

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

Council President David Roche opened the meeting at 8:35 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

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

Consent agenda:

1. Minutes of the City Council Meeting from October 9, 2007
2. Resolution 119-2007, Introduced by Mayor and All of Council: A Resolution Congratulating Jim & Millie Logar on the Occasion of their 60th wedding Anniversary.

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

Reports:

Mayor Ursu: This Saturday there will be a Halloween party for kids at the Lodge, October 27th. On November 3rd, there will be a Craft Show at the lodge. Please contact the Rec dept for more info on these events.

Director of Finance Rossiter: No Report tonight.

Service Director Lazar: -Excused-

City Engineer Courtney: Construction wrap-ups, sewer and water work being done. Highland Ridge is under construction and they are hoping to get the pavement down this year.

Roche asked about the Sewer issue. Courtney is not sure of the details with Euclid. They have the EPA's OK, and they have cut the road open on High Rd.

Morgan asked about the results of the flooding in Kevin Hood's home. Courtney said he met with him, and they are waiting for a price from the plumber, who will work on the home.

Recreation Director Drda: -Excused-

Building Commissioner Rodic: Two significant permits were issued since the last Council meeting. One was for a new Great Clips Hair Salon, located at Hilltop Plaza between Fedex Kinko's and Mar-Lou Shoes. The other was for the assisted

living/independent living project at the intersection of Merit Drive and Richmond Road by Capital Senior Development.

Fire Chief Cek: -Excused-

Police Chief Rowe: Notified by Ohio Criminal Services that the JAG Grant for equipment and new programs is about \$20K, with a 10% match from the City. Rowe is putting together a grant and said it will be awarded sometime after February 2008. It is a State Grant.

Development Director Gase: Asked for an Executive Session to have discussion regarding the county and property. There will be a motion at the end of this meeting.

Audience: No comments.

COW Business:

City Hall: Alexander reported that dry wall is going up, phones lines are going in, brick work is happening and there will be painting soon. Possible occupancy around Dec 12-14th. They will give us notice 30 days prior to moving in. The upper parking lot will be closed on Thursday and Friday, so no handicap parking will be available those days. Things are moving along nicely.

Mayor Ursu suggested thinking about an Open House/Reception for the new City Hall. Alexander said that Marous Bros had also brought this up. It needs planning and it was discussed that maybe we should do it in better weather...spring instead of winter?

Master Plan: next meeting is November 8th, Thursday.

Senior Bus: Hunt is reviewing the proposed contract with STC. Discussion on having a flat fee for next year. Roche said the ridership is picking up a bit, and we do have a "shopping plan" on the first Friday of the month, going to Legacy Village. We will continue to go out for grants for this project. Working on planning things with Meals on Wheels. The signups total over 20 right now. The next meeting is on Thursday for the STC in Parma.

Joint Rec COG Update: Gambatese asked about the Lyndhurst resident letter, and if there was any way to correct the mistakes made in the letter, to give a rebuttal. Roche said the letter was paraphrased as an editorial in the newspaper already.

Commission on Aging: We have our first appointment tonight, with Lois Newman.

Trees on Monticello: Roche says the map says there will be a removal of about a dozen. Should the City send out its own letter, to clarify the residents' rights. Roche said this is Eloise Henry's ward and she may want to have the letter written for her ward.

Hunt said he had discussion with Darlene Johnson, of Illuminating Co. She said they would be putting together a letter soon. Hunt had asked for a copy prior to sending it out, but has not heard anything back yet, although he had heard that Johnson had just had a death in her family, so he has not pursued it. Rodic says he has detailed drawings/maps with the trees listed for removal and trim. Alexander said that residents have the right to know what they can refuse. They should not be bullied. He said the City should get a letter ready to go anyways. Hunt said the moratorium is until November 16th.

Phypers Property: Covered in the COW. It was decided to wait on the motions and put this into Finance Committee.

Airport: Roche got a call regarding a press release on the airport. 4 more options have been added to the 36, although some are not viable. Someone had been asking for public information, so the airport had to get a response out. There should be meetings soon.

Bond issue: Items covered.

Committee Meetings: Roche proposed to reschedule the Tuesday, November 6th meetings to Nov 13th, so that Council could have the night off to cover elections, and be at the polls. Alexander said the polls close at 7:30pm anyways, which would be the start time of the meetings. Morgan said she thought it would be best to proceed with the regularly scheduled, normal meetings and dates on November 6th. It was decided to keep the same.

Cultural Commission: Gambatese said she had sent an email to Council regarding this, and “Neighborhood Coffee Times”. She asked for the help of Council. November 1st, Thursday, will be a Coffee Hour at Gambatese’s home, and she invited Council. She said the Commission is in need of ideas and hosts for these events. They are looking for school activity leaders, neighborhood leaders and those interested in getting to know one another better.

Audience member, Greg Kerr, asked about “Crime Watch” or “Block Watch”. He had concerns that this meant that older residents would be calling the police on younger residents, complaining of noise, basketball games in the street, ect Is this only a way for older residents to complain about younger ones?

Gambatese said she is hoping to establish a better sense of community. How can we include the younger constituents in activities? It is important to make sure the old are not pitted against the young. She said that young adults are welcome to join in on the coffee hours.

O’Toole added that we have very little civic activities from the youth, and he would like to see a youth movement built.

Kerr said he is a resident of Mayfield Hts and goes to school there, but he wanted to bring up the concerns of teens.

Gambatse said there has been involvement with the schools and older residents, meeting together and interacting. Alexander added it would be wonderful to see programs where younger residents can help out older residents who can not do yard work, or jobs around the house.

OLD BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE NO.: 89-2007, INTRODUCED BY MAYOR & COUNCIL, THIRD READING
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 901, "STREET OPENINGS AND CURB CUTTING", OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO ADOPT A NEW CHAPTER 901, ENTITLED "USE OF PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY BY SERVICE PROVIDERS"; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

*** HOLD TO DISCUSS FURTHER.**

RESOLUTION NO.: 112 -2007, INTRODUCED BY ROCHE, SECOND READING
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEIGHTS, OHIO TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE NORTHEAST OHIO SOURCING OFFICE ("NEO|SO"), ADOPTING THE CODE OF REGULATIONS OF NEO|SO, AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO THE MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT, THE MASTER SERVICES AND CONSULTING AGREEMENT, AND THE MASTER PRODUCTS AGREEMENT WITH NEO|SO.

- **MOTION WAS MADE BY GAMBATESE, SECONDED BY O'TOOLE TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COFIFIED ORDINANCE AS PROVIDED IN SEC.121.22 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCE. THE MOTION PASSED 7-0.**
- **MOTION WAS MADE BY GAMBATESE, SECONDED BY O'TOOLE TO PASS RESOLUTION NO. 112-2007. THE MOTION PASSED 7-0.**

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION NO.: 114 -2007, INTRODUCED BY O'TOOLE, FIRST READING
A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING AUTHORIZATION OF THE CITY TO ENTER INTO A PURCHASE AGREEMENT THROUGH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES' COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM FOR ONE VEHICLE FOR USE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE.

- **MOTION WAS MADE BY O'TOOLE, SECONDED BY GAMBATESE TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COFIFIED 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. 114-2007. THE MOTION PASSED 7-0.**

RESOLUTION NO.: 115 -2007, INTRODUCED BY GAMBATESE, FIRST READING

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CERTAIN CONTRACT FOR PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES FROM THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR 2008.

- **MOTION WAS MADE BY O'TOOLE, SECONDED BY GAMBATESE TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COFIFIED 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. 115-2007. THE MOTION PASSED 7-0.**

RESOLUTION NO.: 116 -2007, 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 TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT FOR THE NEW CITY HALL BUILDING.

- **MOTION WAS MADE BY O'TOOLE, SECONDED BY GAMBATESE TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COFIFIED ORDINANCE AS PROVIDED IN SEC.121.22 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCE. THE MOTION PASSED 7-0.**
- **MOTION WAS MADE BY GAMBATESE, SECONDED BY HENRY TO PASS RESOLUTION NO. 116-2007. THE MOTION PASSED 7-0.**

ORDINANCE NO.: 117 -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 FISACAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2007 AND TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 22-2007; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

- **MOTION WAS MADE BY GAMBATESE, SECONDED BY HENRY TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COFIFIED ORDINANCE AS PROVIDED IN SEC.121.22 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCE. THE MOTION PASSED 7-0.**
- **MOTION WAS MADE BY GAMBATESE, SECONDED BY HENRY TO PASS ORDINANCE NO. 117-2007. THE MOTION PASSED 7-0.**

RESOLUTION NO.: 118 -2007, INTRODUCED BY MAYOR & COUNCIL, FIRST READING

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR OF LOIS NEWMAN AS A MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION ON AGING OF THE CITY.

- **MOTION WAS MADE BY O'TOOLE, SECONDED BY ALEXANDER TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COFIFIED 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. 118-2007. THE MOTION PASSED 7-0.**

ORDINANCE NO.: 120-2007, INTRODUCED BY ALEXANDER, FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$130,000 OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS BY THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEIGHTS, OHIO, FOR THE PURCHASE OF CAPITAL EQUIPMENT, AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE OHIO CAPITAL ASSET FINANCING PROGRAM, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

*** HOLD FOR DISCUSSION**

ORDINANCE NO.: 121-2007, INTRODUCED BY ALEXANDER, FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$4,145,000 OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS FOR THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEIGHTS, OHIO, AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE OHIO CAPITAL ASSET FINANCING PROGRAM, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

*** HOLD FOR DISCUSSION**

ORDINANCE NO.: 122-2007, INTRODUCED BY ALEXANDER, FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$4,015,000 OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS FOR THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEIGHTS, OHIO, AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE OHIO CAPITAL ASSET FINANCING PROGRAM, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

*** HOLD FOR DISCUSSION**

ORDINANCE NO.: 123-2007, INTRODUCED BY ALEXANDER, FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$2,140,000 OF GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS BY THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEIGHTS, OHIO, FOR REFUNDING POLICE STATION IMPROVEMENT BONDS, AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE OHIO CAPITAL ASSET FINANCING PROGRAM, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

*** HOLD FOR DISCUSSION**

ORDINANCE NO.: 124-2007, INTRODUCED BY O'TOOLE, FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE EXTENDING THE TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON THE ISSUANCE OF STREET, TREELAWN AND SIDEWALK OPENING PERMITS TO SERVICE PROVIDERS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

- **MOTION WAS MADE BY O'TOOLE, SECONDED BY HENRY TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COFIFIED ORDINANCE AS PROVIDED IN SEC.121.22 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCE. THE MOTION PASSED 7-0.**
- **MOTION WAS MADE BY GAMBATESE, SECONDED BY O'TOOLE TO PASS ORDINANCE NO. 124-2007. THE MOTION PASSED 7-0.**

MOTIONS:

Motion to authorize spending \$3,080 for a new traffic controller at Swetland/Richmond Road to come from the Capital Fund.

Gambatese motioned, O'Toole seconded. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion to authorize a contract with Corporate Movers of Cleveland, Ohio, to perform moving services to the new City Hall building in an amount not to exceed \$2,380 and to come from the General Fund.

Morgan motioned, O'Toole seconded. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion to purchase a snowplow for the Service Dept truck, not to exceed \$3,500, to come from Capital Fund.

Alexander motioned, O'Toole seconded. Motion passed 7-0.

Motion to purchase the services of PC Alternatives to install audio and video cabling services for the new City Hall, in the amount of \$4,700 to come from the Contingency Fund.

Alexander motioned, Gambatese seconded. Motion passed 7-0.

MOTION for an Executive Session to discuss issues with county property and transfer issues.

Alexander motioned, O'Toole seconded. Motion passed 7-0.

Executive Session was held from 9:35pm- 9:55 pm.

Council President, David Roche, reconvened the meeting at 9:55pm.

ADDITIONS: -NONE-

CORRESPONDENCE: -NONE-

ADJOURNMENT: A MOTION WAS MADE BY ROCHE, SECONDED BY GAMBATESE TO ADJOURN THIS OCTOBER 23, 2007 CITY COUNCIL MEETING AT 9:55 P.M.

Betsy Traben, Clerk of Council

DAVID H. ROCHE, CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT