

**City Council Meeting  
City of Richmond Heights  
March 9, 2010**

Council President, David Roche, called the meeting to order at 9:07 PM

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Roll Call:

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

Consent Agenda for Tonight:

1. Minutes of the City Council Meeting from February 23, 2010.

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

Motion passed 7-0.

**REPORTS:**

Mayor Daniel Ursu: He congratulated the Clerk of Council, Betsy Traben, on the news that she is expecting her 7<sup>th</sup> baby this summer.

Acting Fire Chief, Bob Armstrong: Reported the call volumes: 243 calls for service and 189 for EMS. There were 54 non –EMS calls and 23 double hits (10%). There were 8 calls to neighbors and 6 calls from neighbors.

Roche asked about regionalism. Armstrong said many feel it's the wave of the future. There was brief discussion on this.

Police Chief, Gene Rowe: The calls for service are at 936, CAD entries are 4,720. Jan-Feb 2010 compared to 2009 calls are down. Overtime is down 45%.

Building Inspector, Dan Spada: -excused-

Finance Director, Lynda Rossiter: The State Auditors are here, and have been here a couple weeks now. They are finishing up 2007 and will start soon on 2008. They will keep at it until they are done, which will be awhile. She attended an NSP workshop and will put together a report. Finance is busy with wrapping up bank reconciliations.

Development Director, Lee Gase: Article in Westside Sun News newspaper regarding the Effic-Gov Now grant. Gase said he will attend the meeting on March 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in Westlake on this.

Service Director, Don Lazar: Discussed the water main break at the south of Royalwood on Richmond Road. 3 weeks ago they put a pipe underground and into the catch basin. He will check on the pipe. The plate belongs to the Water Dept.

City Engineer, Lee Courtney: Put in the Road Program bid ad last Thursday. So far, 8 contractors have come to pick up bids.

Recreation Director, Drda: There are already people booking the ball fields for softball games. We anticipate \$12K on field use profits. Letters went out to the Lifeguards. On March 27<sup>th</sup> at 9am will be the Egg Hunt for kids at the Lodge.

**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.**

**ORDINANCE NO.: 11- 2010, INTRODUCED BY ALEXANDER, SECOND READING (amended)**

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, SECOND READING**

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL FUND TO BE DESIGNATED AS THE "PAYROLL STABILIZATION FUND".

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

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**RESOLUTION NO.: 13 -2010, INTRODUCED BY MAYOR & COUNCIL, FIRST READING**

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE CITY'S ELECTRIC AGGREGATION POWER SUPPLY PROGRAM; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH FIRST ENERGY SOLUTIONS, CORP. TO PROVIDE ELECTRIC POWER AT DISCOUNTED RATES TO THE CITY'S RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES UNDER THE CITY'S ELECTRIC AGGREGATION POWER SUPPLY PROGRAM; 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 7-0.
- MOTION WAS MADE BY O'TOOLE, SECONDED BY GAMBATESE TO PASS RESOLUTION NO.: 13-2010. THE MOTION PASSED 7-0.

\* The Mayor added that this will let residents save 6% on their electric bills.

**RESOLUTION NO.: 14 -2010, INTRODUCED BY O'TOOLE, FIRST READING**

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE ACTION OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS WITH RESPECT TO A VARIANCE FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A DETACHED GARAGE AT 160 BRUSH ROAD.

- MOTION WAS MADE BY GAMBATESE 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 GAMBATESE TO PASS RESOLUTION NO.: 14-2010. THE MOTION PASSED 7-0.

**RESOLUTION NO.: 15- 2010, INTRODUCED BY O'TOOLE, FIRST READING**

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE ACTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO APPROVE THE SITE PLAN FOR A GARAGE AT 25990 HIGHLAND ROAD.

- 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 7-0.
- MOTION WAS MADE BY O'TOOLE, SECONDED BY GAMBATESE TO PASS RESOLUTION NO.: 15-2010. THE MOTION PASSED 7-0.

**RESOLUTION NO.: 16 -2010, INTRODUCED BY MAYOR & COUNCIL, FIRST READING**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO PATROLMEN'S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION, FOR THE YEARS 2010 THROUGH 2012; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

- MOTION WAS MADE BY GAMBATESE 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 O'TOOLE, SECONDED BY MORGAN TO PASS RESOLUTION NO.: 16-2010. THE MOTION PASSED 7-0.

**RESOLUTION NO.: 17-2010, INTRODUCED BY MAYOR & COUNCIL, FIRST READING**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE, RICHMOND HEIGHTS DIVISION, LODGE NO. 57, FOR THE YEARS 2010 THROUGH 2012; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

- MOTION WAS MADE BY GAMBATESE 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 ALEXANDER, SECONDED BY GAMBATESE TO PASS RESOLUTION NO.: 17-2010. THE MOTION PASSED 7-0.

**ORDINANCE NO.: 18-2010, INTRODUCED BY ALEXANDER, FIRST READING**  
AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL FUND TO BE DESIGNATED AS THE  
"CAPITAL RESERVE FUND".

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

**ORDINANCE NO.: 19-2010, 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, 2010; REPEALING  
ORDINANCE NOS. 88-2009 AND 7-2010; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

- MOTION WAS MADE BY GAMBATESE 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 O'TOOLE, SECONDED BY GAMBATESE TO PASS ORDINANCE NO.: 19-2010. THE MOTION PASSED 7-0.

**RESOLUTION NO.: 20-2010, INTRODUCED BY HEADEN, FIRST READING**  
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO APPLY TO THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY  
DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT FOR A PARKS AND PLAYGROUND GRANT.

- MOTION WAS MADE BY HEADEN 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 HEADEN, SECONDED BY O'TOOLE TO PASS RESOLUTION NO.: 20-2010. THE MOTION PASSED 7-0.

*\* This is for a \$35,000 grant. There was a successful public hearing tonight with residents. Headen said this is the right thing to do for the city and the school.*

ADDITIONS: -none

CORRESPONDENCE: -none-

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Roche, seconded by Gambatese to adjourn this  
March 9, 2010 City Council Meeting at 9:35 PM

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Betsy Traben, Clerk of Council

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David H. Roche, Council President