

**City of Richmond Heights  
Regular City Council Meeting  
January 29, 2008**

**President David H. Roche opened the meeting at 8:25 pm**

**Roll Call:**

**Present: Alexander, Henry, Gambatese, Keyerleber, Morgan, Roche**

**Excused: O'Toole**

**President Roche excused O'Toole from tonight's meeting.**

**Mayor Ursu welcomed everyone to the new Council Chambers. This is the first meeting in the new City Hall!**

**Consent Agenda consists of:**

1. Minutes of the City Council Meeting from January 15, 2008
2. RESOLUTION NO.: 14 -2008: INTRODUCED BY Mayor Ursu and All Members of Council, A Resolution of Congratulations and Commendation to the Heights-Hillcrest Regional Chamber of Commerce on its 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

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

**REPORTS:**

**Mayor Ursu: The Mayor gave his State of the City Address.  
(See attached to Clerk's minutes).**

**Finance Director, Lynda Rossiter: Gave a public thank-you to Don Lazar and the Service Dept for their help in moving. Danny Korn was assigned with maintenance and he is working out great. Thanked Council for the opportunity to be a part of the construction process.**

**Service Director, Don Lazar: Thanked Rossiter for her comments. Busy with the clean up of the old City Hall, as well as Lodge clean up and touch up.**

**City Engineer, Lee Courtney: Construction has slowed down due to the bad weather. Highland Ridge will adjust the property lines due to the Flood Plains. The Woods of Richmond on the west end has a buffer easement that is not to be touched. The board on board fence will benefit residents, but it's prohibited. Courtney suggested to them that they request the fence anyways.**

**Recreation Director, Teri Drda: We are halfway through Basketball. Volleyball and Baseball started this week, and soccer will start soon. The 7<sup>th</sup> grade basketball had an undefeated season with 14-0. There was a 6 ft 4 inch player on the team. Players are hoping the school levy will pass, so they can remain on their basketball team together next year.**

**Building Commissioner, Bob Rodic: We spent the last week unpacking and organizing files. The 2008 edition of the National Electrical code went into effect on January 1<sup>st</sup>. It included major changes that affect new homes.**

**Fire Chief, Michael Cek:** Put in for a grant for equipment and will hear about it later this year. At the Dollar Tree on Sat Feb 16<sup>th</sup>, there will be a Safety Class from 11am-1pm. Fire Dept will have a CPR class on Feb 27<sup>th</sup> at 6pm and March 26 at 6pm. He added that working smoke detectors should be installed on each floor of the home.

**Police Chief Rowe:** Commended the Design/Build Renovation Committee on the efforts for this new building. There was a lot of time, effort and scrutiny put in to this. It is too bad that Joe Steffen was not a part of this planning. He was a great asset to our Police Station planning.

**Development Director, Lee Gase:** Nothing further tonight.

**Audience:**

**Frank Anselmo, resident on Donald Ave:**  
Thanked all who were involved in the planning of this new City Hall and the hard work involved. Thankful that we had smart enough people to build a beautiful building like this. In Beachwood and Mayfield Village, they are also re-doing City buildings and spending a lot. He commented on the fact that he works for Westlake, and they have a big Taj-Ma-Hal like City Hall. Here in Richmond Hts, he appreciates the diligence to get a building for a good cost. Bigger is not always better. He wished good health to Council and to continue making the right decisions.

**OLD BUSINESS:** -none-

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**RESOLUTION NO.: 15 -2008, INTRODUCED BY MAYOR URSU AND ALL OF COUNCIL, FIRST READING**

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF MARCH 4, 2008 BALLOT ISSUE 15 FOR THE CUHAYOGA COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES REPLACEMENT AND REDUCTION LEVY.

- MOTION WAS MADE BY GAMBATESE 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 ALEXANDER, SECONDED BY GAMBATESE TO PASS RESOLUTION NO. 15-2008. THE MOTION PASSED 6- 0.

**RESOLUTION NO.: 16 -2008, INTRODUCED BY O'TOOLE, FIRST READING**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF THREE PARCELS OF LAND FROM THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY FOR OPEN SPACE PARK LAND PURPOSES.

- 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 MORGAN, SECONDED BY GAMBATESE TO PASS RESOLUTION NO. 16-2008. THE MOTION PASSED 6- 0.

**Motions:**

MOTION TO PURCHASE OFFICE FURNITURE FROM MY OFFICE PRODUCTS, INC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1093, TO COME FROM CAPITAL.

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

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF A PROJECTION SCREEN FOR THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS FROM CDW-G, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,835.69 TO COME FROM CAPITAL.

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 29, 2008 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING AT 9:00 PM.**

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**BETSY TRABEN, CLERK OF COUNCIL**

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**DAVID H. ROCHE, COUNCIL PRESIDENT**