

CITY OF ROCKY RIVER
November 4, 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. Shipp,
Mrs. Morris, Mr. Sindelar, Mr. Furry

Council Members Absent: Mr. O'Boyle

Administration: Mayor Bobst, Mr. Snyder

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOTION:

Moved by President Furry seconded by Mrs. Morris that the reading of the minutes of the Legislative Meeting of October 28th be waived and that the minutes be accepted.

Vote:	Hunt – aye	Gallagher – aye	Shipp – abstain	
	Morris – aye	Sindelar – aye	Furry – aye	
	5 – ayes	1 – abstain	0 – nays	PASSED

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

President Furry stated that anything on the agenda not looking for passage this evening should have comment deferred until the Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting immediately following this meeting.

PENDING BUSINESS:

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	
ON HOLD	

Mr. Sindelar said this will be held until after the Public Hearing regarding this ordinance on November 6th. This will have one more read and he will then seek passage.

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	
ON HOLD	

Mr. Sindelar said this will be held until after the Public Hearing regarding this ordinance on November 6th. This will have one more read and he will then seek passage.

ORDINANCE NO. 69-24**BY: PAUL SHIPP**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICE TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH REDCON, LLC FOR THE ELMWOOD PARK BALLFIELD FENCING AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$219,925.00, AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN THE ATTACHED EXHIBIT "A"

3rd READING

Mr. Shipp said this has been discussed several times. Mr. Shipp moved Ordinance No. 69-24 for passage, seconded by Mrs. Morris.

Vote:	Hunt – aye	Gallagher – aye	Shipp – aye	
	Morris – aye	Sindelar – aye	Furry – aye	
	6 – ayes		0 – nays	PASSED

ORDINANCE NO. 70-24**BY: PAUL SHIPP**

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICE TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH NORTHEAST OHIO TRENCHING SERVICES, INC., FOR THE BRADSTREET'S LANDING RESTROOM IMPROVEMENTS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$391,000.00, INCLUDING A CONTINGENCY AMOUNT OF \$35,000.00 FOR A TOTAL OF \$426,000.00, AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN THE ATTACHED EXHIBIT "A"

3rd READING

Mr. Shipp said that it was discussed how the modular bathroom building is ready and waiting and the trenching is necessary to install the bathroom building at Bradstreet's Landing. Mr. Shipp moved this ordinance for passage, seconded by Mr. Furry and Mrs. Morris.

Vote:	Hunt – aye	Gallagher – aye	Shipp – aye	
	Morris – aye	Sindelar – aye	Furry – aye	
	6 – ayes		0 – nays	PASSED

ORDINANCE NO. 71-24**BY: THOMAS J. HUNT**

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH RFC CONTRACTING, LLC. FOR OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE SERVICES FOR THE FIRE STATION IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$163,000.00, AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN THE ATTACHED EXHIBIT "A"

3rd READING

Mr. Hunt discussed some bullet points prior to moving this ordinance for passage. Mr. Hunt said the ordinance would authorize RFC Contracting LLC to act as the owner's representative for services related to the construction of the new fire station. They would assist in many aspects of plan development through construction. The contract has been reviewed by Law Director O'Shea along with outside council at Squire Patton Boggs. There were no findings in the search of the Auditor's Recovery Database. The amount is not to exceed \$163,000 and was the best approval as determined from six bids that were received in August. This owner's rep team currently is serving in the same capacity for several other projects that were mentioned last week. RFC Contracting LLC is appropriate to conduct the services for the City of Rocky River. Mr. Hunt moved this ordinance for passage, seconded by Mr. Furry.

Vote:	Hunt – aye	Gallagher – aye	Shipp – aye	
	Morris – aye	Sindelar – aye	Furry – aye	
	6 – ayes		0 – nays	PASSED

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"
2nd READING

Mrs. Morris will defer comment until the next meeting immediately following the Special Meeting.

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
2nd READING

Mr. Furry will defer comment until the Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting immediately following the Special Legislative Meeting.

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"
2nd READING

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

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"
2nd READING

Mrs. Morris will defer discussion until the next meeting.

NEW 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
1st READING

Mr. Furry said this is the wage ordinance which he will defer discussion until the Committee-of-the-

Whole Meeting 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

1st READING

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

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

1st READING

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

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

1st READING

Mr. Furry will defer discussion until the Committee-of-the-Whole 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

1st 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

1st 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"

1st READING

Mr. Sindelar will hold comment until the next meeting.

ORDINANCE NO. 83-24

BY: JEANNE GALLAGHER

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICE TO ENTER INTO A SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH S. A. COMUNALE FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF TWO (2) BOILERS AT THE DON UMERLEY CIVIC CENTER AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$20,000.00, AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN THE ATTACHED EXHIBIT "A"

1st READING

Mrs. Gallagher moved to suspend the three-read rule on this ordinance. It is very important that this is approved to enter into an agreement with S. A. Comunale for two needed boilers at the Civic Center. An unforeseen change to the scope of work required has caused the need to supplement the agreement. They found that the boiler flues were corroded and not in re-usable condition. The replacement cost is \$16,850.00 and the balance left will cover any additional costs associated with the replacement. This will be paid out of the Capital Improvement Fund-Civic Center Improvement Account. Mr. Furry seconded the move to suspend the three-read rule.

Vote:	Hunt – aye	Gallagher – aye	Shipp – aye
	Morris – aye	Sindelar – aye	Furry – aye
	6 – ayes		0 – nays

PASSED

- Mrs. Morris asked if work was at a standstill. Mr. Snyder said they cannot finish the project until this is approved.

Mrs. Gallagher moved Ordinance No. 83-24 for passage, seconded by Mrs. Morris.

Vote:	Hunt – aye	Gallagher – aye	Shipp – aye
	Morris – aye	Sindelar – aye	Furry – aye
	6 – ayes		0 – nays

PASSED

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"

1st READING

Mr. Sindelar will hold discussion until the following 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"

1st READING

Mrs. Gallagher will discuss this at the following meeting.

Mr. Furry adjourned the Special Meeting at 7:21 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Morris.

Vote: Hunt – aye	Gallagher – aye	Shipp – aye
Morris – aye	Sindelar – aye	Furry – aye
6 – ayes	0 – nays	

PASSED

David W. Furry
President of Council

Susan G. Pease
Clerk of Council

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CITY OF ROCKY RIVER

November 4, 2024

The Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting of Council was called to order by Mr. Furry, President of Council, immediately following the Special Meeting in the David J. Cook Council Chambers.

Council Members Present: Mr. Hunt, Mrs. Gallagher, Mr. Shipp,
Mrs. Morris, Mr. Sindelar, Mr. Furry

Council Members Absent: Mr. O'Boyle

Administration: Mayor Bobst, Director Snyder

MAYOR'S REPORT:

The Mayor said that with the election tomorrow the Recreation Center will be closed due to it being a presidential election.

The Mayor announced that leaf collection began today in Tangletown, north of Lake Road and will be moving south. A ReadyNotify was sent out alerting residents with reminders of no parking in front of leaf piles, and no parked cars on leaf piles, et cetera. Director Snyder is working on a process for residents on Sunnyhill Drive so that leaves are not placed on their new tree lawns.

The Mayor shared a construction update:

- Sunnyhill is complete and currently working on a punch list.
- Paving on Mark and Bonniebank will commence later this week and hopefully be completed quickly.
- The Lakeview bridge will be opened to pedestrians at the end of the day tomorrow. Hopefully, vehicle traffic will be opened later this week.
- The Wooster and Riverwood paving is complete. There are some punch list items for the construction workers along with the city.
- Kensington will be finished with an intermediate course of paving until spring. The intermediate course will be a good surface to drive on.

The Rocky River Public Library is engaged in their Strategic Plan. Hopefully many of Council are aware of it and have been contacted. Jessica Breslin has asked for the online survey to be filled out and there will be an invitation to the Community Summit. This is important work that the library undertakes every few years.

The Mayor mentioned that the Fire Department will have an in service training this week on cardiac care. In the past, there has been pediatric cardiac care training and this in service is for adults. The Fire Department will also be involved in an extrication training at the Service Garage.

The Mayor announced that Lynn Rowe Larsen, an attorney who lives in our city, is being recognized by the Legal Aid Society for her pro bono work and commitment she has extended to the Legal Aid Society. On behalf of City Council and the administration, a proclamation was drafted and sent to the Legal Aid Society to be presented to Lynn when she receives this award. The title of the award is "The 2024 Access to Justice Award" and is for the many hours Lynn has volunteered and extended her passionate legal expertise and advocacy to those in need.

The Mayor said that Simply Kitchens and Baths celebrated their 20th anniversary in the city. The Mayor said that on behalf of City Council and the administration their 20-year anniversary in Rocky River was acknowledged.

The Senior Center had a successful Craft and Quilt Show this weekend. The quilts are down but there was a lot of activity. The entertainment was well received. The Ukulele Club is now known as the official Rocky River Ukulele Orchestra. They did a fantastic job with great music.

Director Deb Huff notified the Mayor that the Cleveland Foundation sent Seniors Council a check in the amount of \$10,000.00. This contribution will be used for their Social Service Program like the R.E.A.C.H. Program and some of the other things done for the seniors. The Mayor feels they noted what happened during the tornado. Seniors that are registered in the R.E.A.C.H. Program and the city's own registration program received a phone call during the power outage.

The Mayor announced that City Hall will be closed on Monday in observation of Veteran's Day. A special thank you and immense gratitude to those that have served in the military. Many of them have continued their service in the community and the Mayor feels fortunate to work with them. Their commitment to the community and country continues for them. Thank you to Chris Morris and Matt Previts, Dr. Previts' son who works with the city on the Memorial Day celebration and continues to be involved with several things to support veterans in the country.

President Furry reiterated that City Council will not be meeting next Monday in honor of Veteran's Day. The next meeting will be held on November 18th.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Ordinance Nos. 66-24 and 67-24: Mr. Sindelar said that these ordinances are on hold until after the Public Hearing on November 6th.

Ordinance No: 72-24: Mrs. Morris said this is authorization to enter a contract with AECOM Technical Services to investigate by doing field work and hydraulic modeling to better understand the Inflow and Infiltration (I/I) of stormwater into the sanitary sewer on Smith Court and Ingersoll Drive and evaluate potential impact on Ingersoll Drive at a cost not to exceed \$35,600.00.

The area of Smith Court and Ingersoll Drive 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. A sanitary manhole cover on Smith Court lifted during heavy rain events.

The proposal by AECOM includes using flow meter data for meters currently in place plus additional information previously compiled, such as sewer plans and previous modeling to evaluate the current capacity and flow in the sewers. They will create a model to demonstrate how rain events of different strengths affect and potentially contribute to sewer backups currently and the impact if development takes place on Ingersoll Drive. Finally, they will evaluate the feasibility of a sanitary relief sewer on the south side of the railroad tracks and how that may benefit all properties upstream.

AECOM has worked closely with the City of Rocky River with our Private I/I program for the past four years and completed the 2012 Sanitary Sewer Evaluation Study. They have always provided excellent communication and a high level of service. This will be placed on the consent agenda.

- Mr. Sindelar said that all that means it is a high-density area with a lot of flow, especially in a commercial area. Mr. Snyder explained that it is a convergence of the entire library district and also a section of Wooster Road that all goes to this point. Mr. Sindelar asked how this will play into the Kreuger project. Mr. Snyder said this needs to be completed anyways, but this allows the city to also take anything proposed and see how that will affect this.
- Mrs. Morris asked when they do build there, is it the city's responsibility to improve this for their use or do they help with that. The Mayor said there have been conversations and it is a shared responsibility. If the city has a sewer system that has deteriorated or is not functioning properly, the city has an obligation to bring it up to a functioning state. Anything above and beyond will be their responsibility. It was not functioning prior to the purchase of this property. If this can be done together, that would be fantastic.
- Mr. Shipp asked what a sanitary relief sewer is. Mr. Snyder said it is a section of large diameter pipe that when the system fills up it is like a storage capacity for the sanitary to keep from having backups.

Ordinance No. 73-24: 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 are returning City of Cleveland water money with hopes that they will continue to give us more in the future. This is the second reading and is expecting one more read. Mr. Furry will seek passage at the next meeting. This will be placed on the consent agenda.

Resolution No. 74-24: Mr. Sindelar said this is a resolution to enter into an agreement with Cuyahoga County Department of Public Works to accept funds to do the portion of Wagar Road between Detroit and Hilliard. Mr. Sindelar said it is great to receive money but it is tax money paid by residents being returned to the city thanks to the administration. This will have one more read and Mr. Sindelar will seek passage. This will be placed on the consent agenda.

Ordinance No. 75-24: Mrs. Morris said this is a yearly ordinance that WWTP needs to purchase sodium hypochlorite and this is a lower price than last year. It is a 17% drop in price. This is close to a \$50,000 reduction in cost. There were four bidders and PVS was the lowest. In 2022 there was only one bid which was PVS. The city has been working with them for a few years. This will be placed on the consent agenda.

Ordinance No. 76-24: This is the annual salaries and hourly rates ordinance effective January 1, 2025. Mr. Furry summarized what is included:

- State minimum wage increased to \$10.70 per hour
- Overall positions saw a 3% increase which includes exempts, union members of Fire, union members of Wastewater, and part-time positions. This does NOT include union members of Police and Service as the city is currently negotiating with their CBA.
- The Finance Department renamed existing positions Finance Clerk I and Finance Clerk II and made an equity adjustment to reflect the required experience for the positions.
- There was an equity adjustment for the Rental Inspector position to reflect the required state credentials needed for the position.
- The Department of Planning and Community Development has moved out of the Building Department and has its own section now.
- There was an equity adjustment for Director of Public Facilities and Maintenance to reflect credentials held for the position.

- The Senior Center added a full-time position for Marketing/Communications and Volunteer Coordinator. This position has not been filled but is in the budget.
- An increase for the Assistant Law Director is also included.
 - Mr. Shipp asked how this gets put together and where does the information come from. The Mayor said primarily through the CBA's. These are negotiated and are three-year contracts. They are not negotiated at the same time. There are two police and teamsters with Service this year. Next year will be Fire and WWTP. The CBA's are reflected then and the administration extends the increases to non-bargaining unit employees. The city negotiates that everybody receives the same increase every year. There may be aspects of the CBA that impact their compensation differently but the increases each year have been kept standardized. The city has been able to do that going into 2025. If a position is added or removed or equity adjustments due to individuals securing credentials that they did not have a year ago, that is reflected. Mr. Furry said the Budget will interact with this as well. This needs to be in place for the first payroll in January. The Mayor added that all the Collective Bargaining Agreements come through City Council for approval.

Ordinance No. 77-24: This supplemental appropriation is allocating \$1.4 million for the Senior Center improvements to align with the construction costs and bond ordinance totaling \$4.6 million.

Ordinance No. 78-24: 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 costs within the bid amount. The city has incurred some soft costs for planning and design which was paid for by cash flow from capital resources and the project will not be 100% debt financed. For those that were on Council during the police station construction we did BAN's which are bond anticipation notes that were rolled over until it was completed and then rolled it to market. For the senior center the city is going straight to market retaining the law firm Calfee Halter & Griswold to serve as Bond Counsel. Although we are not going to market today, the current general obligation tax exempt rate for a 20-year bond is approximately 3.5%.

Ordinance No. 79-24: This is an ordinance authorizing the Finance Director to reimburse the City of Cleveland \$7,669.06. This is a sister piece to 73-24 but this is Oak and Collver. Exhibit "A" explains the costs which were reconciled by City Engineer Kimberly Kerber.

Ordinance No. 80-24: Mrs. Gallagher said this authorizes Director Snyder to purchase gas, fuel, oil and allied products on the open market at the best possible price for the period January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025. This is a yearly ordinance. The prices fluctuate so the city needs to find the best available price.

Ordinance No. 81-24: Mrs. Gallagher said this is also a yearly ordinance. It allows the mechanic, Frank Sinito to shop for the best prices on the open market for tires for the vehicles. He receives three bids and purchases for the best price. The city needs to secure tires on the open market with competitive rates for the various departments in the city.

Ordinance No. 82-24: Mr. Sindelar said this is an agreement with the Cuyahoga County Department of Public Works for the replacement of the Hilliard Blvd. bridge. It outlines the function that the administration will play. The county will be responsible for the bulk of this project. It outlines the additional things that the city wants that are beyond the scope of what they are planning for. Director Snyder added that he has been working on this for two years and they have figured out the overall design of the bridge but still working on aesthetics such as the fence, lights, et cetera. The original goal was to maintain the structure/arches of the bridge but the cost to do that was significant. It was valued

engineered multiple times. Cuyahoga County Public Works has updates on their website. As the Mayor mentioned, the city's responsibility for this is anything additional. The city is working with DLZ, the architect engineer working with the county, to go through and design a gateway into Rocky River with a pocket park on the south side. There will also be a multi-use trail on the south side. The city will be responsible for payment of that. There will be overlooks on the bridge.

- Mr. Sindelar asked about safety issues. Mr. Snyder said the balance they have worked on has the aesthetics to see the MetroParks but it needs to be a non-climbable fence. The City of Rocky River has been working closely with the City of Lakewood, the Cleveland MetroParks and the County on this with a large stakeholder process. There is a lot of information online.
- Mr. Sindelar asked if the entire bridge is the technical property or corporate limit and that is why the city is responsible for the extras versus anything for Lakewood. Mr. Snyder said the bridge itself is County, Lakewood has responsibility on their side. Anything outside the scope is the city's responsibility.
- Mr. Furry asked what the Hilliard Blvd. 08.57 in the title means. Mr. Snyder said that it is the number assigned for the County Project.
- The Mayor said that the multi-use trail on the south side is because the city eliminated a lane on Hilliard, moved everything to the north to allow for more land for the multi-use trail from Wooster all the way to the Hilliard Road bridge. The city has discussed that ODOT has to put Hilliard back and when they do their restoration, can the city have this plan in place so their restoration dollars help the City of Rocky River establish that multi-use trail all the way to Wooster. These conversations will continue. This will not get started before the finish of the full-depth on I-90. The cost of this began at about \$33 million dollars a few years ago and is now up to approximately \$53 million dollars and is the responsibility of the County.

Ordinance No. 84-24: Mr. Sindelar said this is to enter contracts with Medical Mutual of Ohio for the purchase of Healthcare, Prescription Insurance coverage and optional Vision Coverage for full-time employees. Mr. Sindelar stated that this is guided by the Collective Bargaining Agreements. Medical Mutual has been stalwart in the Cleveland area. Their negotiated rates are highly competitive. They manage consortiums for bodies of education. The Mayor said that there will be no increase for the employees in medical, prescription or the optional vision rates. There will not be an increase in the city stoploss and what the city pays for. The employees use the plan correctly with rebates for various pharmaceuticals. The use of at home delivery for 90-day supplies of maintenance drugs and the HSA has made a huge difference. The city has offered a \$2,000 deductible for an individual and \$4,000 for a family using HSA. The premium split is 85% and 15%.

Ordinance No. 85-24: Mrs. Gallagher said this ordinance is to enter 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. There were six bids received on October 18th. The lowest and best bid was from Millstone. The owner's rep from QCI, the principal architect from CPL and Director Snyder agreed to choose Millstone. The funds will be paid out of the Capital Improvement Building Account. Six references were interviewed that have worked with Millstone prior such as Mentor School District, Visionworks, Chardon Schools and Cuyahoga County Land Bank. They all recommend Millstone because of their attention to detail, quality and excellent communication.

- Mr. Furry asked about the \$40,000 winter contingency. Mr. Snyder said that the concern is if there is masonry work or anything over the winter months, heat blankets, plastic tempered heating

will need to be purchased so the work can continue. Mr. Snyder thought it was better to include the \$40,000 contingency as opposed to moving the project into the spring with the possibility of material costs increasing.

- Mr. Furry asked if there were problems with the sliding door sensors. Mr. Snyder confirmed that there is.
- Mr. Snyder said they did choose not to go with the building generator through Millstone because with the alternates they were able to see lower cost from other contractors. Shopping that out may save \$100,000 that would pay for the alternate for the restroom.

COMMUNICATIONS OR ANNOUNCEMENTS: Mr. Sindelar said that the Rocky River Girl's Soccer continues their quest for a State Championship tomorrow evening at 7:00 p.m. verses Bay Village at Nordonia High School. The game will be streamed through Nordonia's website, at The Market and Old River.

Mr. Hunt said that Mr. Bob Cintron, the co-owner of Rocky River Brewing Company passed away last night. Condolences to the Cintron Family who have been a big part of the community for several years. The Mayor added that they are incredibly generous to the community.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: NONE

President Furry adjourned the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

David W. Furry
President of Council

Susan G. Pease
Clerk of Council