

**CITY OF ROCKY RIVER**

**March 23, 2026**

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

Council Members Present: President Shipp, Mr. Furry, Ms. Havemann, Ms. Morris, Mr. Hunt, Mr. Moran, Ms. Gallagher

Absent: Mayor Bobst

Administration: Mr. Lindow, Mr. Snyder, Mr. O’Shea

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MOTION:**

Moved by President Shipp, seconded by Mr. Furry, that the reading of the minutes of the Legislative Meeting of March 9, 2026, be waived and that the minutes be accepted as presented.

Vote:	Hunt – aye	Moran – aye	Shipp – aye	Gallagher - aye
	Morris – aye	Havemann – aye	Furry - aye	
	7– ayes	0 – nays		<b>PASSED</b>

Moved by President Shipp, seconded by Mr. Furry, that the reading of the minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting of March 16, 2026, be waived and that the minutes be accepted as presented.

Vote:	Hunt – aye	Moran – aye	Shipp – aye	Gallagher - aye
	Morris – Abstain	Havemann – aye	Furry - Abstain	
	5– ayes	2 – Abstain	0 – nays	<b>PASSED</b>

**SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR REPORT:**

Director Snyder reminded everyone that the spring bulk collection will be the week of March 30-April 3<sup>rd</sup>. He requested that residents place all piles to the tree lawn by 7:00 am March 30 to ensure their crews can make it through the community at least once that week.

Director Snyder provided an ODOT update regarding the work being done on I-90. He advised that the I-90 eastbound lanes will be restricted down to one lane between Wooster Rd and W 117 between 9 am – 3 pm March 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>.

Director Snyder advised that the Center Ridge Road project commenced this week and they will most likely be milling the curb lane next week. This project will last throughout spring and summer and is expected to be completed by the end of October.

Director Snyder advised that the Westmore Glendale Project continues noting that there is currently a large hole on Hillard Rd. Crews are wrapping up that sewer portion and hope to have that area temporarily paved by the end of next week which will allow them to open Hillard back up to full traffic.

Lastly, he advised that there was a positive bid opening for the Spencer Creek project this past Friday with four bidders. The engineers estimate for the project came in just over 1.5 million and the low bidder came in at just over 1 million. They are currently reviewing those bids and once they have everything evaluated, they will provide the information to Council for approval.

- M. Gallagher inquired about the orange cones on Lake Rd.
- Director Snyder replied that those are for the Enbridge Gas relocation for the Lake Clifton project at Linda Street that will take place throughout this week. He advised that they hope to get a construction update out to the community at the end of this week via the website and ReadyNotify.

**LAW DEPARTMENT: NONE**

**PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE**

**PENDING BUSINESS:**

**ORDINANCE NO. 52-25**

**BY: 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” (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading-On Hold)**

**ORDINANCE NO. 54-25**

**BY: HUNT**

**An Ordinance Amending Section 729.01 in Order to Add Definitions to Chapter 729 and Enacting 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” (3<sup>rd</sup> Reading-On Hold)**

Mr. Hunt advised that Ordinance 52-25 remains on hold and Ordinance 54-25 is going to be put on hold this evening. They were not able to finalize the language revisions but will get it cleaned up and ready for a third reading at the next Legislative Meeting April 13, 2026.

**ORDINANCE NO. 11-26**

**An Emergency Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor and the Safety-Service Director to Purchase One (1) Ford F600 Truck for the Parks Division Under the Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Contract from Valley Truck Centers, at a Cost Not to Exceed \$95,641.00, as Further Described in the Attached Exhibit “A” (3<sup>rd</sup> Reading)**

Ms. Gallagher advised that this ordinance is requesting the purchase of a Ford F600 Chassis with an aluminum dumping body from Valley Truck Centers. It’s part of the planned vehicle purchase for the service department and it’s going to replace a 2015 F550 with almost 33,000 miles and 6,000 engine hours. It will be used by the Parks Division for Urban Forestry and Parks maintenance. This chassis is better suited for hauling more weight and was selected by the Parks Division with input from the Lead Mechanic.

Mr. Gallagher moved for passage of Ordinance No. 11-26, seconded by Mr. Furry.

Vote:	Hunt – aye	Gallagher – aye	Moran – aye	Shipp – aye
	Morris – aye	Havemann – aye	Furry - aye	
	7– ayes	0 – nays		<b>PASSED</b>

**ORDINANCE NO. 12-26**

**An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Acknowledge the Memorandum of Understanding Between the Cuyahoga Soil and Water Conservation District and the City of Rocky River Regarding Storm Water Pollution Education for Fiscal Years 2026 Through 2030 as Further Described in the Attached Exhibit “A” (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading)**

Mr. Moran advised that this ordinance is for Cuyahoga Soil and Water District providing background and purpose for public education to support our MC1 and MC2. Our Service Director will serve as the liaison. This ordinance replaces Ordinance 1-21, which was done 5 years ago. This will be good for the next 5 years at a cost of about \$6,600 a year.

**ORDINANCE NO. 13-26**

Ms. Havemann moved to amend Ordinance No.13-26 to add the words ‘be amended’ in Section 1. of the ordinance, seconded by Mr. Shipp.

Vote:	Hunt – aye	Gallagher – aye	Moran – aye	Shipp – aye
	Morris – aye	Havemann – aye	Furry - aye	
	7– ayes	0 – nays		<b>PASSED</b>

**An Ordinance Amending the Property Maintenance Code Within the Codified Ordinances of the City of Rocky River, Specifically Section 1370.04 Maintenance and Responsibilities, as Further Described in the Attached Exhibit “A” (3<sup>rd</sup> Reading)**

Ms. Havemann advised that this ordinance amends the maintenance requirements for buildings so that there is a structural inspection every five years for buildings over 30 years and taller than four stories, above ground parking structures with five or more spaces, underground parking structures, retaining walls and walls containing flammable and combustible liquids. Previously there was some confusion over whether this included residential and commercial properties and she confirmed that this ordinance applies to both residential and commercial buildings if they are over four stories high and over 30 years old. Director Reich is revising the language to include the ASTM and ASCE standards that the inspections should be compliant with and to clarify that the registered architect should specialize in structural design. These changes will result in revisions to the attachment which will require Council to amend the ordinance before the 3<sup>rd</sup> reading.

**ORDINANCE NO. 15-26**

**An Emergency Ordinance Amending Section 139.01 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Rocky River, Ohio, to Update the Authorized Staffing Composition of the Division of Police, as Further Described in Exhibit “A” (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading)**

Mr. Hunt advised that this ordinance would revise Section 139.01 of the code regarding the composition of the Police Division. There was some language regarding the maximum number of sergeants and police officers that was removed and some additional language added. He advised that it’s straightforward increasing from four to six sergeants and the number of police officers as assigned by appropriation which is key. These changes and revisions are tied into authorization by appropriation. This is a management right and isn’t subject to the CBA.

## NEW BUSINESS:

### ORDINANCE NO. 17-26

#### **An Emergency Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor and the Director of Public Safety-Service to Enter into a Contract with Crossroads Asphalt Recycling, Inc. for the Wagar Road Resurfacing Project at a Cost Not to Exceed \$714,525.05 as Further Described in the Attached Exhibit “A.” (1st Reading)**

President Shipp requested that Director Snyder clarify what sections of the Wagar Rd and Westway will be under construction.

- Director Snyder advised that this project includes the portion of Wagar Rd. between Hillard Blvd. and Detroit and it will also include Westway between Wagar and the Bridge as you head westbound. There will be full depth concrete repairs, curb repairs, ADA Compliant curb ramps and crosswalk improvements. A key feature of this review, at the request of Councilmembers Morris and Furry, was that they looked at the lane configurations at Westway and Wagar specifically regarding turning and safety. They contracted with OHM Advisors who determined that a restructuring of that intersection would improve safety and reduce wait times at that intersection by changing the turn lane layouts. They will maintain their ‘no turn during school hours’ for the right lane heading northbound and then they will also maintain ‘no right turn’ going southbound for visibility. He noted that \$250,000 of this project will be paid for by Cuyahoga County Public works 50/50 program.
- Council and Director continued to discuss the specifics of the changes to the roadway referencing the drawings that were provided by Director Snyder which will be circulated to the board.
- Director Snyder clarified that traveling eastbound on Westway there will be two lanes, the right lane will be right turn only and the left lane will be left turn or straight whereas now that is flipflopped. As you go westbound the lefthand lane will be straight or left turn and then it will be right turn only to go northbound onto Wagar. One of the big changes was almost a 6-7 second improvement during peak hours traveling south on Wagar Rd with an overall improvement at the intersection of 4-5 seconds in all directions.
- President Shipp noted that they updated Section 3 of the legislation to include the public dollars to be used on the project. He advised that there was a memo from the Engineer, Kimberly Kerber, who advised that there were six bids received. The estimate was \$1,026,000 and all six of the bids came in under that estimate with Crossroads Asphalt Recycling being the lowest bid and the one recommended by Ms. Kerber. Crossroads has done work in Rocky River in ‘22, ‘24, ‘25 as part of the Street Repair Program and they completed similar projects in the cities of Oberlin, Olmsted Falls and Berea. They’ve received favorable recommendations from other cities and Crossroads has no unresolved findings in the Auditor of State database.

**ORDINANCE NO. 18-26**

**An Ordinance Amending Rocky River Codified Ordinance Section 731.04 and Adding New Section 731.05 as Further Described in Attached Exhibits “A” and “B.” (1st Reading)**

Ms. Havemann advised that these ordinances were revised to facilitate events such as farmers markets and outdoor business sales. The original section 731.04 is for business owners to have sales right outside their brick-and-mortar businesses on an ongoing basis and the new section is for farmers markets and flea markets. She was curious if this would include sales at the Fall Fest or Flowers for Maria and was advised that those are not included in this ordinance as they are covered by Chapter 725. Section 731.05 is completely new, and Section 731.04 is revised slightly.

- Mr. Furry remarked that he wants to ensure that they have an adequate parking plan as it often seems to be an issue.
- Ms. Havemann confirmed that parking is addressed in this Section, but agreed it is often an issue. She further explained that these changes came from the Building Director Reich who advised that during the fall of 2024 and May-October 2025 the Building Department was approached several times with requests for short term sales and events such as farmers markets or outdoor business sales. The outdoor ordinance addresses outdoors sales as they are currently written to apply to brick-and-mortar business conducting ongoing day to day outdoor sales these regulations are intended for more permanent uses such as the display or sale of landscaping materials, propane, ice machines, and fire goods. Such outdoor display and/or storage is typically part of a broader development plan and requires application through the Building Department including plan review and Planning Commission review.
- President Shipp clarified that these ordinances are more for the temporary uses that aren't connected to the brick-and-mortar business.
- Ms. Havemann confirmed that to be correct reiterating that this ordinance is for seasonal sales like farmers markets.

**RESOLUTION NO. 19-26**

President Shipp advised that Resolution 19-26 to appoint the Charter Review Commission has been solidified. They've added Peter J. Sullivan Jr. and Colleen Hauer to round out their nine members. He advised that he previously circulated Ms. Hauer's resume and Mr. Sullivan is an attorney at Benesch Friedlander Coplan & Aronoff, a Veteran, and has a very impressive resume.

President Shipp moved to suspend the 72-hour rule for Resolution No. 19-26, seconded by Ms. Havemann.

Vote:	Hunt – aye	Gallagher – aye	Moran – aye	Shipp – aye
	Morris – aye	Havemann – aye	Furry - aye	
	7– ayes	0 – nays		<b>PASSED</b>

President Shipp advised that they are under time constraints to get this information to the Board of Elections as previously discussed. His hope is that they give the commission enough time to do their work and hold their meetings because once completed their determinations need to come back to Council for approval before sending them onto the Board of Elections.

President Shipp moved to suspend the three-read rule for Resolution No. 19-26, seconded by Mr. Furry.

Vote:	Hunt – aye	Gallagher – aye	Moran – aye	Shipp – aye
	Morris – aye	Havemann – aye	Furry - aye	
	7– ayes	0 – nays		<b>PASSED</b>

**An Emergency Resolution Appointing the Charter Review Commission as Provided in Article X, Section 4 of the Charter of the City of Rocky River, Ohio (1st Reading)**

President Shipp moved for passage of Resolution No. 19-26, seconded by Mr. Furry.

Vote:	Hunt – aye	Gallagher – aye	Moran – aye	Shipp – aye
	Morris – aye	Havemann – aye	Furry - aye	
	7– ayes	0 – nays		<b>PASSED</b>

**ORDINANCE NO. 20-26**

**An Emergency Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor and Director of Public Safety-Service to Purchase One (1) 2024 Ford F550 Utility Body Truck from Mike Bass Ford for the Sewer Division at a Cost not to Exceed \$85,200.00, as Further Described in the Attached Exhibit “A.” (1st Reading)**

Ms. Gallagher advised that this ordinance is for the purchase of a new 2024 Ford F550. The decision was made to buy a 2024 model as it is more cost effective for the City. A separate proposal for a larger 2026 model was \$129,000 so they made the decision to buy this 2024 F550. This vehicle is still under warranty coverage consisting of 3 years or 36,000 miles, bumper to bumper, 5 years or 60,000 miles on the powertrain and safety restraint systems, 5 years of corrosion protection, and 5 years or 100,000 miles on the engine. Lastly the truck is available now whereas there would be a delay for the 2026 model.

**ORDINANCE NO. 21-26**

**An Emergency Ordinance Amending Chapter 133 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Rocky River, Ohio, For Enactment of Section 133.09 “Returned Payment Fees” as Described in the Attached Exhibit “A.” (1st Reading)**

Mr. Furry advised that Ordinance 21-26 is amending Chapter 133 of the Codified Ordinances which pertains to the Finance Department. 133.09 is a new section as our code previously only went to 133.08. This allows the city to collect \$25 to any payment made to the City of Rocky River that is returned or dishonored for any reason including, but not limited to, non-sufficient funds, stop payment or closed accounts. He added that the City is charged for these, so we are just trying to recoup some of those funds.

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:**

The board discussed the upcoming Citizen Police Academy Class of 2026-01 graduation ceremony Tuesday the 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in Memorial Hall.

President Shipp reminded Council to drop off their checks for the miscellaneous funds that they incur.

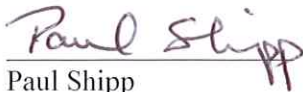
**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Mr. Hunt provided an update on behalf of the Safety Committee. He advised that the new Fire Engine will be coming on April 9<sup>th</sup> which was approved via Ordinance 49-22 back in July 2022. This Fire Engine will be replacing Engine 65 which is 30 years old and in a backup role. In 2022, they were planning for 28-30 months on passage of the ordinance and delivery which shows how long it's taking. According to the Chief, the final inspection will be on April 9<sup>th</sup> then a crew will drive the truck to Rocky River followed by training and outfitting before going into service. An ambulance that they ordered in 2023 was finished on March 18<sup>th</sup>. It's going back to Pennsylvania for final lettering and striping, and they expect delivery within the next two weeks where it will be outfitted then be out in service. The redundancy on ambulances is paramount to ensure they are in good order and running so this will be a much-needed addition. Ordinance 73-23 for this ambulance was passed in September of 2023 replacing Medic 67 which went into service in October 2005. He noted that they get good use out of these vehicles, and he believes it's a testament to the Administration and the staff who ensured they were looking at these replacements years ago.

- Mr. Furry inquired if they will put the used vehicle up on GovDeals.
- Director Snyder advised that they likely would see if there would be any need for Medic 67 on the Westshore as they share backups. He will talk to the Chief and provide an update to Council once he has one.

**PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE**

President Shipp advised that next Monday is the 5<sup>th</sup> Monday in March so they will not hold a meeting and due to the holiday, Easter Sunday April 5<sup>th</sup>, they will not be holding their Committee of the Whole meeting April 6<sup>th</sup> therefore their next meeting will be a Legislative Meeting Monday April 13, 2026. The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.



Paul Shipp  
President of Council



Lauren Oley  
Clerk of Council