

**City Council Meeting  
City of Richmond Heights  
May 25, 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 May 11, 2010.

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

Motion passed 7-0.

**REPORTS:**

Mayor Daniel Ursu: The Veterans group is having a Memorial service at 11am at the flagpole at the City Park on Monday. All are welcome to attend. The Mayor thanked University Hospitals for their generous donation to the Recreation Dept. He thanked Anthony Gimiellia and Teri Drda in the Rec Dept for their work involvement in this.

Acting Fire Chief, Bob Armstrong: The number of calls this year is 527, which is on par for last year. Hydrant flushing is complete. One of the injured staff is coming back to work tomorrow.

Police Chief, Gene Rowe: We received notification from the US Dept of Justice on grants for laid off officers. We received info that we are eligible, so we will update the grant. We are busy staffing vacations and will be operating with less than 3 officers 40% of the time.

Building Inspector, Dan Spada: Completed initial inspections for the 2010 Housing Program and are starting on follow ups. Thanked Don Lazar and the Service Dept for their help with the tall grass complaints. Issued 74 tall grass notices so far. Issue 302 permits this year compared to 231 last year at this time. We have performed 659 building inspections and 1029 housing inspections this year.

Finance Director, Lynda Rossiter: Working on bank reconciliations. Went to a seminar this week and learned about the grants available for storefront renovations.

Development Director, Lee Gase: Thanked Councilpersons, Mark Alexander and Eloise Henry for their help in closing up the exhibit at the Business Expo last week.

Service Director, Don Lazar: Getting the war memorial ready for the Memorial Day activities on Monday. Working on road striping, and spent \$16,308 in 2008, \$4,150 in 2009- cut back. We will try and keep it under \$6K this year.

Rossiter said the money comes out of the Street Construction Fund or the Street Highway Fund.

Lazar said that they received the rest of the salt and are good for the winter of 2010 now.

City Engineer, Lee Courtney: The Road Program is underway and the spring rains have brought many drainage issues.

Recreation Director, Drda: We are getting the pool ready. The locks on our bathrooms have been changed, and we've received our first park volunteer, who came in to get a key for the City park bathrooms.

Mayor Ursu announced that Building Commissioner, Dan Spada, just graduated from his Civil Engineering program with a degree.

### **Audience:**

Vida Habjan, 5549 Rabun Lane: She asked about the storefront grants. How will store owners know this is available?

Rossiter said there is news about this in the City, and we can get the word out.

Headen added that the City can approach store owners and ask them to apply when needed. This is a pro-active approach that can be taken. She said the money is capped though.

O'Toole said the cap is generally 40% of the business renovation and it is a rebate. So, the owner must invest the money initially and will get it back after the rebate.

Lee Gase said that the Community Development Program for the county often advertises for this type of grant a lot. They had literature on this at the Business Expo.

A resident in the audience said that there are prevailing wages on this, and you have to use government contractors. With the 40% capped money, business owners end up not saving too much.

Norm King, resident, asked about an issue with coaching baseball. With the consortium of other cities this year, they did away with his coaching job (a volunteer service).

Teri Drda told him to contact her at the Recreation office to discuss this matter.

Headen added that maybe this could be a good mediation project to work on with Col Carter.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**ORDINANCE NO.: 25 -2010, INTRODUCED BY HENRY, THIRD READING**  
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 725, "MECHANICAL AMUSEMENT DEVICES", OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

- MOTION WAS MADE BY ALEXANDER, SECONDED BY MORGAN TO PASS ORDINANCE NO.: 25-2010. THE MOTION PASSED 7-0.
- **O'Toole asked about places like the "Cyber Playground" in Willoughby Hills. Will this legislation affect these kinds of establishments?**
- **The maximum amount of game winnings used to be \$10, but now it is increased to \$100 with the legislation.**

**NEW BUSINESS: -NONE-**

**ADDITIONS:**

MOTION TO FORMALLY WITHDRAW RESOLUTION 26-2010 BY COUNCIL.  
HENRY MOTIONED, O'TOOLE SECONDED.  
YAY: ALEXANDER, MORGAN, O'TOOLE, ROCHE  
NAY: GAMBATESE, HEADEN, HENRY

MOTION PASSED 4-3.

CORRESPONDENCE: -none-

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by O'Toole, seconded by Morgan to adjourn this May 25, 2010 City Council Meeting at 9:12 pm

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Betsy Traben, Clerk of Council

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David H. Roche, Council President