

## CITY OF ROCKY RIVER

**October 27, 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, Mr. O'Boyle, Mr. Shipp,  
Mrs. Morris, Mr. Sindelar, Mr. Furry

Council Members Absent: Mrs. Gallagher

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

Law Director: Mr. O'Shea

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **SWEARING IN OF FIREFIGHTER WAYNE R. GERBASI**

Chief Lenart thanked everyone in attendance. The Chief said it is an honor to swear in a new firefighter. Firefighter Gerbasi came to the City of Rocky River at the beginning of the summer. Wayne is an older firefighter joining the department. He has gone through a transition and is hoping for better care and support long term. Wayne comes to us from the City of Fairlawn and lives in Medina. He has gone through a very rigorous process and he stands here to be a member of the Fire Department, hopefully for the next thirty years.

The Mayor proceeded to swear in Firefighter Wayne R. Gerbasi. Firefighter Gerbasi's mother, Linda, pinned his badge on. Firefighter Gerbasi thanked everyone for attending this evening. He is thrilled to be here and thanked the administration and City Council for having him. Wayne said that so far it has been a great experience and he is looking forward to continuing this process and learning every day on the job, serving the community and being a part of the Rocky River Family.

### **MOTION:**

Moved by President Furry seconded by Mrs. Morris that the reading of the minutes of the October 13<sup>th</sup> Legislative Meeting be waived and that the minutes be accepted as presented.

Vote:	Hunt – aye	O'Boyle – aye	Shipp - aye	
	Morris – aye	Sindelar – aye	Furry - aye	
	6 – ayes		0 – nays	<b>PASSED</b>

Moved by President Furry seconded by Mrs. Morris that the reading of the minutes of the October 20<sup>th</sup> Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting be waived and that the minutes be accepted as presented.

Vote:	Hunt – aye	O'Boyle – aye	Shipp - aye	
	Morris – aye	Sindelar – aye	Furry - aye	
	6 – ayes		0 – nays	<b>PASSED</b>

### **MAYOR'S REPORT:**

The Mayor announced that within the next week, the Traffic Division will be updating the Traffic Signalization Controllers along Detroit Road, Hilliard Blvd. and Wagar Road. There will be police directing traffic at these locations as the work is being completed. These will be short outages that could cause some disruption. The

Traffic Division will stay away from peak vehicle hours on the road, but there will be some disruption over the next week to improve signalization.

The Mayor discussed the Lead Line Replacement Project that is being done in conjunction with Cleveland Water. They have completed Center Ridge as the Mayor mentioned last week and are currently working on Wagar/W. 210<sup>th</sup> Street in Fairview Park. The Mayor said that commencing shortly there will be some other roads including Beachcliff from Avalon to Argyle and Westover from Wooster to the east. There will be no charge to the residents if it is discovered that there are lead lines from the connection in the street to your home. It will be replaced at no charge by Cleveland Water. The city appreciates this partnership which uses federal dollars that were dispersed to all the largest water divisions, Cleveland being one of them.

The Mayor said that curbside leaf pick up has officially begun. Please place leaves on the tree lawn, not on the sidewalk or street. Please do not park your car in front of leaf piles as the city will be by soon to pick up the leaves.

Director Balla sent City Council a tentative timeline for the new Dectron, which is the new dehumidification system at the indoor pool. Councilmembers noted that the entire project will last 290 days but the actual disruption to the pool is about a three-month period during the summer. The city is working to partner with cities including Fairview Park and Westlake to use their facilities along with the outdoor pool which will be open for the summer. On the city's webpage, the Recreation Department added to the dropdown menu a schedule to keep the community informed of when the shutdown may happen, but it will be several months from now.

The Recreation Department promotion, "Membership Monday" is usually the Monday after Thanksgiving. This year it is running for an entire week from November 10<sup>th</sup> through the 14<sup>th</sup>. "Membership Week" will be for both new memberships and/or renewal of memberships.

The Mayor said that Halloween will be this Friday, October 31<sup>st</sup> from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m., which is the tradition. The Mayor is aware that there is an amazing playoff game on the football field starting at 7:00 p.m. The Mayor spoke with Superintendent Schirg and they hope everyone can go trick or treat and then make it up to the stadium by the second quarter to cheer on the team.

The Mayor said that Senior Theater will be presenting "Scared Silly" on Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. at the Senior Center. A matinee will be held on Thursday and Friday beginning at 1:30 p.m.

The Mayor mentioned that voting takes place a week from tomorrow, Tuesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>. Polls will open from 6:30 a.m. until 7:30 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to vote. Early voting is available at the new location of the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections.

- Mr. Sindelar asked for more information regarding the signalization. Director Snyder said that this is an update to the hardware within the controller. The existing hardware is antiquated and the Traffic Department has been working through the entire city updating the hardware. There are no major changes. The Mayor added that if there is an area that there is concern, please let the administration know.
- Mrs. Morris asked for an update on the deer culling. The Mayor said that there will be a meeting with the manager of Human Wildlife Conflict and Interactions from ODNR. The meeting has not been scheduled yet.

**LAW DEPARTMENT: NONE**

**PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Mr. Hunt said that with President Furry's permission, he will handle Ordinance Nos. 50-25, 51-25, 52-25 and 54-25 by indicating that these ordinances will remain on hold and will not be read this evening.

**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**

**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**

**2<sup>nd</sup> READING**

Mrs. Morris moved to amend Ordinance No. 66-25 seconded by Mr. Furry explaining that the third whereas was changed to Ferric Chloride as opposed to Sodium Bisulfite.

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

**PASSED**

**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**

**2<sup>nd</sup> READING**

Mrs. Morris stated that this is a yearly ordinance and there was no increase in price. Ferric Chloride 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"**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> READING**

Mrs. Morris stated that this is a yearly ordinance and there was no price change. This is the same provider as last year.

**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**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> READING**

Mrs. Morris stated that this is a yearly ordinance, there was no price change and it will be with the same provider.

**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"**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> READING**

Mrs. Morris stated that this is a yearly ordinance with no price change and with the same provider.

**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**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> READING**

Mrs. Morris moved to amend Ordinance No. 70-25 by substitution of the exhibit, seconded by Mr. Furry.

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

**PASSED**

**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**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> READING**

Mrs. Morris stated that this is a yearly ordinance. Sodium bisulfite is used to disinfect wastewater during treatment. There has been no price change and it is the same provider as last year.

**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"**

**2<sup>nd</sup> READING**

Mr. Shipp said this project is for a large dehumidification unit for the Civic Center indoor pool area. This unit will be installed on the roof. The lowest and best bid was determined to be CRS Metalworks, Inc. at the cost not to exceed \$1,229,000.00. This is a big item and has been on the horizon for a while. The Parks and Rec Commission has done a lot of research and comparisons, walking the roof with a lot of consideration about this purchase and feel that this is the best piece of equipment for the city's needs and investment. As the Mayor noted, this will have a closure of the pool when it is installed but that is down the road. This ordinance allows the city to make the purchase and order it and hopefully have it delivered early next year in time for the shutdown for installation. The Mayor discussed the timeline this evening. The contract gives CRS Metalworks, Inc. 290 days, that includes ordering the unit. The unit will hopefully be here and ready to be put in place for the shutdown in May, which is typically done on an annual basis. As the Mayor mentioned, the city is working with other cities during the shutdown to provide amenities or access to pools that the city will not be able to offer during that time.

**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**

**2<sup>nd</sup> READING**

Mr. O'Boyle said that this resolution has been discussed for the past few weeks. This is assuring the ODNR that the city does not have any need for the submerged land that is discussed in the resolution.

- President Furry mentioned that he will abstain for voting on this resolution as he has been best friends with the owner since third grade and although in his eighteen years on Council, Council has never not unanimously passed this and there won't be a problem on this one, but he will still abstain regardless. That will keep it off the consent agenda.

**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"**

**2<sup>nd</sup> READING**

Mr. Hunt said that this ordinance was discussed last week and as Director Snyder just indicated, there will be some updates coming to the exhibit regarding the breakdown of the itemized list of trade subcontractors which added additional cost to the GMP as well as a slight increase in Infinity's fee based upon direct building costs. This will be discussed again next week and will move to amend at the next Legislative Meeting. Mr. Hunt said that Council appreciates the fact that the administration took the time to identify changes that needed to be made now so it is not being done on the fly with change orders.

**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"**

**2<sup>nd</sup> READING**

Mr. Shipp said this was discussed last week. This is the area up the stairs at the Civic Center where the fitness equipment is. The Cleveland Clinic Autism Center has moved out and part of their lease required them to return the space to its original state at their expense. Given what the plans are to expand and put in more fitness equipment and make a larger fitness area, a payment was negotiated that will be going towards that work. Sona Construction, LLC was determined to be the best and lowest bidder for that work. Mr. Shipp circulated some photos but on the top of the stairs of the fitness unit there is an office that will be taken out to open up more space and then the Cleveland Clinic offices will be renovated to make more space for new equipment and conference rooms and meeting space that is needed. For the amount of money and the amount of space getting back, this will be a nice addition to the fitness area.

**NEW BUSINESS:****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"**

**1<sup>st</sup> READING**

Mr. Sindelar said this was introduced last week with good discussion given the history of it and some designs. This area was a family-owned full-service gas station and then a mechanical shop. It then became a field that was well maintained but now it is nice to see this come to fruition. The administration made valiant attempts to try and get grant funds for this area but unfortunately was not able to. This now fits into the budget. This will be a stop along the way park where residents can refill their water bottles, a dog watering section, Adirondack chairs, a swinging bench and the Mayor added it will also have a bike maintenance section.

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"**

**1<sup>st</sup> 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"**

**1<sup>st</sup> 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"**

**1<sup>st</sup> 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”**

**1<sup>st</sup> 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”**

**1<sup>st</sup> READING**

Mr. Shipp explained that the Recreation Department is requesting approval for a revised fee schedules effective January 1, 2026, encompassing all 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 adjustments were developed through a comprehensive review of comparable community rates, existing amenities, private-sector competition, and overall increased operational expenses in recent years. In most cases, these rates reflect a rounded 10% increase across all five ordinances. Some exceptions do exist to maintain consistent incremental pricing between membership categories. A primary driver of these adjustments is the significant increase in regional wage expectations along with overall increased expenses. With the anticipated reopening of the Fairview Park Pool, their newly adopted wage matrix establishes a minimum part-time rate of \$15.00/hour and lifeguard pay at \$17.00/hour. By comparison, our current structure begins at \$11.00/hour for part-time employees and \$14.50/hour for lifeguards. Aligning more closely with these market standards is projected to add more approximately \$300,000 just in annual part-time wage expenses alone. If the city does not match the competition for lifeguards, we lose them. The Rec Department hires approximately 100 lifeguards a year. The proposed rate increases across these five ordinances will help offset these additional costs, program-based fees. There is a few additions to the rate adjustments that are being proposed as well.

1. Introduction of a 30-day Civic Center membership option — a flexible, non-contract membership that does not include program discounts or perks. This allows us to be competitive with other local gyms. This decision does allow for removal of the six-month membership. Within the first week, seven of these memberships were sold as part of a pilot program to see how this would work.
  2. Elimination of paid part-time staff memberships initially intended to support recruitment and retention efforts through the development of increased staff benefits. This option may vary between seasonal and regular part-time staff. There has been a reduced membership rate for part-time employees but one of the things they want to do is to give a free membership to the part-time staff and eventually seasonal as well. Currently it is \$90.00 for a year. This option may vary between seasonal and regular part-time staff.
  3. Creation of consistent language for the Recreation Passport Program and Program and Special Class Fees for all ordinances.
  4. Adding half-day rental options for park spaces during the week. There was a lot of feedback from people that they wanted to rent just for half a day and not the full day. There is a window in between to allow for tear down and set up if necessary.
- Mr. Sindelar asked if they still have the guest pass. Mr. Shipp said yes and punch passes.
  - Mrs. Morris asked if someone must go out and clean between the half day rentals. Mr. Shipp said yes. The Mayor added that there is an expectation and requirements in the rental agreement that it be left as it was found.

- Mr. Furry added that the Rec Center does a price bump every two years and for the cabin and gazebo, that has been on a four-year bump. Two years ago, the salary wage ordinance was revised due to the lifeguards.

**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"**

**1<sup>st</sup> READING**

Mrs. Morris said this is also a yearly ordinance for sodium hypochlorite, which is a disinfectant for wastewater. There was a 12% reduction in price from \$2.13 a gallon to \$1.87 and this is one of the chemicals used most at the WWTP.

**ORDINANCE 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**

**1<sup>st</sup> READING**

Mr. Hunt said Council received a revised Ordinance No. 82-25 at their desk this evening. The word crossing was added to the title. There was a public input meeting prior to the City Council meeting this evening regarding this resolution. This is regarding a grant request for a raised crosswalk on Rockcliff Drive to connect the neighborhood sidewalk to the all-purpose trail in the MetroParks. This would go across Rockcliff Drive. The crossing would provide safe access for residents on bikes or on foot to traverse Rockcliff to either come in or out of the MetroParks there. This is a project that was looked at and the estimated cost is \$71,935.00. Upon passage of this resolution the city would request a \$50,000 grant from the Cuyahoga County Community Development Supplemental Grant Program. It would be a raised crosswalk so \$50,000 of the \$71,935 would be a significant chunk. Also relevant is that the city will be doing a sewer, watermain and pavement replacement project on Rockcliff in 2026 and 2027 so it makes sense to do this as part of that project. The MetroParks has been consulted and agrees that this would be the best place for the trail to be connected on the north side of Rockcliff as proposed. Mr. Hunt looks forward to receiving information from the input meeting this evening. Mr. Hunt will need to request a rules suspension and try to pass this on two reads, if everyone is on board with it. Director Kerber's email indicated that the grant required a completed resolution by November 14<sup>th</sup>. The context of the resolution itself, in the one whereas clause, indicates it must be submitted by November 7<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Snyder said that Director Kerber was handling this application and she told him this could be passed on a second read on November 10<sup>th</sup> as long as he submitted the final legislation by the 14<sup>th</sup>. That was fine. The application on the 7<sup>th</sup> but the legislation can be a follow up email to them by the 14<sup>th</sup>.

- Mr. Sindelar asked if the raised crosswalk will essentially be like the speed bumps but with a crosswalk design throughout it. Mr. Snyder said that is correct. They are not very high, only about four inches from the roadway. The tabletop portion of it is about 10-12 feet so it ramps a little then flat for 10-12 feet and then ramps back down. The overall goal is a reduction of approximately 15 mph and getting that road down to 10 mph. It will cross where the multi-use trail terminates right now on the south side directly across. The project currently has a proposed continuation of the multi-use trail on the north side that is approximately 9 feet wide from that crossing point to Wooster Road.
- Mr. Furry added this ordinance is applying for the money and the grant, not forging ahead with the project.



**ORDINANCE 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**

**1<sup>st</sup> READING**

Mr. Shipp said that Director Kerber gave him information regarding this ordinance. This resolution needs to be passed and the application submitted to ODNR by December 14<sup>th</sup>. Council will be able to get three full reads before that. This is to apply for a grant to implement upland improvements to Rocky River Park that were recommended by the Master Plan done for the park earlier this year. Those 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 \$1.663 million and this grant is requesting \$500,000. Mr. Shipp has photos he can provide to see the areas of the park this is talking about.

**CONSENT AGENDA:****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”**

**3<sup>rd</sup> 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. With the approval of this ordinance, it would establish a three-foot buffer for egress and ingress to driveways. There have been numerous complaints from residents regarding this. Hopefully this will help alleviate some of these parking issues.

**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”**

**3<sup>rd</sup> READING**

Mr. Furry said that this is the annual true up of the quarterly sewer bills. This technically does not need Councilmanic action 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 RRMIC 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**

**3<sup>rd</sup> READING**

Mr. Furry said this is basically an administrative action. The city received an administrative order from the Municipal Court Judges and both the Cuyahoga County Budget Commission and the Ohio Auditor of State require action by Council which is what this resolution is doing now.

**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**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> READING**

Mr. Furry said this is more of an administrative action to allow certain city officials 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”**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> READING**

Mr. Sindelar said that over several weeks he has described the litany of services that is provided by this agreement and the relatively low cost based upon the number of residents the city has. It has appeared in the Mayor’s Report. There are several different things for residents and the city itself and one of the key features the city can rely on is disaster preparedness through the County. Mr. Sindelar thinks it is worth it to enter into this 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**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> READING**

Mr. Sindelar said similarly he has touted the positives of this project. This project was well thought out from the west end to the east end. All through this project, the administrations worked looking at grants which is not free money given to the city, but money the city works hard to bring back to the city from tax money. This will include ADA compliant crosswalks and just as the name says it is a transportation for a liveable communities initiative. Mr. Sindelar describes Center Ridge as having a sterilized feel to it with certain commercial buildings, so it is nice that there is a way to soften that sterile feel and make a more inviting community at both ends of Center Ridge.

President Furry moved to approve Ordinance Nos. 49-25, 61-25, 63-25, 64-25, Resolution Nos. 62-25 and 65-25 of the consent agenda, seconded by Mr. Sindelar.

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

**PASSED**

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:** President Furry said City Council will not meet Thanksgiving week and will have a Special Meeting on November 17<sup>th</sup> and a Special Meeting on December 15<sup>th</sup>, so as to not meet during Christmas week. This could change, but as of now this is the plan.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS: FINANCE COMMITTEE:** Mr. Furry said that the Budget Hearings will be held on Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup> beginning at 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

## COMMUNICATIONS: NONE

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Mr. Jeffery Brenner, 19214 Scenic Road, has lived here for eight years. In the course of these eight years, he and his neighbors get together in the backyard to watch tv and football. Three times in those eight years someone has crashed into a telephone pole on Wooster Road and miraculously has not been critically injured. If you have driven south on Wooster Road from Detroit, there is a little crook then straight and that is where the telephone pole is. The most recent interaction was about three weeks ago. He is not sure how to bring this to someone's attention or if it is a city issue, county issue or state issue. He is not sure what the remedies could be but he and his neighbors are concerned that somebody could be killed at this spot rather than just hurt or injured. Mr. Brenner states that the crash begins with two big bangs. The first bang is the car hitting the pole and the second bang is the power transformer coming down. The Mayor said he should call the Mayor's Office, the Safety Service Director or the Chief of Police. Mr. Snyder will reach out to the governmental liaison with First Energy and talk to their engineering department to see what needs to be done to move that pole.

Mr. Brenner also mentioned that he is an avid blood donor. Having the ability to do that in Rocky River and allowing the Red Cross to use the facilities in Rocky River on a reoccurring basis, really makes it easier for blood donors to do it repetitively and repeatedly. Thank you for that.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m. President Furry stated that the next meeting will be a Committee-of-the-Whole next Monday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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David W. Furry  
President of Council

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Susan G. Pease  
Clerk of Council