

**City Council Meeting  
City of Richmond Heights  
April 13, 2010**

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

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Roll Call:

Present: Alexander, Gambatese, Morgan, Roche

Excused: Headen, Henry, O'Toole

Motion was made by Morgan, seconded by Alexander to excuse Headen, Henry and O'Toole.

Consent Agenda for Tonight:

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

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

Motion passed 4-0.

**REPORTS:**

Mayor Daniel Ursu: The Heights Regional Business Expo will be Wednesday, May 12<sup>th</sup> from 3-7pm. He urged everyone to check it out at Landerhaven.

Roche added that there will be some restaurants there serving food and 6 other cities will be tabling there with us.

Acting Fire Chief, Bob Armstrong: We received the first bunch of fitness equipment. He said that Firefighter Schweter arranged with Tri-C on some classes to benefit the dept.

Police Chief, Gene Rowe: The overtime figures are down 38%, 28% down on awarded times and calls are down 11%, with 1501 calls this year and 7,452 CAD entries. There is money available for the COPS hiring program grant. We will get updates in June on this, but he was not optimistic that Rich Hts would get any money for this, as we are a small city and the crime stats are not high enough.

Building Inspector, Dan Spada: The Building Dept has issued 190 permits and has collected \$80,333 in fees. This is 60 more permits and \$40,000 more than last year at this time. Also, we have conducted 451 inspections, which are 48 more than last year at this time.

Finance Director, Lynda Rossiter: The State Auditors are wrapping up 2007 this week. We'll start on 2008 soon. She approached local government services about the financial statement conversions and we hope to have someone to hire for 2009-2010 conversion.

Development Director, Lee Gase: He discussed wind turbines and how there are not many in this area. They do put out a difficult humming noise and there are many hurdles to put them in Northeast Ohio, esp near homes.

Service Director, Don Lazar: We ordered the pick-up truck and it will be here in 12-14 weeks. We are holding off on the salt truck. It's in California and too far. We will keep shopping around for a closer one.

City Engineer, Lee Courtney: Reported that his son, Chris, had knee surgery today for a torn ACL.

Recreation Director, Drda: Anthony Gimellia, in the Rec Dept, father died. The wake is tomorrow and the funeral is on Thursday. We are ordering summer supplies now and working on the Family Day theme. She said we should re-consider the motto for Rich Hts, as she'd like to see a new one, to go with the new logo. We're close to everything, so maybe we can focus on that.

**Audience:** -none-

**OLD BUSINESS:** -none-

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**RESOLUTION NO.: 24 -2010, INTRODUCED BY MORGAN, FIRST READING**  
A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BIDS FOR THE VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE BID SPECIFICATIONS FOR REPAIRS AND RESURFACING OF VARIOUS CITY STREETS FOR THE 2010 ROAD PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING CONTRACTS THEREFOR.

- Hold since we do not have enough Council persons to pass tonight.
- Morgan added that this was discussed in Service, and Courtney said there will be 3 separate contract awards. All the contractors have worked in the City before. The total will be \$620K.

ADDITIONS:

**MOTION to authorize the Mayor to contribute \$500 to Team Neo for regional initiatives.**  
GAMBATESE MOTIONED, ALEXANDER SECONDED. MOTION PASSED 4-0.

CORRESPONDENCE: -none-

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Roche, seconded by Morgan to adjourn this April 13, 2010 City Council Meeting at 8:42 PM

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Betsy Traben, Clerk of Council

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David H. Roche, Council President