

**City of Richmond Heights
City Council Meeting
June 27, 2023**

President of Council, Bobby Jordan called the meeting to order at 8:20 PM.

PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

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

Motion was made by Nelson, seconded Alexander to excuse Bell; passed 6-0.

Excused: Bell

Motion was made by Jordan, seconded by Ursu to accept the consent agenda and the meeting minutes from June 13, 2023; passed 6-0

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.

A Proclamation was read by Hunter Recognizing Brian Gleisser on his retirement. Mayor and council shared their congratulations, appreciation and fond memories with Mr. Gleisser. Gleisser thanked all his colleagues, the developers and staff. He thanked Mayor Thomas and Mayor Roach for hiring him. He particularly thanked Hunt and his team, with whom he has learned a lot. He thanks his wife Pam. His assistant Rachel shared words of congratulations. Mrs. Gleisser is excited about this next chapter. She recalls all the projects.

REPORTS:

Mayor Kim A. Thomas:

- No Report

Fire Chief, Marc Neumann:

- No Report
- Congratulates Gleisser for his service.

Police Chief, Calvin Williams:

- No Report
- Gave congratulations to Gleisser on his retirement.

Recreation Director, Cameron Campbell:

- Gave Gleisser congratulations and shared memories.
- The first summer concert is tomorrow with Disco Inferno from 6:30-8:30 PM at Community Park.

City Engineer, Chris Courtney

- Courtney congratulated Gleisser and shared his appreciation.
- Chardon Rd Stage 3 plans have been submitted to ODOT. They received final comments from ODOT yesterday. They will be bidding on the project in October and bidding at the end of the year. They anticipate Construction to begin in Spring 2024.
- 2023 Road Program- The project is out for bids due by July 7th. They anticipate having the recommendation to Council on July 25th.
- Highland Rd- They are wrapping up plan preparations. The first advertisement will be on July 20th. There will be cleaning and inspection of the sewers.
- 2022 Road Program- Both contractors should be starting next week. The focus will be on Meadowlane, Kiwanis Lodge and Georgetown Rd. There are a number of “Hot Spots” identified by the Service Dept. and catch basins that will be repaired.
- School Bridge Replacement project is out to bid. Bids are due July 7th. They expect to have a recommendation for Council on July 25th.
- Edgemont Slope- Currently discussing with Mayor and Service Director on how best to fit it into the 2023 budget.
- There is a preconstruction meeting for the Gas company project on Highland Rd next Wednesday.
- Cleveland Water Department Project- still in process of getting contract signed with Terrace Construction. Construction is contingent upon material availability. They will be advised on participation and the reconstruction meeting.
- Suburban Water Main Renewal Program legislation is on the agenda. They have a meeting Thursday.
- Water Dept will make announcements in the first week of September.

Service Director, Ryan Tiedman:

- He shared his appreciation of Gleisser.
- Waste Management will not have any delays for trash service.
- There will be a road Closure Thursday-Friday on Richmond Rd NB and SB and traffic will be detoured.
- Ursu asked how long the road will be closed. Tiedman said 2 days.

Human Resources Director, Rhonda Lowe:

- The Preventative Care wellness initiative/ The drinking water challenge is underway.
- They are looking for Class A Mechanic, School Crossing Guards, Auxiliary officers, PT Officers and Firefighters. Contact Gamber or Lowe and they will give any information regarding the positions.
- She shared her appreciation for Gleisser.

Economic Development Director, Brian Gleisser:

- He requests Resolution 91-2023 to be passed on the first reading to move the Belle Oaks project along.
- The contract with RTA for the Bus Shelters has been signed.
- Banner program should be installed this summer.
- The house on Richmond Rd, and Greenwood Farm have been demolished.
- He gave thanks for all the appreciation and kind words.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS:

- Brian Turner of 431 Steven Blvd- There was a large group from Steven Blvd in the audience. Air BNBs are popping up on Steven Blvd. They gave a party two weeks ago, there was trash everywhere and noise. There is another one on Euclid & Chagrin. The Air BnB has been there for 10 years. He shared a photos of the pool in the backyard. He says someone called City Hall and found out the home is not certified. They hear yelling from party goers. They are advertising the parties on social media. He wants to know if there is a way for this to be regulated.
- Christine Doe 391 Dunbar- She moved in a year and a half ago. She has a video on her phone of 10 cars on her property and 8 more in the driveway. Things are bad. Every weekend there are parties, and she was told the owner lives in Georgia. She said inspector Switzer came to her house and said she can make the complaint.
- Jordan said council was not aware of the Air BNB and they will write legislation about it.
- Darryl Jordan of Steven Blvd – Every weekend there are new people there. Their primary concern is safety. He counted 17 cars, 2 from Maryland, 3 from Virginia. He is concerned about the safety of the elderly, and residents who live alone.
- Will Mendez 25889 Euclid Chagrin Pkwy- Every weekend there are different people with multiple cars. The lawn is overgrown, the fence has fallen and there is a pool filled with water that hosts mosquitoes. People from the parties come into his property. The Air BNB is an eyesore and brings his property value down. There’s a Porto Potty in the driveway. Mrs. Mendez said that partygoers knock on their doors.
- Chief Williams said that they were aware of the party on Stevens and Police came to that location. He will review what enforcement was made. The officers reported this incident to Air BnB and if they get enough complaints, they can take them off their list. The police department is aware of this complaint and will take a closer look and do their part to offer enforcement.
- Jordan said that he was not aware of the Air BnB last year. He will talk with the police chief, the legal department and the mayor and come up with a plan.
- Alexander asked if they could write down all the addresses of the Air BNBs.
- Mayor Thomas asked the residents to reach out to council when they have these kinds of complaints. Council members’ information is on the city’s website.

OLD BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION NO.: 68-2023 INTRODUCED BY: MAYOR AND COUNCIL; FIRST READING
 A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT OF RICHMOND HEIGHTS FIRE
 LIEUTENANT JOHN FREDERICK BOOS

- **HOLD**

RESOLUTION NO.: 70-2023 INTRODUCED BY: NELSON; FIRST READING
 A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A POLICY FOR EXPENSES FOR CITY COUNCIL WARD MEETINGS

- **HOLD**

RESOLUTION NO.: 80-2023 INTRODUCED BY: MAYOR THOMAS; SECOND READING
 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF ITEMS OF SPECIFIC PERSONAL PROPERTY
 WHICH ARE NO LONGER NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE BY INTERNET AUCTION BY
 GOVDEALS.COM, INC.

- **HOLD**

**ORDINANCE NO.: 81-2023 INTRODUCED BY: MAYOR THOMAS & ALL OF COUNCIL;
SECOND READING**

AN ORDINANCE ENACTING NEW CHAPTER 763, "TENANT'S RIGHT TO PAY TO STAY," OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES

- Motion was made by Jordan, seconded by Nelson for an emergency clause based on the number of evictions currently going through Lyndhurst courts; passed 6-0
- Motion was made by Nelson, seconded by Alexander to suspend the rules; passed 6-0
- Motion was made by Lewis, seconded by Nelson to pass Resolution 81-2023; passed 6-0

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION NO.: 90-2023 INTRODUCED BY: MAYOR THOMAS; FIRST READING

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH CT CONSULTANTS, INC. FOR BUILDING OFFICIAL AND PLANS EXAMINER SERVICES AND APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF WILLIAM G. GALLAGHER AS COMMISSIONER OF BUILDING, ZONING AND HOUSING UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE CITY APPOINTS A FULLTIME COMMISSIONER.

- Motion was made by Nelson, seconded by Alexander to suspend the rules; passed 6-0
- Motion was made by Ursu, seconded by Lewis to pass Resolution 90-2023; passed 6-0

RESOLUTION NO.: 91-2023 INTRODUCED BY: ALEXANDER; FIRST READING

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE ACTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO APPROVE A LOT SPLIT AND CONSOLIDATION PLAT SUBMITTED BY RICHMOND HEIGHTS TOWN SQUARE OWNER LLC.

- Motion was made by Jordan to amend the resolution to include Interim Commissioner Gallagher ascertaining appropriate approvals by the planning commission and the Div of Building including the former building commissioner, if necessary, seconded by Nelson; passed 6-0
- Motion was made by Nelson, seconded by Alexander to suspend the rules; passed 6-0
- Motion was made by Lewis, seconded by Nelson to pass Resolution 91-2023; passed 6-0

RESOLUTION NO.: 92-2023 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, 2023, TO AMEND ORDINANCE NOS. 27-2023 AND 78-2023, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

- Motion was made by Ursu, seconded by Lewis to suspend the rules; passed 5-1, Nay- Alexander
- Motion was made by Ursu, seconded by Lewis to pass Resolution 92-2023; passed 5-1, Nay- Alexander

**RESOLUTION NO.: 93-2023 INTRODUCED BY: MAYOR THOMAS & ALL OF COUNCIL;
FIRST READING**

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THREE (3) AGREEMENTS WITH THE CITY OF CLEVELAND RELATED TO WATER SERVICE -- RESTATEMENT OF THE WATER SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR DIRECT SERVICE, ASSET TRANSFER AGREEMENT, AND MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT AGREEMENT.

- Motion was made by Lewis, seconded by Nelson to suspend the rules; passed 6-0
- Motion was made by Ursu, seconded by Lentine to pass Resolution 93-2023; passed 6-0

RESOLUTION NO.: 94-2023 INTRODUCED BY: MAYOR THOMAS; FIRST READING
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO RENEWAL A PLANNED SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH JOHNSON CONTROLS FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF VARIOUS SECURITY SYSTEMS FOR THE DIVISION OF POLICE STATION.

- Motion was made by Alexander, seconded by Ursu to suspend the rules; passed 6-0
- Motion was made by Ursu, seconded by Lewis to pass Resolution 94-2023; passed 6-0

RESOLUTION NO.: 95-2023 INTRODUCED BY: MAYOR THOMAS & ALL OF COUNCIL; FIRST READING

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AN ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF MATCHING FUNDS FROM THE CITY.

- Motion was made by Lentine, seconded by Nelson to suspend the rules; passed 6-0
- Motion was made by Alexander, seconded by Ursu to pass Resolution 95-2023; passed 6-0

RESOLUTION NO.: 96-2023 INTRODUCED BY: MAYOR THOMAS; FIRST READING

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH JAN-PRO FOR OFFICE CLEANING SERVICES FOR THE CITY'S POLICE STATION.

- Motion was made by Lewis, seconded by Ursu to suspend the rules; passed 6-0
- Motion was made by Lentine, seconded by Nelson to pass Resolution 96-2023; passed 6-0

ORDINANCE NO.: 97-2023 INTRODUCED BY: MAYOR THOMAS; FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 935.01, "WATER USE EMERGENCY", AND REPEALING SECTION 935.01, "PENALTY", OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEIGHTS

- Motion was made by Nelson, seconded by Ursu to suspend the rules; passed 6-0
- Motion was made by Ursu, seconded by Lewis to pass Resolution 97-2023, passed 6-0

COORESPONDENCE:

Council President Jordan adjourned the June 13, 2023, City Council Meeting at 9:05 PM

Minutes taken by Donnie Hunter, Clerk of Council