Richmond Heights
City Council of the Whole
October 22, 2019

Council President Henry opened the meeting at 7:35pm

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

Approval of COW Minutes from 10-08-19. Motion by Kumin, seconded by Lewis; passed 7-0.

Consent Agenda:

1. Minutes of the City Council Meeting from October 8, 2019.

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

Guest Speaker: Community Partnership on Aging
Pat Ward, Mayor of Lyndhurst & Wendy Sattin, Director on the CPA

- Mr. Ward spoke on the CPA group. Council of govts formed 41 years ago…fostered many services for residents. Spoke about how group helps those 60+. Social gatherings, meals, exercise, clinics, transportation and so on are some of the services. There is a cost for the city.
- Ms. Sattin passed out packets on the CPA with information. 5 cities that make up CPA (High Hts, Lyndhurst, Mayf Village, Mayf Hts, South Euclid and Rich Hts). Supportive and Social Work services—she feels is a critical area that is needed in Rich Hts as a service. Gave examples in other cities on how this has helped. Showed calendar of daily offerings in the cities involved.
- Kumin asked about the transportation program. Sattin said they use the same program with Senior Connection as RH already uses. Transportation costs are in additional to the fees already charged. Meals are only $1.50 as donation. Specialty meals are $4.00. There are 4 social workers on staff. Will add half time if RH adds this or increase a part timer to full time.
- Lentine asked about police and fire and how they are called on this. Sattin says they work very closely with them and the social workers, who do the welfare checks.
- Ursu asked about the fees and if another city cuts out, will the fees increase? Sattin said if there is a cut in services, the fees would not increase if that happens, as certain services or numbers would decrease overall.
- Kumin commented on the overlapping services with the county services and CPA. Ward said that having services available through the county and accessing those services are different. These fees are in addition the taxes already being paid.
- Alexander asked about the communication and education to residents on this being available if the city signs up for this. How to get the word out? Sattin said there is an advocacy group, as well as the city newsletters, Council and senior groups to get the word out to the residents.
- Lewis asked about the average number of participants daily. She said about 20-50 lunches are served and 12-80 participants on activities.
- Hurst asked about the CPA newsletter and is it mailed out or online. Sattin said there is a subscription service at $9/year and also volunteers who place them throughout the city.
- Ms. Noella Borrows works with the Meals on Wheels and has a friend in SE who loves the CPA. Had her windows washed twice a year, spring cleanup, at $200/year—get 5 things done per year. Furnace filter changed as well and simple things like changing light bulbs and ceiling fans. Little things like that can be done. Social workers come out and help seniors with things like looking out for scams. Transportation is great at getting her and her walker into the van and helping her to the room of her appointment.
• Julia Price---moved here from So Euclid. Can't find the duplication of programs in RH—offer educational, social activities. Found them through CPA and have asked why RH is not joining this. It means I am an outsider when I attend these events. What are the obstacles in the way of becoming part of this program? People will come if we join and talk to residents about this. We all can benefit from this.
• Marilyn Wilson—in the years that I have worked at City Hall being part of this would have been a godsend. Helping to direct residents to the services from the county and CPA are many of the calls we received. This would have been great to send residents to this.
• Henry agrees with all of these stories. Commented on a resident in her area who needed help and no one had checked on her in weeks. She was in bad shape and needed to go to the hospital. The Fire Dept/EMT had to end up getting her and she never made it back home. Went to hospital for a long time and then to a nursing home. If there is nobody checking on these people, they are laying there about to die. Groups like this are key to seniors staying here in the city in their homes.
• Ms. Sattin has a formal proposal for the city to look at and gave it to Henry.

OLD BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE NO.: 94-2019, INTRODUCED BY ALEXANDER, SECOND READING
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1309 OF THE PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE AT SECTION 1309.05, “GENERAL REQUIREMENTS”; TO ADD SECTION 301.4, “SAFETY AND SECURITY”, APPLICABLE TO MULTI-FAMILY BUILDINGS.
• Urankar said this would help with the apt buildings and the functioning of dark areas better.
• Kumin commented on riding with auxiliary officers and looked at Loganberry dark areas. He feels more lighting would be beneficial there, and is in favor of this passing tonight.

ORDINANCE NO.: 97-2019 (as revised 10/22/19), INTRODUCED BY URSU, SECOND READING
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 70-2017, THE PAY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY, TO ADD PART-TIME POSITIONS FOR ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANCE, ADJUST PAY RANGES, REVISE AND DELETE POSITION TITLES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
• Ursu said this was discussed in committee and we should be competitive in hiring employees. Feels wise to hold again on revisions and pass next meeting.
• Mayor said we will have an appropriation at next meeting and can wait until then.

NEW BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE NO.: 99-2019, 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 AND 75-2019; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
• Ursu commented on the budgeting process and as the year unfolds we need adjustments to comply with State law. Formal action needed to take.
• Motion to recommend to Council by Kumin, seconded by Alexander; passed 7-0.
RESOLUTION NO.: 100-2019, INTRODUCED BY KUMIN, FIRST READING
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH VECTOR CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR THE ALL-WEATHER ENCLOSURE AT THE CITY’S KIWANIS LODGE COMMUNITY CENTER.
- Kumin commented on the renovation of the lower level of the Lodge. Handicapped ramp was constructed and grant received on this. Must be complete by February.
- Motion to recommend to Council by Kumin, seconded by Lentine; passed 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO.: 101-2019, INTRODUCED BY KUMIN, FIRST READING
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH LOCATION CARPET INC. FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF NEW FLOOR COVERINGS AT THE CITY’S KIWANIS LODGE AND AT CITY HALL.
- Kumin said this was discussed in committee—replacing the carpeting at Lodge and City Hall floor coverings. Took several quotes and this is the vendor selected. Hope to have done by Breakfast with Santa.
- Mayor said it is only in the Senior Hall (bigger room in Lodge).
- Motion to recommend to Council by Kumin, seconded by Lewis; passed 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO.: 102-2019, INTRODUCED BY KUMIN, FIRST READING
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO PURCHASE CRUSHED BRICK FOR PLACEMENT ON CITY BALLFIELDS.
- Kumin said this is also a follow up of the Service & Rec Committee meeting. We had previously purchased the crushed red brick for the fields and it did well, so purchasing more to complete the project on the other fields. Not to exceed $10K.
- Motion to recommend to Council by Kumin, seconded by Alexander; passed 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO.: 103-2019, INTRODUCED BY LENTINE, FIRST READING
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH VANCE OUTDOORS, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF AMMUNITION FOR THE DIVISION OF POLICE.
- Lentine said this was discussed in Safety. Ammo needed for police, in amount of $8,500.
- Chief Wetzel thanked Council for equipment, and this is all sorts of ammo needed, as well as Tasers, and less lethal equipment and purchases. This is a routine expense in the budget.
- Motion to recommend to Council by Lentine, seconded by Alexander; passed 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO.: 104-2019, INTRODUCED BY LENTINE, FIRST READING
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH VISTA FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWO VEHICLE CAMERAS FOR THE DIVISION OF POLICE.
- Lentine said this has been updated tonight, amended—asked Chief to comment
- Chief Wetzel—Watch Guard—replacement parts for in car cameras for traffic stops. Hope to get body cameras in the near future. Replacing 2 cameras.
- Motion to recommend to Council by Lentine, seconded by Kumin; passed 7-0.
RESOLUTION NO.: 105-2019, INTRODUCED BY LENTINE, FIRST READING
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH TAC COMPUTER INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF THREE MOBIL DATA TERMINALS FOR THE DIVISION OF POLICE.
- Lentine said this went through the Safety Committee and was approved.
- Chief Wetzel said that they will have Windows 10, and other new updates on these terminals.
- Motion to recommend to Council by Lentine, seconded by Lewis; passed 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO.: 106-2019, INTRODUCED BY LENTINE, FIRST READING
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR OUTFITTING A NEW POLICE VEHICLE WITH NECESSARY ACCESSORY EQUIPMENT.
- Lentine commented on 2 new vehicle purchases for PD, both Tahoe's. Needs certain additions to the vehicle. Recommended by the Safety Committee.
- Motion to recommend to Council by Lentine, seconded by Ursu; passed 7-0.

AUDIENCE:

Ahmed Crump, 471 Highland Ridge Drive: Moved here year and a half ago. Love the city. Received a notice from mortgage lender and my payments have gone up $700/month, due to tax increase in RH. Are there programs to help out on this?
Henry said that is due to the new school getting built, the school levy. But, it should not be an additional $700/month. That is too much.
Mayor said it hit bank last year, but hit your balance now. 12.8 mils for the school levy. Mayor commented on the $700. Should not be an additional per month. Look at the payment to the bank, and escrow. He commented on having a shortage in his escrow, and playing catch up. Payment should go back down with slight increase, but not $700/month.
Kumin said they took down the gym and building new building where that was.

OLD BUSINESS:

CRA: Kumin commented on taking this to north end of apartments. City needs to try and do what they can on investing money in these places. Hunt said city may want to consider a new CRA area. Can’t pick and choose who you say yes or no to with the CRA. Will discuss further on Sunday at the Special Finance Meeting on 10/27.

NEW BUSINESS:

Scheduling of Special Finance Meeting—10/27, Sunday 9am-12 noon

Amish Trip/Bus Company-- broke down twice on the trip last Saturday. We had 97 people taking this and it was rough, said Henry. She commented on giving people their money back from this trip. There was a lot of anxiety, heat and health issues because of this. Rick Dula said they are negotiating a settlement with the bus company. Kumin said there were also lunches involved, so city is not in position of giving a full refund. Alexander said we can discuss at next committee meeting.

Council President, Eloise Henry, adjourned the meeting at 8:55pm
Minutes taken by Clerk of Council, Betsy Traben