

**City Council Meeting  
City of Richmond Heights  
May 13, 2008**

Council President, David Roche, called the meeting to order at 8:50 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 22, 2008

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

**REPORTS:**

Mayor Ursu: Announced the Highland/Bishop Road project will start soon (Monday, May 19) and it may cause some traffic concerns for residents.

Roche added that more info will be put on the City website regarding this.

Fire Chief Cek: The Semi-Annual Fire Hydrant is going on now. SCBA Apparatus testing was done. The equipment is 10 yrs old. Truck 721 had maintenance done on it. The ladders are in good condition and it passed inspection. We are up 9.5% in alarm volume.

Police Chief Rowe: The LEADS audit testing was done today to revise policies and procedures. We received the Mobile Data Terminal that we got the grant for.

Building Commissioner, Rodic: There were 64 permits issues in the month of April. The Building Dept issued 76 notices for tall grass in the City. The compliance rate is about 60%. This helps to identify vacant properties. The Electrical Safety Foundation has declared May as National Electrical Safety Month. Home electrical fires account for more than 53,000 fires/year, causing more than 500 deaths, 1,400 injuries and \$1.4 billion in property damage. Helpful hints are given on the website: [www.ESFI.org](http://www.ESFI.org)

O'Toole asked what is going on with the airport. Cek said there was a hazardous spill with one of their fuel tanks. Discussion was had on the tanks and how they are protected (or not). Lazar added that the tanks at the Service Dept are contained in a drain crib.

Finance Director, Rossiter: The new function of the Accounting software is sending PDF files, and from now on, we will be sending PDF files of the financials to everyone, instead of hard copies. Let us know if you'd prefer to receive hard copies instead.

Development Director, Gase: Nothing further.

Service Director, Lazar: Cleaning the pool, which opens in early June and we will be hanging the flower baskets in the City soon. The new chipper was received, and with the \$3,000 trade in, it was \$21,215. The riding mower (motion tonight) will cost \$9,064.50. Gambatese commented on the free trash cans that Waste Mgmt donated in Columbus, with advertisements on them. Can we get some for our City?

City Engineer, Courtney: Highland Road/Bishop work will be going on all summer. We will be dealing with traffic delays. Gas main being done in Woods of Richmond. Bids will be taken on Friday, May 30 for road bids.

Roche asked about the Euclid Creek, raising dues for Watershed Council. Gase said that Claire Posey is raising the annual dues this year.

Recreation Director, Drda: -excused-

Audience: -no comments-

**OLD BUSINESS:** -none-

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Resolution 37-2008, Introduced by Mayor & Council, First Reading  
A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR OF  
FRANK JOHNS AS A MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION ON AGING OF THE CITY.

- Alexander motioned for suspension of the rules, Morgan seconded. Motion passed 7-0.
- Morgan motioned for passage of Res 37-2008, Henry seconded. Motion for passage 7-0.

Ordinance 38-2008, Introduced by O'Toole, First Reading  
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CODIFIED ORDINANCE SECTION 521.08 TO  
REGULATE RECEPTACLES FOR COLLECTION AND STORAGE OF ITEMS  
DONATED OR OTHERWISE.

- Hold for further discussion.

Resolution 39-2008, Introduced by O'Toole, First Reading  
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A PURCHASE  
AGREEMENT THROUGH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE  
SERVICES COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM FOR A BRUSH CHIPPER  
UNIT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE.

- O'Toole motioned for suspension of the rules, Alexander seconded. Motion passed 7-0.
- Alexander motioned for passage of Res 39-2008, O'Toole seconded. Motion for passage 7-0.

Resolution 40-2008, Introduced by Mayor & Council, First Reading  
A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF EUCLID TOWNSHIP CHARTER  
BICENTENNIAL 1809-2009 CELEBRATION.

- Gambatese motioned for suspension of the rules, O'Toole seconded. Motion passed 7-0.
- O'Toole motioned for passage of Res 40-2008, Gambatese seconded. Motion for passage 7-0.

Resolution 41-2008, Introduced by Mayor Ursu, First Reading  
A RESOLUTION OBJECTING TO THE ISSUANCE OF A D3A LIQUOR PERMIT  
TO FINEMORE INC., D/B/A FINAMORE'S RESTAURANT & LOUNGE, 26915  
CHARDON ROAD; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

- Alexander motioned for suspension of the rules, O'Toole seconded. Motion passed 7-0.
- Morgan motioned for passage of Res 41-2008, Gambatese seconded. Motion for passage 7-0.

ADDITIONS:

MOTION to purchase a mower from Best Truck Equipment, from a State Bid, for the Service Dept, in the amount of \$9,064.50 to come from capital.  
Alexander motioned, Morgan seconded. Motion passed 7-0.

CORRESPONDENCE: Letter was read from resident thanking the Police & Fire Depts.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Roche, seconded by Morgan to adjourn this May 13, 2008 City Council Meeting at 9:35 PM

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Betsy Traben, Clerk of Council

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David H. Roche, Council President