President of Council, Eloise Henry, called the meeting to order at 8:32pm

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 August 27, 2019.
2) RESOLUTION NO.: 88 -2019, INTRODUCED by Mayor Roche and All of Council: A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE OUTSTANDING EFFORTS OF THE RICHMOND HEIGHTS DIVISION OF POLICE, DIVISION OF FIRE, RECREATION DEPARTMENT, SERVICE DEPARTMENT, AND RICHMOND HEIGHTS LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE “NATIONAL NIGHT OUT EVENT” HELD ON AUGUST 6, 2019, AND TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION FOR THEIR EFFORTS

Motion by Lewis, seconded by Ursu to approve the Consent Agenda; passed 7-0.

Presentation by UH Hospitals—President, Robin Rowell & Dan Ellenberger. Recognizing the firefighters for helping hospital when the hospital when water went down. Brought a plaque for the city. Were able to keep hospital open and safe through help of city. Acknowledged the team and the staff that was helping that night and getting them water.

Reports:

Mayor David Roche:
• Finance Director is out at a convention for the new software we are implementing. And Jim Urankar is ill tonight.
• Community Conversations on the 5th Tues of October, said Mayor Roche.

Fire Chief Marc Neumann:
• Insurance Services office assessment of Fire Dept. Results will give us the PPC for the city. Will analyze data and number us from 1-10, with 1 being best. Currently, we are at a 3. Goal is to get to a 2 this year.
• $49,700 grant awarded last week. Will be used to fund the equipment for vehicle machine rescues (Jaws of Life), and 95% funded. 5% cost match. Will bring info to Safety and Finance Committees next week.

Police Chief Tom Wetzel:
• Thanks for Res. 88-2019 for the National Night Out resolution; kind gesture.
• Current K9 fundraising effort is at $10,090, hope to have a raffle at the Fall Fest.
• Community Block Watch initiative is off to a good start.
• Resident complained about unsightly condition of a closed restaurant on Wilson Mills. Service and Building Depts. worked on it and fixed it up.
• Administered doses of Narcan to a couple people who had overdosed and saved their lives. Successful due to the assistance of our city paramedics. Teamwork between police and fire.
• Ursu asked about the Narcan. Now what happens to these people with drug abuse problems? Chief said they try to point them in the right direction for treatment. If drugs discovered, we have to prosecute. Kumin added that the city is a member of the Safe Passages Program, where people can come to police station without the fear of being prosecuted for treatment.

Building Commissioner, Jim Urankar: -excused-

Finance Director, Jim Teknipp: -excused-

Recreation Director, Rick Dula:
• Fall Fun Fest—Sat, Sept 21 from noon-6pm at Greenwood farm.
• Shred Day, Sat Oct 5th at City Hall from 9am-12 noon.
• Amish bus trip Sat Oct 19th--$49 per person. We are full as of this afternoon. We have 13 people on a waiting list, and may fill up a second bus.
• Breakfast with Santa—Sat Dec 14th at Lodge. It always sells out, so get tickets soon.
• Volunteer Appreciation Dinner—Sat Feb 8th.
• Self Defense class this fall.
• Youth Basketball will open in October for signups.
• Fall soccer, going in with SE-L soccer club. Started last Saturday, and was successful, beautiful day. Fields were nice and received many compliments.
• Lentine commented on the Shred Day—Kiwanis Club decided to put out a donations jar for K9 and canned goods for Food Bank that day.
• Ursu commented on the Desan fields on Saturday---nice fields. When they use the Anderson Road fields, there are cars parked on the busy roads. With Desan, there is adequate parking in the park parking lot, which is much safer for the kids.

Economic Development Director, Brian Gleisser:
• Still awaiting Healthy Urban Tree Canopy grant from county--$50K grant proposal for tree canopy program. There were 37 applicants to this. Lots of competition on this.

City Engineer, Lee Courtney:
• Asphalt work completed—Richmond Road—this week, if weather good. Striping soon
• Concrete work should next Monday.
• Ursu commented on the Highland Road paving project---traffic much more acute than Richmond and Wilson Mills. Courtney said in addition to Richmond Road—have detour traffic.

Service Director Don Kerniskey:
• Tall grass cuttings down to just 2 houses each week because these homes are deserted.
• Lentine asked about stump removal. Kerniskey working on renting equipment for that.

Audience:
Richard Monroe, resident: When is the completion of Highland Road—Mayor Roche said in May.
OLD BUSINESS:  -NONE-

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION NO.:  83-2019, INTRODUCED BY LENTINE, FIRST READING
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH OHIO AWNING & MANUFACTURING COMPANY FOR THE PURCHASE OF AN ENTRANCE AWNING FOR THE CITY FIRE STATION.

- 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 LENTINE, SECONDED BY LEWIS TO PASS RESOLUTION NO. 83-2019. THE MOTION PASSED 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO.:  84-2019, INTRODUCED BY MAYOR ROCHE, FIRST READING
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONSULTING AGREEMENT WITH CODE CONSULTATION & PLAN REVIEW SERVICES, LLC FOR STATE OF OHIO CERTIFIED PLANS EXAMINATION SERVICES.

- MOTION WAS MADE BY ALEXANDER AND SECONDED BY KUMIN 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 LEWIS, SECONDED BY KUMIN TO PASS RESOLUTION NO. 84-2019. THE MOTION PASSED 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO.:  85-2019, INTRODUCED BY ALEXANDER, FIRST READING
A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE ACTION OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS GRANTING A VARIANCE FROM THE REQUIRED NUMBER OF PARKING SPACES AT 1 INTEGRITY PARKWAY.

- 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 7-0.
- MOTION WAS MADE BY KUMIN, SECONDED BY LEWIS TO PASS RESOLUTION NO. 85-2019. THE MOTION PASSED 7-0.

ORDINANCE NO.:  86-2019, INTRODUCED BY MAYOR ROCHE, FIRST READING
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 951.07 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEIGHTS TO SPECIFY COLLECTION, DISPOSAL, AND RECYCLING FEES AND THEIR COLLECTION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

- 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 LENTINE, SECONDED BY URSU TO PASS RESOLUTION NO. 86-2019. THE MOTION PASSED 7-0.
ORDINANCE NO.: 87-2019, INTRODUCED BY LENTINE, FIRST READING
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 303.99 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEIGHTS FOR GENERAL TRAFFIC CODE PENALTIES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

HOLD ON for further discussion in Safety Committee.

CORRESPONDENCE: -none-

ADDITIONS: -none-

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Hurst, seconded by Kumin to adjourn this September 10, 2019 City Council Meeting at 9:01 PM.

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Betsy Traben, Clerk of Council

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Eloise Henry, Council President