

**City Council Meeting
City of Richmond Heights
April 14, 2009**

Council President, David Roche, called the meeting to order at 8:25 PM

Roll Call:

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

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

Motion passed 7-0.

Consent Agenda for Tonight:

- Minutes from City Council Meeting of March 24, 2009.
- Resolution 20-2009, Introduced by Mayor Ursu and All Members of Council, First Reading: A Resolution Proclaiming April 24, 2009 as "Arbor Day" in the City of Richmond Heights and Expressing Appreciation to the Richmond Heights Garden Club for its Support of Arbor Day.

REPORTS:

Mayor Ursu: The City will participate in the Business Expo on Tues, May 5th from 3-7pm. This is a worthwhile event that we have been a part of for years. There are 6 other cities participating.

Fire Chief Cek: The Annual Hydrant flushing program will be happening soon, and we will post on the outside sign when it's happening. YTD, 369 alarms, 281 EMS 76%, and 88 were fires and misc at 24%.

Police Chief Rowe: The COPS Hiring Grant has not posted any dates on when it will be awarded yet. If we do get awarded the grant, we should see the money by the end of July though.

Building Commissioner, Rodic: -excused-

Finance Director, Rossiter: Working on the financial information to get together and submitting reports. Working on getting the reports more detailed as well.

Development Director, Gase: Nothing further tonight.

Service Director, Lazar:

- 1) The Illuminating Co. is putting up 2 lights at City Hall, one by the school drive and another by the Fire Dept pole, installing those 25 ft high. There is a \$40/month fee.
- 2) AT & T pole on Richmond Rd is taken care of
- 3) Roll-off delivered at 266 Richmond Road. Looking for volunteers to help clean up the cottage this Saturday.

City Engineer, Lee Courtney:

1) Attended the meeting at the Sewer District for public officials. There are new flood maps, and there is an appeal/objection period if you want changes made.

2) Road Program Bids: On Friday May 1st at noon.

Roche asked about the condos on Donna Drive- are they in the flood plain? Courtney said no, they are not.

Recreation Director, Drda: The Egg Hunt was at the Kiwanis Lodge last Saturday. We went from 40 kids signed up the week before to 130 people in attendance. We are working on getting pool responses, setting up summer staffing and camps, and working on the City Edition.

Audience: -no comments-

OLD BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION NO.: 17-2009, INTRODUCED BY MORGAN, THIRD 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.

* This was motioned in the Committee of the Whole to take off and table this resolution.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION NO.: 21 -2009, INTRODUCED BY ALEXANDER, FIRST READING

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH SUDSINA & ASSOCIATES, LLC FOR FINANCIAL ADVISORY SERVICES.

- 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 GAMBATESE TO PASS RESOLUTION NO.: 21-2009. THE MOTION PASSED 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO.: 22-2009, INTRODUCED BY ALEXANDER, FIRST READING

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS WITH CIUNI & PANICHI, INC. FOR NECESSARY ACCOUNTANT SERVICES.

- MOTION WAS MADE BY O'TOOLE 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 HENRY, SECONDED BY GAMBATESE TO PASS RESOLUTION NO.: 22-2009. THE MOTION PASSED 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO.: 23-2009, INTRODUCED BY MORGAN, FIRST READING

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE ACTION OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS WITH RESPECT TO A VARIANCE FOR AN ACCESSORY STRUCTURE AT 26810 HUCKLEBERRY DRIVE.

- MOTION WAS MADE BY MORGAN AND SECONDED BY KEYERLEBER 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 HENRY, SECONDED BY GAMBATESE TO PASS RESOLUTION NO.: 23-2009. THE MOTION PASSED 7-0.

ORDINANCE NO.: 24-2009, INTRODUCED BY ALEXANDER, FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES FOR THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEIGHTS, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2009; TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 14-2009; 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 O'TOOLE, SECONDED BY GAMBATESE TO PASS ORDINANCE NO.: 24-2009. THE MOTION PASSED 7-0.

ADDITIONS:

Don Lazar added that he received a warranty from Schindler's (who put in the elevator). Who should this paperwork go to? There are 3 copies. Rossiter said she will take a copy. Lazar said they also have a quote for the Police Dept elevator. The Law Director, Todd Hunt, Finance Director, Lynda Rossiter and Mayor Ursu will review this.

MOTION for an Executive Session to discuss the acquisition of property for public purposes.

Gambatese motioned, Morgan seconded. Motion passed 7-0.

Executive Session was held from 8:40-9:25pm

Roche reconvened the meeting at 9:25pm

CORRESPONDENCE: -none-

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Henry, seconded by Roche to adjourn this April 14, 2009 City Council Meeting at 9:25 PM

Betsy Traben, Clerk of Council

David H. Roche, Council President