

CITY OF ROCKY RIVER

November 18, 2024

The Special Meeting of Council 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, Mrs. Gallagher, Mr. O'Boyle, Mr. Shipp,
Mrs. Morris, Mr. Sindelar, 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 Furry seconded by Mr. Hunt that the reading of the minutes of the Special Meeting and Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting of November 4th be waived and that the minutes be accepted.

Vote: Hunt – aye	Gallagher – aye	O'Boyle – abstain	Shipp – aye
Morris – aye	Sindelar – aye	Furry – aye	
6 – ayes	1 – abstain	0 - nays	PASSED

President Furry invited Mr. Tony Ramos from NOPEC to give an update on the NOPEC Public Hearings. Mr. Ramos informed City Council that both hearings were conducted on November 6th. No residents were in attendance. At this point, NOPEC has fulfilled all the necessary obligations and City Council should feel comfortable moving forward with the opt-in pieces of legislation to update the Gas Program.

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

PENDING BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE NO. 76-24 **BY: DAVID W. FURRY**
AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE CREATING POSITIONS AND FIXING OR
ESTABLISHING THE ANNUAL SALARIES AND HOURLY RATES COMMENCING
JANUARY 1, 2025 FOR THE APPOINTED EMPLOYEES IN THE SEVERAL
DIVISIONS AND DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY OF ROCKY RIVER
2nd READING

Mr. Furry will defer discussion on this until the Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting, immediately following this meeting.

ORDINANCE NO. 77-24**BY: DAVID W. FURRY****AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE TO MAKE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE CITY OF ROCKY RIVER, OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND TO AMEND AMENDED ORDINANCES NOS. 95-23 AND 63-24****2nd READING**

Mr. Furry said this ordinance is amending the supplemental appropriation with an additional \$100,000 to total \$1.5 million for the Senior Center improvements. This will align with the construction costs and bond ordinance total not to exceed \$4.6 million per the Finance Director's revised recommendation with this covering two fiscal years. Director Thomas added that due to the timing of the Bond Issue, this activity is going to be reflected in the 2024 budget and the 2025 budget. Mr. Furry moved to amend Ordinance No. 77-24 by substituting Exhibit A which references the November 18, 2024 date as opposed to the November 4, 2024 date that was previously attached, seconded by Mr. Hunt.

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

AMENDED ORDINANCE NO. 77-24
FURRY**BY: DAVID W.****AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE TO MAKE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE CITY OF ROCKY RIVER, OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND TO AMEND AMENDED ORDINANCES NOS. 95-23 AND 63-24****2nd READING****ORDINANCE NO. 78-24****BY: DAVID W. FURRY****AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF SENIOR CENTER GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE CITY OF ROCKY RIVER, OHIO IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$4,600,000 TO PAY OR REIMBURSE THE CITY FOR ALL OR A PORTION OF THE COSTS OF CONSTRUCTING, RECONSTRUCTING, EQUIPPING, FURNISHING AND OTHERWISE IMPROVING THE CITY'S SENIOR CENTER, TOGETHER WITH ALL NECESSARY APPURTENANCES THERETO****2nd READING**

Mr. Furry moved to amend Ordinance No. 78-24, seconded by Mrs. Gallagher and Mr. O'Boyle. Mr. Furry explained that Blake Beachler, Bond Counsel at Calfee, Halter & Griswold, LLP clarified the bottom of the first paragraph of Section 2, adding that the bonds may be issued in the calendar year 2024 or 2025. It more clearly states Council's authorizing intent. There is additional language at the beginning of Section 12 regarding the bank qualification language because the Fire Department Project may launch in 2025. This sheds light on potential plans for 2025 since project activity is straddling two budget years and may abut to the Fire Department Project debt activity in 2025. This ordinance authorizes the city to issue bonds for the Senior Center Improvements Project and authorizes funding not to exceed \$4.6 million which will pay the construction cost within the bid amount.

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

AMENDED ORDINANCE NO. 78-24

BY: DAVID W. FURRY

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF SENIOR CENTER GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE CITY OF ROCKY RIVER, OHIO IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$4,600,000 TO PAY OR REIMBURSE THE CITY FOR ALL OR A PORTION OF THE COSTS OF CONSTRUCTING, RECONSTRUCTING, EQUIPPING, FURNISHING AND OTHERWISE IMPROVING THE CITY'S SENIOR CENTER, TOGETHER WITH ALL NECESSARY APPURTENANCES THERETO

2nd READING

ORDINANCE NO. 79-24

BY: DAVID W. FURRY

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO PAY THE CITY OF CLEVELAND DIVISION OF WATER A REIMBURSEMENT FOR PHASE TWO OF THE 2020 ROCKY RIVER SEWER AND WATER MAIN PROJECT FOR COLLVER ROAD AND OAK ROAD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,669.06

2nd READING

Mr. Furry will defer discussion until the Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting following this meeting.

ORDINANCE NO. 80-24

BY: JEANNE GALLAGHER

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR TO PURCHASE GASOLINE, FUEL OIL AND ALLIED PRODUCTS ON THE OPEN MARKET AT THE BEST PRICES POSSIBLE FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2025 TO DECEMBER 31, 2025

2nd READING

Mrs. Gallagher will defer discussion until the Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting.

ORDINANCE NO. 81-24

BY: JEANNE GALLAGHER

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR TO PURCHASE TIRES ON THE OPEN MARKET AT THE BEST PRICES POSSIBLE FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2025 TO DECEMBER 31, 2025

2nd READING

Mrs. Gallagher will defer discussion until the Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 82-24

BY: BRIAN J. SINDELAR

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND HER DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE HILLIARD BOULEVARD BRIDGE 08.57, AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT "A"

2nd READING

Mr. Sindelar will defer comment until the Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting.

ORDINANCE NO. 84-24

BY: BRIAN J. SINDELAR

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS WITH MEDICAL MUTUAL OF OHIO TO PROVIDE HEALTH CARE, PRESCRIPTION INSURANCE COVERAGE, AND OPTIONAL VISION COVERAGE

**FOR THE FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF ROCKY RIVER, AS
FURTHER DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT "A"
2nd READING**

Mr. Sindelar will withhold comment until the Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting.

ORDINANCE NO. 85-24 BY: JEANNE GALLAGHER
**AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND DIRECTOR OF
PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICE TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH MILLSTONE
MANAGEMENT GROUP, FOR THE 2024 SENIOR CENTER RENOVATION AND
ADDITION PROJECT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$4,551,889.00 AS
FURTHER DESCRIBED IN THE ATTACHED EXHIBIT "A"
2nd READING**

Mrs. Gallagher said she will discuss this at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE NO. 86-24 BY: CHRISTINA MORRIS
**AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC
SAFETY-SERVICE TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR A PERIOD OF ONE
YEAR 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"
1st READING**

Mrs. Morris will withhold comment until the Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting.

ORDINANCE NO. 87-24 BY: CHRISTINA MORRIS
**A CHANGE TO ORDINANCE 915.03(C)(3) AMENDING PRETREATMENT
ENFORCEMENT LANGUAGE AND LOCAL DISCHARGE LIMITATIONS
1st READING**

Mrs. Morris will discuss this at the Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting.

ORDINANCE NO. 88-24 BY: DAVID W. FURRY
**AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CURRENT
EXPENSES OF THE CITY OF ROCKY RIVER, OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR
ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025
1st READING**

Mr. Furry said this will be discussed at the Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting with more discussion at the December 6th Budget .

ORDINANCE NO. 89-24 BY: BRIAN J. SINDELAR
**AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND SAFETY
SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR VARIOUS
INSURANCE COVERAGES FOR THE CITY OF ROCKY RIVER WITH MCGOWAN
INSURANCE AND UNDERWRITTEN BY MUNICHRE SPECIALTY INSURANCE**

COMPANY FOR THE YEAR 2025 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$369,860.00, AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN THE ATTACHED EXHIBIT “A”
1st READING

Mr. Sindelar will hold his comments in abeyance as well as for the next two insurance ordinances.

ORDINANCE NO. 90-24 **BY: BRIAN J. SINDELAR**
AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR VARIOUS INSURANCE COVERAGES FOR THE ROCKY RIVER MUNICIPAL COURT WITH MCGOWAN INSURANCE AND UNDERWRITTEN BY MUNICHRE SPECIALTY INSURANCE COMPANY FOR THE YEAR 2025 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$10,419.00, AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN THE ATTACHED EXHIBIT “A”
1st READING

Mr. Sindelar will hold his comments until the next meeting.

ORDINANCE NO. 91-24 **BY: BRIAN J. SINDELAR**
AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR VARIOUS INSURANCE COVERAGES FOR THE ROCKY RIVER WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT WITH MCGOWAN INSURANCE AND UNDERWRITTEN BY MUNICHRE SPECIALTY INSURANCE COMPANY FOR THE YEAR 2025 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$140,651.00, AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN THE ATTACHED EXHIBIT “A”
1st READING

Mr. Sindelar will hold his comments until the next meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 92-24 **BY: CHRISTINA MORRIS**
AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR AND ADMINISTER A COASTAL MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE GRANT FROM THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES FOR THE SPENCER CREEK REHABILITATION PROJECT
1st READING

Mrs. Morris said this will be discussed at the Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA:

ORDINANCE NO. 66-24 **BY: BRIAN J. SINDELAR**
AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE PLAN OF OPERATION AND GOVERNANCE FOR THE NOPEC OPT-IN GAS AGGREGATION PROGRAM FOR THE PURPOSE OF JOINTLY ESTABLISHING AND IMPLEMENTING AN OPT-IN GAS AGGREGATION PROGRAM AS A NOPEC MEMBER
3rd READING

Mr. Sindelar said this has been discussed for several weeks with zero questions. There were not any residents at the Public Hearing on November 6th. Mr. Sindelar said it is good to provide

different options for the residents as it is not a hinderance to the city.

ORDINANCE NO. 67-24

BY: BRIAN J. SINDELAR

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO ESTABLISH AN OPT-IN NATURAL GAS PROGRAM PURSUANT TO SECTION 4929.27(A)(1), OHIO REVISED CODE, JOINTLY THROUGH NOPEC AS A NOPEC MEMBER

3rd READING

Mr. Sindelar said that with any legislation this is the driving ordinance to follow the legislation that is handed down by Columbus to establish the plan that the city will pass which was just read.

ORDINANCE NO. 72-24

BY: CHRISTINA MORRIS

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY-SERVICE TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH AECOM TECHNICAL SERVICES FOR FIELD WORK AND HYDRAULIC MODELING OF THE INGERSOLL DRIVE-SMITH COURT SANITARY SEWERSHED IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$35,600.00, AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN THE ATTACHED EXHIBIT "A"

3rd READING

Mrs. Morris said this has been discussed for several weeks regarding the area of Smith Court and Ingersoll Drive, which is a convergence of sanitary sewers for many of the properties south of the railroad tracks to I-90 and between Lakeview Ave and Wooster Rd. While diagnosing issues pertaining to sanitary backup earlier this year, the city identified significant levels of wet weather flow in the sanitary main on Ingersoll Drive which is indicative of high I/I. Additionally, a sanitary manhole cover on Smith Court lifted during heavy rains. This proposal will allow the city to use the flow meter data and additional information to evaluate the current capacity and flow in the sewers. Mrs. Morris has not had any questions.

ORDINANCE NO. 73-24

BY: DAVID W. FURRY

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO PAY THE CITY OF CLEVELAND DIVISION OF WATER A REIMBURSEMENT FOR PHASE ONE OF THE 2020 ROCKY RIVER SEWER AND WATER MAIN PROJECT FOR MOREWOOD PARKWAY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$108,790.56

3rd READING

This is an ordinance authorizing the Finance Director to reimburse the City of Cleveland \$108,790.56. Of this figure \$89,571.83 was construction costs and \$19,218.73 was construction administration costs. This was Phase 1 of the sewer and water main project for Morewood Pkwy and the city is returning City of Cleveland water money with hopes that they will continue to give us more in the future.

RESOLUTION NO. 74-24

BY: BRIAN J. SINDELAR

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND HER DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF

PUBLIC WORKS TO ACCEPT AND ADMINISTER FUNDS FOR THE RESURFACING OF A PORTION OF WAGAR ROAD WITHIN THE CITY OF ROCKY RIVER, AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT “A”
3rd READING

Mr. Sindelar said this has been discussed with very little questions regarding this resolution. This is a resolution to accept funds and people do not protest too much when money is being received. Mr. Sindelar said this is not free money, but money paid by city taxpayers that the city administration diligently requests in grant form for city services.

ORDINANCE NO. 75-24 **BY: CHRISTINA MORRIS**
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY-SERVICE TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH BONDED CHEMICALS, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE AND SUPPLY OF SODIUM HYPOCHLORITE FOR THE ROCKY RIVER WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT AT A COST OF \$2.16 PER GALLON FOR ONE (1) YEAR AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT “A”
3rd READING

Mrs. Morris said this is a yearly ordinance that is a 17% drop in price. Mrs. Morris has not had any questions regarding this ordinance.

Mr. Furry moved for passage Ordinance No. 66-24, 67-24, 72-24, 73-24, 75-24 and Resolution No. 74-24, seconded by Mrs. Morris.

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

Mr. Furry moved to adjourn the Special Meeting at 7:38 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Morris and Mr. Sindelar.

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

David W. Furry
President of Council

Susan G. Pease
Clerk of Council