

CITY OF ROCKY RIVER

June 22, 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. Moran, Ms. Gallagher, Mr. Furry

Absent: Mr. Hunt

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

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOTION:

Moved by Mr. Furry, seconded by Ms. Havemann, that the reading of the minutes for the June 8, 2026, Legislative Meeting be waived and that the minutes be approved as presently constituted.

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

Moved by Mayor Bobst, seconded by Mr. Furry, that the reading of the minutes for the June 15, 2026, Community Improvement Corporation Meeting, be waived and that the minutes be approved as presently constituted.

Vote:	Moran – aye	Gallagher – aye	Furry- aye	Bobst – Aye	Lindow-aye	
	Shipp – aye	Havemann – aye	Morris – aye			
	8– ayes	0 – abstain	0 - nays			PASSED

Moved by Mr. Furry, seconded by Ms. Havemann, that the reading of the minutes for the June 15, 2026, Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting, be waived and that the minutes be approved as presently constituted.

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

MAYOR REPORT:

Mayor Bobst advised that they presented Council with Ordinance 53-26 for the Beachcliff project and she respectfully requests that they waive the 72-hour notification rule so that can be placed on the agenda for this evening.

Mayor Bobst shared that Friday night was the kickoff for the Summer of Fun with a concert and the Cleveland Flea it was a beautiful afternoon and evening and moderately well attended. There was a great performance by the Rec Director from Shaker Heights. There were a lot of positive comments about the look of the park and the landscaping. There are now large mulch beds around the trees which is because of the great job that our parks crew has done. The base of the mulch beds are the City's wood chips which

was then topped with the black mulch. Bradstreet Landing and Rocky River park both also look amazing. She extended a bit thank you to their crews and council who support these efforts.

Mayor Bobst advised that there is a delayed due date for Property Taxes of August 13, 2026, which translates to the City receiving a distribution later than they normally would and they will adjust accordingly. There is no date for the mailing from the county, but as the date approaches, they will get information out to the community that even if they've not received their bill the due date remains August 13th.

Mayor Bobst mentioned the July Quill from the Senior Center. One of the things that struck her is all the intergenerational programming connecting seniors to youth. Zoomers to Boomers is the new theater group which will be made up of youth and seniors. She noted that they've always relied on the High School, and even Middle School, to help seniors with their tech issues. Next week they start a six-week intergenerational gardening program with Senior Spouts – noting that council may recall that River Sprouts that built the greenhouse next to the community garden. Everyone is having a lot of fun at the center and all the new things that have been added, including the golf simulator where recently grandparents played minigolf with their grandchildren. Thursday evening the Bird Nerds are going to be leading a bird watching event, which was featured in the Cleveland Magazine insert, at Elmwood Park. She encouraged anyone who is interested in getting involved with Birding to join to launch their interest. Lastly, on July 2nd at 11:30 there will be a picnic lunch to celebrate July 4th and the 250th anniversary of our country.

Mayor Bobst advised that there will be a bid opening on July 10th for construction of the Lake Rd. Western portion. The City received six proposals for the engineering of Beaconsfield Blvd bringing that up to buildable plans including sewer, pavement, curbs and some waterline work. First Energy has notified the City that they will be doing some pruning along their lines. They will be mobilized throughout the city, but the administration is trying to get more specific information about where exactly they are going to be, but they are still several weeks out from starting their work. Mayor Bobst confirmed that the red spray-painted dots indicate they will be pruning those trees. In Ward 4, they received a request to add illumination on the Storybook trail so they will be adding lighting to flood that walkway.

Mayor Bobst shared there was a photo contest with the International Joint Commission for the Great Lakes and Nick Barille the Wastewater Treatment Superintendent, who is always taking photos of the lake, submitted a photograph and won 3rd place. As soon as they get that information out, she'll share it with Council. His winning photograph will be translated into several postcards. There were 200 photographic submissions and over 14,000 votes. She shared that it's a beautiful photograph of the sunset that she's sure they will all appreciate.

Mayor Bobst advised that Wednesday the 24th the boys lacrosse team will be honored at the Board of Education. There will be a procession from Kensington down Morewood to the Board office through the neighborhoods. They will get information out, but they are still working on finalizing the details. At 6:30 pm the team will be honored by the Board. They've asked her to share a few words, and she will be presenting Certificates of Special Recognition for every player and coach individually from Council and the Administration.

Mayor Bobst shared that the Gemini Center in Fairview Park will be having their ribbon cutting ceremony on Friday. Fairview Park has been sharing our facilities while they've been under reconstruction and now that Rocky River's facilities are under construction and our residents can go over to the Gemini center.

Mayor Bobst announced that St. Demetrios Greek Festival is this weekend from Thursday the 25th through Sunday the 28th and there is drive through and take out. The Summer Stroll is this Thursday on Old

Detroit. The Mayor met with Bill Brink, he and his wife who own Pure Enchantment and they are very excited about the evening. July 13th the Big Boy steam engine is going to be coming back through, and it is going to be in Rocky River for about a half hour. They are currently working on parking plans and traffic plans, but at this point, they are not over programming the event because the crowds have been quite large. Pie in the Park is July 12th and as always, they'd love as many Council Members as possible who would like to serve pie to join them.

- Ms. Morris shared the Pie in the Park is the first day that BerryDunn will be in Rocky River observing.
- President Shipp noted that there is a Ward 4 resident that is a guitarist in Revolution Pie Paul Freesty.

Mayor Bobst noted per an earlier conversation that a tree cutting permit is not required, but Director Snyder has been working on a tree ordinance so there may be a notification that is required for that. Additionally, The Building Department is working on a list of registered contractors which they are hoping will include a list of tree contractors as well.

LAW DEPARTMENT: Director O'Shea shared that the eBike situation that they're dealing with has exponentially accelerated in the last couple weeks all throughout Northeastern Ohio communities. There is a lot of chatter on the Law Director forum about what cities are doing. Some have passed ordinances and he believes this overrides the golf cart issue. He sees a lot of kids that are way too young to be going 35 mph. He suggested they may think about how to accelerate their review of that.

President Shipp advised that Ordinance 53-26 was walked into tonight's meeting.

Moved by President Shipp, seconded by Ms. Morris, to waive the 72-hour notice rule.

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

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. Shipp advised that 52-25 remains on hold.

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 (2nd Reading)

President Shipp advised that 31-26 is 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. They are looking for assistance establishing streetscaping standards for Detroit Rd. between Lakeview and Wooster including old Detroit. This is an important commercial corridor, but there is not currently 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. They are looking for streetscape elements, pedestrian amenities, parking areas, signage and landscaping, planning and technical assistance to create a streetscape design framework. 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.

- Mayor Bobst advised that there is a streetscape plan for Detroit which is several years old and they have accomplished several of the things that were set forth in that plan, but now there has been some additional development bringing with it challenges and opportunities which is why they want to pursue this to take the next step with the new plan.

RESOLUTION NO. 32-26

BY: ALL COUNCIL

A Resolution Establishing that Rocky River City County Shall Recess During the Month of August in 2026 (2nd Reading)

Mr. Shipp advised that this is their annual resolution establishing that Rocky River City Council will recess during the month of August.

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” (2nd Reading)

Mr. Furry advised that this is a resolution accepting the Alternative Tax Budget Information of the City of Rocky River, Ohio for the Fiscal Year Commencing January 1, 2027, noting that this is the first step and not the final one. This is not the actual budget that the Administration will be working on for 2027. All political subdivisions excluding school districts must file one copy of this with the County Fiscal officer on or before July 29th per ORC 5705-281. This is cursory and is basically a historical flat income and known expenses.

Council discussed that they had planned to pass these Resolutions with two readings and request a rule suspension as they are due and Council won’t meet for two weeks.

Moved by Mr. Furry, seconded by Ms. Morris, to seek a rule suspension for Resolution No. 33-26.

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

Mr. Furry moved for passage of Resolution No. 33-26, seconded by President Shipp.

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

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 (2nd Reading)

Mr. Furry advised that this is an annual resolution and is the second step in the 2027 budget process with the first step being the passage of Resolution No. 33-26. This certifies the tax rate millage with both inside and outside the 10-mil limitation with the Cuyahoga County Budget commission and is also required in ORC 5705. There are no changes to the current 9.9 mils to the city from the previous year.

Moved by Mr. Furry, seconded by Ms. Morris, to seek a rule suspension for Resolution No. 34-26.

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

Mr. Furry moved for passage of Resolution No. 34-26, seconded by Ms. Morris.

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

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 (2nd Reading)

Mr. Furry advised that this is an annual resolution requesting to advance taxes from Cuyahoga County for Tax Year 2026. ORC Section 321.34 a 1 states that they shall do it not that they may do it.

Moved by Mr. Furry, seconded by Ms. Morris, to seek a rule suspension for Resolution No. 35-26.

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

Mr. Furry moved for passage of Resolution No. 35-26, seconded by Ms. Morris.

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

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” (2nd Reading)

Mr. Moran advised that this ordinance was presented last year for Alexander Chemical who bid it at \$1.89 and then refused to honor their agreement. In the meantime, the City went back to Bonded Chemical, and they presented a price of \$1.81. He advised that they need this material as soon as possible. They can purchase it going without going to Council for approval and seems ridiculous that they wouldn't automatically pass this ordinance since they've already approved the purchase previously.

Moved by Mr. Moran, seconded by Mr. Furry, to seek a rule suspension for Ordinance No. 36-26.

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

Mr. Moran moved for passage of Ordinance No. 36-26, seconded by Ms. Havemann.

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

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” (2nd Reading)

Mr. Moran advised this is an ordinance to purchase equipment from Huber Technology to make a repair to a screen. Huber not only has the parts, but they also do the work. The actual bid is \$115,000 for the repair, but sometimes something else comes up so the WWTP wants to guard themselves with an additional \$25,000 in the hopes that they won't need it for a total amount of \$140,000. He will look forward to a third read in July.

- Ms. Morris inquired if they should start a consent agenda for their next legislative meeting July 13th and suggested adding the last few items.
- President Shipp suggested adding 31-26, 32-26, and 37-26 on the consent agenda to which there was no objection.

NEW BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE NO. 38-26

BY: FURRY

A Resolution Authorizing the Certification of Unpaid Statement of Charge Amounts to the Cuyahoga County Fiscal Officer for Collection, in Accordance with the Laws of the State of Ohio Whereby the

City of Rocky River Paid All Expenses and Labor Costs out of City Funds for Sidewalk Reconstruction, Repair or Replacement and as Further Described in the Attached Exhibit “A” (1st Reading)

Mr. Furry advised that Resolution 38-26 and 39-26 are related, but different. 38-26 is for sidewalk reconstruction repairs or replacement. If you did not utilize your own contractor for said work the City paid all expenses and labor costs for the work. The city sent out letters to all affected property owners requesting payment by July 13, 2026. Unlike the sewer account exhibit this list is not exhaustive and he expects to amend by substitution at the July 27 meeting with a trimmed down list. The cost of repairs varies from major to minor.

ORDINANCE NO. 39-26

BY: FURRY

A Resolution Authorizing the Certification of Delinquent Sanitary Sewer Accounts to the Cuyahoga County Fiscal Officer for Collection, in Accordance with the Laws of the State of Ohio and as Further Described in the Attached Exhibit “A” (1st Reading)

Mr. Furry advised that this is their annual delinquent sewer accounts as of 12/31/25 that will be certified to the property owners’ taxes. Like 38-26 letters went out June 12th requesting payment by July 13th. They are just a little shy of 500 parcels to be assessed – some figures are significant and some not so much. As is customary with this resolution he expects to amend by substitution July 27 with a hopeful bountiful collection process. He noted that there have been some rumblings of legislation taking this authority away from municipalities which he hopes does not get any traction. Unlike other utilities you cannot shut down sewer for non-payment.

- Mayor Bobst clarified that the law that is being proposed is when there is a landlord, the City wouldn’t be able to assess the landlord only the resident. So, if the resident leaves, the City can’t recoup unpaid sewer bills from the landlord.

Mayor Bobst advised that the following ordinances have all been reviewed by the Board of Elections and they are the recommendations of the Charter Review Commission. There is no debate because they can’t be changed, but it gives an opportunity for the residents to understand that these items will be on the ballot in November.

President Shipp stated that the next seven ordinances to be read are from the Charter Review Commission and they don’t really have any debate or control of them, but they will plan for a full three readings on all of them.

ORDINANCE NO. 40-26

BY: ALL COUNCIL

An Ordinance Authorizing and Directing the Submission to the Electors a Proposal to Amend Section 1 of Article II of the Charter of the City of Rocky River Regarding the Term of Office for the Mayor and Declaring an Emergency (1st Reading)

ORDINANCE NO. 41-26

BY: ALL COUNCIL

An Ordinance Authorizing and Directing the Submission to the Electors a Proposal to Amend Section 3 of Article II of the Charter of the City of Rocky River Regarding the Removal of the Mayor and Declaring an Emergency (1st Reading)

ORDINANCE NO. 42-26

BY: ALL COUNCIL

An Ordinance Authorizing and Directing the Submission to the Electors a Proposal to Amend Section 2 of Article III of the Charter of the City of Rocky River Regarding the Term of Office for Council and Declaring an Emergency (1st Reading)

ORDINANCE NO. 43-26

BY: ALL COUNCIL

An Ordinance Authorizing and Directing the Submission to the Electors a Proposal to Amend Section 2 of Article IV of the Charter of the City of Rocky River Regarding the Term of Office for the Law Director and Declaring an Emergency (1st Reading)

ORDINANCE NO. 44-26

BY: ALL COUNCIL

An Ordinance Authorizing and Directing the Submission to the Electors a Proposal to Amend Section 2 of Article IV of the Charter of the City of Rocky River Regarding the Removal of Law Director and Declaring an Emergency (1st Reading)

ORDINANCE NO. 45-26

BY: ALL COUNCIL

An Ordinance Authorizing and Directing the Submission to the Electors a Proposal to Amend Section 2 of Article VIII of the Charter of the City of Rocky River Regarding the Recall Process and Declaring an Emergency (1st Reading)

ORDINANCE NO. 46-26

BY: ALL COUNCIL

An Ordinance Authorizing and Directing the Submission to the Electors a Proposal to Amend Sections 1,2, and 3 of Article IX and Remove Sections 4 and 5 of Article IX of the Charter of the City of Rocky River Regarding Nominations and Elections and Declaring an Emergency (1st Reading)

ORDINANCE NO. 47-26

BY: FURRY

A Resolution Authorizing the Certification of Unpaid Property Maintenance Costs to the Cuyahoga County Fiscal Officer for Collection in Accordance with the Laws of the State of Ohio and as Further Described in the Attached Exhibit “A” (1st Reading)

Mr. Furry shared that this Resolution is similar to 38-26 and 39-26 but differs in that this is for the City providing property maintenance for unkempt properties. Effected property owners were invoiced in December 2025 requesting payment in full by January 7, 2026, which took them to this last unpaid parcel. If they receive payment for the one outstanding parcel this ordinance will be tabled indefinitely.

ORDINANCE NO. 48-26

BY: SHIPP

An Emergency Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor and the Director of Public Safety Service to Enter into an Agreement with Refuse Equipment and Truck Services, Inc., for the Transfer Station Compactor Replacement at a Cost Not to Exceed \$333,635.00, as Further Described in the Attached Exhibit “A” (1st Reading)

President Shipp advised that this is an agreement with Refuse Equipment and Truck Services, Inc. (RETS) for the replacement of one of the City’s aging transfer station compactor systems located at the Municipal Solid Waste Transfer Facility, 22401 Lake Road. It is the current side used for refuse. As Director Snyder explained there are two sides – one used for yard waste, and one used for refuse. The side that needs

replacing is for refuse. Following a competitive Request for Proposals process conducted in May 2026, two proposals were received and evaluated. Based on the review of qualifications, scope, and pricing, Director Snyder is recommending awarding the contract to RETS for a total cost not to exceed \$333,635, to be funded through the City's Equipment Purchase Fund. The other vendor's proposal was incomplete and did not include the requested electrical work or reinforcement to the hopper.

The transfer station compactor is a critical component of the City's solid waste operations. The existing unit has reached the end of its useful life, and the surrounding infrastructure has experienced significant wear from years of operation. The project is designed as a complete turnkey replacement and modernization effort that will improve reliability, reduce maintenance concerns, and extend the service life of the facility.

The work includes removal and disposal of the existing compactor, power unit, compactor stand, and hydraulic lift platform. The new compactor, identical in function to the current unit, will be installed along with a new hydraulic power unit and associated controls. The project also addresses longstanding structural and operational concerns by installing new stabilization components, upgrading mounting systems, reconnecting and testing safety equipment, and performing all necessary testing and commissioning prior to operation.

An important component of the project is rehabilitation of the transfer pit hopper walls. Due to years of abrasive refuse handling, the concrete walls have become significantly worn. To protect the structure and improve long-term durability, steel wear plates will be installed throughout the hopper area. RETS' proposal includes installation of 3/16-inch steel liner plates and anchoring systems designed to protect the existing concrete structure while minimizing future maintenance requirements.

The contract price consists of a turnkey base proposal of \$310,000 for removal, replacement, installation, and pit rehabilitation work, plus \$2,100 for additional wear plate improvements from 3/16 - inch to a 1/4 - inch steel plates and an optional hydraulic-operated "J" hook locking mechanism for trailer-to-compactor connection at ground level for \$21,535, resulting in a total project value of \$333,635. The hydraulic "J" hook mechanism will allow the trailer to be connected to the transfer station with hydraulic hooks versus the current method of manual cranking, which sometimes jams and is also a safety concern for the employees.

Equipment fabrication is estimated to require approximately 22 weeks, and the project specifications establish a required completion date of February 28, 2027. Approval of this ordinance will allow the City to proceed immediately with ordering the equipment and maintaining the project schedule to ensure uninterrupted transfer station operations. Refuse Equipment has provided service and equipment for the transfer station for many years and a search of the Auditor of State's Findings for Recover Database demonstrated no results. President Shipp expects three full reads.

- Mr. Furry inquired how long that side will be down for.
- Director Snyder advised that the side will not be down the full 22-week timeframe. He confirmed that the refuse side gets more wear and tear than the yard waste side. This repair works well with the schedule because typically they close the yard waste side after they get done with leaf season. What they will be able to do is to rotate so they really won't be out an extended time that will impact residents.
- President Shipp clarified that they would use the yard waste side for refuse while the refuse compactor is being replaced.
- Director Snyder confirmed that to be correct, noting that they won't really be down at all. If there is overlap they most likely will have a refuse packer there for yard waste. He noted that this is at the Lake Rd. Service Garage location.

ORDINANCE NO. 49-26**BY: SHIPP****An Emergency Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor and the Director of Public Safety Service to Enter into an Agreement with Fabrizi Trucking & Paving Company, Inc., for the Emergency Repair of Storm and Sanitary Sewers Within the City of Rocky River at a Cost Not to Exceed \$150,000.00 as Further Described in the Attached Exhibit “A” (1st Reading)**

President Shipp advised that this ordinance is for Emergency Sewer Repair Program to City sewer infrastructure. Funds for this agreement have been appropriated as part of the 2026 Budget. They publicly bid the proposal, and Director Snyder sent the package directly to multiple contractors that he’s worked with and felt had the capabilities to perform the work. They only received one bid from Fabrizi Trucking and Paving. Director Snyder modified the proposal this year to eliminate the street repair portion of the work in hopes that they would receive more bids from sewer contractors who did not have asphalt repair capabilities. The street repair portion was separately bid, and they received no bids for that.

Sewer repair costs increased significantly with a slight increase for manhole repair and no increase for catch basin repair. Director Snyder is planning to utilize Fabrizi and this contract only on an emergency basis. Non-emergency repairs will be quoted by multiple contractors on a case-by-case basis to provide the best pricing possible and Director Snyder plans to work with our Sewer Division to perform more work in-house. Fabrizi performs a lot of work within the City of Rocky River. The City has a strong working relationship with them, and they have always been very responsive and effective when we need emergency repair. President Shipp expects three full reads for this legislation.

- Director Snyder advised that the 2026 pricing is attached to the legislation, but the 2025 pricing is available if they would like to see the comparison. They do have a ‘not to exceed’ amount of \$150,000 so in essence they will be able to do less of these repairs. He amended how they sought proposals and looked at different ways because the cost has been creeping up, but everything is just more expensive.
- President Shipp inquired how much they authorized last year.
- Director Snyder advised it was \$150,000 and they still have a little bit of that left.
- Mr. Furry stated that they bumped that up a few years ago, it used to be \$75,000.
- Director Snyder added that Fabrizi had kept their prices the same for 10 years and then they went back out in the market, and the prices have gone up since then. It’s important to note that through Council’s efforts of getting the sewer division more equipment they are now able to do more in house, but when they get to some of the mains that are 15-20’ deep the City does not have the equipment or capabilities to do those and that is when they utilize this Ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 50-26**BY: MORAN****An Emergency Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor and the Director of Public Safety-Service to Enter into an Agreement with AECOM Technical Services for Hydraulic Modeling of SSO 306 to Conduct a Closure Investigation in an Amount Not to Exceed \$48,000.00, as Further Described in the Attached Exhibit “A” (1st Reading)**

Mr. Moran noted that this ordinance gives the City authorization to enter contract with AECOM Technical Services, who has done work for the City before for the hydraulic modeling to evaluate to close sanitary

sewer overflow (SSO) #306 at Magnolia and Westway. Rocky River has closed 12 of these SSO's and are now down to 2. This is a situation where EPA has told the City to make sure that they close these sanitary sewer overflows and they have made the necessary repairs to properly do this. This evaluation will give us the proof that they can close the SSO's as they are being pressured by the EPA to do this. The \$48,000 is a 'not to exceed' number.

- Ms. Morris inquired if the EPA comes and checks these when they close them.
- Director Snyder advised that they must provide a closure certification report to the EPA once they're closed.
- Mayor Bobst added that they're monitored.
- Director Snyder shared that once they're closed, they will no longer have flow meters.
- Mr. Furry noted that a few years ago they had issues with AECOM at the Wastewater Treatment Plant with the improper spec of the pump and inquired if Director Snyder was concerned about that for this new contract.
- Director Snyder advised that those were engineering services for the Wastewater Treatment Plant. They've worked with AECOM before. They did the sanitary sewer evaluation study in 2012, and he's personally worked with them directly since 2020 for both the first modeling for this project and for all our private I/I reduction programs on private property and they've been fantastic. They've worked with them on the Ingersoll modeling. AECOM has a lot of technical resources that really helps with this modeling. The treatment plant was more engineering services so it's different parts of their business. Overall, they've been great.
- Mayor Bobst added that AECOM has designed the sewer sheds that allowed the City to prioritize where they were going to go and their work was extremely important with US EPA when they met with them and as they were developing their findings and orders. They have been extremely helpful to the City.
- Mr. Furry noted that this is below their councilmanic approval threshold.
- Director Snyder advised that they worked with AECOM with their private I/I and some of the other modeling so part of the reason he wanted to do this was for transparency for the administrative order of consent because with the current consent order they have to have this one closed by April 22, 2027 per the EPA. He wanted this to be on Council's agenda, so they know it's out there, but also to provide a little leverage for the vendor limit in case they need them for an emergency.
- Mr. Moran advised that this was done in 2020 unsuccessfully because the City felt it would negatively impact residents' basements. The EPA gave the City a date to make sure they had time to complete the necessary repairs to close these SSOs.
- Director Snyder stated they wanted to ensure that if they close this SSO basements would not be impacted by a significant rainfall. With everything they've done on public and private property reduction program they have made strides they just want to have that sense of security that if they close this they are not negatively effecting a large amount of residents.
- Ms. Morris inquired if they are impacting residents, would they let them know ahead of time?
- Director Snyder advised that they would let everybody know. This watershed is from Westway to Center Ridge and Wager to Wooster. Those houses at the lowest end of the street would be the ones affected.

ORDINANCE NO. 51-26

BY: HAVEMANN

An Emergency Ordinance Amending the Sidewalk Maintenance Code Within Chapter 904 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Rocky River, Ohio, as Further Described in the Exhibit "A" (1st Reading)

Ms. Havemann advised that this Ordinance was to amend Chapter 904 about the sidewalk repair. The purpose is to modernize and clarify the City's sidewalk maintenance program by providing clearer standards

and procedures for property owners, City staff, and residents. Specifically, the proposed legislation would:

1. Clarify the Sidewalk Inspection Process by establishing a more detailed and transparent procedure for identifying, documenting, and notifying property owners of sidewalk deficiencies.
2. Define Sidewalk Defects through objective criteria that identify conditions requiring repair, thereby promoting consistency in inspections and enforcement.
3. Establish an Appeal Process that allows property owners to challenge inspection findings or repair determinations before final action is required.
4. Modify Non-Compliance Procedures to provide clearer administrative processes and enforcement mechanisms when required repairs are not completed within the prescribed timeframe.
5. Revise Snow and Ice Removal Requirements by exempting owner-occupied one-family, two-family, and three-family residential properties from the legal requirement to remove snow and ice from sidewalks abutting their properties.

Ms. Havemann advised that this is largely because previous enforcement of the sidewalks has been by complaint driven and it hasn't been very consistent so it is realistic to take that enforcement away from residential properties, but commercial properties will still be held to the same requirements as before.

- Mayor Bobst added that their biggest issue is with commercial properties.

ORDINANCE NO. 52-26

BY: HUNT

An Emergency Ordinance Authorizing the Director of Public Safety-Service to Purchase Two (2) 2026 Ford Explorer Utility Interceptors from Statewide Ford for the Police Department at a Cost Not to Exceed \$139,622.00, as Further Described in the Attached Exhibit "A"(1st Reading)

President Shipp advised that he plans to read a memo from Police Chief Litchman regarding this request for the purchase of two (2) Ford Explorer/Police Utility Interceptor vehicles for the Division of Police from Statewide Ford. These vehicles are intended to replace one similar vehicle in the police fleet that is over five years old with excessive miles and wear and a second vehicle in the fleet that was damaged in a traffic crash for which the City was paid approximately \$50,000.00 in insurance reimbursement.

Police vehicles are essential pieces of emergency-response equipment that serve as mobile offices, communications platforms, prisoner-transport vehicles, traffic-enforcement tools, and highly visible symbols of the City's commitment to public safety. Maintaining a dependable and appropriately updated fleet is critical to the Division's ability to respond promptly and effectively to emergencies, conduct proactive patrols, enforce traffic laws, and provide consistent service throughout the community. Patrol vehicles operate under conditions that are substantially more demanding than ordinary cars. They frequently remain in service around the clock and carry considerable additional weight from emergency lighting, computers, radios, cameras, partitions, weapons-storage systems, and traffic-control and other specialized equipment. They are routinely subjected to rapid acceleration, prolonged idling, severe weather, emergency braking, and other stresses associated with police operations. As vehicles age and mileage and engine hours increase, the likelihood of mechanical problems, unplanned downtime, and costly repairs also increases. A vehicle that is out of service affects more than the fleet inventory; it can reduce the number of units available for patrol, require officers to share or exchange vehicles, delay deployment, and place additional wear on the remaining fleet. A planned and consistent replacement schedule helps avoid these operational disruptions and reduces the risk of being forced into more costly emergency purchases when a vehicle becomes unreliable or can no longer be economically maintained.

Maintaining an updated fleet also supports officer safety and morale. Officers spend a substantial portion of each shift in their vehicles and must be able to rely on them during emergency responses, traffic stops, pursuits, severe weather, and calls requiring the immediate transport of prisoners or equipment. Providing officers with safe, functional, and dependable vehicles demonstrates that the City values their work and is committed to giving them the tools necessary to perform their duties professionally and effectively. The requested purchase is part of a responsible, long-term approach to fleet management rather than an expansion of the fleet. Replacing vehicles at appropriate intervals distributes costs more predictably, maintains operational capacity, and helps ensure that the Division does not face a larger and more expensive replacement need in future years.

For these reasons, Chief Lichman is respectfully requesting City Council's approval to purchase two new police interceptor vehicles and the necessary equipment to place them into service.

- Ms. Morris inquired how long it is between ordering and delivery of these vehicles.
- Director Snyder advised that they plan to have these units by the end of fall and they are currently being built. The reason for the difference in pricing is because they always try to pull as much gear from the existing vehicles as possible and one of the units they are taking out of service is an old canine vehicle, so they needed additional things to put it into service as a typical vehicle.
- Mr. Furry inquired if they think they're going to be consistent with this police interceptor so they can swap out the rear shell.
- Director Snyder stated that they have been very pleased with the EcoBoost. They tried the hybrids and they had a lot of headaches with them. One of the units they are taking out of service is a hybrid. They reuse as much of the hardware as they can, but every few years the manufacturer update things.

ORDINANCE NO. 53-26

BY: SHIPP

An Emergency Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor and the Director of Public Safety-Service to Enter into a Contract with Fabrizi Trucking and Paving, Company, Inc., for the Beachcliff and Cornwall Sewer Improvement Project at a Cost Not to Exceed \$6,673,393.50, as Further Described in the Attached Exhibit "A."

President Shipp advised that the City received three bids for this project. After review by the City Engineer and the Director of Public Safety-Service, Fabrizi Trucking & Paving Company was determined to be the lowest and best bidder. The bid is \$126,606.50 below the engineer's estimate of \$6.8 million.

The project includes replacement of aging sanitary sewers, storm sewers, and water mains along Beachcliff Boulevard and Cornwall Road, as well as roadway reconstruction, replacement of catch basins and manholes, new curbs and aprons, and related infrastructure improvements.

Beyond the underground infrastructure improvements, the project also includes several enhancements that support pedestrian safety and neighborhood livability. These improvements include roadway and intersection narrowing, traffic-calming measures, a new sidewalk connection along Beachcliff Boulevard, and a raised pedestrian crossing. These features were developed through the City's planning and public engagement process and improve safety and walkability without requiring any acquisition of private property.

The City conducted a public information meeting on April 28, 2026, to present the project scope, construction schedule, maintenance of traffic plan, and pedestrian safety improvements, and to receive feedback from residents.

The City has secured outside funding to assist with the project, including a \$197,750 grant from the Cleveland Division of Water's Suburban Water Main Renewal Program and an Ohio Public Works Commission loan of up to 30% of the cost of the project, but not-to-exceed \$2,223,300 with a 30-year repayment period that does not commence until the completion of the project. A search of the Auditor of State's Findings for Recover Database demonstrated no results, and they expect three full reads for this legislation.

- Mr. Furry inquired about what section of Beachcliff this will be covering.
- Director Snyder replied that it is Beachcliff from Avalon to Parkside and then from Frazier to Argyle.

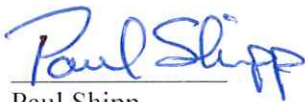
MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: NONE

COMMITTEE REPORTS: NONE

COMMUNICATIONS: NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

President Shipp advised that next Monday June 29th is the 5th Monday of June so they will not be meeting and they will also not be meeting on July 6th due to the holiday weekend. Their next meeting will be a Legislative Meeting Monday July 13^h, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. As there was nothing further, the City Council Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.



Paul Shipp
President of Council



Lauren Oley
Clerk of Council