

**City Council Meeting  
City of Richmond Heights  
November 22, 2011**

Council President Pro-Temp, Marcia Morgan, called the meeting to order at 8:15 PM

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Roll Call:

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

Excused: Gambatese, Roche

Motion to excuse Gambatese and Roche by Henry, seconded by O'Toole. Motion passed 5-0.

The Consent Agenda for Tonight:

1. Minutes of the City Council Meeting from November 8, 2011.

Motion to accept the Consent Agenda by O'Toole, seconded by Henry.

Motion passed 5-0.

**REPORTS:**

**Mayor Dan Ursu:** Congrats to McDonald's on their re-opening with their new building. He also wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

**Acting Fire Chief Bob Armstrong:** YTD there have been 1,340 calls, (1,236 in 2010). At the Hillcrest Chiefs meeting, the budget was approved. Each dept has received a grant for radio dispatch units, which will help with response time.

O'Toole asked about the record number of calls. Armstrong said it is happening all over. O'Toole wondered if it is because of all the senior housing in the area. Is this the source? Armstrong said most of those calls are trauma related (falls, heart attacks, seizures). There are no ongoing figures.

Headen said she spoke with Univ Hospitals President, who complimented the RH Fire Dept on how they care for dementia care patients. With all the patients at Homewood, is this why there is an increase?

Henry asked if the senior facilities have their own care and transport services. And, if not, can we bill them? We are getting more and more of these facilities and we need to be pro-active.

Alexander said we can bill at the Medicare rate.

Morgan suggested that Eloise Henry put this topic in her Safety Committee.

**Police Chief, Gene Rowe:** Calls for service are at 5,587 and CAD entries at 23,208. Calls for service at the Mall are 7% of the calls and 28% of the arrests.

**Assistant Building Commissioner, Dan Spada:** YTD, there have been 937 permits, \$217K in fees, 954 building inspections. McDonald's is now reopened, Dairy Queen is remodeling and Mr. Hero's is set to open in 2 weeks.

**Finance Director, Lynda Rossiter:** -excused-

**Service Director, Don Lazar:** We are putting the salt truck together. There is over \$34K in components to put in. He brought it down to \$27K. It may be 8-10 weeks to get the truck back, so he hopes to have it back before winter is over. Headen asked if we have enough money to keep the old plow working this winter. Lazar said yes, although he will use it sparingly.

**City Engineer, Lee Courtney:** Sunoco (at Wilson Mills and Rich Rd) are testing the wells to monitor the contamination. The bridge at the park is done and they are putting the asphalt in.

**Recreation Director, Teri Drda:** The Craft Show on Nov 7<sup>th</sup> went well. Crafters reported their sales were down this year, probably due to the economy. The field trip at the school was to North Coast Recycling with the 2<sup>nd</sup> graders. They went to the new McDonald's afterwards. On December 3<sup>rd</sup> will be the Breakfast with Santa. Tickets are on sale now in Rec. Drda hopes to have Lisa Zurumba come to talk to Council on December 6<sup>th</sup> about the upcoming RibFest. The Rotary will have a benefit on Feb 25<sup>th</sup> (Night at the Races) to benefit the Rec Dept. She added that she thanks Kathy Gambatese for her service as a Councilwoman and hopes there will be a public servant party for her honor.

### **Audience:**

Vida Habjan, 4459 Rabun Lane:

She said she is feeling less confident with the safety in the City, since there are less police officers. How can Council address the issues to make us feel more safe?

Alexander said the City will do all it can in regards to safety. The residents chose not to support the issues that would have given us more revenue to hire more police officers.

Vida asked about auxiliary officers. Alexander said yes, we do use them as well.

Pam O'Donnell, Rachel Lane:

She had Trebisky Woods as a concern. This is a topic that is before the Planning Commission right now. She hopes that we all can get a look at what's coming about there now. She thanked Law Director, Todd Hunt, for organizing and putting in changes to the Trebisky Woods plan.

Hunt said that the Planning Commission made a recommendation and it will go to the Planning and Zoning Committee on December 6<sup>th</sup> for review and recommendation.

O'Donnell added that she and her neighbors do feel safe in the City.

**OLD BUSINESS:** -none-

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**RESOLUTION NO.: 73 -2011, INTRODUCED BY ALEXANDER, FIRST READING**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH INTERSTATE GAS SUPPLY, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF NATURAL GAS FOR CITY FACILITIES.

- MOTION WAS MADE BY O'TOOLE AND SECONDED BY HENRY TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCE AS PROVIDED IN SEC. 121.22 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCE. THE MOTION PASSED 5-0.
- MOTION WAS MADE BY O'TOOLE, SECONDED BY HENRY TO PASS RESOLUTION NO. 73-2011. THE MOTION PASSED 5-0.

**RESOLUTION NO.: 74-2011, INTRODUCED BY ALEXANDER, FIRST READING**

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE A CONTRACT WITH THE AUDITOR OF THE STATE OF OHIO FOR ADDITIONAL CONSULTATION SERVICES.

- MOTION WAS MADE BY HEADEN 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 5-0.
- MOTION WAS MADE BY O'TOOLE, SECONDED BY HENRY TO PASS RESOLUTION NO. 74-2011. THE MOTION PASSED 5-0.

**ORDINANCE NO.: 75 -2011, INTRODUCED BY O'TOOLE, FIRST READING**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING IN THEIR ENTIRETY CHAPTER 1190 "DEFINITIONS"; CHAPTER 1192 "DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY"; CHAPTER 1193 "CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY, NUISANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY"; CHAPTER 1195 "EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL"; AND CHAPTER 1196 "STORM WATER MANAGEMENT" OF TITLE FIVE "STORM WATER MANAGEMENT" OF PART ELEVEN "PLANNING AND ZONING CODE" OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEIGHTS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

- \* **HOLD TO DISCUSS MORE IN PLANNING COMMISSION.**

**Todd Hunt asked that Council set a Public Hearing for this. MOTION for a Public Hearing to discuss Ord 75-2011 on December 27, 2011. Morgan motioned, O'Toole seconded. Motion passed 5-0.**

**ORDINANCE NO.: 76-2011, 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, 2011; TO AMEND ORDINANCE NOS. 6-2011, 10-2011, 57-2011, AND 69-2011, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Headen asked that the \$330K be clarified.

Motion for an amendment on Ord 76-2011: motion to amend Ord 76-2011 with the deletion/omission of Admin Dept transfer/reimbursement/refund of \$330K.

Motion made by Headen, seconded by Henry. Motion passed 5-0.

- MOTION WAS MADE BY O'TOOLE AND SECONDED BY HENRY TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCE AS PROVIDED IN SEC. 121.22 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCE. THE MOTION PASSED 5-0.
- MOTION WAS MADE BY ALEXANDER, SECONDED BY HEADEN TO PASS ORDINANCE NO. 76-2011 AS AMENDED. THE MOTION PASSED 5-0.

**RESOLUTION NO.: 77-2011, INTRODUCED BY ALEXANDER, FIRST READING**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A PURCHASE AGREEMENT THROUGH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM FOR SNOW PLOW AND DUMP TRUCK BODY EQUIPMENT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE.

- 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 5-0.
- MOTION WAS MADE BY O'TOOLE, SECONDED BY HEADEN TO PASS RESOLUTION NO. 77-2011. THE MOTION PASSED 5-0.

**MOTIONS:**

Motion to authorize the Mayor to enter into a purchase contract with Ohio Pools & Spas for a lift for handicapped persons for the City's pool in an amount not to exceed \$3,600 and to come from the Capital Fund.

***MOTION WAS MADE BY ALEXANDER AND SECONDED BY O'TOOLE. MOTION PASSED 5-0.***

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Clerk Traben read a letter from Mike Gedeon, Regional Manager of Hearing Services, LLC, thanking the Police Dept for their services in finding a stolen hearing aid.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion was made by O'Toole, seconded by Morgan to adjourn this November 22, 2011 City Council Meeting at 9:15 PM

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Betsy Traben, Clerk of Council

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David H. Roche, Council President