

**City Council Meeting
City of Richmond Heights
June 24, 2008**

Council President, David Roche, called the meeting to order at 8:40 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 June 10, 2008

Motion to accept by Gambatese, seconded by Henry. Motion passed 7-0.

REPORTS:

Mayor Ursu: Per Don Lazar, he said that road striping is going well and they are doing this in the evenings. Per Teri Drda, he said the summer camps are going well this week, and they are planning for Family Day. The 4th annual Lifeguard Swim Contests will be at Bexley this year, on Sat, July 26th from 7-8:30pm.

Ursu said the first summer concerts at the Park will be this Wednesday. Please come and enjoy! The Willow Leaf sign is being installed on Georgetown soon.

Fire Chief Cek: To reduce costs, we are changing over phone systems. The part time firefighters are also going on this system.

Police Chief Rowe: We are in the process of hiring a new officer, who will start shortly. His training is to start on August 18th. He commented on the Suburbs rating from Cleveland magazine. The figures do not tell the true story.

Building Commissioner, Rodic: Housing inspections continue, 400 are done. Rental property inspections are progressing, 50 are done. Commented on the foreclosure meeting that he attended.

Finance Director, Rossiter: The new payroll clerk has been with us now for a few months, and is doing well. He completed his RITA training and is ready to go more on his own now. We are busy catching up with things and preparing for the Tax Budget 2009, for next meeting.

O'Toole thanked Rossiter for preparing and putting together the summaries of finances for Council every month.

Development Director, Gase: No report.

Service Director, Lazar: -excused-

City Engineer, Courtney: His son, Chris Courtney, was present tonight and said he had no report.

O'Toole asked about the flooding by Swetland. Courtney said the EPA has completed the flow monitoring and it is on the verge of being submitted to the City.

Gambatese said a resident on Claymore had a question on a landscaping payment. Chris said he will check on this.

Recreation Director, Drda: -excused-

Audience: -no comments-

OLD BUSINESS: -none-

NEW BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE NO.: 51 -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; TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 27-2008; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

- Alexander motioned for suspension of the rules, Morgan seconded. Motion passed 7-0.
- Henry motioned for passage of Ord 49-2008, Alexander seconded. Motion for passage 7-0.

ORDINANCE NO.: 52 -2008, INTRODUCED BY ALEXANDER, FIRST READING
AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE CODIFICATION, EDITING AND INCLUSION OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES AS PARTS OF THE VARIOUS COMPONENT CODES OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF RICHMOND HEIGHTS, OHIO, AND APPROVING THE UPDATING OF VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE TRAFFIC AND GENERAL OFFENSES CODES TO COMPLY WITH STATE LAW.

- Alexander motioned for suspension of the rules, Gambatese seconded. Motion passed 7-0.
- Morgan motioned for passage of Ord 47-2008, Henry seconded. Motion for passage 7-0.

MOTIONS:

Motion to authorize the work with Hall Public Safety Co. to complete changeover work for 3 new police vehicles, including equipment replacement and upgrades, not to exceed \$9,500.00, to come from capital.

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

Motion to authorize the purchase of 2 Watchguard Digital in-car cameras from Watchguard Products, Inc., not to exceed \$12,300.00, to come from capital. Alexander motioned, Gambatese seconded. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion to authorize the purchase and installation of a computer server for the police dept from TAC Computer, Oakwood Village, Ohio, not to exceed \$10,000.00 to come from capital. Alexander motioned, Morgan seconded. Motion passed 7-0.

CORRESPONDENCE: Gambatese commented on the Municipal Leader Magazine and that there is a great article in it about NOCCA. She asked Council to please read it.

Greenwood Committee Discussion:

It was discussed how many board members will be on this Board, and should members be outside of Richmond Hts?

It was decided to have 5 City Officials and 4 non-City officials to start off with, making 9 on the Board. Hunt said the City can go up to 15 members if they'd like. For now, Gase, Gambatese, Roche, Morgan, Rossiter will make up the 5 City Officials. Gase will be the Mayor's designated stand-in.

Gambatese said she would like the Committee to come up with a vision and to develop a mission statement.

Mayor Ursu said the articles were filed with the Secretary of State, and Law Director, Hunt said he is working on the tax forms.

The 5 Officials wanted to have a start up meeting where they can discuss other members to decide upon. Monday, July 7th at 11am will be their first meeting in the Caucus Room.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Roche, seconded by O'Toole to adjourn this June 24, 2008 City Council Meeting at 9:26 PM

Betsy Traben, Clerk of Council

David H. Roche, Council President