

**City of Richmond Heights
City Council Meeting
September 26, 2006**

Council President Roche opened the meeting at 8:43 pm

Roll Call:

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

Consent Agenda consists of:

1. Minutes of the City Council Meeting from September 12, 2006.

Motion was made by Gambatese, seconded by Alexander to accept the Consent Agenda as submitted. Motion passed 7-0.

Reports:

Mayor Ursu: Red Cross brochures regarding financially preparedness are at City Hall. The City Edition will be at your door soon.

Finance Director, Rossiter: The sewer assessment letters for Cary Jay/Dumbarton and Skyline/Sunset have gone out. The City is filling a lot of phone calls on these letters as well.

Service Director, Lazar: Working on road striping and tree trimming at the park. O'Toole commented on trees that need pruning. Since the tree program is on hold, some trees needs pruning for growth. Lazar said to give the Dept a call on this and note certain trees to take care of.

City Engineer, Courtney: There has been paving work done on Cary Jay. Trebisky Woods- underground construction work continues. Woods of Richmond- construction continues. They are hoping to pave before Thanksgiving. Gambatese asked about why it took so long to pave Cary Jay. Courtney said the road is about ½ mile long and certain spots were difficult.

Recreation Director, Drda: The Craft Show is on Saturday, November 4th. We've got 35 of the 52 tables secured. Basketball sign ups are going on. We will have bids this Friday at noon for the Spraygrounds. 10 packages have gone out to potential bidders.

Building Commissioner, Rodic: In the month of August, there were 88 building permits issued. The pre-renovation hazardous materials assessment for City Hall will be conducted on Wednesday, September 27th by the EA Group.

Fire Chief, Cek: -excused-

Police Chief, Rowe: The manager at Sam's Club let the Police Dept know they are eligible for a \$875 grant. It is a one page application. If they get the grant, they would purchase an additional taser.

Development Director, Gase: No report.

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.

- **MOTION WAS MADE BY GAMBATESE SECONDED BY ALEXANDER TO PASS
ORDINANCE NO. 61-2006. THE MOTION PASSED 7-0.**

NEW BUSINESS:

**RESOLUTION NO.: 74 -2006, INTRODUCED BY MAYOR URSU AND ALL OF
COUNCIL, FIRST READING**

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF NOVEMBER 7, 2006 BALLOT ISSUE 19 FOR THE
CUHAYOGA COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
REPLACEMENT/REDUCTION LEVY.

- **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 7-0.**
- **MOTION WAS MADE BY O'TOOLE SECONDED BY GAMBATESE TO PASS
RESOLUTION NO. 74-2006. THE MOTION PASSED 7-0.**

RESOLUTION NO.: 75 -2006, INTRODUCED BY MORGAN, FIRST READING

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE ACTION OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
WITH RESPECT TO A VARIANCE FOR A WALL SIGN FOR UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS
AT 27100 CHARDON ROAD.

- **MOTION WAS MADE BY MORGAN 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 7-0.**
- **MOTION WAS MADE BY GAMBATESE SECONDED BY STEFFEN TO PASS
RESOLUTION NO. 75-2006. THE MOTION PASSED 7-0.**

**RESOLUTION NO.: 76 -2006, INTRODUCED BY MAYOR & COUNCIL, FIRST
READING**

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR OF JEFF
POHLHAMMER AS A MEMBER OF THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE
CITY.

- **MOTION WAS MADE BY GAMBATESE AND SECONDED BY ALEXANDER TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCE AS PROVIDED IN SEC. 121.22 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCE. THE MOTION PASSED 7-0.**
- **MOTION WAS MADE BY MORGAN SECONDED BY GAMBATESE TO PASS RESOLUTION NO. 76-2006. THE MOTION PASSED 7-0.**

ORDINANCE NO.: 77 -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 AND 56-2006; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

- **MOTION WAS MADE BY ALEXANDER 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 7-0.**
- **MOTION WAS MADE BY GAMBATESE SECONDED BY MORGAN TO PASS ORDINANCE NO. 77-2006. THE MOTION PASSED 7-0.**

MOTIONS:

A motion to authorize the retention of the services of the architectural firm of Brandstetter Carroll Zofcin, Inc. for professional consulting services for the City Hall renovation and expansion design-build project pursuant to its proposal dated September 12, 2006, in an amount not to exceed \$1,250.00 and to include the firm's written comments upon the final proposals of the design-builders.

Alexander motioned, Morgan seconded. Motion passed 7-0.

ADDITIONS: -NONE-

CORRESPONDENCE: -NONE-

Motion for an Executive Session to discuss the acquisition of private property for public purposes. O'Toole motioned, Morgan seconded. Motion passed 7-0.

Executive Session was held from 8:57- 9:27pm.

Roche reconvened the meeting at 9:27pm.

ADJOURNMENT:

A MOTION WAS MADE BY GAMBATESE, SECONDED BY HENRY TO ADJOURN THIS SEPTEMBER 26, 2006 CITY COUNCIL MEETING AT 9:27 PM

BETSY TRABEN, CLERK OF COUNCIL

DAVID ROCHE, CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT