

**City Council Meeting  
City of Richmond Heights  
October 23, 2018**

Council President, Eloise Henry, called the meeting to order at 8:20 PM

*Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag*

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

**Consent Agenda:**

- 1) Minutes of the City Council Meeting from October 9, 2018.
- 2) Res. No.: 115-2018, Introduced by Mayor & Council: A Resolution of Congratulations to Charles C. Liskay on the Occasion of his 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

Motion to accept the Consent Agenda by Kumin, seconded by Hurst; passed 7-0.

**Reports:**

**Mayor David Roche:**

- Community Conversations will be next Tuesday, Oct 30<sup>th</sup> at the Lodge from 7-8:30pm. There will be many special guests there (Dealpoint CEO, Lyndhurst Judge, Master Plan County discussion, School reps)

**Fire Chief Marc Neumann:**

- CPR Class is Monday, November 26<sup>th</sup>.
- Congrats to Chief Rowe on his retirement.

**Police Chief Gene Rowe:**

- Gave an update on the stats, part 1 crimes are down 3%, calls down .5%, arrests down 13%, mall incidents have declined, apartment calls are 21-22%, and we are getting portable radios this week.
- This will be Chief Rowe's last report!

**Building Commissioner Jim Urankar:** -No Report-

**Acting Finance Assistant, Tom DiLellio:**

- Legislation #119 and 120-2018 from tonight is the supplemental ordinance and Interfund transfers, and he is asking Council to approve these.

**Recreation Director, Rick Dula:**

- Youth Basketball League sign ups, grades 1-8.
- Dec 8<sup>th</sup> Breakfast with Santa tickets will be on sale Nov 5<sup>th</sup>
- Rec Survey/ needs assessment; results will be posted Tues, Nov 13<sup>th</sup> to Council.
- Pickleball started last Tuesday night Oct 16<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:30pm.
- Volunteer Appreciation Dinner will be Feb 9, 2019.

**Economic Development Director, Brian Gleisser:**

- Bid for the Lodge improvements on Sat Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> at noon. A pre-bid meeting will be held on Oct 29<sup>th</sup> and hope to do all the improvements before the end of the year.
- Selmon & Co. will occupy the vacant AE headquarters. The Res 116-2018 job creation grant will cover the 125 employees.

**City Engineer Lee Courtney:**

- Marrus Woods paving is complete. Gas and electric will happen soon.
- Asphalt work to do on Chardon and White Roads.

**Service Director Don Kerniskey:** - No report tonight-

Mayor commented on leaf pick up, as it has already started.

**Audience:** -none-

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**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.

**HOLD ON**

**RESOLUTION NO.: 111-2018, INTRODUCED BY ALEXANDER, SECOND READING**

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE ACTION OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS REGARDING THE DENIAL OF A VARIANCE AT 160 RICHMOND ROAD FOR A GRAVEL DRIVEWAY.

- MOTION WAS MADE BY ALEXANDER AND SECONDED BY KUMIN 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, SECONDED BY HURST TO PASS RESOLUTION NO. 111-2018. THE MOTION PASSED 7-0.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**RESOLUTION NO.: 116 -2018, INTRODUCED BY MAYOR & COUNCIL, FIRST READING**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A JOB CREATION GRANT AGREEMENT WITH SELMAN & COMPANY, LLC.

- MOTION WAS MADE BY KUMIN AND SECONDED BY URSU 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, SECONDED BY HURST TO PASS RESOLUTION NO. 116-2018. THE MOTION PASSED 7-0.

**ORDINANCE NO.: 117-2018, INTRODUCED BY ALEXANDER, FIRST READING**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SUBSECTION (c)(18) OF SECTION 1325.02, "PERMIT FEES," OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEIGHTS REGARDING RE-INSPECTION FEES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

- MOTION WAS MADE BY ALEXANDER AND SECONDED BY KUMIN 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 KUMIN, SECONDED BY HURST TO PASS ORDINANCE NO. 117-2018. THE MOTION PASSED 7-0.

**ORDINANCE NO.: 119-2018, 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, 2018; TO AMEND ORDINANCE NOS. 26-2018, 60-2018, 70-2018, 82-2018 AND 95-2018; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

- MOTION WAS MADE BY ALEXANDER AND SECONDED BY KUMIN 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 KUMIN, SECONDED BY LENTINE TO PASS ORDINANCE NO. 119-2018. THE MOTION PASSED 7-0.

**RESOLUTION NO.: 120-2018, INTRODUCED BY URSU, FIRST READING**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO PERFORM CERTAIN INTERFUND TRANSFERS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

- MOTION WAS MADE BY URSU AND SECONDED BY KUMIN 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 KUMIN, SECONDED BY LENTINE TO PASS RESOLUTION NO. 120-2018. THE MOTION PASSED 7-0.

**ADDITIONS:**

**RESOLUTION NO.: 118-2018, INTRODUCED by Mayor Roche, Council President Cotton-Henry and Councilmembers Alexander, Lewis, Lentine, Kumin, Hurst, and Ursu:**

A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND THANKING POLICE CHIEF GENE P. ROWE UPON HIS RETIREMENT AND FOR SERVING AND PROTECTING CITIZENS WITH HONOR, INTEGRITY AND RESPECT DURING HIS OUTSTANDING 46-YEAR CAREER.

- MOTION WAS MADE BY KUMIN 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 LENTINE, SECONDED BY ALEXANDER TO PASS RESOLUTION NO. 118-2018. THE MOTION PASSED 7-0.

Resolution was read to Chief Rowe, and Council, Dept Heads and Mayor all gave their words of praise, encouragement and recognition to Chief Rowe on his retirement.

The safety forces were all present as well to support Chief Rowe in his many years of service to the city and retirement, as well as Chief Rowe's wife, Kathi, who he called his "biggest fan".

Sgt. Denise DeBiase read "The Badge" poem to Chief Rowe, as he would always read that poem to every new officer, following their swearing in. A copy of the poem was engraved in a plaque for the retiring Chief, as well as a copy to hang in the Police Dept.

County Councilwoman, Sunny Simon, also presented Rowe with a proclamation on behalf of the county.

Following the meeting, there was a reception to celebrate Chief Rowe's hard work and retirement.

Former Beachwood police Lt. Thomas Wetzell, and also a Richmond Heights native, was present and has been selected as the next RHPD Chief.

### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

*A motion to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Force Sports of Bedford Heights, Ohio to allow the pre-payment of rental fees; such fees to be used for improvements of the ball diamonds located at the Richmond Heights Community Park.*  
Motion made by Kumin, seconded by Hurst; passed 7-0.

Division of Fire members were recognized by Silver & Gold, Inc. for their actions during an incident which involved the rescue of a trapped victim under heavy fire conditions on December 9, 2017. Crew members who received the award are:

- Lieutenant Michael Libens
- Lieutenant Jason Buss
- Firefighter Kevin Moore
- Firefighter Richard Rousch
- Firefighter Bernard Schweter

**CORRESPONDENCE:** -none-

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion was made by Kumin, seconded by Henry to adjourn this October 23, 2018 City Council Meeting at 9:25 PM

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Betsy Traben, Clerk of Council

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Eloise Henry, Council President