

**City of Richmond Heights
Regular City Council Meeting
December 11, 2007**

President David H. Roche opened the meeting at 8:20 pm

**Roll Call: Alexander, Gambatese, Keyerleber, Morgan, O'Toole, Roche
Excused: Henry**

Roche excused Henry from tonight's meeting.

Consent Agenda consists of:

1) Minutes of Regular City Council Meeting from November 27, 2007.

Motion was made by Gambatese, seconded by O'Toole to accept the Consent Agenda as submitted. Motion passed 6-0.

REPORTS:

Mayor Ursu: Thanked employees who had worked on the City Xmas party last Friday at the Lodge. It is a nice tradition that has been established, and he thanked Lynda Rossiter for starting it at the Lodge. He announced that Chris Courtney is here tonight, in place of his dad, Lee Courtney. We look forward to Lee's return.

Finance Director, Lynda Rossiter: The City was successful in selling the bonds needing for financing. The Police Station re-financing will wait for now, until it becomes advantageous to do so. The final interest rate was 4.18%, which is pretty good. My goal was to have the budget out by now, but I am still working on it. It will be out in time for everyone to have before the Council Budget work session in January.

Service Director, Don Lazar: Leaf clean up is still going on. Lazar asked if the City is keeping the old generator from City Hall. Alexander said we should keep it to use in the future if necessary.

City Engineer, Lee Courtney: In Lee Courtney's place was his son Chris. Chris Courtney: Thanked everyone for their thoughts and prayers for his dad. He said he left his cell number, as well as his brother's, with Dina, the Mayor's secretary. Don't hesitate to call if needed. Progress is continuing with construction in Rich Hts.

Recreation Director, Teri Drda: Nothing to report.

Building Commissioner, Bob Rodic: There were 80 permits issued in the month of November and 3 were for new homes. Great Clips just opened up at Hilltop and they are charging only \$4.99 for haircuts in the month of December. The street in Highland Ridge was paved this week.

Fire Chief, Michael Cek: We responded to a hazardous materials report in Painesville on October 10th, and we received a \$4,000 check for reimbursement with that case. There have been 1306 alarms YTD, 1110 for EMS.

Police Chief, Gene Rowe: COMDOT has made a proposal for copy machines for the Police Dept. This is to replace and upgrade the machines, and will be about \$200 per

month more. However, with corporate subsidies, it may lower the cost. Rowe said he will talk with Law Director, Todd Hunt to draw up legislation for next week. With the subsidies, it will be \$69/month lower now than the State Bid, for 2 copy machines, with more capabilities.

Development Director, Lee Gase: No report tonight.

Audience: No comments.

OLD BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION NO.: 133-2007, INTRODUCED BY MAYOR & COUNCIL, SECOND READING
A RESOLUTION ADOPTING AN UPDATE TO THE MASTER PLAN OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEIGHTS.

- KEEP THIS RESOLUTION ON, TO DISCUSS FURTHER NEXT WEEK.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION NO.: 134-2007, INTRODUCED BY MORGAN, FIRST READING
A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE ACTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION WITH RESPECT TO THE APPROVAL OF A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT AND A SITE PLAN FOR A DRIVE THROUGH SERVICE FACILITY AT 5115 WILSON MILLS ROAD.

- **MOTION WAS MADE BY MORGAN 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 6-0.**
- **MOTION WAS MADE BY GAMBATESE, SECONDED BY O'TOOLE TO PASS RESOLUTION NO. 134-2007. THE MOTION PASSED 6- 0.**

RESOLUTION NO.: 135-2003, INTRODUCED BY ALEXANDER, FIRST READING
A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY AUDITOR TO ADVANCE TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS FROM THE PROCEEDS OF TAX LEVIES PURSUANT TO SECTION 321.34 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

- **MOTION WAS MADE BY O'TOOLE 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 6-0.**
- **MOTION WAS MADE BY MORGAN, SECONDED BY GAMBATESE TO PASS RESOLUTION NO. 135-2007. THE MOTION PASSED 6- 0.**

RESOLUTION NO.: 136-2007, INTRODUCED BY ALEXANDER, FIRST READING
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF FURNITURE AND RELATED ACCESSORIES FROM MyOfficeProducts, Inc.

- **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 6-0.**
- **MOTION WAS MADE BY GAMBATESE, SECONDED BY MORGAN TO PASS RESOLUTION NO. 136-2007. THE MOTION PASSED 6- 0.**

MOTIONS:

MOTION FOR THE NEW CITY HALL KITCHEN APPLIANCES, NOT TO EXCEED \$1100, TO COME FROM CAPITAL.

ALEXANDER MOTIONED, O'TOOLE SECONDED. MOTION WAS APPROVED 6-0.

MOTION FOR A NEW PROJECTOR, SCREEN, AND MOUNTING MATERIALS FOR THE NEW CITY HALL, FROM CDW-G Co., NOT TO EXCEED \$2500, TO COME FROM CAPITAL.

ALEXANDER MOTIONED, MORGAN SECONDED. MOTION WAS APPROVED 6-0.

MOTION FOR NEW WINDOW BLINDS AT CITY HALL, FROM DESIGNER ACCENTS, NOT TO EXCEED \$4,600, TO COME FROM CAPITAL.

ALEXANDER MOTIONED, O'TOOLE SECONDED. MOTION WAS APPROVED 6-0.

ADDITIONS: -NONE-

CORRESPONDENCE: -NONE-

ADJOURNMENT: A MOTION WAS MADE BY ROCHE, SECONDED BY MORGAN TO ADJOURN THIS DECEMBER 11, 2007 REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING AT 8:52 PM.

BETSY TRABEN, CLERK OF COUNCIL

DAVID H. ROCHE, COUNCIL PRESIDENT