

**City Council Meeting  
City of Richmond Heights  
March 10, 2009**

Council President, David Roche, called the meeting to order at 8:20 PM

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Roll Call:

Present: Gambatese, Henry, Keyerleber, Morgan, Roche

Excused: Alexander, O'Toole

Gambatese motioned to excuse Alexander and O'Toole for tonight's meeting and Henry seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Consent Agenda for Tonight:

- Minutes from City Council Meeting of February 24, 2009
- Resolution 19-2009, Introduced by Mayor Ursu and All Members of Council, First Reading: A Resolution Commemorating the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Municipal Charter and Expressing Appreciation the Telban family for presentation of an original 1959 Charter to the City.

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

Motion passed 5-0.

**REPORTS:**

Mayor Ursu: Presented Res 19-2009 to Stan Telban Jr. and Laurie Telban, in appreciation for the 1959 Charter they presented to the City. The Telban "children" ad found this Charter as they cleaned up their parents' basement. Their parents are now deceased, but were long time residents of the City, building their home on Meadowlane in the late 50's. The children now live in the home. The Mayor gave the Charter to the Clerk to file.

Fire Chief Cek: YTD, 247 alarms, 189 EMS 76%, and 58 were fires and misc at 24%. There have been 13 structure fires they've responded to. They've received \$151K from a Fire Grant to change the radios. There will be some installation charges, \$700 fee to incur. Cek discussed the radio systems. Gambatese asked for the information to be sent to her in an email.

Police Chief Rowe: Stimulus package grant is available and the Edward Burn Memorial Justice Asst Grant, which will open June 1<sup>st</sup>, for technology, hiring, support of personnel. The COPS Hiring Recovery Program will be available soon. He discussed the phone repair & Travelers Insurance. They received a check for \$6900 from NORMA for the repair.

Building Commissioner, Rodic: Completed the inspection of the Rich Park apts. We will do the Loganberry Ridge apts this week.

Finance Director, Rossiter: Have been busy assisting Chief Rowe with the grant registration and handling personnel matters this week.

Development Director, Gase: No report tonight.

Service Director, Lazar: -excused-

City Engineer, Chris Courtney: Septic Tank abandonment- asked the county for a report on this. With the loss of snow, we are viewing sidewalks now, and have seen some changes since 2005. The list may change a bit, and we hope to get the contractor out soon to view as well.

Recreation Director, Drda: We will be having the Egg Hunt at the Lodge on Sat April 4<sup>th</sup> from 10am-12:30. The middle school game night last Friday went very well, with over 40 kids in attendance. Karaoke was a big hit. We look forward to more successful game nights and adding more kids in different grades to their own Rec Boards to plan events.

Audience: -no comments-

**OLD BUSINESS:** -none-

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**RESOLUTION NO.: 17-2009, INTRODUCED BY MORGAN, FIRST READING**

A RESOLUTION BOTH CONFIRMING AND REVERSING CERTAIN ACTIONS OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS WITH RESPECT TO VARIANCE REQUESTS FOR WALL SIGNS AT 760 RICHMOND ROAD.

- On Hold for further discussion-

**ORDINANCE NO.: 18-2009, INTRODUCED BY O'TOOLE, FIRST READING**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 953.07, "FEES", OF CHAPTER 953, "KIWANIS LODGE", OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

- MOTION WAS MADE BY MORGAN 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 5-0.
- MOTION WAS MADE BY HENRY, SECONDED BY GAMBATESE TO PASS ORDINANCE NO.: 18-2009. THE MOTION PASSED 5-0.

ADDITIONS:

MOTION to authorize the City Engineer to submit Ohio Water Pollution Control Loan Fund Project Nomination forms to the Ohio EPA Division of Environmental and Financial Assistance and Ohio Water Revolving Loan Account (WSRLA) Pre-Application Forms to the Ohio EPA Division of Drinking and Ground Waters for various infrastructure projects throughout the City.

Keyerleber motioned, Morgan seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

CORRESPONDENCE: -none-

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Morgan, seconded by Roche to adjourn this March 10, 2009 City Council Meeting at 8:37 PM

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Betsy Traben, Clerk of Council

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David H. Roche, Council President