

**City of Richmond Heights  
City Council Meeting  
September 11, 2007**

Council President David Roche opened the meeting at 8:25 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance.

**Roll Call:**

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

Council President, Roche, excused O'Toole from tonight's meeting.

Consent agenda had the Council Minutes of August 28, 2007 and the Special Council Minutes of September 4, 2007.

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

**Reports:**

**Mayor Ursu:** Congratulated Teri Drda on the Breast Cancer Walk that was a couple weekends ago. It turned out well. He also said that the City Edition is in the mail for residents. Call City Hall if you do not receive your copy shortly.

Being the anniversary of 9-11-01, the Mayor called for a moment of silence for those who lost their lives in 2001.

**Director of Finance Rossiter:** Excused

**Service Director Lazar:** Getting the leaf equipment ready to go. We are finishing with road striping as well as catch basin repair.

**City Engineer Courtney:** Skyline/Glen Oval- the west side aprons have been poured and the eastside ones will be soon. Work is proceeding at the Woods of Richmond and Highland Ridge. Courtney passed out maps of the public and private streets. Construction will start soon on the new Road Program (legislation being passed tonight).

**Recreation Director Drda:** Sign ups for soccer, Home Ec class and Basketball are happening now.

**Building Commissioner Rodic:** We had 85 permits for the month of August and 1 for a new single family dwelling.

**Fire Chief Cek:** Annual Fire Hose testing is happening and the annual occupancies hazard program is going on as well, which we use for training programs. We received a \$2,500 grant for EMS.

**Police Chief Rowe:** The officer that was injured is already back to work, and the injury was not serious. We are checking the battery back ups in case of power outages, and doing preventative maintenance.

**Development Director Gase:** Nothing new.

#### **Audience:**

David Kramer, of Kramer Development, was here to speak about a project he would like to start. He discussed building on 8.5 acres of land near St. Felicis, near Richmond and Skyline Roads. Currently, he said the zoning does not fit the City's zone code. He would like to build cluster attached housing. He distributed the info of the project in booklet forms to Council. He would like to build about 34 homes, 1-2 story units, ranging in size from 1550 to 2450 square footage, and price range of \$199-239K. The plans show 17 buildings and 1 single unit so they would be double homes. He would plan for a Homeowner's Association, being on a private street, with maintenance free living. Kramer is also responsible for building the Cutter's Creek cluster homes in South Euclid, near the Metroparks on Anderson and Green Roads.

Roche said the City is already building and has plans for over 500 new homes in Richmond Heights, with 4 major developments underway now.

Hunt said he is perplexed by Kramer's statement that Richmond Heights does not have zoning for cluster homes. Hunt said the City has worked out specifics for cluster homes and we had input from developers. There are 5 cluster developments in the City currently and you will need to comply with the ordinance to build here. There are also watershed protections to consider in that area.

Kramer said with 3.0 units/acre, he would find it difficult to do the project, and they may not fit the City's zoning.

Morgan agreed that Kramer's plan does not fit the City's zoning. Kramer asked if it were to be switched from R-1 to R-2 would that help with his particular plan?

Hunt said he appreciates developers coming in early, but maybe he should come to a Planning & Zoning Committee meeting or Planning Commission meeting first.

Kramer said he'd be happy to come to whatever meeting he can. He also added that everyone he worked with in South Euclid has been happy with his work. Morgan suggested he contact Bob Rodic for further info on meetings.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

#### **ORDINANCE NO.: 89-2007, INTRODUCED BY MAYOR & COUNCIL, SECOND READING**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 901, "STREET OPENINGS AND CURB CUTTING", OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO ADOPT A NEW CHAPTER 901, ENTITLED "USE OF PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY BY SERVICE PROVIDERS"; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

**\* HOLD TO DISCUSS FURTHER IN SERVICE & REC COMMITTEE.**

**RESOLUTION NO.: 91 -2007, INTRODUCED BY GAMBATESE, SECOND READING**  
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE BY INTERNET AUCTION OF A DIVISION OF FIRE VEHICLE AND EQUIPMENT NO LONGER NEEDED FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES.

**\* HOLD FOR FURTHER REVISIONS.**

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **RESOLUTION NO.: 100 -2007, INTRODUCED BY O'TOOLE, FIRST READING**

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BIDS FOR THE VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE BID SPECIFICATIONS FOR REPAIRS AND RESURFACING OF VARIOUS CITY STREETS FOR THE 2007 ROAD PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING CONTRACTS THEREFOR.

- **MOTION WAS MADE BY GAMBATESE, SECONDED BY ALEXANDER TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COFIFIED ORDINANCE AS PROVEDED IN SEC.121.22 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCE. THE MOTION PASSED 6-0.**
- **MOTION WAS MADE BY GAMBATESE, SECONDED BY HENRY TO PASS RESOLUTION NO. 100-2007. THE MOTION PASSED 6-0.**

### **RESOLUTION NO.: 101 -2007, INTRODUCED BY O'TOOLE, FIRST READING**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEIGHTS, AS A MEMBER OF THE JOINT MUNICIPAL IMPROVEMENT CONSORTIUM, TO PARTICIPATE IN THE NORTHEAST OHIO SOURCING OFFICE'S ("NEO|SO'S") BULK ROAD SALT PROGRAM, TO PURCHASE SALT THROUGH NEO|SO'S BULK ROAD SALT PROGRAM, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

- **MOTION WAS MADE BY GAMBATESE, SECONDED BY ALEXANDER TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COFIFIED ORDINANCE AS PROVEDED 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. 101-2007. THE MOTION PASSED 6-0.**

### **RESOLUTION NO: 102-2007, INTRODUCED BY GAMBATESE, FIRST READING**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH FEATHERS SECURITY, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF VIDEO SURVEILLANCE EQUIPMENT FOR THE DIVISION OF POLICE; AND REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 17-2007.

- **MOTION WAS MADE BY GAMBATESE, SECONDED BY HENRY TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COFIFIED ORDINANCE AS PROVEDED IN SEC.121.22 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCE. THE MOTION PASSED 6-0.**
- **MOTION WAS MADE BY GAMBATESE, SECONDED BY HENRY TO PASS RESOLUTION NO. 102-2007. THE MOTION PASSED 6-0.**

**RESOLUTION NO: 103-2007, INTRODUCED BY ALEXANDER, FIRST READING**  
A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS 516 TREBISKY ROAD, PERMANENT PARCEL NUMBER 662-10-003, IN THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEIGHTS, A PUBLIC NUISANCE AND DIRECTING THE DIRECTOR OF LAW AND THE COMMISSIONER OF BUILDING, ZONING AND HOUSING TO TAKE ALL LEGAL ACTION NECESSARY TO ABATE THIS NUISANCE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

- **MOTION WAS MADE BY ALEXANDER, 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 HENRY TO PASS RESOLUTION NO. 103-2007. THE MOTION PASSED 6-0.**

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF THREE 32" LCD MONITORS FOR POLICE DISPATCH, NOT TO EXCEED \$5,500 TO COME FROM CAPITAL. GAMBATESE MOTIONED, HENRY SECONDED. MOTION PASSED 6-0.

**CORRESPONDENCE: -NONE-**

**ADJOURNMENT: A MOTION WAS MADE BY MORGAN, SECONDED BY ROCHE TO ADJOURN THIS SEPTEMBER 11, 2007 CITY COUNCIL MEETING AT 9:10 P.M.**

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Betsy Traben, Clerk of Council

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DAVID H. ROCHE, CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT