

**City Council Meeting
City of Richmond Heights
December 22, 2009**

Council President, David Roche, called the meeting to order at 9:05 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 December 8, 2009.
2. Minutes of the Special City Council Meeting from December 15, 2009.

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

Motion passed 7-0.

REPORTS:

Mayor Ursu: He wished everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and Happy New Year. He congratulated Council for establishing a budget that we've stuck to this past year. We have some challenging times ahead with the budget, but we will prosper.

Fire Chief Cek: -excused-

Police Chief Rowe: Info from the State on the new vehicles. They will be \$200 more for the cars in 2010, which is reasonable. YTD we have had 6400 calls for service, down from 2008. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Roche asked when they will be buying new cars. Rossiter said when the money is passed, and it is not in the Temporary Budget right now.

Building Inspector, Spada: Thanked Council for excusing him this semester for his classes. He said that Dunn Hardware will be opening up on Monday, Dec 28th. They have completed 29 addresses on the appeals list.

Roche asked about the rubbish collection count on homes. We have 3750, but it may be too high. The numbers need to be fine tuned.

Headen asked about the square footage of Dunn Hardware. It is 15,000, which is a bigger and brighter space for them.

Gambatese asked how much empty retail space the City has. She'd like to see numbers and details on that.

Headen said it would also be useful to divide that info by Business District zones and wards.

Rossiter added that Dunn Hardware numbers were not in the budget this year, so that will add to the positives.

Finance Director, Rossiter: Thanked Mark Paluf and Don Lazar for the storage space and capabilities to store the back-up tapes. We've been busy and we wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Development Director, Lee Gase: Months ago, he received a phone call from a realtor (probably for Dunn Hardware) looking for space for a business and he advised them on a location. He is hopeful it was them. There is lots of excavation activity at the former BP Station, with monitoring wells and underground activity. Spada said there was a dispute between CVS and BP over the canopy- who to take it down. Gase said that lists are available of office space in the City and they were handing it out at the Expo.

Service Director, Lazar: -Excused-

City Engineer, Courtney: At BP, there is a full time person on hand there monitoring the hazardous material. At Highland Ridge- the Donna Drive emergency road is complete and can be used now.

Roche asked about Sears Auto and the soil testing there. Courtney said it is an on-going process. Gase said the groundwater moves through the sites and often moves the contamination around.

Recreation Director, Drda: -excused-

Audience: -none-

OLD BUSINESS: -none-

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION NO.: 85 -2009, INTRODUCED BY ALEXANDER, FIRST READING
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH ANTHEM BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD FOR HEALTH INSURANCE FOR 2010.

- 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 7-0.
- MOTION WAS MADE BY MORGAN, SECONDED BY GAMBATESE TO PASS RESOLUTION NO.: 85-2009. THE MOTION PASSED 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO.: 86 -2009, INTRODUCED BY MAYOR URSU, FIRST READING
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH INTERSTATE GAS SUPPLY, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF NATURAL GAS FOR CITY FACILITIES.

- 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 GAMBATESE TO PASS RESOLUTION NO.: 86-2009. THE MOTION PASSED 7-0.

ORDINANCE NO.: 87 -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, AND TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 14-2009, 44-2009, 65-2009, AND 82-2009, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

- MOTION WAS MADE BY HENRY 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 HENRY TO PASS ORDINANCE NO.: 87-2009. THE MOTION PASSED 7-0.

ORDINANCE NO.: 88 -2009, INTRODUCED BY ALEXANDER, FIRST READING
AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR TEMPORART APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEIGHTS, STATE OF OHIO, FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2010.

- 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 O'TOOLE, SECONDED BY HENRY TO PASS ORDINANCE NO.: 88-2009. THE MOTION PASSED 7-0.

RESOLUTIONS 89-96 2009 WILL BE GROUPED TOGETHER IN ONE MOTION.

RESOLUTION NO.: 89 -2009, INTRODUCED BY MAYOR & COUNCIL, FIRST READING
A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE RE-APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR OF VLADIMIR MACEK AS A MEMBER OF THE ARCHITECTURAL BOARD OF REVIEW OF THE CITY.

- 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 GAMBATESE, SECONDED BY MORGAN TO PASS RESOLUTIONS NOS.: 89-96 -2009. HEADEN ABSTAINED ON PASSAGE. THE MOTION PASSED 6-0-1.

RESOLUTIONS 90-96 2009 WERE EACH READ SEPARATELY BUT VOTED ON TOGETHER WITH RESOLUTION 89-2009.

RESOLUTION NO.: 90 -2009, INTRODUCED BY MAYOR & COUNCIL, FIRST READING

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE RE-APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR OF JAI KADAMBI AS A MEMBER OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS.

*** PASSED**

RESOLUTION NO.: 91 -2009, INTRODUCED BY MAYOR & COUNCIL, FIRST READING

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE RE-APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR OF NOELLA M. BURROWS AS A MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION ON AGING OF THE CITY.

*** PASSED**

RESOLUTION NO.: 92 -2009, INTRODUCED BY MAYOR & COUNCIL, FIRST READING

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE RE-APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR OF FRANK JOHNS AS A MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION ON AGING OF THE CITY.

*** PASSED**

RESOLUTION NO.: 93 -2009, INTRODUCED BY MAYOR & COUNCIL, FIRST READING

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE RE-APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR OF TERRY L. BUTLER TO BE A MEMBER OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY.

*** PASSED**

RESOLUTION NO.: 94 -2009, INTRODUCED BY MAYOR & COUNCIL, FIRST READING

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE RE-APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR OF MARK EDELMAN TO BE A MEMBER OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY.

*** PASSED**

RESOLUTION NO.: 95 -2009, INTRODUCED BY MAYOR & COUNCIL, FIRST READING

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE RE-APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR OF JAMES REDMOND AS A MEMBER OF THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE CITY.

*** Passed**

RESOLUTION NO.: 96 -2009, INTRODUCED BY MAYOR & COUNCIL, FIRST READING

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE RE-APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR OF JUNE ENDRES AS A MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION ON AGING OF THE CITY.

*** PASSED**

ADDITIONS: -none-

CORRESPONDENCE: Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Gambatese, seconded by Roche to adjourn this December 22, 2009 City Council Meeting at 9:30 PM

Betsy Traben, Clerk of Council

David H. Roche, Council President