

**City Council Meeting
City of Richmond Heights
June 23, 2009**

Council President, David Roche, called the meeting to order at 8:28 PM

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Roll Call:

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

Consent Agenda for Tonight:

- Minutes from City Council Meeting of June 9, 2009
- Resolution 30-2009: A resolution Congratulating Jean and Hank Suszek on the occasion of their 60th Wedding Anniversary.
- Resolution 31-2009: A Resolution of Appreciation and Congratulations to Betty Sutch Upon her Retirement.

Motion to accept the Consent Agenda by O'Toole, seconded by Morgan.

Motion passed 7-0.

REPORTS:

Mayor Ursu: This evening, he welcomed Dan Spada, of the Building Dept, to give the report for the Building Dept. He said he is looking forward to working with him in the years to come.

Fire Chief Cek: -excused-

Police Chief Rowe: No news on the grants yet. He thanked Council for the resolution for Betty Sutch. He depended on her for many years in the police dept, and thanked her for her years of service and loyalty.

Building Inspector, Spada: We are working on the 2009 street side inspections, and doing follow ups. We have 22 more tall grass notices. There were 47 total, and 21 have been taken care of by the City.

Finance Director, Rossiter: She is busy working on the 2 CDBG Grants. She will have the Tax Budget at the next meeting, and is preparing for the Family day display table with the grant information.

Development Director, Lee Gase: Nothing further tonight.

Service Director, Lazar: Working on the tall grass complaints and catch basin work. The pool work has been completed. We are behind in road striping.

Gambatese asked about the grass around the fire hydrants. Who replaces this? Lazar said the Water Dept should be in charge of that, but he said to call the Service Dept to remind them about that, so they can contact them.

Lazar told Morgan she may get a call from a resident on Huckleberry, who called to complain about holes in the street. Lazar said he checked and the street was fine, but he did note that there were some concrete pieces on the tree lawn.

City Engineer, Lee Courtney: Wrapping up the 2008 road program and working on the 2009 road program, about 90% of the way through.

Roche asked Courtney for a listing of roads and the progress. He would like to put it up on the website. Courtney said that most of the repair work will be done by the time the lists go out. He said it was posted in the City Edition.

Morgan asked about what streets will be worked on at the north end. Courtney said that Sandyhill, Mulberry Circle, Whiteway and Ruth Ellen will be worked on for this year.

Recreation Director, Drda: The pool opened up on time, and we have Step by Step daycare at the pool. They have added so many more kids, that we have opened a new time slot for swim lessons. The baby pool has sod over it now and is set to open next week. It looks very nice for picnics. Family Day is set for Sunday, July 19th and we have 17 different places with tents, and hope for a few more.

The bathroom situation was discussed, as resident, Vida Habjan, wanted them to be open more in the early AM on the weekends. Drda said that it is usually open by employees in the AM. She said it should not be a problem most of the time. Chief Rowe said maybe his dept can help out with this, when needed.

Audience: -none-

OLD BUSINESS: -none-

NEW BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE NO.: 32 -2009, INTRODUCED BY MAYOR & COUNCIL, FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PAY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY TO AUTHORIZE ONE PERSON TO FILL THE POSITION OF ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER OF BUILDING, ZONING AND HOUSING; 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 KEYERLEBER TO PASS ORDINANCE NO.: 32-2009. THE MOTION PASSED 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO.: 33 -2009, INTRODUCED BY MORGAN, FIRST READING

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE ACTION OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS WITH RESPECT TO A VARIANCE FOR A FENCE AT 4841 MONTICELLO BOULEVARD.

- 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 GAMBATESE, SECONDED BY O'TOOLE TO PASS RESOLUTION NO.: 33-2009. THE MOTION PASSED 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO.: 34 -2009, INTRODUCED BY O'TOOLE, FIRST READING

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE DONATION TO THE CITY OF TWO PARCELS IN THE FORMER MCKINLEY HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION.

- 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 GAMBATESE, SECONDED BY MORGAN TO PASS RESOLUTION NO.: 34-2009. THE MOTION PASSED 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO.: 35 -2009, INTRODUCED BY ALL OF COUNCIL, FIRST READING

A RESOLUTION REAPPOINTING TWO DIRECTORS TO THE GREENWOOD FARM HISTORICAL, CULTURAL & ARTS ASSOCIATION, INC. BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

- 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 ALEXANDER, SECONDED BY O'TOOLE TO PASS RESOLUTION NO.: 35-2009. THE MOTION PASSED 7-0.

ORDINANCE NO.: 36 -2009, INTRODUCED BY MAYOR & COUNCIL, 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 NO.: 14-2009, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

- 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 GAMBATESE, SECONDED BY O'TOOLE TO PASS ORDINANCE NO.: 36-2009. THE MOTION PASSED 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO.: 37 -2009, INTRODUCED BY ALEXANDER, FIRST READING
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THYSSENKRUPP ELEVATOR CORPORATION FOR ELEVATOR MAINTENANCE SERVICES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

*** HOLD ON FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION.**

RESOLUTION NO.: 38 -2009, INTRODUCED BY ALEXANDER, FIRST READING
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO APPLY FOR FEDERAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS THROUGH THE NEIGHBORHOOD STABILIZATION MUNICIPAL GRANT PROGRAM FOR A PROPOSED VACANT HOUSING ELIMINATION PROJECT.

- MOTION WAS MADE BY O'TOOLE AND SECONDED BY MORGAN 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 O'TOOLE TO PASS RESOLUTION NO.: 38-2009. THE MOTION PASSED 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO.: 39 -2009, INTRODUCED BY ALEXANDER, FIRST READING
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO APPLY FOR FEDERAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT-R FUNDS FOR A PROPOSED CITY PROJECT TO BE KNOWN AS "RICHMOND ROAD WIDENING, HIGHLAND TO SCHOOL DRIVE".

- 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 O'TOOLE, SECONDED BY GAMBATESE TO PASS RESOLUTION NO.: 39-2009. THE MOTION PASSED 7-0.

ADDITIONS: -none-

CORRESPONDENCE: -none-

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Gambatese, seconded by O'Toole to adjourn this June 23, 2009 City Council Meeting at 9:00 PM

Betsy Traben, Clerk of Council

David H. Roche, Council President