

**City of Richmond Heights  
City Council Meeting  
January 23, 2007**

**Council President Roche opened the meeting at 8:35 pm**

**Roll Call:**

**Present: Alexander, Gambatese, Henry, Morgan, Roche, Steffen**

**Excused: O'Toole**

**Consent Agenda consists of:**

1. Minutes of the City Council Meeting from January 9, 2006

**Motion was made by Gambatese, seconded by Steffen to accept the Consent Agenda as submitted. Motion passed 6-0.**

**Reports:**

**Mayor Ursu:** The Mayor gave his State of the City Address for 2007 (see attached).

**Finance Director, Rossiter:** Asked Council to review the policy that she passed out last Tuesday, on the fixed assets policy.

**Service Director, Lazar:** Did an inventory of signs in the City and will be changing some street signs.

**City Engineer, Courtney:** Rich Rd Street Sewers have 4 crews working. Trebisky Woods- CEI Cables, Woods of Richmond- water connections. Gase asked about the Woods of Richmond and the Ryan Homes signs that were up. Courtney said they are committed to Phase 1.

**Recreation Director, Drda:** Excused.

**Building Commissioner, Rodic:** Ord 8 and 9-2007 will affect the certification, since House Bill 175 passed. They gave us until May 2007 to certify. We are keeping local amendments intact with Ord 10-2007. He thanked Todd Hunt, Law Director, for putting the ordinances all together so fast. Hunt said that Rodic was told that he needed to move fast, so we hurried before the end of the month.

**Fire Chief, Cek:** Excused

**Police Chief, Rowe:** Nothing to report.

**Development Director, Gase:** Nothing to report.

**Audience:**

Will Kennedy, Hillary Lane resident, and School Board member,

He asked about the street coming down from Trebisky, by Hillary Lane. It is all torn up. Are there any plans to resurface it soon? The curbs are also failing. Courtney agreed and said it will be recommended for work this year. Mayor Ursu explained how they assign a priority to road work every year.

Kennedy also asked about the Master Plan, that he had read about in the paper. Will the schools be a part of this? Mayor Ursu said we do think someone from the school should be on this committee to help bring the land-use map up to times. The meetings will be held once a month.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

#### **ORDINANCE NO.: 5-2007, INTRODUCED BY MORGAN, SECOND 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 & PUBLIC HEARING FEB 27TH**

#### **ORDINANCE NO.: 7-2007, INTRODUCED BY MORGAN, SECOND 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 & PUBLIC HEARING FEB 27<sup>TH</sup>.**

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **ORDINANCE NO.: 8-2007, INTRODUCED BY STEFFEN, FIRST READING**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1303 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEIGHTS TO ADOPT THE RESIDENTIAL CODE OF OHIO FOR ONE-, TWO-, AND THREE-FAMILY DWELLINGS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

- **MOTION WAS MADE BY STEFFEN 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 6-0.**
- **MOTION WAS MADE BY MORGAN SECONDED BY ALEXANDER TO PASS ORDINANCE NO. 8-2007. THE MOTION PASSED 6-0.**

#### **ORDINANCE NO.: 9-2007, INTRODUCED BY STEFFEN, FIRST READING**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A REQUEST TO THE OHIO BOARD OF BUILDING STANDARDS FOR CERTIFICATION OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEIGHTS' BUILDING DEPARTMENT TO ENFORCE THE RESIDENTIAL CODE OF OHIO FOR ONE-, TWO- AND THREE-FAMILY DWELLINGS WITHIN THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEIGHTS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

- **MOTION WAS MADE BY STEFFEN 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 6-0.**
- **MOTION WAS MADE BY GAMBATESE SECONDED BY STEFFEN TO PASS ORDINANCE NO. 9-2007. THE MOTION PASSED 6-0.**

**ORDINANCE NO.: 10-2007, INTRODUCED BY MAYOR & COUNCIL, FIRST READING AN ORDINANCE ENACTING NEW CHAPTER 1304 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEIGHTS, ENTITLED "LOCAL REGULATIONS"; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

- **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 6-0.**
- **MOTION WAS MADE BY GAMBATESE SECONDED BY STEFFEN TO PASS ORDINANCE NO. 10-2007. THE MOTION PASSED 6-0.**

**ADDITIONS:**

MOTION FOR AN EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PENDING LITIGATION.

ALEXANDER MOTIONED, GAMBATESE SECONDED. MOTION PASSED 6-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS HELD FROM 9:05PM- 9:40 PM

**CORRESPONDENCE: -NONE-**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY GAMBATESE, SECONDED BY MORGAN TO ADJOURN THIS JANUARY 23, 2007 CITY COUNCIL MEETING AT 9:40 PM**

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**BETSY TRABEN, CLERK OF COUNCIL**

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**DAVID ROCHE, CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT**