

CITY OF ROCKY RIVER

November 10, 2025

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

Council Members Present: Mr. Hunt, Mrs. Gallagher, Mr. O'Boyle, Mr. Shipp,
Mrs. Morris, Mr. Sindelar, Mr. Furry

Administration: Mayor Bobst, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Snyder

Law Director: Mr. O'Shea

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOTION:

Moved by President Furry seconded by Mr. Hunt that the reading of the minutes of the October 27th Legislative Meeting be waived and that the minutes be accepted as presented.

Vote:	Hunt – aye	Gallagher – abstain	O'Boyle – aye	Shipp - aye
	Morris – aye	Sindelar – aye	Furry - aye	
	6 – ayes	1 - abstain	0 – nays	PASSED

Moved by President Furry seconded by Mr. Hunt that the reading of the minutes of the November 3rd Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting be waived and that the minutes be accepted as presented. There was a Scribner's Error that should have read bid as opposed to big and has been corrected.

Vote:	Hunt – aye	Gallagher – aye	O'Boyle – abstain	Shipp - aye
	Morris – abstain	Sindelar – aye	Furry - aye	
	5 – ayes	2 - abstain	0 – nays	PASSED

MAYOR'S REPORT:

The Mayor began by saying she was happy to present to Council the 2025 Budget Books. A big thank you to Director Thomas as this is the last budget he'll present to Council on behalf of the administration, thank you to Jonathan Lindow who has worked by his side through the process helping him, the other directors and the other staff in the Finance Department. Also, a big thank you to all the Directors who spent a lot of time on their budgets. There have been some adjustments made to this budget as we are committed to a balanced budget. The Mayor said that work continues on the Capital Budget as it is a very aggressive budget. There are a lot of projects that need to be completed that may have funding sources attached to them or part of the EPA findings and orders, so it is continuing to be refined as many of the projects are in phases. As those happen, Council will be updated along with each of their budget books. The cover is a photograph of the antique fire truck that was taken by Chief Lenart. A different photograph although similar to this photo, will be the cover of the Residence Reference this year since the city is building a new Fire Station.

The Mayor discussed pickleball at the Recreation Center. Part of the city's desire is to create safe and enjoyable recreational sports. Director Holub did shut down the pickleball and has spent a great deal of time talking with individuals that are passionate about this sport. The Mayor has received three phone calls and has thanked all the individuals that called as they have appreciated what the city is doing as they want to enjoy this sport. There have been several distractions, disagreements, et cetera. This program was self-governed and now the city is taking a step in having a far greater role with registrations, moderating and a fee that will be attached to pay for the

monitoring. On Thursday, the Parks and Recreation Commission will be meeting and they will receive an outline of the new plan for indoor pickleball and how it will be implemented. Thank you to all the pickleball players who have played a role in sharing constructive ideas with the city on how these programs are implemented in other communities and how they function quite successfully.

The Mayor stated that final paving in the city will happen next week weather permitting.

The Westmoor, Glendale and Orchard Grove bid will be opened on Friday. That is an important one for the city as it contributes to the Magnolia overflow, one of the last two overflows in the city. The city promised the EPA that by 2027 this overflow would be closed. This has been in the budget and will continue to be in the budget.

The Mayor announced that the Citizen's Police Academy will be taking applications shortly with the applications available later this week. The class will begin in early January. The Mayor encourages anyone who is interested to obtain an application and apply.

The Mayor announced that the Business Expo, sponsored by the Rocky River Chamber of Commerce will be this Thursday from 2:00 – 6:00 p.m. at Memorial Hall and in the gymnasium.

The Lake Road Holiday Walk is this Friday evening. This is a very well attended event with Wildflower Bakery and all the shops along Lake Road opening their doors.

The Mayor said that the Deer Management Meeting will be held next Monday afternoon. Information from the meeting will be shared that evening with Council.

Today kicked off a week-long Membership Drive at the Civic Center and it has gone well today ringing in \$56,000. Last year during the one-day Membership Drive, \$146,000 was raised but there were people standing in line. Kudos to Director Holub and his staff for extending the drive for a week.

The Holiday Walk will take place the first Saturday in December. The city is working closely with Old Detroit Road, the Detroit Merchants Association and the Rocky River Chamber of Commerce. There is a drop down on the city website under Recreation that people can follow for all the festivities. There will be a kick-off parade again at 11:00 a.m. which was a big hit last year. There will not be a tree lighting ceremony but there will be a beautiful, festive lighting display at City Hall the Friday after Thanksgiving.

The Mayor highlighted some achievements in the Police Department which speaks to Council passing last year's budget. Last year's budget provided additional dollars for training, education and travel in the police budget. The Mayor reported that two of the officers attended Leadership Training and both have graduated. Sergeant DiMatteo went through the Supervisor Training and Education Program which is the first step in leadership. It is designed for newly promoted officers who will be transitioning into leadership roles. He successfully completed that with his graduation last week. This Friday, Sergeant Rodriguez will have completed his Police Executive Leadership College credentialing. There is one more step and Chief Lichman is certified in C.L.E.E. which is Certified Law Enforcement Executive which is the top step. The Mayor is very happy that two of our sergeants have completed these programs showing Council that those dollars are being invested in leadership and the furtherance of the police department.

The Mayor announced that City Hall will be closed tomorrow in observance of Veteran's Day. Refuse will be delayed one day. The Mayor gave a big thank you to the city's veterans. While their service to the military may have discontinued, their service to the community has not. The veterans are involved in civic organizations, churches and the schools. They have hearts of servants and it shows in the community. Thank you to all our veterans that reside in the community and all the veterans that work for the City of Rocky River as there are many.

The Mayor discussed last week at the City Council Meeting the pressures on families receiving SNAP funds. Meals on Wheels took this very seriously. After the city's ReadyNotify was sent out, Meals on Wheels received 19 new individuals for their program. If the people were homebound, meals would be delivered to them. Meals on Wheels provided all of these meals to SNAP recipients at no charge. Meals on Wheels needed volunteers to help pass out the other meals for those that could drive up and pick them. The Mayor contacted the Senior Center where Director Huff immediately jumped in along with Mary Hildebrandt the Social Worker and now there are a group of volunteers going over to Meals on Wheels to staff it along with city staff members that are taking their lunch hour to go over and be helpful. This hopefully will be short lived, but there is now a mechanism in place should this ever occur again. Meals on Wheels is such a wonderful organization and just celebrated their volunteer recognition luncheon. They do amazing work in the Rocky River and Lakewood communities. A big shout out to them and their leadership along with Director Huff and Mary Hildebrandt for bringing it all together.

- Councilwoman Gallagher attended the Quilt Show this weekend and won a raffle prize.

LAW DEPARTMENT: Mr. O'Shea said that tomorrow is Veteran's Day. His mom was married and widowed three times. The first marriage to a Marine, the second to a Navy man and thirdly to an Army man. Veterans Day was a big day in his family.

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE NO. 50-25 **BY: THOMAS J. HUNT**
AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING AND ENACTING NEW SECTION 521.14 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ROCKY RIVER TO PROHIBIT CAMPING ON PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WITHIN RIGHTS OF-WAY, AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN THE ATTACHED EXHIBIT "A"
ON HOLD

ORDINANCE NO. 51-25 **BY: THOMAS J. HUNT**
AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 557.01 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ROCKY RIVER, OHIO, TO PROHIBIT SLEEPING IN MUNICIPAL PARKS, AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN THE ATTACHED EXHIBIT "A"
ON HOLD

ORDINANCE NO. 52-25 **BY: THOMAS J. 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"
ON HOLD

ORDINANCE NO. 54-25 **BY: THOMAS J. HUNT**
AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 729.01 DEFINITIONS AND ADDING SECTION 729.021 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ROCKY RIVER TO PROHIBIT CERTAIN SOLICITATION PRACTICES IN ORDER TO PROMOTE PUBLIC SAFETY, COMMERCIAL SECURITY, AND TRAFFIC SAFETY, AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN EXHIBITS "A" AND "B"
ON HOLD

Councilman Hunt said he provided the Clerk of Council with revised language for this ordinance and revisions will be in Council's packets this Friday.

RESOLUTION NO. 72-25**BY: MICHAEL J. O' BOYLE**

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE PLACEMENT OF A PROPOSED SHORE STRUCTURE AND APPROVAL OF A LAKE ERIE SUBMERGED LAND LEASE FROM OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES (ODNR) ADJACENT TO PERMANENT PARCEL NO. 301-05-005 AT 19800 FRAZIER DRIVE, ROCKY RIVER, OHIO

3rd READING

Mr. O'Boyle said that this resolution has been discussed for the past few weeks. Mr. O'Boyle moved this resolution for passage, seconded by President Furry.

Vote:	Hunt – aye	Gallagher – aye	O'Boyle – aye	Shipp - aye
	Morris – aye	Sindelar – aye	Furry - abstain	
	6 – ayes	1 – abstain	0 – nays	PASSED

ORDINANCE NO. 73-25**BY: THOMAS J. HUNT**

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICE TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH INFINITY CONSTRUCTION, INC., TO OVERSEE THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW ROCKY RIVER FIRE STATION IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$14,396,170.00, AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN THE ATTACHED EXHIBIT “A”

3rd READING

Mr. Hunt moved to amend Ordinance No. 73-25 as discussed the last few weeks. Director Snyder provided an updated exhibit regarding the breakdown of the itemized list of trade subcontractors which added additional costs to the GMP as well as a slight increase in Infinity's fee based upon direct building costs. Mr. Hunt emailed the revised bid sheets on each individual trade. Council now has the final amount, all in with hard costs, soft costs, maximum amount possible to be spent on the fire station and based upon that Mr. Hunt moved to amend Ordinance No. 73-25 by substitution, seconded by Mrs. Morris and Mr. Furry.

Vote:	Hunt – aye	Gallagher – aye	O'Boyle – aye	Shipp - aye
	Morris – aye	Sindelar – aye	Furry - aye	
	7 – ayes	0 – nays		PASSED

AMENDED ORDINANCE NO. 73-25**BY: THOMAS J. HUNT**

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICE TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH INFINITY CONSTRUCTION, INC., TO OVERSEE THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW ROCKY RIVER FIRE STATION IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$14,448,436.00, AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN THE ATTACHED EXHIBIT “A”

3rd READING

Mr. Hunt said that if no one has any further questions or reason for discussion again, these are the latest updated figures for the contract with Infinity for the construction of the new fire station. Mr. Hunt moved for passage, seconded by Mr. Sindelar.

Vote:	Hunt – aye	Gallagher – aye	O'Boyle – aye	Shipp - aye
	Morris – aye	Sindelar – aye	Furry - aye	
	7 – ayes	0 – nays		PASSED

ORDINANCE NO. 75-25**BY: BRIAN J. SINDELAR**

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICE TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH RMH CONCRETE AND FOUNDATIONS, INC., FOR THE SHORELAND PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$513,913.50, AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN THE ATTACHED EXHIBIT “A”

2nd READING

Mr. Sindelar said he has discussed this for several weeks with little or no discussion. This will be discussed further at next week's Special Meeting. This will begin the consent agenda.

Mr. Shipp asked President Furry if he could read the next five ordinances and then discuss them all at once.

ORDINANCE NO. 76-25

BY: PAUL SHIPP

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ROCKY RIVER, SPECIFICALLY SECTION 951.01 ENTITLED FEES, PERTAINING TO THE MUNICIPAL SWIMMING POOL, AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN THE ATTACHED EXHIBIT "A"

2nd READING

ORDINANCE NO. 77-25

BY: PAUL SHIPP

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ROCKY RIVER, SPECIFICALLY SECTION 953.02 ENTITLED FEES, PERTAINING TO THE ICE SKATING RINK, AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN THE ATTACHED EXHIBIT "A"

2nd READING

ORDINANCE NO. 78-25

BY: PAUL SHIPP

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ROCKY RIVER, SPECIFICALLY SECTION 954.01 ENTITLED FEES, PERTAINING TO THE CIVIC CENTER RECREATION FACILITIES, AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN THE ATTACHED EXHIBIT "A"

2nd READING

ORDINANCE NO. 79-25

BY: PAUL SHIPP

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ROCKY RIVER, SPECIFICALLY SECTION 957.01 ENTITLED FEES, PERTAINING TO THE ELMWOOD PARK CABIN, AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN THE ATTACHED EXHIBIT "A"

2nd READING

ORDINANCE NO. 80-25

BY: PAUL SHIPP

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ROCKY RIVER, SPECIFICALLY SECTION 958.01 ENTITLED FEES, PERTAINING TO THE CITY HALL PARK GAZEBO AND THE ROCKY RIVER PARK PAVILION, AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN THE ATTACHED EXHIBIT "A"

2nd READING

Mr. Shipp explained that the Recreation Department is requesting approval for revised fee schedules effective January 1, 2026, encompassing the Civic Center, Outdoor Municipal Pool, and Ice Rink admission and membership rates, rental fees for Elmwood Cabin, the Rocky River Park Pavilion, and the City Hall Gazebo. These are needed increases. Relating to the facilities, these revised fee schedules would take effect January 1, 2026. These adjustments were developed through an overview of comparable community rates, existing amenities, private-sector competition, and overall increased expenses in operations. In most cases, these rates reflect a rounded 10% increase across all five ordinances. Some exceptions do exist but primarily it is a rough estimate of what the department is looking at. The primary driver of these adjustments are wage expectations as it was two years ago when a similar ordinance was passed. The last time the Civic Center rates were increased for the rentals of the Elmwood Park Cabin, City Hall Park Gazebo was in 2021. The other ordinances were in January of 2024, again due to wage increases and the market. This is still an affordable amenity for the residents. Mr. Shipp has a family of four membership to the rec center and even with the increase in fees that would take effect next year, it is still \$54.00 a month for his family to have access to the rec center gym, the fitness center equipment, the indoor walking track

and all the perks and amenities of the programming and the membership fees that includes. This is a continued adjustment and is needed as the wages and expenses keep going up. This will be added to the consent agenda.

ORDINANCE NO. 81-25

BY: CHRISTINA MORRIS

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICE TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH ALEXANDER CHEMICAL CORPORATION, FOR THE PURCHASE OF SODIUM HYPOCHLORITE FOR THE ROCKY RIVER WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT IN 2026 AT A COST OF \$1.87 PER GALLON FOR ONE (1) YEAR AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT "A"

2nd READING

Mrs. Morris said this is a yearly ordinance for sodium hypochlorite, which is a disinfectant for wastewater. This is a new supplier and there was a 12% reduction in price from \$2.13 a gallon to \$1.87. Superintendent Barille feels the new supplier will be able to handle the capacity and the supplier has been vetted. Mrs. Morris has had no questions about this and would like to place this on the consent agenda.

RESOLUTION NO. 82-25

BY: THOMAS J. HUNT

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HER DESIGNEE TO MAKE APPLICATION TO THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SUPPLEMENTAL GRANT (CDSG) PROGRAM FOR AN IMPROVED MID-BLOCK CROSSING ON ROCKCLIFF DRIVE

2nd READING

Mr. Hunt said Council has discussed this for a few weeks now. This resolution would authorize the Mayor or presumably Director Snyder to make application to the Cuyahoga County Community Development Supplemental Grant Program to install a mid-block crossing on Rockcliff Drive at the same time as the road and sewer water main work on Rockcliff happens in 2027-2027 construction season. This would connect the all-purpose trail which is presently on Rockcliff hill heading down into the MetroParks, across Rockcliff and then up to Wooster. As this is simply a resolution authorizing the city to apply for grant funds, this will be placed on the consent agenda.

- Mr. Shipp asked if lights would be needed. Mr. Snyder said that if this project is implemented, he would install the mid-block crossing without the RFB's up front and evaluate the safety at that point. If there are continued issues with the safety of pedestrians and cyclists crossing, the city can look to add the lights later. His thought now is based on the traffic usage, speed and the criteria and feels lights are not warranted at this time.
- Mrs. Gallagher commented that she loves the flashing light on Elmwood. Mr. Snyder said the other side will be installed later this week.
- Mr. Shipp thanked Director Snyder for exploring and researching to find a good compromise for everyone.

RESOLUTION NO. 83-25

BY: PAUL SHIPP

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HER DESIGNEE TO FILE AND ADMINISTER AN APPLICATION WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND AGREE TO OBLIGATE THE NECESSARY FUNDS TO COMPLETE THE ROCKY RIVER PARK UPLAND IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

2nd READING

Mr. Shipp said this resolution needs to be submitted to ODNR by December 14th so with next week's meeting we should be well on track for that. The city would like to apply for a grant to implement recommended improvements that were part of the Master Plan done for the park earlier this year. The improvements include a new restroom, viewing deck, parking lot entrance and an ADA compliant trail from the street level to the playground and pavilion level. The estimated cost is around \$1.6 million and this grant is requesting \$500,000. Mr. Shipp shared photos or a

drawing of the area of the park that would be improved under this plan. Considering there has been little discussion about this, it can be added to the consent agenda.

NEW BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE NO. 84-25 **BY: DAVID W. FURRY**
AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOTES, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, IN A PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$12,500,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING, EQUIPPING, FURNISHING AND OTHERWISE IMPROVING A NEW FIRE STATION, TOGETHER WITH ALL NECESSARY APPURTENANCES AND RELATED IMPROVEMENTS THERETO
1st READING

President Furry said that this is the next step requiring Council approval. Finance Manager Lindow and Finance Director Thomas have been actively working with the financing team consisting of Raymond James and Tim Reidy as underwriter, Blake Beachler of Calfee, Halter & Griswold as Bond Counsel and Municipal Advisors Matt Stuczynski and MAS Financial Advisory and AJ Allen of Davenport & Company, LLC. Mr. Furry questioned why there are two municipal advisors. Mr. Stuczynski of MAS Financial Advisory is known throughout the region for local and directed advisory experience while Mr. Allen of Davenport & Company strength is data needs and analysis. They will be available on November 17th for any additional comments or questions. It should be noted that the BAN or bond anticipation notes can be rolled up to twenty annual periods and the OMAP only applies to the BAN portion, not when it rolls to bonds. This ordinance is the trifecta of Council action of Ordinance 73-25 on the GMP Contract totaling \$14,448,336 and Ordinance 63-25 the Declaration of Intent/Reimbursement as well as the temporary design, housing and owners rep. This authorizes the planned note issuance not to exceed \$12,500,000 which will take place in the first quarter of 2026 but would like to get this done or at least approved in 2025. This is the maximum amount and may be less based on such factors as cash flow, budgeted capital projects, current year end balances and interest rates. The BAN or Bond anticipation note will have a one-year maturity sometime in the first quarter of 2027 and can be extended for additional years. The City's Finance team will continuously review market and financial conditions for the best long-term option. The city also has available a state program known as OMAP or Ohio Market Access Program which was initiated by the State of Ohio after the 2008 financial crisis and has the full faith and backing of the State of Ohio but does not apply to the bond once the city goes to permanent financing. Mr. Furry is expecting two more reads on this ordinance.

Mr. Sindelar had the Clerk read the next three and he will discuss them together as they are companion pieces.

ORDINANCE NO. 85-25 **BY: BRIAN J. SINDELAR**
AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR VARIOUS INSURANCE COVERAGES FOR THE CITY OF ROCKY RIVER WITH MCGOWAN INSURANCE AND UNDERWRITTEN BY MUNICH RE SPECIALTY INSURANCE COMPANY FOR THE YEAR 2026 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$392,999.00, AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN THE ATTACHED EXHIBIT "A"
1st READING

ORDINANCE NO. 86-25 **BY: BRIAN J. SINDELAR**
AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY-SERVICE TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR VARIOUS INSURANCE COVERAGES FOR THE ROCKY RIVER MUNICIPAL COURT WITH MCGOWAN INSURANCE AND UNDERWRITTEN BY MUNICH RE SPECIALTY INSURANCE COMPANY FOR THE YEAR 2026 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$11,070.00, AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN THE ATTACHED EXHIBIT "A"
1st READING

ORDINANCE NO. 87-25**BY: BRIAN J. SINDELAR**

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY-SERVICE TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR VARIOUS INSURANCE COVERAGES FOR THE ROCKY RIVER WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT WITH MCGOWAN INSURANCE AND UNDERWRITTEN BY MUNICH RE SPECIALTY INSURANCE COMPANY FOR THE YEAR 2026 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$149,450.00, AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN THE ATTACHED EXHIBIT "A"

1st READING

Mr. Sindelar said there are a lot of fine points to this that he will reserve for the next meeting. These come up every now and again and conventional wisdom would say to rebid these contracts. It is different when dealing with commercial liability insurance like this and insurance for employees. The consultants have advised the city not to go out to market as it could hurt the chances of the city getting coverage. The not to exceed amounts listed are the maximum fees for 2026.

- Mrs. Morris assumes that the costs for the Courts and the WWTP are shared with the other entities. Mr. Sindelar concurred.

ORDINANCE NO. 88-25**BY: BRIAN J. SINDELAR**

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY-SERVICE TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH PERK COMPANY, INC., FOR THE CUY-US20-6.53 CENTER RIDGE GATEWAY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT (PID110943) AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$3,941,794.14, AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN THE ATTACHED EXHIBIT "A"

1st READING

Mr. Sindelar said he will not go into all the fine points this evening, but this project has been discussed in total all the way back in researching and getting grants to see the feasibility of what changes would assist over here. The city is moving forward with this project. With any great project is the significant amount of funding sources that make this up which is 68% of this project including \$1.5 million from ODOT for Urban Paving, \$360,000 from NOACA for Liveable Communities Initiative Grant Program, \$450,000 from NOACA's Congestion, Mitigation and Air Quality Grant Program, \$196,000 of State Capital Funding from Senator Dolan's office, \$150,000 from the City of Fairview Park totaling approximately \$2.6 million. This is very impressive on top of what this project should and will accomplish.

- Mr. Furry asked if American Structure Point is the Construction Manager or Engineer. Mr. Snyder said they are the engineers for the project. When the city began the design and engineering for this project, the city needed an engineer that had a lot of transportation, signal and electrical controller experience. That was somewhat out of the realm of MacKay Engineering's wheelhouse at that point, so the city sought proposals. It has been a couple of years since American Structure Point's contract was authorized. Mr. Furry thinks these grants should be listed on the Ordinance cover. The Mayor said the cover sheet could be amended to indicate the various grants.
- Mrs. Morris asked to see the plans for Center Ridge. Mr. Snyder will email the plans to the Clerk for distribution.

ORDINANCE NO. 89-25**BY: BRIAN J. SINDELAR**

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH DELTA DENTAL TO PROVIDE DENTAL COVERAGE FOR THE FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF ROCKY RIVER, AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT "A"

1st READING

Mr. Sindelar said this contract is specifically for dental insurance. There is a 10.69% increase which seems high but the city had a two-year rate freeze. Mr. Greco did go out and received a bid from Medical Mutual but this is the lowest and best bid. The Mayor added that single coverage has an increase of .22 cents, employee plus one coverage increases of .41 cents and family coverage increases of .79 cents per pay, which are relatively small increases considering the type of insurance.

ORDINANCE NO. 90-25 **BY: DAVID W. FURRY**
AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE CREATING POSITIONS AND FIXING OR ESTABLISHING THE
ANNUAL SALARIES AND HOURLY RATES COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2026 FOR THE
APPOINTED EMPLOYEES IN THE SEVERAL DIVISIONS AND DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY OF
ROCKY RIVER
1st READING

President Furry said this is the annual wage ordinance for 2026. Some general items are the state minimum wage increased to \$11.00 an hour. The secretary position for the Charter Review Commission was added which is done every six years with the same salary as 2020. The Civil Service Commission Member increased to \$50.00 a month from \$30.00 a month where it had been for quite a while. The title of Assistant Senior Center Director was added in expectation of the Director's retirement. Police and Service received a 3.5% bump per their contracts and accordingly exempts saw the same as they follow what CBA's receive. Mr. Furry expects this will need to be amended at some point as Fire and WWTP are still in negotiations for their 2026-2028 contracts.

ORDINANCE NO. 91-25 **BY: CHRISTINA MORRIS**
AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC
SAFETY-SERVICE TO PURCHASE ONE (1) FORD F250 TRUCK FOR THE WASTEWATER
TREATMENT PLANT UNDER THE STATE COOPERATIVE PURCHASING ACT FROM VALLEY
TRUCK CENTERS, AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$62,187.98, AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN THE
ATTACHED EXHIBIT "A"
1st READING

Mrs. Morris said this is legislation for the purchase of a Ford F250 Standard Cab Pick-up Truck with a plow connection. It is replacing a 2008 Chevy pick-up truck which is extremely broken down as seen in the photographs forwarded to Council. Superintendent Barille had planned on purchasing this next year, which is in his budget for next year, but has money left in this year's budget and would like to purchase it now as it is available at a good cost.

- Mrs. Gallagher asked what they plow at the WWTP. Mr. Snyder said they plow all the roadways within the plant.

ORDINANCE NO. 92-25 **BY: DAVID W. FURRY**
AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES OF
THE CITY OF ROCKY RIVER, OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2026
1st READING

President Furry said this is being read tonight but the budget books were just received this evening. Mr. Furry asked all Council Members meet with their respective directors prior to the December 5th Budget Meeting in Council Chambers in the morning.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Mrs. Morris said all of these are yearly ordinances and are the same price and supplier as last year.

AMENDED ORDINANCE NO. 66-25

BY: CHRISTINA MORRIS

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY-SERVICE TO RENEW FOR ONE (1) YEAR THE AGREEMENT WITH PVS TECHNOLOGIES, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE AND SUPPLY OF FERRIC CHLORIDE FOR THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT AT A COST OF \$1173.00 PER DRY TON FOR THE YEAR 2026

3rd READING

This is for the purchase of Ferric Chloride that is used to remove phosphorous during treatment.

ORDINANCE NO. 67-25

BY: CHRISTINA MORRIS

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY-SERVICE TO RENEW FOR ONE (1) YEAR THE AGREEMENT FOR THE REMOVAL OF GRIT AND SCREENINGS TO A MUNICIPAL LANDFILL FOR THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT FROM KIMBLE COMPANY, AT A COST OF \$109.33 PER TON AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT "A"

3rd READING

This is for the removal of grit and screenings disposal to a Municipal Landfill

ORDINANCE NO. 68-25

BY: CHRISTINA MORRIS

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY-SERVICE TO RENEW FOR ONE (1) YEAR THE AGREEMENT WITH JAMES DIAZ FARM FOR THE REMOVAL OF DIGESTED SLUDGE CAKE (SUMMER SEASON) FOR THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT AT THE COST OF \$46.00 PER TON FOR THE YEAR 2026

3rd READING

This is for the removal of summer sludge cake that goes to James Diaz Farm.

ORDINANCE NO. 69-25

BY: CHRISTINA MORRIS

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY-SERVICE TO RENEW FOR ONE (1) YEAR THE AGREEMENT WITH RUPLE TRUCKING LLC FOR THE REMOVAL OF DIGESTED SLUDGE CAKE (WINTER SEASON) FOR THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT AT A COST OF \$56.99 PER TON AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT "A"

3rd READING

This is for the removal of winter sludge cake that goes to the landfill.

AMENDED ORDINANCE NO. 70-25

BY: CHRISTINA MORRIS

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY-SERVICE TO RENEW FOR ONE (1) YEAR THE AGREEMENT WITH PVS CHEMICAL SOLUTIONS, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE AND SUPPLY OF SODIUM BISULFITE FOR THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT AT A COST OF \$1.87 PER GALLON FOR THE YEAR 2026

3rd READING

This is for Sodium Bisulfite that is used to disinfect wastewater during treatment.

ORDINANCE NO. 71-25

BY: PAUL SHIPP

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICE TO PURCHASE A DEHUMIDIFICATION UNIT REPLACEMENT FOR THE DON UMERLEY CIVIC CENTER POOL FROM CRS METALWORKS, INC., AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$1,229,000.00, AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN THE ATTACHED EXHIBIT "A"

3rd READING

Mr. Shipp said this is for a large dehumidification unit for the Civic Center indoor pool area. This is replacing the current one at the Civic Center. It is needed and necessary. It has been well vetted and Director Holub took a lot of time researching, comparing and finding the best fit and making sure that this was the right investment for the Rec Center at this time.

ORDINANCE NO. 74-25

BY: PAUL SHIPP

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY-SERVICE TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH SONA CONSTRUCTION, LLC. FOR THE EXPANSION OF THE ROCKY RIVER FITNESS CENTER AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$244,400.00, AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT "A"

3rd READING

Mr. Shipp said as discussed for several weeks now, this is an expansion reclaiming the area up the stairs at the Civic Center where the Cleveland Clinic was. The Cleveland Clinic offices will be demolished adding more space for the fitness center and removing an office that is at the top of the stairs. By doing this, 2,000 square feet of space will now be available. Sona Construction was determined to be the best and lowest bid for this as well.

President Furry moved to approve Amended Ordinance 66-25, Ordinance 67-25, Ordinance 68-25, Ordinance 69-25, Ordinance 70-25, Ordinance 71-25 and Ordinance 74-25, seconded by Mrs. Morris and Mr. Shipp.

Vote:	Hunt – aye	Gallagher – aye	O’Boyle – aye	Shipp - aye
	Morris – aye	Sindelar – aye	Furry - aye	
	7 – ayes	0 – nays		PASSED

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: NONE

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Councilman Shipp announced that the Rocky River High School Football game will be at Medina Buckeye this Friday night for the Regional Semi-Final. This is the second time RRHS has made it this far. If they win, it will be the furthest any team has ever made it. Go Pirates.

COMMUNICATIONS: President Furry wished Director Thomas a happy birthday last week. Happy Birthday also to former President Moran, whose birthday is today.

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m. President Furry stated that the next meeting will be a Special/Committee-of-the-Whole next Monday, November 17th.

David W. Furry
President of Council

Susan G. Pease
Clerk of Council