

**City Council Meeting
City of Richmond Heights
May 10, 2022**

President of Council, Bobby Jordan called the meeting to order at 9:21 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 April 26, 2022.
2. Resolution No. 58-2022, Introduced by Mayor & Council: *A Resolution of Congratulations and Commendation to the Richmond Heights High School Boys Basketball Team for Winning the State Championship.*

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

REPORTS:

Mayor Kim Thomas:

- Asked City Prosecutor, Mike Cicero to attend every Council meeting.
- Cicero gave a brief report on the apartments as well as updated laws on guns.
- Roof on Hilltop Plaza is being installed.
- 444 Richmond hired a lawyer and already has called saying compliance will be swift and sure. Pothole in Dorchester parking lot- getting on that as well as Marcella Arms. Threat of prosecution work. Elevator calls are down at apartments.
- Traffic tickets are rising as Covid had dropped tickets down. Speeding became more prevalent. People will be traveling more so with better weather and people seem to be driving crazy.
- In effect now is Ester's Law- negligence due to nursing home, gives family members- you can put a camera in their room, crime to prevent this. Prevent patient abuse.
- Change in gun laws- June 13th going into effect, if 21 and over and not a felon, on probation or parole, issues with law, you can walk anywhere with a gun except govt building or school property, or a bar if not drinking. Urge to talk to businesses. Businesses can post on their front doors that guns are not allowed. Misdemeanors rise one degree each time they are caught doing this. We can put a penalty in local code on this. Have home rule power to do that. It is a felony if person is under 21 yrs.
- Hunt commented on this--- no one can carry guns in city buildings—signs should be up. That has not changed. Put memo together on this. Cicero said we can't prohibit guns at public parks, in open areas. But we can in city buildings, including the Lodge.
- Mary Beth Fee- director of RTA- in discussion with her regarding area in front of UH hospital- bus stop there but no bench. Needs to be placed there for safety reasons.
- UH health and wellness program- will be partnering with them on this.
- Shelby Oats at GWF- movie production- packed with trailers and cars and filming there.

- HR Director made offer and hope to start in 2-3 weeks.
- Mayor Welo of South Euclid, reached out to her and SE passed legislation to allow RH residents to use their pool for the summer at Bexley Park.
- Met with Waste Mgmt. to explore recycling options.

Fire Chief, Marc Neumann:

- May 9 will start fire hydrant flow inspections. Checking for working hydrants and working flows. Started testing them this week.
- Fireworks ordinance 64-2022 goes into effect July 1, 2022. We can opt out and not allow consumer fireworks. Beachwood, Euclid, Mayfield Hts, SE, Lyndhurst, May Village, Univ Hts are all in agreement of outlawing in their cities.
- Repainting hydrants—allocating part time staff to paint- overseen by Service Dept- 800+ hydrants- hope to start soon.

Police Chief, Tom Wetzel: -excused-

Building Commissioner, Jim Urankar:

- May 16 at 10am- first meeting with the Meier's construction team meeting, re: Belle Oaks project.
- ZBA- public hearing on June 1st- Steve Jerome Plumbing at 243 Richmond Road- building a building in back, side yard setback to be reduced from 15 ft to 7 ft. Reviewing June 1st at 7pm

Finance Director, Annette Harmon:

- Closed our books for April 2022. Had financial report
- Huntington Bank- operating budget at \$7,608,798.74, payroll account \$119,018.59, Bail bond \$1,195.00
- Investment account- Star Ohio \$7,305,165.82, and interest brought it to \$7,306,106.82
- Discussed checks, some outstanding but cleared in May. Pensions cleared bank in May too.
- Building Dept- some of the deposits are in transit, have not hit books yet.
- \$14,680,891.91- adjusted bank balance for city.
- Fund balances are \$14,664,711.97
- Statement of cash of revenues and expense, unexpended \$14 664,711.97
- Adjustments being made dated back several years ago and looking into that now.
- Transitioning of software, looking into some extra/double payments.

Recreation Director, Cameron Campbell:

- Concession stand is close to being open for Memorial Day picnic. Will work to get baseball field concession stand running too.
- Sprayground is currently being working on, waiting on O-ring to arrive.
- City Edition- May 16 deadline for newsletter
- Asked if council members want to put something in newsletter
- SE allowing RH residents to use their pool, Bexley Park pool.
- Sprayground staffing will have an attendant there.

Economic Development Director, Brian Gleisser:

- Pathway renovation project closing out, done
- Preparing for roof replacement at lodge, using \$50K block grant

City Engineer, Lee & Chris Courtney:

- CEI repairs on Donna Drive are complete.
- Metroparks future trail near that area.
- Fiberoptics nearing completion on Catlin.
- Desan Park opening bids next Friday. Once awarded, will have 2 months to get playground equipment

installed.

- Jordan commented on Spectrum being in his subdivision and not being able to get AT&T there.

Service Director, Don Kerniskey: -excused-

AUDIENCE:

Dr. Pat Ackerman asked if the city plans to replace the chairs in Council Chambers or restore the old ones to these spots? She commented on not liking the current chairs, as the backs are very short on them and said they were uncomfortable.

Mayor Thomas said they can bring some back and restore them. Added that they have received a lot of compliments on these new chairs but can bring one back for you.

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.

HOLD ON

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

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

HOLD ON- Planning Commission needs to pass this first.

RESOLUTION NO.: 50-2022, INTRODUCED BY MAYOR THOMAS, SECOND READING

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH CT CONSULTANTS, INC. FOR MUNICIPAL ENGINEERING AND ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES.

HOLD ON

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION NO.: 59-2022, INTRODUCED BY MAYOR THOMAS, FIRST READING

A RESOLUTION CONCURRING WITH THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF BOBBY JORDAN AND CASSANDRA NELSON AS MEMBERS OF THE CITY'S TAX INCENTIVE REVIEW COUNCIL.

Hunt said the Mayor can appoint 2 members to the Tax committee and these are her appointments.

- MOTION MADE BY URSU 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 AND SECONDED BY URSU TO PASS RESOLUTION NO. 59-2022. MOTION PASSED 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO.: 60-2022, INTRODUCED BY MAYOR THOMAS, FIRST READING

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO RENEW THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEIGHTS MEMBERSHIP IN THE COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP ON AGING FOR OLDER ADULT SERVICES AND TO PAY THE MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FEE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2022.

- 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 URSU AND SECONDED BY LEWIS TO PASS RESOLUTION NO. 60-2022. MOTION PASSED 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO.: 61-2022, INTRODUCED BY MAYOR THOMAS, FIRST 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.

Hunt said the consensus is to keep on, is a periodic ordinance to get rid of personal property that city owns- annual to do each year. Designated govdeals.com

HOLD ON

RESOLUTION NO.: 62-2022, INTRODUCED BY MAYOR THOMAS, FIRST READING

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

Under \$25K- Mayor, will use ARPA funds for this.

Jordan- would like to see photo of the signs and State Champs on the sign- see drawings of signs.

Mayor- signs are exactly like the signs we currently have, except will have new Mayor name on it. Can go back to drawing board to add these. Trying to stay under \$25K

Lentine- back in day with wrestling sign- had a separate sign on same post as the welcome sign, just below it. Can be added later.

HOLD ON

RESOLUTION NO.: 63-2022, INTRODUCED BY MAYOR THOMAS, FIRST READING

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A COMMUNITY COST-SHARE AGREEMENT WITH THE NORTHEAST OHIO REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT FOR FUNDING OF THE DESAN PARK PROJECT.

Chris Courtney said the agreement to accept \$75K is the cost-share agreement

Gleisser recommended passage to set up funding and get contract going for work.

- 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 LEWIS AND SECONDED BY BELL TO PASS RESOLUTION NO. 63-2022. MOTION PASSED 7-0.

ORDINANCE NO.: 64-2022, INTRODUCED BY LENTINE, FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1519.07 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEIGHTS TO PROHIBIT THE DISCHARGE, IGNITION, OR EXPLOSION OF FIREWORKS AT ALL TIMES AND DATES, INCLUDING CERTAIN DAYS EACH YEAR PURSUANT TO STATE LAW.

Lentine said it had been illegal to discharge fireworks and have partnered with other local cities near us to keep it that way in these cities.

Council and Mayor want it to say Introduced by all of council and mayor.

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- MOTION WAS MADE BY URSU AND SECONDED BY BELL TO PASS RESOLUTION NO. 64-2022. MOTION PASSED 7-0.

ORDINANCE NO.: 65-2022, INTRODUCED BY NELSON, FIRST 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.

Nelson- dark stores ordinance to prevent areas from becoming blighted.

Hunt- urged Council to read ordinance and prevent from being a nuisance in community.

Financial impact on administering this. Read carefully.

HOLD ON- can discuss in COW

CORRESPONDENCE/OTHER: -NONE-

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Jordan and seconded by Alexander to adjourn this May 10, 2022, City Council Meeting at 10:07 p.m.

Betsy Traben, Clerk of Council

Bobby Jordan, Council President