

**City Council Meeting  
City of Richmond Heights  
August 25, 2009**

Council President, David Roche, called the meeting to order at 8:20 PM

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Roll Call:

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

Consent Agenda for Tonight:

- Minutes from City Council Meeting of August 11, 2009

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

Motion passed 7-0.

**REPORTS:**

Mayor Ursu: The City Edition will have the Charter Amendment changes and explanations in there for residents. He thanked Law Director, Todd Hunt, for helping with the changes.

Fire Chief Cek: -Excused-

Police Chief Rowe: Tomorrow is the first day of school, and we will be experiencing the new traffic patterns, with the busing. We will see how it goes.  
Roche said he put the traffic patterns and the info on the website.

Building Inspector, Spada: -Excused-

Finance Director, Rossiter: Things have been nicely slow for the past couple weeks. We've been working on surveys.

Development Director, Lee Gase: Nothing to report.

Service Director, Lazar: We are in good shape for striping for the schools. We still have another week or so of striping to go. We've been working on Mr. Frazier's property.

City Engineer, Courtney: The asphalt work is continuing. There is a forecast of rain this week, so we may have to wait until next week to finish.

Recreation Director, Drda: -Excused-

**Audience: -none-**

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

### **ORDINANCE NO.: 48-2009, INTRODUCED BY MAYOR & COUNCIL, SECOND 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.

- MOTION WAS MADE BY MORGAN 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 GAMBATESE TO PASS ORDINANCE NO.: 48-2009. THE MOTION PASSED 7-0.

### **ORDINANCE NO.: 49-2009, INTRODUCED BY MAYOR & COUNCIL, SECOND 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.

- MOTION WAS MADE BY MORGAN 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 ALEXANDER TO PASS ORDINANCE NO.: 49-2009. THE MOTION PASSED 7-0.

### **ORDINANCE NO.: 50-2009, INTRODUCED BY MAYOR & COUNCIL, SECOND 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.

- 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 KEYERLEBER, SECONDED BY O'TOOLE TO PASS ORDINANCE NO.: 50-2009. THE MOTION PASSED 7-0.

**ORDINANCE NO.: 51 -2009, INTRODUCED BY MAYOR & COUNCIL, SECOND 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.

- MOTION WAS MADE BY O'TOOLE 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 ALEXANDER, SECONDED BY GAMBATESE TO PASS ORDINANCE NO.: 51-2009. THE MOTION PASSED 7-0.

**ORDINANCE NO.: 52-2009, INTRODUCED BY MAYOR & COUNCIL, SECOND 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.

- MOTION WAS MADE BY ALEXANDER 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 O'TOOLE TO PASS ORDINANCE NO.: 52-2009. THE MOTION PASSED 7-0.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**ORDINANCE NO.: 53 -2009, INTRODUCED BY ALEXANDER, 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 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 O'TOOLE TO PASS ORDINANCE NO.: 53-2009. THE MOTION PASSED 7-0.

**ORDINANCE NO.: 54-2009, INTRODUCED BY ALEXANDER, FIRST READING**  
AN ORDINANCE REPEALING CODIFIED ORDINANCE SECTION 159.18, "FAMILY  
AND MEDICAL LEAVE POLICY"; 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 MORGAN, SECONDED BY O'TOOLE TO PASS ORDINANCE NO.: 54-2009. THE MOTION PASSED 7-0.

ADDITIONS:

CORRESPONDENCE: -none-

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Morgan, seconded by Roche to adjourn this  
AUGUST 11, 2009 City Council Meeting at 8:35 PM

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Betsy Traben, Clerk of Council

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David H. Roche, Council President