

**City Council Meeting
City of Richmond Heights
June 14, 2022**

President of Council, Bobby Jordan called the meeting to order at 8:47 p.m.

PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Roll Call: Alexander, Jordan, Lentine, Lewis, Nelson, Ursu

Excused: Bell

Motion to excuse Bell by Nelson, seconded by Ursu; passed 6-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

All matters listed under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted after reading of the titles of each by two motions -- one motion requires five affirmative votes to suspend the Council's rules requiring three separate readings of legislation and the second motion requires four votes for passage of all items listed on the Consent Agenda.

There will be no separate discussion of these items prior to their adoption. If any Councilperson desires discussion, the particular item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately by Council with full discussion and individual action thereon.

1. Minutes of the City Council Meeting from May 24, 2022.

Motion by Alexander for passage and approval of the Consent Agenda, seconded by Lentine; passed 6-0.

REPORTS:

Mayor Kim Thomas:

- June 8-9 Mayors Association meeting, met with DeWine and asked about Chardon Road repairs.
- Training with directors on new website will happen soon.
- Juneteenth celebration this Saturday at Greenwood Farm 1-4pm.

Fire Chief, Marc Neumann:

- There was a pediatric drowning in pool at residential home. Drowning is the leading cause of death ages 1-4 years, with 87% in home pools. Discussed vigilance and supervision on this. Child is doing well and on the road to recovery.
- Projects working on discussed info technology AT&T in Phase 1 of 4 phase project. Phase 2 is dispatch inventory.
- Hydrant testing is done for the year.
- Safety committee—will discuss hydrant painting and program update.
- Lentine—at 444 Park the poo, was recently reopened. There are no lifeguards required there and young people go in unsupervised there. Afraid of another drowning incident. Chief Neumann said he will look into that. He has not responded to any pool drownings there in past 10 yrs. Lentine said there was an incident 15 years ago with a drowning, and fortunately the boy survived but seems dangerous with no lifeguards there.
- Jordan asked who is liable if something happens. Signs are up stating no lifeguards but who is responsible?

Police Chief, Tom Wetzel:

- Lateral exam for officers and civil service written tests happening soon.
- Share with residents to slow down on streets. This is what we see with warm weather. And more OVI arrests as well.
- Ursu asked if the PD would be able to go into schools to get students in high school and educate them in programs for this. Bridging program for police department in schools.

- National expose with outreach magazine, article on department.
- Chief Wetzel said he will look into formal training on this. Close to a crisis with low numbers of officers. Difficult to get new ones and retain for a long time.

Building Commissioner, Jim Urankar:

- Tues July 5th ARB meeting—reviewing Meijer’s building review- #6 and 7 buildings.
- Hilltop Plaza- changing the lights and replacing fixtures with new aprons as well, storm basins too.
- Advanced Paving (Ken)- parking and resurfacing---discussed not undercutting poor deteriorated areas.
- Mayor thanked Nelson for holding their feet to the fire in repairs at Hilltop Plaza and repairing the violations there. Nelson said she talked with Jim about the 39 citations and how we expect the work to be done correctly. She said she will stay on top of these things as well as the potholes. Make it safe for everyone.

Finance Director, Annette Harmon:

- Process of closing out May books. Will have report on June 28th.
- Moving forward with City Force; will be live in July
- Process of putting together policies and procedures soon.

Recreation Director, Cameron Campbell:

- Memorial Day parade went well.
- Spray ground attendant to start on Monday.
- Rec Dept ready for Saturday Juneteenth event at Greenwood Farm and will have t-shirts for Council members.

Economic Development Director, Brian Gleisser:

- Tenants at mall gone. Conrad’s closed and Firestone will relocate to new building on site plan, Planet Fitness to relocate by end of year.
- Lodge bids—roof –published and 2 weeks. Bids due by Monday June 27th. Recommend to council after that.
- \$50K in state capital budget funds—for the gazebo at GWF park.

City Engineer, Lee & Chris Courtney:

- Grading project at Desan park; meeting at 1pm today, contract to order materials. Middle of July to start and August completion for the playground equipment at Desan.
- Hilltop plaza- east entrance- put new apron, off Richmond Road apron and finished prep work today, concrete tomorrow.
- A & T contract done on Catlin and running lines to houses.

Service Director, Don Kerniskey:

- Brush road traffic signal--- waiting on the controller for unit. Need part. Hope to be in by end of June.
- Rocks put out there, asked resident to remove the rocks as someone could sue him and will look into a guard rail there.
- New trucks were highlight of the parade said Jordan.
- Nelson thanked Don for signs on Pierson. Why blue and not green? Don said additional signs have a different color. Stevenson and Austin, looked into signs there. Main entrance has list of all the street name on it.
- Lentine- developments in city (Cary Jay/Scottish Highlands)—signs needed. Don is working on it.

Jordan thanked Chief Wetzel for his job on the Memorial Day parade. Was a great event and nice job.

AUDIENCE: no comments

AGENDA LEGISLATION:

OLD BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE NO.: 42-2022, INTRODUCED BY MAYOR THOMAS, THIRD READING
AN ORDINANCE DEDICATING THE GREENWOOD FARM PROPERTY AS A MUNICIPAL PUBLIC PARK.

- MOTION WAS MADE BY ALEXANDER AND SECONDED BY NELSON TO PASS ORDINANCE NO. 42-2022. MOTION PASSED 6-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION NO.: 73-2022, INTRODUCED BY MAYOR THOMAS, FIRST READING
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE LABORERS LOCAL 860, LABORERS INTERNATIONAL UNION OF NORTH AMERICA, FOR THE YEARS 2022 THROUGH 2024; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

- MOTION MADE BY ALEXANDER AND SECONDED BY NELSON TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCE AS PROVIDED IN SEC. 121.22 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCE. MOTION PASSED 6-0.
- MOTION WAS MADE BY URSU AND SECONDED BY NELSON TO PASS RESOLUTION NO. 73-2022. MOTION PASSED 6-0.

RESOLUTION NO.: 74-2022, INTRODUCED BY MAYOR THOMAS & ALL OF COUNCIL, FIRST READING

A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING CITY OF RICHMOND HEIGHTS APPOINTEE MEMBERS FRED CASH AND BRIAN GLEISSER TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE BELLE OAKS NEW COMMUNITY AUTHORITY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

- MOTION MADE BY NELSON AND SECONDED BY URSU TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCE AS PROVIDED IN SEC. 121.22 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCE. MOTION PASSED 6-0.
- MOTION WAS MADE BY URSU AND SECONDED BY NELSON TO PASS RESOLUTION NO. 74-2022. MOTION PASSED 6-0.

RESOLUTION NO.: 75-2022, INTRODUCED BY URSU, FIRST READING

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO PERFORM CERTAIN INTERFUND TRANSFERS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

- MOTION MADE BY URSU AND SECONDED BY NELSON TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCE AS PROVIDED IN SEC. 121.22 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCE. MOTION PASSED 6-0.
- MOTION WAS MADE BY URSU AND SECONDED BY NELSON TO PASS RESOLUTION NO. 75-2022. MOTION PASSED 6-0.

ORDINANCE NO.: 76-2022, INTRODUCED BY MAYOR THOMAS, FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 31-2022 (THE CITY'S "PAY AND BENEFITS ORDINANCE") TO ADD THE FULL-TIME POSITION OF HUMAN RESOURCE DIRECTOR TO THE LIST OF FULL-TIME POSITIONS FOR WHICH THE MAYOR MAY GRANT ADDITIONAL VACATION DAYS.

She will start mid-July. Ord passed 4-26-22 but added the vacation time as was not listed originally.

- MOTION 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 6-0.
- MOTION WAS MADE BY URSU AND SECONDED BY LEWIS TO PASS RESOLUTION NO. 76-2022. MOTION PASSED 6-0.

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER:

MOTION to approve liquor license for the new Parallel Lounge/old Kevante restaurant, Winston Marshall Investments LLC and not to request a hearing by Jordan, seconded by Alexander; passed 6-0.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Jordan and seconded by Alexander to adjourn this June 14, 2022, City Council Meeting at 9:26 p.m.

Betsy Traben, Clerk of Council

Bobby Jordan, Council President