

**City of Richmond Heights
Regular City Council Meeting
January 15, 2008**

President David H. Roche opened the meeting at 8:50 pm

Roll Call:

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

Excused: Henry

President Roche excused Henry from tonight's meeting.

Consent Agenda consists of:

1. Minutes of the City Council Meeting from December 18, 2007
2. RESOLUTION NO.: 1 -2008: INTRODUCED BY Mayor Ursu and All Members of Council, A Resolution Congratulating Anna and Antonio DiPaola On the Occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary

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

REPORTS:

Mayor Ursu: He presented the Resolution 1-2008 to Anna and Antonio DiPaola for their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

Finance Director, Lynda Rossiter: Will have the budgets prepared for next Tuesday, as well as Financial Statements for 2007.

Service Director, Don Lazar: No report.

Gambatese asked about the Claymore resident with drainage issues. Lazar said a deeper sewer is needed. He had looked at it, and said it connects to a catch basin.

City Engineer, Lee Courtney: Chris Courtney was present. He discussed the letter response of the resident on Swetland, and said he looked at the issues that Henry brought up last week on drainage issues in the Edgwood area.

Recreation Director, Teri Drda: -Excused-

Building Commissioner, Bob Rodic: The Bldg Dept issued 59 permits in December, including 4 for new homes. For the year 2007 there were 851 permits accounting for nearly 36 million dollars in construction value. 27 permits were issued accounting for nearly 6 million dollars.

Fire Chief, Michael Cek: He discussed some recent fires: Loganberry appts, where a woman was charged with arson and a fire at the Allison condos in a garage. A police officer noticed smoke coming from the garage and called the fire dept. Cek commended him. On Jan 13th, there was a residential fire at Sandyhill, where a fire was in the wall, from the fireplace. The smoke detector alerted the family.

Police Chief, Gene Rowe: Thank you to Courtney and Rodic for their help on the construction at Merit Drive. Also, thanks to Don Lazar for helping to find and repair the city police sign, which was lost on a windy day.

Development Director, Lee Gase: Nothing further

Audience:

Gambatese discussed the Cuyahoga County Mental Health Board \$4.8 million replacement and reduction levy. It will be Issue 15 and will be on the ballot on March 4th. She would like to see Council pass a resolution of support for this levy. With the levy, it will only be \$2 more per month for residents (for a \$100K home). It is desperately needed to give good services, which are already under-funded compared to other cities and states. You can find out more info at: www.issue15.org

OLD BUSINESS: -none-

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION NO.: 2- 2008, INTRODUCED BY ROCHE, FIRST READING

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH SENIOR TRANSPORTATION CONNECTION OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY FOR COORDINATING AND SCHEDULING SENIOR AND DISABLED PERSON TRANSPORTATION IN THE CITY.

- MOTION WAS MADE BY MORGAN 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 RESOLUTION NO. 2-2008. THE MOTION PASSED 6- 0.

RESOLUTION NO.: 3 -2008, INTRODUCED BY MAYOR & COUNCIL, FIRST READING

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE RICHMOND HEIGHTS LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT EMERGENCY LEVY ON THE BALLOT ON MARCH 4, 2008.

- 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 O'TOOLE TO PASS RESOLUTION NO. 3-2008. THE MOTION PASSED 6- 0.

* MAYOR URSU ADDED THAT IF ELOISE HENRY WAS PRESENT, SHE WOULD DEFINITELY BE IN SUPPORT OF THIS RESOLUTION AS WELL.

ORDINANCE NO.: 4 -2008, INTRODUCED BY ROCHE, FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL FUND TO BE DESIGNATED AS THE "CONSERVATION FUND".

- 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 O'TOOLE TO PASS RESOLUTION NO. 4-2008. THE MOTION PASSED 6- 0.

RESOLUTION NO.: 5 -2008, INTRODUCED BY ALEXANDER, FIRST READING

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO PERFORM CERTAIN INTERFUND TRANSFERS AND/OR ADVANCES IN COMPLIANCE WITH AUDITOR OF STATE BULLETIN 97-003; 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 MORGAN, SECONDED BY ALEXANDER TO PASS RESOLUTION NO. 5-2008. THE MOTION PASSED 6- 0.

ORDINANCE NO.: 6 -2008, 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, 2007 AND TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 22-2007; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

- MOTION WAS MADE BY ALEXANDER 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 MORGAN, SECONDED BY GAMBATESE TO PASS RESOLUTION NO. 6-2008. THE MOTION PASSED 6- 0.

RESOLUTION NO.: 7 -2008, INTRODUCED BY GAMBATESE, FIRST READING

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES WITH THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID.

- 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 6-0.
- MOTION WAS MADE BY GAMBATESE, SECONDED BY O'TOOLE TO PASS RESOLUTION NO. 7-2008. THE MOTION PASSED 6- 0.

RESOLUTION NO.: 8 -2008, 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 AT 26000 CHARDON ROAD.

- MOTION WAS MADE BY MORGAN 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 RESOLUTION NO. 8-2008. MORGAN SAID NO TO PASSAGE. THE MOTION PASSED 5-1.

RESOLUTION NO.: 9 -2008, 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 AT 5140 WILSON MILLS ROAD.

- MOTION WAS MADE BY MORGAN 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 KEYERLEBER TO PASS RESOLUTION NO. 9-2008. THE MOTION PASSED 6- 0.

ORDINANCE NO.: 10 -2008, INTRODUCED BY GAMBATESE, FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF A DIVISION OF FIRE VEHICLE AND EQUIPMENT NO LONGER NEEDED FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES; 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 KEYERLEBER TO PASS ORDINANCE NO. 10-2008. THE MOTION PASSED 6- 0.**

RESOLUTION NO.: 11 -2008, INTRODUCED BY ALEXANDER, FIRST READING
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF SECURITY SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS FOR THE NEW CITY HALL BUILDING FROM THE LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST FUND.

- **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. 11-2008. THE MOTION PASSED 6- 0.**

RESOLUTION NO.: 12 -2008, INTRODUCED BY MAYOR & COUNCIL, FIRST READING
A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE RE-APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR OF RICHARD N. HENFLING AS A MEMBER OF THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE CITY.

- **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 KEYERLEBER TO PASS RESOLUTION NO. 12-2008. THE MOTION PASSED 6- 0.**

RESOLUTION NO.: 13-2008, INTRODUCED BY MAYOR & COUNCIL, FIRST READING
A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE RE-APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR OF FRANK KOSS AS A MEMBER OF THE ARCHITECTURAL BOARD OF REVIEW OF THE CITY.

- **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 MORGAN, SECONDED BY O'TOOLE TO PASS RESOLUTION NO. 13-2008. THE MOTION PASSED 6- 0.**

MOTIONS:

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF PLUMBING SERVICES FROM MCPHILLIPS PLUMBING, HEATING AND COOLING FOR THE CITY'S PROPERTY AT 264 RICHMOND ROAD FOR REPLACEMENT OF INTERIOR GAS AND DOMESTIC WATER PIPING AND BOILER REPAIR AND START UP, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,500 TO COME FROM THE GREENWOOD FARM FUND AND FOR WHICH REIMBURSEMENT MAY BE SOUGHT IN THE FUTURE.

(ACTUAL MCPHILLIPS QUOTATION DATED OCT 23, 2007 WAS \$2,320)

ALEXANDER MOTIONED, MORGAN SECONDED. MOTION PASSED 6-0.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF PLUMBING SERVICES FROM MCPHILLIPS PLUMBING, HEATING AND COOLING FOR THE CITY'S PROPERTY AT 264 RICHMOND ROAD

FOR REPLACEMENT OF THE EXTERIOR GAS LINE, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,500 TO COME FROM THE GREENWOOD FARM FUND AND FOR WHICH REIMBURSEMENT MAY BE SOUGHT IN THE FUTURE.

(ACTUAL MCPHILLIPS QUOTATION DATED OCT 23, 2007 WAS \$2,170)

ALEXANDER MOTIONED, O'TOOLE SECONDED. MOTION PASSED 6-0.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF ASBESTOS ABATEMENT SERVICES FROM SAFEAIR CONTRACTORS, INC. FOR THE CITY'S PROPERTY AT 264 RICHMOND ROAD IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,500 TO COME FROM THE GREENWOOD FARM FUND AND FOR WHICH REIMBURSEMENT MAY BE SOUGHT IN THE FUTURE.

(ACTUAL SAFEAIR QUOTATION DATED NOV 1, 2007 WAS \$2,200)

ALEXANDER MOTIONED, MORGAN SECONDED. MOTION PASSED 6-0.

MOTION FOR THE EXPENSES OF THE SANITARY SEWER WORK FOR MAROUS BROTHERS, DUE TO UNFORESEEN CONDITIONS, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,660.45, TO COME FROM THE BUILDING IMPROVEMENT FUND.

ALEXANDER MOTIONED, O'TOOLE SECONDED. MOTION PASSED 6-0.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE SAFE-AIR TO WORK ON THE ASBESTOS AND MERCURY ABATEMENT AT CITY HALL, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,592, TO COME FROM THE BUILDING IMPROVEMENT FUND.

ALEXANDER MOTIONED, MORGAN SECONDED. MOTION PASSED 6-0.

ADDITIONS: -NONE-

CORRESPONDENCE: -NONE-

ADJOURNMENT: A MOTION WAS MADE BY ROCHE, SECONDED BY MORGAN TO ADJOURN THIS JANUARY 15, 2008 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING AT 9:45 PM.

BETSY TRABEN, CLERK OF COUNCIL

DAVID H. ROCHE, COUNCIL PRESIDENT