

**City Council Meeting
City of Richmond Heights
December 9, 2008**

Council President, David Roche, called the meeting to order at 9:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Roll Call:

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

Consent Agenda:

- Minutes of the City Council Meeting from November 25, 2008 (as amended)

Motion to accept by O'Toole, seconded by Henry. Motion passed 7-0.

REPORTS:

Mayor Ursu: -excused-

Fire Chief Cek: -excused-

Police Chief Rowe: Sent information to Law Director, Todd Hunt, to advertise to sell 5 City vehicles by bid. He said the Canine Vehicle got into an accident, and was hit while it was parked. The person who hit the vehicle does have insurance, and the Police dog, Kubo is OK. Rowe also announced that he is getting married on Friday, December 12 at 6pm at City Hall, with Mayor Ursu officiating. He welcomed all to attend.

Building Commissioner, Rodic: -excused-

Finance Director, Rossiter: Busy with the health insurance issues and retro-pay issues. She mentioned that she may want to postpone the Budget meeting for a month or so, and then present a temporary budget.

Development Director, Gase: No report.

Service Director, Lazar: Putting up a snow fence, and will still be doing leaf pick ups. The salt use is going well and there are no complaints.

Morgan thanked Lazar for putting up the wreath at Greenwood Farms. It looks beautiful! Henry also thanked Lazar for digging out all the leaves for leaf pick up from under all the snow.

City Engineer, Courtney: Construction is quiet for now, but we will be busy soon enough.

Recreation Director, Drda: -excused-

Audience: -no comments-

OLD BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE NO.: 76-2008, INTRODUCED BY ROCHE, THIRD READING (AMENDED 12-9-08)

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.

- MOTION WAS MADE BY O'TOOLE, SECONDED BY MORGAN TO PASS ORDINANCE NO.: 76-2008. THE MOTION PASSED 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE NO.: 97-2008, INTRODUCED BY ALEXANDER, FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF \$1,475,000 OF NOTES, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, TO PAY COSTS OF IMPROVING STREETS AND ROADS IN THE CITY BY CONSTRUCTING, RECONSTRUCTING, RESURFACING, PAVING WITH CONCRETE AND MAKING OTHER IMPROVEMENTS AS DESIGNATED IN THE PLANS APPROVED OR TO BE APPROVED BY COUNCIL AS ITS 2008 AND 2009 ROAD PROGRAMS, 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 HENRY TO PASS ORDINANCE NO.: 97-2008. THE MOTION PASSED 7-0.

ORDINANCE NO.: 98-2008, INTRODUCED BY ALEXANDER, FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF \$525,000 OF NOTES, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, TO PAY COSTS OF RENOVATING, REHABILITATING, FURNISHING, EQUIPPING AND OTHERWISE IMPROVING THE EXISTING CITY FIRE STATION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

- 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 O'TOOLE, SECONDED BY ALEXANDER TO PASS ORDINANCE NO.: 98-2008. THE MOTION PASSED 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO.: 99-2008, INTRODUCED BY MAYOR & ALL OF COUNCIL, FIRST READING

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE MUNICIPAL FOREMEN AND LABORERS' UNION LOCAL 1099, FOR THE YEARS 2007 THROUGH 2009; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

- On hold for further discussion.

ORDINANCE NO.: 100-2008, INTRODUCED BY MAYOR & COUNCIL, FIRST READING

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIRE FIGHTERS, LOCAL 2009, AFL-CIO, FOR THE YEARS 2007 THROUGH 2009; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

- On hold for further discussion.

RESOLUTION NO.: 101-2008, INTRODUCED BY MAYOR & COUNCIL, FIRST READING

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE, LODGE #57, FOR THE YEARS 2007 THROUGH 2009; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

- On hold for further discussion.

RESOLUTION NO.: 102-2008, INTRODUCED BY MAYOR & COUNCIL, FIRST READING

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO PATROLMEN'S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION FOR THE YEARS 2007 THROUGH 2009; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

- On hold for further discussion.

RESOLUTION NO.: 103-2008, INTRODUCED BY ALEXANDER, FIRST READING

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY AUDITOR TO ADVANCE TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS FROM THE PROCEEDS OF TAX LEVIES PURSUANT TO SECTION 321.34 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE; 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 7-0.
- MOTION WAS MADE BY GAMBATESE, SECONDED BY ALEXANDER TO PASS RESOLUTION NO.: 103-2008. THE MOTION PASSED 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO.: 104 – 2008, INTRODUCED BY ROCHE, FIRST READING

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH SENIOR TRANSPORTATION CONNECTION OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY TO PROVIDE SENIOR CITIZEN AND DISABLED PERSON TRANSPORTATION IN THE CITY.

- MOTION WAS MADE BY GAMBATESE AND SECONDED BY HENRY 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.: 104-2008. THE MOTION PASSED 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO.: 105-2008, INTRODUCED BY O'TOOLE, FIRST READING

A RESOLUTION 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 2009.

- 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 ALEXANDER TO PASS RESOLUTION NO.: 105-2008. THE MOTION PASSED 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO.: 106 -2008, INTRODUCED BY GAMBATESE, FIRST READING

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A PURCHASE AGREEMENT THROUGH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES' COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM FOR ONE VEHICLE FOR USE BY THE DIVISION OF POLICE.

- 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 7-0.
- MOTION WAS MADE BY O'TOOLE, SECONDED BY GAMBATESE TO PASS RESOLUTION NO.: 106-2008. THE MOTION PASSED 7-0.

ORDINANCE NO: 107 -2008, INTRODUCED BY ALEXANDER, FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARY, COMPENSATION, BONDS, VACATIONS, SICK LEAVE, RATES OF PAY AND OTHER BENEFITS FOR VARIOUS OFFICES, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEIGHTS FOR THE YEARS 2007, 2008 AND 2009; REPEALING SUCH PREVIOUS PAY SCHEDULE ORDINANCES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

- On hold to discuss further in the Finance Committee.

RESOLUTION NO.: 108 -2008, INTRODUCED BY O'TOOLE, FIRST READING

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A BID FROM SITEWORKS ENTERPRISES FOR THE REMOVAL, REPLACEMENT AND/OR LEVELING OF PUBLIC SIDEWALKS AND AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT THEREFOR.

- 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 ORDINANCE NO.: 108-2008. THE MOTION PASSED 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO.: 109 -2008, INTRODUCED BY O'TOOLE, FIRST READING
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CHANGE ORDER TO THE CONTRACT WITH DIGIOIA-SUBURBAN EXCAVATING, LLC FOR THE RICHMOND ROAD SIDE STREETS SEWER PROJECT.

- 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 7-0.
- MOTION WAS MADE BY HENRY, SECONDED BY KEYERLEBER TO PASS ORDINANCE NO.: 109-2008. THE MOTION PASSED 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO.: 110 -2008, INTRODUCED BY ALEXANDER, FIRST READING
A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE A CONTRACT WITH ANTHEM BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD FOR HEALTH INSURANCE FOR 2009.

- 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 O'TOOLE, SECONDED BY GAMBATESE TO PASS ORDINANCE NO.: 110-2008. THE MOTION PASSED 7-0.

ADDITIONS: -NONE-

CORRESPONDENCE: -NONE-

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Roche, seconded by Gambatese to adjourn this December 9, 2008 City Council Meeting at 9:22 PM

Betsy Traben, Clerk of Council

David H. Roche, Council President