

**City Council Meeting
City of Richmond Heights
September 27, 2011**

Council President, David Roche, called the meeting to order at 9:00 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 September 13, 2011.

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

Motion passed 7-0.

REPORTS:

Mayor Ursu: The Board of Elections will no longer be sending out forms for absentee ballots. If you call 216-443-3398, and ask, they will send it.

Roche added that City Hall also has copies of absentee ballot forms here.

Acting Fire Chief Armstrong: The Run Volume is at 1,116 calls so far this year. Truck 712 is now back in service. We received 5 new garmin units from the county, which will help in mutual aid responses. They will be mounted in the vehicles.

O'Toole asked about the amount of the repair for Truck 712. Armstrong said it was just under \$5,000. It included the annual maintenance with some extras. Next year, it should not be as much, hopefully.

Police Chief Rowe: -excused-

Assistant Building Commissioner, Spada: YTD there are 776 permits, and \$170,000 in fees. There have been 711 building inspections, 2,377 property maintenance inspections. The target date of opening the new McDonald's is Oct 21st, but they might be a little behind.

Finance Director, Rossiter: She attended a meeting for the Ohio Chapter of Government of Finance Officers and said the State has discontinued doing property taxes. The current status will discontinue by 2013. We have had over \$230K per year with those taxes. In 2014, all employers are required to have health care for part time staff as well.

Headen said that the finance report last week reported losing one million and asked if this new CAT tax was included. Rossiter said no. The property, local gov't and inheritance taxes, but not the CAT tax. Headen asked if it would be a phasing out for the taxes, and Rossiter did not think so.

Service Director, Lazar: -excused-

O'Toole commented that he ran into a resident whose neighbor's tree had fallen on their house. They chopped up the tree and the Service Dept came out and helped pick all the pieces up. They were very thankful.

City Engineer, Lee Courtney: The sanitary sewer construction on Highland Road is progressing, as well as construction at Snavelly and Gleeten.

Recreation Director, Drda: The City Edition is out! She tanked UH hospitals for sponsoring the newsletter. The playground tiles are almost done. She has a meeting with school staff on recycling lessons and how to incorporate them in the schools. October 15th is Shred Day from 10am-1pm at City Hall. They have ads in the Plain Dealer, Sun Press and Cleveland.com

Roche added that the City Edition is also online now too.

Audience: -no comments-

OLD BUSINESS: -none-

NEW BUSINESS: -none-

ADDITIONS: -none-

CORRESPONDENCE: Headen read a letter from Nafis Uddin, Executive Member of the Muslim Association of Cleveland East (MACE). He was very grateful and had a lot of positive comments about Assistant Building Commissioner, Dan Spada.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made by Morgan, seconded by Roche to adjourn this September 27, 2011 City Council Meeting at 9:20 PM

Betsy Traben, Clerk of Council

David H. Roche, Council President