

**City Council Meeting  
City of Richmond Heights  
December 22, 2020**

President of Council, Eloise Henry, called the meeting to order at 9:35pm

***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 December 8, 2020.

MOTION WAS MADE BY Lewis, SECONDED BY Lentine TO PASS THE CONSENT AGENDA. THE MOTION PASSED 7-0. Nelson left last Council meeting due to family emergency and not zoom issues—amend the minutes for that reason.

**Reports:**

**Mayor David Roche:** Mayors and Mgrs. meeting tomorrow on COVID, learning state updates and limitations, rules, which always are changing. Extending deadlines through next year he thinks.

**Fire Chief Marc Neumann:** -excused-

**Police Chief Tom Wetzel:**

- Christmas Caroling on Sunday went well. Drove through the city streets and brought smiles to the city, thanks to Mayor too.
- Spousal partner police academy---challenges they face and strategies on successful personal relationships, invitees to all with speakers and program for the police and their families.
- Lewis company --made donation to family with new baby whom was delivered in car.
- Thank you for serving and working with all over this past year.

**Building Commissioner, Jim Urankar:**

- Upper school occupancy by Jan 5<sup>th</sup>—staff. Jan 15<sup>th</sup> scheduled move in date with no more than 30 adults in facility at once.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> app for Dealpoint Marrow fence—will discuss at next PZ meeting.
- Transonic—Horizon building---200 persons in occupancy---5156 Wilson Mills (Good Fellows Restaurant) will take place of Taj India Palace leaving. We are getting a lot of new apps and inquiries on new businesses in the area.
- Wish all a very Merry Xmas and New Year!
- Alexander said to take a hard look at the fence for Dealpoint. This fence will stay up for 2+ years and Council should take a look and address any issues in the beginning. Urankar said it is a well thought out application, and there is also signage to look at. Will be up 2-4 yrs. minimum.

**Finance Director, Jim Teknipp:**

- Very busy preparing to close the year and updating employee benefits and salary schedules with new and approved.
- Cares Act funding and county agreements closing the year.
- Meeting with Dept. Heads on reviewing budgets for 2021.
- Hope Council will approve the end of the year ordinances to close the year and smooth transition to 2021.
- Wish all Merry Xmas and Happy New Year!

**Recreation Director, Rick Dula:**

- Wish all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from him and Anthony Gimellia.
- Special event schedule—look a lot like 2020. Hoping we can execute some plans and dates in 2021 though. Will get together with Mayor and figure out 2021 events along with CDC and Governor guidelines and look to do some fun things.
- Lyndhurst Dads Club—baseball and softball sign-ups for RH kids.
- Lentine had concerns on the swimming pool. Vital part of the park and recreation. What is the condition of the pool? Dula said he, Mayor and Kerniskey have not met on this yet. Kerniskey had gotten some quotes on the pool repairs and need to decide on the investment with this pool and if it will open or not.
- Alexander said we need to approach this with the thought that the pool will open. Let's look at this in January with all the facts and figures to make a decision.

**Economic Development Director, Brian Gleisser:**

- Year-end wrap up report—awarded \$411K in grants this year. New playground in park, renovation of the NSP house at 2541 Hilltop and occupied, close that account, complete all-weather covering of handicap ramp at Lodge this year.
- Thanks to Rachel Gardner and Mayor this year.
- Wish all a happy holidays and safe season.
- Henry commented on looking at the resources and budgets for next year for these Depts.

**City Engineer, Lee Courtney:**

- Highland Road—4 lanes open
- Water Dept.—working on leak with valve at Trebisky/Highland intersection.
- Fiber optic installation on Curtiss Wright parkway
- Wish all a very happy and healthy new year. Watch out for traveling ...forecasts are bad.

**Service Director Don Kerniskey:** *-excused-*

**AUDIENCE:** -no comments-

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**ORDINANCE NO.: 107-2020, INTRODUCED BY HENRY, THIRD 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, THIRD READING**  
AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING NEW CHAPTER 171, "TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE", IN PART ONE, "ADMINISTRATIVE CODE", OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES.

Mayor can appoint 2 people—amendment.

- MOTION WAS MADE BY HENRY, SECONDED BY NELSON TO PASS ORDINANCE NO. 108-2020. THE MOTION PASSED 7-0.

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

- 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 7-0.

- MOTION WAS MADE BY LENTINE, SECONDED BY ALEXANDER TO PASS RESOLUTION NO. 119-2020. THE MOTION PASSED 7-0.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **ORDINANCE NO.: 124-2020, 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, 2021, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

- 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 7-0.
- MOTION WAS MADE BY LENTINE, SECONDED BY LEWIS TO PASS ORDINANCE NO. 124-2020. THE MOTION PASSED 7-0.

#### **RESOLUTION NO.: 125-2020, INTRODUCED BY URSU, FIRST READING**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH SOFTWARE SOLUTIONS INC. FOR SOFTWARE SERVICES.

- 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 7-0.
- MOTION WAS MADE BY ALEXANDER, SECONDED BY LENTINE TO PASS RESOLUTION NO. 125-2020. THE MOTION PASSED 7-0.

#### **RESOLUTION NO.: 126-2020, INTRODUCED BY MAYOR & COUNCIL, FIRST READING**

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FACT-FINDER IN CASE NO. 2018-MED-08-0719 (LABORERS LOCAL 860, LABORERS INTERNATIONAL UNION OF NORTH AMERICA); 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 7-0.
- MOTION WAS MADE BY LENTINE, SECONDED BY NELSON TO PASS RESOLUTION NO. 126-2020. THE MOTION PASSED 7-0.

#### **RESOLUTION NO.: 127-2020, INTRODUCED BY MAYOR & COUNCIL, FIRST READING**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE, LODGE #57, FOR THE YEARS 2019 THROUGH 2021; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

- MOTION WAS MADE BY ALEXANDER AND SECONDED BY THOMAS TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCE AS PROVIDED IN SEC. 121.22 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCE. MOTION PASSED 7-0.
- MOTION WAS MADE BY NELSON, SECONDED BY LEWIS TO PASS RESOLUTION NO. 127-2020. THE MOTION PASSED 7-0.

#### **RESOLUTION NO.: 128-2020, INTRODUCED BY MAYOR ROCHE, FIRST READING**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FROM THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEIGHTS FOR A PROJECT TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT FOR ITS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SUPPLEMENTAL GRANT PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021 AND AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF MATCHING FUNDS AND/OR IN-KIND SERVICES FROM THE CITY.

- MOTION WAS MADE BY LENTINE AND SECONDED BY URSU TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCE AS PROVIDED IN SEC. 121.22 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCE. MOTION PASSED 7-0.
- MOTION WAS MADE BY LENTINE, SECONDED BY ALEXANDER TO PASS RESOLUTION NO. 128-2020. THE MOTION PASSED 7-0.

**ORDINANCE NO.: 129-2020, INTRODUCED BY COTTON-HENRY, FIRST READING**  
 AN ORDINANCE ENACTING NEW SECTION 371.18, "BLANKET PURCHASE ORDERS", OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES.

- MOTION WAS MADE BY HENRY AND SECONDED BY NELSON TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCE AS PROVIDED IN SEC. 121.22 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCE. MOTION PASSED 7-0.
- MOTION WAS MADE BY ALEXANDER, SECONDED BY LENTINE TO PASS ORDINANCE NO. 129-2020. THE MOTION PASSED 7-0.

**RESOLUTION NO.: 130-2020, INTRODUCED BY LEWIS, FIRST READING**  
 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH NORTH COAST LIFT TRUCK, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF A USED PNEUMATIC STYLE FORKLIFT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE.

- 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 7-0.
- MOTION WAS MADE BY LEWIS, SECONDED BY LENTINE TO PASS RESOLUTION NO. 130-2020. THE MOTION PASSED 7-0.

**RESOLUTION NO.: 131-2020, INTRODUCED BY MAYOR ROCHE, FIRST READING**  
 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH PC ALTERNATIVES, LLC FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT SERVICES FOR THE CITY.

- MOTION WAS MADE BY LEWIS AND SECONDED BY HENRY TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCE AS PROVIDED IN SEC. 121.22 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCE. MOTION PASSED 7-0.
- MOTION WAS MADE BY LEWIS, SECONDED BY NELSON TO PASS RESOLUTION NO. 131-2020. THE MOTION PASSED 7-0.

**RESOLUTION NO.: 132-2020, INTRODUCED BY URSU, FIRST READING**  
 A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY FISCAL OFFICER TO ADVANCE TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS FROM THE PROCEEDS OF TAX LEVIES PURSUANT TO SECTION 321.34 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

- MOTION WAS MADE BY HENRY AND SECONDED BY ALEXANDER TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCE AS PROVIDED IN SEC. 121.22 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCE. MOTION PASSED 7-0.
- MOTION WAS MADE BY URSU, SECONDED BY ALEXANDER TO PASS RESOLUTION NO. 132-2020. THE MOTION PASSED 7-0.

**ORDINANCE NO.: 133-2020, 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, 2020; TO AMEND ORDINANCE NOS. 21-2020, 56-2020 AND 69-2020; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

- MOTION WAS MADE BY NELSON AND SECONDED BY ALEXANDER TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCE AS PROVIDED IN SEC. 121.22 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCE. MOTION PASSED 7-0.
- MOTION WAS MADE BY URSU, SECONDED BY ALEXANDER TO PASS ORDINANCE NO. 132-2020. THE MOTION PASSED 7-0.

**ORDINANCE NO.: 134-2020, INTRODUCED BY URSU, FIRST READING**

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

- MOTION WAS MADE BY URSU AND SECONDED BY LENTINE TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCE AS PROVIDED IN SEC. 121.22 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCE. MOTION PASSED 7-0.
- MOTION WAS MADE BY LENTINE, SECONDED BY URSU TO PASS ORDINANCE NO. 134-2020. THE MOTION PASSED 7-0.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** -none-

**ADDITIONS:** -none-

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion was made by Henry, seconded by Thomas to adjourn this December 22, 2020 City Council Meeting at 10:22PM.

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Betsy Traben, Clerk of Council

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Eloise Henry, Council President