

**City Council Meeting
City of Richmond Heights
January 13, 2009**

Council President, David Roche, called the meeting to order at 9:08 PM

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Roll Call:

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

Excused: Henry

Gambatese motioned to excuse Henry for tonight's meeting and Keyerleber seconded.
Motion passed 6-0.

Consent Agenda:

1. Minutes of the City Council Meeting from December 23, 2008
2. RESOLUTION NO.: 1-2009, INTRODUCED BY MAYOR & COUNCIL, FIRST READING: A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE RE-APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR OF LISA C. TAYLOR TO THE RECREATION BOARD OF THE CITY.
3. RESOLUTION NO.: 2-2009, INTRODUCED BY MAYOR & COUNCIL, FIRST READING: A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE RE-APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR OF DAPHNE EVANS TO THE RECREATION BOARD OF THE CITY.

Motion to accept the Consent Agenda by Gambatese, seconded by Morgan.

Motion passed 6-0.

REPORTS:

Mayor Ursu: Ward Council Members should please make a recommendation for the Commission on Aging to me, as soon as possible. Happy New Year!

Fire Chief Cek: In 2008, the State mandated certification, and discussed the trainings. On Thursday, Dec 9th, \$210K has been generated for the EMS Fund.

Police Chief Rowe: -excused-

Building Commissioner, Rodic: There were 32 permits issued in December, 1 was for a new home. In 2008, 769 permits were issued, accounting for 21 million dollars in construction and 30 new homes generating nearly \$250,000 in receipts. In 2007, 851 permits were issued, accounting for 36 million dollars in construction and 27 new homes generating \$160,000 in receipts.

Finance Director, Rossiter: The 1st draft of the Budget will be presented Friday afternoon, with the budget meeting scheduled for the Jan 24th meeting. The State Auditors are almost done with their field work from 2005-2006. They may get back

logged with the results, as staffing is down. She would like to discuss more in the Audit Committee on things the City can do regarding this.

Development Director, Gase: No report tonight.

Service Director, Lazar: As of this date, we have used 600 tons of salt, and we need another 200 tons to fill the bin. We are hauling snow out of the cul-de-sacs and need to do painting in the jail cells.

City Engineer, Courtney: The 1st home in Highland Ridge will start shortly.

Recreation Director, Drda: -excused, at OPRA Conference-

Audience: -no comments-

OLD BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION NO.: 99-2008, INTRODUCED BY MAYOR & ALL OF COUNCIL, FIRST READING

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE MUNICIPAL FOREMEN AND LABORERS' UNION LOCAL 1099, FOR THE YEARS 2007 THROUGH 2009; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

- MOTION WAS MADE BY ALEXANDER, SECONDED BY GAMBATESE TO PASS RESOLUTION NO.: 99-2008. THE MOTION PASSED 6-0.

RESOLUTION NO.: 100-2008, INTRODUCED BY MAYOR & COUNCIL, FIRST READING

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIRE FIGHTERS, LOCAL 2009, AFL-CIO, FOR THE YEARS 2007 THROUGH 2009; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

- MOTION WAS MADE BY MORGAN, SECONDED BY ALEXANDER TO PASS RESOLUTION NO.: 100-2008. THE MOTION PASSED 6-0.

RESOLUTION NO.: 101-2008, INTRODUCED BY MAYOR & COUNCIL, FIRST READING

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE, LODGE #57, FOR THE YEARS 2007 THROUGH 2009; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

- MOTION WAS MADE BY MORGANB, SECONDED BY GAMBATESE TO PASS RESOLUTION NO.: 101-2008. THE MOTION PASSED 6-0.

RESOLUTION NO.: 102-2008, INTRODUCED BY MAYOR & COUNCIL, FIRST READING

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO PATROLMEN'S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION FOR THE YEARS 2007 THROUGH 2009; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

- MOTION WAS MADE BY GAMBATESE, SECONDED BY ALEXANDER TO PASS RESOLUTION NO.: 102-2008. THE MOTION PASSED 6-0.

ORDINANCE NO: 107 -2008, INTRODUCED BY ALEXANDER, FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARY, COMPENSATION, BONDS, VACATIONS, SICK LEAVE, RATES OF PAY AND OTHER BENEFITS FOR VARIOUS OFFICES, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEIGHTS FOR THE YEARS 2007, 2008 AND 2009; REPEALING SUCH PREVIOUS PAY SCHEDULE ORDINANCES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

- MOTION WAS MADE BY ALEXANDER, SECONDED BY GAMBATESE TO PASS ORDINANCE NO.: 107-2008. THE MOTION PASSED 6-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION NO.: 3- 2009, INTRODUCED BY ALEXANDER, FIRST READING

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH TIME WARNER CABLE FOR INTERNET SERVICE.

- MOTION WAS MADE BY ALEXANDER 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 O'TOOLE, SECONDED BY GAMBATESE TO PASS RESOLUTION NO.: 3-2009. THE MOTION PASSED 6-0.

ORDINANCE NO.: 4 -2009, 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 NOS. 27-2008, 51-2008, 70-2008, 81-2008, 96-2008 AND 122-2008; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

- MOTION WAS MADE BY ALEXANDER 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 O'TOOLE, SECONDED BY GAMBATESE TO PASS ORDINANCE NO.: 4-2009. THE MOTION PASSED 6-0.

ORDINANCE NO.: 5 -2009, INTRODUCED BY GAMBATESE, FIRST READING
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE BY PUBLIC BID OF VEHICLES NO LONGER NEEDED FOR CITY PURPOSES.

- 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 ALEXANDER TO PASS ORDINANCE NO.: 5-2009. THE MOTION PASSED 6-0.

RESOLUTION NO.: 6-2009, INTRODUCED BY MORGAN, FIRST READING
A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE ACTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION WITH RESPECT TO THE APPROVAL OF A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT AND A SITE PLAN FOR A VEHICLE RENTAL BUSINESS FACILITY AT 760 RICHMOND ROAD.

- 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 6-0.
- MOTION WAS MADE BY O'TOOLE, SECONDED BY GAMBATESE TO PASS RESOLUTION NO.: 6-2009. THE MOTION PASSED 6-0.

ADDITIONS:

Motion to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with HzW Environmental Consultants to prepare a cost estimate for an Environmental Assessment in the amount not to exceed \$500.00.

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

CORRESPONDENCE: -none-

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Roche, seconded by Gambatese to adjourn this January 13, 2009 City Council Meeting at 9:28 PM

Betsy Traben, Clerk of Council

David H. Roche, Council President