

**City of Richmond Heights  
City Council Meeting  
August 8, 2023**

Council President Jordan called the meeting to order at 10:12 PM.

**PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

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

Motion was made by Jordan seconded by Nelson to excuse Lewis; passed unanimously.

**Excused:** Lewis

Lentine said the Richmond Heights Kiwanis club will recite the Pledge of Allegiance on Channel 8 News this Thursday. It will be recorded and will promote the Kiwanis Club.

Motion was made by Jordan, seconded by Nelson to accept the consent agenda and the meeting minutes from July 25, 2023; passed unanimously.

**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.**

**REPORTS:**

**Mayor Kim A. Thomas:**

- No Report

**Fire Chief, Marc Neumann:**

- We have a new squad. The Division of Fire has a new Ford ambulance. The \$245k grant is from Cuyahoga County ARPA Fund. It is parked in front of the fire station.
- The roof replacement project is completed. Thanks to Mayor Thomas and council. Special thanks to Tiedman and Gardner for management of the project.

**Police Chief, Calvin Williams:**

- In the past 14 days Richmond Heights police department responded to 77 incidents, three misdemeanor arrests, 14 traffic citations, and eight parking citations were issued.
- RH police is in the process of hiring auxiliary positions. Two are for daytime hours and one is for a lateral officer candidate. They are in the vetting process of 1 new police officer to send to the state academy in August.

- Last Tuesday was Night Out Against Crime. The event was well attended. Williams thanked Neumann and the Fire Department for their help and the use of their apparatus. He also thanked Tiedman and the Service Department for their service vehicles.

**Recreation Director, Cameron Campbell:**

- Excused

**Building Commissioner, Bill Gallagher**

- They have had five complaints since the last meeting.
- At 444 Park the Fire suppression systems have been submitted for review. They hope to have them online again in the next 30-45 days.
- He had the Belle Oaks meetings with Frank, the architects and the contractors on Thursday. They hope to have firm dates soon.
- They issued final certificate of plan approval on Firestone. The City Engineer will get them a conditional.
- Flex Jet Final Review and sign off is in process. There are minor non code related things that need to be addressed. He is going to issue the final this week and follow up on Groundbreaking dedication and he will get back to the mayor.
- Lentine said that on Friday at 1:00 he and the residents from 444 Park will be in front of Lyndhurst court with the judge to see what can be done to correct the issues.
- Jordan asked has Belle Oaks made their deposit. Gallagher said they have not. Hunt said he spoke to the attorneys, and they should have a check by next week.

**Human Resources Director, Rhonda Lowe:**

- Conversations around open enrollment benefits. Thank you chief for talking about our auxiliary officers. They are in the last steps of the interview process for the School Crossing Guards.

**City Engineer, Chris Courtney**

- Chardon Rd project- waiting for comments from ODOT before they submit the final plans.
- 2023 Road Program for Highland Rd. Resurfacing are scheduled for first ad on the 17th, second ad on the 24<sup>th</sup> and the pre-bid meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> at 1:00. Open bids on Sept 1<sup>st</sup> and a recommendation for council on the 12<sup>th</sup>.
- 2022 Road Program curb work on Meadowlane is complete. The contract will now transition to hot spot repairs.
- School Bridge Replacement work begins on August 21<sup>st</sup> to be done mid- October.
- NEOG work should last two to four weeks. Lanes will be closed to direct traffic during the day. Use caution driving in the area during the work being completed.
- Nothing new to report on the with Cleveland Water department main. He will be submitting legislation for approval by council for next meeting related to Ohio Public Works Application for funding which is due mid-September.
- White Rd sewer complaints are being addressed by the county. He will report back when more information is available.
- Alexander asked about areas where the water main needs to be fixed. Courtney said there are additional hot spots available and will address it.
- Jordan asked for an update on the Pliodszinkas property. Courtney and Ryan talked to Webber at the County. He is updated and the county council needs to award the 2023/2024 general services contract agreement. He will be involved in the process.

**Service Director, Ryan Tiedman:**

- Crews have been out pouring 2 of 3 concrete for the bus stop. RTA is finalizing the third stop.
- On August 3<sup>rd</sup>, First Energy facilitated a Down Wire training for the Service Department.
- Contractors started grinding 104 tree stumps to be done tomorrow or Thursday at the latest.
- Lentine asked if one of the bus stops will be at 444 Park apartments. Tiedman said they have a meeting Thursday with RTA to discuss it and that is their number one spot.

**AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**RESOLUTION NO.: 70-2023 (REVISED 8/8/2023) INTRODUCED BY: NELSON & LENTINE;  
THIRD READING**

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A POLICY FOR EXPENSES FOR CITY COUNCIL WARD MEETINGS

- Motion was made by Nelson, seconded by Lentine to pass Resolution 70-2023; passed unanimously.

**RESOLUTION NO.: 106-2023 (AS REVISED 8/8/23) INTRODUCED BY MAYOR THOMAS;  
SECOND READING**

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR OF SHAYLA L. DAVIS AS DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.

- **HOLD ON**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**RESOLUTION NO: 107-2023 INTRODUCED BY MAYOR THOMAS AND ALL OF COUNCIL;  
FIRST READING**

AN ORDINANCE ENACTING NEW SECTION 1125.11 OF CHAPTER 1125, DISTRICTS AND MAPS, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEIGHTS, TO REGULATE SHORT-TERM RENTALS IN RESIDENTIAL ZONING DISTRICTS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

- Motion was made by Ursu, seconded by Alexander to suspend the rules; passed unanimously.
- Motion was made by Ursu, seconded by Alexander to pass Resolution 107-2023; passed unanimously.

**RESOLUTION NO: 108-2023 INTRODUCED BY MAYOR THOMAS; FIRST READING**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT, AND ENTER INTO A WATER POLLUTION CONTROL LOAN FUND (WPCLF) AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEIGHTS FOR PLANNING, DESIGN AND/OR CONSTRUCTION OF WASTEWATER FACILITIES; DESIGNATING A DEDICATED REPAYMENT SOURCE FOR THE LOAN; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

- Motion was made by Alex, seconded by Ursu to suspend the rules; passed unanimously.
- Motion was made by Ursu, seconded by Lentine to pass Resolution 108-2023; passed unanimously.

**RESOLUTION NO: 109-2023 INTRODUCED BY MAYOR THOMAS; FIRST READING**  
A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR OF MICHAEL  
FREDERICK AS DIRECTOR OF FINANCE.

- Motion was made by Ursu, seconded by Nelson to suspend the rules; passed unanimously.
- Motion was made by Ursu, seconded by Jordan to pass Resolution 107-2023; passed unanimously.

**RESOLUTION NO: 110-2023 INTRODUCED BY MAYOR THOMAS; FIRST READING**  
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 WITH WEST ROOFING SYSTEMS,  
INC. FOR THE FIRE STATION ROOF REPLACEMENT PROJECT AND CORRECTING THE FUND  
FROM WHICH PAYMENT FOR THE PROJECT SHALL BE MADE.

- Motion was made by Ursu, seconded by Alexander to suspend the rules; passed unanimously.
- Motion was made by Ursu, seconded by Lentine to pass Resolution 110-2023; passed unanimously.

**RESOLUTION NO: 111-2023 INTRODUCED BY MAYOR THOMAS; FIRST READING**  
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE C.A.  
AGRESTA CONSTRUCTION CO. FOR EMERGENCY WATERMAIN BREAK PAVEMENT  
REPAIRS TO RICHMOND ROAD.

- Motion was made by Lentine, seconded by Jordan to suspend the rules; passed unanimously.
- Motion was made by Ursu, seconded by Lentine to pass Resolution 111-2023.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- Jordan said that there will be a Retreat Training on 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM at the Kiwanis Club.

*Council President, Bobby Jordan adjourned the City Council Meeting at 10:35 PM*

*Minutes taken by Donnie Hunter, Clerk of Council*