

CITY OF ROCKY RIVER

July 27, 2026

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

Council Members Present: Ms. Havemann (arrived at 7:05), Ms. Morris, Ms. Gallagher, Mr. Furry, Mr. Hunt, Mr. Moran

Absent: President Shipp

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

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the promotion and swearing in of seven firefighters.

- Mayor Bobst began with the promotion and swearing in of Zachary Wallenhorst to Captain.
 - Chief Lenart thanked everyone for coming this evening and advised that Zach is their A Shift Commander following in the footsteps of his father Joe who was the Shift Commander in Bay Village. He advised that Zach is one of the leaders in the department who helps push them forward every day.
 - Following his pinning, Captain Wallenhorst thanked everyone and advised that they couldn't leave their families every third day without the help of their spouses, wives, girlfriends, parents, and families. He thanked his parents Joe and Colleen, his brothers, and his wife Tiffany who all taught him to put others before himself. He couldn't ask for better role models. He thanked the retirees who came out tonight and remarked that these individuals don't just teach them how to do the job of firefighters, but they teach them how to be parents, raise their families, and even help remodel their homes. To the young guys, he advised that if he could start over, he would never lose sight of why they do this job. It's an unbelievable career and there is nothing like it. Enjoy it, be happy coming to work, and be positive.
- Mayor Bobst proceeded with the promotion and swearing in of Clayton Angeloff to Lieutenant.
 - Chief Lenart advised that Clayton will be on their B shift who will oversee the probationary program for the new firefighters including the five firefighters that will be sworn in this evening.
 - Following his pinning, Lieutenant Angeloff advised that he appreciates everyone here this evening, including those on the Executive Board. He thanked all the City leaders, noting that they take good care of the firefighters with great vehicles and great contracts and great guys. To the new firefighters he shared to always be a firefighter first the office will take care of itself – take care of your guys and they'll take care of you. Lastly, he thanked his wife and son, noting that they are the glue that holds him together.
 - Mayor Bobst thanked the Union for all their hard work and that tonight is the culmination of all that work. She noted that relationship they've created between the administration, and the fire department is unmatched.
- Mayor Bobst proceeded with the swearing in Cody Wright, Brandon Finamore, Jayme Strauss, De'Jonte Lawrence, & Austin Steindl
 - Chief Lenart thanked everyone for coming this evening and noted that this is a historic night for the department. They haven't had this level of manpower since the late 60's.

When he started, they had around 1,700 calls and this year they are approaching 4,500 calls. They are a small City, but they are very busy. With the City's commitment to adding more manpower and the Union working hand in hand with them the residents are going to see a safer department and a department that is deployed in an efficient manner. Their personnel are well trained not only in the fire aspect, but they are also very well trained in the paramedic aspect, which is 75% of their work. At the end of the day, they are a solid city that brings a lot of knowledge and experience. This is the first time they've hired lateral hires, which was an experiment, and so far, he thinks it's a very good experiment. They've got some guys that came from the test list and they have three laterals. He's looking forward to finishing his career with a whole new deployment model that is going to better serve their citizens.

- Following his remarks the Chief proceeded with the pinning of the five new firefighters.
 - Chief Lenart advised that Cody's significant other Hillary will be pinning him this evening.
 - Chief Lenart advised that Brandon Finamore came to them from Boardman township where he played football and will be badged by Ashley.
 - Firefighter Finamore thanked everyone for their work. He knows it takes a lot of work to bring in laterals and noted that this is lifechanging for him and his family. He thanked the City again for the opportunity and advised that he won't let them down.
 - Chief Lenart advised that Jayme Strauss was off the list and he is in the process of finishing up paramedic school and was badged by Lexi.
 - Firefighter Strauss thanked everyone for coming this evening, especially his family and his friends, and advised that he is very excited to be working for The City of Rocky River.
 - Chief Lenart advised that DJ is going to be badged by his mom Venus. He advised that DJ came to them from East Cleveland. DJ went to fire school and EMT school when he was in high school. Chief noted that he is bringing with him a wealth of experience from East Cleveland.
 - Firefighter Lawrence thanked the Chief and the Mayor for giving him this opportunity and thanked his friends and family who came out this evening and for supporting him on this journey.
 - Chief Lenart advised that Austin Steindl is going to be badged by his mother Carolyn. He comes to them from Mt. Perkins township and is more of lateral, but he did come through their test program.
 - Firefighter Steindl thanked everyone who came out tonight. He's excited about the next chapter of this life noting that he and his fiancé are getting married soon, moving to Berea, he's starting at Rocky River, and she's starting at Metro.
- Chief Lenart thanked everyone for coming out and advised the mothers and fathers that they would take good care of their children.
- Mayor Bobst thanked everyone for coming out and noted that there is nothing more beautiful than to have the room full and to all recite the pledge of allegiance together. She knows they are entrusting the City with their loved ones and they take that seriously. She wants them to have the best training, the best colleagues, the best building, and Rocky River will continue to support their fire department as they have in the past. They are the most beloved in the City.

MOTION:

Moved by Ms. Morris, seconded by Ms. Gallagher, that the reading of the minutes for the July 13, 2026, Legislative Meeting be waived and that the minutes be approved as presently constituted.

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

Moved by Ms. Morris, seconded by Mr. Furry, that the reading of the minutes for July 20, 2026, Committee of the Whole Meeting be waived and that the minutes be approved as presently constituted.

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

MAYOR REPORT:

Mayor Bobst remarked that the swearing in this evening was a long time coming and the lateral transfers have already made a difference. Their desire to increase the compliment of firefighters, have eight-hour shifts, and so many other things will be realized with these additional firefighters.

Mayor Bobst extended her condolences to the City of North Royalton on the passing of their Building Commissioner. Every day we are mindful of individuals that come into our buildings and generally they are very happy to be in this building. They are conducting business, investing in their homes, and doing very positive things, but they are also mindful that there may be others who are frustrated with something or they've received a notice that they didn't want to receive. This building has a security system, but they still must have their eyes and ears open. Its's hard to talk about something like this without putting yourself and this community in their place and what that would mean to lose someone who has been such a bright spot and such an important part of the community. The simplest she can say is that they share their condolences and their prayers and their hopes for the future for them as they heal from something so incredibly tragic that impacted that entire department and the entire City.

Mayor Bobst shared that they have started their midyear budget reviews. She advised that Director Lindow's contributions to these discussions have been incredibly important. She's always enjoyed these meetings as it helps get them excited about the second half of the year, but also what they are planning in 2027. She noted that the information they provide monthly to council is something they are reviewing daily. The directors are also sharing that information with their teams because it's important that every employee, at some level, understands what the budget represents. It's every program, priorities, and philosophies and a lot of work goes into that. Rec Director Holub mentioned that he is going to be meeting with his team this morning to go over the mid-year budget review. The Mayor and Finance Director met with the municipal finance consultants MSA & Davenport to talk about some policies that they would like to formalize. They have engaged in these practices for many years which is why they have received the Moody's bond ratings that they have, but they want to formalize these practices. Policies that have to do with reserves and fund balances, rainy day funds, how they expend those dollars, how they replenish those balances, as well as their debt policy. The City carries very little debt compared to what they could be borrowing. They have, in practice, followed many of these policies, but they will be presenting the changes to council likely in September. All very exciting changes which put them on the cusp of improving their Moody Bond rating.

Mayor Bobst noted that there continues to be some power outages in West River Estates. They are having First Energy do a deep dive on those and try to analyze those. This has been done before but there is need for continued improvement. A lot of this has to do with the trees and the fact that they have power lines running through backyards. When she hears of work that they are doing or investigations where they found something she will share it with Council.

Mayor Bobst advised that while they are on break, she will make sure they get updates as things finish. She noted that Wager is done on the Rocky River Side except for some striping that needs to be completed. The Northview water line repair has been completed. Westmore and Orchard Park sewer project continues. Center Ridge is continuing, and is almost ready for their surface course, but it will not be completed until September.

Mayor Bobst shared that tomorrow there will be two mayors for the day which is something that the schools auction off. Tomorrow Emma and Teddy Calabrese will be running the City at 7 and 11 years old. It's a wonderful occasion where they learn about City government, the importance of their voices, they get to visit all the departments, see all the equipment, they have lunch at the senior center, and at the end of the day they put together a proclamation that memorializes all their experiences and they name the day in honor of their family and they read that proclamation to their family members.

Mayor Bobst advised that Safety Town is in session for the next two weeks so they may see additional action at the City Hall Campus. As Council knows, Summer Days Summer Nights will be on Sunday which is also the Dog Days of Summer event. Funkology will be playing starting at 7 pm. BerryDunn the recreation consultants, will also be here to glean more information from the residents and those who recreate in Rocky River. She referenced a couple highlights from The Quill. The Ukulele Orchestra, Guitar Club, and Glee Club will be putting on a free concert Friday August 7th at 1 pm of all Beatles covers. She noted the expansion of multi-generational and inter-generational programming at the Senior Center. They see that through the Garden Club. They have been using their vegetables in the lunch program at the senior center, but they are going to have a big luncheon and use everything that they have been harvesting from the Community Garden. Zoomers to Boomers, their first intergenerational theater group, will be presenting their first show 'The Brothers Grim Spectaculathon' August 12 at 7:00 pm, August 13 at 1:30 pm, and August 14 at 1:30. It's a one-of-a-kind performance with young actors and seniors. Tickets are \$3 and children under 12 are free.

Lastly, Mayor Bobst respectfully requested an Executive Session under Article 10 Section 6 Subsection 3 for conferences with an attorney to discuss a pending legal matter.

LAW REPORT: Director O'Shea echoed what Mayor Bobst shared about their brothers and sisters in North Royalton. He has found over his years of criminal justice experience that if you see something that is not right don't hesitate to say something. Trust your instincts. When you see something on the ground of City Hall say something. He doesn't say this to say it always solves everything, but he has found that sometimes people don't say things because they feel like they are being intrusive or sheepish or that they are finger pointed. If something doesn't seem right to you and you feel like you should alert the Fire Department, Director Snyder, Law Department, Mayor, Police Department please tell them. It's often an effective prohibitor of stuff that may happen. Sometimes they may see someone acting strangely and they don't want to point them out, but it's okay if it's in the interest of protecting and being concerned about what is going on. Don't hesitate to point something out that doesn't feel right – usually instincts are accurate and right.

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 and there is nothing new to report.

RESOLUTION NO. 38-26

Mr. Furry advised that Resolutions 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. June 12th the City sent out letters to all affected property owners requesting payment by July 13, 2026. He advised that they now have a revised Exhibit “A.”

Moved by Mr. Furry, seconded by Ms. Gallagher, to amend by substitution the revised Exhibit “A” dated 7/22/26 for Resolution 38-26.

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

AMENDED RESOLUTION 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” (3rd Reading)

Mr. Furry moved for passage of Resolution No. 38-26, seconded by Ms. Gallagher.

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

AMENDED RESOLUTION NO. 39-26

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. Similar to 38-26 letters went out June 12th requesting payment by July 13th. They started out with 496 parcels totaling \$150,152.32 and have since whittled it down to 312 parcels totaling \$103,891.46. For comparative purposes last year’s final resolution was 343 parcels for \$116,308.24.

Moved by Mr. Furry, seconded by Ms. Havemann, to amend by substitution the revised Exhibit “A” dated

7/21/26 for Resolution 39-26.

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

AMENDED RESOLUTION 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” (3rd Reading)

Mr. Furry moved for passage of Resolution No. 39-26, 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. 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” (3rd Reading)

Mr. Moran noted that they’ve talked about this a few times noting that it’s an exciting time when they will be able to close down one more of the original twelve SSO locations. This sanitary storm overflow must be approved, and AECOM will be the people that will do it at the direction of the EPA. They were not ready for it couple years ago because of some sewer issues that have since been repaired. He is happy to report that this will be one of the locations that will be investigated then ultimately closed.

Mr. Moran moved for passage of Ordinance No. 50-26, seconded by Mr. Furry.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 54-26

Mr. Furry advised that the next three pieces of legislation are all related, but 54-26 is the most important and sets the precedent. Ohio Revised Code 1710 is a relatively new section that was effective October 2023 that allows property owners to be included in Energy Special Improvement Districts (ESID). The ESID that is already in place is the Northeast Ohio Advanced Energy District (NEOAED) which was the first one in Ohio created by the City of Cleveland, Beachwood and Rocky River were the first suburbs to join as we did a smaller project with the apartments on Hillard. The NEOAED is a local non-profit that helps businesses get cheap easy loans for clean energy and lets property owners pay for upgrades over time via property taxes. Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) is a layaway plan for building improvements. Instead of paying a lump sum for solar panels you pay over many years, which is why this is called the Normandy Pace Project. This petition requests that the project be added to the district and that the City levy special assessments to pay the cost of the project. For clarity on page 10 of Exhibit E Section 9 last paragraph: releases, defends,

indemnifies and holds harmless the advanced energy district and the participating political subdivision including their officers, directors, employees, and agents from any and all against claims actions demands costs damages or lawsuits arising out of or connected with your participation in the advanced energy districts commercial industrial program. He noted that there were changes on the page that references the 48 semi-annual assessments with Exhibit D.

Moved by Mr. Furry, seconded by Mr. Hunt to amend by substitution the revised Exhibit D and the special assessments going through 2050 for Resolution 54-26.

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

AMENDED RESOLUTION NO. 54-26

BY: FURRY

An Emergency Resolution to Approve the Petition, Attached Hereto as Exhibit A, to Add Territory to the Northeast Ohio Advanced Energy District and for a Special Energy Improvement Project Under Ohio Revised Code Chapter 1710 and Approve the Necessity of Acquiring, Installing, Equipping, and Improving Certain Public Improvements in the City of Rocky River, Ohio in Cooperation with the Northeast Ohio Advanced Energy District (The Normandy Pace Project) (2nd Reading)

Moved by Mr. Furry, seconded by Mr. Hunt, to seek a rule suspension for Resolution No. 54-26.

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

Mr. Furry moved for passage of Resolution No. 54-26, 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. 55-26

BY: FURRY

An Emergency Ordinance Determining to Proceed with the Acquisition, Installation, Equipment, and Improvement of Certain Public Improvements in the City of Rocky River, Ohio in Cooperation with the Northeast Ohio Advanced Energy District (2nd Reading)

Mr. Furry noted that this is a companion piece to 54-26 and 56-26. After they adopted this project as part of the NEOAED. It sets a cap on the special assessments which is estimated to be \$2,375,036.14. The City has no financial risk, and they are just a conduit. Once they receive these special assessment dollars it goes out the next month.

Moved by Mr. Furry, seconded by Mr. Hunt, to seek a rule suspension for Ordinance No. 55-26.

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

Mr. Furry moved for passage of Ordinance No. 55-26, 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. 56-26

Moved by Mr. Furry, seconded by Mr. Hunt to amend by substitution the special assessment and county fiscal officer pages for Ordinance 56-26.

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

AMENDED ORDINANCE NO. 56-26

BY: FURRY

An Emergency Ordinance Levying Special Assessments for the Purpose of Acquiring, Installing, Equipping, and Improving Certain Public Improvements in the City of Rocky River, Ohio in Cooperation with the Northeast Ohio Advanced Energy District and Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of an Assignment Agreement, Attached Hereto as Exhibit B, and a Special Assessment Agreement, Attached Hereto as Exhibit C, with respect to the same (2nd Reading)

Mr. Furry advised this is a companion piece to 54-26 and 55-26. Normandy Associated Limited Partnership and Manulife John Hancock Brokerage Services entered into a financing agreement and acting as a conduit the City levies the special assessment.

Moved by Mr. Furry, seconded by Mr. Hunt, to seek a rule suspension for Ordinance 56-26.

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

Mr. Furry moved for passage of Ordinance 56-26, seconded by Mr. Hunt.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 57-26

BY: SHIPP

An Emergency Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor and Director of Public Safety-Service to Enter into a Contract with Digioia-Suburban Excavating, LLC., for the Rockcliff Drive Improvement Project at a Cost Not to Exceed \$2,813,777.00, as Further Described in the Attached Exhibit “A.” (2nd Reading)

President Pro Tem Morris advised that this is an ordinance for the Mayor and Director of Public Safety-Service to enter into a contract with Digioia-Suburban Excavating, LLC., for the Rockcliff Drive

Improvement Project at a Cost Not to Exceed \$2,813,777.00. The previous legislation on this project was in regard to the grant application. The City received two bids for this project. Following a review by the City Engineer and the Director of Public Safety-Service, DiGioia-Suburban Excavating, LLC. was determined to be the lowest and best bidder. The bid is \$186,223.00 below the engineer's estimate of \$3,000,000.00.

The project consists of the replacement of aging sanitary and storm sewer infrastructure along Rockcliff Drive, roadway reconstruction, replacement of catch basins and manholes, pavement restoration, curbs, driveway aprons, and other associated public infrastructure improvements. The improvements are intended to enhance the reliability of the City's underground utility system while improving the condition and longevity of the roadway. The project will also incorporate a raised pedestrian crossing and 8' concrete multiuse trail that will connect the existing trail with Wooster Road. These improvements were recommended as part of the 2021 Community Confluence TLCI between Rocky River, Cuyahoga County, Lakewood, and the Metro Parks.

Approximately \$1,350,000 of outside funding will be applied to the project from Cleveland Division of Water's Suburban Watermain Renewal Program and \$1,000,000 awarded to the City as part of the 2024 Consolidated Appropriations Act and recommended by Congressman Max Miller. A search of the Auditor of State's Findings for Recovery Database demonstrated no result.

Moved by President Pro Tem Morris, seconded by Mr. Furry, to seek a rule suspension for Ordinance 57-26.

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

President Pro Tem Morris moved for passage of Ordinance 57-26, seconded by Mr. Furry.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 58-26

BY: SHIPP

An Ordinance Authorizing the Director of Public Safety Service to Purchase Parts and Services as Needed From Signal Service Company, in an Amount Not to Exceed \$75,000.00, as Further Described in Exhibit “A.” (2nd Reading)

President Pro Tem Morris advised that this is an ordinance to purchase parts and services as needed from Signal Service Company, in an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00. This is for authorization to expend an additional \$75,000 beyond the City's vendor limit with no request for additional appropriations. Signal Service Company performs service and installation of many traffic and signal related systems within the City. They provide a high level of service at competitive prices to the Service Department's Traffic Division and are often used to troubleshoot the systems when the Traffic Division needs assistance. The additional authorization to expend funds will be used to replace the damaged signal mast at the intersection of Detroit and Erie once components become available and maintain services for the remainder of 2026. The Traffic Division has already obtained quotes for the replacement and found Signal Service's pricing to be lowest and best. Signal Service will also be installing the new Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFBs) on Detroit, adjacent to the High School and St. Christopher. A search of the Auditor of State's Findings for Recovery Database demonstrated no results.

Moved by President Pro Tem Morris, seconded by Mr. Furry, to seek a rule suspension for Ordinance 58-26.

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

President Pro Tem Morris moved for passage of Ordinance 58-26, seconded by Mr. Furry.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE NO. 59-26

BY: SHIPP

An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor and Director of Public Safety-Service to Enter into a Contract with Logicalis for the City of Rocky River Meraki Network Licensing for Five Years at a Total Cost Not to Exceed \$150,000.00, as Further Described in the Attached Exhibit “A”

President Pro Tem Morris advised that this is an emergency ordinance authorizing the Mayor and the Director of Public Safety-Service to enter into a contract with Logicalis for the City of Rocky River Meraki Network Licensing for five years at a total cost not to exceed \$150,000.00. She shared a memo from Richard Bycoskie Jr. which advised that the co-termination licensing for all of the City’s Meraki network devices, including firewalls, switches, wireless access points, security cameras, etc., which has been active since 2019, expires on September 7, 2026. We have a grace period of 30 days from the expiration date before network devices cease to function. Mr. Bycoskie has requested a quote for a term start date of September 28, 2026, and is recommending renewing this licensing for 5 years, paid annually. In this new licensing model, adding new devices (such as cameras) will have no subscription cost in the year they are added, but the subscription cost for that device will be added to the annual payment for the next year. Signing a 5-year agreement would save the City around \$10,000 per year over having a yearly subscription.

- Mr. Furry summarized that it’s basically \$30,000 a year.

ORDINANCE NO. 60-26

BY: SHIPP

An Ordinance Amending the Property Maintenance Code Within The Codified Ordinances of the City of Rocky River, Specifically Section 1153.15(g) Accessory Uses and Structures, as Further Described in the Attached Exhibit “A”

Ms. Morris advised that this ordinance will amend their permitted accessory list which can be seen in Exhibit “A” to include basketball courts in section 1153.15. This is in response to a Planning Commission meeting held June 8 where a resident had proposed a basketball court in their backyard and they didn’t already have any guidelines in place for that. It was approved, and the Planning Commission suggested that Council revise the code to include standards for basketball courts. These courts can only be placed in a rear yard, and they are required to have an 8’ setback from the property line. Lighting is allowed but must comply with the

requirements outlined in Section 1181 and there should be buffering with a 6' tall fence along the property to prevent balls from entering the neighboring property. These courts will also have to comply with the lot coverage requirements in Schedule 1153.05.

- Ms. Morris inquired if any of this would apply to basketball courts in driveways or over their garages?
- Ms. Havemann advised that she doesn't believe it's the same. This applicant was requesting a full concrete pad in their rear yard that was a substantial size with lighting.
- Mr. Moran suggested they describe further outline what a basketball court is. Sometimes they think of a court as a full court as compared to someone calling their driveway a court.
- Mr. Hunt stated that they are talking about accessory uses not driveways which are very specific to something in the backyard.
- Mr. Hunt noted that he isn't sure that 8' is enough of a buffer for the neighbors
- The board generally agreed that they may want to increase that buffer size but deferred that discussion to a later meeting.
- Mayor Bobst suggested they all take a further look at it and she will do the same with Director Reich.

CONSENT AGENDA

President Pro Tem Morris advised the next seven ordinances are related to the Charter Review Commission. Their role is to read them and pass them, and Council has no authority to make any changes. They will be sent to the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections following passage this evening.

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 (3rd 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 (3rd 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 (3rd 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 (3rd 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 (3rd 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 (3rd 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 (3rd Reading)

- Mr. Furry inquired if the commission would do an FAQ on why they suggested these changes.
- Mayor Bobst advised that there is a process that they are required to follow. These will be given to the Board of Elections who will create the Ballot Language which will be sent back to them. They must post that language. When it comes to any kind of campaigning for passage or to defeat passage that is usually done by organizations outside the public bodies.
- Mr. Furry noted that he was just thinking it may be helpful for the commission to put something together on why they suggested these changes or pros and cons.
- Mayor Bobst reiterated that their posting is a straightforward factual posting – no pros or cons. The League of Women Voters or certain organizations might have forums where they talk about the pros and cons.
- Ms. Havemann suggested that residents could view the minutes from the Charter Commission which can be found on the website which might help understand the logic behind their suggested changes.

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” (3rd 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 9, 2026, which took them to this last unpaid parcel.

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” (3rd Reading)

President Pro Tem Morris advised that there are two sides to the compactor – one used for yard waste, and one used for refuse. The side that needs replacing is for refuse and is a critical part of the infrastructure for this facility. 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 Synder is recommending awarding the contract to RETS 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 work includes removal and disposal of the existing compactor and installation of a new one. Additionally, there will be an upgrade to the current cement walls. They will be lined with steel liner plates and anchoring system designed to protect the concrete walls and minimize 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 and an optional hydraulic-operated “J” hook locking mechanism for trailer-to-compactor connection. 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. She advised that the plan is to use the yard waste side for refuse while the refuse side is being replaced so there should be no downtime in processing. A packer will be used for the yard waste.

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” (3rd Reading)

President Pro Tem Morris advised that this is an 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. Funds for this agreement have been appropriated as part of the 2026 Budget. They publicly bid the proposal, and they only received one bid from Fabrizi Trucking and Paving. Sewer repair costs increased significantly with a slight increase for manhole repair and no increase for catch basin repair. Director Synder 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 Synder 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.

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” (3rd

Reading)

Ms. Havemann advised that this ordinance will amend the sidewalk maintenance requirements in Chapter 904. The purpose is to clarify the sidewalk inspection process by establishing more detailed and transparent procedures for identifying, documenting, and notifying property owners with sidewalks deficiencies. It would also define the defects through objective criteria and identify conditions requiring repair promoting consistency in the inspections and enforcement. It will establish an appeal process that will allow the property owners to challenge the inspection findings or repair determinations before the final action is required. It will also modify non-compliance procedures to provide clear administrative processes and enforcement mechanism when required repairs are not completed within the prescribed time frame. Lastly it will revise snow and ice removal requirements by exempting owners of 1,2, and 3 family residential properties from the legal requirement to remove snow and ice from their property. While that is still encouraged for residents to keep their sidewalk safe it was difficult to enforce because it was mostly complaint driven which resulted in inconstant and selective enforcement. These new changes align the ordinance with the current enforcement realities. It will not change the requirement for commercial properties to keep their walkways clear.

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” (3rd Reading)

Mr. Hunt advised that an ordinance would allow for the purchase of two (2) Ford Explorer/Police Utility Interceptor vehicles for the Division of Police from Statewide Ford. One of the new vehicles would replace an older vehicle in the fleet with aging tires and excessive miles and another was damaged in a car accident. They’ve received property damage in the amount of \$50,000 which will be used to replace this vehicle.

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.” (3rd Reading)

President Pro Tem Morris 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. This work will be from Avalon to Parkside and then from Frazier to Argyle.

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 Recovery Database demonstrated no results.

President Pro Tem Morris noted that her husband, Chris, works for Polaris Career Tech and they are honoring the OG Fabrizi because he is a graduate from there and he has taken on a lot of kids from Polaris and continues to pull from the program as a resource and be a good citizen.

President Pro Tem Morris moved for passage of the Consent Agenda, seconded by Mr. Hunt

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

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: NONE

COMMITTEE REPORTS: NONE

COMMUNICATIONS: NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

Motion by President Pro Tem Morris, seconded by Mr. Furry, for an Executive Session under Article 10 Section 6 Subsection 3 to conference with Legal Council on a pending legal matter.

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

Council thanked and dismissed their attendees prior to recessing for Executive Session at 8:23 pm.

President Pro Tem Morris moved to exit Executive Session, seconded by Ms. Gallager, at 8:57 pm.

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

Following Executive Session, President Pro Tem Morris reminded Council that Dog Days is August 2nd at 6:00 pm. She further advised that Council will be on recess in August and as Labor Day falls on September 7, 2026, their next meeting will be a Legislative Meeting September 14, 2027. The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Christina Morris
President Pro Tem of Council

Lauren Oley
Clerk of Council