

CITY OF ROCKY RIVER

May 11, 2026

The Legislative Meeting of Council 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, Ms. Havemann, Ms. Morris, Mr. Hunt, Mr. Moran, Ms. Gallagher (Ms. Gallagher arrived following the minutes approval)

Absent: Mr. Furry

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 Ms. Morris, that the reading of the minutes for the Special Combined Legislative and Committee of the Whole Meeting, be waived and that the minutes be accepted as presented.

Vote: Hunt – aye
Morris – aye
5– ayes

Moran – aye
Havemann – aye
0 – nays

Shipp – aye

PASSED

MAYOR REPORT:

Mayor Bobst thanked everyone who participated in welcoming the USS Cleveland to port noting that they had good crowds at all the parks. She thanked service, police, and Michelle Root, who provided excellent information about Honor Flags and helped distribute over 300 flags. Ms. Root also helped to provide great information about the USS Cleveland and its connection to Northeast Ohio through Cleveland Cliffs, Sherwin Williams, and Lincoln Electric. It was an exciting event even if the ship was further than anticipated from shore. She was fortunate to view the ship through a high-powered camera lens and it was amazing to see the crew on the bow. The Mayor advised that fire department divers utilized sonar and if they found anything they couldn't identify divers were going down to check and make sure there weren't any obstacles or other concerns plus our Marine Patrol was out. It was a great gathering. The USS Cleveland is docked in Cleveland and will be there all week until it's commissioned next Monday.

Mayor Bobst advised that starting next week it's National Public Works Week. She remarked that these are all the individuals that you see every day in your neighborhood: refuse and recycling, the sewer department, the streets department, and the parks department. They are doing the important work which supports the quality of life we've all come to enjoy in our community. She wanted to give a shout out to them and thank them for all they do.

Mayor Bobst shared that on May 18th they will be burying the time capsule at the Senior Center at 3:00 pm. Last year, they had two Mayor's for a day who were young students. At the end of that program Director Huff asked them to describe what they think the world will be like 50 years from now when they're seniors. They wrote some very interesting letters which will be added to the time capsule, and we hope they are the ones here in 50 years to open it.

Mayor Bobst reminded council that the outdoor pool is opening May 18th. On May 19th at 6:30 pm there is the public meeting for The Lake Rd Waterline project/Sewer pavement/Multiuse trail and added that there will be more parking.

LAW DEPARTMENT: NONE

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)

Mr. Hunt advised that 52-25 remains on hold.

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." (3rd Reading)

President Shipp advised that they've previously approved some of the design and engineering phases for this project. This Ordinance is for a contract with V3 Construction Group. There is a contingency amount of \$150 for Alternate 1 which is restoration planting on the east bank of Spencer Creek and Alternate 2 to use natural boulders within the streams instead of limestone blocks for habitat enhancement. The city received four bids on March 20, 2026, and 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 their bid was not accepted. The next lowest contractor was V3 Construction Group and after a thorough process and scrutinizing the details they are recommended as the lowest and best bidder. Director Snyder and the Administration did reference checks on similar stream and restoration projects. The Columbus Parks and Recs Department reported that V3 consistently delivers high quality stream bank stabilization work and it's particularly effective on design build projects and they have strength in coordinating engineering permitting and construction. They also got good references from the City of Dublin and The Franklin County Engineer's Office who indicated that V3 met contractual requirements maintained good working relationships with project stakeholders and completed the work on schedule. A search of Ohio Auditors of state finding for recovery database demonstrated no results. 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. The purpose of this project is to stabilize the Spencer Creek streambank, reduce erosion, and restore both shoreline and in-stream habitat. In addition to ecological and infrastructure benefits the project will also 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. The collective improvements from this project will enhance both safety and the overall visitor experience while projecting the natural resources of this site.

- Mr. Hunt inquired what the proposed timing would be for this contract should it be awarded this

evening.

- Director Snyder advised that this project will be wrapped up by the end of November and they expect to start Lake Rd. in September 2026. There will be some overlap there, but it has been directed to the contractor that they need to main access to Bradstreet’s Landing throughout the project. He expects communication between contractors to demobilize one project and mobilize the other.
- Mr. Hunt remarked that it sounds like it will be after peak summer months.

President Shipp moved for passage of Ordinance 26-26, seconded by Mr. Hunt.

Vote: Hunt – aye Gallagher – aye Moran – aye Shipp – aye
 Morris – aye Havemann – aye
 6– ayes 0 – nays **PASSED**

RESOLUTION 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.” (3rd 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 and are requesting \$3,200 tons for next year. The Contract would allow them to purchase as little as 2,880 tons and as much as 3,520 tons.

President Shipp moved for passage of Ordinance 29-26, seconded by Ms. Havemann.

Vote: Hunt – aye Gallagher – aye Moran – aye Shipp – aye
 Morris – aye Havemann – aye
 6– ayes 0 – nays **PASSED**

ORDINANCE NO. 30-26

An Emergency Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor and the Director of Public Safety-Service to Enter Into a Contract with Sam, LLC., for Professional GIS Mapping and Asset Inventory Services in an Amount Not to Exceed \$150,000.00, as Further Described in the Attached Exhibit “A.” (2nd Reading)

President Shipp advised that this Ordinance is a contract to have SAM, LLC create a GIS mapping of Rocky River’s sanitary storm sewer system. On January 30, 2026, the City received nine (9) proposals in response to its Request for Proposals for GIS (Geographic Information System) mapping and asset inventory services. Each proposal was evaluated using a comprehensive scoring rubric designed to assess qualifications, technical approach, experience, and cost effectiveness. Based upon the scoring results, the top three (3) firms were invited to participate in interviews conducted in late February 2026 by the Director of Public Safety Service and other members of the Department. Following the completion of the evaluation and interview process, SAM, LLC was determined to be the most qualified firm to perform the requested services. A search of the Auditor of State’s findings for recovery database returned no results. The proposed agreement provides for the development and implementation of a comprehensive utility GIS program,

including high-accuracy field data collection and mapping of the City's stormwater and sanitary sewer infrastructure. This will include locating and documenting structures such as manholes, catch basins, culverts, outfalls, and related sewer features. The work will also capture detailed attribute data for each structure, including location, condition, elevations, pipe characteristics, and connectivity, resulting in a robust and standardized geospatial database. This project directly supports the City's storm water management priorities and regulatory obligations under the Ohio EPA municipal separate storm sewer system otherwise known as an MS4 permit. The MS4 permit requires the City to develop maintain and update an accurate mapping of its stormwater system. This is something that they must do and admittedly they're a little behind on GIS. Director Snyder shared last week that they're working off a map from 1949. The project implementation utilizes a structure scope of services with phased deliverables and an anticipated project duration of approximately 6 months from commencement and they will be ready to authorize soon after receiving authorization.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

President Shipp advised that they have a liquor license transfer. This week they received a report from Chief Lichman that didn't have any findings for the owners or that location. He noted that it appears to be a notice of a transfer from Thakur Dungal doing business as Rocky Riber Mart & Deli to 20505 LLC doing business as Rocky River Mart & Deli. Hearing no objections President Shipp advised that they will move forward with approving the license with liquor control.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: NONE

President Shipp advised that the calendar they received had an inaccuracy that showed that the 18th was still a Combined Special Committee of the Whole and Legislative Meeting as they did that last week. They will not be having a Combined Special meeting on the 18th.

Ms. Morris noted that Parks and Recs doesn't meet at the Ice Rink, they meet at the Civic Center Conference room.

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

President Shipp advised that their next meeting will be a Committee of the Whole meeting Monday May 18, 2026. He advised that he will not be here so President Pro Tem Ms. Morris will be running the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Paul Shipp
President of Council

Lauren Oley
Clerk of Council