

**City Council Meeting
City of Richmond Heights
April 27, 2010**

Council President, David Roche, called the meeting to order at 8:45 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 April 13, 2010.

Motion to accept the Consent Agenda by Morgan, seconded by Henry.

Motion passed 7-0.

REPORTS:

Mayor Daniel Ursu: He handed out the 2009 Annual Report for the City and thanked the staff for putting it all together.

Acting Fire Chief, Bob Armstrong: The call volume this year is consistent with 2009.

Hydrant flushing will start Monday and signs will be placed up the day before.

O'Toole asked about the triple alarm on Saturday AM. Armstrong said he was not there, so he was unaware of this.

Police Chief, Gene Rowe: -excused-

Building Inspector, Dan Spada: This past week the 2010 Housing Program inspections started. They are also performing follow up inspections for the apartments. They've issued 227 permits this year compared to 165 last year at this time. They have collected \$89,500 in fees compared to \$53,600 at this time last year. 474 building inspections and 447 housing inspections were done this year. Last year, 442 building inspections and 120 housing inspections were done at this time.

Finance Director, Lynda Rossiter: Finance is busy working on the new check writing software installation.

Development Director, Lee Gase: -excused-

Service Director, Don Lazar: This Friday, April 30th is Arbor Day. There will be a tree planting at the Lodge at 1:00. It will be a "Spring Snow" tree, the same kind as last year. They will try to give notice to the school to come over for the Arbor Day celebration. He ordered 150 tons of salt and found a place to store it.

City Engineer, Lee Courtney: The Road Program contractor intends to start tomorrow.

Recreation Director, Drda: The bus trip to Mountaineer with Mayfield Hts is this week. Coed softball has 6 teams and starts this week. There is some turn-over for the pool staff, so we have some new lifeguards. We've had ongoing discussions with Cell Chemical, and decided as a unit (with the other local 8 communities) to go with the new company for pool chemicals. We will save money and there will be a significant savings of at least \$1500 on chlorine. She let OP know of her decision. She discussed the community grant for the Parks and Playground grant, and thanked Lynda Rossiter for all her work on the Community garden grant, which the City received as well.

Audience:

Vida Habian, 5549 Raben Lane: She commented on the bathroom facilities at the City parks. She asked for the hours of the City Park and Desan bathrooms.

Don Lazar said that they should be open up every morning at Desan by 8am and closed at dusk. Weekends will be a different situation with no staff working. He said he can talk to the Police about opening and closing, and that many of the ball teams of Amateur Sports have their own key to open the bathrooms when they are there for games and practices. At the City Park, they should be open by 8:30am and closed at dusk (around 8pm). That is our game plan. Lazar and Drda will discuss more options with the police, but their goal is to have the bathrooms open on the weekends from 8am-8pm as well.

Vida Habian said she was upset that last year the bathrooms seemed to be closed quite often when she went up to the parks to check on them, and she said she kept a tally in her notebook of this.

Eloise Henry commented that the Rec and Service Depts have had to make a lot of cuts in spending and staff, due to Budget cuts and cutting back on finances, and the City is always looking for able and willing volunteers in the City to help out when needed. So, she asked Habian if she would like to volunteer to be the one to help out and open the bathrooms, since she seems to have so much extra time on her hands regarding this issue. Habian said no.

OLD 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.

- 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 HENRY TO PASS RESOLUTION NO.: 24-2010. THE MOTION PASSED 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE NO.: 25 -2010, INTRODUCED BY HENRY, FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 725, "MECHANICAL AMUSEMENT DEVICES", OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

- **ON HOLD FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION IN THE SAFETY MEETING.**

RESOLUTION NO.: 26 -2010, INTRODUCED BY HENRY, FIRST READING

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A PURCHASE AGREEMENT THROUGH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES' COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM FOR TWO VEHICLES FOR USE BY THE DIVISION OF POLICE AND TO AUTHORIZE FUNDS FOR CHANGEOVER OF VEHICLE EQUIPMENT.

- **ON HOLD FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION IN THE SAFETY MEETING.**

RESOLUTION NO.: 27 -2010, INTRODUCED BY MORGAN, FIRST READING

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A BID FROM SPANO BROTHERS CONSTRUCTION CO., INC. FOR THE REMOVAL, REPLACEMENT AND/OR LEVELING OF PUBLIC SIDEWALKS AND AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT THEREFOR AS PART OF THE 2010 ROAD PROGRAM.

- 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 GAMBATESE, SECONDED BY ALEXANDER TO PASS RESOLUTION NO.: 27-2010. HEADEN VOTED NO. THE MOTION PASSED 6-1.
- *Headen asked the Clerk to attach the resident's letter to the minutes regarding the Sidewalk program and being upset about it.*

ADDITIONS: -none-

CORRESPONDENCE: -none-

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Roche, seconded by Morgan to adjourn this April 27, 2010 City Council Meeting at 9:12 pm

Betsy Traben, Clerk of Council

David H. Roche, Council President