

REGULAR MEETING OF SOUTH EUCLID CITY COUNCIL

Council President Moe Romeo called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call

Present: Goodman, Gray, Hartigan, Icovc, Miller, Simon, Romeo (7)

Absent: None

Staff: Benjamin, Blackley, Cannell, Filippo, Gallagher, Kowalczyk, Lograsso, Martin, Nietert, Welo

Opening Meeting of Council:

President Romeo called the Open Meeting of Council to order and invited the audience to address Council:

- Robert Frey, 1299 South Green Road, spoke regarding the Housing Study Presentation earlier in the evening and stated the report cost approximately \$40,000. He stated that he did not hear anything different from what the previous Master Plan study said that he read online that may have been done back in the D'Amico administration. President Romeo clarified the difference between the master plan and the housing study. Frey stated that to him it seems to be a waste of funds.
 - Connie Gourley, 1076 Homestead Road, stated that when the road was repaved by the City, there were problems with the Driveway Apron. Law Director Lograsso stated that she would be reimbursed for the cost of the apron.
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Approval of Minutes:

None Submitted

Report of Council Committees:

Committee of the Whole

Council President Romeo on the presentation earlier in the evening by Zimmerman Volk and Associated regarding the Housing Study and stated that Laurie Volk did a very good job. Councilperson Goodman stated that she was skeptical at first about the study, but that the information that was reported was very specific about goals and numbers. Goodman remarked that the City is selling a product and we need to know what buyers in the market want. Councilperson Gray concurred with Goodman and stated that she learned how important understanding the housing market is through discussing and communicating with other elected officials at the National League of Cities meeting. Goodman also stated that there are valuable resources in Northeast Ohio for elected officials to network.

Mayor's Report:

- **Mayor Welo:** Welcomed Vicki Adams Cook the South Euclid Lyndhurst Branch Library Manager and thanked Diane Fistek and the Playground of Possibilities Committee for the successful Pancake Breakfast.
 - **Engineer Blackley:** Clarified an article in the Sun Paper regarding gas lines and reported that the policy that Dominion will replace gas mains does apply to the entire city. But that the line behind the meter to individual homeowners is still the homeowner's responsibility.
 - **Building Commissioner Kowalczyk:** no report.
 - **Finance Director Filippo:** Reported that the 2009 budget is in the process of being put together for City Council and he expects to have the budget books to Council the weekend of February 13. Filippo also reported that the Regional Income Tax Authority performed their annual subpoena program last week and he will report the results when received.
 - Housing Manager Martin: Requested support of for the resolution to apply for a grant from the First Suburbs Consortium Development Council. Martin also discussed meetings with HUD officials.
 - **Service Director Gallagher:** No report.
 - **Police Chief Nietert:** No report.
 - **Fire Chief Cannell:** No report.
 - **Law Director Lograsso:** Discussed Ordinances 04-09, 05-09, 06-09 regarding the Community Revitalization Area.
 - **Mayor Welo:** and Council President Romeo discussed the success of the Playground of Possibilities Pancake Breakfast and all of the support from area media including local Vic Gideon.
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Legislation Requested by Mayor and Administration

Introduced by Romeo

Resolution 03-09

RESOLUTION

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AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR A VACANT PROPERTY FUND GRANT FROM THE FIRST SUBURBS DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL FOR INNOVATIVE PROJECTS THAT UTILIZE VACANT RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. FIRST READING.

Following discussion, It was moved by Romeo, seconded by Miller, that Resolution 03-09 be passed.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Goodman, Gray, Hartigan, Icové, Miller, Simon, Romeo.

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

The Legislation has Passed Unanimously.

Introduced by Romeo

Ordinance 04-09

ORDINANCE

REPEALING CURRENT ORDINANCE 30-06 WHICH ESTABLISHED AND DESCRIBED THE BOUNDARIES OF THE SOUTH GREEN ROAD COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA IN THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID. FIRST READING.

Following discussion, It was moved by Romeo, seconded by Goodman, that Ordinance 04-09 be passed.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Goodman, Gray, Hartigan, Icové, Miller, Simon, Romeo.

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

The Legislation has Passed Unanimously.

Introduced by Romeo

Ordinance 05-09

ORDINANCE

REPEALING CURRENT ORDINANCE 52-03 WHICH ESTABLISHED AND DESCRIBED THE BOUNDARIES OF THE GREENVALE ROAD COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA IN THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID. FIRST READING.

Following discussion, It was moved by Romeo, seconded by Hartigan, that Ordinance 05-09 be passed.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Goodman, Gray, Hartigan, Icové, Miller, Simon, Romeo.

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

The Legislation has Passed Unanimously.

Introduced by Romeo

Ordinance 06-09

ORDINANCE

REPEALING CURRENT ORDINANCE 61-03 WHICH ESTABLISHED AND DESCRIBED THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CEDAR CENTER COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA IN THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID. FIRST READING.

Following discussion, It was moved by Romeo, seconded by Goodman, that Ordinance 06-09 be passed.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Goodman, Gray, Hartigan, Icové, Miller, Simon, Romeo.

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

The Legislation has Passed Unanimously.

Law Director's Report

Updated City Council on litigation regarding an Ardmore Road issue.

Letters & Communications

- Councilperson Goodman – Discussed new anti-idling legislation that will be introduced for passage throughout the County by the Northeast Ohio City Council Association. Goodman stated that she will be working to revise the current South Euclid legislation to meet the new recommendations of NOCCA.

- Councilperson Miller invited residents and colleagues to attend an event at Case Western Reserve University's Mandel School on February 5, 2009. The event will focus on neighborhood quality of life and low income families.
- Councilperson Ilove: reported that on March 11 at 7 pm, Jennifer Brunner will be at the South Euclid Community Center to hear resident's questions and concerns and answer questions.
- Councilperson Simon discussed the PURDS/Greenspace Study that has been completed by planner Kirby Date. Simon received grant funding for the study and requested that the proposed Greenspace initiatives be implemented into a master plan utilizing a creative planner
- Councilperson Goodman reported that there will be a NOCCA meeting on Thursday, February 5th, with a presentation by Amy Wainright regarding air Quality. Goodman also reported that a Notre Dame College Neighborhood meeting would be held on February 18 at the College to update residents and hear any concerns regarding the College's new construction projects and master plan initiatives.
- Councilperson Gray scheduled a Safety Committee meeting for February 9, 2009.

Adjourn

With no further business to discuss, President Romeo made a motion to adjourn the Meeting. Seconded by Hartigan

Roll Call to Adjourn

Ayes: Goodman, Gray, Hartigan, Ilove, Miller, Simon, Romeo

Nays:

The Meeting Adjourned at 8:31 pm.

Council President

Attest:

Clerk of Council