

**City of Richmond Heights
City Council Meeting
February 27, 2007**

Council President Roche opened the meeting at 8:28 pm

Roll Call:

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

Consent Agenda consists of:

1. Minutes of the City Council Meeting from February 13, 2006
2. RESOLUTION NO.:15-2007, INTRODUCED BY: Mayor Ursu and All Members of Council: A Resolution of Congratulations and Commendation to Faith United Church of Christ on its 50th Anniversary.
3. RESOLUTION NO.: 16-2007, INTRODUCED BY Mayor Ursu and All Members of Council: A Resolution Commending Sergeant James Nagy Upon His Retirement from the Richmond Heights Police Department.

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

Reports:

Mayor Ursu: Thanked the Service, Fire and Police Depts for all their hard work in this cold weather. They are being challenged in unique ways. Exhaustion sets in and we are appreciative; their work does not go un-noticed.

Finance Director, Rossiter: Thanked the Directors for assisting with the Budget Hearing and for all the work that was done, and for future work.

Service Director, Lazar: Cold patching heavily, fixing a water break on Highland Road. Police helped with barricades and assistance.

City Engineer, Courtney: Underground cables at Trebisky Woods. 3 crews are working on sanitary sewers on Rich Rd side streets.

Recreation Director, Drda: -excused-

Building Commissioner, Rodic: There were 24 permits issued in January and 2 were for new dwellings.

Fire Chief, Cek: Received reimbursement from FIMA for operations response equipment.

Police Chief, Rowe: Discussed the funeral service of Joe Steffen. After the funeral, the police did a police ceremony with honors with a rifle salute, played the taps and presented 2 flags to each of his children.

Development Director, Gase: -Excused-

Audience: -No comments-

OLD BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE NO.: 5-2007, INTRODUCED BY MORGAN, THIRD 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 MARCH 13TH

ORDINANCE NO.: 7-2007, INTRODUCED BY MORGAN, THIRD 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 MARCH 13TH

RESOLUTION NO.: 13-2007, INTRODUCED BY MAYOR & COUNCIL, SECOND READING

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN ENVIRONMENTAL COVENANT RESTRICTION UPON A CITY STREAM AREA.

-ON HOLD FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION NO: 14-2007, INTRODUCED BY MAYOR URSU & ALL OF COUNCIL, FIRST READING

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING NAMES FOR ALL OF THE SIGNIFICANT STREAMS IN RICHMOND HEIGHTS THAT DRAIN INTO EUCLID CREEK AND THE EAST BRANCH OF EUCLID CREEK.

-ON HOLD FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION.

RESOLUTION NO: 17-2007, INTRODUCED BY GAMBATESE, FIRST READING

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF VIDEO SURVEILLANCE EQUIPMENT FOR THE DIVISION OF POLICE.

- **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 6-0.**
- **MOTION WAS MADE BY GAMBATESE SECONDED BY O'TOOLE TO PASS RESOLUTION NO. 17-2007. THE MOTION PASSED 6-0.**

ORDINANCE NO.: 18-2007, 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 O'TOOLE 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 O'TOOLE TO PASS ORDINANCE NO. 18-2007. THE MOTION PASSED 6-0.**

ADDITIONS: -NONE-

CORRESPONDENCE: CLERK TRABEN READ A LETTER FROM THE MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF CONCEPTION BAY SOUTH IN NEWFOUNDLAND REGARDING JOE STEFFEN'S WORK THERE. THE LETTER WILL BE FORWARDED TO STEFFEN'S FAMILY.

MOTION FOR AN EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PENDING LITIGATION AND IMMANENT THREAT OF LITIGATION.

ALEXANDER MOTIONED, O'TOOLE SECONDED. MOTION PASSED 6-0. EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS HELD FROM 8:45 PM- 9:15 PM

ROCHE RE-CONVENED THE MEETING AT 9:15PM

ADJOURNMENT:

A MOTION WAS MADE BY GAMBATESE, SECONDED BY ROCHE TO ADJOURN THIS FEBRUARY 27, 2007 CITY COUNCIL MEETING AT 9:15 PM.

BETSY TRABEN, CLERK OF COUNCIL

DAVID ROCHE, CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT