

CITY OF ROCKY RIVER

December 15, 2025

The Special Meeting and Committee-of-the-Whole 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. Thomas

Law Director: Mr. O'Shea

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Furry introduced Mrs. Lauren Oley as the new Clerk of Council. Mr. Furry said she was far and above exceeding all the other candidates and will be a very welcomed addition.

MOTION:

Moved by President Furry seconded by Mrs. Morris that the reading of the minutes of the Legislative Meeting of December 8th be waived and that the minutes be accepted as presented.

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| Vote: | Hunt – aye | Gallagher – abstain | Shipp – abstain | |
| | Morris – aye | Sindelar – aye | Furry - aye | |
| | 4– ayes | 2 – abstain | 0 – nays | PASSED |

Moved by President Furry seconded by Mrs. Morris that the reading of the minutes of the Public Hearing of December 8th be waived and that the minutes be accepted as presented.

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| Vote: | Hunt – aye | Gallagher – abstain | Shipp – abstain | |
| | Morris – aye | Sindelar – aye | Furry - aye | |
| | 4– ayes | 2 – abstain | 0 – nays | PASSED |

MAYOR'S REPORT:

The Mayor said that there has been a lot of plowing and salting over the last few days. The city has used a lot of salt, a lot of overtime because the snow squalls just kept coming, along with blowing wind. A snow ban was implemented by the Police Department, which is typically how that occurs and that means cars cannot be parked on side streets. That will allow the plows to get through and clear the side streets efficiently, safely and effectively.

The Mayor announced that due to the snow, tree lawn leaf collection will be extended until December 29th. Snow is going to melt and if people pick up leaves in their yard, leaf collection will be around the city until December 29th. After that the city asks that residents bag leaves and yard waste which will be picked up on the tree lawn on the regular scheduled refuse collection date.

The fire station demo is scheduled for January 5th. The demo contractor is off during the holidays and didn't want to leave the building half demoed.

The Mayor said there have been a lot of paramedic runs. One day there were 27 runs in just Rocky River. Be careful, wash your hands, wear a mask as you need to as a precaution. There are some nasty bugs going around including flu, COVID, et cetera. The paramedics average about 15 runs a day, but a high of 27 on the one day.

The Mayor announced that the CPA, the Citizen's Police Academy applications are due tomorrow. If there is anyone that is interested in going through this curriculum, the classes will begin right after the first of the year. We have a couple of people that can speak directly to what a valuable class it is.

The Mayor and the administration wish you Happy Holidays. City Hall will be closed for a half day on Christmas Eve and New Years Eve and closed all day Christmas Day and New Years Day.

- President Furry is glad leaf pick up has been extended until December 29th. He has a pile of leaves underneath the snow.

LAW DEPARTMENT: NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

PENDING BUSINESS:

President Furry said that there will be a three read rule suspension for several pieces of legislation this evening to clean up the agenda for 2025.

Mr. Hunt said that unfortunately Ordinance Nos. 50-25 through 54-25 will need to roll over into the new year. Mr. Hunt asked if it is possible to get a complete new version of Ordinance No. 54-25 regarding solicitation. Clerk Pease said that everyone received the revised exhibit several weeks ago. Mr. Hunt would like to get that back on track in the new year. President Furry said that with new Council coming on these should be held to get their input on the legislation. Ordinance No. 50-25 through Ordinance No. 54-25 will be held until the new year.

The Mayor added that just this afternoon she received a proposal from Chris at NEOCH and they are setting up a time to meet right after the first of the year.

ORDINANCE NO. 50-25

BY: THOMAS J. HUNT

**AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING AND ENACTING NEW SECTION 521.14 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ROCKY RIVER TO PROHIBBIT CAMPING ON PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WITHIN RIGHTS-OFWAY, AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN THE ATTACHED EXHIBIT "A"
ON HOLD**

ORDINANCE NO. 51-25

BY: THOMAS J. HUNT

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 557.01 OF THE CODIFIED

ORDINANCE NO. 96-25

BY: BRIAN J. SINDELAR

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY-SERVICE TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH DIGIOIA-SUBURBAN EXCAVATING, LLC, FOR THE WESTMOOR ROAD, ORCHARD GROVE AVENUE, AND GLENDALE DRIVE SEWER, WATER MAIN, AND PAVEMENT REPLACEMENT PROJECT AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$4,919,685.00, AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN THE ATTACHED EXHIBIT "A"

2nd READING

Mr. Sindelar said that this is further evidence of the city’s continued commitment to the infrastructure projects that keep the city flowing. The city’s relationship to Cleveland Water as seen on the attached, has been helpful to the city as this ordinance has an award for \$655,000 as part of this project. DiGioia was selected from five bids and were the lowest and the best bid. They were \$168,000 less than the second lowest bid and also \$500,000 lower than the engineer’s estimate. That is positive and comes recommended by Strongsville and South Euclid. This project will contain sanitary and storm sewer improvements, water main improvements and pavement for the recommended streets. Mr. Sindelar moved to suspend the three-read rule, seconded by Mr. Furry.

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

Mr. Sindelar moved Ordinance No. 96-25 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. 97-25

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 said that with the help of the city’s medical consultants, the original proposal was a 16.8% increase and they got it down to 11.4%. That is a significant decrease. For the first time in four years employee contributions by weekly will increase slightly. The city has had good experience when it comes to claims as a city, so these increases are expected and not shocking. As the note shows it has been a while since there was an increase. At this time, Mr. Sindelar moved to suspend the three-read rule, seconded by Mr. Furry.

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

Mr. Sindelar moved for passage on Ordinance No. 97-25, seconded by Mr. Furry.

Vote: Hunt – aye Gallagher – aye Shipp – aye

Morris – aye
6– ayes

Sindelar – aye

Furry - aye
0 – nays

PASSED

RESOLUTION NO. 98-25

BY: BRIAN J. SINDELAR

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY-SERVICE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM FOR THE YEARS 2026 THROUGH 2027
2nd READING

Mr. Sindelar said this is an annual resolution to participate in the ODOT Cooperative Purchasing Program. The city can also go out on the open market and this is another tool in the tool belt to keep the costs down to the best that the city can. It is standard and straight forward and it is done every year. Mr. Sindelar moved for a three read rule suspension to get it done before the year end, seconded by Mr. Furry.

Vote: Hunt – aye
Morris – aye
6– ayes

Gallagher – aye
Sindelar – aye

Shipp – aye
Furry - aye
0 – nays

PASSED

Mr. Sindelar moved Resolution No. 98-25 for passage, seconded by Mr. Furry.

Vote: Hunt – aye
Morris – aye
6– ayes

Gallagher – aye
Sindelar – aye

Shipp – aye
Furry - aye
0 – nays

PASSED

ORDINANCE NO. 99-25

BY: BRIAN J. SINDELAR

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY-SERVICE TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH QUALITY CONTROL INSPECTIONS, INC. FOR CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION AND CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION SERVICES FOR THE CUY-US 020-06.53 CENTER RIDGE ROAD RESURFACING PROJECT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$306,350.56, AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN THE ATTACHED EXHIBIT “A”
2nd READING

Mr. Sindelar said this is part of the Center Ridge Gateway Project. There have been a number of ordinances that have been tied to this from an original NOACA Study to more recently authorizing contracts because the city is beginning construction. A project that has been fully vetted for a long time and something that will be a good end point on Center Ridge to the city, so Mr. Sindelar would like to seek a three read rule suspension on this ordinance, seconded by Mr. Furry.

Mr. Sindelar moved Resolution No. 98-25 for passage, seconded by Mr. Furry.

Vote: Hunt – aye
Morris – aye
6– ayes

Gallagher – aye
Sindelar – aye

Shipp – aye
Furry - aye
0 – nays

PASSED

Mr. Sindelar moved Ordinance No. 99-25 for passage, seconded by Mr. Furry.

Vote: Hunt – aye
Morris – aye
6– ayes

Gallagher – aye
Sindelar – aye

Shipp – aye
Furry - aye
0 – nays

PASSED

ORDINANCE NO. 100-25

BY: DAVID W. FURRY

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN

**EXHIBIT “A”
2nd READING**

Mr. Sindelar stated that this is an annual item and it mirrors the employee increase. It has been the way it is and the city needs to have an engineering service on many of the projects with the engineer estimating for a good baseline for the city to see where projects should fall. The city has consistently worked with MacKay Engineering. MacKay Engineering was bought out by Wallace and Pancher. Wallace and Pancher were bought out by Mannik & Smith but are the same group of engineers. Mr. Sindelar said they have never steered the city wrong and he is comfortable moving this as it is the end of the year contract and it expires December 31st. Any projects going forward we would like to have them on board. Mr. Furry said they would maintain the same pricing until the contract is approved. Mrs. Morris thinks a 3% increase is standard from what the city experienced with all the professional dealings. She does not find it to be anything Council needs to hold off on. The Mayor noted that usually this is a two-year contract but this is only a one-year contract. The city is looking at other ways of awarding engineering services. This contract will be for the things the city does every day including waterlines, sewer projects, road pavement and pedestrian amenities but the city may be looking at more specialized firms to do other work. This will be a one-year contract so the city can evaluate that. Mr. Furry said that in the first whereas everything has been on a two-year between 2015, 2017, 2019, 2021, 2023. At this time Mr. Sindelar would like to suspend the three-read rule, seconded by Mr. Furry.

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

Mr. Sindelar moved Ordinance No. 102-25 for passage, seconded by Mr. Furry.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 103-25

BY: PAUL SHIPP

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 ROCKY RIVER PARK LAKE ACCESS DESIGN PROJECT

2nd READING

Mr. Shipp read some notes from Kathryn Kerber, the Director of Planning and Community Development about this resolution. Ms. Kerber submitted this resolution to apply for a grant for the Rocky River Park Master Plan that was completed in May 2025. The overall goals for the plan are to improve park access, protect the shoreline, and address stormwater management. The next step in moving the plan forward is to complete the Schematic Design phase. This is being referred to as the Rocky River Park Lake Access Design Project, and it will include field investigation, data collection, preliminary engineering, and concept development. The Ohio Department of Natural Resources Office of Coastal Management offers Coastal Management Assistance Grant funding for projects related to coastal planning and public access. Rocky River has been awarded this grant in the past for projects at Bradstreet’s Landing. Director Kerber submitted a preliminary application for the Rocky River Park Lake Access Design Project in October and was invited to submit a full application that is due on December 21st. However, this resolution can be finalized and submitted after December 21. The expected cost for this project is about \$150,000 and the grant could provide up to 50% or \$75,000. Mr. Shipp moved to suspend the three read rules, seconded by

Mr. Furry.

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

Mr. Shipp moved to pass Resolution No. 103-25, seconded by Mr. Furry. Mr. Hunt indicated that this is nice since they took away the grant money for the Marine Patrol Boat.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 104-25 **BY: DAVID W. FURRY**
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CONTINUED PARTICIPATION IN THE HERITAGE HOME LOAN PROGRAM WITH THE CLEVELAND RESTORATION SOCIETY, AS FURTHER DESCRIBED IN THE ATTACHED EXHIBIT A
2nd READING

Mr. Furry said this is a renewal of a 2024 ordinance with the Cleveland Restoration Society providing free technical to them, not to the city, assistance and optional low interest rehab loans. We had this initially when Mr. Furry started on council and dropped the program because they were not providing the service they stated but since then they have been more diligent. The cost went up slightly because we pay per house over 50 years old at \$2.19/per. Through three quarters in 2025 we had 537 homeowner contacts, 36 technical assistance without site visits and 127 site visits. There were also three loans totaling \$256,000. This could be passed with councilmanic action, but since it is a governmental entity it is on Council’s agenda. Based on the dollar amount does anyone have a problem with suspending the rules? Hearing none, Mr. Furry moved to suspend the three-read rule on Ordinance No. 104-25, seconded by Mr. Sindelar.

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

Mr. Furry seeked passage of Ordinance No, 104-25, seconded by Mrs. Morris.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 105-25 **BY: JEANNE GALLAGHER**
AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE CITY OF ROCKY RIVER CYBERSECURITY PROGRAM IN ACCORDANCE WITH OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 9.64(C)
2nd READING

Mrs. Gallagher said this resolution is new to her this evening as she wasn’t in attendance last week. The Ohio Revised Code 9.64 enacted through HB 96 requires us to set and adopt standard safeguarding against cybersecurity threats. The City of Rocky River must officially adopt a cybersecurity plan by January 1st, 2026. Ms. Gallagher also received a note that the documents are not in the exhibit of this resolution. The Mayor has copies for council’s review, but they cannot be distributed publicly due to the

ORDINANCE NO. 94-25

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, 2026 TO DECEMBER 31, 2026

3rd READING

Mrs. Gallagher said these are yearly ordinances that give the city tools and it allows the lead mechanic, Frank Sinito, to shop prices for tires on the open market. He obtains three estimates for the same or comparable tire and purchases on the best price.

President Furry moved to pass Ordinance Nos. 93-25 and 94-25, seconded by Mrs. Morris.

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

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: President Furry discussed the liquor permit for Danny Boys that is in front of Council this evening. Everything came back fine from Chief Lichman. The liquor permit was approved by Council.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: NONE

COMMUNICATIONS: NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mr. James Moran, Council Elect, 2676 Country Club Blvd., said that as the last meeting of the year Mr. Moran would like to represent the residents of Rocky River and thank three people who will have their last meeting this evening. For many years, there has been an opportunity to be serviced by some great people. People who were very involved not only as Council members, not only as Council Clerk and not only as Finance Directors but also very involved as residents too always there to help. Councilman Sindelar has shown that with the people he has been involved with. Thank you to Councilman Sindelar for all his service he has provided. Sue has been unbelievable to support everything that Council has done and all the residents that have called and been in contact with her. Thank you for many, many years of great service. Director Thomas not only has the city run so well but the help you have given the entire Council and been so informative to be sure we all understood what was in front of us, you were always there and your door was always open. Thank you for your years and also for the years involved in the Chamber of Commerce and all the other things you have done in the City of Rocky River. The citizens of Rocky River are happy where they are and it is by the guidance of your direction along with the Mayor that has provided this direction including all the awards you have won over the years. Mr. Moran is sure Mr. Lindow has some great shoes to fill and he is sure he'll do that, but we want to thank you for all the things you have done. We really appreciate it. Thank you all for what you have done. Thank you.

President Furry thanked Sue again. Although Councilman O'Boyle could not be here Mr. Furry thanked him for chairing the numerous boards and commissions. Mr. Furry wants to thank Councilman Sindelar for his on again, off again relationship to Council and gave him a gift. Thank you for chairing the contracts both judicial and government. Lastly, Mr. Furry thanked this body for having the confidence in having him serve as president this past term. He does not take himself seriously, but he takes his duties very seriously and he thanks you for that.

Mr. O'Shea thanked Mr. Furry for job well done as President of Council for the last two years.

Mr. Furry said the next meeting will be the Organizational Meeting on January 5th, 2026. Mr. Furry wished everyone Happy Holidays and Happy New Year. The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

David W. Furry
President of Council

Susan G. Pease
Clerk of Council

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