

**City Council Meeting
City of Richmond Heights
March 10, 2020**

President of Council, Eloise Henry, called the meeting to order at 8:44pm

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

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

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

Consent Agenda:

1. Minutes of the City Council Meeting from February 25, 2020.
2. Minutes of the Special City Council Meeting from March 3, 2020.

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

Reports:

Mayor David Roche: No Report.

Fire Chief Marc Neumann: -excused-

Police Chief Tom Wetzel:

- Preparing for COVID 19 concerns and operations plan. Monitoring and working with Safety Director on messaging.
- K9 Fundraiser- Pancake Breakfast at Lodge and raised \$3700.
- K9 cruiser is ready to go. Training starts on March 19
- Planning to have a wrestling clinic.
- Police Chaplain Program started in the city.

Building Commissioner, Jim Urankar: -excused-

Finance Director, Jim Teknipp: -excused-

Recreation Director, Rick Dula:

- Re: Corona Virus and programming efforts---we are going to press forward with programs and monitor things closely.
- Shred Day—grant received—Sat March 28 from 9am-12
- Sat April 4—Easter Egg Hunt 10am and Pancake Breakfast at Lodge at 9am—1pm. Easter Bunny will be at both events.
- Community Garage Sale—Sat May 4th 9am—1pm.
- Soccer at Desan—Monday after Easter will be the first practices. Sat April 18th will be starting day for games.

Economic Development Director, Brian Gleisser:

- In midst of projects—waiting on county grants. Awaiting commercial market study on Belle Oaks and parking analysis with Dealpoint.
- Alexander asked about payment for parking analysis. The city is paying through the funds Dealpoint gave us.

City Engineer, Lee Courtney:

- County roads approved costs—Brush Road, Curtiss Wright and Highland

Service Director Don Kerniskey:

- Did research on the red brick for baseball fields. Looked at Painesville parks. Working on the fields in Community Park. Put in the base pegs in and straightening out fields. He said the red brick is working well. More games will be able to be played due to this holding up well in the rain. Is confident our fields will hold up water much better this year due to this new red brick. Thanked his Service Dept for all their help in setting up fields.

Lentine asked Todd Hunt about Mr. Cohen, owner of the Richmond Mall. He said he heard that he just bought another mall. How is this allowed to happen since he can't afford mall? Hunt said if he had investors he could have done it. In a capitalist society, this can happen. People can sell to whomever they want to sell to.

Audience: -no comments-

OLD BUSINESS:

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

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

- MOTION WAS MADE BY LENTINE, SECONDED BY ALEXANDER TO PASS ORDINANCE NO. 12-2020. THE MOTION PASSED 6-0.

Alexander asked if we plan to put signs up in the city about this. Chief Wetzal said they have plans for signage.

ORDINANCE NO.: 15- 2020, INTRODUCED BY LENTINE, THIRD READING

AN ORDINANCE ENACTING NEW SECTION 537.19, "PROHIBITING JUVENILE FROM POSSESSING, USING, PURCHASING OR RECEIVING AN ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICE," OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

- MOTION WAS MADE BY LENTINE, SECONDED BY NELSON TO PASS ORDINANCE NO. 15-2020. THE MOTION PASSED 6-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE NO.: 21-2020, 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 REPEAL ORDINANCE NO. 135-2019; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

HOLD ON for further discussion.

Will have a special council meeting next Tuesday, March 17th at 8:15pm for a 2nd reading.

RESOLUTION NO.: 25-2020, INTRODUCED BY MAYOR ROCHE, FIRST READING

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO COMMUNITY COST-SHARE AGREEMENTS WITH THE NORTHEAST OHIO REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT FOR STORMWATER RELATED WORK AND EXPENDITURES.

- MOTION WAS MADE BY LENTINE AND SECONDED BY THOMAS 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 NELSON TO PASS RESOLUTION NO. 25-2020. THE MOTION PASSED 6-0.

CORRESPONDENCE: Read a letter from Dr. Carrie Ross-Shelton, M.D., resident at 485 Forsythia Lane commending the services in Richmond Hts (police, EMS, fire, City Hall)

ADDITIONS: -none-

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Henry, seconded by Thomas to adjourn this March 10, 2020 City Council Meeting at 9:10PM.

Betsy Traben, Clerk of Council

Eloise Henry, Council President