

# City of Richmond Heights City Council Meeting May 8, 2007

**Council President Roche opened the meeting at 9:01 pm**

**Roll Call:**

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

**Absent:** Henry

**MOTION WAS MADE BY O'TOOLE, SECONDED BY GAMBATESE TO EXCUSE HENRY.  
MOTION PASSED 6-0.**

**Consent Agenda consists of:**

1. Minutes of the City Council Meeting from April 24, 2007
  - **MORGAN HAD A CORRECTION TO THE April 24<sup>th</sup> MINUTES. Res 36-2007 should have been voted on as 6-1, not 7-0, as Morgan did not vote for this passage. MOTION WAS MADE BY MORGAN, SECONDED BY O'TOOLE FOR THE AMENDED MINUTES. MOTION PASSED 6-0.**
  - **MOTION WAS MADE BY MORGAN, SECONDED BY ALEXANDER TO PASS THE CONSENT AGENDA WITH ACCEPTANCE OF AMENDMENT. THE MOTION PASSED 6-0.**

**Reports:**

**Mayor Ursu:** The Mayor asked anyone who had voting issues to report to himj on this. He also reported success with the Legacy Village grant. The City received \$1,462, which will be used for new cabinets at the Kiwanis Lodge.

**Finance Director, Rossiter:** -excused-

**Service Director, Lazar:** Lazar asked if it would be OK to order the cabinets for the Lodge with the grant money now. The Mayor said to go ahead and order them. Tomorrow there will be a meeting for County Homeland Security for Service Directors. O'Toole reported that on Foxwynde, there seems to be a number of trees that are infested and need to be sprayed. Lazar said he will take care of it.

**City Engineer, Courtney:** Side Street Sanitary Sewers are in the restoration phase. Skyline is working on the water main, there will be a second pre-con meeting soon. Prices are under the county estimate now. Roche said there are sizable piles of earth on the side streets. Courtney said they will stay until we see how much settling there is.

**Recreation Director, Drda:** -excused-  
However, per the Mayor, he reported that there is a question on the size of the signs for Family Day and the Summer Concerts. They are obsolete because of the new sign ordinance. Are these signs "grandfathered" in?  
Roche also reported that the city newsletter will be on-line soon.

**Building Commissioner, Rodic:** 71 permits were issued in April. This week is observed by the International Code Council as "National Building Safety Week". Ordinances 27, 28

and 29 are safety codes in the spirit of the building codes and are updates to codes that are currently in place.

**Fire Chief, Cek:** -excused-

**Police Chief, Rowe:** Happy to see that Jonathan Greenberg is coming on as the Police Prosecutor. Keep in mind the safety issues with kids crossing roads before and after school. There is a lot going on at the schools now (with picketers), so be careful. Roche added that traffic was tied up with the crossing guards. Rowe said with the strike going on, and picketers at the school, there are no buses and more kids are walking home. Discussion was had on unsafe situations. Law Director, Todd Hunt, commented that if safety issues arise, move the picketers, decrease or limit the size of picketers.

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

Don O'Toole reported that there was a woman on Highland Road with a van and a flat tire. He saw her as he was going to vote, and figured he would come back to help afterwards. When he came back, there were already Rich Hts Police there helping this woman change her tire. He gave a thumbs up to the Police Dept.

Kathyrn Gambatese wanted to remind all that May is mental health month. There are monthly activities to raise awareness and dispel myths.

**Audience:** -No Comments-

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

### **ORDINANCE NO.: 19-2007, INTRODUCED BY MORGAN, THIRD 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.

- **MOTION WAS MADE BY MORGAN SECONDED BY GAMBATESE TO PASS ORDINANCE NO. 19-2007. THE MOTION PASSED 6-0.**

### **RESOLUTION NO.: 25 -2007, INTRODUCED BY MAYOR URSU, THIRD READING**

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE RE-PLAT FOR THE WOODS OF RICHMOND SUBDIVISION FOR RECORD PURPOSES ONLY.

- **MOTION WAS MADE BY MORGAN SECONDED BY GAMBATESE PASS RESOLUTION NO. 25-2007. THE MOTION PASSED 6-0.**

### **ORDINANCE NO.: 27-2007, INTRODUCED BY MAYOR & COUNCIL, SECOND READING**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1309 OF THE BUILDING CODE TO ADOPT THE INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE AND DELETING CHAPTER 1361; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

- **MOTION WAS MADE BY O'TOOLE SECONDED BY GAMBATESE TO PASS ORDINANCE NO. 27-2007. THE MOTION PASSED 6-0.**

### **ORDINANCE NO.: 28- 2007, INTRODUCED BY MAYOR & COUNCIL, SECOND READING**

AN ORDINANCE ENACTING NEW CHAPTER 1306 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEIGHTS, "CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORIZED OCCUPANCY," TO BE APPLIED TO ALL RENTAL PROPERTIES IN THE CITY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

- **MOTION WAS MADE BY O'TOOLE SECONDED BY GAMBATESE TO PASS ORDINANCE NO. 28-2007. THE MOTION PASSED 6-0.**

**ORDINANCE NO.: 29-2007, INTRODUCED BY MAYOR & COUNCIL, SECOND READING**  
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1341, "SWIMMING POOLS AND SPAS", OF THE BUILDING CODE TO BE IN CONFORMITY WITH THE PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

- **MOTION WAS MADE BY O'TOOLE SECONDED BY GAMBATESE TO PASS ORDINANCE NO. 29-2007. THE MOTION PASSED 6-0.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**ORDINANCE NO.: 46-2007, INTRODUCED BY MAYOR URSU, FIRST READING**  
AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF JONATHAN D. GREENBERG AS POLICE PROSECUTOR; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

- **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 ALEXANDER TO PASS ORDINANCE NO. 46-2007. THE MOTION PASSED 6-0.**

**RESOLUTION NO.: 47 -2007, INTRODUCED BY MORGAN, FIRST READING**  
A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE ACTION OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS WITH RESPECT TO VARIANCES FOR A GROUND SIGN AT HILLTOP PLAZA ON WILSON MILLS ROAD.

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- **MOTION WAS MADE BY GAMBATESE SECONDED BY O'TOOLE TO PASS RESOLUTION NO. 47-2007. THE MOTION PASSED 6-0.**

**ADDITIONS: -NONE-**

**CORRESPONDENCE: -NONE-**

MOTION WAS MADE BY ALEXANDER, SECONDED BY GAMBATESE FOR AN EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PENDING LITIGATION. MOTION PASSED 6-0.  
EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS HELD FROM 9:30- 9:50 PM.  
ROCHE RECONVENED AT 9:50 PM.

**ADJOURNMENT: A MOTION WAS MADE BY ROCHE, SECONDED BY O'TOOLE TO ADJOURN THIS MAY 8, 2007 CITY COUNCIL MEETING AT 9:50 PM.**

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**BETSY TRABEN, CLERK OF COUNCIL**

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**DAVID ROCHE, CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT**