

**City of Richmond Heights  
City Council Meeting  
March 13, 2007**

**Council President Roche opened the meeting at 8:20 pm**

**Roll Call:**

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

**Resolution 15-2007, a resolution of commendation and congratulations to Faith United on its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, was read by the Clerk of Council to Rev. Gene McAfee and Ron Ober, representatives from the Faith United Church of Christ. The resolution was passed last Council meeting. Roche presented them with the framed resolution. They thanked Council.**

**Public Hearing for Ordinances 5-2007 and 7-2007 was had from 8:25pm -8:40pm**

Law Director, Todd Hunt, discussed the process, which began a year ago or more. The City hired professional planner, Mark Majewski, to work on the business code, and he has brought it up to date.

Majewski was present and said there had been a "housecleaning" of sorts for the business code, with commercial districts. Some of the properties have been consolidated and now we have all the districts in one chapter. The "conditional use" category has been added.

Hunt noted that the Chardon/Rich Rd area was rezoned to B-1 and Hilltop was rezoned to B-1 also. The significant change was a strip on Chardon Road, which was rezoned from B-1 to Office/Service.

Resident, Ron Gerardhardstein, 6331 Aldenham, Mayf Hts 44143- owner of the Sunoco station on Chardon/Rich Rd. He is selling his property and asked what type of business can go in there? Majewski said that offices, libraries, hospitals, repair shops, banks, stores, schools, funeral homes. Some conditional uses would be gas service stations. Since Sunoco is presently there, it is an existing use and can continue if one would like to do that. If any changes were to be made on it though, it would require approval.

Carl Kuklica, from Fatica Hardware. He asked is there were any changes to happen for his business. Majewski said that his business area had not changed district and remained in the B-1 district. The hardware store is still permitted, and same use in area. However, the biggest change would occur in outside storage.

With no further questions to be had, Roche closed the Public Hearing at 8:40pm

**Consent Agenda consists of:**

1. Minutes of the City Council Meeting from February 27, 2007

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

**Reports:**

**Mayor Ursu:** -excused-

**Finance Director, Rossiter:** Budget is now balanced, and so we will move on financial statements for 2006. We are also working on our Retention Plan, with the Dept Heads.

**Service Director, Lazar:** No report tonight.

**City Engineer, Courtney:** The Sanitary Sewer construction continues on the side streets with 3 crews working it.

O'Toole asked about the noise issue on Swetland with the generator. Courtney said they have moved it farther away from the resident's home, and that seemed to help.

**Recreation Director, Drda:** Ohio Dept of Natural Resources sent the check for \$40,000 for the Spraygrounds to the City. We are having an Easter Egg Hunt at the Lodge for kids on Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup>. Tickets are on sale now. Softball and Baseball sign ups are going on now.

**Building Commissioner, Rodic:** There were 30 permits issued in February.

**Fire Chief, Cek:** There was black smoke at the airport today, from the training that was being done there with Flight Options. We will also be conducting training at the Univ Hospital soon. This year we have had 302 alarms, 20.2% up from 2006.

Gambatese asked about all the fire trucks that she saw on Friday night on Claymore. Cek said there was a monoxide incident.

**Police Chief, Rowe:** Update on promotions that they are working on. We are in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Phase of assessments, will get scores soon for eligible candidates. We've been one supervisor short since April 2006, so we need to move forward soon.

Alexander commented on the police cars for this year. He looked over the finances, with Rossiter's advice as well. The City will purchase 2 police cars, fully loaded. They need to be ordered by March 21<sup>st</sup>.

MOTION to purchase 2 Police cars, and to include the outfitting of both vehicles with video, mobile data terminals and a radar gun.

Alexander motioned, Henry seconded. Motion passed 6-0.

Todd Hunt said the motion for Police cars will need to be ratified with legislation on March 27<sup>th</sup>, when there will be enough people and the next Council meeting.

**Development Director, Gase:** No further report.

**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.

- **MOTION WAS MADE BY MORGAN SECONDED BY GAMBATESE TO PASS ORDINANCE NO. 5-2007. THE MOTION PASSED 6-0.**

**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.

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

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

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

- **MOTION WAS MADE BY GAMBATESE SECONDED BY O'TOOLE TO PASS RESOLUTION NO. 13-2007. THE MOTION PASSED 6-0.**

**RESOLUTION NO: 14-2007, INTRODUCED BY MAYOR URSU & ALL OF COUNCIL, SECOND 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.

- **MOTION WAS MADE BY GAMBATESE 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 MORGAN TO PASS RESOLUTION NO. 14-2007. THE MOTION PASSED 6-0.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**ORDINANCE NO.: 19-2007, INTRODUCED BY MORGAN, FIRST READING**

AN ORDINANCE ENACTING NEW TITLE SEVEN, "STORM WATER MANAGEMENT" OF PART ELEVEN, "PLANNING AND ZONING CODE," OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEIGHTS.

**\* HOLD FOR DISCUSSION IN PLANNING COMMISSION AND PLANNING & ZONING.**

**RESOLUTION NO: 20-2007, INTRODUCED BY MORGAN, FIRST READING**

A RESOLUTION REVERSING THE ACTION OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS WITH RESPECT TO THE REQUEST FOR A VARIANCE TO THE SIDE YARD SETBACK REQUIREMENT FOR A SINGLE-FAMILY HOME ADDITION AT 25409 HIGHLAND ROAD AND GRANTING A LESSER VARIANCE THAN REQUESTED BY THE APPLICANT.

- **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. 20-2007. THE MOTION PASSED 6-0.**

**RESOLUTION NO: 21-2007, INTRODUCED BY MAYOR URSU, FIRST READING  
A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO, ALL NATURAL  
HAZARDS MITIGATION PLAN AS RECENTLY UPDATED BY THE CUYAHOGA  
COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY.**

- **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 6-0.**
- **MOTION WAS MADE BY GAMBATESE SECONDED BY ALEXANDER TO PASS  
RESOLUTION NO. 21-2007. THE MOTION PASSED 6-0.**

**ADDITIONS: -NONE-**

**CORRESPONDENCE: -NONE-**

**MOTION FOR AN EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS THE PURCHASE OF  
PROPERTY FOR PUBLIC USE.**

**MORGAN MOTIONED, O'TOOLE SECONDED. MOTION PASSED 6-0.  
EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS HELD FROM 8:55 PM- 9:35 PM**

**ROCHE RE-CONVENED THE MEETING AT 9:35PM**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY GAMBATESE, SECONDED BY ROCHE TO ADJOURN THIS  
MARCH 13, 2007 CITY COUNCIL MEETING AT 9:35 PM.**

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**BETSY TRABEN, CLERK OF COUNCIL**

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**DAVID ROCHE, CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT**