

**City Council Meeting  
City of Richmond Heights  
September 9, 2008**

Council President, David Roche, called the meeting to order at 8:35 PM

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Roll Call:

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

Excused: Alexander

Motion was made by Morgan, seconded by O'Toole to excuse Alexander. Motion was passed 6-0.

Consent Agenda:

- Minutes of the City Council Meeting from August 26, 2008
- Resolution 69-2008: A Resolution Congratulating the Richmond heights Garden Club on the Occasion of its 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

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

**REPORTS:**

Mayor Ursu: Presented Res 69-2008 to Aire Roche, President of the Garden Club. Announced how the Community Cultural Commission will supplement the Police Dept with the mediation program, and try to mend things between neighbors before problems occur. He also said that Don Lazar and Chief Rowe were at dinners tonight, and Lynda Rossiter was at a conference.

Fire Chief Cek: YTD 937 alarms, 735 EMS, which is 78% of the total, with 202 fires and misc. We are down 3% since 2007. The firefighters have completed their current paramedics course and have worked on public education issues in the area. Commended the public education that firefighters Sylvestro, Rice and Schneider have done.

Police Chief Rowe: -excused-

Per Mayor Ursu, the Juvenile Diversion Program started last week. Juveniles in the program will be doing community service for their crimes.

Building Commissioner, Rodic: The Building Dept has issued 86 permits in the month of August. We are working towards wrapping up this year's installment of the housing program. We've certified the occupancies of the new patient registration and emergency room expansion projects at University Hospitals in Richmond Heights.

Finance Director, Rossiter: -excused-

Development Director, Gase: No report tonight.

Service Director, Lazar: -excused-

Per Mayor Ursu, at 434 Richmond Rd, there was a storm water problem they are dealing with. The Service Dept is also working on tree trimming on Gleeten and Foxlair, as well as catch basin repairs.

City Engineer, Courtney: It's been fairly quiet in the Woods of Richmond. Highland Ridge is working on paving in Phase 1B, Catlin is doing concrete repairs, Snavely and Gleeten are working on manhole repairs and die testing by the county.

Recreation Director, Drda: Soccer started last Wednesday, the Craft class will start in mid-October, and Basketball signups have begun. Drda went to the School Board meeting tonight on the upcoming school levy, and she said she was impressed with the new superintendent. They are looking to raise money for the levy, with some things they are planning, such as the School Carnival on Saturday, October 27 from 12-3. Gambatese, who was also at the School Board meeting, said there were some great hand-outs at the meeting and it was a good turnout.

**Additional Comments:**

Gambatese added that the next Cultural Commission meeting is October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Persons with interest in working with the community, please come.

**Audience:**

Ron Wolf, 4459 Gilmore Lane: Said one of his neighbor's is a pack rat, with a very messy garage. But, thanks to Dr. Phil, the house has been cleaned up. He hopes they maintain the new look. He asked about the weeds on Donna Drive. They were trimmed, but only ½ way and they need further trimming.

Aire Roche, resident on Donald Ave, and wife to Council President, Dave Roche, discussed the School Board meeting, that she attended tonight. She said that she and Gambatese both were there to represent Council. She added that the School Board does need to update their bulletin board, and hopes they do that soon.

Mayor Ursu and Council President Roche called for a moment of silence, reflecting on the events of September 11, 2001.

**OLD BUSINESS:** -none-

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**ORDINANCE NO.: 70-2008, 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.

- 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 GAMBATESE, SECONDED BY O'TOOLE TO PASS ORDINANCE NO. 70-2008. THE MOTION PASSED 6- 0.

**RESOLUTION NO.: 71-2008, INTRODUCED BY MORGAN, FIRST READING**

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE ACTION OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS WITH RESPECT TO VARIANCES FOR A FENCE AT 1 MERIT DRIVE.

- 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 GAMBATESE, SECONDED BY HENRY TO PASS RESOLUTION NO. 71-2008. THE MOTION PASSED 6- 0.

**RESOLUTION NO.: 72-2008, INTRODUCED BY MORGAN, FIRST READING**

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE ACTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION APPROVING A SITE PLAN FOR AN ACCESSORY BUILDING AT 24400 HIGHLAND ROAD.

\* THIS WILL BE HELD FOR SECOND READING.

**RESOLUTION NO.: 73-2008, INTRODUCED BY MORGAN, FIRST READING**

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE ACTION OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS WITH RESPECT TO A YARD SETBACK VARIANCE AT 465 CATLIN DRIVE.

- MOTION WAS MADE BY MORGAN 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 GAMBATESE, SECONDED BY KEYERLEBER TO PASS RESOLUTION NO. 73-2008. THE MOTION PASSED 6- 0.

**ORDINANCE NO.: 74-2008, INTRODUCED BY ROCHE, FIRST READING**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 121.20, "STANDING COMMITTEES", OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE TO ESTABLISH AN AUDIT COMMITTEE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

- MOTION WAS MADE BY MORGAN 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 GAMBATESE, SECONDED BY HENRY TO PASS ORDINANCE NO. 74-2008. THE MOTION PASSED 6- 0.

ADDITIONS: -none-

CORRESPONDENCE: Clerk Traben read letters of appreciation to the Fire Dept from Willoughby Fire Dept and a resident on Claymore.

Morgan said that resident on Dumbarton, Barbara Profal, donated an artifact for the Greenwood Farm library, a program from the City Tour of 1993.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Roche, seconded by Morgan to adjourn this September 9, 2008 City Council Meeting at 9:08 PM

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Betsy Traben, Clerk of Council

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David H. Roche, Council President