

CITY OF ROCKY RIVER

June 8, 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

Absent: Mr. Furry

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

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOTION:

Moved by President Shipp, seconded by Mrs. Morris, that the reading of the minutes for the May 18, 2026 Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting be waived and that the minutes be approved as presently constituted.

Vote: Moran – aye	Gallagher – aye	Hunt – aye	
Shipp – abstain	Havemann – aye	Morris – aye	
5– ayes	1 – abstain	0 - nays	PASSED

Moved by President Shipp, seconded by Mrs. Morris, that the reading of the minutes for the June 1, 2026 Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting, be waived and that the minutes be approved as presently constituted.

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

MAYOR REPORT:

The Mayor began her report by distributing the Cleveland Magazine to City Council as the “Rating of the Suburbs” Issue was delivered and the City of Rocky River is rated as the #2 Suburb. This is the second year in a row that the City of Rocky River is #2. The second publication being distributed is the insert for the Cleveland Magazine as the City of Rocky River is also a featured community in the magazine. The Mayor is so pleased. The Cleveland Magazine submission is a very detailed submission. They ask about several things including city services, safety and the schools. Thank you to Chief Lichman for the good work that he does completing the safety aspect. It is not just crime statistics but some of the other things that the city does in terms of community outreach and community policing. Again, the schools are a part of it along with several other things that the city is involved in. The #1 suburb is Chagrin Falls and they were #1 last year followed by Rocky River as #2.

- Councilman Moran distributed statistics showing the ratings for all the 85 communities that are rated in the magazine. The City of Rocky River, over the last twelve years, has always been in the top ten. There are other communities that do very well, including Bay Village, Solon, Beachwood, Westlake and Chagrin Falls. Chagrin Falls has done very well in the last two years, but the City of

Rocky River's average rating of 3.1 is the best for the last twelve years of all the communities. Mr. Moran said that the next best community is Bay Village with an average of 6 followed by a 6.3, 6.4 and 8.7. Mr. Moran said this speaks so well of the administration and what they do, but also the residents. This is a community where everyone works together to put this rating in action. It is a great community, and it is growing. It is a wonderful place to be. Congratulations to the Mayor, Chief Lichman and all the administrators.

The Mayor stated that the Baseball Super Saturday Parade was this past Saturday. It was very well attended with beautiful weather. A big thank you to both the Fire and Police Departments that were a part of the parade. The organized Rocky River Baseball does a great job and their delicious burgers are a treat while watching the games. It is a great place to go on a summer night to see everyone playing. The Mayor has had the opportunity to throw out the first pitch, but this year Gary Cintron, the owner of the Rocky River Brewing Company threw out the first pitch. He has supported Rocky River Little League and Rocky River Baseball for more than twenty years. It was wonderful for the restaurant to come back after their devastating fire and for Mr. Cintron to throw out the first pitch. The Mayor added that it was a great first pitch.

The Mayor announced that the D.A.R.E. Graduation was this past week. All the fifth graders passed their D.A.R.E. Program and graduated. Thank you to so many of you who were there in attendance.

The Mayor gave a big congratulations to the Rocky River High School Boy's Lacrosse Team. The Mayor was hoping to reach the former Recreation Director Mike Patterson today to let him know. Mike was the Recreation Director when the Mayor first started as Mayor twenty years ago, when two fathers came to them and said they would like to start a lacrosse team. They bought everything that was necessary and just needed a practice field. This is how lacrosse started very slowly in recreation until today it is a varsity sport at Rocky River High School. How wonderful that it started with residents through the Recreation Department and now have won a State Championship. A big congratulations to the Lacrosse Team, coaches, parents, the school district and everyone involved in that success. So exciting!

The Mayor announced that the "Big Boy" went through the City of Rocky River today with a nice show of plumes of smoke and whistle blowing. It will come back in the middle of July and will stay in Rocky River for about 30 minutes for residents to get a good look at it. On that train for those of you who were there, you may have noticed that for the 250th Anniversary of our Nation, two of the train cars have Civil War Memorabilia Museums. The final car was a different color and was FDR's own train car that he took between Washington D.C. and Georgia. You could tell from the back that it looked like a whistle stop car used for campaigning or to greet people along the way. The train was carrying several items of note.

The Mayor announced that the Cleveland Water Department is out this summer replacing lead service lines from the street to the home. Cleveland Water received considerable dollars from the U.S. Government to do this and are taking it very seriously. There are four areas they will be addressing including Lakeview Court from the end to Lakeview Avenue, Rockland Ave. from Detroit to Riverview, Bidwell from Riverview to the end and Beaconsfield north and south from Wagar to Morewood Parkway. Any lead service lines discovered will be replaced at no charge to the residents. It will be a slight disruption but would appreciate residents' patience with this along with all the construction around the city.

The Mayor announced that AEDs are in place and functioning at both Rocky River Park and Bradstreet's Landing. There is also one located in Tri-City Park. The city is trying to deploy them in all the parks including Linden Park.

The Mayor stated that the Charter Review Commission has completed their work. There will be seven items for the ballot which will all come to City Council on June 22nd. Currently the language for each of these ballot issues is with the Board of Elections. They are reviewing the language, so it does not conflict with anything else. These items will come back from the Board of Elections, the legislation will be drafted and Council will have the role of approving these and then they will be sent back to the Board of Elections.

Late last week at Bradstreet's Landing there was a lot of activity with the Safety Forces, specifically the Fire Departments and Water Rescue Teams from the WestShore. They were completing training along with demonstration projects. It was incredible to watch all their water rescue including surface rescue and under the lake rescue. There were several assets that have been acquired over several years and a lot of important training including all of the WestShore Communities along with some from Lorain County. The MetroParks Marine Patrol was also in attendance. The Seabob Water Scooters were there and go very fast through the water to rescue individuals. The Seabob Scooters have been very useful at Huntington Beach along with a jet ski housed at Huntington. The City of Rocky River is also looking at acquiring a jet ski and housing it by the Marine Patrol Boat. It was excellent training and drew a lot of attention to people thinking it was an actual rescue and were quite concerned. No one was hurt. It brings great awareness to water safety at this time of the year with the weather warming up. Water Safety is important, especially near lake water. The departments train but hope their training is never used. State Representative Ghanbari is a Naval Officer and participated as a victim and saw first-hand the good work that the WestShore Technical Dive Teams do. Thank you to Representative Ghanbari for taking time to participate.

The Mayor announced that the Senior Center Art Show is up and running. There are 100 Senior Artists with 300 works of art on display. The Art Show will be open until July 2nd every day when the Senior Center is open and the Mayor encourages everyone to take a look.

The Heritage Home Loan Program will be presenting to residents the details of their program on June 17th at Memorial Hall at the Civic Center beginning at 6:00 p.m.

This Saturday, June 13th at Linden Park will be the first of the "Summer of Fun Events". It is focused on Healthy Rocky River, a day of health and fitness. There will be sports competitions and challenges, fitness classes and demonstrations, a bike parade, food trucks, inflatables and a bounce house and airbrush tattoos.

Beginning at 4:00 p.m. on June 13th, the Taste of Rocky River will be held on Linden Street. They are expecting a very large crowd and the band is Boaterhead. There will be a police presence there for a safe fun event.

The Mayor said that Flag Day is this Sunday, June 14th. The city will be sending out a ReadyNotify that there are Honor Flags in the City Hall Lobby as well as the Recreation Center and Senior Center free of charge. Residents are allowed to take as many as they would like for their home or neighborhood. These flags were placed on graves of Veterans and cannot be re placed on a grave of a Veteran, but can be used at people's homes in recognition of our country and our Veterans. Take as many as you would like and we hope the entire community flies the red, white and blue with pride, especially since it is the 250th anniversary.

- Mrs. Morris asked how fast the Charter Review items will need to be turned around. The Mayor responded that they will be on the agenda by the 22nd. These are recommendations that cannot be modified by the administration or City Council. There is time for the legislation to be read three

times. The Board of Elections knows that we are running up to July and have given their approval.

LAW DEPARTMENT: NONE

GUEST SPEAKER: Diane Hildebrand, ED.D. is the Education Director with Bike Cleveland and will discuss Bicycle and E-Bike Safety. Ms. Hildebrand greeted City Council and the audience. Ms. Hildebrand said she and Bike Rocky River spent a week at Kensington Intermediate School where they did bicycle education in the gymnasium. Ms. Hildebrand gave a special shout out to the Kensington P.T.A. for having her. They were fabulous in helping her and the students have fun on two wheels. Ms. Hildebrand talked about E-Bike Safety and distributed an E-Bike Guide and Biking in Cleveland booklets. An e-bike is considered a bicycle and, in the State of Ohio, bicycles are all allowed to be on the roadway but should they be on a sidewalk? E-bikes go up to 20-28 mph which means they are absolutely not safe to be on the sidewalk considering that the sidewalks are narrow and e-bikes are generally a wide vehicle. Also with e-bikes there are three classes. Class 1 is peddling assist; Class 2 is throttle and pedal assist and Class 3 is a peddle assist but goes up to a speed of 28 mph. Ms. Hildebrand's recommendation is that children that are 16 years old and older can be on an e-bike. Those that are younger are not recommended to be on an e-bike because an e-bike is a heavy apparatus that goes at a high rate of speed. A standard bicycle moves off the bicyclist's body and how fast that body can go and gives the cyclist more control. E-Bikes can weigh up to 50 or 60 lbs. and it can be harder for younger ones to stop properly. Ms. Hildebrand is advocating to work in the schools starting at elementary all the way up to high school. For Bike Cleveland there is also a bicycle friendly driver program for high school students and shows what it looks like to navigate the roadway on an e-bike. When she was at Kensington School, she watched the children bike to school and bike from school. There were so many students leaving all at one time and attempting to navigate the roadways, but they were not properly stopping, they were playing around crossing the street without looking to see if a car was coming and not using a crosswalk. She highly recommends to everyone in the City of Rocky River to engage in a conversation about offering a bike bus. This is when there are chaperones or adults helping out the young ones navigate to and from school. The school is responsible for the students from the time they leave the front door to the school and vice versa. A bike bus helps control all that crazy movement before and after school, keeping the young ones in order. A bike bus can go all the way up to high school. Ms. Hildebrand discussed safety and always wearing a helmet. It is recommended that those 18 and younger wear a helmet. She also recommends adults wear helmets too. Rocky River is a beautiful place to ride a bike. She wants to provide education centered around riding bikes and e-bikes and utilizing Bike Rocky River. Bike Education is the first thing and then navigating it into advocacy. Ms. Hildebrand said that signage is an issue in Rocky River. Signage is too close to the actual construction. Signage needs to be placed further from the construction so people can know how to navigate once they come upon the construction site or include detour information for cyclists.

- The Mayor asked about 16 and up if there are any communities that require a driver's license for the e-bikes. Ms. Hildebrand said there was a time but for equity reasons they took that out. There are communities outside the State of Ohio that are requiring licenses such as in New Jersey and Chicago. It is moving very quickly throughout the nation.
- The Mayor asked about Moped Laws. How do State Moped Laws impact e-bikes? mopeds are considered Emoto's because the pedals are stationary. An Emoto can go at a faster rate over the standard of 28 mph of a Class 3 e-bike. The reason legislation is happening and it is coming against e-bikes is because people are looking at the Emoto's and thinking they are close or are an e-bike, which they are not.
- Mrs. Morris said that in Chapter 773 from Berea it states in 773.10 that a person who is 14 or 15

years of age should hold a valid probationary motorized bicycle license for e-bike use.

President Shipp thanked Ms. Hildebrand for her presentation. President Shipp also noted that Chief Lichman was present and asked if he had any comments on this topic.

Chief Lichman thanked Ms. Hildebrand for coming and he is interested in learning more about the e-bikes. He is happy to learn that she is not in favor of e-bikes on the sidewalk which has been a concern of his. He is also happy to separate e-bikes from scooters and some of the other electric mobility devices. One of his concerns is that people confuse the two, the e-bikes versus the electric scooters. He does not want to confuse those things because he does not want the police to be chasing kids around who are playing on little electric razors or something like that. That is one of his primary concerns with any legislation regarding this topic.

- Mr. Shipp asked if there are electric scooters that can go at the same speed as the bikes. Ms. Hildebrand said they can go up to 20 mph as well. They are also travelling at the same speed as the e-bikes. Ms. Hildebrand added that children should be wearing a helmet, hand and wrist protection, elbow pads and knee pads if riding an electric scooter.
- Mr. Nash, from the audience asked if it was easy to distinguish between big fast scooters that are rented downtown and the ones that Chief Lichman doesn't want to spend his time chasing kids on toy scooters. Ms. Hildebrand said the mechanics are similar. They are hard to identify.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Tim Furey, 19605 Beachcliff Blvd., stated that City Council has a difficult task at working their way through this mess of scooters, e-bikes and whatever. It is why they are here for the betterment of the community for safety. Probably 35 minutes of this meeting has been about safety. City Council needs to do something to be proactive but also in addition to legislation we cannot forget about education. We need to educate parents and kids. His last comment is in regards to education. Bike Cleveland came to Kensington and they spent a week educating these kids. The schools and or the city should be responsible for paying for that service. He said that if the city wants to take safety to the next level, pay for it and pay for education similar to what Bike Cleveland offers.

Mehul Gala, 18451 E. Shoreland Ave., would like to discuss the traffic calming program and come at it in a couple of different angles. He is a cyclist for 26 years. He trains himself to anticipate certain situations which means the system has shoved the safety onto the user. That is not something a ten-year-old on summer break can handle or a kid on an e-bike going 20 mph can handle. The city needs more education that protects the cyclist and design that protects the cyclist from the driver. The city has run hundreds of traffic details but has installed no physical calming beyond last year's pilot. Leaning hard on the weakest tools barely using the strongest. A speed table, a narrowed lane, a raised crosswalk calms traffic around the clock with no officer present and no training required. It protects people that cannot maneuver out of danger. He is asking Council to hold the streets to that same standard. Keep the education and expand it but pair it with the rest. Fix the survey process so it moves, prioritize permanent calming where data already supports its use. Do it before summer when the street is filled with kids and e-bikes who are the riders who built in safety protects best. Education enforcement protects the least. Bike Rocky River wants to help and has already offered to drive some of the resident participation in these surveys. They are asking the city to design safety in and clear the process keeping it from being built. He invites everyone this Wednesday for a bike ride from Rocky River to Edgewater. It will be a good way to understand what he is talking about today. As we get through Rocky River to Lakewood and end up in Cleveland, you will see some of these changes and see what works and what does not work in these communities.

Mary Anne Baumgartner, Lake Road, wanted to briefly bring everyone's attention to an article from June 6th on Cleveland.com written by the editor Chris Quinn. He has a daily text that he sends out to 4,025 people and one of them was about e-bikes. What are you doing, what do parents and kids think? He got 200 responses ranging from near misses on sidewalks to praise from older riders. There is one quote but a lot of the conversation has to do with their confusing e-bikes with e-scooters. The one comment about an ex-husband buying our son an e-bike for Christmas and she hates it. She is a giant ball of nerves every time he is on it. He is a 12-year-old with no impulse control and she lives off busy Wallings Road in Broadview Heights. It is a topic of conversation. Mr. Shipp mentioned he shared that article with the rest of Council this evening.

Judy Moore, 1924 Lakeview, stated that as a senior citizen she wanted to give Council some food for thought. She was riding a regular bike and it got to be too hard. She now rides an e-bike that needs to be peddled to make it work and she is not comfortable riding on the street. She must ride on the sidewalk. Something to think about perhaps is keeping the speed limit to 10 mph. When she rides on the sidewalks, she is not riding faster than people that ride regular bikes. It is easier for her with issues that she has, to ride an e-bike.

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. 30-26

BY: SHIPP

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." (3rd Reading)

President Shipp said that this Ordinance is a contract with SAM, LLC in the amount not to exceed \$150,000. This is going to give the city a map, a professional GIS mapping and asset management services. January 30, 2026, the city received nine (9) proposals in response to its Request for Proposals. Each proposal was evaluated using a comprehensive scoring rubric designed to assess qualifications, technical approach, experience, and cost effectiveness. Based on 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 interviews, SAM, LLC was determined to be the most qualified firm to perform the requested services. Additionally, a search of the Auditor of State's findings for recovery database returned no results. The proposed program will provide 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 permit, the MS4 permit. The MS4 permit requires the city to develop maintain and update an accurate mapping of its stormwater

system including outfalls, conveyances, and related infrastructure. The timeline for this is approximately six months from commencement and it should be completed. They will be ready to mobilize soon after receiving authorization.

- Ms. Havemann thought the proposal looked very nice and put together. Mr. Shipp agreed and said that Rich and the Service Department are excited about what this is going to give the city.

Mr. Shipp moved for passage Ordinance No. 30-26, seconded by Mr. Hunt.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE NO. 31-26

BY: SHIPP

An Emergency Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Apply for and Administer Funds From the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission, Community Planning Services Program, For the Detroit Road Corridor Strategic Plan and Streetscape Design Standards Project (1st Reading)

This resolution supports the city’s application for planning assistance from the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission for the Detroit Road Corridor Strategic Plan and Streetscape Design Standards. The city is looking for assistance developing streetscaping standards for Detroit Road from Lakeview to Wooster. This is an important commercial corridor, but there is not a cohesive plan for new development to make it a welcoming destination. A plan would provide guidelines for future improvements. Mr. Shipp shared with Council the application to the County which gives a lot more detail about the project and what it seeks to do. Recently in the last few years, the corridor has experienced substantial private investment, reinvestment and redevelopment activity. Despite this momentum, the corridor lacks a cohesive visual identity and coordinated framework for future improvements. Streetscape elements, pedestrian amenities, parking areas, signage and landscaping are inconsistent throughout the corridor creating a somewhat fragmented experience for residents, visitors and businesses. The city is seeking professional planning and technical assistance to prepare a comprehensive corridor plan and streetscape design framework for Detroit Road between Lakeview Road and Wooster Road including Old Detroit. The project area has three distinct segments, Lakeview Avenue to Allen Court, Allen Court to West 192nd Street/Depot Street and West 192nd Street to Wooster Road. The scope of the work would include a review of prior corridor studies and planning documents, analysis of existing conditions, stakeholder and public engagement, conceptual streetscape planning and preparation of implementation orientated recommendations. Key planning issues will include sidewalks and crosswalks, street trees and landscaping, pedestrian scale lighting, public art, wayfinding street furniture, stormwater management, parking strategies and traffic signal improvements. The city would like to complete the planning effort in the summer of 2027 to establish a clear framework for future implementation, capital improvements, and development of review activities.

- Mrs. Morris is hoping the city is considering something about biking in that plan as well.

RESOLUTION NO. 32-26

BY: ALL COUNCIL

A Resolution Establishing that Rocky River City County Shall Recess During the Month of August in 2026 (1st Reading)

Mr. Shipp said this is something that is done annually unless there is a specific need or priority from the administration that they let Council know about, we typically take the month of August off.

RESOLUTION NO. 33-26

BY: FURRY

A Resolution Accepting the Alternative Tax Budget Information of the City of Rocky River, Ohio for the Fiscal Year Commencing January 1, 2027 as Further Described in the Attached Exhibit "A" (1st Reading)

Mr. Shipp asked Finance Director Lindow to give an overview regarding this resolution. Mr. Lindow said that this is the first of three annual routine resolutions that kick off the formal budget season. Council's budget season will occur in the fall, but in regard to certifying the tax budget, millage for next year's property bills with Cuyahoga County there are deadlines. Those deadlines are this summer along with ORC requirements with these resolutions. This resolution is the first step in this annual process. It is not the guiding document for Council's budget process to occur later this year. All amounts shown are current estimates for next year in regard to balances, revenues and expenditures. A requirement of ORC 55705 and to stipulate that too because this is a routine process that any governments that do not pass a tax budget are subject to other types of penalties such as even losing their Local Government Fund distributions next year.

RESOLUTION NO. 34-26

BY: FURRY

A Resolution Accepting Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Cuyahoga County Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying Them to the Cuyahoga County Fiscal Officer (1st Reading)

Mr. Shipp asked Finance Director Lindow to give an overview regarding this resolution. This is the second resolution of the routine package of budget resolutions in the summer. This is to certify the tax millage itself, the inside and outside millage to the city on property tax bills collected next year, tax year 2026 collection 2027. No changes to the millage for next year and that millage remains to fund the General Fund, Refuse and Recycling Fund, Recreation Center Fund, Fire and Police Pensions and Capital Improvement Fund.

RESOLUTION NO. 35-26

BY: FURRY

A Resolution Requesting the Cuyahoga County Fiscal Officer to Advance Taxes from the Proceeds of All Tax Levies for the Tax Year 2026 Pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code (1st Reading)

Mr. Shipp asked Finance Director Lindow to give an overview regarding this resolution. This is the third part of the annual package in regard to requirements to the County and for next year's budget. These entail distributions received from Cuyahoga County next year. When residents pay their property tax then the city gets it at a certain time of the year. ORC allows cities to request advancement of such tax dollars, so the city gets partial distributions in January and February for example rather than waiting for cash flow into late March and April. This annual routine resolution is just that request.

- President Shipp mentioned that this may not go forward as usual this year, is that right? Cuyahoga County has communicated that they would like to not honor such requests but according to ORC when government entities pass these advanced resolutions the wording in the ORC is the County shall then advance the funds. Mr. Lindow thinks it is just a matter of the property tax bills, due dates and the processing dates changing. Much of this is the timing between County and State. Mr. Lindow thinks the County would like to give themselves enough time for processing but for the city's purposes recommend making the formal request as usual and we will wait and see what happens. The Mayor added that several communities are doing the same thing. Mr. Shipp said the County sent out a letter or memo to cities about property tax advance notice in April because of a lot of changes in State law to the property tax issues that are going on but they might not be able to do it this year. The Mayor said it has been the topic of conversation for two Cuyahoga County Mayors and Managers Association meetings. It is at the forefront and the Mayor thinks this is a good process as we have always done, to pass this legislation.

ORDINANCE NO. 36-26

BY: MORAN

An Emergency Ordinance Authorizing the Director of Public Safety-Service to Enter into an Agreement with Bonded Chemical, Inc., for the Purchase and Supply of Sodium Hypochlorite for the Rocky River Wastewater Treatment Plant in 2026 at a Cost of \$1.81 per Gallon Ending December 31, 2026 as Further Described in Exhibit "A" (1st Reading)

Mr. Moran said this is part of the group of ordinances that Council only sees at the end of the year. There was a situation this year where the WWTP bid this contract out for the Sodium Hypochlorite which is like the bleach to kill the stuff that comes up in the summertime. Alexander Chemical bid it at \$1.89 and then refused to honor their agreement. The WWTP had two other quotes and went back to them and ended up with a lower quote than the bid of \$1.89 to \$1.81. Bonded Chemical was the WWTP last supplier and they stepped up and honored this new lower price. There is a legal situation but there are a couple things that are happening. The WWTP needs this as this chemical is used in the summer months. This purchase needs to be made and it can be made below the limit. There will be more discussion next week, but this may need to be passed after the second read.

- Mrs. Morris added that Council has already passed the legislation to purchase this so she does not see a problem with suspending rules to pass this legislation after two reads.
- Mr. Moran noted that this is a better deal than what the WWTP had before in the previous legislation.
- Mayor Bobst added that Dave Matty, legal consult for the WWTP has been consulted and is working on the issue and feels comfortable moving forward with this new legislation.

ORDINANCE NO. 37-26

BY: MORAN

An Emergency Ordinance Authorizing the Safety Service Director to Purchase Equipment and Repair Services from Huber Technology, Inc. for the Rocky River Wastewater Treatment Plant in an Amount not to Exceed \$140,000 as Further Described in Exhibit "A" (1st Reading)

Mr. Moran said that Huber Technology performs repairs at the WWTP. A quote was received on one of the screening processes. During a normal process, the WWTP runs at least three of the screens and sometimes four or five with a bad storm. If there is a storm that comes up and the WWTP cannot run these, there are opportunities for back up in basements. We do not want that to happen. Currently, the screens are the sole source and unique footprint of their installation in 2008. It would be millions of dollars if this whole thing

would need redone. The price tag of \$115,117 seems big, but it is nothing if the whole process needs replaced. Due to the lack of the technical nature of these screens, these parts are provided by Huber and are very expensive and count for about 90% of the cost. The quote is \$115,000 but sometimes they get into that and there is a situation where something else comes up, the WWTP wants to guard themselves with an additional \$25,000 for that just in case. There are funds budgeted in the capital budget for failures of this magnitude. Mr. Moran will discuss this further at next week's meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: NONE

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Planning, Zoning and Economic Development Committee: Ms. Havemann said that today there was a special Planning Commission meeting to discuss the project at Ingersol Drive. They presented their preliminary plans which are residential apartment buildings. One of the concerns that the Planning Commission had is in previous projects when people came to the Public Meeting, it seemed like it was the first time the public knew about the plans. The Planning Commission took a lot of frustration from the community. The Planning Commission is encouraging community members to look at the plans in the Planning Commission archives on the webpage. Currently the plans show there are two 400-foot residential buildings four stories high, but the next plan is to split those into four buildings. If the community has any feelings or concerns, maybe they can express those before the Public Meeting. One of the concerns the public has is the increase in traffic resulting from the new development and requested traffic studies to be done at the intersections of Detroit and Lake Roads. A resident had mentioned to Ms. Havemann about the entrance being blocked off coming into CVS. There is no left turn signal on to Linda and traffic is getting backed up. Previous plans included shops and restaurants but due to lack of funding arrangements, they are going with just residential at this time. Ms. Havemann encourages everyone to check out all the plans for development coming up in Rocky River. There is a lot of Health Care going in on Center Ridge and that way the community is not surprised.

The Mayor noted that on the website calendar, residents can click on those meetings and click through to the plans to see several things. The Mayor explained that the process for how a project goes through the Land Use Commissions has been talked about for decades. Sometimes a developer wants to be in front of the Planning Commission and receive their guidance before the project is even fully vetted so the community can weigh in on it. There is a bit of a balance there. The city wants them to have the advantage of going to the Planning Commission with the pre preliminaries which are well in advance. There is then a preliminary and finals and there can be several pre-preliminaries. This provides developers to receive effective guidance about what is acceptable and not acceptable from the Land Use Commissions and then allow the residents to weigh in on that. Already, it will change substantially with the guidance of the Planning Commission as in this case instead of two-long buildings it may be four buildings. The city has traversed this many times and tried to get to that perfect spot where there is enough of the development plans completed so residents can respond to that development and still have time to make changes. Plus any variances that may be granted has to go through the process, the Architectural Review Board needs to weigh in and if public comment is too early, things could change after that and the public will not be part of it. Again, the city tries to keep that perfect balance of when is it the right time, when is the project close but still flexible enough to see changes.

COMMUNICATIONS: NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

President Shipp thanked Sue Pease for filling in as Clerk of Council this evening. The next meeting will be a Committee of the Whole meeting Monday June 15th, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. If there is nothing further, the City Council Meeting is adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Paul Shipp
Paul Shipp
President of Council

Susan G. Pease
Susan G. Pease
Acting Clerk of Council