

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

Council President, David Roche, called the meeting to order at 8:21 PM

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Roll Call:

Present: Alexander, Gambatese, Keyerleber, Morgan, O'Toole, Roche

Excused: Henry

Motion to excuse Henry- Alexander motioned, Gambatese seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

Consent Agenda for Tonight:

1. Minutes of the City Council Meeting from July 8, 2008

Motion to accept by Morgan, seconded by Gambatese. Motion passed 6-0.

**REPORTS:**

**Mayor Ursu:** Commented on the Rich Hts School Choir and how stellar their performance last meeting was. He would like to invite them to sing at the Park at some point.

**Fire Chief Cek:** YTD 768 alarms, 78% EMS, 169 fires and misc. We are down 1.3% from 2007. He thanked Firefighter Bus for his work on getting the grant for \$44K.

**Police Chief Rowe:** We have 2 new cars and we have changed the markings a bit. He said he will be giving the Law Director a list of cars that they are selling. The calls for service are up 7% this year and arrests are up 27%.

**Building Commissioner, Rodic:** The Systematic Housing Inspection Program is continuing. Streets presently under inspection are Harris, Hillcrest and Balmoral.

**Finance Director, Rossiter:** The new Finance Clerk is improving in his skills and is doing well. She reported that she will be on vacation for the rest of this week.

**Development Director, Gase:** At 264 Rich Rd, the Phypers home, gas is restored and there is new water piping. Will water be available to run through the new pipes soon? We need to resolve an issue between Cleveland Water and the Phypers home over a big water bill.

Morgan asked how they can have a Lemon Aid Social in August with no water.

Gase asked the Clerk of Council to look for any notices from the Hillcrest Council of Councils on upcoming meetings.

**Service Director, Lazar:** Striping continues and will be complete soon. Discussed trash containers in the City.

**City Engineer, Courtney:** Road program is continuing on Swetland and Fairlawn. Hillary is next. Highland Ridge is into construction on water and paving, Phase II soon. High Rd working on repairs with the contractor there and the Service Dept is working with them.

O'Toole said a resident on Swetland had a complaint on grass. After 2 years, it is not growing in nicely. We should be working to replant soon. Courtney said this is an issue with the contractor.

**Recreation Director, Drda:** Family Day and the Parade was obviously rained out. The Parade was to be the biggest yet this year. Everyone is still upset on the outcome of this all. The 5K Race went on though, before the rain hit. We had over 150 runners this year and it went well. This is the first year we've had a rain out of Family Day. Tomorrow night, the Singing Angels will be at the Park from 6-8pm. The Lifeguard Challenge will be at Bexley Park in South Euclid this Saturday night at 7pm.

### **Audience:**

**Dorian Waller, Manager from Time Warner Cable:** She discussed Digital Transition Cable, which is to start on Feb 17, 2009. The FCC requires switching from analogue to digital signal. Most new TV's have a digital tuner built in, but other TV's will require a digital converter box. They are offering \$40 coupons to people to purchase one. You can go on the website: [www.dtv.gov.com](http://www.dtv.gov.com) or can call the FCC at 1-888-388-2009 for more information. She passed out information/fliers on this, which will be up at City Hall.

Todd Hunt asked if Time Warner will change its tiers of service. Waller said she doesn't foresee another change coming about. Hunt asked if all the broudcasters and cable companies are changing at the same time and Waller said they are. Hunt asked when and if Time Warner is opting out of its franchise with Rich Hts? He noted that a petition was filed on June 13<sup>th</sup> but that they have not applied yet. Waller said she is not aware of anything yet.

**Vida Habjan** , resident, asked if Time Warner is in Rich Hts? Hunt said no, they are operating under a franchise. The State took away the franchise authority, but will operate under the State franchise and the State is to govern the relationship. This should open the doors to more cable companies, but it is not necessarily doing so. Gambatese said Yes, they are.

**OLD BUSINESS:** -none-

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**RESOLUTION NO.: 57 -2008, INTRODUCED BY MAYOR & COUNCIL, FIRST READING**

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE RICHMOND HEIGHTS LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL LEVY ON THE BALLOT ON AUGUST 5, 2008.

- Alexander motioned for suspension of the rules, Morgan seconded. Motion passed 6-0.
- O'Toole motioned for passage of Res 57-2008, Gambatese seconded. Motion for passage 6-0.

**RESOLUTION NO.: 58 -2008, INTRODUCED BY ALEXANDER, FIRST READING**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY'S CONTINUED PARTICIPATION IN THE OHIO SCHOOLS COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM FOR 2008-2009; AND DECLATING AN EMERGENCY.

- Alexander motioned for suspension of the rules, O'Toole seconded. Motion passed 6-0.
- Morgan motioned for passage of Res 58-2008, Gambatese seconded. Motion for passage 6-0.

**RESOLUTION NO.: 59 -2008, INTRODUCED BY MAYOR & COUNCIL, FIRST READING**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO MAKE APPLICATION TO THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR DRUG ABUSE RESISTANCE EDUCATION (DARE) FUNDS FOR THE 2008-2009 SCHOOL YEAR.

- Gambatese motioned for suspension of the rules, O'Toole seconded. Motion passed 6-0.
- Gambatese motioned for passage of Res 59-2008, Alexander seconded. Motion for passage 6-0.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Clerk read letter from East Cleveland Fire Dept.

**MOTIONS:**

1) Motion for a new controller at Highland/Trebisky Road from Signal Services, for \$7,400 to come out of capital.

Gambatese motioned, Alexander seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

2) Motion for the purchase of two Mobile Data Terminals from GTSI Corp, at a State Bid Price not to exceed \$8,000 to come from capital.

Keyerleber motioned, O'Toole seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

3) Motion to authorize expense of \$1,995 for a matching fund for the Cascade System grant, to come from capital.

Alexander motioned, Morgan seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion was made by Roche, seconded by O'Toole to adjourn this July 22, 2008 City Council Meeting at 9:07 PM

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Betsy Traben, Clerk of Council

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David H. Roche, Council President