now operational. She noted that once you’ve entered the lane you can’t exit until W 44th. She was really pleased that ODOT listened to both Lakewood and Rocky River’s concerns. There were several things that they were adjusted out in the work zone, but more importantly they were able to engage The Ohio State Patrol, and they will not be out in the work zone five days a week from 6 am – 6 pm. The State Patrol is not only there to monitor traffic and speeds, but they will also be there to assist if there are any accidents while local law enforcement and first responders are there doing their work. If there is an accident, in the contra-lane, those barriers can be moved, and they will shut down the freeway – especially the westbound lanes which is where they will gain access. This contra-lane will be in place until November and then it will go back to somewhat normal. In the spring the contra-lane will be westbound in an eastbound lane. Mayor Bobst can’t express how much she appreciates the responsiveness of ODOT with the Deputy Director Picuri coming back out with his staff and with the Ohio State Patrol.

Mayor Bobst advised that last weekend was Drug Take Back weekend. The Westshore communities collected 266 pounds of drugs which will be disposed of properly. She added that they do not go into our

wastewater system.

Mayor Bobst remarked that the new street sweeper is out and thanked Council for their efforts. The sweeper was out for about 60 hours, covered a total of 218 miles in the city, and collected 57 yards of debris. She remarked that it's important not only for the aesthetics of the community, but also to limit materials going into our catch basins.

Mayor Bobst advised that there was a beach cleanup at Rocky River Park which took a couple days. They took away 7-8 dump truck loads of debris, which included large pieces of wood. They are now moving their attention to Bradstreet Landing so that before the May holidays those can be cleaned up. She noted the importance of the new pedestrian bridge which allowed large machinery to access the beach for the cleanup. She thanked Council and Director Snyder for being mindful to plan when they were given the opportunity. The Mayor advised that The Cuyahoga County Board of Health does all the E.coli readings primarily at the swimming beaches including Parklawn and Wagar, but the City also supplements, through the Wastewater Treatment plant, with readings at Bradstreet Landing and Rocky River Park which supplements what the Board of Health is doing. If the private beaches are found to have high levels of E.coli those are reported directly to those trusts and those trusts must put up signage at their beaches.

- Ms. Morris noted that she's aware Wagar Beach puts up signage. She inquired if the City puts up signage at Bradstreet or Rocky River Park if E.coli is found in the water?
- Mayor Bobst replied that they would. She added that those are no swimming beaches, but they do understand that people may be close to the waters edge.
- Ms. Morris noted that there are also many people that are on kayaks and paddleboards.
- Mayor Bobst acknowledged that they may not see the signage from the water unless they launch from those locations.

Mayor Bobst advised that last week's Westway/Hillard/Gasser/I-90 Public meeting had a great turnout and there was a lot of good feedback provided. She remarked that Director Snyder knocked it out of the park as he knows this City and those streets. There were a lot of very constructive comments that continue to come in. They will continue to be monitored and shared with OHM. She advised that the Beachcliff Cornwall Public meeting is Tuesday April 28th at the Civic Center at 6:30 pm.

Mayor Bobst advised that Elmwood Cabin will have a roof replacement and the facing stones of the chimney will be replaced.

Mayor Bobst informed Council that the Little League parade steps off from the City Hall Campus at 9:30 on Saturday morning May 2nd.

Mayor Bobst attended a 100th Anniversary for College Club West last Friday at the Yacht Club where she shared a proclamation from the Administration and Council. This Friday Rotary is celebrating their 100th Anniversary at the Civic Center and she'll be presenting another proclamation. She noted that it's very exciting to see that longevity in our civic organizations.

Mayor Bobst advised that next Monday May 4th Safety Town registration opens. It's become very popular, so she reminded everyone to register early. Tuesday May 5th is Primary Elections. There will be elections at Rocky River Methodist Church on Detroit Road, Rocky River Presbyterian on Detroit Road, and many precincts here on the City Hall Campus at the Civic Center.

LAW DEPARTMENT: NONE

Motion by President Shipp, seconded by Mr. Furry, for an Executive Session under Article 10 Section 6 subsection 3 to confer with Law Director O’Shea about imminent legal action.

Vote:	Hunt – aye	Moran – aye	Shipp – aye	Gallagher - aye
	Morris – aye	Havemann – aye	Furry - aye	
	7– ayes	0 – nays		PASSED

President Shipp advised that they would reserve that Executive Session for the end of the meeting after they’ve finished the rest of the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

PENDING BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE NO. 52-25

BY: 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 Exhibit “A” (2nd Reading-On Hold)

ORDINANCE NO. 54-25

BY: HUNT

An Ordinance Amending Section 729.01 in Order to Add Definitions to Chapter 729 and Enacting 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” (3rd Reading-On Hold)

Mr. Hunt advised that Ordinance 52-25 remains on hold and Ordinance 54-25 remains on hold. They were not able to finalize the language revisions for 54-25 from Law Director O’Shea, but they will get it cleaned up and ready for an amendment and third read.

ORDINANCE NO. 22-26

An Emergency Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor and the Recreation Director to Enter into a Contract with BerryDunn, for the Development of The Rocky River Recreation Strategic Plan in an Amount Not to Exceed \$249,597.00, as Further Described in the Attached Exhibit “A.” (2nd Reading)

Ms. Morris advised that this ordinance would award the Recreation’s Strategic Plan contract to BerryDunn in the amount of \$249,597. This strategic plan will include community and stakeholder engagement, facility and operational assessments, financial analysis and cost recovery strategies, and development of a prioritized implementation roadmap. BerryDunn was recommended based on proven expertise with a strong emphasis on operational efficiency, financial sustainability, and cost recovery. Familiarity with regional markets through Northeast Ohio-based subcontractors. Highest overall evaluation scoring and the most tailored approach to Rocky River. She advised that she has the proposal if anyone else would like to review it.

ORDINANCE NO. 23-26

An Emergency Ordinance Amending Section 141.01 of the Codified Ordinances of The City of Rocky

River, Ohio, to Update the Authorized Staffing Composition of the Division of Fire, as Further Described in Exhibit “A.” (2nd Reading)

Mr. Hunt advised that this is the amendment to the composition of the Fire Department just like what was done for the Police Department. He requested that anyone who may have questions to let him know and noted that they’ve got a couple more times to discuss this prior to passage.

ORDINANCE NO. 24-26

An Emergency Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor and Director of Public Safety-Service to Purchase One (1) 240VT Four Ton Split Drum Vibratory Roller from Basic Equipment, at a Cost Not to Exceed \$91,580.00, as Further Described in the Attached Exhibit “A.”(2nd Reading)

Ms. Gallagher advised that this ordinance is for the purchase of 240VT Four Ton Split Drum Vibratory Roller and the procurement is through sole source not to exceed \$91,580.00 and shared a photo of the equipment. The vendor is receiving a discount consistent with the typical Sourcwell cooperative purchasing rate and will be purchased by the equipment purchase fund. This will be used daily by the street crews for pothole repairs, utility cut restoration, and asphalt patching. The 240VT has a built-in tow package which will enable the unit to be transported behind a truck, eliminating the need for a separate trailer. It also provides increased mobility in confined spaces, allowing the operators to make sharp turns without damaging fresh asphalt. The 240VT is similar to our current Leeboy 4T roller previously used by the street department for over 20 years, which will mean minimal operator training and a smooth transition for all.

ORDINANCE NO. 25-26

An Ordinance Authorizing the Director of Finance to Pay The City of Cleveland, Division of Water in the Amount of \$35,079.60, for Water Meter Readings, for the Period From March 1, 2025 to February 28, 2026, Needed by The City of Rocky River, as Further Described in Exhibit “A.”(2nd Reading)

Mr. Furry advised that 25-26 is to authorize payment to The City of Cleveland Division of Water for the annual water readings that they apply to the City Sewer fees. They choose to do this annually as opposed to quarterly to save money as they do estimates three times a year and then true up with the annual water meter readings. Technically this is underneath what is necessary for council approval, but historically they have had water line project reimbursements going back to the Division of Water and since it’s a governmental entity they chose to fully disclose. They are currently charged \$4.65 per account, which has been the same for the last three years and previously it was \$4.44 an account.

NEW BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE NO. 26-26

An Emergency Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor and the Director of Public Safety-Service to Enter Into a Contract With V3 Construction Group, Ltd., for the Spencer Creek Rehabilitation Project at a Cost Not to Exceed \$1,017,539.00, as Further Described in the Attached Exhibit “A.” (1st Reading)

President Shipp advised that 26-26 is the contract with V3 Construction Group, Ltd., For the Spencer Creek Rehabilitation Project which includes a contingency amount of \$150,000 and the acceptance of Alternate 1 for restoration planting on the east bank of Spencer Creek and Alternate 2 to utilize natural boulders within the stream in lieu of limestone blocks for habitat enhancement. Four bids were received

on March 20, 2026. All of them were below the engineer's estimate. The initial apparent low bidder was Shoreline Contractor, but they were determined to be non-responsive and were not accepted, as the contractor failed to provide the complete bid documentation required. Following a review of the bids and qualifications, V3 Construction Group is recommended as the lowest and best bidder. Director Snyder and the Administration did reference checks with other cities including Columbus Parks and Recs Department, City of Dublin, and The Franklin County Engineer's Office who all gave high marks for V3's work and responsiveness. The project is supported in part by outside funding sources, including \$300,000 from the United States EPA through Section 319 funding and \$196,000 in Ohio State Capital Funding from House Bill 2 through the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. These combined grant funds total \$496,000 resulting in an estimated local share of \$521,539 which represents approximately 51% of the total project cost with 49% being funded through external sources. The purpose of this project is to stabilize the Spencer Creek streambank, reduce erosion, and restore both shoreline and in-stream habitat. The work generally consists of shoreline toe protection, installation of rock cross-vane flow control structures, floodplain bench grading, retaining wall construction, invasive species removal, restoration planting, and the installation of in-stream habitat features. The project will significantly improve visitor access and usability of Bradstreet's Landing. Stabilization of the streambank and shoreline will create safer and more durable access points to the creek by reducing steep and eroded slopes that currently limit public use.

ORDINANCE NO. 27-26

An Emergency Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor and the Recreation Director to Enter into a Contract with Warren Roofing and Insulation, LLC, for The Natatorium Roof Replacement in an Amount Not to Exceed \$274,400.00, as Further Described in the attached Exhibit "A." (1st Reading)

Ms. Gallagher advised that the City put out a request for proposal for the Don Umerley Civic Center Pump Room roof replacement and only one bid was received. The submission was provided by Warren Roofing and Insulation LLC in the amount of \$274,400. The proposed project includes a full tear-off and replacement of the existing original roof system. This work is strategically aligned with the planned Natatorium dehumidification unit replacement to maximize project efficiency and avoid future disruption. The timing of this project is critical. It must align with the overall pool shut down and construction schedule. Delays in the roof replacement would directly impact the broader dehumidification project timeline and could result in increased costs or extended downtime. Due to this coordination the contractor will be required to mobilize multiple times throughout the project with the initial mobilization anticipated in mid-May. The new roofing system will consist of a Tremco Modified Bitumen Roof which includes a 20-year manufacturer warranty. This system was specified to ensure long-term durability and compatibility with the facilities operational needs. While there was initial consideration given to deferring this replacement, it was ultimately determined that completing the work at this time is necessary to ensure the longevity of the system and to avoid the need for additional roof work within the next five years. During the mandatory pre-bid walkthrough four contractors were in attendance, however only two were certified to install the specified Tremco system - Warren Roofing and Insulation and Sibley Roofing. Sibley elected not to submit a proposal due to scheduling conflicts. The staff is competent in the competitiveness and completeness of the submission given the specified nature of the specified system and the certified installers. The City of Rocky River has worked with Warren Roofing and Insulation on multiple prior projects, all with positive results. Additional references have been reviewed and are included with the submission. Search for finding for recovery through the Auditor of State Office yielded no unresolved finding for the vendor.

ORDINANCE NO. 28-26

An Emergency Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Receive Funds in the Amount of \$196,000.00 and Administer an Agreement with The Ohio Department of Natural Resources for the Spencer

Creek Rehabilitation Project at Bradstreet’s Landing, as Further Described in the Attached Exhibit “A.” (1st Reading)

President Shipp noted that, as he read in the previous Spencer Creek legislation, this is part of a \$200,000 grant the City was awarded through State Capitol Funding for the cost of that project. The Ohio Department of Natural Resources will be administering the grant, and this emergency resolution is to allow the Mayor to accept, receive, and administer the grant. \$4,000 of the \$200,000 of the funds will be used by ODNR for the administration and the City receives the \$196,000 that is going towards this project. ODNR has notified Director Snyder that they are requesting an authorized agreement immediately, so they are requesting authorization to receive the funds.

Moved by President Shipp, seconded by Mr. Furry, to suspend the rules for three readings and pass with one reading.

Vote:	Hunt – aye	Moran – aye	Shipp – aye	Gallagher - aye
	Morris – aye	Havemann – aye	Furry - aye	
	7– ayes	0 – nays		PASSED

President Shipp moved for passage of Ordinance 28-26, seconded by Ms. Morris.

Vote:	Hunt – aye	Gallagher – aye	Moran – aye	Shipp – aye
	Morris – aye	Havemann – aye	Furry - aye	
	7– ayes	0 – nays		PASSED

ORDINANCE NO. 29-26

An Emergency Resolution Authorizing The City of Rocky River to Participate in the ODOT Road Salt Contracts to be Awarded in 2026, as Further Described in the Attached Exhibit “A.” (1st Reading)

President Shipp advised that this resolution is to authorize the City to participate in the ODOT Salt contract bidding for the 2026-2027 winter season. They typically receive the bid results in late July, and they try to plan for about 4,000 tons per season and currently have approximately 800 tons on hand at the Service Department. They are requesting \$3,200 tons for next year. The Contract would allow them to purchase as little as 2,888 tons and as much as 3,520 tons. Director Snyder provided the cost per ton for the last several years and it has gone up, it’s now \$63.99 a ton, which is about \$14 more than last year.

- Director Snyder advised him that he reached out to ODOT and explained the short time period that was given as they just received the information last week. After explaining the process, ODOT agreed that they would accept the agreement after three reads to allow the full process.
- Mr. Furry inquired if they had a requirement to take a minimum of 90 and maximum of 110. Section E referenced 90%, but not the max.
- President Shipp confirmed that they are required to purchase a minimum of 90%.
- Mr. Furry advised that when he first started it was 51/50 and they kept increasing it.
- Director Snyder confirmed that it’s 10 over and 10 under. The price that he sent to Council President was last years price. They’re bidding it now, so they won’t know the ‘26-27 price until July.
- Council briefly discussed the contract which came directly from ODOT.

CONSENT AGENDA:

ORDINANCE NO. 17-26

An Emergency Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor and the Director of Public Safety-Service to Enter into a Contract with Crossroads Asphalt Recycling, Inc. for the Wagar Road Resurfacing Project at a Cost Not to Exceed \$714,525.05 as Further Described in the Attached Exhibit “A.” (3rd Reading)

President Shipp advised that Crossroads Asphalt was recommended as the lowest and best bidder. They have the necessary experience and equipment to complete the work, and they were successful with their work in Rocky River as part of the '22, '24, '25 Street Repair Program and they completed similar projects in the cities of Oberlin, Olmsted Falls and Berea. They've received favorable recommendations from other cities and have completed all the require forms and a search for unresolved findings shows they are not listed in the database. Ms. Kerber, our engineer, has recommended the bid be awarded to Crossroads Asphalt Recycling for this Wagar Rd resurfacing project.

ORDINANCE NO. 18-26

An Ordinance Amending Rocky River Codified Ordinance Section 731.04 and Adding New Section 731.05 as Further Described in Attached Exhibits “A” and “B.” (3rd Reading)

Ms. Havemann advised that this Ordinance is amending 731.04 slightly and that section will still give guidance on how to permit permanent outdoor sales with existing brick-and-mortar businesses such as propane, ice machines, landscaping materials, firewood, etc. Section 731.05 is being added to streamline the process to receive permitting for more temporary sales like flea markets and farmers markets. They will still require application and review by the building department and safety services to ensure adequate parking and pedestrian safety.

- Ms. Morris inquired if they'd been approached to do farmer's markets and not been able to.
- Ms. Havemann replied in the affirmative.
- Mayor Bobst advised that they are various things – outdoor craft fairs, etc. which are not consistent with the brick-and-mortar stores. She confirmed that the Fall Arts festival is on their property so it would not fall under this category. This ordinance allows these things to happen in the right locations, but there are still other requirements to be met – such as parking.

ORDINANCE NO. 20-26

An Emergency Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor and Director of Public Safety-Service to Purchase One (1) 2024 Ford F550 Utility Body Truck from Mike Bass Ford for the Sewer Division at a Cost not to Exceed \$85,200.00, as Further Described in the Attached Exhibit “A.” (3rd Reading)

Ms. Gallagher advised this Truck will be replacing a 2008 Ford Van with 81,000 miles and it is significantly less expensive than a 2026 model. This vehicle is still under warranty coverage consisting of 3 years or 36,000 miles, bumper to bumper, 5 years or 60,000 miles on the powertrain and safety restraint systems, 5 years of corrosion protection, and 5 years or 100,000 miles on the engine.

ORDINANCE NO. 21-26

An Emergency Ordinance Amending Chapter 133 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Rocky River, Ohio, For Enactment of Section 133.09 “Returned Payment Fees” as Described in the Attached Exhibit “A.” (3rd Reading)

Mr. Furry advised that Ordinance 21-26 is amending Chapter 133 of the Codified Ordinances which

ORDINANCE NO. 21-26

An Emergency Ordinance Amending Chapter 133 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Rocky River, Ohio, For Enactment of Section 133.09 “Returned Payment Fees” as Described in the Attached Exhibit “A.” (3rd Reading)

Mr. Furry advised that Ordinance 21-26 is amending Chapter 133 of the Codified Ordinances which pertains to the Finance Department. 133.09 is a new section as our code previously only went to 133.08. This allows the city to collect \$25 to any payment made to the City of Rocky River that is returned or dishonored for any reason including, but not limited to, non-sufficient funds, stop payment or closed accounts.

President Shipp moved for passage of Ordinances No. 17-26, 18-26, 20-26, and No. 21-26, seconded by Mr. Hunt.

Vote:	Hunt – aye	Gallagher – aye	Moran – aye	Shipp – aye
	Morris – aye	Havemann – aye	Furry - aye	
	7– ayes	0 – nays		PASSED

COMMITTEE REPORTS: NONE

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Ms. Havemann referenced an email that Council received regarding a home that is currently under construction on Wooster. She inquired if the City is permitted to put caution tape at this property as she noticed that fencing was missing.

- Mayor Bobst advised that the Building Commissioner is on top of it and they are currently in court for several citations. They’re working to contact them and assert that they will be charged an hourly fee if they need to go in and clean it up. She thanked the resident for reaching out even though the City was aware.

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

Council thanked and dismissed their attendees prior to recessing for Executive Session at 7:41 pm.

President Shipp moved to exit Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Furry, at 7:59.

Vote:	Hunt – aye	Gallagher – aye	Moran – aye	Shipp – aye
	Morris – aye	Havemann – aye	Furry - aye	
	7– ayes	0 – nays		PASSED

President Shipp advised that their next meeting will be a Committee of the Whole Meeting Monday May 4, 2026, and he noted that they likely will do a Combined Special Legislative and Committee meeting May 18th since Memorial Day falls on Monday May 25th. The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.



Paul Shipp
President of Council



Lauren Oley
Clerk of Council