

# CITY OF ROCKY RIVER

February 2, 2026

The Special Combined Legislative and Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting of Council 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: Mr. Shipp, Mr. Furry, Ms. Havemann, Ms. Morris, Mr. Hunt, Mr. Moran, Ms. Gallagher

Administration: Mayor Bobst, 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 January 12, 2026, be waived and that the minutes be accepted as corrected.

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

Moved by President Shipp, seconded by Mr. Hunt, that the reading of the minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting of December 5, 2025, be waived and that the minutes be accepted as presented.

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

## MAYOR'S REPORT:

The Mayor advised that on January 22<sup>nd</sup> the City issued the notes for the Fire Station in the amount of 12.6 million and thanked Mr. Furry and all of Council for working with them to get to this point. She turned it over to Finance Director Lindow to present the results of that issuance.

Mr. Lindow advised that at the end of January they issued their BAN note, the one-year note financing the Fire Station Project, which was the results of months and months of work and other previously approved legislation. The question of the day was how the market would foresee their issuance and it worked in their favor. Rocky River was the only Ohio Municipality issuing that day, which played in their favor because Ohio is rated very highly as well as its local governments. The OMAP credit enhancement from the State helped as well. In the end, they went to market at 2.63% and in the end, due to high demand close to three times the purchase of their BAN notes they were able to leverage that down to a final yield interest to the City of 2.6%. In comparison, to a lot of other issuances in the region in the last couple months they came out very favorably. The international economic news of the day died down for a bit and the market was very positive which ended up helping the City. The result being a money deposit into the Capitol Fund next week and then they can get going on more payments out for this GMP contractor for the Fire Station.

The Mayor advised that those funds will be placed into an interest-bearing account and they will hopefully get a great interest rate on that. They do have some bills which already need to be paid out of those proceeds, but they are very excited about that. She thanked Mr. Lindow and former Director Mike Thomas

for bringing this across the line noting that they couldn't do it without Tim and their other partners. She proceeded to share some final thoughts as written by Davenport about what had happened that day – 'Today's highly effective pricing result is not only a testament to the credit worthiness of the City, but it is also an affirmation of City's excellent historical financial management, continued prudent leadership, and overall superb operations. The entire working group extends their sincere congratulations to the City for achieving today's excellent result'.

The Mayor noted that they've had a lot of waterlines breaking given the severely low temperatures, so Cleveland Water has mobilized onto Lakeview, Hillard, and Center Ridge thanks to Director Snyder and his persistence. She extended a big thank you to the crew who were out there managing these water leaks - there is a lot of ice that requires a lot of salt and protection. They've done a great job. In regard to the recent snowstorm, the Mayor advised that prior to the snow coming in on Saturday there was already a very well-developed plan and all the employees knew what that plan was going to be. There were 12-14 individuals and plows for 36 hours straight on a rotating basis. They did a tremendous job. The City is in good shape with the salt, but they were using it very prudently as it kept snowing well into last week. They were being very careful with their salt usage and used it primarily on hills and intersections, and they will come back with it once it stops snowing. She extended a big thank you to Director Snyder, Sam Rosario, and Steve Elek who managed a lot of that. The Mayor also gave a huge thank you to the residents as the staff was well taken care of with pizzas, cakes, cookies, treats down there. She thanked Starbucks for their donation adding that the generosity and the gratitude that is expressed for our service garage, on the part of our residents, is tremendous.

The Mayor advised that there was a public information meeting last week for the Westmore Glendale and Orchard Grove Sewer Project which ended up being on a bitterly cold evening with a large snow squall right before, but 16 people still showed up. She advised that information can be found on the City's website and anyone with questions can reach out to Director Snyder.

She advised that the City has received the counties property assessed values and it's astounding. She noted that in the first years she was Mayor the valuation was about 695 Million which dropped during the downturn in the economy and stayed down for a bit, but she is happy to report today that the valuation for 2025 is \$1,335,000,000, which is up from 2024 at \$1,323,000,000. She remarked that there has been a lot of investment into the community.

The Mayor proceeded to provide an update regarding the Heritage Home Loan program which was renewed this year. The year end report provided advised that there were 631 Contacts with residents, 45 Technical Assistance, 134 Site visits totaling \$11.7 million in potential added valuation. They signed 10 loans at almost \$600,000 and there are five active loan applications at over \$400,000. There are 13 pending loans. The total applications in 2025 were 40 totaling \$3.2 million dollars. The City had held off for a time because the interest rate wasn't competitive, but it's clear the interest that the residents have in this program.

The Mayor advised that the City has received two NOPEC Grants. The first for \$3,500 which will be forwarded to The Parks and Recreation Foundation to benefit the Special Events and Summer of Fun series that the City hosts every year. The NOPEC Energized Community Grant we are receiving is \$60,033 which is based on the number of accounts in the City. In the past, the City has used that in positive ways for energy efficiency projects.

The Mayor advised that the Clifton Lake Project is being awarded to Perk through a competitive bidding process. It had its first read last Monday at Cuyahoga County Council so it's working its way through the process. There is no date for mobilization yet. The Recreation Department received five proposals for their Masterplan which are currently being reviewed by staff and others. Once they have a consultant selected

that will come to City Council for their review and approval. She mentioned that there was a dredging meeting a couple weeks ago at CYC with Lakewood representatives, Army Corps of Engineers, Two Senate offices, as well as Congressional offices and she is happy to report, through some congressional efforts, that the project is receiving \$900,000 to dredge the mouth of the Rocky River which sorely needs it especially on the edges. The Army Corps of Engineers will receive those dollars for the project which will commence this Spring. Lastly, she noted that the Ohio Municipal League is holding a webinar on Housing and Homelessness which is a training session and local leaders are invited to attend. If anyone has interest, it's scheduled for 2/25 from 1-2 pm and noted that she hopes to attend.

**LAW DEPARTMENT: NONE**

**PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE**

**PENDING BUSINESS:**

Mr. Hunt advised that there is no new information regarding Ordinance Nos. 50-25, 51-25, 52-25 and 54-25 and they remain on hold.

**ORDINANCE NO. 50-25**

**BY: HUNT**

**An Emergency Ordinance Amending and Enacting New Section 521.14 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Rocky River to Prohibit Camping on Public Property and Within Rights-Of-Way, as Further Described in the Attached Exhibit "A" (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading-On Hold)**

**ORDINANCE NO. 51-25**

**BY: HUNT**

**An Emergency Ordinance Amending Section 557.01 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Rocky River, Ohio, to Prohibit Sleeping in Municipal Parks, as Further Described in the Attached Exhibit "A" (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading-On Hold)**

**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 Emergency Ordinance Amending Chapter 729.01 Definitions and Adding Section 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" (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading-On Hold)**

President Shipp noted that the last time they met Mayor Bobst mentioned there was an upcoming Council of Government meeting where there may be some discussion about the program.

Mayor Bobst advised that it has not taken place. She presented at the first meeting and there was interest on the part of the other Mayors. Chris Knestrick from NEOCH (NE Ohio Coalition For Homeless), that did the proposal for them, will present at the next meeting which she anticipates for mid-February. The goal is to mobilize social workers in a more flexible way so that when they have someone that they come across they can mobilize a group of trained social workers that will work with the police and the

individual, thus developing relationships. She was advised it may take five or six interactions before the individual will accept services or be transported, etc.

Mr. Shipp expressed interest in seeing a copy of the proposal.

The Mayor advised she'd be happy to share, but she's not sure it will be the final proposal. Additionally, she has reached out to a local foundation about providing some funding for that.

**RESOLUTION NO. 106-25**

**BY: HAVEMANN**

**An Emergency Resolution Supporting the Placement of a Proposed Shore Structure and Approval of a Lake Eric Submerged Land Lease From Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) Adjacent to Permanent Parcel No. 302-03-005 at 22400 Lake Road, Rocky River, Ohio (3<sup>rd</sup> Reading)**

Ms. Havemann advised that this is to support the placement of a structure, to replace the previous structure, on the western boundary of Bradstreet Landing. It is situated in a spot that was not needed for further development. It is going to be made of precast stone and chain-link fence just like the old one which had failed, broken down, and was allowing trespassing west of the park. The City had temporarily added stones to stabilize and extend the structure, but ODNR did not approve that solution. The stones and a new revetment were engineered by SmithGroup, and they need to obtain a submerged land lease to allow them to put it in. It will be helpful to stabilize the shoreline and protect the west side of the park. It's supposed to be completed in 2027.

Hearing no further discussion, Ms. Havemann moved for passage of Resolution No. 106-25, 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. 1-26**

**BY: HUNT**

**An Emergency Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor and the Director of Public Safety-Service to Enter into a Contract with Perram Electric, Inc., for the CUY-US20 Goldwood School Traffic Signal Program for \$283,929.18 with Additional Authorization for Contingency Items of \$15,000 For a Total Not to Exceed Amount of \$298,929.18, as Further Described in the Attached Exhibit “A” (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading)**

Mr. Hunt advised that this ordinance would authorize the Mayor and Safety-Service Director to enter a contract with Perram Electric for the new traffic signal and crosswalk addition on Center Ridge for the area right in front of Goldwood School. The project was recommended by the 2017 Center Ridge Road Complete Street and Corridor Enhancement plan to improve pedestrian and motorist safety along the corridor. The traffic signal warrant was performed to determine if existing traffic volumes warranted the traffic signal. Not surprisingly the signal warrant analysis determined that the signal was warranted. The updated version of the ordinance includes a \$15,000 authorization for contingency items. Perram was almost \$4,000 less than the second lowest bidder and less than the engineers estimate. Perram has all the necessary equipment to complete the project and the auditors search of findings for recovery database showed no results.

Mr. Furry suggested starting a Consent Agenda for next week.

Both Mr. Hunt and Mr. Shipp concurred with Mr. Furry. Mr. Shipp advised to place Ordinance 1-26 on a Consent Agenda for their next meeting.

Prior to the second reading of Ordinance No. 2-26, Mr. Moran advised that he'd like to send forth an amendment to the 'Agreement for Professional Services for Hazen and Sawyer'. He advised it was nothing of great matter, but there were some grammar and minor changes noted by Councilwoman Havemann. Following a discussion with Director Barille there were some slight changes made to the agreement. Mr. Shipp added that the changes were also approved by Law Director O'Shea and determined to be appropriate amendments to the services agreement.

Mr. Hunt moved to amend by substitution the New Professional Agreement Rev 2.2.26, 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>

**ORDINANCE NO. 2-26**

**BY: MORAN**

**An Emergency Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into an Agreement Between the City of Rocky River and Hazen and Sawyer for Professional Consulting Sanitary Engineering Services in 2026 and 2027 for the Rocky River Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) in an Amount Not to Exceed \$454,000 as Further Described in Exhibit “A” (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading)**

Mr. Moran noted that last week they were going to rush this and now they'd like to rush it further. This contract is for 2026-2027 and there was a two-year contract prior to this one. This is for Hazen and Sawyer to make sure that The Wastewater Treatment Plant is going to be running, and they already have a couple of processes set up for this year. Part of the total funds of \$454,000 are for the retainer of \$40,000 and the rest is \$410,000 and they hope we won't spend all that money. This has already been looked at by Director Barille. This is also for Rocky River, Bay Village, Westlake, and Fairview who shares this cost. This agreement is an increase from their last agreement of 2.7% for 2026 which includes an additional 3.2% increase for 2027. In their last contract, they used about 60% of the total so this is going to hopefully be someplace in that same range, but they will find out as the years go on. This contract started on January 1<sup>st</sup>, so it needs to be passed as soon as possible.

Mr. Moran moved to suspend the three-read rule for Ordinance No. 2-26, 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>

Mr. Moran moved Ordinance No. 2-26 for passage, 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. 3-26**

**BY: MORAN**

**An Emergency Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into an Agreement with the Cuyahoga County Board of Health and the City of Rocky River for Phase II Stormwater Services for 2026 and**

**2027, as Further Described in Exhibit “A” (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading)**

Mr. Moran advised that this is for the Phase II Stormwater Management Program. He spoke with Director Snyder about this agreement which is for \$2,685. It’s part of the Board of Health and previous services that keeps us in compliance with the Ohio EPA and the NPEDS (National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System) MS4 (Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System). This is part of the measure to make sure the City is in compliance with E. coli measurements.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 4-26**

**BY: SHIPP**

**An Emergency Resolution to Appoint Christina Morris, Councilmember-at-Large, as a Member of The Parks and Recreation Commission of The City of Rocky River (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)**

Mr. Shipp noted that this is just a formal resolution to appoint Councilwoman Morris to the Parks and Recreation Commission.

**RESOLUTION NO. 5-26**

**BY: SHIPP**

**An Emergency Resolution to Appoint James W. Moran, Ward 2 Councilman, as The Rocky River City Council Representative to S.A.F.E (Safe Air for the Environment) Council of Governments (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)**

Mr. Shipp advised that this is a formal resolution to appoint Councilman Moran to the S.A.F.E Council of Governments.

Mayor Bobst explained that S.A.F.E. Council of Governments pertains to the airport and airport noise as opposed to environmental. It’s made up of Mayors and other elected officials, typically Councilmembers, they have met on a regular basis with the leadership at the Airport, and sometimes Port Authority, but they have not met in some time. Some of the work that they undertake is The Part 150 Noise Compatibility Studies which are assurances to those that live around airports that they’re not louder than they need to be. There hasn’t been a Part 150 Study in some time. There are often other matters to discuss to help create a more efficient airport. Today they fly airplanes which are a little quieter. S.A.F.E were also very involved in The Metroplex Project which was the coupling of Detroit and Cleveland – instead of planes taking off and going 10 or 15 degrees in every direction they now follow a distinct pattern using ground-based satellite navigation. They are to go right into the Valley and up. They are not supposed to turn until they get out to the Lake. Sometimes we get calls that the planes are turning too quickly. She added that it’s very interesting work when there is work to be done, but they haven’t had a need anytime recently.

Mr. Furry added that he was on the board for 14 years and when older planes hit their useful life, and are louder, they had gotten a lot of noise complaints where they’d set up portable decibel meters, and they would also be tracked by phone calls. A flight is supposed to hit 10,000 feet then spin off, but they were just wheels up spinning over Rocky River, Brook park, Fairview, etc.

Mayor Bobst added that there are FAA representatives and several others in the industry which control some of this. There is a hotline that their residents do use, especially in the spring, and they work with them as effectively as they can.

Mr. Moran added that the path sort of heads northeast, but about 14-16 years ago some people were cutting

across and there were quite a few people in the northeast part of Rocky River that were getting quite a bit of noise. This feedback from people hearing this noise would often come back up in the meetings.

**ORDINANCE NO. 6-26**

**BY: FURRY**

**An Ordinance Authorizing the Director of Finance to Pay The City of Cleveland Division of Water a Reimbursement for the 2025 Water Main Replacement Project for Parklane Drive in the Amount of \$4,662.17, as Further Described in the Attached Exhibit “A” (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)**

Mr. Furry advised that Ordinance 6-26 is for the reimbursement to the City of Cleveland for the Parklane Drive water main replacement. We had received payments of \$437,504.18 consisting of actual construction costs, design and construction admin. The amount that was actually due was \$432,842.01 having a delta due back to CWD of \$4,662.17. These figures were confirmed by Kim Kerber, City Engineer.

**ORDINANCE NO. 7-26**

**BY: FURRY**

**An Ordinance Authorizing the Adjustment of Sewer Rates Paid to the City of Lakewood for Wastewater Treatment Services for the Valleyview Sewer District (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)**

Mr. Furry advised that Ordinance 7-26 is for the 102 homes in the Valley View Sewer district, which is basically east of Wooster north of I-90 and apparently dates back to 1956 where it is still less expensive to send to Lakewood’s Waste Water Treatment Plant as opposed to ours. That being said, we have to pay Lakewood’s rate and in effect subsidize these homeowners to pay Rocky River sewer rates. Even though we stepped up our rates recently, they are still significantly less than Lakewood.

**ORDINANCE NO. 8-26**

**BY: MORRIS**

**An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor and the Director of Public Safety Service to Purchase Playground Equipment for Linden Park from DWA Recreation Inc. at a Cost Not to Exceed \$224,324.12, as Further Described in the Attached Exhibit “A” (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)**

Mr. Morris advised that the Memorandum from Bob Holub is quite good and she forwarded it along to everyone along with the photographs of the playground equipment. The removal of the current structure and excavation of the site will be completed by the City Service Department and installation of the new playground equipment and engineered wood fiber will be performed by DWA Recreation with an estimated installation timeline of early to mid-fall. While removal services were included as an alternative in the RFP process completing this work internally was determined to be cost saving. The site will be recognized as a National Demonstration Site which was included in the information she forwarded. It consists of evaluating the site before and after installation to determine community impacts such as mental health, obesity, youth disability data, families in poverty, walkability, and estimated health and economic savings. She acknowledged that she wasn’t quite sure how it all works, but she finds it to be an interesting endeavor that they are participating in adding that they are going to be collecting this data after installation with a QR code at the site.

Mr. Shipp inquired who determines that this site will be a part of that program?

Ms. Morris replied that it’s part of the installation for DWA Recreation product.

Mayor Bobst offered that they may have gotten a grant.

Ms. Morris noted that it’s a 2-mile radius that they use census data to benchmark on the national average.

Mr. Shipp noted that it may be a way to measure return on investment.

Ms. Morris advised that she has a lot of additional information if anyone is interested in seeing it.

**RESOLUTION NO. 9-26**

**BY: MORAN**

**A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Renew our Agreement with Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council (NOPEC) for the NOPEC 2026 Energized Community Grant as Further Described in Exhibit “A” (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)**

Mr. Moran stated that just recently he’s had some people come to his door to talk about energy. He ended up calling NOPEC to try to understand more about it. For every person that is on NOPEC that builds up the total amount of money and the great news is that \$60,033 for what we might be receiving which we might be using towards a generator for the Senior Center. In 2025 the City received \$59,499, in 2022 \$193,918 which was used for the Civic Center Generator and in 2023 \$111,051. He advised that he was happy to see that we are getting \$60,000, but those previous numbers are really large.

Mayor Bobst offered an explanation. She explained that the City gets a distribution every year from NOPEC and they can leave it with them until they have an energy efficiency project. Those years where there are large numbers is likely four years of the distribution - that’s not just the one year.

Mr. Moran sought clarification that if more and more people transition out of NOPEC that isn’t good for the numbers?

Mayor Bobst confirmed that to be accurate.

Mr. Moran advised that he would like to learn more about it. He finally took a look at the leaflets that he’s received that advertise ‘savings of up to 50%’ and as he looked at the cost, he realized that if you don’t really read through it sounds like a great deal, but then he realized that their energy bills are pretty low with NOPEC. He looks forward to learning more about it and reporting back to Council with what he’s learned. He thinks this is a great opportunity to receive this money from NOPEC.

Director Snyder confirmed that their goal is to use those funds towards a generator at the Senior Center.

Mayor Bobst offered that they could have a NOPEC representative come out. Several years ago, Rocky River became a NOPEC community. NOPEC is an energy aggregator both on the gas and electric side and this had to go to the ballot. Rocky River residents voted to become a NOPEC Community, but there is an opt out provision. They do have several individuals that canvas the city or send you information – they just caution people to be very careful to understand fixed rates, variable rates, penalties and fees for going in and out of utility offerings. They really let NOPEC handle a lot of that counseling and they are very fair. There are other places where you can review if you’re getting the best rate or not. A few years ago, NOPEC had negotiated a rate, and it was not the best rate and NOPEC gave that rate back to the residents. They reduced their rate even though they had negotiated a rate because it was not favorable. They have saved residents a great deal of money over the years, but she encourages people to check and see the offerings.

Mr. Moran added that someone came up to his door and inquired if he had his bill available. The representative from NOPEC advised him never to share his bill with anyone because there is a customer number on the bill and if they get ahold of that number they can switch you over and you may not even know the difference.

Mr. Snyder added that the solicitation services go through the office of Safety Service Director. He and Ms. Nakonek go through and evaluate each of those individually. There are background checks involved, and they make sure that there are permits issues for these and they also make sure that solicitors understand the rules because these permits can be withdrawn if they don't follow the rules and are aggressive in their solicitation. They work very closely with these solicitors when they come in for a permit. Lastly, regarding NOPEC this is for your supply – your distribution is typically through First Energy or Enbridge. He advised that while you can shop for your supply, but your distribution is fixed.

Ms. Morris inquired how they know if someone has gotten a permit to solicit in the City.

Mr. Snyder replied that the residents can ask to see it. The permit is a physical piece of paper that all solicitors are all required to carry with them.

### **MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:**

Mr. Shipp inquired, of Mr. Snyder, if there was any consternation from the Public Meeting on the Westmore project.

Mr. Snyder replied that there was not and that the overall feedback was great. The premise for this meeting was that they are trying to improve their communication with the residents. When the bulldozers come in all the residents want to know what is going on, so they've made a big push to improve communication with all of their projects, and they intend to have public information meetings for all of their large-scale projects going forward. It was a great opportunity to educate residents about what goes into a project, how long it takes, what the project entails, and one of the key components of these meetings to compile a list of email addresses for the residents. They created an outlook group so that when they have updates or emergency information, they need to share they can send out an email. If there is anyone who was unable to attend or would like to be engaged in the project send them their email address and they will include them in the group.

Mr. Shipp inquired if there was a link on the website to sign up.

Mr. Snyder advised there was not a link, but there is a notice to send an email to Chris Vasco the Serwer Program Coordinator (cvasco@rockyriverohio.gov) and he'll sign you up.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Ms. Morris advised that she has an update from the January 13<sup>th</sup> Parks and Rec Commission meeting. Youth Volleyball and Soccer Leagues increased in \$10 fees for payroll, so the current rates are Members \$75, Resident \$85, and Nonresidents \$100. Also, silver sneakers fitness class fees went from \$2 to \$3. There are lots of winter sports happenings and signups. Additionally, last week they were working on the electricity on the civic center fitness floor, and she imagines they are done with that now. Lastly, they talked about the Masterplan and the RFP.

Mayor Bobst advised that last week they had an excellent meeting with three representatives from the pickleball group. Both she and Mr. Holub had done some work talking with individuals and they are looking at reestablishing pickleball as more of a drop in scenario. The meeting went very well, and they were all very pleased. There had been a lot of miscommunication and it was an opportunity for everyone to have good discussion about the importance of pickleball in our community and their need to manage some of the way the play is conducted in their buildings.

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The Mayor confirmed that there were a number of issues with it and those are being addressed both by that group, but also the City and they will have designated supervisory individuals that will be there to monitor play – not interject, but monitor, and they are going to do some more self-guidance between players.

Mr. Furry advised that he has finance report regarding the BANs. Due to the OMAP program and the City's strong bond rating of Aa2 with Moody's it went very well. It should be noted that their final yield was better than the recent note issuances by Bay Village, Strongsville, and Solon.

Ms. Havemann noted that she'd like to share an update from the Planning, Zoning, and Economic Development committee on some of the exciting projects that are coming up in the City. In the strip mall by Giant Eagle there is going to be a Tastebuds Kitchen coming which is a cooking school for groups. There is a facility going in next to the railroad tracks called Lofts of Linda, which is mostly used by the Insurance Company on Lake Rd. for their long-term employees which are coming and staying, but they are also going to have a gym which is going to allow people to go there and use a private trainer. There is also Tfitness studio coming and University Hospitals is putting in an Urgent Care Center over by the Szabo Shoes area. If anyone notices anything changing with the information posted on the website there had been some phishing issues so they are reducing information on the website.

**PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE**

Ms. Morris provided an update regarding the roundtable discussion that she held at the Library. She advised that it was very successful that they had about 12 people show up adding that everyone was happy to be there and talk about Council related issues. Mostly lights that are too bright and still need shields, streets, and trash pickup. It was great and everyone was very nice. She thanked Ms. Havemann and Mr. Moran for being there, adding that it was a really nice time and she's scheduled three more meetings - February 8<sup>th</sup> 5:30 pm, March 18<sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm, and April 15<sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm.

President Shipp advised that the next meeting will be a Legislative Meeting on Monday, February 9<sup>th</sup>. He added that Monday February 16<sup>th</sup> is President's Day and as a Government Holiday City Hall will be closed so they will not meet that night, but they will plan to have their final Legislative Meeting on Monday February 23<sup>rd</sup>. Mr. Shipp adjourned the Special Combined Legislative and Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting at 8:02 p.m.



Paul Shipp  
President of Council



Lauren Oley  
Clerk of Council