Richmond Heights
City Council of the Whole
September 10, 2019

Council President Henry opened the meeting at 7:33pm

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

Approval of COW Minutes from 8-27-19. Motion by Lentine, seconded by Kumin; passed 7-0.

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 to accept the Consent agenda by Kumin, seconded by Lewis; passed 7-0.

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.

- Lentine said this was discussed in Safety and recommended.
- Motion to recommend to Council by Lentine, seconded by Kumin; 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.

- Mayor Roche said this is the Plans Examiner—used for many years. Also has been doing in excess of the $5,000 limit because of the activity.
- Ursu added that 83 and 84 also approved in Finance Committee
- Motion to recommend to Council by Kumin, seconded by Lentine; 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.

- Alexander said this was in the Planning and Zoning Committee
- Motion to recommend to Council by Alexander, seconded by Lentine; 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.

- Todd Hunt said this came up in the summer—State Gen Assembly put a cap on liens for
  solid waste pick up and disposal. It goes into effect Oct 17th. Finance Director had it
certified (costs) and suggested amendment goes into place, so we are not tied to $250
  per year.
- Motion to recommend to Council by Alexander, seconded by Kumin; 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.

- Lentine said this is something new, questioned whether it should go to committee or not.
  This will update the traffic penalties.
- Mayor Roche said our Prosecutor indicated that these recommendations are for the
  change and updates, and have not been updated yet.
- Hunt added that minor misdemeanors for traffic offenses are updated. Bumped up to 1st
  misdemeanors if Judge wants to. We changed this several years ago and this gives the
  judge more flexibility. Only used when no specification of a penalty.
- Henry asked about the traffic offenses. What is minor versus major offenses? Will this
  be putting good people into jail for minor traffic offenses?
- Chief Wetzel commented on the discretion of the judges and how they are consistent
  with their misdemeanors and offenses. It is not designed to be a punishment tool.
- Ursu said maybe the Chief can monitor this.
- Lentine asked if the Prosecutor Cicero can be there at next meeting to discuss this and
  answer all these questions.
- Hold on first reading and discuss in Safety Committee with Cicero.

OLD BUSINESS:

Status of computer upgrades at City Hall: 30 new PCs and Mayor got quote back from Dell.
Establishing what needs to be updated and still working on data terminals and equipment, with
Windows 10. Voice recognition does not need Windows 10. Should have more info in a few
weeks.

Special meeting: Next week, Sept 17th at 6:30pm, Executive Session with Todd Hunt to
discuss CRE. 6:30—Finance Meeting, 7:30pm- Safety, 8:30pm- Finance Committee.

Budget Planning: Review of the Pay Ordinance. Tues, September 24th at 6:30pm—special
COW. Mayor said they would be considering pay adjustments, would like to know Council's
view on this by October.
GREENWOOD FARM ASSOC. MEETING ON SEPT 23RD: Kumin asked Council to go that date. May hold off on that date because Sept 24th will be an early meeting night and have Fall Fest coming up the previous weekend too (Sept 21).

KIWANIS CLUB FLOORING: Kumin asked Dula about quote. Dula said he spoke with designer. No proposal yet. Originally, wanted to re-do the lighting. There was an issue with the vendor, so now moving on to the flooring. We have questions on the most cost effective designs. Floor needs to be color coordinated with the other designs with consulting from architect and designer. Kumin said we have been talking about making upgrades for 2-3 yrs. now, so let’s move on it. Henry said we always seem to be waiting on certain people to make decisions or give us quotes. Mayor said we’ve been successful in getting casino money from county, and if we wait until next year there is potential to get another $50,000 grant. Lentine added that he would like a deck on the side of the building with 2 open doors. Kumin asked to get some floor proposals for now. Kerniskey commented on the reasons for needing consultant help, and the needs for different types of flooring and colors, as not every flooring contractor sells the same product. We can get quotes from different contractors and go from there.

NEW BUSINESS:

BROKEN TOILETS AT CITY HALL—first floor women’s restroom is constantly flushing and 2nd floor men’s’ toilet is also constantly running. Henry commented on this as she talked to the cleaning person. Mayor said they are working on these issues all the time. Alexander asked if Don Kerniskey has been told (Service), as he can fix it. Kerniskey said he will look into this.

AUDIT MEETING IN OCTOBER—Next meeting is Oct 15th and will meet after the Finance Committee, around 9pm. Mayor said about once a quarter is good to meet with Audit.

RECOGNITION TONIGHT—UH Hospitals President, Robin Rowell and Dan Ellenberger will be recognizing our firefighters—will be here tonight.

SEPT 24TH COUNCIL MEETING—Bernie Schweter is being promoted to LT, with a celebration.

RICHMOND BLUFFS STREET SIGN—Lewis said the sign is missing; Kerniskey said he will look into it.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT, ELOISE HENRY, ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 8:20PM

Minutes taken by Clerk of Council, Betsy Traben