City Council Meeting  
City of Richmond Heights  
November 26, 2019

President of Council, Eloise Henry, called the meeting to order at 8:38pm

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Roll Call: Alexander, Henry, Hurst, Kumin, Lentine, Lewis, Ursu

Consent Agenda:

1) Minutes of the City Council Meeting from November 12, 2019.  
   Motion by Kumin, seconded by Hurst to approve the Consent Agenda; passed 7-0.

Swearing in of auxiliary officer, Eddy Wong, who is becoming Sgt. of the Auxiliary. Mayor Roche gave him the oath. Chief Wetzel commented on Wong and how he has been with city for 6.5 years and being promoted to Sgt.
Sgt. Denise DeBiase, the Auxiliary Liaison, commented on working with the auxiliaries. Leadership ability with aux officers is key and commented how Wong is excellent on giving reports and leadership. He also holds a PhD as Chemical Scientist. She said he will do a great job in the city and is super excited to have him here on the leadership team.

Recess for 15 min for refreshments/break  
Reconvened at 9:15pm with a roll call.

Reports:

Mayor David Roche: Added his congrats to Eddy Wong tonight.

Fire Chief Marc Neumann:
- Call volume is up 6.4%, at 2,000 calls. Supplemental staffing expenses are 42% down. We are properly staffed this year, which helps out a lot.  
- Sunday, Jan 26th 1-4pm is next CPR class. Call 216-383-6304 to sign up.

Police Chief Tom Wetzel:
- The 2020 Police Ball is Sunday Feb 16th at LaVera Party Center from 1-5pm—fundraiser for K-9  
- Registration for Cop Scouts program  
- Holiday coffee with a cop tomorrow 7:30-9:30am at Faith United Church

Building Commissioner, Jim Urankar: -excused-

Finance Director, Jim Teknipp:
- Been busy analyzing year end budgets and appropriations for next week.
Recreation Director, Rick Dula:

- Breakfast with Santa is this Saturday, Dec 14th 9-11am at Lodge and sold out.

Economic Development Director, Brian Gleisser:

- Block Grant for $150K for Lodge was submitted last week. Hope to hear from county in next couple months, and thanks to Rachel Gardner.
- Ramp enclosure at lodge under construction.

City Engineer, Lee Courtney:

- Crack sealing done and will resume in the spring.
- Ursu asked if done on Donna Drive. Courtney said yes and put asphalt in areas there too. A lot of concrete repairs in that area too. Ursu said the contractor did a good job there and it’s smooth.
- Lentine asked if Richmond Rd is done. Manhole covers not brought up to level it seems. Courtney said it’s done and the only manhole issue he knows of is south of Highland on Richmond, but Service Dept worked on it. Striping is also completed.

Service Director Don Kerniskey:

- Continuing leaf pick up until Dec 30th. Getting caught up now. After that, starting Jan 6th starting the chipping.
- Roof is 98% complete. Working on outer sheet metal work. Huge difference already in the inside temperature of the building.
- The new sign for Greenwood Farm was received today. Looks really nice and it’s heavy.
- All the Christmas lights are up now in the city.
- Lodge new flooring is done and looks great.

Audience: -none-

OLD BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION NO.: 107-2019, INTRODUCED BY MAYOR & COUNCIL, 3RD READING (AS REVISED 12/10/19)

A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NOS. 145-86 AND 108-2018 BY EXPANDING THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY’S EXISTING COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA #1 AND INCLUDING PARCELS BEING DEVELOPED FOR MIXED USE WITH MULTI-FAMILY HOUSING THEREIN AS ELIGIBLE FOR TAX ABATEMENT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

- Gleisser commented on this as the CRA was created in 1986. Covering airport area. CRAs allow for tax abatements and for city to remain competitive in getting businesses in city, we need to update our CRA. Sharing of income taxes with the city and school. Belle Oaks will be sharing with Rich Hts and South Euclid schools.

- MOTION WAS MADE BY ALEXANDER, SECONDED BY KUMIN TO PASS RESOLUTION NO. 107-2019. THE MOTION PASSED 7-0.
RESOLUTION NO.:  115-2019, INTRODUCED BY MAYOR ROCHE, 2ND READING
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FROM
THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEIGHTS FOR A PROJECT TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE
CUYAHOGA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT FOR ITS COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT SUPPLEMENTAL GRANT PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020 AND
AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF MATCHING FUNDS AND/OR IN-KIND SERVICES
FROM THE CITY.

HOLD on for further discussion.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION NO.:  124- 2019, INTRODUCED BY MAYOR ROCHE, FIRST READING
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF
UNDERSTANDING WITH THE NORTHEAST OHIO REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT
AND THE CUYAHOGA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT FOR
CONSERVATION PROGRAM INVOLVING EDUCATION, STEWARDSHIP AND
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.

- MOTION WAS MADE BY KUMIN AND SECONDED BY ALEXANDER TO SUSPEND THE RULES
  OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCE AS PROVIDED IN SEC. 121.22 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCE.
  MOTION PASSED 7-0.
- MOTION WAS MADE BY KUMIN, SECONDED BY LENTINE TO PASS RESOLUTION NO. 124-2019.
  THE MOTION PASSED 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO.:  125- 2019, INTRODUCED BY ALL OF COUNCIL, FIRST READING
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEIGHTS TO ENTER
INTO A MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT WITH COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP ON AGING
FOR OLDER ADULT SERVICES.

HOLD on for further discussion.

RESOLUTION NO.:  126-2019, INTRODUCED BY ALEXANDER, FIRST READING
A RESOLUTION DENYING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR AN ADULT
DAYCARE CENTER AT 26391 CURTIS WRIGHT PARKWAY.

Todd Hunt said this memorializes the decision Council made last week at PZ committee.
The reasons are expressed in the resolution.

- MOTION WAS MADE BY ALEXANDER AND SECONDED BY LENTINE TO SUSPEND THE RULES
  OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCE AS PROVIDED IN SEC. 121.22 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCE.
  MOTION PASSED 6-1. (KUMIN-NAY).
- MOTION WAS MADE BY LEWIS, SECONDED BY ALEXANDER TO PASS RESOLUTION NO. 126-

RESOLUTION NO.:   127-2019, INTRODUCED BY MAYOR ROCHE, FIRST READING
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH
DELTA DENTAL FOR A DENTAL PLAN FOR 2020.

- MOTION WAS MADE BY KUMIN AND SECONDED BY URSU TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE
  CODIFIED ORDINANCE AS PROVIDED IN SEC. 121.22 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCE.
  MOTION PASSED 7-0.
- MOTION WAS MADE BY ALEXANDER, SECONDED BY URSU TO PASS RESOLUTION NO. 127-
  2019. THE MOTION PASSED 7-0.
RESOLUTION NO.:  128-2019, INTRODUCED BY MAYOR ROCHE, FIRST READING
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH
LINCOLN NATIONAL CORPORATION FOR VISION INSURANCE, LIFE INSURANCE,
AND ACCIDENTAL DEATH AND DISMEMBERMENT BENEFIT PLANS FOR 2020;
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

- MOTION WAS MADE BY KUMIN AND SECONDED BY LENTINE TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF
THE CODIFIED ORDINANCE AS PROVIDED IN SEC. 121.22 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCE.
MOTION PASSED 7-0.
- MOTION WAS MADE BY LENTINE, SECONDED BY URSU TO PASS RESOLUTION NO. 128-2019.
THE MOTION PASSED 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO.:  129-2019, INTRODUCED BY MAYOR ROCHE, FIRST READING
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH ANTHEM BLUE CROSS BLUE
SHIELD FOR HEALTH INSURANCE FOR 2020; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

- Jim Teknipp added that the family deductible has a slight increase to $8,000 from
$5,000. Individual deduction went from $2500 to $4000 now, saving money on
premiums that way.

- MOTION WAS MADE BY KUMIN AND SECONDED BY ALEXANDER TO SUSPEND THE RULES
OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCE AS PROVIDED IN SEC. 121.22 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCE.
MOTION PASSED 7-0.
- MOTION WAS MADE BY KUMIN, SECONDED BY URSU TO PASS RESOLUTION NO. 129-2019.
THE MOTION PASSED 7-0.

CORRESPONDENCE:  -none-

ADDITIONS:  -none-

ADJOURNMENT:  Motion was made by Hurst, seconded by Kumin to adjourn this December 10, 2019
City Council Meeting at 9:41PM.

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Betsy Traben, Clerk of Council

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Eloise Henry, Council President