

**City of Richmond Heights
City Council Meeting
November 14, 2006**

Council President Roche opened the meeting at 8:22 pm

Roll Call:

Present: Alexander, Gambatese, Henry, Morgan, O'Toole, Roche

Excused: Steffen

Motion was made by Gambatese, seconded by O'Toole to Excuse Steffen. Motion passed 6-0.

Consent Agenda consists of:

1. Minutes of the City Council Meeting from October 24, 2006.
2. Resolution No. 96-2006, Introduced by Mayor Ursu and All Members of Council, First Reading: A Resolution of Condolence Upon the Death of Ruth Phypers Danforth, the last remaining member of the original Phypers Family of Greenwood Farm.

Motion was made by Morgan, seconded by O'Toole to accept the Consent Agenda as submitted. Motion passed 6-0.

Reports:

Mayor Ursu: Thanked the Garden Club for the tree decorating ceremony, which will take place next Tuesday in the lobby.

Finance Director, Rossiter: Distributed copies of the financial statistics for the end of October, as well as the Investment Schedule and Income Tax comparison. The City received the RITA penalty (from a local business, who did not pay their taxes in a timely manner).

Service Director, Lazar: The Leaf Pick-up is going well. We started decorating the park for Christmas.
Morgan commented that some of the local contractors on Chardon Road/Rich Rd are leaving a lot of dirt on the roads and needs to be cleaned up. Lazar said he would look into this and take care of it.

City Engineer, Courtney: -Excused, on vacation-

Recreation Director, Drda: -Excused-

Building Commissioner, Rodic: There were 59 permits issued in the month of October. He met with Barbara Boyd of the County Auditor's office, regarding the passage of House Bill 294, which is intended to identify housing units that are abandoned. Abandoned being defined as tax delinquent and are unoccupied. The City turns over information regarding such units to the auditor's office who with cooperation of the Clerk of Courts and the County Prosecutor's Office will quicken the process to Sheriff's Sale with the guidance of a County Board of Revisions.

Fire Chief, Cek: This week, there was a fire at Wendy's (on Rich Rd, near Monticello). No one was injured, but there was \$200,000 damage, mainly to the rear structure. The fire is under investigation. Wendy's will be closed for a number of months, undetermined.

Police Chief, Rowe: -Excused-

Development Director, Gase: Appealing to the Law Director, Todd hunt, for legislation to operate a Conservation Board/Organization.

Audience: -no comments-

OLD BUSINESS: -none-

NEW BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE NO.: 91- 2006, INTRODUCED BY MAYOR & COUNCIL, FIRST READING
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 749 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEIGHTS TO UPDATE THE SAME IN ACCORDANCE WITH FEDERAL FAIR HOUSING LAW, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

- **MOTION WAS MADE BY O'TOOLE AND SECONDED BY GAMBATESE TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCE AS PROVIDED IN SEC. 121.22 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCE. THE MOTION PASSED 6-0.**
- **MOTION WAS MADE BY GAMBATESE SECONDED BY MORGAN TO PASS ORDINANCE NO. 91-2006. THE MOTION PASSED 6-0.**

RESOLUTION NO.: 92 -2006, INTRODUCED BY MORGAN, FIRST READING
A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE ACTION OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS RELATED TO AN ADDITIONAL GARAGE SPACE AT 521 TREBISKY ROAD.

- **MOTION WAS MADE BY O'TOOLE AND SECONDED BY MORGAN TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCE AS PROVIDED IN SEC. 121.22 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCE. THE MOTION PASSED 6-0.**
- **MOTION WAS MADE BY GAMBATESE SECONDED BY ALEXANDER TO PASS RESOLUTION NO. 92-2006. THE MOTION PASSED 6-0.**

RESOLUTION NO.: 93-2006, INTRODUCED BY MAYOR & COUNCIL, FIRST READING
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FROM THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEIGHTS FOR A PROJECT TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT FOR ITS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

- **MOTION WAS MADE BY O'TOOLE AND SECONDED BY GAMBATESE TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCE AS PROVIDED IN SEC. 121.22 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCE. THE MOTION PASSED 6-0.**
- **MOTION WAS MADE BY GAMBATESE SECONDED BY MORGAN TO PASS RESOLUTION NO. 93-2006. THE MOTION PASSED 6-0.**

RESOLUTION NO.: 94 -2006, INTRODUCED BY O'TOOLE, FIRST READING

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING BIDS FOR SECTIONS I THROUGH XII OF THE BID SPECIFICATIONS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE RICHMOND ROAD SIDE STREETS SANITARY SEWER PROJECT BY DIGIOIA-SUBURBAN EXCAVATING L.L.C. AND WEST END LAND DEVELOPMENT, INC.; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

- **MOTION WAS MADE BY O'TOOLE AND SECONDED BY GAMBATESE TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCE AS PROVIDED IN SEC. 121.22 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCE. THE MOTION PASSED 6-0.**
- **MOTION WAS MADE BY GAMBATESE SECONDED BY ALEXANDER TO PASS RESOLUTION NO. 94-2006. THE MOTION PASSED 6-0.**

ORDINANCE NO.: 95 -2006, INTRODUCED BY ALEXANDER, 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, 2006 AND TO AMEND ORDINANCE NOS. 24-2006, 56-2006 AND 77-2006; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

- **MOTION WAS MADE BY ALEXANDER AND SECONDED BY GAMBATESE TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCE AS PROVIDED IN SEC. 121.22 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCE. THE MOTION PASSED 6-0.**
- **MOTION WAS MADE BY GAMBATESE SECONDED BY O'TOOLE TO PASS ORDINANCE NO. 95-2006. THE MOTION PASSED 6-0.**

ADDITIONS: -NONE-

CORRESPONDENCE: -NONE-

ADJOURNMENT:

A MOTION WAS MADE BY GAMBATESE, SECONDED BY ROCHE TO ADJOURN THIS NOVEMBER 14, 2006 CITY COUNCIL MEETING AT 8:40 PM

BETSY TRABEN, CLERK OF COUNCIL

DAVID ROCHE, CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT