

**City of Richmond Heights  
City Council Meeting  
September 25, 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, O'Toole, Roche

**Consent agenda:**

1. Minutes of the City Council Meeting from September 11, 2007
2. Resolution 107-2007, Introduced by Mayor and All of Council: A Resolution of Congratulations to the Shaolin Kung Fu Institute on its 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Motion was made by Gambatese, seconded by Morgan to accept the Consent Agenda as submitted. Motion passed 7-0.

**Reports:**

**Mayor Ursu:** The Mayor presented the Resolution 107-2007 to representatives from Shaolin Kung Fu Institute on their 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. He also did the swearing in of new police officer, Stephanie Troha, who is a wonderful addition to the Richmond Heights police force. Chief Gene Rowe read the poem, "The Badge", and presented the poem and Troha's badge to her as well.

**Director of Finance Rossiter:** The State Auditors have wrapped things up and left today. Rossiter spoke with Dave Connelly at Ohio CAP on ways for the City to save money. He said that the City can save \$128K by refinancing the bonding of the Police Building. Also, we can set up payments for the new City Hall to start after 2009/2010 to match existing bond retirement timing.

**Service Director Lazar:** Getting the leaf equipment ready to go. Tomorrow is the first day for the Senior Bus utilization, and we have 2 riders signed up. We also have some riders for Friday as well.

**City Engineer Courtney:** -Excused-

**Recreation Director Drda:** -Excused-

**Building Commissioner Rodic:** The Building Dept will be participating along with other cities and building jurisdictions in a nationwide study, hosted by the National Conference of States and Building Code & Standards, and the Department of Energy on code enforcement of the International Energy Code. The Study will begin in early 2008.

**Fire Chief Cek:** We are conducting a trial with a CPR defibrillating device, which is better than manual CPR. Chief Cek will give a brief presentation of the unit at the Safety meeting. Cek also commended Rodic and the Building Dept for their fire safety testing in buildings, which have proven very effective.

Gambatese asked about the lighting at the Richmond Park Apts. Her daughter, who lives there, experienced a power outage at the apts and had to use the stairwell at night, and it was unlit. Cek said he will check into that. Rodic said the power outage a couple weeks ago was bad and they will now require more testing of their batteries that went out. Gambatese also had concern with the safety of lighting and elevator testing.

**Police Chief Rowe:** We are recertifying officers on taser training, which is required. We hope to be complete by mid-October.

**Development Director Gase:** No report.

**Audience:** No comments.

Council discussed the Old Business from Committee of the Whole, which they did not have time to do during COW:

**City Hall Construction:** Alexander reports that we are moving along. The roof shingles are going on this week, and the building should be enclosed by the end of the month. Also, the dry wall is going up. We have 2 pieces of legislation tonight regarding communications and security in the new City Hall.

**Master Plan:** The next meeting is October 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Senior Bus Transportation:** This has started up and the first riders will be going on tomorrow. Roche is getting together with STC to discuss

advertising plans, to include shut-ins and possible help from Meals on Wheels.

Fire Levy Support: We are hopeful the language is accepted soon. This will be Issue 74 on the ballot.

Joint Rec COG Update: There was a Sun News editorial covering this topic last week.

Chapter 169, Commission on Aging: Mayor Ursu has a couple people interested in the Commission and they will be coming to an upcoming meeting, for Council to meet.

Buyers Consortium: Roche would like legislation to be brought to Council for the NEOSO Consortium, which is a great resource for checking prices. Hunt will work on the legislation.

Davies Trees: Roche reported that about 12-18 large trees may be taken down along Monticello Blvd. to make way for 60 ft poles and 33,000 volt lines down the street. This may all happen within the month. There will be further discussion at the Planning & Zoning meeting on October 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**ORDINANCE NO.: 89-2007, INTRODUCED BY MAYOR & COUNCIL, THIRD 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 (as amended 9/25/07)**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE BY INTERNET AUCTION OF A DIVISION OF FIRE VEHICLE AND EQUIPMENT NO LONGER NEEDED FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES.**

- **MOTION WAS MADE BY GAMBATESE, SECONDED BY ALEXANDER TO PASS RESOLUTION NO. 91-2007. THE MOTION PASSED 7-0.**

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

**ORDINANCE NO.: 104-2007, INTRODUCED BY MAYOR URSU, FIRST READING**  
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CODIFIED ORDINANCE SECTION 137.06, "CHARGES FOR FURNISHING COPIES"; REPEALING CODIFIED ORDINANCE SECTIONS 141.09 AND 141.10 RELATED TO PUBLIC RECORDS; ACKNOWLEDGING THE PUBLIC RECORDS POLICY OF THE CITY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

- **MOTION WAS MADE BY GAMBATESE, 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 7-0.**
- **MOTION WAS MADE BY GAMBATESE, SECONDED BY HENRY TO PASS RESOLUTION NO. 104-2007. THE MOTION PASSED 7-0.**

**ORDINANCE NO.: 105 -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. 22-2007; 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 7-0.**
- **MOTION WAS MADE BY MORGAN, SECONDED BY ALEXANDER TO PASS ORDINANCE NO. 105-2007. THE MOTION PASSED 7-0.**

**ORDINANCE NO.: 106-2007, INTRODUCED BY ALEXANDER, FIRST READING**  
AN ORDINANCE APPROVING TIME WARNER'S PROPOSED MAXIMUM PERMITTED AND ACTUAL HOURLY SERVICE CHARGE, EQUIPMENT RENTAL RATES AND CERTAIN RELATED SERVICE AND INSTALLATION RATES AND DISAPPROVING CERTAIN MAXIMUM PERMITTED SERVICE AND INSTALLATION RATES, FOR RATES EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2007 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2007; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

- **MOTION WAS MADE BY GAMBATESE, SECONDED BY ALEXANDER TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCE AS PROVIDED IN SEC.121.22 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCE. THE MOTION PASSED 7-0.**
- **MOTION WAS MADE BY O'TOOLE, SECONDED BY HENRY TO PASS ORDINANCE NO. 106-2007. THE MOTION PASSED 7-0.**

**RESOLUTION NO.: 108-2007, INTRODUCED BY ALEXANDER, FIRST READING**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH PC ALTERNATIVE, LLC FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS CABLING SERVICES FOR THE NEW CITY HALL.

- **MOTION WAS MADE BY ALEXANDER, SECONDED BY O'TOOLE TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COFIFIED ORDINANCE AS PROVEDED IN SEC.121.22 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCE. THE MOTION PASED 7-0.**
- **MOTION WAS MADE BY O'TOOLE, SECONDED BY GAMBATESE TO PASS RESOLUTION NO. 108-2007. THE MOTION PASSED 7-0.**

**RESOLUTION NO.: 109-2007, INTRODUCED BY ALEXANDER, FIRST READING**  
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF AN INTEGRATED SECURITY SYSTEM FOR THE NEW CITY HALL BUILDING.

- **MOTION WAS MADE BY ALEXANDER, SECONDED BY GAMBATESE TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF THE COFIFIED ORDINANCE AS PROVEDED IN SEC.121.22 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCE. THE MOTION PASED 7-0.**
- **MOTION WAS MADE BY MORGAN, SECONDED BY GAMBATESE TO PASS RESOLUTION NO. 109-2007. THE MOTION PASSED 7-0.**

MOTION TO PURCHASE NEW BATTERIES FOR THE POLICE DEPT'S UPS SYSTEM, FROM EATON ELECTRICAL INC, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,652 TO COME FROM CAPITAL.  
ALEXANDER MOTIONED, GAMBATESE SECONDED. MOTION PASSED 7-0.

**CORRESPONDENCE: -NONE-**

**ADJOURNMENT: A MOTION WAS MADE BY ROCHE, SECONDED BY GAMBATESE TO ADJOURN THIS SEPTEMBER 25, 2007 CITY COUNCIL MEETING AT 9:08 P.M.**

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Betsy Traben, Clerk of Council

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DAVID H. ROCHE, CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT