

**City Council Meeting
City of Richmond Heights
May 27, 2008**

Council President, David Roche, called the meeting to order at 8:55 PM

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Roll Call:

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

Consent Agenda for Tonight:

1. Minutes of the City Council Meeting from May 13, 2008
2. Resolution No.: 42-2008, Introduced by Mayor Ursu and Council, First Reading: A Resolution Congratulating Lillian and Roy Schlachter on the Occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary.
3. Resolution No.: 43-2008, Introduced by Mayor Ursu and Council, First Reading: A Resolution Congratulating Marilyn & Jim Vojtek on the Occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary.
4. Resolution No.: 45-2008, Introduced by Mayor Ursu and Council, First Reading: A Resolution Commending Mary Muehle Upon Her Retirement from employment at Saint Felicitas Church.

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

REPORTS:

Mayor Ursu: Thanked the Veterans Group for their Memorial Day Service. The City Edition is out in the mail now.

Council President, Roche, added that the newsletter is on line now as well.

Fire Chief Cek: No report, except to say that the run volume is 7% ahead of last year.

Police Chief Rowe: No report tonight.

Building Commissioner, Rodic: An issue has been raised regarding a fuel spill at the fuel farm containing above ground storage tanks near the Corporate Wings fixed base operations. The matter is currently under investigation by the Ohio EPA. The tank installation was in conformity to the prepared plans and standards set by the Ohio Fire Marshall.

Roche asked why the plastic was still all over the ground there. Rodic said that the EPA is investigating and it's not done yet.

Gambatese asked about setting up another barrier around the tanks for containment in the future. Rodic said the EPA sets the rules for that. Mayor Ursu said the issue may have

been more with a negligent operator, and when that happens, the safety standards will not work anyways.

Finance Director, Rossiter: Accounting firm for financial status is from the State. The auditors are finishing up their report from 2005-2006.

Development Director, Gase: -Excused-

Service Director, Lazar: Water breaks in the City- finishing up fixing, the parks are being opened up for summer and we are working on getting the restrooms open more. We received the riding mower today, and received the chipper too. We are asking residents a minimal charge for chipping of \$20. We ask that people bundle it into 4 ft manageable bundles.

City Engineer, Courtney: The Woods of Richmond completed the gas, Highland Ridge are in Phase 1A with underground electric and Phase 1B with sewer and water. We are taking bids on Friday for the Road Program.

Recreation Director, Drda: We received the Legacy Grant for the Bell Spray and Aqua Wheelchair for the Spraygrounds. After the Open House, we took the extra food to a hunger center, which was very appreciated. She discussed the Sprayground grants, issues and the fact that residents are very happy with it.

Audience: -no comments-

OLD BUSINESS:

Ordinance 38-2008, Introduced by O'Toole, Second 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.

NEW BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE NO.: 44 -2008, INTRODUCED BY GAMBATESE, FIRST READING
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PAY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE POSITION OF DETECTIVE BUREAU SECRETARY IN THE DIVISION OF POLICE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

- Gambatese motioned for suspension of the rules, O'Toole seconded. Motion passed 7-0.
- Gambatese motioned for passage of Ord 44-2008, Henry seconded. Motion for passage 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO.: 46 -2008, INTRODUCED BY ALEXANDER, FIRST READING
A RESOLUTION REJECTING THE FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE
FACT-FINDER IN CASE NOS. 06-MED-09-1067 AND 1068 (FRATERNAL ORDER OF
POLICE, LODGE NO. 57); AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

- Alexander motioned for suspension of the rules, Gambatese seconded. Motion passed 7-0.
- Morgan motioned for passage of Res 46-2008, O'Toole seconded. Motion for passage 7-0.

ADDITIONS: -none-

CORRESPONDENCE: Letter was read by the Clerk from a resident thanking the Rec Dept and Service Dept for their work on the baseball fields.

A proclamation was also read from Kenny Yuko and Jon Husted, congratulating the City on the new City Hall.

Eloise Henry said she attended a block meeting on Dickens Drive regarding economic development for the City. She also went to a meeting on May 20 about the Nielsen Ratings, and how they are looking for African Americans and Asians for specific things and that the advertising dollars will go to the City. It was discussed about having a table at the Family Day.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Roche, seconded by Morgan to adjourn this May 27, 2008 City Council Meeting at 9:40 PM

Betsy Traben, Clerk of Council

David H. Roche, Council President