

**City of Richmond Heights
City Council Meeting
September 12, 2006**

Council President Roche opened the meeting at 8:20 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 Special City Council Meeting from September 5, 2006.

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

Reports:

Mayor Ursu: Congratulated Kathy Gambatese on being on the Cuyahoga County Mental Health Board.

Finance Director, Rossiter: -excused-

Service Director, Lazar: Working on road striping, catch basin repair, berm repair on Chardon Road, and getting the leaf machines ready to roll.

City Engineer, Courtney: Road resurfacing work has been completed. Cary Jay curbs and asphaltting work, Trebisky Woods underground work being done.

Recreation Director, Drda: The next bus trip is to Seneca, Niagara and is almost full. On Friday, October 11th we will have bids open for the Spraygrounds. The City Edition is coming out soon.

Building Commissioner, Rodic: -excused-

Fire Chief, Cek: YTD 938 alarms, 69%- EMS and the remaining were to fires and misc. We are 2.4% down from 2005.

Gambatese asked Cek about the Willoughby Hills need for a traffic plan, with the construction. Cek said the impact was not that great and they are managing well.

Police Chief, Rowe: We participated in the National Safety programs. We did Seatbelt enforcement in May-June, OVI Stop Impaired Driving program in Aug-Sept. Snow tires will be needed, and tire production is behind, so we are waiting on them. All Dept personnel have completed their NIMS training.

Development Director, Gase: He is working on Conservation Funding efforts. No news yet on the I-Net, and Law Director, Todd Hunt, said he had not heard anything either. Roche thanked Lee Gase for his work on conservation stuff needed for the grant.

OLD BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE NO.: 61-2006, INTRODUCED BY ALEXANDER, THIRD READING
AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE ADELPHIA/TIME WARNER PROPOSED
MAXIMUM PERMITTED AND ACTUAL BASIC SERVICE TIER RATE; APPROVING
THE ADELPHIA/TIME WARNER MAXIMUM PERMITTED AND ACTUAL EQUIPMENT
RENTAL, SERVICE AND INSTALLATION RATES; ALL RATES EFFECTIVE MARCH 1,
2006 THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2007; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

On hold, to be reviewed by the Finance Committee of Council.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION NO.: 70-2006, INTRODUCED BY MORGAN, FIRST READING
A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE ACTION OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
WITH RESPECT TO THE GRANT OF A VARIANCE FROM REQUIRED PARKING
SPACES, REVERSING THE ACTION OF THE BOARD DENYING A VARIANCE FOR A
SIDE YARD SETBACK, AND GRANTING SIDE YARD SETBACKS AT 25990
HIGHLAND ROAD.

- **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. 70-2006. THE MOTION PASSED 6-0.**

RESOLUTION NO.: 71 -2006, INTRODUCED BY MORGAN, FIRST READING
A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE ACTION OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
WITH RESPECT TO AN ADDITIONAL WALL SIGN AT 26000 CHARDON ROAD.

- **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 MORGAN TO PASS RESOLUTION NO. 71-2006. THE MOTION PASSED 6-0.**

RESOLUTION NO.: 72 -2006, INTRODUCED BY MAYOR & COUNCIL, FIRST READING
A RESOLUTION APPOINTING AN ASSESSMENT EQUALIZATION BOARD TO HEAR
AND DETERMINE OBJECTIONS RELATIVE TO THE IMPROVEMENT OF CERTAIN
PROPERTIES IN THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEIGHTS BY CONSTRUCTING
SANITARY SEWERS, TOGETHER WITH CONNECTIONS THEREFOR AND THE
NECESSARY APPURTENANCES THERETO, IN CERTAIN DESIGNATED
LOCATIONS IN THE RICHMOND ROAD SIDE STREETS (HORIZON DRIVE AND
SWETLAND BOULEVARD, NAN LINN DRIVE AND KAREN ISLE DRIVE, ALLENDALE
DRIVE AND FAIRLAWN DRIVE) AND VICINITIES; AND DECLARING AN
EMERGENCY.

- **MOTION WAS MADE BY GAMBATESE AND SECONDED BY O'TOOLE 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. 72-2006. THE MOTION PASSED 6-0.**

RESOLUTION NO.: 73 -2006, INTRODUCED BY MAYOR & COUNCIL, FIRST READING
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH SHERMAN-ANDRZEJCZYK GROUP, INC. FOR CONSERVATION EASEMENT APPRAISALS.

- **MOTION WAS MADE BY GAMBATESE AND SECONDED BY O'TOOLE 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. 73-2006. THE MOTION PASSED 6-0.**

ADDITIONS: -NONE-

CORRESPONDENCE: -NONE-

MOTIONS:

Motion for an Executive Session to discuss the purchase and acquisition of private property for public purpose.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY GAMBATESE AND SECONDED BY O'TOOLE.
MOTION PASSED 6-0.**

**Executive Session was held from 8:45- 9:00pm.
Roche reconvened the meeting at 9:00pm.**

**ADJOURNMENT: A MOTION WAS MADE BY GAMBATESE, SECONDED BY HENRY TO
ADJOURN THIS SEPTEMBER 12, 2006 CITY COUNCIL MEETING AT 9:00 PM**

BETSY TRABEN, CLERK OF COUNCIL

DAVID ROCHE, CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT