

**City Council Meeting
City of Richmond Heights
November 25, 2008**

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

In Council President David Roche's absence, a motion was made by O'Toole to nominate Alexander as Council President Pro-Temp. Keyerleber seconded. Motion passed 5-0. Alexander opened the meeting at 8:20pm.

Roll Call:

Present: Alexander, Henry, Keyerleber, Morgan, O'Toole

Excused: Gambatese, Roche

O'Toole motioned to excuse Gambatese and Roche for tonight's meeting and Keyerleber seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Consent Agenda:

- Minutes of the City Council Meeting from November 11, 2008

Motion to accept by Henry, seconded by O'Toole. Morgan abstained.
Motion passed 5-0-1.

REPORTS:

Mayor Ursu: The Mayor introduced the 5 candidates running for Citizen of the Year. He discussed each person and their accomplishments over the years in the City. All candidates were present and were given prizes. Mark Alexander, he said, stood out as a City employee. Because of that, a new award will be given this year, as Employee of the Year. In the future, we will have our own committee to decide on the Employee of the Year vs. the 3 Mayors deciding. Alexander was given the First Annual Award for Employee of the Year. Col. Carl Carter was given the award as Citizen of the Year, as his many accomplishments in the military and in the City were recognized.

Fire Chief Cek: -excused-

Police Chief Rowe: Congrats to Mark Alexander! Rowe wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving too.

Building Commissioner, Rodic: There were 72 permits issued in the month of October and 1 was for a single family dwelling.

Finance Director, Rossiter: -excused-

Development Director, Gase: Nothing further tonight.

Service Director, Lazar: Leaf pick up is still going on and we will continue it as long as needed, which will probably go into January and February. The salt use is going well, and we are following the new guidelines of using less salt.

City Engineer, Courtney: We took bids for the sidewalk work. The detailed tabulations will be passed out next week at the Service/Rec Committee meeting. There were 10 bidders and we are extremely pleased with the results.

Recreation Director, Drda: -excused-

Audience: -no comments-

OLD BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE NO.: 76-2008, INTRODUCED BY ROCHE, THIRD READING

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1304.16, "ROOF DRAINAGE", AND SUBSECTION 304.7, "ROOFS AND DRAINAGE", OF SECTION 1309.05 OF THE BUILDING CODE TO PERMIT THE USE OF APPROVED RAIN BARRELS AS A MEANS OF COLLECTING STORM WATER.

- **On Hold for further discussion in the Committee meetings.**

NEW BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE NO.: 93 -2008, INTRODUCED BY MORGAN, FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 903.01 AND 903.05 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY TO REVISE THE FEE FOR A PERMIT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, REPAIR OR REPLACEMENT OF A SIDEWALK.

- 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 O'TOOLE, SECONDED BY HENRY TO PASS ORDINANCE NO.: 93-2008. THE MOTION PASSED 5-0.

ORDINANCE NO.: 94 -2008, INTRODUCED BY MORGAN, FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1313.05 OF THE BUILDING CODE TO ADJUST THE PERMIT FEE FOR FENCES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

- 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 7-0.
- MOTION WAS MADE BY HENRY, SECONDED BY KEYSERLEBER TO PASS ORDINANCE NO.: 94-2008. THE MOTION PASSED 5-0.

RESOLUTION NO.: 95 -2008, INTRODUCED BY O'TOOLE, FIRST READING

A RESOLUTION RATIFYING, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO, AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY DISTRICT BOARD OF HEALTH TO PERFORM STORM WATER INSPECTION AND MONITORING ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE CITY FOR 2008.

- 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 7-0.
- MOTION WAS MADE BY O'TOOLE, SECONDED BY HENRY TO PASS RESOLUTION NO.: 95-2008. THE MOTION PASSED 5-0.

ORDINANCE NO.: 96 -2008, INTRODUCED BY ALEXANDER, FIRST READING
AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEIGHTS, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2008; TO AMEND ORDINANCE NOS. 27-2008, 30-2008, 51-2008 AND 81-2008; 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 MORGAN, SECONDED BY KEYERLEBER TO PASS ORDINANCE NO.: 96-2008. THE MOTION PASSED 5-0.

ADDITIONS: -none-

CORRESPONDENCE: Mark Alexander thanked everyone for the Employee of the Year award, and for everyone's help with the work on the new City Hall and renovations. He said he is very proud of the City.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Alexander, seconded by Morgan to adjourn this November 25, 2008 City Council Meeting at 9:06 PM

Betsy Traben, Clerk of Council

Mark Alexander, Council President, Pro-Temp