

**City Council Meeting
City of Richmond Heights
February 23, 2010**

Council President, David Roche, called the meeting to order at 8:30 PM

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Roll Call:

Present: Alexander, Gambatese, Headen, Henry, Roche

Excused: Morgan, O'Toole

Motion by Henry to excuse Morgan and O'Toole, seconded by Headen. Motion passed 5-0.

Consent Agenda for Tonight:

1. Minutes of the City Council Meeting from February 9, 2010.

Motion to accept the Consent Agenda by Henry, seconded by Gambatese.
Motion passed 5-0.

REPORTS:

Mayor Daniel Ursu: He announced that Lynda Rossiter and Teri Drda are both ill tonight and will not be here, and Don Lazar is on vacation. Sean Chamberlin will be appointed tonight for the ZBA by Res 9-2010.

Acting Fire Chief, John Gray: The total runs this year have been 202 (191 last year at this time), 153 EMS, 19 double hits, mutual aid- 12 (from Rich Hts) and mutual aid- 2 that we have received. There have been 3 structure fires that we've responded to lately. We were not able to respond to the recent Highland Hts and Lyndhurst big fires, as we had no men available. Rescue Squad 741 (9 yrs old) has about \$3,400 in repairs. We are working on the Cuyahoga County Disaster Plan update and helping the school on their Emergency Management grant.

Police Chief, Gene Rowe: The calls for service are at 731, overtime is down 46% and we've saved about \$41,000 with that.

Building Inspector, Dan Spada: According to Atwell-Hicks (Development Consultants), out of the 59 communities in Cuyahoga County, Rich Hts was 1 of the 5 who had 19 or more housing starts in 2009. The Cuyahoga Library located on Wilson Mills has inquired about possibly expanding into an adjacent space. The BP Station owner is working on quotes and stated they are marketing their property. We met with Dan Saltzman of Dave's Markets last week to discuss the Sign Ordinance and Pre-Occupancy inspections.

Headen told Spada that if she can be of help regarding anything needed with the Library, to contact her, as she is on the Board of the Cuyahoga County Library.

Finance Director, Lynda Rossiter: -excused-

Development Director, Lee Gase: Greg Parsons, with the Richmond Town Square, said he may have another restaurant lined up with a lease at the mall. Zagara's had a sign on their door saying that Dave's Markets is moving in.

Service Director, Don Lazar: -excused-

City Engineer, Lee Courtney: Sidewalk bids will be this Friday at noon.

Recreation Director, Drda: -excused-

Audience: -none-

OLD BUSINESS: -none-

ORDINANCE NO.: 4 -2010, INTRODUCED BY ALEXANDER, THIRD READING
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1329.02 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEIGHTS, "CASH DEPOSIT FOR ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES"; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

- **Hold for further discussion in the Finance Committee.**

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION NO.: 9 -2010, INTRODUCED BY MAYOR & COUNCIL, FIRST READING

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR OF SEAN E. CHAMBERLIN AS A MEMBER OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS.

- MOTION WAS MADE BY GAMBATESE AND SECONDED BY HENRY TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCE AS PROVIDED IN SEC. 121.22 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCE. THE MOTION PASSED 5-0.
- MOTION WAS MADE BY HENRY, SECONDED BY GAMBATESE TO PASS RESOLUTION NO.: 9-2010. THE MOTION PASSED 5-0.

* **Mayor Ursu gave the oath to Sean Chamberlin, who attended the meeting.**

RESOLUTION NO.: 10 -2010, INTRODUCED BY ALEXANDER, FIRST READING

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A PURCHASE AGREEMENT THROUGH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM FOR A TRUCK FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE.

- 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 5-0.
- MOTION WAS MADE BY HENRY, SECONDED BY GAMBATESE TO PASS RESOLUTION NO.: 10-2010. THE MOTION PASSED 5-0.

ORDINANCE NO.: 11- 2010, INTRODUCED BY ALEXANDER, FIRST READING
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 66-2008 TO REDEFINE THE PURPOSE OF THE SPECIAL FUND DESIGNATED AS THE "GENERAL RESERVE FUND".

- **Hold for further discussion in the Finance Committee.**

ORDINANCE NO.: 12- 2010, INTRODUCED BY ALEXANDER, FIRST READING
AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL FUND TO BE DESIGNATED AS THE "PAYROLL STABILIZATION FUND".

- **Hold for further discussion in the Finance Committee.**

MOTIONS:

Motion to authorize the Mayor to enter into purchase agreements for exercise equipment to be located at the Division of Fire with Health and Fitness Equipment Centers in the amount of \$25,201 and with Jacob's Ladder in the amount of \$2,910 to be paid from funds obtained from the Federal Emergency Assistance to Firefighters Grant program and in the City's Capital Fund.

Motioned by Alexander, seconded by Gambatese. Headen said no, Motion passed 4-1.

Motion to authorize the Mayor to enter into a contract with Best Truck Equipment, Inc. for the purchase of a snowplow and a salt spreader (installed) in an amount not to exceed \$8,527.00.

Motioned by Alexander, seconded by Gambatese. Motion passed 5-0.

ADDITIONS:

Motion for an Executive Session to discuss union negotiations and personnel compensations.

Alexander motioned, Gambatese seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Executive Session was held from 8:50pm – 9:47 pm.

CORRESPONDENCE: -none-

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Roche, seconded by Gambatese to adjourn this February 23, 2010 City Council Meeting at 9:47 PM

Betsy Traben, Clerk of Council

David H. Roche, Council President