City Council Meeting
City of Richmond Heights
November 12, 2019

President of Council, Eloise Henry, called the meeting to order at 8:25pm

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

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

Motion to excuse Hurst by Kumin, seconded by Alexander; passed 5-0.
Motion to excuse Lewis by Kumin, seconded by Ursu; passed 5-0.

Presentation by Chief Wetzel and UH:
Discussed the K9 Fundraiser, at $20,155 so far.
UH Hospital---donating $3,000 for check towards this dog, Robin Rowell was present.
Ptl, J. Ross will be the Canine Officer.
Thanked the UH reps, who were present.

Consent Agenda:

1) Minutes of the City Council Meeting from October 22, 2019.
   Motion by Kumin, seconded by Ursu to approve the Consent Agenda; passed 5-0.

Reports:

Mayor David Roche: Comment as we go along.

Fire Chief Marc Neumann:
- Call volume is up 5%, 817 calls for service. At 112,000 YTD. Collections for EMS Billing is up.
- Cuy County-- $49,700 grant last year---purchase of tools and machines. Grant is 100% funded.
- CPR class last night and another one in January TBD.

Police Chief Tom Wetzel:
- On Oct 17, 2019, Sgt. Todd Leisure, Officer Don Stocum and Officer Sean Lawlor responded to a residence on Richmond Road for a female who had collapsed. They did CPR and delivered a shock from AED unit. Fire Dept/EMT came and took over for medical care. Resident will soon be discharged from the hospital as her condition has improved.
- K9 fundraising update efforts are at $20,155 with other events and grants pending. University Hospitals sent a check for $3,000 towards this. Robin Rowell, President of Richmond Medical Center is here tonight to present a check to Officer Ross, who will be assigned as the new K-9 officer.
- New Youth Program of Cop Scouts—ages 9-12 yrs for boys and girls. Sgt. Todd Leisure will lead this group.
- AED units contributed to us from UH is the one that saved the woman in Rich Hts. They are also in all the police vehicles.
Building Commissioner, Jim Urankar:
  • Upper school going fine—delay with steel delivery because of weather though.
  • Phase 1 engineer drawings to review for Belle Oaks
  • Selman and Co to achieve occupancy this week.
  • Ursu asked on Selman numbers—max occupancy is 498.

Finance Director, Jim Teknipp:
  • Asked Council to please look to approve pay ord 97-2019, 3rd reading and some amendments—good ord to pass tonight as well as 108-2019—appropriation ordinance to pass by county.

Recreation Director, Rick Dula: --excused--

Economic Development Director, Brian Gleisser:
  • State of Ohio Natural Resources—Natureworks grant $120K for new ADA compliant playground at the city park. This is 75% of the total and donated money from Kiwanis group. (see video)
  • Grant proposal Community Block grant—Dec 6 due CDBG, combined public hearing Thurs at 4:30pm and will bring to council for approval. Thanked Rachel Gardner and Administration for their help.

City Engineer, Lee Courtney:
  • Asphalt work on road program and resurfacing of Chardonview east and west and 5 other streets.

Service Director Don Kerniskey:
  • Thanked Service Dept for snow plowing work and salt work. Turning back to leaf trucks after this week.
  • Lodge—flooring project in Senior Hall working on this week.
  • Thursday—meeting in Columbus on deer issue.
  • Lentine thanked Don and his men for the work they do. Lentine had a complaint on rubbish from a resident and Kerniskey personally dealt with issue. He said they always have best interest for city and makes the city look good.

Audience: -none-

OLD BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE NO.: 97-2019 (as revised 11/12/19), INTRODUCED BY URSU, THIRD READING
AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARY, COMPENSATION, BONDS, VACATIONS, SICK LEAVE AND RATES OF PAY FOR VARIOUS OFFICES, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEIGHTS; REPEALING PREVIOUS PAY SCHEDULE ORDINANCES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

  • MOTION WAS MADE BY KUMIN, SECONDED BY LENTINE TO PASS ORDINANCE NO. 97-2019. THE MOTION PASSED 5-0.
NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION NO.: 107-2019, INTRODUCED BY MAYOR & COUNCIL, FIRST READING
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 WITH MULTI-FAMILY HOUSING THEREIN AS ELIGIBLE FOR TAX ABATEMENT.
HOLD ON FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION.

ORDINANCE NO.: 108-2019, INTRODUCED BY URSU, FIRST READING
AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEIGHTS, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2019; TO AMEND ORDINANCE NOS. 29-2019, 60-2019, 75-2019 AND 99-2019; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

- MOTION WAS MADE BY URSU AND SECONDED BY ALEXANDER TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCE AS PROVIDED IN SEC. 121.22 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCE. MOTION PASSED 5-0.
- MOTION WAS MADE BY KUMIN, SECONDED BY ALEXANDER TO PASS ORDINANCE NO. 108-2019. THE MOTION PASSED 5-0.

RESOLUTION NO.: 109-2019, INTRODUCED BY MAYOR ROCHE, FIRST READING
A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A FUNDING AWARD FROM THE NORTHEAST OHIO AREAWIDE COORDINATING AGENCY (“NOACA”) AND AUTHORIZING MATCHING FUNDS FROM THE CITY.

- 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 5-0.
- MOTION WAS MADE BY LENTINE, SECONDED BY ALEXANDER TO PASS RESOLUTION NO. 109-2019. THE MOTION PASSED 5-0.

RESOLUTION NO.: 110-2019, INTRODUCED BY KUMIN, FIRST READING
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO PURCHASE A SPECIALIZED SAW FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE.

- 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 5-0.
- MOTION WAS MADE BY LENTINE, SECONDED BY KUMIN TO PASS RESOLUTION NO. 110-2019. THE MOTION PASSED 5-0.

RESOLUTION NO.: 111-2019, INTRODUCED BY MAYOR ROCHE, FIRST READING
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXTEND A CONSULTING AGREEMENT WITH PAS INSPECTION CO., LLC FOR OHIO CERTIFIED BUILDING INSPECTION SERVICES AND BUILDING CODE ADMINISTRATIVE CONSULTING 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 5-0.
- MOTION WAS MADE BY KUMIN, SECONDED BY LENTINE TO PASS RESOLUTION NO. 111-2019. THE MOTION PASSED 5-0.
ORDINANCE NO.: 112-2019, INTRODUCED BY LENTINE, FIRST READING
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 141.08, “UNIFORMS AND EQUIPMENT”, OF
THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO ADD PROVISIONS FOR THE REIMBURSEMENT
OF UNIFORM COSTS FOR PART-TIME POLICE OFFICERS WHO SEPARATE FROM
CITY EMPLOYMENT WITHIN ONE YEAR OF DATE OF HIRE.
HOLD ON – TO DISCUSS IN SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING AT 7PM NEXT WEEK.

RESOLUTION NO.: 113-2019, INTRODUCED BY LENTINE, FIRST READING
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT
WITH HALL PUBLIC SAFETY CO. FOR NECESSARY ACCESSORY EQUIPMENT
FOR A POLICE PATROL VEHICLE.

- 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 5-0.
- MOTION WAS MADE BY LENTINE, SECONDED BY KUMIN TO PASS RESOLUTION NO.
  113-2019. THE MOTION PASSED 5-0.

RESOLUTION NO.: 114-2019, 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.

- 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 5-0.
- MOTION WAS MADE BY LENTINE, SECONDED BY ALEXANDER TO PASS
  RESOLUTION NO. 114-2019. THE MOTION PASSED 5-0.

CORRESPONDENCE: -none-

ADDITIONS:
MOTION that Council uphold findings of Planning Commission in regards to a lot split at 4875 Geraldine
Ave. Motion made by Kumin, seconded by Alexander; passed 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Hurst, seconded by Kumin to adjourn this November 12, 2019
City Council Meeting at 9:00 PM.

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Betsy Traben, Clerk of Council

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Eloise Henry, Council President