

**City of Richmond Heights
City Council Meeting
June 26, 2007**

Council President Roche opened the meeting at 8:33 pm

Roll Call:

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

Excused: Gambatese

Council President, Roche, excused Gambatese who is out of town for her daughter's wedding.

Consent Agenda consists of:

1. Minutes of the City Council Meeting from June 12, 2007
2. RESOLUTION NO.: 60-2007, Introduced by Mayor Ursu and All Members of Council, First Reading: A Resolution Congratulating Charlie and Nancy Rice on the Occasion of their 60th Wedding Anniversary on June 21, 2007.

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

Reports:

Mayor Ursu: Mayor Ursu presented Res 60-2007 to Nancy & Charlie Rice for their 60th Anniversary.

Finance Director, Rossiter: Proposals to banks were sent out this week. She will make a recommendation to Council in July on this. Financial statements for 2005 and 2006 are getting ready for the auditors to look at.

Service Director, Lazar: Asphalt paving work is being done on Highland Road, Rich Rd to Euclid and markings are being done.

City Engineer, Courtney: Skyline/Sunset water main is being tested. Side street sanitary sewers- working on paving and aprons, and landscaping. Wilson Mills county project is going on.

Recreation Director, Drda: -excused-

Building Commissioner, Rodic: The July ZBA meeting was rescheduled from July 4th to July 11th at 7:45pm. The Architectural review Board will begin meeting at 9:30am on the first and third Monday of each month starting July 2nd.

Alexander asked if this is inconvenient for residents, having a meeting so early on a week-day? Rodic said it had been at 1:00 in the afternoon (mid-day) and 9:30am will be more suitable. Plus, most of the people who come to the meetings are contractors, not residents, so this is suitable.

Fire Chief, Cek: YTD 677 alarms. Working on programs for fire safety distinguisher training. CPR classes have some openings still on June 28 and July 21. Contact City Hall if interested. July 13th will be the inspection of the new engine and it will arrive soon if all goes well. Roche

asked if the engine was going to be in the Family Day Parade on July 15th. There was a question on the insurance and if it can be covered in time.

O'Toole said he appreciated the info from Chief Cek on the simultaneous and triple alarms, but felt one of the issues was not covered...how many times was there mutual aid used because there was no one available. Cek said it was answered in the report. He said there was no request for EMS in the City with mutual aid and 6 occasions with triple alarms.

Police Chief, Rowe: Vandalism in the parks- the police tracked down 3-4 youths who have admitted their guilt in these situations. The Police Dept received their new cars today.

Development Director, Gase: Nothing further to report.

Council President, Dvid Roche, announced the Summer Session Schedule, which he says is also up on the City's website:

Summer Session Schedule

July 10

6:30 pm- Planning & Zoning Mtg
7:00 pm- Service & Rec Mtg
7:30 pm- Committee of the Whole
8:15 pm- City Council Meeting

July 24

6:30 pm- Safety Meeting
7:00 pm- Finance Meeting
7:30 pm- Committee of the Whole
8:15 pm- City Council Meeting

August 14

6:30 pm- Planning & Zoning Mtg
7:00 pm- Service & Rec Mtg
7:30 pm- Committee of the Whole
8:15 pm- City Council Meeting

August 28

6:30 pm- Safety Meeting
7:00 pm- Finance Meeting
7:30 pm- Committee of the Whole
8:15 pm- City Council Meeting

Audience: -No Comments-

Roche went into discussion of Old Business off the Committee of the Whole agenda:

City Hall Renovation: Alexander said the digging started this week. There were some issues. They are having a structural engineer working on this to help. Hopefully, we'll be back on schedule soon. Roche added that a major controller for the air conditioning failed in the building last week, so a controller with an "on/off" switch was put in to help for now. This portion of the building (where Council holds its meetings) will be a "white room" once the renovation is complete.

Master Plan Committee- July 5th is the next meeting.

Communication Evaluation and Recommendation- on hold

COG agreement- Mayor Ursu said that Todd Hunt made some changes in the contract. He met with other mayors and they are in agreement, so we are moving forward.

Cable Legislation Update: Hunt said the legislation has taken away home rule, they are scaling back the municipalities eminent domain. He urged the City to contact the legislators. Roche asked Hunt for a copy of his report.

Water Bills- Hunt is working on contacting Cleveland Water.

Revenue Enhancement- What steps are we taking? Alexander said the School Board has been notified of the City's intentions with levies.

Susan G. Komen Walk for the Cure- Mayor Ursu said that Teri Drda is working on this and it looks like the county airport is a good possibility to host this event. It will be August 17-19, 2007.

OLD BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE NO.: 52 -2007, INTRODUCED BY MORGAN, SECOND READING
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING CODE OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEIGHTS AND THE ZONE MAP MADE A PART THEREOF, SO AS TO CHANGE THE HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED PROPERTY FROM "O-S OFFICE-SERVICE DISTRICT" TO "RS SENIOR RESIDENCE DISTRICT" FOR LANDS LOCATED AT OR ABOUT 562 RICHMOND ROAD.

-ON HOLD-

MOTION FOR A PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD ON ORDINANCE 52-2007 ON JULY 24, 2007. MORGAN MOTIONED, ALEXANDER SECONDED. MOTION PASSED 6-0.

RESOLUTION NO.: 57 -2007, INTRODUCED BY MORGAN, SECOND READING
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH WOODS OF RICHMOND LLC FOR SUBDIVISION SIGN AND AMMENITIES.

- **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 ALEXANDER SECONDED BY O'TOOLE TO PASS RESOLUTION NO. 57-2007. THE MOTION PASSED 6-0.**

NEW BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE NO.: 61 -2007, INTRODUCED BY MAYOR & COUNCIL, FIRST READING
AN ORDINANCE INCREASING THE SALARIES OF WARD COUNCIL MEMBERS EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 1, 2007 AND INCREASING THE SALARIES OF THE PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL-AT-LARGE EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 1, 2009.

- **MOTION WAS MADE BY ALEXANDER 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 ALEXANDER SECONDED BY O'TOOLE TO PASS ORDINANCE NO. 61-2007. THE MOTION PASSED 6-0.**

RESOLUTION NO.: 62-2007, INTRODUCED BY O'TOOLE, FIRST READING
A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE EXERCISE OF TWO OPTION YEARS FOR A SOLID WASTE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL CONTRACT WITH REPUBLIC WASTE SERVICES OF OHIO HAULING, LLC; EXTENDING SAID CONTRACT THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2007; 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 HENRY SECONDED BY O'TOOLE TO PASS RESOLUTION NO. 62-2007. THE MOTION PASSED 6-0.**

RESOLUTION NO.: 63-2007, INTRODUCED BY MAYOR URSU & ALL OF COUNCIL, FIRST READING

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH SENIOR TRANSPORTATION CONNECTION OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY FOR A TRANSPORTATION VEHICLE.

- **MOTION WAS MADE BY ALEXANDER 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 MORGAN SECONDED BY HENRY TO PASS RESOLUTION NO. 54-2007. THE MOTION PASSED 6-0.**

ADDITIONS: -none-

CORRESPONDENCE: MORGAN THANKED DON LAZAR FOR FIXING THE BUMP IN RICHMOND ROAD.

MOTION FOR AN EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL MATTERS. ALEXANDER MOTIONED, O'TOOLE SECONDED. MOTION PASSED 6-0. EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS HELD FROM 9:08 PM- 9:47 PM, AND WAS RECONVENED.

ADJOURNMENT: A MOTION WAS MADE BY O'TOOLE, SECONDED BY MORGAN TO ADJOURN THIS JUNE 26, 2007 CITY COUNCIL MEETING AT 9:47 PM.

DAVID ROCHE, CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT