

**City Council Meeting
City of Richmond Heights
September 8, 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, Morgan, O'Toole, Roche

Excused: Keyerleber

Motion by O'Toole, seconded by Alexander to excuse Keyerleber. Motion passed 6-0.

Consent Agenda for Tonight:

- Minutes from City Council Meeting of August 25, 2009

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

Motion passed 7-0.

REPORTS:

Mayor Ursu: Dan Spada, Asst Building Commissioner, is at class for his Civil Engineering degree. He gave the report for him. The Building Dept processed 88 permits for the month of August, which brings the year total to 534. This is about 40 permits behind last year. The owners of Hilltop Plaza had a company clean up the debris on their property. They will have this done 4 times a week. Madewell Frazier of 4801 Hillary Oval was hospitalized and did not appear for his pre-trial court date. His daughter said she will take care of the violations.

Fire Chief Cek: YTD 973 alarms in 2009, EMS 79%, 109 multiple and simultaneous alarms. MABAS has been called 30 times.

Alexander asked about other cities and simultaneous alarms. Cek said the City is covered, and we do not take more than 50% of the resources with MABAS.

Police Chief Rowe: At the next Safety Meeting, he will have the stats and results from the previous year.

Gambatese asked about the problems with dirt bikes. Rowe said he has not received any calls lately.

Building Inspector, Spada: -Excused-

Finance Director, Rossiter: The 2nd round of 74 sewer assessment letters have been mailed out, and she has been getting phone calls about them. Some people are calling to vent and others are working out payments. So far, we have received 5 full payments, one 1.2 payment. The interest rate is 3.35%.

Development Director, Lee Gase: We received the 1st significant gift/donation, of about \$500-600 in electrical wiring from Getgo, for Greenwood Farms.

Service Director, Lazar: We cleaned up and painted the Desan Park sign. The Greenwood Farms drive is patched up.

City Engineer, Courtney: The remaining road work is being worked on this week. The side streets are looking very nice.

Recreation Director, Drda: The pool closed yesterday. We had a lot of nice programs this summer. The City Edition will be mailed out to residents very soon. It is in black and white this time and looks nice. This saved the City about 1/5 of the cost.

Audience:

Jim Motica, his mother lives on Fairlawn Drive, and he is a South Euclid resident:

He asked about the dirt bike and paint ball incidents on the airport property that some residents had complained about at the last Council meeting. He said he saw the news in the Sun News about it. He said that he and his mother have not noticed a lot of activity back there that warranted anything like the airport has done. He was upset that the airport destroyed healthy trees to drop into the paths of the dirt bikes. There is a lot of woodland destruction back there now, and about 30 healthy trees needlessly destroyed. Chief Rowe said he heard that the airport was going to bulldoze the fire pit and use trees to block paths, but he was not aware that healthy trees were going to be used. Mayor Ursu said he will call Kevin Delaney about this.

OLD BUSINESS: -none-

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION NO.: 55-2009, INTRODUCED BY O'TOOLE, FIRST READING

A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING EXPENSES FOR THE CUTTING AND DESTROYING OF NOXIOUS WEEDS AND TALL GRASSES UPON LANDS WITHIN THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEIGHTS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

- MOTION WAS MADE BY MORGAN 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 6-0.
- MOTION WAS MADE BY GAMBATESE, SECONDED BY O'TOOLE TO PASS RESOLUTION NO.: 55-2009. THE MOTION PASSED 6-0.

ORDINANCE NO.: 56-2009, 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 6-0.
- MOTION WAS MADE BY MORGAN, SECONDED BY HENRY TO PASS ORDINANCE NO.: 56-2009. THE MOTION PASSED 6-0.

ADDITIONS: -none-

CORRESPONDENCE: Clerk of Council, Betsy Traben, read many thank you cards from children at Step 2 Step about the pool swim lessons that they had over the summer.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Morgan, seconded by Roche to adjourn this September 8, 2009 City Council Meeting at 8:55 PM

Betsy Traben, Clerk of Council

David H. Roche, Council President