

**City Council Meeting  
City of Richmond Heights  
December 23, 2008**

Council President, David Roche, called the meeting to order at 9:20 PM

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Roll Call:

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

Excused: O'Toole

Gambatese motioned to excuse O'Toole for tonight's meeting and Henry seconded.  
Motion passed 6-0.

Consent Agenda for Tonight:

- Minutes from City Council Meeting of December 9, 2008
- Minutes of the Special City Council Meeting from December 16, 2008
- Resolution 111-2008, Introduced by Mayor Ursu and All Members of Council: A Resolution Proclaiming 2009 as the Year of the River in Richmond Heights.
- **RESOLUTION NO.: 112 -2008**, INTRODUCED BY MAYOR & COUNCIL, FIRST READING: A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE RE-APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR OF MICHAEL DeSAN TO THE RECREATION BOARD OF THE CITY.
- **RESOLUTION NO.: 113-2008**, INTRODUCED BY MAYOR & COUNCIL, FIRST READING: A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE RE-APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR OF ROBERT DRESSER AS A MEMBER OF THE ARCHITECTURAL BOARD OF REVIEW OF THE CITY.
- **RESOLUTION NO.: 114 -2008**, INTRODUCED BY MAYOR & COUNCIL, FIRST READING: A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE RE-APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR OF TERRY YERKIC TO THE RECREATION BOARD OF THE CITY.
- **RESOLUTION NO.: 115 -2008**, INTRODUCED BY MAYOR & COUNCIL, FIRST READING: A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE RE-APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR OF RAY F. LOUSHIN TO BE A MEMBER OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY.
- **RESOLUTION NO.: 116 -2008**, INTRODUCED BY MAYOR & COUNCIL, FIRST READING: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE RE-APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR OF JEROLD H. HOOVER AS A MEMBER OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS.
- **RESOLUTION NO.: 117- 2008**, INTRODUCED BY MAYOR & COUNCIL, FIRST READING: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE RE-APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR OF DENNIS McANDREW, JR. AS A MEMBER OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS.
- **RESOLUTION NO.: 118-2008**, INTRODUCED BY MAYOR & COUNCIL, FIRST READING: A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE RE-APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR OF TIMOTHY LOWE TO THE RECREATION BOARD OF THE CITY.
- **RESOLUTION NO.: 119-2008**, INTRODUCED BY MAYOR & COUNCIL, FIRST READING: A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE RE-APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR OF EDDIE L. RICE TO THE RECREATION BOARD OF THE CITY.

- **RESOLUTION NO.: 120 -2008**, INTRODUCED BY MAYOR & COUNCIL, FIRST READING: A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE RE-APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR OF TOM BROWN TO BE A MEMBER OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY.

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

### **REPORTS:**

Mayor Ursu: Photographer came to the new City Hall building on behalf of Marous Bros. He brought in the calendar that Marous Bros put together, with the shots of the new City Hall in the calendar.  
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Fire Chief Cek: YTD, gave stats. Discussed the Euclid structure fire.

Police Chief Rowe: No word on the new vehicle yet and when we will get it. The Canine vehicle has been repaired and restriped. The new officer has graduated from the Academy and starts tomorrow.

Building Commissioner, Rodic: There were 46 permits issued in November.

Finance Director, Rossiter: We are in the process of marketing a \$2 million dollar note. We are moving forward with the budgeting requests.  
Roche asked about interest rates, which Rossiter said are about 4%.

Development Director, Gase: Thanked Santa (AKA Lynda Rossiter) for the goodie bag of healthy fruit.

Service Director, Lazar: The sprinkler system in the building is due for another inspection. Have a nice Christmas!  
Gambatese thanked him for continuing in the leak pick up.

City Engineer, Courtney: Woods of Richmond are doing touch up work, otherwise they are closed for the winter.

Recreation Director, Drda: She is doing surveys in the 4-6<sup>th</sup> grades, asking kids for ideas on recreation activities, and other things they would like to do, and hoping to start an Advisory Board with kids on it. If this works out, she hopes to move to the High School as well.

Audience: -no comments-

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

### **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.

- Mayor Ursu said that due to contracts not being signed yet, we will not move forward on 99, 100, 101, and 102-2008 tonight.

### **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.

- Hold

### **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.

- Hold

### **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.

- Hold

### **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.

- Hold

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**ORDINANCE NO.: 121 -2008, INTRODUCED BY ALEXANDER, FIRST READING**  
AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEIGHTS, STATE OF OHIO FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2009; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

- 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 HENRY, SECONDED BY GAMBATESE TO PASS ORDINANCE NO.: 121-2008. THE MOTION PASSED 6-0.

**ORDINANCE NO.: 122 -2008, INTRODUCED BY ALEXANDER, FIRST READING**  
AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEIGHTS, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2008; TO AMEND ORDINANCE NOS. 27-2008, 51-2008, 70-2008, 81-2008 AND 96-2008; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

- 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 MORGAN, SECONDED BY GAMBATESE TO PASS ORDINANCE NO.: 122-2008. THE MOTION PASSED 6-0.

ADDITIONS: -none-

CORRESPONDENCE: -none-

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Gambatese, seconded by Henry to adjourn this December 23, 2008 City Council Meeting at 9:34 PM

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Betsy Traben, Clerk of Council

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David H. Roche, Council President