

**City of Richmond Heights
City Council Meeting
January 9, 2007**

Council President Roche opened the meeting at 8:40 pm

Roll Call:

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

Consent Agenda consists of:

1. Minutes of the City Council Meeting from December 19, 2006

Motion was made by Gambatese, seconded by O'Toole to accept the Consent Agenda as submitted. Motion passed 7-0.

Reports:

Mayor Ursu: The City Edition will be out soon to all residents.

Finance Director, Rossiter: She handed out the financial statements for the year.

Service Director, Lazar: Storm water sewer repairs were done, we will be having a meeting on Homeland Security with different communities.

City Engineer, Courtney: CEI installed cables at Marrus Woods, gas lines were installed at new developments, Woods of Richmond had a water main installed, the Side Street Sanitary Sewers on Richmond Road will start construction very soon.

Recreation Director, Drda: Basketball games started last Saturday. There are 180 kids in the program (most from Rich Hts). Soccer, volleyball, cheerleading and wiffle ball are having sign ups.

Building Commissioner, Rodic: In the month of December there were 41 building permits issued. One was for a new home. For the year 2006, the Building Dept issued 774 permits accounting for just over 10 million dollars in construction costs. 13 permits were issued for new homes. The Building Dept will undergo an audit of administrative, inspection and plan review procedures with the Insurance Services Offices on Wednesday.

Fire Chief, Cek: Currently updating programs and internal audit records. YTD 1304 alarms, down 1% from 2005. Will get the Annual Report out soon. The Wendy's fire repair is still damaged the building and it will be about 6 months until it reopens. Rodic added that Wendy's is debating whether to repair or re-build.

Police Chief, Rowe: Closing year end reports and forecasting for next year. Wish Jim Nagy well and will miss him. Interviewing for positions that are now open. The officer at Zagara's is helping to decrease the thefts.

Development Director, Gase: -excused-

Audience: -no comments-

OLD BUSINESS: -none-

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION NO.: 1-2007, INTRODUCED BY O'TOOLE, FIRST READING

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY DISTRICT BOARD OF HEALTH TO PERFORM STORM WATER INSPECTION AND MONITORING ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE CITY.

- 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 GAMBATESE TO PASS RESOLUTION NO. 1-2007. THE MOTION PASSED 7-0.

ORDINANCE NO.: 2- 2007, 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, 2007 AND TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO 114-2006; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

- 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 ALEXANDER SECONDED BY GAMBATESE TO PASS ORDINANCE NO. 2-2007. THE MOTION PASSED 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO.: 3-2007, INTRODUCED BY ALEXANDER, FIRST READING

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO PERFORM CERTAIN INTERFUND TRANSFERS AND/OR ADVANCES IN COMPLIANCE WITH AUDITOR OF STATE BULLETIN 97-003; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

- 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 O'TOOLE SECONDED BY GAMBATESE TO PASS RESOLUTION NO. 3-2007. THE MOTION PASSED 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO.: 4-2007, INTRODUCED BY STEFFEN, FIRST READING

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE ACTION OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS WITH RESPECT TO A SETBACK VARIANCE AT 754 RICHMOND ROAD.

- MOTION WAS MADE BY STEFFEN 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 GAMBATESE SECONDED BY MORGAN TO PASS RESOLUTION NO. 4-2007. THE MOTION PASSED 7-0.**

ORDINANCE NO.: 5-2007, INTRODUCED BY MORGAN, FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE ZONING CODE RELATING TO BUSINESS REGULATIONS AND ZONING DISTRICTS TO ADD NEW CHAPTERS 1151 AND 1169, TO DELETE EXISTING CHAPTERS 1151, 1155, 1159 AND 1163, AND TO AMEND SECTIONS 1123.03, 1123.05, 1123.07, 1173.04, 1173.05, AND 1177.02.

-ON HOLD, FOR PLANNING COMMISSION REVIEW-

RESOLUTION NO.: 6-2007, INTRODUCED BY MAYOR & COUNCIL, FIRST READING

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH NORTHSTAR PLANNING AND DESIGN, LLC FOR PROFESSIONAL PLANNING AND CONSULTING SERVICES TO PREPARE THE COMPREHENSIVE MASTER PLAN UPDATE FOR THE CITY.

- **MOTION WAS MADE BY GAMBATESE AND SECONDED BY ALEXANDER 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 MORGAN SECONDED BY GAMBATESE TO PASS RESOLUTION NO. 6-2007. THE MOTION PASSED 7-0.**

ORDINANCE NO.: 7-2007, INTRODUCED BY MORGAN, FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING CODE OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEIGHTS, AND MORE SPECIFICALLY THE ZONE MAP MADE A PART THEREOF, SO AS TO CHANGE THE BUSINESS DISTRICT ZONING DESIGNATIONS OF THE HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED PROPERTIES.

-ON HOLD FOR PLANNING COMMISSION REVIEW-

ADDITIONS:

MOTION TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING FOR ORDINANCE 5-2007 AND 7-2007 ON FEBRUARY 27, 2007 AT THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

MORGAN MOTIONED, O'TOOLE SECONDED. MOTION PASSED 7-0.

CORRESPONDENCE: -NONE-

ADJOURNMENT:

A MOTION WAS MADE BY GAMBATESE, SECONDED BY ROCHE TO ADJOURN THIS JANUARY 9, 2007 CITY COUNCIL MEETING AT 9:00 PM

BETSY TRABEN, CLERK OF COUNCIL

DAVID ROCHE, CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT