

**City Council Meeting
City of Richmond Heights
August 11, 2009**

Council President, David Roche, called the meeting to order at 9:05 PM

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Roll Call:

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

Excused: Gambatese

Motion was made by Henry to excuse Gambatese and seconded by Alexander. Motion passed 6-0.

Consent Agenda for Tonight:

- Minutes from City Council Meeting of July 28, 2009

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

Motion passed 6-0.

REPORTS:

Mayor Ursu: Welcomed Aimee Lane, from Walter & Haverfield, since she is filling in for Todd Hunt, Law Director, tonight. He congratulated Lynda Rossiter for being named "Rotarian of the Year" and welcomed her to present the City with an AED unit tonight. Lynda Rossiter took the floor and presented the AED unit to the City. With the "Taste of Hillcrest" fundraiser, the Rotary Club is able to purchase these for cities. They have donated 29 of them to cities in the area over the past few years. This may be the last one donated. We will keep this one on the wall outside the Council Chambers room.

Fire Chief Cek: Completed the training program, Gave YTD reports and statistics, with 870 alarms, 680 EMS (78%), 187 fires and misc, 98 quad, triple and double alarms, which is about 10% of the volume. The nursing homes are driving the calls up. Since Waterford Sr housing is not a nursing home, we can not mandate that they have private care.

Police Chief Rowe: -excused-

Building Inspector, Spada: The Building Dept issued 93 permits for July, making the total number issued to date 457. Shoe Show Inc of Concord, OH has submitted plans to renovate and open a store in the old Steve and Barry's Old Navy Store. All 4 of the bank owned homes in Rich Reserve subdivision have been sold. Ryan Homes dropped off plans for a house in High Ridge Subdivision. This will be the 1st house to start in there since March.

Finance Director, Rossiter: Working on the CBDG grants and asking experts such as the Landscape architect for help on this. Hope to have a hearing on September 8th about this. We will choose 2 projects to submit. The Capital Budget process will start soon. We have registered with a new electrical supplier, which will save us over \$5K a year. Talked with the gas company and they have reduced amounts that can save us over \$7K a year.

Development Director, Lee Gase: Put a memo in Council's mailboxes regarding Greenwood Farms. He is talking to contractors, renovators and is looking to find out costs to get started.

Service Director, Lazar: The Kiwanis Club donated 3 park benches to the City. Roche added that there will be an article in the City Edition about this. We may sell plaques for the benches to help defray costs.

City Engineer, Courtney: Road work is continuing and the main effort is on Swetland and Nan Linn. Roche asked about Geraldine. Courtney said they are waiting on the adjusting rings and hopefully it will be finished by the end of the month.

Recreation Director, Drda: The pool is open until Sept 7th. Tomorrow night the Rick and Sharona band will be playing at the park from 6-8pm.

Audience: -none-

OLD BUSINESS: -none-

NEW BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE NO.: 47 -2009, INTRODUCED BY MAYOR & COUNCIL, FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE LEVYING SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF CERTAIN PROPERTIES IN THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEIGHTS BY CONSTRUCTING SANITARY SEWERS, TOGETHER WITH CONNECTIONS THEREFOR AND THE NECESSARY APPURTENANCES THERETO, IN THE WHITE ROAD, RICHMOND ROAD AND CHARDON ROAD VICINITY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

- MOTION WAS MADE BY ALEXANDER 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 6-0.
- MOTION WAS MADE BY ALEXANDER, SECONDED BY KEYERLEBER TO PASS ORDINANCE NO.: 47-2009. THE MOTION PASSED 6-0.

ORDINANCE NO.: 48-2009, INTRODUCED BY MAYOR & COUNCIL, FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE TO SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEIGHTS THE QUESTION OF AMENDING THE CHARTER AT ARTICLE IV, "THE COUNCIL"; SECTIONS 5, 6, 7, AND 9 AND AT ARTICLE X, " ORDINANCES, EFFECTIVE DATE AND CODIFICATION", SECTION 2, REGARDING COUNCIL MEETINGS AND EXECUTIVE SESSIONS, THE COUNCIL CLERK, MUNICIPAL CONTRACTS, AND THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

* Hold for 2nd reading.

ORDINANCE NO.: 49-2009, INTRODUCED BY MAYOR & COUNCIL, FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE TO SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEIGHTS THE QUESTION OF AMENDING THE CHARTER AT ARTICLE VI, SECTIONS 1, 2, AND 4, REGARDING THE TITLES OF THE DIVISIONS OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT, THE DIRECTOR OF LAW, AND THE COMMISSIONER OF BUILDING, ZONING AND HOUSING AND THE CITY CODES APPLICABLE TO SAID COMMISSIONER; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

* Hold for 2nd reading.

ORDINANCE NO.: 50-2009, INTRODUCED BY MAYOR & COUNCIL, FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE TO SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEIGHTS THE QUESTION OF AMENDING THE CHARTER AT ARTICLE VI, SECTION 3 - "DIRECTOR OF FINANCE", REGARDING THE DEADLINE FOR ADOPTION OF THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE, THE THRESHOLD FOR COMPETITIVE BIDDING FOR CONTRACTS, AND EXCEPTIONS TO COMPETITIVE BIDDING FOR PARTICIPATION IN COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAMS OF THE STATE OF OHIO AND OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

* Hold for 2nd reading.

ORDINANCE NO.: 51 -2009, INTRODUCED BY MAYOR & COUNCIL, FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE TO SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEIGHTS THE QUESTION OF AMENDING THE CHARTER AT ARTICLE VI, SECTION 4, REGARDING THE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR FUTURE CHIEFS OF POLICE AND FIRE SO AS TO COMPORT WITH STATE LAW; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

* Hold for 2nd reading.

ORDINANCE NO.: 52-2009, INTRODUCED BY MAYOR & COUNCIL, FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE TO SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEIGHTS THE QUESTION OF AMENDING THE CHARTER AT ARTICLE VI, SECTIONS 7, 8, AND 9, REGARDING EXECUTIVE SESSIONS FOR THE PLANNING COMMISSION, ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS, AND RECREATION BOARD, THEIR MEETING REQUIREMENTS, AND QUALIFICATIONS OF RECREATION BOARD MEMBERS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

* Hold for 2nd reading.

ADDITIONS:

CORRESPONDENCE: -none-

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Alexander, seconded by Roche to adjourn this AUGUST 11, 2009 City Council Meeting at 9:30 PM

Betsy Traben, Clerk of Council

David H. Roche, Council President