

CITY OF ROCKY RIVER

October 12, 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, Mr. Moran, Ms. Gallagher, Mr. Furry, Mr. Hunt

Absent: Ms. Morris

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

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOTION:

Moved by Mr. Furry, seconded by Mr. Hunt, that the reading of the minutes for the September 28, 2026, Legislative Meeting be waived and that the minutes be approved as presently constituted.

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

Moved by Mr. Furry, seconded by Ms. Havemann, that the reading of the minutes for the October 5, 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	Furry- aye		
	6– ayes	0 – abstain	0 - nays	PASSED

MAYOR REPORT:

Mayor Bobst thanked Director Snyder, Chief Lichman, and City Engineers for the meeting they held with approximately 40 residents regarding Northview/Jameston Watermain Pavement Improvement and traffic calming project where they received great feedback from the residents. Interestingly, one of the things they're hearing consistently is that residents are very concerned about the sound that is created by speed humps, speed tables, rumble strips. They are very supportive of the chicanes and what they do both for traffic calming and the street scape.

She shared that the City has hired a new Director of Parks and Recreation, Kevin Fougrousse, who is coming to them from the City of North Ridgeville, but he has also worked in Fairview Park and North Olmsted. They were very pleased to learn that he has worked with two strategic plans and the implementation of those plans in addition to being a skilled grant writer. He has a lot of experience working with schools, the public, and other stakeholders. He'll be transitioning through this next month and formally be here on the 9th of November. If someone is scheduling a formal meeting where his presence would be requested, we can extend that to him and hope that he can make it as he ties up things in North Ridgeville.

Mayor Bobst shared that the Westmoor project continues as they're working hard on all the aprons and sidewalks. The intermediate course will go down the beginning of next week and they're still on track to put the final surface course on before the end of the season, which puts them well ahead of next spring when the project was scheduled to be finalized. She knows it's been a very disruptive project for the residents between the sewer, water lines and the road surface, but it will be well worth it when completed.

Crews are out at Martin Park planting several trees. They have a tree lawn contractor that will be planting trees on Chatham, Kings Post and Struhar. They have about 60 trees that they'll be planting this fall and then they'll have another tree planting season in the spring. Curbside leaf collection will begin the final week of October. In the meantime, they encourage residents to please bag leaves in brown bags to be picked up. They will keep an eye on it and if the leaves come down earlier, they will do their best to pivot.

Mayor Bobst advised that it is fire prevention week, so Council may see the fire department out with their fire safety trailer providing education for every third grader in the entire city including St. Chris and Ruffing Montessori.

She noted that they've been focusing a lot on intergenerational projects at the Senior Center and plan to highlight those activities in The Resident Reference. She shared that recently a girl scout troop came in and they wanted to put together a rock garden for the seniors in the back garden. Together, with the seniors, they painted a number of rocks and they're being placed out in the garden as a rock garden.

Lastly, Mayor Bobst respectfully requested an Executive Session, prior to Council considering their legislative agenda, under Article X Section 6 Subsection 3 for conferences with an attorney concerning a legal matter.

President Shipp moved to enter Executive Session for purposes of discussing litigation with their attorney, seconded by Mr. Hunt at 7:07 pm.

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

Council thanked and dismissed their attendees prior to recessing for Executive Session.

President Shipp moved to exit Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Furry at 7:37 pm.

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

LAW REPORT: NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

PENDING BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE NO. 52-25

BY: HUNT

An Emergency Ordinance Amending Part Three - Traffic Code of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Rocky River to Prohibit the Operation of Low-Speed and Under-Speed Vehicles, as Further Described in Exhibit “A” (2nd Reading-On Hold)

Mr. Hunt advised there is no update here and this item remains on hold.

ORDINANCE NO. 64-26

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 Lake Road Improvement Project at a Cost Not to Exceed \$10,945,027.58, as Further Described in the Attached Exhibit “A.” (3rd Reading)

President Shipp advised the City received two bids on July 24th Fabrizi Trucking and Paving Company, Inc. and DiGioia Suburban Excavating, LLC. Both submitted a base bid and an alternate bid. Our City Engineer, Kim Kerber, is recommending the alternate bids be accepted because it includes the use of Thermoplastic pavement markings instead of Aexcel pavement markings. Thermoplastic pavement marking are more visible, durable, and last longer than Aexcel pavement markings and the alternate bid is lower.

Fabrizi was determined to be the lowest and best bidder. Its bid, including the alternate, is \$945,027.58 above the engineer’s estimate of \$10 million but remains within the allowable threshold for awarding the contract. The consulting engineer’s review found that the difference was primarily attributable to higher-than-anticipated costs for sewer pipe and structures as well as increasing fuel prices.

Fabrizi has demonstrated its ability to complete City projects on schedule and within budget, most recently through its work on the Buckingham, Arundel and Argyle Oval Improvement Project. A search of the Auditor of State’s Findings for Recovery Database returned no findings involving the company. The Improvement Project includes the replacement of aging inverted sanitary and storm sewer infrastructure along Lake Road in two areas: from the Service Garage entrance to Parklawn Drive and from 22720 Lake Road, also known as 700 Lake, to the Bay Village corporation line. The project also includes new water mains and service connections throughout the project limits.

Project details were presented to the community during a public information meeting held on May 19, 2026. If authorized, construction is expected to begin in November 2026, with substantial completion anticipated in late fall 2027 or early spring 2028. Approximately \$1,145,000 in outside funding from the Cleveland Division of Water’s Suburban Water Main Renewal Program will be applied toward the project.

President Shipp moved for passage of Ordinance No. 64-26, seconded by Mr. Furry.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 67-26

BY: SHIPP

An Ordinance Authorizing the Director of Public Safety Service to Purchase Parts and Services as Needed From OHIO CAT, in an Amount Not to Exceed \$60,000, as Further Described in Exhibit “A.” (3rd Reading)

President Shipp advised this ordinance is to expend an additional \$60,000 beyond the City’s vendor limit with no request for additional appropriations. Ohio Cat provides specialized parts, maintenance, and repair services for the City’s backup facility generators and much of the large construction equipment at the

Service Department. A search of the Auditor of State's Findings for Recovery Database demonstrated no results. Quite a bit of their equipment is Cat products, so this is keeping up with maintenance. The City Hall generator had a maintenance issue that needed to be addressed this year, which is why they approached the vendor limit.

President Shipp moved for passage of Ordinance No. 67-26, seconded by Mr. Furry.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 69-26

BY: FURRY

An Emergency Ordinance to Make Supplemental Appropriations for the Current Expenses of The City of Rocky River, Ohio, During the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2026 and to Amend Amended Ordinance No. 92-25 as Further Described in the Attached Exhibit “A” (2nd Reading)

Mr. Furry advised that they received additional supplemental dated 10-12-26 which had some minor changes. The adjustment for the Mayor’s office and law department is the shared executive/legal assistant between the two departments. The Planning Commission had increase for postage and communication costs above original estimate. Finance had an increase for RITA income tax collection fees and Cuyahoga County Fiscal Office property tax fees. The Fire Division reduced fringe benefit category and increased the Westshore Enforcement Bureau costs above original estimates. Planning & Community Development increase for fringe benefit costs above original estimates. The 315 is the PACE Special Assessment creation, assuming the passage of 63-26. The new addition of street construction MNR is a wash due to personnel costs not to be used based on not using as many CDL part timers but offset by year end leaf season and higher costs for supplies.

Mr. Furry moved to amend by substitution Ordinance No. 69-26 with the 10-12-26 Exhibit “A”, seconded by Mr. Hunt.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 70-26

BY: HAVEMANN

An Ordinance Amending the Development Code Within the Codified Ordinances of the City of Rocky River, Specifically Section 1125.09 (B) Entitled Administrative Powers and Duties, Board of Zoning and Building Appeals, Organization, as Further Described in the Attached Exhibit “A” (2nd Reading)

Ms. Havemann advised that this ordinance would be revising Section 1125.09 for the Board of Zoning and Appeals. Currently the board consists of five members, all of whom are residents and three are licensed professionals, but it’s been difficult to recruit enough members. She advised that there has been a slight change. It is going to require that the majority of the members, at least three, are residents, with three professionals and only two can be non-residents. Exhibit “A” expands to allow not just architects or professional engineers, but design professionals and land use planners.

Ms. Havemann moved to amend by substitution Amended Ordinance 70-26’s cover page, which corrected

the titles of the sections, and the also Exhibit “A”, which specified there will be three professionals and no more than two members will be non-residents, seconded by Mr. Furry.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 71-26

BY: SHIPP

An Emergency Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor and the Director of Public Safety-Service to Enter into a Contract with Schirmer Construction, LLC, for The Story Road Culvert Replacement Project at a Cost not to Exceed \$421,859.00, as Further Described in the Attached Exhibit “A”(2nd Reading)

President Shipp advised that the project would replace a concrete culvert with high-density polyethylene (HDPE) pipe and an associated headwall between Eldorado Drive in Rocky River and North Valley Drive in Fairview Park. The displaced concrete pipe has caused significant erosion on adjacent properties. The work will therefore include hillside restoration and erosion protection. Because the infrastructure is located in both municipalities and affects residents of both communities, Fairview Park will contribute \$120,000—the amount approved and appropriated in its 2026 budget.

The City received four bids on September 4. Schirmer’s bid was \$34,021 lower than the second-lowest bid and \$21,859 above the engineer’s estimate of \$400,000, but within the allowable threshold for award. The project was initially bid in May. Both bids received at that time exceeded the 20% threshold, so the City worked with its consulting engineers to evaluate the project and revise its scope before rebidding.

Schirmer Construction, LLC has successfully completed projects for the City of Rocky River and has been recommended by the cities of Bay Village, Willoughby Hills, and Sandusky. A search of the Ohio Auditor of State’s Findings for Recovery Database returned no results. There is a memo attached to the legislation from Kim Kerber with a little more detail on the bids.

NEW BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE NO. 72-26

BY: HUNT

An Emergency Ordinance Repealing and Replacing Chapter 373 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Rocky River; Amending Section 301.04 to Update Definitions Relating to Bicycles and Micromobility Devices; Amending Section 301.51 to Update the Definition of Vehicle; Amending Section 331.37 to Address the Operation of Electric Bicycles on Sidewalks, as Further Described in the Attached Exhibits “A,B,C, & D” (1st Reading)

Mr. Hunt advised that he’d like to send this to safety committee meeting so it can be discussed in depth.

Mr. Hunt moved to refer Ordinance 72-26 to a Safety Committee meeting, seconded by Ms. Havemann.

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

President Shipp advised that they would check their calendars and get a date set for the Safety Committee meeting.

ORDINANCE NO. 73-26

BY: SHIPP

An Emergency Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor and Director of Public Safety-Service to Enter into a Contract with OHM Advisors for Survey and Flow Monitoring for the Beaconsfield Boulevard Sewer Rehabilitation and Roadway Reconstruction Project in an Amount Not to Exceed \$60,750.00, as Further Described in the Attached Exhibit “A”(1st Reading)

President Shipp shared that this a proposal for services from OHM Advisors who is doing a topographic survey, collecting data on existing utilities, sanitary and storm sewers, rim and pipe elevations and structures, pavement contour elevation, coordinating letters with city staff and residents, and flow monitoring. Director Snyder advised that this builds on the piece of legislation 65-26 which is the Ohio Public works Commission application for the Beaconsfield Blvd Project. He advised that this is the first phase of the design and engineering for that sewer rehab project.

ORDINANCE NO. 74-26

BY: HUNT

An Emergency Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor and the Director of Public Safety-Service to Purchase One (1) 2026 Ford Explorer From Statewide Ford For the Fire Department Under the State Cooperative Purchasing Act from Statewide Ford, at a Cost Not to Exceed \$58,871.00, as Further Described in the Attached Exhibit “A” (1st Reading)

Mr. Hunt shared that this ordinance proposes the purchase of a 2026 Ford Explorer from Statewide Ford for the Chief of Fire Department for an amount not to exceed \$58,871. In August of this year, the Chief was driving on I-90 and his truck was hit. Insurance determined the driver of the other vehicle to be at fault, resulting in a \$23,320 total loss settlement for the vehicle that will go towards the purchase of a replacement vehicle that will be in an amount not to exceed \$58,871. The replacement vehicle is currently available through Statewide Ford and delivery, if passed, would be expected later this year.

RESOLUTION NO. 75-26

BY: FURRY

Mr. Furry advised that there was a minor change to the resolution from what was provided in their packets. The invoice is dated September 24, 2026 not August 28, 2026.

An Emergency Resolution Authorizing the Ratification of the Payment to Richard Bales Arbitration, LLC. in the Amount of Twenty-Three Thousand Seventy-Eight Dollars and 00/100 (\$23,078.00) for the Cost of the Arbitration Services(1st Reading)

Mr. Furry advised that resolution 75-26 is for the payment of arbitration services for a pending legal matter in the amount of \$23,078. While this amount could be paid without councilmanic action per Ohio Revised Code 5705.41 (d) any expenditure over \$3,000 the fiscal officer provides a certificate of available funds which was lacking in this scenario. He advised that he'd like to expedite this matter.

Moved by Mr. Furry, seconded by Mr. Hunt, to seek a rule suspension for Resolution 75-26.

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

PASSED

Mr. Furry moved for passage of Resolution 75-26, seconded by Ms. Havemann.

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

CONSENT AGENDA:

ORDINANCE NO. 61-26

BY: FURRY

An Ordinance Designating the Public Depositories for the Active, and Interim and/or Inactive Funds of The City of Rocky River for the Period Beginning November 1, 2026, and Ending October 31, 2031 (3rd Reading)

Mr. Furry advised that this ordinance designates the safekeeping of public funds of The City of Rocky River. This is not an annual ordinance, but rather one that surfaces every five years. Most the City has worked with historically and some we have not.

ORDINANCE NO. 62-26

BY: MORAN

An Emergency Ordinance Authorizing the Safety-Service Director to Purchase Electrical Equipment and Repair Services from Herbst Electric Company for The Rocky River Wastewater Treatment Plant in an Amount Not to Exceed \$60,000, as Further Described in the Attached Exhibit “A.” (3rd Reading)

Mr. Moran advised that this Automatic Transfer Switch (ATS) at the Wastewater Treatment Plan failed this summer. These switches allow, in the case of power failure, them to switch to the alternate power source.

RESOLUTION NO. 63-26

BY: FURRY

A Resolution Authorizing the Establishment of a Fund Entitled “PACE Special Assessment Fund”, Fund Number 223, to Account for the Activities of Project Sites Participating in the Northeast Ohio Advanced Energy District PACE Program (3rd Reading)

Mr. Furry advised that when this body passed Amended Resolution 54-26, Ordinance 55-26, and Amended Ordinance 56-26 in July, which he will collectively call The Normandy Pace Project, it was their second PACE Project. The Finance Director thought it would be prudent to establish a special fund for each class of revenue derived from a source other than general property tax which the law requires to be used for a particular purpose. The City is just a conduit for these assessments and providing its own distinguishable fund to improve the City’s audited financial statements and hopefully lessen any future confusion with other City related debts and balances. This is the best practice for the PACE special assessment.

RESOLUTION NO. 65-26

BY: SHIPP

A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor and the Director of Public Safety-Service to Submit an Application to Participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capitol Improvement and Local Transportation Improvement Program for The Beaconsfield Boulevard Sewer Reconstruction Project and to Execute Contracts as Required (3rd Reading)

President Shipp advised that this is authorization for the City to apply for, accept, and administer financial

assistance for this project. The project, located along Beaconsfield Boulevard from Wagar Road to Morewood Parkway, will replace aging sanitary and storm sewer infrastructure, eliminate the existing over/under sewer configuration, replace the water main and related structures, and provide full roadway reconstruction, including pavement, curbs, sidewalks, driveway aprons, and restoration. The total estimated project cost is \$5,142,044, with the City requesting \$500,000 in grant funding and a \$1,500,000, 30-year loan from the OPWC and providing \$3,142,044 in local funding. The improvements are intended to reduce inflow and infiltration, address recurring basement backups and street flooding, improve system reliability, and provide long-term utility and roadway improvements for the surrounding neighborhood.

RESOLUTION NO. 66-26

BY: SHIPP

An Emergency Resolution Authorizing Preliminary Consent Legislation for the Repair of the Bridge Included in PID 115896 in the City of Rocky River, CUY-US-6-5.670 (3rd Reading)

President Shipp advised that this Resolution consents to Ohio Department of Transportation's completing this project that will replace the structural lining of the existing box culvert and steel pipe culvert carrying U.S. Route 6 (Lake Road) over Spencer Creek, across from the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Both culverts will be slip-lined with steel-reinforced polyethylene pipe, with miscellaneous concrete repairs performed at the outlet box.

The legislation will authorize ODOT to complete the portion of the project located within the City of Rocky River. And would authorize appropriate city officials to execute any necessary project agreements. ODOT will bear 100% of the project costs, except for any additional features requested by the City. This project is still in the design stage, and we have been working with ODOT. It is expected to commence after the Lake Road Project and any additional requests by the City should be minimal.

President Shipp moved for passage of the consent agenda, seconded by Mr. Furry.

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

PASSED

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: President Shipp advised that they received a Liquor License application for Corlene's which would be a new classification that would allow them to serve until 2:30 am.

- Mr. Furry noted that their Parma location is open until 10 pm on weekends. Why would they need to be open until 2:30?
- Mr. Moran asked if there were any other locations that are open until 2:30?
- Mr. Furry noted that he thinks it's a new classification.
- Mr. Hunt advised that he thinks there may be two - Swinging Door and Tommys.
- Mr. Moran inquired if they're not in favor of this when would it be open until?
- Mayor Bobst advised that on the State Liquor board lists all their classifications.
- Mr. Furry advised that he has something from May 5, 2025, and the D3A was around at that time.
- Mayor Bobst suggested that Ms. Oley could do a little research and determine how many in their city have this clarification.
- President Shipp advised that they filed it September 29th and they received this form and notice and it their determination needs to be posted no later than October 31.
- Mr. Furry advised that he doesn't have an objection per se, but he's trying to understand why they need to be open so late.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: NONE

COMMUNICATIONS:

President Shipp advised that Director Snyder is about to take leave and inquired if he still plans to investigate the deer management survey later this fall.

- Director Snyder confirmed that to be correct and advised that the survey is still open. He advised that he'll resend the link to everyone so they can see the results.

Ms. Havemann advised that she was at The Green Team meeting earlier this week and she's heard a lot of positive feedback. They now seem to appreciate how much residents dislike the sound of the speed cushions, and they understand how many complaints Director Snyder receives about them.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Sandy Stiassni, River Property Owner and Lakewood Resident, advised that he wanted to applaud Council's legislative items to address the eBike issue. Since he was last here in September, he's heard that they've had a lot of people commenting on this issue. His comment then, as is now, is that River really needs to take a leadership role on this national issue that will affect residents all over Cuyahoga County, Northeast Ohio, and the State of Ohio. This will be a great public safety model for other cities across the United States. He thanked them for his diligence on this issue.

Hearing no further public comments, President Shipp advised that he'd like to discuss their upcoming meetings. He will be unavailable October 26th, which would be their next legislative meeting. Given Ms. Morris's absence he doesn't want to hold a meeting with neither President nor Pro Tem present. As such, he is planning to hold a Combined Special Legislative and Committee of the Whole Meeting next week on Monday October 19th at 7:00 pm then they will not be meeting on October 26th.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m.


Paul Shipp
President of Council


Lauren Oley
Clerk of Council