

**City Council Meeting  
City of Richmond Heights  
December 8, 2020**

President of Council, Eloise Henry, called the meeting to order at 8:45pm

***PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO FLAG***

***-VIRTUAL MEETING WAS HELD VIA ZOOM-***

**Roll Call:** Alexander, Henry, Lentine, Lewis, Nelson, Thomas, Ursu

**Consent Agenda:**

1. Minutes of the City Council Meeting from November 24, 2020.

MOTION WAS MADE BY Lewis, SECONDED BY Lentine TO PASS THE CONSENT AGENDA. THE MOTION PASSED 7-0.

**Reports:**

**Mayor David Roche:** Comment as we go along.

**Fire Chief Marc Neumann:**

- COVID stats: as of Dec 4- 28,000---Cuyahoga County—664 deaths, 1,003 in 44143 AREA...in red alert status level 3, high risk of exposure and spread. (get #'s from him)
- Vaccine distribution—Dec 15<sup>th</sup> date to start. FDA final approval of Pfizer. Limited supply and only those in critical need. Vaccines to hospitals and Walgreens care centers.
- Moderna vaccine—pending FDA approval to hospitals and health depts. for front line workers.
- 2 vaccine regime and 2<sup>nd</sup> vaccine is done after 3 weeks. Accuracy of 2<sup>nd</sup> dose 95%. How precise does this have to be? (Ursu). Chief said unsure on how close the 3 week mark has to be.
- Moderna and Astrozenaca pending approval for the mass vaccination of public in spring/summer 2021.
- Lentine asked if there is a preference on vaccine company? Chief said they are all over 90% effective. Some more conducive to public distribution. The deep refrigeration need is difficult for many places.
- Squad update: Currently being repaired and coming back this week we hope. UH covering costs of repairs. UH donated a use of an ambulance to the city until then. Then will have to send other squad out for minor repair job on stretcher.
- No firefighters have COVID right now...all healthy. PPE has become part of our lifestyle. Have only had one case with a firefighter having it and it was a mild case/asymptomatic, and he was out for 14 days on quarantine.

**Police Chief Tom Wetzel:** -excused-

**Building Commissioner, Jim Urankar:**

- Email from David Frank—secured ownership of the retention pond. Moving forward with approvals now.

**Finance Director, Jim Teknipp:**

- Busy with open enrollment for medical insurance benefits.
- Analyzing YTD financial records, grant funding and end of year transfers.
- Looking into the CARES ACT grant expenditures that were received.
- Lisa Delassandro, Payroll, completed payroll for bargaining agreements and paid out.

**Recreation Director, Rick Dula:** -excused-

**Economic Development Director, Brian Gleisser:**

- Submitting \$150K CBDG grant due Dec 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Finance Committee--\$50K supplemental grant due in Jan
- Pre-con meeting for Lodge improvements today...met on this. Went over everything with architect and draft schedule presented—early May completion hopeful. Supply chain may be a challenge.

**City Engineer, Lee Courtney:**

- Started restoration on west bound lanes from water main break. Concrete and asphalt going in soon.
- Trebisky—what’s leaking (Alexander) there? Courtney said the water dept knows about it and has been there twice in the last week, but done nothing yet. Alexander said it seems really dangerous there and it could get icy as it gets colder.

**Service Director Don Kerniskey:**

- Kerniskey added that they are well aware of it and working on water main pipes in city. Mayor discussed the piping and the water main breaks. Outside of pipes deteriorating and causing problems. The Water Dept does maintain a great database on the breaks and costs.
- Leaf pickups- when snow melts down will be out there picking them up and will keep it up until they are can before snow hits again.
- Kudos to the men working on branches today on Heather Lane, picked up branches and trees in the area. Had a resident call to praise the work there.
- Henry added that the city cleaned up all the leaves on her tree lawn as well as her whole street. Very clean and impressive job.

**AUDIENCE:** -no comments-

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**ORDINANCE NO.: 107-2020, INTRODUCED BY HENRY, SECOND READING**

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING NEW CHAPTER 172, “TECHNOLOGY POLICY”, IN PART ONE, “ADMINISTRATIVE CODE”, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES.

**HOLD ON.**

**ORDINANCE NO.: 108-2020, INTRODUCED BY HENRY, SECOND READING**

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING NEW CHAPTER 171, “TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE”, IN PART ONE, “ADMINISTRATIVE CODE”, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES.

**HOLD ON.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**RESOLUTION NO.: 119-2020, INTRODUCED BY MAYOR ROCHE, FIRST READING**

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A DONATION FROM RICHMOND HEIGHTS RESIDENT SAMUEL JOHNSON OF MULTIPLE DRONES TO THE DIVISION OF POLICE OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEIGHTS AND EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO MR. JOHNSON.

**HOLD ON.**

**RESOLUTION NO.: 120-2020, INTRODUCED BY MAYOR ROCHE, FIRST READING**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE CUYAHOGA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT AND THE NORTHEAST OHIO REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT FOR THE PROVISION OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN IMPLEMENTING SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION MEASURES.

- MOTION WAS MADE BY ALEXANDER AND SECONDED BY LEWIS 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 LENTINE, SECONDED BY LEWIS TO PASS RESOLUTION NO. 120-2020. THE MOTION PASSED 6-0.

**Note: Nelson left the meeting, as she had a family emergency. So, voting was done with the 6 Council members.**

**RESOLUTION NO.: 121-2020, INTRODUCED BY MAYOR ROCHE, FIRST READING**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ON BEHALF OF THE CITY THE RENEWAL OF A PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT TO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AS A MEMBER OF THE EUCLID CREEK WATERSHED COUNCIL WITH THE CUYAHOGA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT.

\$3000 yr. annually 2021—2024 per Mayor

- MOTION WAS MADE BY LENTINE AND SECONDED BY LEWIS 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 LEWIS, SECONDED BY LENTINE TO PASS RESOLUTION NO. 121-2020. THE MOTION PASSED 6-0.

**RESOLUTION NO.: 122-2020, INTRODUCED BY ALEXANDER, FIRST READING**

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A MODIFICATION TO THE SITE DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR A MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT ON PERMANENT PARCEL NO. 662-27-048 AT 621 RICHMOND ROAD.

Phase 1 site plan for Belle Oaks leasing building—in P&Z and PC committees—and was unanimous in passage and approval.

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- MOTION WAS MADE BY LEWIS, SECONDED BY ALEXANDER TO PASS RESOLUTION NO. 122-2020. THE MOTION PASSED 6-0.

**RESOLUTION NO.: 123-2020, INTRODUCED BY ALEXANDER, FIRST READING**

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE ACTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION WITH RESPECT TO THE APPROVAL OF A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT AND A SITE PLAN FOR A DRIVE THROUGH RETAIL FACILITY AT 818 RICHMOND ROAD.

- MOTION WAS MADE BY ALEXANDER 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 LENTINE, SECONDED BY LEWIS TO PASS RESOLUTION NO. 123-2020. THE MOTION PASSED 6-0.

**MOTION to authorize mayor to accept Cuyahoga County Cares Act money from the county for \$45,655.64 and Council appropriates the funds for funds/purposes set forth in lists distribute to Council**

**Motion by Henry, seconded by Alexander; 6-0 passed.**

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Arborvitaes trees—suffered from large snowstorm said Ursu—why? He wanted to ask Service Director Kerniskey his thoughts on that. Mayor said there was 18 inches of wet snow and high winds, so it was a really bad storm and took its toll on the trees and the roads.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** -none-

**ADDITIONS:** -none-

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion was made by Henry, seconded by Thomas to adjourn this December 8, 2020 City Council Meeting at 10:01PM.

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Betsy Traben, Clerk of Council

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Eloise Henry, Council President