

## CITY OF ROCKY RIVER

May 18, 2026

The Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting of Council was called to order by Ms. Morris, President Pro-Tem of Council, beginning at 7:04 p.m. in the David J. Cook Council Chambers.

Council Members' Present: Mr. Moran, Ms. Havemann, Mr. Hunt, Mr. Furry, Ms. Gallagher & Ms. Morris

Absent: President Shipp

Administration: Mayor Bobst, Mr. Snyder, Mr. O'Shea

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Brownie Troops 70516 & 71322.

### MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Bobst advised that today they buried the time capsule behind the Senior Center. She added a letter to the Mayor and City Council for the year 2076 on behalf of the Administration and Council. She advised that there is a plaque explaining the capsule location is located inside of the building. Many things were added to the capsule including the State of the City Address, remarks from the ribbon cutting, a Residence Reference, a Historical Society pin celebrating our 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary, a pin of the City, and Director Huff added several other things. Last summer there were two Mayors for a day, one from St. Chris and one was from the Public Schools, and Director Huff requested they write letters for the capsule predicting 'What life will it be like for senior citizens in 2076'. Funnily Luca from St. Chris predicated that they will be using technology to play all kinds of games which is already happening 2026, not 2076, with the new golf simulators. It was a great event, and they hope that both Luca and Jack will be here in 2076 to open the time capsule in 50 years when they're 60 years old.

Mayor Bobst notified Council that nighttime road striping has begun and they will be working on it likely two weeks weather permitting.

Mayor Bobst advised that the police department is going to be hosting several high school students that are interested in law enforcement and criminology. In the past, it was more of a senior project and shadow a police officer, but since then they've really formalized the experience. They'll be touring Tri-C's Academy, participating in ride-alongs, meeting with detectives, going over to the court, learning about the BCI (Bureau of Criminal Investigation), the FBI Medical Examiner, and will get to see the Marine Patrol. She remarked that it's great to host students with an interest in that field. They work with a lot of civil engineers so if anyone knows students in those fields there are lots of opportunities to let them shadow us.

Mayor Bobst shared that she will be out of town this Memorial Day weekend as she'll be officiating a wedding for a Rocky River Resident in Wisconsin. President Shipp will be speaking on everyone's behalf at the Memorial Day celebration. The committee has done a wonderful job. Matt Previts, Dr. Previt's son, headed up the committee and has also been very involved in the USS Cleveland and the Legacy Foundation. He has been extremely busy, but those that surround him on the committee have done a wonderful job. They are moving the High School Jazz Band concert from Sunday to Friday night in the Gazebo at 7:00 pm. Saturday is the flag placement and there are well over 4,000 flags that they will be placing kicking off at 8:30 am. There will be donuts and coffee provided. Monday's ceremony begins at 10:00 am. The high school band will be there along with military representation. She thanked the committee, Michelle Root, Fire, Police, the Auxiliary, and the Citizens Police Academy Alumni who have all worked hard to make this a wonderful event. She expressed regrets for having to miss the holiday.

Mayor Bobst advised that the Marine Patrol is beginning their patrols and advised that there is going to be a good amount of activity at Bradstreet landing. The Westshore Tech Rescue Dive Team is going to be training down at Bradstreet Landing Tuesday May 26 from 9 am – 1 pm. On Friday June 5 from 8 am- 2 pm both the Rocky River and Bay Village Fire Department will be participating in the Rescue Swim Course. She added that anyone who is on the dive team needs to qualify so there is a lot of training leading up to that and they will be running full scare scenarios.

Mayor Bobst shared that Rocky River Baseball rescheduled their parade which will now be held Saturday June 6 at 9:00 am.

Mayor Bobst advised that Bike to School has kicked off. They had a big conversation about bike safety in her office about eBikes and eScooters and all their protective gear. She noted that it was great to talk to the Scouts that were with them earlier this evening about bike safety.

Mayor Bobst advised that tomorrow at 6:30 pm in Memorial Hall there will be a public meeting on Lake Rd West regarding the new parking, multiuse trail, waterline, sewer and paving.

Mayor Bobst advised that Wednesday at 7:00 pm. The Senior Theater will be holding their production called ‘A Passing Fancy’ and Thursday and Friday they have matinees at 1:30 pm.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Ordinance No. 52-25:** Mr. Hunt advised that there is no new information on 52-25. He noted that they will be speaking, in the coming weeks, about getting some proposed legislation on eBikes which they’re viewing as companion legislation. He thinks this is something they could all talk about together and perhaps at a Safety Committee Meeting.

- Mayor Bobst added that the Troop and Adults that she met with prior to this meeting started discussing eBikes. Some of the adults in the group have eBikes, but the children do not. Their conversation turned to golf carts, and they had a lot to say about the operation about golf carts and their dislike of the operation of golf carts and some of the behaviors they’ve seen. She had not had a group speaking in such a unified voice talking about their concerns about the operation of golf carts. They inquired if carts aren’t outlawed can they be controlled to which she assured them that they can control the carts significantly and limit the age of operation in the same way they do for motor vehicles. The parents also inquired about age restrictions for eBikes.
- Mr. Hunt inquired if they had experience seeing golf carts in the community.
- Mayor Bobst advised that they had and noted that just this weekend there were three golf carts parked at Linden watching a soccer event. The carts were parked appropriately, and they could have crossed the 35 mph roads, but it’s still concerning.
- President Pro-Tem Morris thanked Ms. Havemann for forwarding along additional eBike research and advised that they’ve schedule Diane Hilderbrand from Bike Cleveland to meet with Council June 8<sup>th</sup> to speak about her experience in the Greater Cleveland area.
- Mr. Moran advised that he recently saw a piece on TV where parents of a child who lost their life on an eBike were suing the eBike company because they didn’t have information on the bike stating who is responsible. He found it confounding and he thought as they talk about these topics further it may be something to consider.

**Ordinance No. 30-26:** President Pro-Tem Morris advised that this Ordinance is a contract with SAM, LLC for professional GIS Mapping and asset inventory services in an amount not to exceed \$150,000. She advised that it will be up for a 3<sup>rd</sup> read at the next legislative meeting. SAM, LLC will 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.

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: NONE**

**COMMITTEE REPORT:**

Mayor Bobst advised that the outdoor pool opened today to 93-degree temperatures.

President Pro-Tem Morris provided a Parks and Rec update. She advised they are offering an adult swim team, tai chi and yoga in the park. She added that the swim team cost is approximately \$60 for the season, but if you want to compete it's an additional \$60 for swim meets. There are lots of moving parts in the pool rehab both in reciprocity and construction. The Fairview pool is not done so that is not an option, but the Rocky River High School is offering daytime hours and there are a few other pools that are letting us use their facilities. Ms. Morris noted that the financial numbers weren't great last month. They believe a lot of residents are putting their memberships on hold because of the pool, but the program registration has been good. She advised that BerryDunn's first visit will be at Pie in the Park where Council will be serving the pie. She added that June 13 is the Summer of Fun in the morning at Liden Park followed by Taste of River in the afternoon.

- Mayor Bobst inquired when Dog Days is happening.
- Mr. Furry advised that they've historically done Dog Days in August, but Director Holub typically reaches out to the Council President to coordinate.
- Mayor Bobst advised that they are looking at having a fireworks display at Bradstreet Landing. The chief is looking into it and they are currently trying to work out logistics of parking and cost, but she wanted to let Council know that they're working on it. Lastly, she noted that their legislative agenda may seem light, but Director Snyder advised that there are multiple bid openings upcoming that will result in upcoming legislation prior to their recess in August.

Council and the Mayor discussed the USS Cleveland event in Rocky River last weekend. Mayor Bobst advised that they had a huge turnout and they disseminated about 400 flags between the good crowds at both parks and the ship was a little further than anticipated, but people were in great spirits. She remarked that Michelle Root did an amazing job putting together all the information about the ship and honor flags. Council shared that there were no issues with parking. Dr. Previt's shared that the USS Cleveland is leaving

port tomorrow.

President Pro-Tem Morris advised that their next meeting will be Monday June 1<sup>st</sup> and will likely be a Committee of the Whole Meeting. Mayor Bobst and Director Snyder shared that they would discuss and advise Council if there is a need for a Special Meeting. As there was no further business, President Pro-Tem Morris adjourned the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

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President Pro-Tem of Council

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