

**City Council Meeting
City of Richmond Heights
September 23, 2008**

Council President, David Roche, called the meeting to order at 9:25 PM

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Roll Call:

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

Consent Agenda:

- Minutes of the City Council Meeting from September 9, 2008

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

REPORTS:

Mayor Ursu: The City Edition has been published and will be going out this week. Let us know if you do not get it soon. Don Lazar is at a dinner tonight, so I will report for him.

Fire Chief Cek: On Wed, Sept 17th, there was a fire at Steve & Barry's at Richmond Mall. There was smoke damage, and the fire was started in a box of clothing. There is \$142,981 generated with the EMS Billing Fund.

Police Chief Rowe: On October 30th at the Richmond Mall, there will be a Halloween event. The Juvenile Diversion program has started with 12 kids, but 6 opted for the program and have been sanctioned already.

Building Commissioner, Rodic: The Building Dept certified an occupancy permit for a group home housing 3 disabled adults and a caregiver at 401 Dumbarton Boulevard. Rodic explained that group homes exist in other areas of the City and are a permitted use. They are regulated by the Dept of Human Services.

Finance Director, Rossiter: The last 2 weeks, she has been to quite a few conferences, working on leadership skills, financial software and there have been good sessions on strategic planning and audit comments.

Development Director, Gase: No report tonight.

Service Director, Lazar: -excused-

Per Mayor Ursu, the Service Dept has been working on the apron by the Fire Dept, the water breaks on Meadowlane, painting at the Phypers property and working on the chipping from the storm damage debris.

City Engineer, Courtney: The Woods of Richmond is progressing slowly; Highland Ridge has half the paving in. The Road Program from Catlin to Donna Drive has asphalt crews working on them, and Hillary will be soon.

O'Toole asked about the asphalt grinding.

Gambatese said a resident on Swetland wondered about the road repair, since they are re-doing their apron, but do not want to do it if the road repair is coming soon. Courtney said the extension of concrete curbs will probably go to Swetland next year, but he will look into that and check the address of the concerned resident.

Recreation Director, Drda: The Craft Show on November 1st is full without any advertising. The School is planning on having a Carnival to raise money for the school and levy committee on this Saturday from 12-3pm.

Audience:

Lynda Pliodzinkas, School Board member said that last Saturday the drop off list for the Levy Committee was pretty successful with the volunteers. She was very appreciative of everyone's help.

OLD BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION NO.: 72-2008, INTRODUCED BY MORGAN, SECOND READING
A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE ACTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION APPROVING A SITE PLAN FOR AN ACCESSORY BUILDING AT 24400 HIGHLAND ROAD.

- 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 7-0.
- MOTION WAS MADE BY GAMBATESE, SECONDED BY O'TOOLE TO PASS RESOLUTION NO. 72-2008. THE MOTION PASSED 7- 0.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION NO.: 75 -2008, INTRODUCED BY MAYOR URSU AND ALL OF COUNCIL, FIRST READING
A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE RICHMOND HEIGHTS LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT LEVY ON THE BALLOT ON NOVEMBER 4, 2008.

- MOTION WAS MADE BY O'TOOLE AND SECONDED BY HENRY TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCE AS PROVIDED IN SEC. 121.22 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCE. THE MOTION PASSED 7-0.
- MOTION WAS MADE BY O'TOOLE, SECONDED BY ALEXANDER TO PASS RESOLUTION NO. 75-2008. THE MOTION PASSED 7- 0.

ORDINANCE NO.: 76-2008, INTRODUCED BY ROCHE, FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1304.16, "ROOF DRAINAGE", AND SUBSECTION 304.7, "ROOFS AND DRAINAGE", OF SECTION 1309.05 OF THE BUILDING CODE TO PERMIT THE USE OF APPROVED RAIN BARRELS AS A MEANS OF COLLECTING STORM WATER.

- HOLD TO DISCUSS FURTHER IN THE PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE.

RESOLUTION NO.: 77-2008, INTRODUCED BY MAYOR & COUNCIL, FIRST READING

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR OF DAPHNE J. EVANS AS A MEMBER OF THE RECREATION BOARD OF THE CITY, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE RICHMOND HEIGHTS SCHOOL BOARD.

- MOTION WAS MADE BY MORGAN 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 7-0.
- MOTION WAS MADE BY HENRY, SECONDED BY GAMBATESE TO PASS RESOLUTION NO. 71-2008. THE MOTION PASSED 7- 0.

ADDITIONS: -none-

CORRESPONDENCE: -none-

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Roche, seconded by Morgan to adjourn this September 23, 2008 City Council Meeting at 9:50 PM

Betsy Traben, Clerk of Council

David H. Roche, Council President