

**City Council Meeting  
City of Richmond Heights  
May 24, 2022**

President of Council, Bobby Jordan called the meeting to order at 9:02 p.m.

**PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

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

**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 10, 2022.

Motion by Nelson for passage and approval of the Consent Agenda, seconded by Ursu; passed 7-0.

**REPORTS:**

**Mayor Kim Thomas:**

- Columbus Mayor & Mgr Summit discussion on the House Bill 512, which will increase employer contributions to police and fire pension funds. Discussed labor shortages concerns.
- Arpa funds from county- May 18<sup>th</sup> submitted city's wish list. Demo of cottage at Greenwood Farm, demo of 4442 Richmond Road, took recommendations from Brian Gleisser and Don Kerniskey, GWF porch repairs, and pedestrian bridge on school property. Feel confident will get these funds. Will hire a consultant to help with city wide parks.
- Juneteenth national holiday- and also a city holiday—will celebrate sat June 18<sup>th</sup> at GWF.
- Kiwanis stove has been ordered and anticipating arrival in 2weeks.
- Furniture for patio at lodge will be commercial grade. Price \$20-30K. Asked for ideas on storage.
- The new HR director will start in 2 weeks.
- Shelby Oats movie production is wrapping up at GWF soon.

**Fire Chief, Marc Neumann:**

- Outdoor patio furniture commented on briefly.
- Updates on infrastructure and commented on how AT&T contracted with services to upgrade band width and enhance productivity in city. Will be about 9 mos to complete with network, firewalls in city, servers, ect. Will support video conferencing system. Fiber optic cables. CBD has been in to map out phone needs in city. In Phase 1 currently.
- Tonight was the regional firefighter paramedic exam with over 100 showing up, list in effect for one year. Opening for one fulltime and a few more in next few years.
- Lentine commented on the elevators at 444 Richmond apartments. He got to view the Fire Dept helping people who were trapped in elevators that were stuck last week. Thanked Neumann for letting him view how this process works.

**Police Chief, Tom Wetzel:**

- Retirements- read proclamations- Sergeant Todd Leisure (27 yrs) and Officer James Kohler- over 50 years between the 2 of them. Proclamations and senatorial citation. Both officers and their families talked about their years of service. City employees added their thoughts as well.

- Ursu discussed how Todd Leisure headed bargaining unit for a long time and was a marine.
- Todd Hunt was sworn in on the same day as Todd Leisure, along with Denise Debiase in 1995.
- Open invitation for a ride-along with the police this summer.
- Parade- Memorial Day- council is invited to be in the parade. Road closed for 50 minutes and will go from Desan park to city park. Service at 10:30am at the park after parade. Party in the park from 11-1pm. All the proceeds go to the K9 fund.

**Building Commissioner, Jim Urankar:**

- Wed, June 1<sup>st</sup>- 243 Richmond Rd- Steve Jerome Plumbing- looking for a variance, Belle Oaks looking for variance- will be discussed at meeting.
- June 6- 10am- reviewing Bialosky building 6 and 7 looking at approvals for site plan and elevations, landscape and lighting, PC scheduled on June 8<sup>th</sup> at 7pm- conditional zoning for 5180 B2 District and will review the GWF municipal park ordinance.
- Bialosky & Assoc- demo plan approval- from Sears to cinema and then back into the mall; sequencing, looking to make sure still has emergency access lanes open

**Finance Director, Annette Harmon:**

- Process of closing out May books.
- Report in June on these May financials
- Transitioning professional services 904 (building) to finance dept—done by end of sept. implementing city force software package as well.
- Oversight for projects for professional services- looking at new procedures. Working closely with building dept on these things.
- Determine process for oversight on these projects. Each director to be responsible for specific project under their jurisdiction. Director of projects needs to be responsible for each project. Need project number or will not pay these invoices. If we do not have enough money we will not be paying them. There will be a 45 day process of invoicing process.
- Finance's job is to track, not become a collection agency. Need to be on the same page.

**Recreation Director, Cameron Campbell:** - excused-

- Don Kerniskey commented on the sprayground which is ready to go.

**Economic Development Director, Brian Gleisser:** - excused-

- Mayor commented on the summer intern (engineer student) who is helping them this summer in their dept. Will also be working with Building Dept.

**City Engineer, Lee & Chris Courtney:**

- Restoration work AT&T on Catlin almost completed and a couple smaller jobs on Foxcroft, Rachel, Highland Place- larger group.

**Service Director, Don Kerniskey:**

- Tall grass issues- passed out 37 letters to people. All but 6 cut their grass by Monday.
- Trebisky and Highland house (mayor)—will cut tomorrow said Don Kerniskey.
- Landscaping- flowers and rocks in city hall and city properties by Tim Lowe.
- Parade- getting ready for.
- Lentine asked about the trucks (Volkswagon)- got 2 trucks- concord- one may have by Friday and other 2 in garage. Volkswagon trucks—settlement in class action lawsuit- grant eligible for this.

**AUDIENCE:** no comments

## **AGENDA LEGISLATION:**

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

#### **RESOLUTION NO.: 27-2022, INTRODUCED BY LENTINE, THIRD READING**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH CHAGRIN VALLEY DISPATCH FOR THE PURCHASE OF WEARABLE CAMERAS, WIFI RADIO BASE, STANDARD CAR SYSTEMS, AND ASSOCIATED WARRANTIES, LICENSING, AND SOFTWARE, AND SET-UP AND TRAINING SERVICES FOR THE DIVISION OF POLICE.

- MOTION WAS MADE BY LENTINE AND SECONDED BY ALEXANDER TO PASS RESOLUTION NO. 27-2022. MOTION PASSED 7-0.

#### **ORDINANCE NO.: 42-2022, INTRODUCED BY MAYOR THOMAS, THIRD READING**

AN ORDINANCE DEDICATING THE GREENWOOD FARM PROPERTY AS A MUNICIPAL PUBLIC PARK.

***HOLD ON***

#### **RESOLUTION NO.: 50-2022- WAS NOT READ.**

#### **RESOLUTION NO.: 61-2022, INTRODUCED BY MAYOR THOMAS, SECOND READING**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF UNNEEDED ITEMS OF SPECIFIC PERSONAL PROPERTY OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEIGHTS THROUGH AN INTERNET AUCTION BY GOVDEALS.COM, INC.

- MOTION 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 ALEXANDER AND SECONDED BY LENTINE TO PASS RESOLUTION NO. 61-2022. MOTION PASSED 7-0.

#### **RESOLUTION NO.: 62-2022, INTRODUCED BY MAYOR THOMAS, SECOND READING**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH NORTHCOAST SIGNWORKS FOR THE PURCHASE OF TEN NEW CITY ENTRANCE SIGNS.

- MOTION MADE BY JORDAN 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 NELSON AND SECONDED BY LEWIS TO PASS RESOLUTION NO. 62-2022. MOTION PASSED 7-0.

#### **ORDINANCE NO.: 65-2022, INTRODUCED BY NELSON, SECOND READING**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE SEVEN, BUSINESS MAINTENANCE CODE, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO ADOPT NEW CHAPTER 1380, REGISTRATION AND MAINTENANCE OF VACANT NONRESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES

- MOTION 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 AND SECONDED BY LEWIS TO PASS RESOLUTION NO. 65-2022. MOTION PASSED 7-0.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **RESOLUTION NO.: 66-2022, INTRODUCED BY MAYOR THOMAS, FIRST READING**

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS BETWEEN LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND EDUCATION CENTERS TO GROW SKILLED TRADE JOBS.

- MOTION MADE BY ALEXANDER AND SECONDED BY BELL 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 AND SECONDED BY LENTINE TO PASS RESOLUTION NO. 66-2022. MOTION PASSED 7-0.

### **RESOLUTION NO.: 67-2022, INTRODUCED BY MAYOR THOMAS, FIRST READING**

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING BOBBY JORDAN TO FILL AN UNEXPIRED TWO-YEAR TERM TO THE GREENWOOD FARM HISTORICAL, CULTURAL & ARTS ASSOCIATION, INC. BOARD OF DIRECTORS, WHICH TERM EXPIRES ON JUNE 30, 2023.

- MOTION MADE BY LENTINE AND SECONDED BY BELL 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 AND SECONDED BY NELSON TO PASS RESOLUTION NO. 67-2022. MOTION PASSED 7-0.

### **RESOLUTION NO.: 68-2022, INTRODUCED BY MAYOR THOMAS, FIRST READING**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH MR. EXCAVATOR, INC. FOR THE DESAN PARK GRADING AND DRAINAGE PROJECT.

- MOTION 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 LENTINE AND SECONDED BY LEWIS TO PASS RESOLUTION NO. 68-2022. MOTION PASSED 7-0.

### **RESOLUTION NO.: 69-2022, INTRODUCED BY MAYOR THOMAS, FIRST READING**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CHANGE ORDER TO THE EXISTING CONTRACT WITH SPECIALIZED CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR NECESSARY ADDITIONAL ROAD PAINT STRIPING WORK FOR CITY STREETS IN 2022.

- MOTION 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 7-0.
- MOTION WAS MADE BY URSU AND SECONDED BY NELSON TO PASS RESOLUTION NO. 69-2022. MOTION PASSED 7-0.

### **RESOLUTION NO.: 70-2022, INTRODUCED BY MAYOR THOMAS, FIRST READING**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO PURCHASE SIX (6) COMPUTERS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT FROM THE APPLE STORE FOR CITY DEPARTMENTAL AND SPECIAL EVENT USE.

- MOTION MADE BY LEWIS 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 URSU AND SECONDED BY NELSON TO PASS RESOLUTION NO. 70-2022. MOTION PASSED 7-0.

**RESOLUTION NO.: 71-2022, INTRODUCED BY MAYOR THOMAS, FIRST READING**  
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH CUYAHOGA COUNTY TO ACCEPT A GRANT UNDER THE COMPETITIVE MUNICIPAL GRANT PROGRAM.

Hunt—county/fed funds block grant \$150K- new roof on the lodge, needs passage tonight.

- MOTION 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 URSU AND SECONDED BY NELSON TO PASS RESOLUTION NO. 71-2022. MOTION PASSED 7-0.

**RESOLUTION NO.: 72-2022, INTRODUCED BY MAYOR THOMAS, FIRST READING**  
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO FOR A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SUPPLEMENTAL GRANT.

- MOTION MADE BY ALEXANDER AND SECONDED BY BELL 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 AND SECONDED BY NELSON TO PASS RESOLUTION NO. 72-2022. MOTION PASSED 7-0.

**CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER:** -NONE-

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion was made by Jordan and seconded by Alexander to adjourn this May 24, 2022, City Council Meeting at 10:12 p.m.

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Betsy Traben, Clerk of Council

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Bobby Jordan, Council President