

**City Council Meeting
City of Richmond Heights
October 27, 2009**

Council President, David Roche, called the meeting to order at 8:15 PM

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Roll Call:

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

Consent Agenda for Tonight:

- Minutes from City Council Meeting of October 13, 2009

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

Motion passed 7-0.

REPORTS:

Mayor Ursu: -excused-

Fire Chief Cek: YTD there have been 1182 alarms, which is up 5% since 2008. EMS reports are at 944, Fires- 238. The EMS Fund generated \$185K so far this year. See memo attached to Clerk's minutes.

Police Chief Rowe: There have been 5,137 calls for service this year, with 484 arrests, 2,048 citations. This Thursday there will be Halloween Mall Madness trick-or-treating in the mall for kids from 6-8pm.

Building Inspector, Spada: -Excused-

Report per Council President Roche, - The BP Station is scheduled for demolition the 3rd week of November. The tanks have already been removed. They are busy dealing with the court case with the Richmond Place condo Association vs. Robert Jacob (hoarding issue).

Finance Director, Rossiter: Working on the CDBG grant applications and the first draft of the budget.

Development Director, Lee Gase: Saw an article in the West Shore Sun about renovation of a 115 yr old house in Bay Village. It's a fascinating story, as well as interesting in how they are funding this.

Service Director, Lazar: Leaf pick up has started, and we are hoping the City will get done before the snow hits. He is working with the school custodian on the park drive. In the morning it is chaos and worried with the snow coming on how that will be handled.

Roche asked about the request that someone had on the tennis courts and sealing them. Lazar said this issue will be taken care of, and that it is a cost issue. We have been taking care of it on our own.

City Engineer, Courtney: Working on crack sealing, and the Road Program lists for streets.

Recreation Director, Drda: The Halloween Fall Fest is from 6-7:30pm on Friday, October 30th with a hayride.

Morgan thanked Drda for escorting her group through the Lodge.

Audience:

Vida Habian, 4459 Raven Lane

Regarding the tennis courts: At Richmond Place Condos, they are repaved and they re-did the courts due to an insurance liability issue. Maybe that would be a reason to re-do the ones at the City Park?

Lazar said the City is taking care of it.

OLD BUSINESS: -none-

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION NO.: 69 -2009, INTRODUCED BY MAYOR & COUNCIL, FIRST READING

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FROM THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEIGHTS FOR A CITY-WIDE BROADBAND DEVELOPMENT PROJECT TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT FOR ITS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

- MOTION WAS MADE BY MORGAN AND SECONDED BY ALEXANDER 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 MORGAN, SECONDED BY KEYERLEBER TO PASS RESOLUTION NO.: 69-2009. THE MOTION PASSED 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO.: 70 -2009, INTRODUCED BY MAYOR & COUNCIL, FIRST READING

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FROM THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEIGHTS FOR A CITY SIDEWALK PROGRAM TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT FOR ITS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

- MOTION WAS MADE BY GAMBATESE AND SECONDED BY ALEXANDER 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 GAMBATESE TO PASS RESOLUTION NO.: 69-2009. THE MOTION PASSED 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO.: 71 -2009, INTRODUCED BY GAMBATESE, FIRST READING
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CERTAIN CONTRACT FOR PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES FROM THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR 2010.

- 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 7-0.
- MOTION WAS MADE BY MORGAN, SECONDED BY HENRY TO PASS RESOLUTION NO.: 70-2009. THE MOTION PASSED 7-0.

ADDITIONS: -NONE-

CORRESPONDENCE: Gambatese reminded folks that on Sunday, November 1st from 1-3pm will be a tour at Greenwood Farms.

The Clerk shared a poster made by children at the Richmond Hts Christian School, thanking the Fire Dept for the tour and information taught.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Morgan, seconded by Roche to adjourn this October 27, 2009 City Council Meeting at 8:35 PM

Betsy Traben, Clerk of Council

David H. Roche, Council President