

**City Council Meeting
City of Richmond Heights
April 22, 2008**

Council President, David Roche, called the meeting to order at 9:11 PM

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Roll Call:

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

Consent Agenda:

Minutes of the City Council Meeting from April 8, 2008

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

REPORTS:

Mayor Ursu: Passed out the City Annual Report to Council and Dept Heads. He thanked his Secretary, Dina, and City employees, Christine and Joyce for putting these all together.

Fire Chief Cek: The Annual Fire Hydrant Flushing will start on May 5th. The info has been posted on this on the community bulletin board, online and the City Edition. Received a \$2,500 grant for the paramedic training program.

Police Chief Rowe: -excused-

Building Commissioner, Rodic: The housing inspection program will enter its 5th cycle next week. A list of streets was published in the City Edition and will consist of the inspection of 900 units. Discussed the complaint driven property maintenance program.

Finance Director, Rossiter: We hired a new Payroll Clerk- Mike Desan, and he started today.

Development Director, Gase: Received the official letter of Geographical Stream Names, which were accepted. I put them in Council's mailboxes.

Service Director, Lazar: Working on tree lawn repairs. Added that the Service Dept needs to buy the chipper now. They have a State Bid price on this item, so Lazar said he did not think it needed to be put in for a bid. Mayor Ursu suggested that Lazar work with Law Director, Todd Hunt, on this.

City Engineer, Courtney: The underground electric has been done at the Woods of Richmond, and the telephone and cable will be done soon.

Recreation Director, Drda: Bus trips will be going to Presque Isle on May 7 and Alleghany, and they are filling up. The pool opens up on June 6th, and the Spraygrounds can open sooner, if the weather is nice. The exercise classes at the Lodge are going well. The classes in the mornings on Mon and Wed are great, with good turnouts. We are starting a walking program in June. Drda added that she is putting in some more smaller sprays in the sprayground from the Rec Dept budget.

Audience: -no comments-

OLD BUSINESS: -none-

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution 34-2008, Introduced by Alexander, First Reading
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS WITH CIUNI & PANICHI, INC. FOR NECESSARY ACCOUNTANT SERVICES.

See amended version of this resolution:

- Resolution 34-2008: To authorize the Mayor to execute letter agreements with Ciuni & Panichi, Inc, for accountant services, in the amount not to exceed \$18,000.
- Alexander motioned for suspension of the rules, O'Toole seconded. Motion passed 7-0.
- Gambatese motioned for passage of Resolution 34-2008, O'Toole seconded. Motion for passage 7-0.

Ordinance 35-2008, Introduced by Gambatese, First Reading
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY JUVENILE COURT IN CONNECTION WITH A COMMUNITY DIVERSION PROGRAM TO ADDRESS JUVENILE MISDEMEANOR AND STATUS OFFENDERS IN THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEIGHTS, ESTABLISHING A COMMUNITY DIVERSION PROGRAM AS A SPECIAL REVENUE FUND; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

- Gambatese motioned for suspension of the rules, O'Toole seconded. Motion passed 7-0.
- Gambatese motioned for passage of Ordinance 35-2008, Henry seconded. Motion for passage 7-0.

Resolution 36-2008, Introduced by Mayor Ursu & Council, First Reading
A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING APRIL 25, 2008 AS "ARBOR DAY" IN THE CITY
OF RICHMOND HEIGHTS IN RECOGNITION AND SUPPORT OF NATIONAL
ARBOR DAY.

- Morgan motioned for suspension of the rules, O'Toole seconded. Motion passed 7-0.
- Gambatese motioned for passage of Resolution 36-2008, O'Toole seconded. Motion for passage 7-0.

MOTIONS:

Motion for the new City Hall landscaping and plantings to be done and not to exceed \$8,000, to come from capital.

Alexander motioned, O'Toole seconded. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion for the purchase of the Sprayground Tumble Bucket, from Raindrop Systems, not to exceed \$8,600, to come from capital.

Alexander motioned, O'Toole seconded. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion for the purchase of a new computer for the Finance Dept, not to exceed \$3,000, to come from capital.

Alexander motioned, Gambatese seconded. Motion passed 7-0.

ADDITIONS:

Council President, Roche, announced that the Greenwood Farm Committee will be meeting during the next Planning and Zoning Committee meeting on Tuesday, May 7th at 7:30pm.

Gase added that we will need 3 people on the Board to start things up, who need to be appointed soon. We will need legislation for this.

MOTION WAS MADE BY Council President, David Roche, seconded by Morgan to adjourn this Council Meeting at 9:35 PM on April 22, 2008.

Betsy Traben, Clerk of Council

David H. Roche, Council President