

CITY OF ROCKY RIVER

September 22, 2025

The Legislative Meeting was called to order by Mr. Hunt, President Pro-Tem of Council, at 7:03 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

Council Members Absent: 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 Pro-Tem Hunt seconded by Mrs. Gallagher that the reading of the minutes of the September 15th Special and Committee of the Whole Meetings be waived and that the minutes be accepted as presented.

Vote:	Hunt – aye	Gallagher – aye	O'Boyle – aye
	Shipp – aye	Morris – aye	Sindelar – aye
	6 – ayes	0 – nays	

PASSED

MAYOR'S REPORT:

The Mayor announced that there would be a presentation on the new Fire Station Project at the October 6th, Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting beginning at 7:00 p.m. Construction legislation should be ready by that meeting and hopefully passed by the end of October or the beginning of November. On October 1st, the Fire Department will move to the Service Garage and the abatement on the building will begin followed by the demo two weeks later. The estimated time for the new build is 14–16 months with a guarantee maximum price coming in upwards of \$12 million.

The Mayor also announced the replacement of the Dectron System at the indoor pool in the amount of \$1.2 million. This is a large project in the natatorium and roof to replace the original Dectron System.

The Mayor announced that the payment of sewer bills online is now live. Thank you to Director Thomas and his department for making this a reality.

The Mayor stated that she reached out to NEOCH, the Northeast Ohio Coalition for Homeless regarding the legislation on the current agenda for camping and sleeping on public property and/or municipal parks. A meeting will be scheduled with representatives from NEOCH, Judge Hagan, the Community Service Coordinator and Mr. Hunt to discuss legal resources, programs and funding. The purpose will be to build on the foundation and share needs.

The Mayor shared the statistics regarding the Heritage Home Loan Program from April–June 2025. There have been 174 contacts, 15 technical assists, 79 site visits with the project value being \$6,940,370 and 11 active loans with an interest rate of 2% with a project value of \$804,953. From January-June 2025 there have been 459 homeowner contacts, 30 technical assists, 104 site visits with the project value of \$9,224,070.

The city has applied for two grants including the grant currently on the agenda for the NOACA Transportation for Liveable Communities Initiative (TLCI) Grant to fund improvements for the Center Ridge Eastern Gateway Project which is in the Master Plan. Thank you to Director Snyder and Director Kerber for their efforts. The second grant is a CMAG Grant from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources for design and engineering for Rocky River Park.

The Mayor said that the Rocky River Fire Department assisted with the fire in North Olmsted as part of the Mutual Aid Program. No one was hurt but families have been displaced and there were lost beloved pets.

The Mayor announced that the October Quill is published and mailed listing a variety of programs.

The Mayor reminded City Council that the Rocky River Homecoming Parade is this Friday, September 26th beginning at 5:45 p.m. Please arrive at St. Christopher School parking lot by 5:15 p.m.

- Mr. Sindelar asked if there was a transaction cost for the online sewer payments. Director Thomas said yes and the cost is covered by the user. The cost depends on what type of transaction is used.
- Mrs. Morris asked if the city was expecting the Dectron Dehumidifier to cost \$1.2 million. The Mayor said yes, as there was research gained from other cities and the Dectron makes the most sense for the City of Rocky River.

LAW DEPARTMENT: NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mr. David Cratty, 19000 Lake Road #509, asked why the legislation is on the agenda regarding camping/sleeping on public property? Aren't there existing laws to cover/achieve this purpose? It stated that the incidents have increased and he is asking what the increments for increase are. Do Social Workers accompany the police to work with the unhoused? What do the penalties consist of fines and/or jail time? Mr. Snyder gave Mr. Cratty his business card and asked him to email him with these questions.

Mr. Mark Szabo, 18501 Hilliard Blvd., stated that there are not enough beds for the homeless and there needs to be other alternatives. They have no shelter and no family. Is the city expecting the homeless to sell themselves for sex to find shelter? This is disrespectful and the community needs to have better choices. All counties need to have better choices. Houston holds the gold standard for helping the homeless. Criminalizing the homeless makes it harder for them because landlords will not rent to people with misdemeanors. The city needs to do better.

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"
ON HOLD

Mr. Hunt said this ordinance will be placed on hold until President Furry returns.

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

Mr. Hunt said this ordinance will be placed on hold until President Furry returns.

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 this ordinance will be placed on hold until President Furry returns.

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 will be placed on hold until President Furry returns.

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 will be placed on hold until President Furry returns.

ORDINANCE NO. 58-25 **BY: DAVID W. FURRY**
AN 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
ON HOLD

Mr. Hunt will hold this ordinance for a third read as the exhibit needs to be revised.

NEW BUSINESS:

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"
1st READING

Mr. Hunt said the purpose of this ordinance is to authorize the payment to the City of Cleveland, Division of Water for the annual water meter readings that are used to apply to the city's sewer fees.

RESOLUTION NO. 62-25 **BY: DAVID W. FURRY**
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE RRMCD 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
1st READING**

Mr. Hunt stated that 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, Ohio Revised Code 4511.1919(H). The city also received an administrative order from the municipal court judges. Both the Cuyahoga County Budget Commission and the Ohio Auditor of State require action by City Council.

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
1st READING

Mr. Hunt said that this authorizes 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. This ordinance does not authorize the issuance of any bonds or notes.

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”
1st READING

Mr. Sindelar said that this ordinance provides authorization to enter a 2-year agreement with the Cuyahoga County Board of Health for services offered to the City of Rocky River for the years 2026 and 2027, at the rate of \$8.96 per capita in 2026 for a total amount not to exceed \$194,925 and \$10.04 per capita in 2027 for an amount not to exceed \$218,420. The previous agreement with the BOH was referenced by Ordinance 111-23. That 2-year agreement was at a per capita rate of \$7.25 for 2024 and \$8.00 for 2025. The rate of compensation is based upon the ten-year census population estimate for the city and a per capita rate is established by the Board of Health. The most recent ten-year census for population in the city dated September 2021 was 21,755 residents. Mr. Sindelar gave a list of some of the services provided by the BOH annually including immunizations, outreach flu clinics, newborn home visits, lead poisoning prevention, indoor air quality program, food protection, storm water surface water quality, watershed protection, recreation facilities, larvicide application, public health emergency preparedness, planning and cities readiness initiative activities and an emergency management committee. The Mayor added that the Mayors and Managers next meeting will have the BOH in attendance to discuss the agreement.

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
1st READING

Mr. Sindelar said that this project began in 2017 with the City of Fairview Park to make the Center Ridge area a more liveable community. This will cover the improvements from Wooster Road to Linden Road. Mr. Sindelar reiterated that the city's administration does an excellent job seeking grants out and bringing the tax money residents have paid back into the city. This grant includes ADA ramps and calming traffic patterns for a more walkable and safer community.

CONSENT AGENDA:

ORDINANCE NO. 55-25

BY: JEANNE GALLAGHER

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICE TO PURCHASE ONE (1) ELGIN PELICAN STREET SWEEPER FOR THE SERVICE DEPARTMENT UNDER A SOURCEWELL COOPERATIVE PURCHASING CONTRACT FROM A & H EQUIPMENT AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$312,011.20, AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN THE ATTACHED EXHIBIT "A"

3rd READING

Mrs. Gallagher stated that the current sweeper is a 2004 and has increased maintenance costs and has reached the end of its service life due to aging parts and repairs. The Pelican is the best sweeper on the market and is what the city has used for over twenty years. Ken Shuster, the Street Department Supervisor is asking Council to approve this purchase. The Streets Department and mechanics performed an evaluation between the Pelican, the Ravo5 iSeries and the Bucher CityCat 5006 and determined that the Elgin Pelican performs better than the others. It is dependable and easy to work with. The city has a great relationship with A & H Equipment in Independence and they are close in proximity and will have parts available. This is a necessary piece of equipment for storm water management and MS4 compliance. It helps prevent flooding and pollution by keeping debris out of the catch basins and the Lake Erie watershed. The current Pelican performs through fall leaves, spring sediment, storm debris and winter salt. If passed, this equipment can be delivered in October.

ORDINANCE NO. 56-25

BY: BRIAN J. SINDELAR

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY-SERVICE TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR THE REMOVAL OF THE EXISTING UNDERGROUND FUEL TANKS AT THE SERVICE GARAGE WITH COLLINS EQUIPMENT CORPORATION, UNDER THE STATE COOPERATIVE PURCHASING ACT, AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$56,318.67, AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT "A"

3rd READING

Mr. Sindelar said that Collins Equipment has done the previous work on similar tanks at City Hall. The above tanks are in and are ready to go. They will be operational and the city is required to remove the underground tanks by October 1st per the State Fire Marshall's office.

ORDINANCE NO. 59-25

BY: THOMAS J. HUNT

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH PERSPECTUS ARCHITECTURE, FOR THE ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN AND ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE FIRE STATION IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$317,500.00, AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN THE ATTACHED EXHIBIT "A"

3rd READING

Mr. Hunt said that since the original contract was authorized in 2024 with approval of Ordinance No. 56-24 in the amount of \$836,000, Perspectus is requesting a supplemental agreement because the scope of the design has grown from 20,000 square feet to 25,000 square feet, which will drive up the actual cost for the building to \$1,153,500. Perspectus has been very accommodating and responsive to the request of the administration, Fire Department and Boards and Commissions.

ORDINANCE NO. 60-25

BY: PAUL SHIPP

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH SMITHGROUP, FOR THE BRADSTREET'S LANDING SPENCER CREEK STREAM RESTORATION PROJECT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$142,850.00, AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN THE ATTACHED EXHIBIT "A"

3rd READING

Mr. Shipp said this is an emergency ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a supplemental agreement with SmithGroup for the Bradstreet's Landing Spencer Creek Stream Restoration Project in an amount not to exceed \$142,850. The city is utilizing two grants for construction, including \$300,000 from the Ohio EPA and \$200,000 from the State Capital Funding from HB 2. These are the next steps in the restoration of Spencer Creek. Mr. Shipp added this is an opportunity for the city to utilize an asset, open it up for a wide array of park visitors, increased access for residents and restore a lot of the natural conditions that it was which benefits the fish species and native plants.

President Pro-Tem Hunt moved to approve Ordinance Nos. 55-25, 56-25, 59-25 and 60-25 on the consent agenda, seconded by Mr. Sindelar.

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

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: NONE

COMMITTEE REPORTS: NONE

COMMUNICATIONS: There will not be a City Council Meeting on Monday, September 29th as it will be the fifth Monday of the month. The next scheduled City Council Meeting will be a Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting on October 6th beginning at 7:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT: **Mr. John Kuehner, 21418 Kenwood**, thanked Council and the administration for the crossing guard at the railroad tracks on Wagar as of today. Mr. Keuhner would also request that there be flashing signals on Kenwood and Beaconsfield and Wagar Road at the bottom of the hill. Cars do not slow down for residents to cross Wagar Road. Mr. Snyder responded that there will be four flashing signals installed at Kenwood and Beaconsfield on Wagar and Morewood and the final one at the entrance to Elmwood Park at Elmwood and Maplewood. These will be installed later in the fall.

- Mr. O’Boyle stated that he was a crossing guard once and he appreciates the need.

Ms. Kathy Myers, 21120 Beachwood, said that today is the first day of fall which means leaf season. She lives on the other side from the fire hydrants which means cars or trucks park in front of her house during leaf pick up. She has three possible solutions: 1) Pass an ordinance to ticket vehicles in the way of leaf pick up; 2) provide cones to residents to set out; 3) place signs for leaf pick up on streets to educate the neighbors. The Mayor stated that the Service Garage does a great job of posting the schedule for leaf pick up on the website. Mr. Snyder stated that the service department will return to pick up leaves that they missed due to parked cars. Mr. Snyder said he would call Ms. Myers to work out a solution. Ms. Myers complimented the new website and how great it works with communicating with the Service Department.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Thomas J. Hunt
President-Pro Tem of Council

Susan G. Pease
Clerk of Council