

**Richmond Heights
City Council of the Whole
September 25, 2018**

Council President Henry opened the meeting at 7:55 pm

Roll Call: Alexander, Henry, Hurst, Kumin, Lentine, Lewis, Ursu

Approval of COW Minutes from 9-11-18: Motion by Kumin, seconded by Ursu; passed 7-0.

Consent Agenda:

- 1) Minutes of the City Council Meeting from September 11, 2018.
- 2) Minutes of the Special City Council Meeting from September 18, 2018.

Motion by Alexander, seconded by Lentine; passed 7-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE NO.: 94-2018, INTRODUCED BY MAYOR & COUNCIL, THIRD READING

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE 2018 CITY OF RICHMOND HEIGHTS MASTER PLAN.

- Mayor Roche said they are working on this and everyone should have a copy now. Want to hold it, as we review it with Council.
- Hold on for further discussion.

ORDINANCE NO.: 98-2018, INTRODUCED BY ALEXANDER, THIRD READING

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1325.02, "PERMIT FEES," AND SECTION 1325.06, "CONTRACTOR'S INSURANCE AND CASH BOND DEPOSIT," OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEIGHTS REGARDING RE-INSPECTION FEES AND COSTS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

- Jim Urankar said they are still working on this as there were extensive updates and work. Kumin asked if this should be tabled and re-issue a new ordinance.
- Urankar said he hopes to have a new draft soon with recommendations.
- Hold on for further discussion.

ORDINANCE NO.: 102-2018, INTRODUCED BY LENTINE, SECOND READING

AN ORDINANCE ENACTING NEW SECTION 311.06, "OPERATION OF MOTORIZED SCOOTERS", OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

- Lentine said the Safety Committee can review the recommendations and the police can reinforce the restrictions on the motor scooters.

- Kumin raised objections to this. He said he appreciates the intent to restrict the rental scooters, but this goes way too far to restrict electric scooters by kids in the city and it is short sighted.
- Lentine said this should not affect personal scooters.
- Kumin said the police chief commented that the chief would not enforce on residents with scooters, so why even put it on the books? This should be specifically for commercially rented scooters.
- Motion to recommend to Council by Alexander, seconded by Lewis; passed 6-1 (Kumin-Nay)

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion to authorize the City administration to advertise for competitive bids for construction of improvements to the lower level of the City's Kiwanis Lodge building.

- Mayor Roche explained that this is for the bathrooms in the basement of the Lodge.
- Brian Gleisser commented on this project as well—will be break room, showers (emergency) and handicap doors.
- Alexander said he would like to see a sketch and prints in front of Council first before we agree to anything. Henry also agreed to see sketches first.
- This will not be motioned tonight, but will be discussed in the Service & Rec Committee next week.

Old Business:

Partial replacement of city hall flooring: Mayor Roche and Don Kerniskey are working on this in the vestibule. They plan on putting in special mats for the water and a rug with the city logo on it. Will get a quote soon.

New Business:

Loganberry Apartments: Chief Neumann discussed the fire that happened on Friday, September 21 at 4:10pm on the 3rd floor. He discussed people who were trapped on balconies, smoke inhalation and one death. It was a 2nd alarm fire, smoke detectors were working and in place.

AUDIENCE:

Samuel Adams- resident at Loganberry apartments, Apt # A-219, been there for 10 years.

- He commented on the sale of the apartments from K&D to Rocco recently. Since Rocco purchased it, things have deteriorated.
- Big dogs in the apartments, smelly, urine carpets, and doors are open at all times in the buildings; safety is a huge concern, especially for the elderly who live there. The intercom system is broken down, there are 2 people working in maintenance for 400 units.
- People are paying \$10/month for fire insurance for Rocco, but not for them.
- He said the office personnel were laughing during the fire and not helping. There is a scam going on. They are keeping people's deposits. There are too many problems, and too many fires. Is Rocco starting the fires?

- No checks are allowed anymore; must pay in cash. Have to walk to the Sunoco station to pay rent down the street. He has called the police in the past for issues, and feels nothing is being done to help the tenants there.

Donna Walton- resident at Loganberry apartments, in Apt A building.

- She said this is the 3rd fire there within the past 3 months.
- Discussed the \$10/month fire insurance policy, which she also said is a scam.
- She said she cannot afford to move on a fixed income.
- Once Rocco took over, no more inspections are being done. Discussed how they had no electricity for 3 days. Tenants scared all the time, can't mail rent checks in anymore, as they only allow cash.
- Carpets smell like urine, and big dogs all over.
- After the July 20th Building D fire, they stated the cash only payments.
- No security guards anymore.
- Tried calling the Cleveland Tenants Association, and of no help.
- The one good thing is that there are no bugs in there, she said.

Council President, Eloise Henry, adjourned the meeting at 8:43 pm

Minutes taken by Clerk of Council, Betsy Traben