

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

Council President, David Roche, called the meeting to order at 8:15 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 23, 2009

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

Motion passed 7-0.

REPORTS:

Mayor Ursu: Family Day is this weekend on Sunday from 1-5pm at the City Park. Tonight, we have police officer, Tim Casto with top police dog, Kubo present. Kubo won the "Top Dog" award in the area. There were competitions for police dogs and he came in first. Chief Rowe discussed the competition, and said the key is obedience. Tim said he spent a great deal of time training Kubo. Kubo is 8 yrs old, 83 lbs, and loves the job!

Fire Chief Cek: -excused-

Police Chief Rowe: We did not do the DARE program this year, due to Sgt DiBiassi being unavailable (she had a baby). Our cost areas/OT are down 35%, 16% down on time awarded. The first quarter fuel costs are down 38%.

Building Inspector, Spada: The Building Dept for the month of June issued 91 permits, making the total number of permits issued year to date 375. Also, to note is that the amount of fees collected this year to date is within \$500 of last year's amount collected through the same time period.

Finance Director, Rossiter: -excused-

Development Director, Lee Gase: No Report

Service Director, Lazar: Busy cleaning up the park for Family Day. The large tree on Stevens was removed. The Water Dept is still working on the water main break on Trebisky. They did a good job with the piping, and there is still a lot of clean up to do. They want the residents to call their insurance companies if they have damage on their property.

City Engineer, Lee Courtney: The Water Dept was testing the main on the inside, which could detect a break, but there was no corrosion on the tests. Soon after the test, the water main broke, which was interesting. Road Program 2008 is done except for the crack sealing.

Roche asked about Geraldine and the top-coating. Courtney said that will be scheduled. It is all repaired and will get the asphalt within the next month.

Recreation Director, Drda: -excused-

Per the Mayor, he gave a report on Drda's behalf:

- Teri Drda is at the wake of resident, Dr. John Rosace. The funeral mass will be tomorrow at 10am at St. Felicitis. Donations may be given in John's name to Wickliffe Midget Football or RH Amateur Sports.
- The Service Dept is doing their usual excellent job of setting up the park for Family Day.
- Tennis Camp finishes up this week, Safety Town began yesterday (for 2 weeks), Day Camp is going on, there is a bus trip to Seneca Alleghany and the next concert in the park is on Wed, Aug 12 "Rick and Sharona".

Audience: -none-

OLD BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION NO.: 37 -2009, INTRODUCED BY ALEXANDER, SECOND 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.**

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION NO.: 40 -2009, INTRODUCED BY MORGAN, FIRST READING
A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO APPROVE A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT AND A SITE PLAN FOR OUTDOOR DINING IN A B-2 REGIONAL BUSINESS DISTRICT AT 5115 WILSON MILLS ROAD.

- 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 MORGAN TO PASS RESOLUTION NO.: 40-2009. THE MOTION PASSED 7-0.

ORDINANCE NO.: 41 -2009, INTRODUCED BY ROCHE, FIRST READING
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 521.10, "REMOVAL OF NOXIOUS WEEDS AND ALL GRASSES", OF THE GENERAL OFFENSES CODE; 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 GAMBATESE, SECONDED BY O'TOOLE TO PASS RESOLUTION NO.: 41-2009. THE MOTION PASSED 7-0.

ORDINANCE NO.: 42 -2009, INTRODUCED BY O'TOOLE, FIRST READING
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO SPECIFY A PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS OF RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR CITY PARK AREAS; 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 GAMBATESE, SECONDED BY O'TOOLE TO PASS RESOLUTION NO.: 42-2009. THE MOTION PASSED 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO.: 43 – 2009, INTRODUCED BY ALEXANDER, FIRST READING
A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE ALTERNATIVE TAX BUDGET INFORMATION OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEIGHTS, OHIO, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2010, AND SUBMITTING THE SAME TO THE BUDGET COMMISSION OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY; 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 GAMBATESE, SECONDED BY HENRY TO PASS RESOLUTION NO.: 43-2009. THE MOTION PASSED 7-0.

ADDITIONS: -none-

CORRESPONDENCE: -none-

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Gambatese, seconded by O'Toole to adjourn this JULY 14, 2009 City Council Meeting at 8:45 PM

Betsy Traben, Clerk of Council

David H. Roche, Council President