

**City of Richmond Heights
City Council Meeting
November 28, 2006**

Council President Roche opened the meeting at 8:20 pm

Roll Call:

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

Excused: Alexander

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

Consent Agenda consists of:

1. Minutes of the City Council Meeting from November 14, 2006.

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

Reports:

Mayor Ursu: The Law Director, Todd Hunt is in a Mentoring Program, and is busy with that tonight. He introduced his assistant, in his place tonight, Aimee Lane. The Mayor also thanked Service Director, Lazar for the Leaf Pick up and the Christmas decorations in the City.

Finance Director, Rossiter: Met with Union Reps this week and had a successful meeting, for an agreement. Rossiter is also working to be a trainer for these classes.

Service Director, Lazar: Road striping (Cary Jay) this week and received a call about a tree by Hillary. It's been cut down and the creek near by has a milky substance in it. Lazar called the health Dept.
Gambatese thanked Lazar for the striping. She also added that there are a number of "No Parking" signs that are washed out and need replacing.

City Engineer, Courtney: The pavement is in at Trebisky Woods; waiting on gas and electric. The Woods of Richmond have started working on the pavement.

Recreation Director, Drda: The Holiday Walk in the Park and Ride through the City went well last weekend with Santa and Mrs. Claus. The night was beautiful and wonderful. The Breakfast with Santa this coming weekend has been sold out.

Building Commissioner, Rodic: Rodic attended a meeting with the Cuyahoga County Dept of Development, where they introduced a new program called the Exterior Maintenance Recovery Grant Program for 2007. A community may request recovering grants up to \$35,000 per house for repairs to vacant abandoned homes to eliminate conditions of blight or decay. The grant can also be used for demolition. The county will reimburse the City for the repairs made. The City will recover the costs for the work via liens placed upon the property for the work and will in turn reimburse the county.

Fire Chief, Cek: There was a residential structural fire on Carl, reported by a Police officer. It was a kitchen fire that got out of control. 2 people experienced smoke inhalation and needed to go to the hospital. About \$20,000 damage was done to the home. Chief Cek stressed the importance of calling the Fire Dept when a fire starts, and to please not try to handle it by yourself.

Police Chief, Rowe: Chief Rowe gave tips and reminders for holiday shopping. Try not to leave items in your car, where people can see them. Be mindful of people while shopping. So far, there have been no issues of concern at the Mall for this holiday season.

Development Director, Gase: Nothing further to report.

Audience: -no comments-

OLD BUSINESS: -none-

NEW BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE NO.: 97- 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, 77-2006 AND 95-2006; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
(TO APPROVE AS AMENDED BY ROSSITER)

- **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. 97-2006. THE MOTION PASSED 6-0.**

RESOLUTION NO.: 98 -2006, INTRODUCED BY ALEXANDER, FIRST READING
A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY AUDITOR TO ADVANCE TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS FROM THE PROCEEDS OF TAX LEVIES PURSUANT TO SECTION 321.34 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE; 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 STEFFEN TO PASS RESOLUTION NO. 98-2006. THE MOTION PASSED 6-0.**

ADDITIONS: -NONE-

CORRESPONDENCE: -NONE-

ADJOURNMENT:

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY MORGAN, SECONDED BY O'TOOLE TO ADJOURN THIS
NOVEMBER 28, 2006 CITY COUNCIL MEETING AT 8:40 PM**

BETSY TRABEN, CLERK OF COUNCIL

DAVID ROCHE, CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT