

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

Council President, David Roche, called the meeting to order at 8:40 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 June 22, 2010.
2. Minutes of the Special City Council Meeting from June 29, 2010
3. RESOLUTION NO.: 40 -2010, INTRODUCED by Mayor Ursu and All Members of Council, First Reading: *A Resolution Congratulating Zachary MacLellan On His Accomplishments as an Extraordinary Student.*
4. RESOLUTION NO.: 41 -2010, INTRODUCED by Mayor Ursu and All Members of Council, First Reading: *A Resolution Congratulating Alexandra Arlesic On Her Accomplishments as an Extraordinary Student.*

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

Motion passed 7-0.

**REPORTS:**

Mayor Ursu: -excused-

- David Roche, Council President, presented the framed resolutions to Zachary MacLellan and Alexandra Arlesic.

Acting Fire Chief Armstrong: There have been 126 calls we've responded to so far this year. Rich Hts is working closely with UH hospital on their EMS training, and have been receiving high praise.

Headen asked about grant for ambulances. Armstrong said they are working on several grants right now.

Gase asked if there was any further activity with the airport requesting service.

Armstrong said we are still working with them on this and their requests.

Police Chief Rowe: Police activity- there has been 3,551 calls, 14, 528 CAD entries, and we are down with overtime by 38%. The uniform traffic citation went into effect July 1<sup>st</sup>. On July 4<sup>th</sup> we had only 5 fireworks complaints, which is good.

Headen asked if any new dispatchers were hired. Rowe said yes, they have hired 2 additional dispatchers.

Assistant Building Commissioner, Spada: The additional 21 hours a week from Inspector Urankar are helping out tremendously. So far this year we have had an increase of 22%

in the number of permits applied for over last year. We also YTD have had an increase in fees collected of 26% over last year. We have been getting a lot of permits in the last couple of weeks for insurance repairs from the hail storms that came through the area back in May.

O'Toole asked about new homes, and Spada said there are about 13.

Finance Director, Rossiter: We are getting fact sheets on the electric aggregation to employees to answer phones on, if there are questions from residents. She thanked Council for getting questions to her and written requests prior to the meetings, so she can be prepared to answer at the meetings. In the recent edition of Cities and Villages, Walter & Haverfield (Law Director, Todd Hunt's firm) was ranked #1 in Cleveland as the Best Lawyers.

Headen commented that the process went well this week with the vacant homes.

Rossiter also asked Council to give her a list of vacant homes that they would like her to check on, as soon as possible.

Development Director, Gase: He commented on a letter from Kevin Delaney about the airport. They are backing down on Alternative #38 runway extension to Alt #23. They plan to keep the same length and alter the ends of the runway. There is lots of paperwork to go through and the schedule of construction will take about 3-4 years.

Service Director, Lazar: -excused-

City Engineer, Chris Courtney: no report

Recreation Director, Drda: Family Day is this Sunday, July 18<sup>th</sup>. There will be lots of activities and food at the event, with entertainment. She commented that School Board President, Charles Tyler, has resigned. Josh King, the Vice President, has taken over as the new President. On July 28<sup>th</sup>, we will have Lifeguard Games at the pool at 8:30pm. Headen commented on the lifeguards at the pool and said she loves them all. They are a great group of women.

**Audience:** -none-

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**RESOLUTION NO.: 35- 2010, INTRODUCED BY ALEXANDER, THIRD READING**  
A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH TIME WARNER ENTERTAINMENT COMPANY, L.P. FOR CABLE BUSINESS CLASS SERVICE.

**\* HOLD on Third Reading to discuss further in Finance Committee.**

**RESOLUTION NO.: 42- 2010, INTRODUCED BY ROCHE, SECOND READING**

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE ALTERNATIVE TAX BUDGET INFORMATION OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEIGHTS, OHIO, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2011, AND SUBMITTING THE SAME TO THE BUDGET COMMISSION OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

- MOTION WAS MADE BY O'TOOLE 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 7-0.
- MOTION WAS MADE BY O'TOOLE, SECONDED BY MORGAN TO PASS RESOLUTION NO.: 42-2010. THE MOTION PASSED 7-0.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**RESOLUTION NO.: 45 -2010, INTRODUCED BY MAYOR & COUNCIL, FIRST READING**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ASSIGNMENT OF THE RESIDENTIAL REFUSE COLLECTION, DISPOSAL AND RECYCLING CONTRACT WITH REPUBLIC SERVICES OF OHIO HAULING, LLC, TO BROWNING FERRIS INDUSTRIES OF OHIO, INC., DBA REPUBLIC SERVICES; AUTHORIZING THE EXERCISE OF TWO OPTION YEARS OF THE CONTRACT TO EXTEND THE CONTRACT THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2012, AND PROVIDING FOR TERMS ASSOCIATED THEREWITH; PROVIDING FOR DIRECT BILLING TO HOMEOWNERS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

*\* Headen commented on this and said the City had looked at a dozen or so cities and contracts. What we got was below all the others. We were diligent in securing the best price possible.*

- MOTION WAS MADE BY GAMBATESE 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 GAMBATESE, SECONDED BY MORGAN TO PASS RESOLUTION NO.: 45-2010. THE MOTION PASSED 7-0.

**RESOLUTION NO.: 46 -2010, INTRODUCED BY ALEXANDER, FIRST READING**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A WORKERS' COMPENSATION GROUP RATING PROGRAM EMPLOYER ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH COMPMANAGEMENT, INC.

- MOTION WAS MADE BY ALEXANDER 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.: 46-2010. THE MOTION PASSED 7-0.

**RESOLUTION NO.: 47 -2010, INTRODUCED BY MORGAN, FIRST READING**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH GARDINER TRANE COMPANY FOR MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR HEATING, VENTILATING AND AIR CONDITIONING EQUIPMENT.

- MOTION WAS MADE BY GAMBATESE 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 O'TOOLE, SECONDED BY MORGAN TO PASS RESOLUTION NO.: 47-2010. THE MOTION PASSED 7-0.

**ORDINANCE NO.: 48 -2010, INTRODUCED BY ALEXANDER, FIRST READING**

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE CODIFICATION, EDITING AND INCLUSION OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES AS PARTS OF THE VARIOUS COMPONENT CODES OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF RICHMOND HEIGHTS, OHIO, AND APPROVING THE UPDATING OF VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE TRAFFIC AND GENERAL OFFENSES CODES TO COMPLY WITH STATE LAW.

- MOTION WAS MADE BY ALEXANDER 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 ORDINANCE NO.: 39-2010. THE MOTION PASSED 7-0.

ADDITIONS: -NONE-

CORRESPONDENCE: -none-

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Morgan, seconded by O'Toole to adjourn this July 13, 2010 City Council Meeting at 9:10 PM

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Betsy Traben, Clerk of Council

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David H. Roche, Council President