

CITY OF ROCKY RIVER

October 7, 2024

PUBLIC HEARING – AMENDED ORDINANCE NO. 32-24

AMENDED ORDINANCE NO. 32-24 **BY: MICHAEL J. O’BOYLE**
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP (EXHIBIT “A”)
REFERENCED WITHIN PART ELEVEN OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF
THE CITY OF ROCKY RIVER CONCERNING LAND USE PLANNING AND
ZONING AND FURTHER KNOWN AS THE DEVELOPMENT CODE

Council Members Present: Mrs. Gallagher, Mr. O’Boyle, Mr. Shipp,
Mrs. Morris, Mr. Furry

Council Members Absent: Mr. Hunt, Mr. Sindelar

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

Law Director: Mr. O’Shea

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

SWEARING IN OF FIREFIGHTERS MARTIN REHOR AND FRANK PARENTE

Prior to the Public Hearing commencing, President Furry turned the meeting over to Mayor Bobst and Chief Lenart to swear-in Firefighters Frank Parente and Martin Rehor. Chief Lenart thanked the audience for attending the swearing-in. Chief Lenart explained that the firefighters were hired several months ago, but they are finally being sworn-in in front of City Council, family and friends. Chief Lenart explained that the firefighters go through an extensive background check when hired and fortunately the City of Rocky River hired Martin and Frank. Candidates go through the testing, join the department and have extensive training over the next two years and both have been coming along fine. Firefighter Frank Parente came to Rocky River from the Willoughby Fire Department and Firefighter Martin Rehor joined Rocky River from Ravenna Township and lives in Fairview Park.

Mayor Bobst thanked Chief Lenart adding that the Chief makes sure that the department has all the right equipment, training and all the right personnel. A big thank you to City Council for supporting the Fire Department in a way that is consistent with keeping the community safe. Thank you to all the firefighters who are in attendance this evening. The Mayor said it says a lot about the brotherhood of the Fire Department and she could not be prouder of all of them. The Mayor also thanked Police Chief George Lichman who was in attendance this evening.

Mayor Bobst began the swearing in of Firefighter Frank Parente and he was pinned by his mother. Firefighter Parente thanked everyone for being at this evening’s swearing-in.

Mayor Bobst then swore-in Firefighter Martin Rehor and was pinned by his father. Firefighter Rehor thanked everyone for being at this evening’s swearing-in.

Chief Lenart thanked everyone for their attendance this evening. It is great to have new members of the department as there are many in the department retiring within the next couple of years.

PUBLIC HEARING:

The Public Hearing for Amended Ordinance No. 32-24 began immediately following the swearing-in by Mr. Furry, President of City Council. President Furry said that everyone will have the chance to speak. Mr. Furry reiterated that this is public comment not public interaction and all are welcome to address Council and/or the administration individually or collectively. Mr. Furry also introduced Director Kerber who is in attendance this evening to observe and answer any questions.

Mr. Furry turned the meeting over to Councilman O'Boyle. Mr. O'Boyle stated that Council is happy to have Director Kerber in attendance.

Mr. O'Boyle said that Amended Ordinance No. 32-24 is the subject of the Public Hearing this evening. It is to amend the official Zoning Map referenced within Part 11 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Rocky River concerning Land Use Planning and Zoning and further known as the Development Code. Mr. O'Boyle stated that this has been an extended process beginning in June with the first reading of this ordinance. It was recommended to the Planning Commission and this map is the recommendation from the Planning Commission.

Mr. Furry invited the audience forward to comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Patricia Garver, 19000 Lake Road #808, asked why the change in the zoning came about. The information she received did not clarify or expand on that at all. The Mayor said there were several parcels on the zoning map that were being rezoned, and others that had already been rezoned and were now being memorialized. The Westlake Condominiums did not have a correct zoning classification based on changes that came out of the Planning Commission through the official process and is being rezoned as OB 3. Mrs. Morris added that it is an update of the zoning map. Director Kerber explained that the rezoning of the Westlake Condominiums does not change anything that Ms. Garver will notice. It is an administrative update to the map.

As there was no further comment, Mr. Furry moved to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Mr. O'Boyle.

Vote:	Gallagher – aye	O'Boyle – aye	Shipp - aye
	Morris – aye	Furry - aye	
	5 ayes	0 nays	

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

David W. Furry
President of Council

Susan G. Pease
Clerk of Council