

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

Started with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Council President, Roche called the meeting to order at 8:44 pm.

Roll Call:

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

Excused: O'Toole

Roche excused O'Toole from this meeting.

Consent AGENDA for tonight's meeting:

1. Minutes of the City Council Meeting from March 11, 2008

Motion was made by Morgan to approve the Consent Agenda and seconded by Alexander. Motion passed by Council, 6-0.

REPORTS:

Mayor Ursu: -excused-

Per Roche, who was the Acting Temporary Mayor, reported that Mayor Ursu is on vacation and will be back in a couple days.

Fire Chief Cek: YTD 371 alarms, 297 Emergencies/EMS and 74- fires and misc. We are up 8% from 2007.

Police Chief Rowe: -excused-

Building Commissioner, Rodic: -excused-

Finance Director, Rossiter: Discussed the possibility of employees donating their sick/leave time as a policy to help other employees with lengthy illnesses and donate them. This was done for Ina Stout, ex-Finance Clerk, and is helped her greatly with her sick leave, and assisted with expenses. It is a good policy to have.

Norma Meeting- re: liability insurance, market is soft, there may be an increase in premiums in the future. Reserves are in good shape.

Development Director, Gase: -nothing further-

Service Director, Lazar: Busy with snowplowing. There have been some incidents with trucks/plows getting bent up. We are looking into repairs soon. We've also been busy working on some of the homes the City acquired.

City Engineer, Courtney: -excused-

Recreation Director, Drda: -excused-

AUDIENCE:

Kathy Doran, 1196 Genesee Road, Mayfield Hts resident, was here tonight to present Chief Cek with an Oxygen recovery Mask Kit, donated by the Metropolitan Cleveland Miniature Schnauzer Club. The masks are good for dogs, cats and birds. They come in 3 sizes. Doran will be bringing in a second kit as well, once it comes in. Kathy Doran, a past Police and Fire Dispatcher for 13 years with Rich Hts, presented the Chief with the Mask Kit. She was accompanied by her dog, Apollo, a rescued Golden Retriever. As a courtesy, Apollo filled in for a miniature schnauzer. Hopefully, these masks will come in handy if there is a house fire where pets are involved. Chief Cek thanked Doran and said this was very appreciated.

OLD BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE NO.: 28 -2008, INTRODUCED BY MAYOR URSU & CITY COUNCIL, THIRD READING

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1325.02 OF THE BUILDING CODE TO ADJUST PERMIT FEES.

- HOLD FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION.

NEW BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE NO.: 30 -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, 2008 AND TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 27-2008; 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 HENRY TO PASS ORDINANCE NO. 30-2008. THE MOTION PASSED 6- 0.

RESOLUTION NO.: 31-2008, 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 THREE VEHICLES FOR USE BY THE DIVISION OF POLICE.

- 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 HENRY TO PASS RESOLUTION NO. 31-2008. THE MOTION PASSED 6- 0.

ADDITIONS: -NONE-

CORRESPONDENCE: Letter was read by the Clerk from the Mayfield Hts Fire Dept, thanking Chief Cek for the assistance at a fire on Feb 16th.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Discussion on Greenwood Farm Committee ensued.

Gase discussed the drafts of the organization, which Law Director, Todd Hunt, drafted for Council.

Hunt said he started with the model given to him and felt it necessary to have the Board members be between 9-15 in number.

Gase said we will wait for the Mayor to have further discussion on who to appoint.

Hunt said that someone needs to take authority on the filing and the signing of documents. A 501C3 Status needs to be set up.

Gase said that the by-laws indicate that Council appoints 4, Mayor appoints 4 and the Mayor is the designated 9th person. 2/3 of the Directors should be Rich Hts residents. Gase was not sure how he felt on that. Alexander and Gambatese both said they had no issue with that.

Gase went over the Rent on Lease agreement and said he will talk with the Mayor on recommendations of who to appoint. Gase was not sure on the name of the paperwork and initially felt the name, "Greenwood Farm, Historical, Cultural and Arts"... Was too long. How about "Greenwood Farm Association"? Roche added that often for grants, it is good to have the name with arts and cultural in it. Alexander agreed that the longer name might help for grants. For now, we will keep the longer name then.

Gambatese suggested that outside people and organizations come in to talk about ideas for this. Maybe we could have them come to a committee meeting, such as Service & Rec Mtg. Gambatese thanked Todd Hunt for putting together these drafts for organizational purposes for the Greenwood Farm Committee.

**ADJOURNMENT: A MOTION WAS MADE BY ROCHE, SECONDED BY MORGAN TO
ADJOURN THIS MARCH 25, 2008 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING AT 9:25 PM.**

BETSY TRABEN, CLERK OF COUNCIL

DAVID H. ROCHE, COUNCIL PRESIDENT