

## REGULAR MEETING OF SOUTH EUCLID CITY COUNCIL

Council President David Miller called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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### Roll Call

**Present:** Caroscio, Goodman, Gray, Romeo, Simon, Miller (6)

**Absent:** Icovc

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

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### ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council President Miller made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session for discussion concerning the sale of Real Property related to the Cedar Center Revitalization Project. Seconded by Gray.

### Roll Call:

**Ayes:** Caroscio, Goodman, Gray, Romeo, Simon, Miller.

**Nays:** None.

**Abstain:** None.

**Absent:** Icovc.

Council Adjourned to Executive Session at 6:41 pm.

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### ADJOURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:

It was moved by Miller, seconded by Caroscio, that City Council adjourn from Executive Session.

### Roll Call:

**Ayes:** Caroscio, Goodman, Gray, Romeo, Simon, Miller.

**Nays:** None.

**Abstain:** None.

**Absent:** Icovc.

Council Adjourned from Executive Session at 7:42 pm

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### Opening Meeting of Council:

At 8 pm President Miller called the Open Meeting of Council to order and invited the audience to address Council:

- Jim Nicholson, 1561 Westdale Road, discussed the issue of a vacant home across the street from his residence that the City has declared a nuisance and slated for demolition. Mr. Nicholson stated that his neighborhood is a stable neighborhood and the home is not in disrepair and should not be demolished. He stated that he was astonished that the City compared the vacant homes to those in Flint, Michigan. He stated that five other vacant homes on the street were sold and renovated and there was not a problem with this house and other vacant homes the city has demolished and the city should not demolish these bank walkaways.
- Emilie DiFranco, 3867 W. 226 St., Fairview Park, asked why a television news camera filming at the meeting was not in the back row, as she has been instructed is the law and asked why it was not being enforced. It was explained by the City that it is a policy and not a city law and the news cameraperson was asked to re-locate to the back of Council Chambers. Ms. DiFranco also submitted a letter to the Council President regarding the submission of an application to the County for CDBG funds and asked that a matter pertaining to a public meeting be investigated.
- Joan Nicholson, 1561 Westdale Road, discussed the issue of the vacant home across the street from her residence and stated that the home is not an eyesore or in a crime ridden neighborhood and should not be demolished. Ms. Nicholson stated that the home is being properly maintained by the servicer and is not abandoned and that if the home is demolished it will destroy the tax base and lower their property values.
- Ms. Ann Eland, 4598 Mackall Road, asked a question regarding the proposed sale of Oakwood Country Club and if the City would be given the opportunity to provide input to the future use of the parcels.

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President Miller read a statement pertaining to Council Meeting etiquette, civility and decorum during council meetings.

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**Report of Council Committees:**Safety Committee

Introduced by Romeo

Ordinance 53-09

## ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE CREATING NEW SECTION 331.44 "PROHIBITING THE USE OF WIRELESS HANDSETS TO TEXT MESSAGE **AND ENGAGE IN OTHER FORMS OF COMMUNICATION WHILE DRIVING**" OF CHAPTER 331 "OPERATION GENERALLY" OF PART THREE "TRAFFIC CODE" OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO. **TO BE PLACED ON SECOND READING.**

The Ordinance was read for the record and placed on Second Reading.

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**Mayor's Report:**

- **Engineer Blackley:** reported on watermain projects.
  - **Building Commissioner Kowalczyk:** no report
  - **Housing Manager Martin:** addressed the concerns regarding the bank walkaways and the situation with the Westdale home.
  - **Finance Director Filippo:** Reported that the 2010 budget process has begun and that the RITA subpoena program was underway.
  - **Service Director Gallagher:** Thanked the Service Department workers for their hard work clearing snow over the last two weeks
  - **Police Chief Nietert:** Requested Council Consideration of Ordinance 02-10.
  - **Fire Chief Cannell:** Asked residents to shovel their fire hydrants and make sure they are clear.
  - **Mayor Welo:** Congratulated Chief Cannell on the achievement of his bachelor's degree and encouraged residents to give blood to the Red Cross if they can because of a severe shortage.
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**Legislation Requested by the Administration**

Introduced by Romeo

Resolution 01-10

## RESOLUTION

SETTING THE DATES FOR THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID'S REGULARLY SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETINGS IN 2010. FIRST READING.

Following discussion, It was moved by Simon, seconded by Romeo, that Resolution 01-10 be passed.

**Roll Call:**

**Ayes:** Caroscio, Goodman, Gray, Romeo, Simon, Miller.

**Nays:** None.

**Abstain:** None.

**Absent:** Icovc.

The Legislation has Passed Unanimously.

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Introduced by Romeo

Ordinance 01-10

## ORDINANCE

TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS IN A PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$20,000,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE COSTS OF THE ACQUISITION, AND ANY NECESSARY CLEARANCE AND PREPARATION, OF REAL PROPERTY FOR URBAN REDEVELOPMENT, INCLUDING PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS TO BE LOCATED THEREON, AND PAYING COSTS OF ISSUANCE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **SECOND READING.**

Following discussion, It was moved by Romeo, seconded by Caroscio, that Ordinance 01-10 be passed.

**Roll Call:**

**Ayes:** Caroscio, Goodman, Gray, Romeo, Simon, Miller.

**Nays:** None.

**Abstain:** None.

**Absent:** Icovc.

The Legislation has Passed Unanimously.

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Introduced by Romeo

Ordinance 02-10

## ORDINANCE

AMENDING SECTION 125.04 "CHARGES FOR REPORTS AND RECORDS" OF CHAPTER 125 "DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE" OF PART ONE "ADMINISTRATIVE CODE" OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO. FIRST READING.

Following discussion, It was moved by Romeo, seconded by Goodman, that Ordinance 02-10 be passed.

**Roll Call:**

**Ayes:** Caroscio, Goodman, Gray, Romeo, Simon, Miller.

**Nays:** None.

**Abstain:** None.

**Absent:** Icovc.

The Legislation has Passed Unanimously.

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**Law Director's Report**

None

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**Letters & Communications**

- Councilperson Goodman reported that tomorrow she will begin her first "Coffee with a Councilwoman" with meetings at neighborhood businesses and also reported that on February 6 she will host the "Growing Great Neighborhoods" workshop at the Community Center. The workshop will solicit ideas for neighborhood green spaces and vacant lots.
  - Councilperson Romeo reported that a Ward 2 Community Meeting has been scheduled for February 15, 2010 at the Community Center.
  - Councilperson Gray reported that a Good Neighbor meeting has been scheduled for January 20 in the jury room at 6:30 pm.
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**Adjourn**

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

**Roll Call:**

**Ayes:** Caroscio, Goodman, Gray, Romeo, Simon, Miller.

**Nays:** None.

**Abstain:** None.

**Absent:** Icovc.

The Meeting has adjourned at 8:39 pm

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Council President

Attest:

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Clerk of Council