

**City Council Meeting
City of Richmond Heights
December 8, 2009**

Council President, David Roche, called the meeting to order at 8:33 PM

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Roll Call:

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

Consent Agenda for Tonight:

1. Minutes of the City Council Meeting from November 24, 2009.- revised

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

Motion passed 7-0.

REPORTS:

Mayor Ursu: Introduced Aimee Lane to the audience, and thanked her for coming in place of Law Director, Todd Hunt for tonight. Hunt is in a Mentoring program for Mentor High School students. He excused Spada and Rowe for tonight.

Fire Chief Cek: Congrats to Ursu, Roche and O'Toole for their re-appointments on Council (tonight they had the swearing in before the meeting), and he welcomed Headen to Council. YTD, we have had 1364 alarms, which is up 7%, EMS is up 7%. He said that because of all the new senior living and nursing homes in the area, they estimate their EMS calls with go up even higher.

Mayor Ursu asked Chief Cek to explain the demands and how mutual aid works to the audience tonight.

Police Chief Rowe: -Excused-

Building Inspector, Spada: -Excused-

Report per Ursu: the Building dept had 80 permits in November.

Finance Director, Rossiter: The notices from the Auditor of State will no longer give out paper copies. Everything will come by email to a certain number of employees in the City. Arrangements for the 2007-2008 audits are being made for January. The gas supplier will decrease their cost a bit to the City.

Development Director, Lee Gase: No report.

Service Director, Lazar: -Excused-

Report per Mayor Ursu: The leaf pick up will continue as needed, weather permitting. They are installing a snow fence on the city property.

City Engineer, Courtney: The retaining wall by the DQ is continuing, and the emergency access road at Donna Drive has commenced. Highland Road has smooth pavement, where the water main broke.

Recreation Director, Drda: Basketball is up and running with 120 kids. We are working on the City Edition. Breakfast with Santa went very well last weekend. We hope to show a slide show at the next Council meeting.

Audience:

Aaron Burko, School Board (new elect): He thanked Council for their support with the School Levy, as he was the co-chair on the Levy Committee.

Morgan and Roche announced that their will be a Finance Budget meeting this Saturday, December 12th from 9am- 4pm, with a number of budget items on the agenda.

OLD BUSINESS: -none-

NEW BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE NO.: 82 -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, 2009; TO AMEND ORDINANCE NOS. 14-2009, 36-2009, 44-2009, 53-2009, 56-2009 AND 65-2009; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

- 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 7-0.
- MOTION WAS MADE BY MORGAN, SECONDED BY GAMBATESE TO PASS ORDINANCE NO.: 82-2009. THE MOTION PASSED 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO.: 83 -2009, INTRODUCED BY ALEXANDER, FIRST READING
A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY AUDITOR TO ADVANCE TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS FROM THE PROCEEDS OF TAX LEVIES PURSUANT TO SECTION 321.34 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE; 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 7-0.
- MOTION WAS MADE BY MORGAN, SECONDED BY HENRY TO PASS RESOLUTION NO.: 83-2009. THE MOTION PASSED 7-0.

ADDITIONS: -NONE-

CORRESPONDENCE: The Clerk read a congrats letter from Rep Kenny Yuko to the newly sworn in Council members and Mayor.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Morgan, seconded by Roche to adjourn this December 8, 2009 City Council Meeting at 8:55 PM

Betsy Traben, Clerk of Council

David H. Roche, Council President