

## CITY OF ROCKY RIVER

**June 9, 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 (7:13 p.m.), Mrs. Morris, Mr. Sindelar, Mr. Furry

Council Members Absent: Mrs. Gallagher

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

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 May 27<sup>th</sup> Legislative Meeting be waived and that the minutes be accepted as presented.

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

Moved by President Furry seconded by Mrs. Morris that the reading of the minutes of the June 2<sup>nd</sup> Community Improvement Corporation and the Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting be waived and that the minutes be accepted as presented.

Vote: Mayor Bobst – aye    Hunt – aye    O'Boyle – aye    Morris – aye    Sindelar – aye    Thomas – aye  
Furry - aye  
7 – ayes                      0 – nays                      **PASSED**

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

The Mayor stated that the speed cushions on Beachcliff will be installed tomorrow. A ReadyNotify notice went out regarding this information. This will be the third installation of the demonstration speed cushions that will be evaluated as the summer progresses.

The Mayor shared that the City of Rocky River will be hosting a large meeting this Thursday and Friday that will deal with assessing tree decay, tree biology and the biomechanics of risk. Chris Luley is an internationally recognized expert. People will be coming from all over to attend this meeting. This is a testament to the work Director Snyder has been doing all along with the Parks Department and the city arborists managing the urban tree canopy in Rocky River. Congratulations to Director Snyder on having the opportunity to host a meeting like this with colleagues from all over.

The Recreation Department announced that the pool is open and the full Summer Camp has started. City Hall Campus is a very busy campus.

This Saturday is Flag Day beginning at 9:00 a.m. There will be a short ceremony with scouts and a wonderful soloist who just completed fifth grade at Kensington School singing the National Anthem. If it rains, the ceremony will be held in Council Chambers.

Also, this Saturday, "Taste of Rocky River" will be held on Linda Street from 4:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. This is sponsored by the Rocky River Chamber of Commerce. There will be twenty-two food vendors and live

entertainment. Thank you to Director Snyder, Sam Rosario and the entire Service Department for their work on this. The Green Team will also be a part of this great community event.

- Mr. Sindelar asked if there was any feedback on the speed cushions that were already installed. Mr. Sindelar received a call questioning the speed cushions and someone who was concerned that the speed cushions on Northview would drive traffic down other streets. Mr. Snyder has heard lots of good things with people stating they would like the speed cushions on their street.

#### **LAW DEPARTMENT: NONE**

President Furry moved to waive the 72-hour notification for Resolution No. 36-25, seconded by Mrs. Morris. This item was on the agenda but Council received the actual legislation this evening.

Vote: Hunt – aye O’Boyle – aye Morris – aye Sindelar – aye Furry - aye  
5 – ayes 0 – nays **PASSED**

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE**

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

##### **ORDINANCE NO. 29-25**

**BY: DAVID W. FURRY**

**AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE COMPENSATION OF COUNCILMEMBERS OF THE CITY OF ROCKY RIVER FOR THE YEARS COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2026 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2027**

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

President Furry explained that every new term, the current Council needs to set the compensation for the newly elected Council. Filing deadlines have not been reached yet. The previous two cycles have had a cost-of-living adjustment and President Furry did not think any further adjustments were necessary. There will be one more read on this.

##### **ORDINANCE NO. 30-25**

**BY: DAVID W. FURRY**

**AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE COMPENSATION OF THE PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKY RIVER FOR THE YEARS COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2026 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2027**

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

President Furry said that similar to Ordinance No. 29-25, every new term the current Council needs to set the compensation for the Council President who is elected by the newly elected Council. Like Ordinance No. 29-25, the previous two cycles had a cost-of-living adjustment and he did not think any further adjustments were necessary.

#### **MOTION:**

President Furry moved to amend Section 2 and Section 3 of the following Ordinance No. 31-25, the compensation of the Director of Law, to reflect the hourly increase in additional salary that was discussed last week. Beginning January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026 the hourly rate will increase to \$150.00 and from January 1, 2027 to December 31, 2027 the hourly rate will increase to \$175.00. As discussed, the ceiling of \$50,000 is still in place. Mr. Sindelar seconded the motion.

Vote: Hunt – aye O’Boyle – aye Morris – aye Sindelar – aye Furry - aye  
5 – ayes 0 – nays **PASSED**

President Furry asked the Clerk of Council to read Amended Ordinance No.31-25.

**AMENDED ORDINANCE NO. 31-25****BY: DAVID W. FURRY****AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE COMPENSATION OF THE DIRECTOR OF LAW FOR THE YEARS COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2026 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2027****2<sup>nd</sup> READING****ORDINANCE NO. 32-25****BY: DAVID W. FURRY****AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE COMPENSATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF ROCKY RIVER FOR THE YEARS COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2026 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2027****2<sup>nd</sup> READING**

President Furry said like all the previous ordinances, this ordinance is providing for the compensation of the Mayor of the City of Rocky River term commencing January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2027. This had a slight bump last year with the longevity piece and no further increase for the cycle was added from the previous term.

**RESOLUTION NO. 33-25****BY: ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS****A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THAT ROCKY RIVER CITY COUNCIL SHALL RECESS DURING THE MONTH OF AUGUST IN 2025****2<sup>nd</sup> READING**

President Furry said that this has been a practice for a long time and allows Council to spend more time with family. There are times that Council has to meet for emergency situations during the month of August.

**NEW BUSINESS:****ORDINANCE NO. 34-25****BY: DAVID W. FURRY****AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AXA EQUITABLE LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY GOVERNMENTAL 457(B) PLAN ADOPTION AGREEMENT FOR A DEFERRED COMPENSATION PROGRAM FOR THE BENEFIT OF CITY AND MUNICIPAL COURT EMPLOYEES AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN THE ATTACHED EXHIBIT "A"****1<sup>st</sup> READING**

Mr. Furry stated that 34-25 is authorizing an updated employee deferred compensation plan agreement. The city offers three different deferred compensation plans for employees through the following three organizations: the Ohio Public Employees Deferred Compensation Program; VOYA (formerly known as ING); and Equitable (formerly known as AXA). The Equitable plan document needs to be updated to align with legislative changes and IRS regulatory changes including the CARES/SECURE Acts, Miner's Act and portions of SECURE 2.0. There is also some restructuring of the agreement since certain legislated and regulatory changes impact safety forces only.

**RESOLUTION NO. 35-25****BY: DAVID W. FURRY****A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CERTIFICATION OF UNPAID STATEMENT OF CHARGES AMOUNTS TO THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY FISCAL OFFICER FOR COLLECTION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF OHIO WHEREBY THE CITY OF ROCKY RIVER PAID ALL EXPENSES AND LABOR COSTS OUT OF CITY FUNDS FOR SIDEWALK RECONSTRUCTION, REPAIR OR REPLACEMENT AND AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN THE ATTACHED EXHIBIT "A"****1<sup>st</sup> READING**

This is similar to the annual sewer bill ordinance that certifies unpaid sewer assessments. Resolution No. 35-25 is to certify assessments of sidewalk maintenance costs. This is for the period from 2022 to 2024. After citing the sidewalks that needed to be repaired or replaced, residents had the option of finding their own contractor. Where

the city incurred maintenance costs, residents have been billed and there remain some unpaid accounts. Similar to the sewer assessments, Mr. Furry anticipates that there may be an amendment by substitution, although probably not to the extent that was done with the sewer assessments to reflect any payments received. Similar to the sewer maintenance, the County charges a 1% administrative fee for processing which is assessed to the taxes that the city eventually receives payment for it.

**RESOLUTION NO. 36-25**

**BY: DAVID W. FURRY**

**A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE ALTERNATIVE TAX BUDGET INFORMATION OF THE CITY OF ROCKY RIVER, OHIO FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2026 AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN THE ATTACHED EXHIBIT "A"**

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

Mr. Furry said this is basically a housekeeping issue to submit the Alternative Tax Budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2026. As Council knows this is not the final budget but a procedural item that needs to be submitted to the County. It has known payments and known salaries, but there is a lot more to it.

- Mrs. Morris asked if this is just for year to date. The Mayor stated that this is for next year and Mr. Furry said this is for January 1, 2026. It is for somewhat known things but obviously not all encompassing.

**ORDINANCE NO. 37-25**

**BY: JEANNE GALLAGHER**

**AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICE TO PURCHASE ONE (1) NEW 25 CUBIC YARD LEACH REFUSE COLLECTOR FOR THE SERVICE DEPARTMENT UNDER A SOURCEWELL COOPERATIVE PURCHASING CONTRACT FROM BEST EQUIPMENT COMPANY, AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$279,950.00, AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN THE ATTACHED EXHIBIT "A"**

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

Mr. Furry said he will defer discussion on this until the Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting next week.

**ORDINANCE NO. 38-25**

**BY: JEANNE GALLAGHER**

**AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICE TO PURCHASE ONE (1) NEW VACTOR TRUCK MOUNTED SEWER CLEANER FOR THE SERVICE DEPARTMENT UNDER A SOURCEWELL COOPERATIVE PURCHASING CONTRACT FROM A & H EQUIPMENT COMPANY, AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$642,585.08, AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN THE ATTACHED EXHIBIT "A"**

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

Mr. Furry said he will defer discussion on this until the Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting next week but has one question. Is this redundancy for this piece of equipment? Does the city have one? Director Snyder said there is one that is being eliminated. The Mayor added that other communities have them and should Rocky River need one, we could borrow one.

- Mrs. Morris asked for a picture to be sent out to Council.
- Mr. Sindelar asked if this is a replacement as the city has had one. The Mayor responded yes, but that one is being decommissioned. This is not redundancy. Mr. Snyder said that the one the city has now will be sold on gov.deals. The city does not expect to see the new one until February. Mr. Snyder explained that the city has had a lot of issues with the current sewer cleaner, so the city is purchasing a different model and different manufacturer.
- Mr. Sindelar asked what happens in the interim if there is an issue in the fall. Mr. Snyder said the city is keeping the one they have for as long as possible. It is in the shop now at Best Equipment and the city has a rental on the way. The one that is being decommissioned has spent about four months in the shop in 2024

and the city has spent about \$40,000 on rentals. All of this is outlined in the exhibit attached to the ordinance.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**ORDINANCE NO. 25-25**

**BY: JEANNE GALLAGHER**

**AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICE TO PURCHASE ONE (1) NEW 25 YARD SPARTAN SELF CONTAINED LEAF VACUUM TRAILER FOR THE SERVICE DEPARTMENT UNDER A SOURCEWELL COOPERATIVE PURCHASING CONTRACT FROM MACQUEEN EQUIPMENT, LLC, AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$168,632.00, AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN THE ATTACHED EXHIBIT "A"**

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

President Furry said the city has segued out of the dinkmars and into this equipment that has more longevity.

**RESOLUTION NO. 26-25**

**BY: CHRISTINA MORRIS**

**A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

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

Mrs. Morris said that this resolution is to adopt the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste Management District Plan. It is a requirement of Ohio Law. This has been discussed for a couple of weeks.

**ORDINANCE NO. 27-25**

**BY: JEANNE GALLAGHER**

**AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICE TO PURCHASE ONE (1) NEW 2025 RAYCO RG80-R STUMP CUTTER FOR THE SERVICE DEPARTMENT UNDER A SOURCEWELL COOPERATIVE PURCHASING CONTRACT FROM MORBARK, LLC, AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$81,434.12, AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN THE ATTACHED EXHIBIT "A"**

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

President Furry stated that this is a new piece of equipment as it was previously subbed out with a payout of about five years based on what the city has done. This equipment will release the stump and will also help plant the trees.

**ORDINANCE NO. 28-25**

**BY: DAVID W. FURRY**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY OF ROCKY RIVER, CODIFIED ORDINANCES, SECTIONS 914.15(a) AND 914.18 CONCERNING SEWER USE AND RATES, AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN THE ATTACHED EXHIBIT "A"**

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

President Furry said that this has been discussed for several weeks and is for an annual stepped-up rate increase for sewer billing of \$2.50 a year base MCF for four years. President Furry said these rates are competitive but it is capital intensive and the rates need to be bumped up a little.

**MOTION:**

President Furry move to approve Ordinance Nos. 25-25, 27-25, 28-25 and Resolution No. 26-25 as there has been little discussion on these, seconded by Mrs. Morris.

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

**PASSED**

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: NONE**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS: NONE**

**COMMUNICATIONS:** President Furry wished Councilwoman Morris a happy birthday!

**PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE**

The next meeting will be a Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting on June 16, 2025. The Legislative Meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

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David W. Furry  
President of Council

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Susan G. Pease  
Clerk of Council