Richmond Heights  
City Council of the Whole  
September 24, 2019

Council President Henry opened the meeting at 6:42pm

Roll Call: Alexander, Henry, Hurst, Kumin, Lentine, Lewis, Ursu (7:15pm)

MOTION to Executive Session to consider confidential information related to the specific business strategy of an applicant for economic development assistance whereby the information is directly related to a request for economic development assistance that is to be provided or administered under Sections 701.07, 5709.40 and 5709.41 of the Ohio Revised Code and/or that involves public infrastructure improvements and/or the extension of utility services that are directly related to an economic development project—and for the further reason, that it is necessary to protect the interests of the applicant or the possible investment or expenditure of public funds to be made in connection with the economic development project.

Motion by Kumin, seconded by Alexander—passed 6-0.

Executive Session was held from 6:43pm—7:48pm

Roll call was said and the Committee of the Whole was reconvened at 7:48pm

Approval of COW Minutes from 9-10-19. Motion by Lentine, seconded by Hurst; passed 7-0.

Consent Agenda:

1. Minutes of the City Council Meeting from September 10, 2019.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE NO.: 87-2019, INTRODUCED BY LENTINE, SECOND READING, AS AMENDED 9/24/19

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING VARIOUS SECTIONS OF PART THREE, “TRAFFIC CODE” TO INCREASE AND TO SPECIFY PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

- Lentine said this was discussed in Safety Committee last week. He said his concerns have been satisfied. Gives Prosecutor more time to do his job and deal with offenses.
- Todd Hunt said the discussion last week with the Prosecutor (speedy trial rule)—bumped up minor misdemeanor up to 2nd degree and certain offenses that if you violate 2nd or 3rd time bumps up to 1st degree. Left unclassified misdemeanor the same and unspecified the same. Almost everything got bumped up to 2nd degree misdemeanor. Has to be 1-2 to get 60 days…wanted bumped up to 90 days for speedy trial rule or case thrown out.
- Kumin—2nd degree misdemeanor—90 days in jail or $750 Max sentence
- Henry asked if consistent with Ohio State Law. She added these are just driving offenses. When you have these misdemeanors—employment checks—this comes up for employment. Hunt said when you do a court check—you can find these convictions, even for minor. Henry added that these driving offenses are minor and just because project management issues—poor people and disenfranchised folks will be affected. Their cost...
from a minor misdemeanor $150 to a 2nd degree—potentially $750 fee! Some of this stuff (2nd degree) is related to drug charges and now same with traffic/driving offenses. She added that being black is sometimes the only reason she has gotten pulled over in the past at times, and worries about the racial stereotypes those minorities go through with traffic offenses. If your light is out on car, it is no reason to get charged $750. She strongly objects to this legislation.

- Kumin said he also agrees with Henry on this. The next judge may not be as lenient.
- Hunt said we may need more prosecutorial help, as the court too busy. They can’t change the speedy trial (within 30 days) without a waiver from person as it is state law. Not enough court time to do this.
- Ursu asked if there is a middle ground. He asked Henry to look at legislation and point out from her perspective what she would want differently.
- Alexander said the officer who wrote the ticket has to be there and if not, the person is dismissed.
- Motion to take recommend this to Council by Alexander, seconded by Lentine; did not pass—2 yes (Alexander, Lentine)—5 nay (Henry, Hurst, Kumin, Lewis, Ursu). This will not go on to Council and will be taken off the agenda.
- Hunt said it is still in the Safety Committee to discuss, change or take down.

NSP Hilltop House—Gleisser sent docs to buyer to review. Henry asked about.

NEW BUSINESS:

**RESOLUTION NO.: 89-2019, INTRODUCED BY MAYOR ROCHE, FIRST READING**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF UNNEEDED VEHICLES AND OTHER SPECIFIC PERSONAL PROPERTY OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEIGHTS THROUGH AN INTERNET AUCTION BY GOVDEAL.COM, INC.; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

- Mayor said this is legislation authorizing the items to sell in an online auction.
- Kumin asked about bundling smaller items rather than piecing out small items as individual, separate items. Chief Wetzel said he thinks they need to be individual items and photographs of each.
- Chief Neumann said he had several items (breathing apparatus)—commented on bundling them in to the police items.
- Motion to recommend to Council by Kumin, seconded by Alexander; passed 7-0.

**RESOLUTION NO.: 90-2019, INTRODUCED BY MAYOR & COUNCIL, FIRST READING**

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING"ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT" FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF MATCHING FUNDS FROM THE CITY.

- Chief Neumann—FEMA grant, 95% funded local match, $50K. Will write a competitive bid and will be reimbursed
- Motion to recommend to Council by Kumin, seconded by Lentine; passed 7-0.
RESOLUTION NO.: 91-2019, INTRODUCED BY URSU, FIRST READING
A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY
THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES
AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY FISCAL OFFICER; AND DECLARING AN
EMERGENCY.

- Ursu said Finance Committee discussed last week.
- Jim Teknipp—annual rates and sent to county each year. Need to be certified to
  county---taxes and rates. No change from last year.
- Motion to recommend to Council by Alexander, seconded by Lewis; passed 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO.: 92-2019, INTRODUCED BY MAYOR ROCHE, FIRST READING
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS WITH
PC ALTERNATIVES, LLC FOR SERVICES RELATED TO THE INSTALLATION AND
IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW PERSONAL COMPUTERS FOR CITY STAFF AND TO
PURCHASE THE HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE FOR THE NEW PERSONAL
COMPUTERS.

- Mayor said this is the estimates received from computers (up to 20) with full
  software updates and changeovers.
- Motion to recommend to Council by Kumin, seconded by Alexander; passed 7-0.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Chief Neumann said that tonight there will be a Lt. Promotion---Bernie Schweter & UH Hospitals
presenting the dept. a Lifesaving Award

Council President, Eloise Henry, adjourned the meeting at 8:20pm

Minutes taken by Clerk of Council, Betsy Traben