

**City Council Meeting  
City of Richmond Heights  
January 28, 2020**

President of Council, Eloise Henry, called the meeting to order at 9:10pm

***Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag***

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

Excused: Ursu

Motion to excuse Ursu by Alexander, seconded by Lentine; passed 6-0.

**Consent Agenda:**

1. Minutes of the City Council Meeting from January 14, 2020.

Motion by Lewis, seconded by Lentine to approve the Consent Agenda; passed 6-0.

**Reports:**

**Mayor David Roche:** There will be an awards ceremony for the Fire Dept tonight.

**Fire Chief Marc Neumann:**

- Lifesaver from Heights Communications Center- giving out a lifesaving award to Lisa Forbach, who was the dispatcher who received the 911 call. Neumann discussed the EMS chain of the 911 system and the pre-arrival instructions from emergency dispatchers. She gave CPR info to caller on Oct 17, 2019, as the call came into the Heights Dispatch Center. A grandma had passed out, and Forbach was on the phone for—4 min and 13 sec—talked caller through 3 rounds of CPR. Presented her with the Life Saving award
- Special thanks to Councilwoman Lewis for her aluminum can pop tops. The kickoff for the Burn Victim can collection. Boxes in front lobby of fire station and police dept and city hall.
- CPR class on Sunday at Fire Station from 1-4pm

**Police Chief Tom Wetzel:**

- Coffee with a Cop was today and went well. Next one will be on Sat April 25—9-11am
- Officer stopped a vehicle at one of the apartments as it looked suspicious and found guns.
- Selling items online and collecting interest.
- On Feb 23, we will be selecting a K-9 for the unit.
- Lentine commented on the coffee with a cop- good to see this starting and talking to residents at the event. Worthwhile event.

**Building Commissioner, Jim Urankar:**

- ARB—Mon Feb 3—Belle Oaks Phase 2 plan approval 9:30am in caucus room
- Wed Feb 12—Belle Oaks prelim master plan review for PC 7pm

**Finance Director, Jim Teknipp:**

- Payroll Officer has resigned as of yesterday. We have been challenged to keep things together. Hope we can find a quick replacement. Need to work on budget. W-2's have been sent out.

**Recreation Director, Rick Dula:**

- Volunteer dinner is Sat, Feb 8—need volunteers to serve guests—asked Council, have at least 140 who have RSVP'd.
- On Wed. Feb 19, there will be a Black History luncheon at Lodge from 11:30-1:30 in afternoon
- Community garage sale is set for Sat May 2—at Community Park
- Grant application sent into Solid Waste District for the Shred Days; asked for \$2,000 for grant

**Economic Development Director, Brian Gleisser:**

- Grant—ODNR Rec trails grant for new trails in park. We did not hear back on grant in 2019. Received application for 2020 and will be applying by March 2<sup>nd</sup> It will be on next month's legislation to authorize and resubmit.
- Projects are progressing. Kiwanis Lodge ramp enclosure walk through this week, house on Hilltop NSP 50% complete and anticipate completion by April/May, Mall—tenants moving out—happening at many malls, ARB site plan for phase 2 to review.
- Alexander asked about the final walk through—please look at area in front of sink in Lodge.

**Acting City Engineer, Chris Courtney:**

- CEI at Hillary area—utility repairs. Problem figured out and hope to have area restored next week.

**Service Director Don Kerniskey:**

- Chipping finishing up and moving to tree trimming.
- Leaf pick up ending this week. Usually ends in December, but we were able to do this until now.
- Snow removal—7 full time trucks, from Dec –April, along with some part timers.
- Trash complaints—pick up of pretty much anything that they can put out there. If too big, they can call for a special pick up to make arrangements for city to help. Mattresses need to be completely covered in plastic, along with couch pillows (because of bed bugs).
- If someone is evicted and they leave—put stuff out on tree lawn, we call for help for pick up.
- If any resident complains, please call Don Kerniskey on this in Service.
- Open door policy at Service—welcomes all to come and see how things are handled. Welcome to ride with snowplow drivers as well.
- Thomas asked about the apts—residents don't seem to understand that the city doesn't pick up trash (Loganberry)—trash is piling up. Kerniskey said those are on private property---but can work together with apts on that. Building Dept usually deals with them. Mayor said that people are piling trash in elevators and hallways as well or stairwells. It's been a challenge. Thomas said she sees trash piled outside near the dumpsters and it is a health hazard. Jim Urankar said it's been an ongoing situation with Loganberry, as furniture is also dumped. They have 60 citations with pending litigation. Dealing with a new manager now and receiving permits—perhaps we can get legislation on this? Been going on for years. Thomas asked who do we hold accountable? Urankar said we send citations and letters to the owner/mgr. and letters sent out all the time to them. Mentioned the new carpet and people dragging garbage with grease through the halls; constant issues.

- Mayor—told Thomas to call the manager on this—the more the better. Chief Wetzel—mentioned the police are also out there looking for problems; team effort on this. Lewis commented on meeting with residents there and said there was broken glass on sidewalk and maintenance just threw it on the grass.

**Audience:**

**Dennis Klauss—resident since 1977, at 25797 Chardon Road**

Tax Assessment: Came to City Hall last year—met with Tom DeLillio on tax assessments. Appears he was paying 2 assessments he said. In July he went back and found out he was paying 2 assessments—his on Chardon Rd and another one (1921 Skyline) neighbor around the corner, that abuts to his. How to fix this? No one seems to know. He left his phone number with receptionist on Jan 7<sup>th</sup> and sent email to city/mayor. He said that no one has addressed this. He asked how many other people out there are paying 2 assessments and would like an accounting on what he has paid for his and the other lot and how to get a refund or apply to his tax debt. It is a sewer assessment. It has been over a year now and he wonders why no one has responded. Brought a copy of the email to the meeting.

Mayor said Tom DeLillio has investigated this and he has heard a bit about it.

Jim Teknipp said Tom has information on this as he is the one who works on the special assessments.

Henry said we will have a meeting on this and come to a conclusion on this. She asked Mr. Klauss to stay until the end of the meeting so they can talk to him after the meeting tonight.

**OLD BUSINESS:** -NONE-

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**ORDINANCE NO.: 10- 2020, INTRODUCED BY MAYOR ROCHE, FIRST READING**  
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A NEW FEE SCHEDULE FOR THE SERVICES OF THE CITY ENGINEER AND THE C.W. COURTNEY CO.

- 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 6-0.
- MOTION WAS MADE BY ALEXANDER, SECONDED BY LEWIS TO PASS ORDINANCE NO. 10-2020. THE MOTION PASSED 6-0.

**RESOLUTION NO.: 11-2020, INTRODUCED BY MAYOR ROCHE, FIRST READING**  
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH SPALDING EMIG COMPANY FOR REAL ESTATE APPRAISAL SERVICES.

- 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 LEWIS, SECONDED BY LENTINE TO PASS RESOLUTION NO. 11-2020. THE MOTION PASSED 6-0.

**ORDINANCE NO.: 12- 2020, INTRODUCED BY LENTINE, FIRST READING**

AN ORDINANCE ENACTING NEW SECTION 335.14, "USE OF ELECTRONIC WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS DEVICES WHILE DRIVING," OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Hold on for discussion.

Chief Wetzel added that we want to take an educational approach to this—social media comments and put on electronic board, newsletter as well...news article on this, word of mouth and signs on road when this passes. One month of just getting word out before any tickets given on this---warning not a ticket so people know. Has been successful in Beachwood.

**RESOLUTION NO.: 13- 2020, INTRODUCED BY URSU, FIRST READING**

A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 125-2019 THAT AUTHORIZED THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEIGHTS TO ENTER INTO A MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT WITH COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP ON AGING FOR OLDER ADULT SERVICES IN ORDER TO AUTHORIZE A TWO-YEAR TERM FOR THE AGREEMENT.

- MOTION WAS 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 NELSON, SECONDED BY LENTINE TO PASS RESOLUTION NO. 13-2020. THE MOTION PASSED 6-0.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** -none-

**ADDITIONS:** -none-

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion was made by Hurst, seconded by Kumin to adjourn this January 28, 2020, 2019 City Council Meeting at 10:03PM.

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Betsy Traben, Clerk of Council

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Eloise Henry, Council President