

**City Council Meeting  
City of Richmond Heights  
April 28, 2009**

Council President, David Roche, called the meeting to order at 8:30 PM

Roll Call:

Present: Alexander, Gambatese, Keyerleber, Morgan, Roche

Excused: Henry, O'Toole

Motion was made by Morgan, seconded by Keyerleber to excuse Henry and O'Toole.  
Motion passed 5-0.

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

Motion passed 5-0.

Consent Agenda for Tonight:

- Minutes from City Council Meeting of April 14, 2009

**REPORTS:**

Mayor Ursu: The City passed out the official Annual report, which has been received by all tonight. As always, he commended the group to look ahead and plan strategically.

Fire Chief Cek: -excused-

Per the Mayor, he gave a report for Cek. Regarding the Swine Flu, he said that Cek and the Dept are prepared. They are in contact with Univ Hospitals and reviewed the guidelines. They have 4 extra masks, if needed.

Police Chief Rowe: Commented on the year end stats; compared 2008 to 2007. The alarm drops have gradually increased due to residential alarms increasing, and arrests are up slightly.

Building Commissioner, Rodic: The Building Dept has issued 51 permits in March and 1 was for a new home. The street side housing inspection program for this year commenced on Monday in the Richmond Run subdivision. We received the first tall grass complaint today.

Finance Director, Rossiter: Progress on the Gatsby journal entries, making progress on the audit from 05-06 and met with the Hillcrest Rotary Club last week. She made a request for a defibrillator case to be donated, and met with a reporter from Cleveland magazine with a nice interview.

Development Director, Gase: Nothing further tonight.

Service Director, Lazar: The Illuminating Co. installed lights outside today. We will start striping soon. The yellow paint held up good, but the white is washed out. We will still use the glass bead paint.

City Engineer, Lee Courtney: Tomorrow he will be attending the meeting dealing with sewage treatment rates and Friday are the road program bids.

Recreation Director, Drda: -excused-

Kathy Gambatese commented on the renovated Richmond Park apts. She said they are gorgeous, and is just amazed at how nice they have turned out. It is a real step up. There was also comment that the rubbish collection has been terminated at the apts.

**Audience:**

Vida Habjan, resident, asked about the Regionalism discussion to be held at JCU on Thursday, April 30. Will anyone from Rich Hts Council be attending this? Lee Gase said he may possibly go. Mayor Ursu stressed that Council is involved in many regional events and organizations in the area. These meetings are on-going and many of us attend quite frequently, so if Council can not make this upcoming meeting, it does not mean they are not involved in other meetings and on-going regional discussions throughout the area.

**OLD BUSINESS:** -none-

**NEW BUSINESS:** -none-

**ADDITIONS:** -none-

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Mayor Ursu said the mediation volunteers are nearing the end of their training. They are hoping to have a “graduation” ceremony on Tuesday, June 9<sup>th</sup> at the Council meeting for the volunteers. Roche asked if a next class was planned yet. Mayor Ursu said there is not one planned yet. We need to look at the demand and see how these new volunteers handle any issues to come forth.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Morgan, seconded by Roche to adjourn this April 28, 2009 City Council Meeting at 8:58 PM

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Betsy Traben, Clerk of Council

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David H. Roche, Council President