

**City Council Meeting
City of Richmond Heights
July 26, 2011**

Council President, David Roche, called the meeting to order at 10:35 PM

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Roll Call:

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

The Consent Agenda for Tonight:

1. Minutes of the City Council Meeting from July 12, 2011.

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

Motion passed 7-0.

REPORTS:

Mayor Ursu: He said that Don Lazar had to leave tonight. Road striping has begun. He said that Teri Drda thanked everyone for their help with Family Day and support of their limited budget. He said Lynda Rossiter also needed to head home tonight.

Acting Fire Chief Armstrong: YTD there have been 849 calls, 10% more than 2010. Safety Town is over and was successful. There will be hose testing in August. Some part time firefighters retired.

Police Chief Rowe: Calls for service are at 3,572, 5% more than last year. Apartment crimes are up 30% and auto thefts are up by 8.

Assistant Building Commissioner, Spada: YTD, there have been 598 permits, \$136K in fees, 514 building inspections. The first round completed in property maintenance, and final sidewalk notices are going out. 225 residents out of 630 are not paid for the sidewalks.

Finance Director, Rossiter: -excused-

Service Director, Lazar: -excused-

City Engineer, Lee Courtney: Sidewalks on Highland Road are progressing with 2 weeks to go. The 2011 Road Program is on the agenda tonight. The 2010 contract is held open and will close when this legislation passes.

Recreation Director, Drda: -excused-

Audience: -none-

OLD BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE NO.: 35 -2011, INTRODUCED BY O'TOOLE, THIRD READING
AN ORDINANCE ENACTING A NEW CHAPTER 723, ENTITLED "SWEEPSTAKES/INTERNET CAFES", OF THE BUSINESS REGULATION CODE OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

* **HOLD for further discussion.**

ORDINANCE NO.: 36 -2011, INTRODUCED BY O'TOOLE, THIRD READING
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 725.01 OF CHAPTER 725, "MECHANICAL AMUSEMENT DEVICES", OF THE BUSINESS REGULATION CODE OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

* **HOLD for further discussion.**

ORDINANCE NO.: 37 -2011, INTRODUCED BY O'TOOLE, THIRD READING
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 1123.03, 1123.07, 1151.03 1169.08, AND 1169.09 AND ENACTING A NEW SECTION 1169.10 OF THE ZONING CODE TO ALLOW SWEEPSTAKES/INTERNET CAFES AS A CONDITIONAL USE IN A B-2 REGIONAL BUSINESS DISTRICT AND TO RE-NUMBER THE SECTIONS OF THE CHAPTER; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

* **HOLD for further discussion.**

ORDINANCE NO.: 42-2011, INTRODUCED BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL, THIRD READING

AN ORDINANCE TO SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEIGHTS THE QUESTION OF AMENDING THE CHARTER AT ARTICLE XII, SECTION 2, TO REDUCE THE INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR CITY RESIDENTS WHO PAY INCOME TAX TO ANOTHER MUNICIPALITY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

- **HOLD for further discussion.**

ORDINANCE NO.: 43 -2011, INTRODUCED BY MAYOR & COUNCIL (AMENDED 7-26-11), THIRD READING

AN ORDINANCE TO SUBMIT TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEIGHTS THE QUESTION OF AMENDING THE CHARTER AT ARTICLE IV, "THE COUNCIL", SECTION 9, REGARDING COUNCIL POWERS, AND AT ARTICLE VI, "ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS, AND COMMISSIONS", SECTIONS 4 AND 5, REGARDING THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CHIEFS OF POLICE AND FIRE, THE COMMISSIONER OF BUILDING, ZONING AND HOUSING, AND THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND PROPERTIES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

- MOTION WAS MADE BY MORGAN, SECONDED BY GAMBATESE TO PASS ORDINANCE NO. 43-2011. THE MOTION PASSED 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION NO.: 52 -2011, INTRODUCED BY ALEXANDER, 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 2011 ROAD
PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING CONTRACTS THEREFOR.

- MOTION WAS MADE BY ALEXANDER 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 GAMBATESE, SECONDED BY MORGAN TO PASS RESOLUTION NO. 52-2011. THE MOTION PASSED 7-0.

ADDITIONS:

O'Toole made a motion to extend the current moratorium regarding internet sweepstakes cafes as set forth in Ordinance 30-2011 for an additional 30 days through August 27, 2011. Seconded by Gambatese. Motion passed 7-0.

CORRESPONDENCE: Next week on August 2, 2011 there will be a Special Committee of the Whole meeting at 6:30pm and Special Council meeting at 8:15pm.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by O'Toole, seconded by Roche to adjourn this July 26, 2011 City Council Meeting at 10:50 PM

Betsy Traben, Clerk of Council

David H. Roche, Council President