

CITY OF ROCKY RIVER

October 13, 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,
Mrs. Morris, Mr. Sindelar, Mr. Furry

Council Members Absent: Mr. Shipp

Administration: Mayor Bobst, Mr. Thomas

Law Director: Mr. O'Shea

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Furry announced that Council received revised cover legislation for Ordinance Nos. 73-25 and 74-25 due to Scribner errors.

MOTION:

Moved by President Furry seconded by Mr. Hunt that the reading of the minutes of the September 22nd Legislative Meeting be waived and that the minutes be accepted as presented.

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

Moved by President Furry seconded by Mr. Hunt that the reading of the minutes of the October 6th Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting be waived and that the minutes be accepted as presented.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT:

The Mayor announced that the Fire Department has made its move and is now located at the Service Garage for the next 12-14 months. The city has notified all the residents in that area. Residents who find their way to the Service Garage should note the markings on the driveway going up to the parking lot. Those are directional arrows so residents do not meet a fire truck coming down the hill that is being dispatched. Please follow the arrows and everyone will be able to traverse the service garage efficiently. The Mayor thanked Chief Lenart for the incredible job of getting the department moved on Wednesday. They were moved and operational on Wednesday. Thank you also to the mutual aid partners who were a big part of the move as well. Congratulations on the wonderful job.

As the Mayor mentioned last week, the asbestos abatement will occur over the next couple of weeks followed by the demolition of the building. Following that, the construction of the new Fire Station will begin.

The Mayor shared the Building Stats so far for 2025:

- In 2025 there have been 1,342 building permits pulled
143 in commercial as compared to 100 this time last year; and
1,199 in residential as compared to 1,249 this time last year.
- The valuation of both surpasses last year at this time with the valuation this year at \$45,155,000 as compared to \$40,646,000 in 2024. Investment continues to be robust in the community, in both commercial and residential.

The Mayor announced that the City of Fairview Park has introduced legislation for deer culling within the city limits of Fairview Park. The City of Rocky River administration is meeting with ODNr's Wildlife Division, at the urging of a couple of residents, along with Director Snyder and the city's Animal Control Officer. We will be meeting with the manager of Human Wildlife Conflict and Interactions to discuss ways the city may be able to manage the deer herd in Rocky River.

The Westlake Hotel celebrated their 100th anniversary last Friday. The Mayor complimented Councilwoman Gallagher on a beautiful job Friday night. It was a wonderful event. The Mayor and Councilwoman Gallagher had remarks and the Mayor presented a Proclamation honoring the 100th anniversary of the Westlake Hotel on behalf of the administration and City Council. It is an amazing and breathtaking building. Every time the Mayor is there she is amazed at how the building has been honored and cared for. It is a true treasure in the community and has a lot of interesting history.

The Mayor said that the landscaping commenced today at the Senior Center. The Senior Center is really shaping up inside and outside with paving following soon. The Senior Center is on track for opening at the end of November with a formal dedication of the new Senior Center expansions in the spring.

On Monday, October 20th, it is skate with the Monster's Hockey Team, which is always a big highlight for the numbers of children in the hockey program.

The Shredding Trucks will be at City Hall Campus this Saturday from 9:00 -11:00 a.m. The administration encourages residents to enter through the Wagar entrance.

The Mayor reported that Commissioner Sam Rosario shared at the Director's meeting this morning, that the first salt delivery was this morning and the barn is full. The city is ready and plows are ready to be attached, which speaks to the level of service the Service Department is always able to provide by being very flexible, nimble and prepared.

- Councilman Sindelar asked if there is a limit on the number of boxes for shredding. The Mayor responded that they try to limit it to two normal size boxes of materials that are placed in the trunk or back seat. Volunteers are there to help remove the boxes from your vehicle.

LAW DEPARTMENT: NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE NO. 49-25

BY: THOMAS J. HUNT

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ROCKY RIVER, SECTION 351.03 (a) (2), ENTITLED "PROHIBITED STANDING OR PARKING PLACES", AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN THE ATTACHED EXHIBIT "A"

2nd Reading

Mr. Hunt said this ordinance has been discussed since the beginning of September. This ordinance proposes to amend the Codified Ordinances to establish a three-foot prohibition or buffer for parking in front of a public or private driveway. There has not been a specific delineation of an area that is safe for cars to egress and ingress into driveways avoiding parked cars. With the approval of this ordinance, it would establish a three-foot buffer at the apron.

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

Mr. Hunt said Ordinance Nos. 50-25 and 51-25 are about the proposed prohibition of camping on public property within rights-of-way as well as the prohibition of sleeping in municipal parks. There is a meeting this Wednesday with NEOCH and Mr. Hunt thinks it is appropriate to wait until after the meeting to provide feedback to Council before moving forward with Ordinance Nos. 50-25 and 51-25.

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

Mr. Hunt said this ordinance needs further review regarding the proposed prohibition of the operation of low speed and under speed vehicles. Councilman Shipp and Law Director O’Shea provided some needed background and established some parameters for how the State is treating these vehicles and whether the city wants to go forward with establishing that prohibition.

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

Mr. Hunt said this ordinance has work that needs to be done regarding solicitation. Mr. Hunt thanked Clerk Pease for providing a template of the exhibits to possibly make some tweaks to bring back to Council to discuss at a future date.

ORDINANCE NO. 58-25 **BY: DAVID W. 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, 2025 AND TO AMEND AMENDED ORDINANCE NO. 88-24 AND
ORDINANCE NO. 14-25

3rd Reading

President Furry said the mid-year budget reviews are done in July and this supplemental is a result of that and has both pluses and minuses. The first is a salary in the Mayor's Office. The previous Executive Assistant, Mary Ellen Umerley basically had a time share with both time and expense with the law department and the mayor's office. With the hiring of Michelle Root, that original appropriation changed. The finance changes come from the addition of the finance manager, which precipitated the increase. Parks Division relates to overtime, wages and related pension costs. Chief Lenart would like to be prepared for potential equipment and vehicle repair costs for the remainder of 2025. Regarding the sequence of events for the Bond interest, Council authorized the Bonds in December 2024; on February 27, 2025 Council issued the bonds and now have the known interest amounts. Lastly, there are some meaningful adjustments to certain funds of the Municipal Court as discussed with the court officials. There is a new fund, the Indigent Driver Alcohol Surplus Fund that is authorized by the Ohio Revised Code 4511.191 (H). Because of the provisions of the Ohio Revised Code chapter, there is an interplay between the Courts Indigent Driver Alcohol and the Indigent Driver Alcohol Surplus funds and both need supplemental appropriations.

Mr. Furry moved to amend by substitution of Exhibit A dated 10.13.2025, seconded by Mr. Sindelar and Mr. O'Boyle.

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

AMENDED ORDINANCE NO. 58-25 **BY: DAVID W. 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, 2025 AND TO AMEND AMENDED ORDINANCE NO. 88-24 AND
ORDINANCE NO. 14-25

3rd Reading

Mr. Furry moved for passage of Amended Ordinance No. 58-25, seconded by Mr. Sindelar.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 61-25 **BY: DAVID W. FURRY**
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO PAY THE CITY OF
CLEVELAND, DIVISION OF WATER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$34,642.50, FOR WATER METER
READINGS, FOR THE PERIOD FROM MARCH 1, 2024 TO FEBRUARY 28, 2025, NEEDED BY THE
CITY OF ROCKY RIVER, AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT "A"

2nd READING

Mr. Furry said that this is the annual true up of the quarterly sewer bills. This could be paid quarterly but it is more fiscally prudent to do it annually although some residents have complained about the true up. This technically does not need Council approval based on the dollar amount, but there may be some waterline project reimbursements later this year, which more than likely would need to be authorized by Council.

RESOLUTION NO. 62-25 **BY: DAVID W. FURRY**
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE RRMC INDIGENT DRIVERS'
ALCOHOL SURPLUS FUND, NUMBER 222, PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION
4511.191(H) AND AN ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER OF THE JUDGES OF THE ROCKY RIVER
MUNICIPAL COURT

2nd READING

Mr. Furry said he mentioned this in the supplemental appropriations ordinance. This is for the Indigent Drivers' Alcohol Treatment Surplus Fund. There are several regulatory approvals needed to establish a new city fund. Approval action by City Council is one of them. The Indigent Driver Alcohol Treatment Surplus Fund is stipulated in state code under Ohio Revised Code 4511.191 (H). The city also received an administrative order from the municipal court judges. Both the Cuyahoga Budget Commission and the Ohio Auditor of State require action by City Council. On a side note, as mentioned earlier, Councilwoman Gallagher with her inside knowledge forwarded some grant funds available to the municipal court. Thank you again to Mrs. Gallagher.

ORDINANCE NO. 63-25

BY: DAVID W. FURRY

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING DECLARATIONS OF OFFICIAL INTENT UNDER U.S. TREASURY REGULATIONS WITH RESPECT TO REIMBURSEMENTS FROM BOND PROCEEDS OF TEMPORARY ADVANCES MADE FOR PAYMENT BEFORE THE ISSUANCE OF SECURITIES, AND RELATED MATTERS

2nd READING

Mr. Furry said this is more of an administrative action to allow certain city officials permission to complete and file the declarations of official intent to make an expenditure that the city will reimburse with the proceeds of tax-exempt securities. It should be noted that this does not authorize the issuance of any notes or bonds. That must be done separately in another ordinance. This is just laying the groundwork allowing Council to do so.

ORDINANCE NO. 64-25

BY: BRIAN J. SINDELAR

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR 2026 AND 2027 WITH THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH FOR SERVICES TO THE CITY OF ROCKY RIVER AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT "A"

2nd READING

Mr. Sindelar said this ordinance has been discussed for several weeks along with the litany of services that this provides for a very relatively low investment per resident. From a community standpoint the individual resident has the opportunity for immunizations, flu shots and things of that nature. From a city standpoint, there are environmental services that include water testing, lead poisoning prevention, food protection that are all hot button issues and things that are highly technical and so it is good to have this agreement in place and pay for this service so the city has this resource readily available to go to in an instant when something happens.

RESOLUTION NO. 65-25

BY: BRIAN J. SINDELAR

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND HER DESIGNEE TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE NORTHEAST OHIO AREAWIDE COORDINATING AGENCY (NOACA), FOR A TRANSPORTATION FOR LIVEABLE COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE (TLCI) GRANT TO FUND IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE CENTER RIDGE EASTERN GATEWAY PROJECT

2nd READING

Mr. Sindelar said that this has been discussed previously too. This project began in 2017 with the City of Fairview Park to make the Center Ridge area a more liveable community. This will included ADA compliant ramps to signalization crossing boulevards and all things in the name of safety. The city keeps reaching for new technology and changes and grants to study the issues. The study begins and is the basis of the project. How can it be more liveable and walkable. The Mayor added the city did receive a TLCI Planning Grant and this grant is the building of it and actual improvements. The planning has already been completed. Mr. Sindelar said he was referring to the previous grant where the city worked in concert with the City of Fairview Park. Everyone can agree that it was time for a change to bring Center Ridge Road into the 21st Century making it safer and more appealing.

NEW BUSINESS:

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

1st READING

The next five ordinances are all dealing with the WWTP. There were two bids on this and PVS Technologies was chosen as the best and lowest bid. Ferric Chloride is used to remove phosphorous during treatment. This is not a price change from last year.

- Mr. Furry noticed a typo on the third whereas where it states the lowest and best bid for sodium bisulfite but it should read Ferric Chloride.

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"

1st READING

Mrs. Morris said there was only one bid and it is the same company the WWTP used last year and the cost has not changed. This is for the disposal to 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

1st READING

Mrs. Morris said there was only one bid for this and it is the same person doing it last year and the price remains the same.

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 RUPL 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"

1st READING

Mrs. Morris said this is for the removal of sludge cake for the winter and while there were two bids, the WWTP chose Ruple Trucking as they were the company used last year and the cheaper of the two. This is the same price as last year.

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

1st READING

Mrs. Morris said this is for the sodium bisulfite which is used to disinfect wastewater during treatment. The WWTP is going with Ruple Trucking again which is the same as last year. There were two bids. The exhibit attached is about sludge cake so needs to be corrected.

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"

1st READING

President Furry said discussion will be deferred as he has questions on it but will wait until Councilman Shipp is back. This will have three full reads.

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

1st READING

Mr. O'Boyle said that this resolution is like additional resolutions passed last year and one earlier this year. In essence it is asking Council to attest to the fact that the city does not need the land that is being used for submerged purposes. To quote directly from the letter forwarded to Council by Ray Reich, one of the necessary components for revising a lease from the State of Ohio is an ordinance or resolution from the local authority stating that the area of submerged lands in question is not needed by the local authority for future improvements (i.e. breakwaters, harbors, marinas, piers, etc.) and that the land used in any application should comply with the regulation of permissible land use of the local authority. It is based on that, that they are asking Council to attest to the fact that the city does not need the land for those purposes. He will talk to this more at the next meeting.

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"

1st READING

Mr. Hunt said that this ordinance is for the oversight of the renovation and creation of the new fire station. Infinity is the chosen entity. Council will recall that in July an ordinance was passed entering a contract with Infinity Construction to implement the temporary housing that is now been established at the Service Garage for the temporary housing of the Fire Department during the rehabilitation of the new Fire Station. The contract before, No. 73-25, would authorize the city to enter into a contract again with Infinity to manage the demolition of the existing fire station and the construction of the new station. The guaranteed maximum price includes hard costs or construction costs of nearly \$13 million and indirect costs or soft costs as described in the exhibit in an amount of \$1.5 million totaling \$14,396,170.00 and in speaking with Director Snyder this would be the maximum cost. The trades and subcontractors are all included which is different from the Police Station. Council will recall that each of those were bid out individually. This will allow Infinity to handle all the trade contracts for asphalt, landscaping, fencing, concrete, masonry, structural steel, carpentry, electric, HVAC so it is an all-inclusive oversight for Infinity. Director Snyder apologized for not being in attendance this evening, but he will have additional information in more

detail to share at next week's meeting. This will have three full reads with more opportunities to delve into this deeper if there are any issues.

- President Furry said that looking at some of the cost breakdown, he is going to trust that others have picked it over very well and he will trust their judgement and expertise more so than what he has. Mr. Hunt said exactly and the Director has more detail as to the bids for each of the subcontracts and will share those details with Council.

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"

1st READING

Mr. Furry said that again, with Councilman Shipp's absence, discussion will be deferred. Mr. Furry has questions regarding this and he will ask Mr. Shipp at next week's meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: NONE

COMMITTEE REPORTS: NONE

COMMUNICATIONS: The Mayor mentioned in the absence of Councilman Shipp that there is a meeting of the Parks and Rec Commission this week and they will be reviewing several increases to fees for the 2026 Budget. Those that are changed or updated will come to City Council.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mr. Genesis Brown, 2794 Goldwood Drive, Good evening. My name is Genesis Brown. My wife Christina Brown is the Chief Operation Officer and we are here representing Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities. We are also residents of Rocky River. Last year, we attended Rocky River's City Council meeting to share some updates with you about Cuyahoga DD and give you an overview of the work that Cuyahoga DD does.

This year, I'd like to start by recognizing an important milestone for Cuyahoga DD – the 20th anniversary of our last levy. Two-thirds of Cuyahoga DD's \$150 million budget comes from a 3.9 mil continuous levy that was last passed by Cuyahoga County voters in 2005. From birth through adulthood, Cuyahoga DD supports people with DD to live their best lives. Cuyahoga DD's mission is to support and empower people with developmental disabilities to live, learn, work, and play in the community. Last year, we served 154 people with developmental disabilities in Rocky River, and we served approximately 15,000 people across the county. This is a 20 percent increase in people served compared to 2005.

Over the last 20 years, this levy, approved by Cuyahoga County voters, has supported people with developmental disabilities through:

- Early intervention services
- Therapies like occupational and physical therapy, and speech language pathology
- Consultative services to support students in schools
- Transition services for young adults
- Housing and employment supports
- Assistive technology services

Levy funding also allows Cuyahoga DD to make strategic investments in the community. Since 2021, we have granted nearly \$1 million to support over 50 community libraries, arts and culture, and recreation and leisure

organizations in making their programs and physical spaces accessible to people of all abilities. We awarded \$180,000 in community grants in 2025.

In addition to our work supporting people with disabilities in Cuyahoga County, we strive to be a resource for communities. We would welcome the opportunity to talk more about how we can best support the residents of Rocky River. Thank you for your time.

Ms. Andrea Mediate, 21246 Maplewood Avenue, said that she has been working with the Mayor and Director Snyder to help identify key traffic issues and dangerous crossings and they are starting to see the results of these findings in the various things going up all over the city, which is fantastic. She is from the Rocky River Green Team and also represents Bike Rocky River. On her street alone, it looks like there is a crosswalk going in by Elmwood Park which is amazing. She is also seeing improvements on Wagar Road as well. The speed bumps are going in and high visibility signage. As a response to several accidents and near misses, there was the ReadyNotify that has come out and the video from the Superintendent and SRO's. Since the pandemic, the Traffic Safety Organizations nationally have reported an increase in speeding and light running. In this area, Cleveland and Rocky River, the construction on I 90 is diverting traffic into Rocky River and Lakewood on the streets. She feels that none of these improvements will take the place of an officer in a patrol car writing tickets. She knows it is expensive, but it can be a temporary thing. Even a few days in one spot can be very affective. Would it be so awful if Rocky River had this kind of reputation, she thinks not. She would like to see more action from the police officers in targeting some of these repeat offenders. She appreciates all the work City Council is doing.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m. President Furry stated that the next meeting will be a Committee-of-the-Whole next Monday, October 20th.

David W. Furry
President of Council

Susan G. Pease
Clerk of Council