

**City Council Meeting
City of Richmond Heights
August 12, 2008**

Council President, David Roche, called the meeting to order at 8:36 PM

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Roll Call:

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

Excused: Henry

Motion to excuse Henry- Roche motioned, O'Toole seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

Consent Agenda for Tonight:

1. Minutes of the City Council Meeting from July 22, 2008
2. Resolution 64-2008, A Resolution Congratulating June and Frank Anselmo on the Occasion of their 40th Wedding Anniversary.
3. Resolution 65-2008, A Resolution Congratulating Mary and Charles Liskay on the Occasion of their 60th Wedding Anniversary.

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

REPORTS:

Mayor Ursu: He congratulated the 2 Anniversary couples tonight...between the 2 of them they have 100 years of marriage! He presented both couples with framed resolutions.

Fire Chief Cek: YTD 836 alarms, 653 EMS, 78% of total, 183 fires and misc, which is down 3.2%

Police Chief Rowe: -excused-

Building Commissioner, Rodic: There were 95 permits issued in July, 5 were for new homes. The City has issued 22 new homes this year and ranks second in Cuyahoga County new home construction. The Bldg Dept has completed inspections on 785 housing units, as part of the Systematic Housing Inspection Program. Follow-ups are in progress. The former Lentine's Building is being renovated as a daycare center.

Finance Director, Rossiter: Called about the water bill on the Phypers property, and hopefully the bill is corrected now. The City has joined the Workers Comp Safety Council, which will save us 10% if we attend all the meetings.

Development Director, Gase: No report.

Service Director, Lazar: Found the old sign for Greenwood Estates and will put it up.

City Engineer, Courtney: Woods of Richmond- Republic Developers have the new contract, Highland Ridge- finished the water main and soon will be working on the water connections and paving.

Recreation Director, Drda: -excused-

Audience:

Gambatese added that some of the flags in the City are looking old and tattered, (near the bank area) and maybe should be retired. Rodic will look into that.

OLD BUSINESS: -none-

NEW BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE NO.: 60 -2008, INTRODUCED BY MAYOR URSU, FIRST READING
AN ORDINANCE THAT THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEIGHTS, OHIO, WILL PICK UP THE STATUTORILY REQUIRED CONTRIBUTION TO THE OHIO PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM ("OPERS") FOR THE EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY PURSUANT TO INTERNAL REVENUE CODE SECTION 414 (H) (2) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

- **MOTION WAS MADE BY GAMBATESE AND SECONDED BY MORGAN TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCE AS PROVIDED IN SEC. 121.22 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCE. THE MOTION PASSED 6-0.**
- **MOTION WAS MADE BY GAMBATESE, SECONDED BY MORGAN TO PASS ORDINANCE NO. 60-2008. THE MOTION PASSED 6- 0.**

RESOLUTION NO.: 61 -2008, INTRODUCED BY ALEXANDER, FIRST READING
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A WORKERS' COMPENSATION GROUP RATING PROGRAM EMPLOYER ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH INTEGRATED CONSULTING SERVICES, LTD.

- **MOTION WAS MADE BY O'TOOLE AND SECONDED BY GAMBATESE TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCE AS PROVIDED IN SEC. 121.22 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCE. THE MOTION PASSED 6-0.**
- **MOTION WAS MADE BY MORGAN, SECONDED BY GAMBATESE TO PASS RESOLUTION NO. 61-2008. THE MOTION PASSED 6- 0.**

ORDINANCE NO.: 62 -2008, INTRODUCED BY MAYOR URSU, 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.

- **MOTION WAS MADE BY GAMBATESE AND SECONDED BY O'TOOLE TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCE AS PROVIDED IN SEC. 121.22 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCE. THE MOTION PASSED 6-0.**
- **MOTION WAS MADE BY GAMBATESE, SECONDED BY KEYERLEBER TO PASS ORDINANCE NO. 62-2008. THE MOTION PASSED 6- 0.**

RESOLUTION NO.: 63 -2008, INTRODUCED BY GAMBATESE, FIRST READING
A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A BID FOR A BREATHING AIR SYSTEM FOR THE DIVISION OF FIRE AND AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT THEREFOR.

- **MOTION WAS MADE BY GAMBATESE AND SECONDED BY O'TOOLE TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCE AS PROVIDED IN SEC. 121.22 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCE. THE MOTION PASSED 6-0.**
- **MOTION WAS MADE BY GAMBATESE, SECONDED BY KEYERLEBER TO PASS RESOLUTION NO. 2-2008. THE MOTION PASSED 6- 0.**

ORDINANCE NO.: 66 -2008, INTRODUCED BY ALEXANDER, FIRST READING
AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL FUND TO BE DESIGNATED AS THE "GENERAL RESERVE FUND".

- **MOTION WAS MADE BY GAMBATESE AND SECONDED BY MORGAN TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCE AS PROVIDED IN SEC. 121.22 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCE. THE MOTION PASSED 6-0.**
- **MOTION WAS MADE BY O'TOOLE, SECONDED BY GAMBATESE TO PASS ORDINANCE NO. 66-2008. THE MOTION PASSED 6- 0.**

CORRESPONDENCE: -none-

ADDITIONS:

Discussion was had on feeding of wild animals in the City. Gambatese had a call from a resident who had concerns that the neighbor was feeding deer. Gambatese said the City has an ordinance on this and thought it may be a good idea to put an article in the City Edition about this. It would provide a good forum to address the problem, since it would otherwise be difficult to enforce.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Roche, seconded by O'Toole to adjourn this August 12, 2008 City Council Meeting at 9:05 PM

Betsy Traben, Clerk of Council

David H. Roche, Council President