

Safety Committee Meeting of Council City of Richmond Heights October 16, 2018

Chairman Lentine called the meeting to order at 7:30pm

Roll Call:

Present: Alexander, Lentine, Lewis, Ursu

Other Council present: Henry, Hurst, Kumin

Approval of minutes from September 18, 2018 – motion by Alexander, seconded by Lewis; passed 4-0.

Reports:

Mayor David Roche/Safety Director: Comment as we go along.

Fire Chief, Marc Neumann: Loganberry apts status: state fire marshal completed onsite investigation—turned over to Roco—property released on Oct 5th. Some residents had mixed signals from Roco. Investigation rapping up now—results coming in soon.

Police Chief, Gene Rowe: -On vacation-

Mayor introduced Tom Wetzel, the new Police Chief. He will be shadowing the Chief for a few weeks and Nov 3rd will be his official first day as Chief.

Committee and Council were able to meet Mr. Wetzel, hear about his past work as Lieutenant in Beachwood, ask questions and share concerns.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ordinance 102-2018: Operation of motorized scooters

- Kumin has had discussion with Law Director, Todd Hunt, on this. The main concern was over the rental scooters, and Kumin would like residents to have more freedom on their own scooters. There is a draft ordinance that Council will be seeing soon. He told Mr. Wetzel that he will be viewing this and getting his input on this too.
- Lentine said Kumin put his concerns in writing and had good communication with the Law Director on this. Hunt has been busy with other matters, but is working on this.

NEW BUSINESS:

Fire lane at Kiwanis Lodge: Brian Gleisser said they have not heard back on the grant on this. Mayor Roche said they tried to keep the parking the same, but it is a bit narrowed. We need to look at parking further in. The fire lane around the kitchen area is not marked or painted. Perhaps getting rid of one of the dumpsters (don't need 2). Fire Inspector is in the hospital this week.

Lodge basement remodeling: Gleisser said they are advertising for bids this week. Putting bids together now. Bids opened on Nov 3rd---advertising in News Herald, Plain Dealer and website, as well as city boards. We will also be contacting contractors directly.

Meet New Police Chief: --See Chief Rowe report--

Paramedic field internship-UH: Chief Neumann said they have this program at UH. Claudia Gary is the Dean of EMS Education there. They have reached out to city to help with the field training time for their students with internships. Neumann said they have already been doing this with Tri-C for 24 years. This is a great tool for recruitment, he said. This is a win-win situation for both the city and UH. The students will be working 8 hour day shifts with the current EMS/firefighters/instructors. Liability falls with UH and there is an agreement for the sponsor (city) to sign. The contract goes from now until 2023. He will have Todd Hunt go over the contract.

Gasoline powered smoke ejector purchase \$3,500: Lentine said this has been budgeted by the Fire Dept. Chief Neumann said he received 3 quotes on this, and would like to do a PO on it with the lowest bidder. It removes large volumes of smoke and clear buildings of toxic gas and smoke. The current one is 30 yrs. old. It's been reliable, but has been out of service a lot recently.

MOTION to recommend to Council the purchase of the gasoline powered smoke ejector in the amount of \$3,500, as previously budgeted-- motioned by Alexander, seconded by Lewis; passed 4-0.

AUDIENCE: -none-

Chairman Lentine adjourned this meeting at 8:15 pm

Meeting Minutes taken by Betsy Traben, Clerk of Council