

## REGULAR MEETING OF SOUTH EUCLID CITY COUNCIL

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

### **Opening Meeting of Council:**

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

- Vivian Adams Cook, Manager of the South Euclid Lyndhurst Library gave an update on activities happening at the library including a Homework Center and “reconnecting with books” program. She also thanked the Police Department and School Board for their assistance.
- Yakov Lieber, 4242 Hindsdale, spoke in support of Ordinance 02-08 establishing the City as a Community Reinvestment Area (CRA). Mr. Lieber stated that the CRA should be for the entire City.
- Bob Schoenenwald, 4426 Bayard, spoke regarding Ordinance 01-08 regarding the issuance of bonds for Cedar Center and asked about when the City is moving forward with the project.

### **Roll Call**

**Present:** Fistek, Goodman, Gray, Icove, Miller, Simon, Romeo (7)

**Absent:** None

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

### **Report of Council Committees:**

Councilperson Miller reported that the Recreation Committee had met earlier in the evening to discuss legislation regarding the 2008 Swimming Pool Passes and pool personnel, and requested that the proposed changes from the meeting be made to the legislation and presented at the next meeting of Council for consideration.

### **Mayor’s Report:**

- **Engineer Blackley:** Reported that the restoration of tree-lawns related to the East Antisdale Street Reconstruction Project would resume in the Spring and updated Council on issues relating to a notification from the East Ohio Gas Company that wants to dig up newly restored work to fix gas lines. Mr. Blackley informed Council that East Ohio Gas was notified before the Street Reconstruction Projects began and they had the opportunity to make repairs while the road was under reconstruction.
- **Building Commissioner Kowalczyk:** No Report
- **Finance Director Filippo:** Asked Council support for Ordinance 01-08 regarding the replacement of the original bond notes for Cedar Center.
- **Service Director Gallagher:** Requested Council’s consideration of Resolution 01-08 to bid for the 2008 Road Repair projects.
- **Police Chief Nietert:** No Report.
- **Fire Chief Cannell:** No Report.
- **Mayor Welo:** Thanked First Energy for their quick response to the transformer problem that cut electricity to some homes and Darlene Johnson, First Energy’s government representative for her assistance and communication. Mayor Welo requested Council’s consideration for Ordinance 02-08 establishing the City as a Community Reinvestment Area (CRA) and gave an overview of the plans to offer incentives to existing homeowners and businesses that make improvements to their homes.

### **Legislation Requested by the Mayor & Administration**

Introduced by Romeo

Resolution 01-08

#### RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE 2008 STREET REPAIR AND RESURFACING PROGRAM IN THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID. FIRST READING.

Following discussion, It was moved by Romeo, seconded by Miller, that Resolution 01-08 be passed.

### **Roll Call:**

**Ayes:** Fistek, Goodman, Gray, Icove, Miller, Simon, Romeo.

**Nays:** None.

**Abstain:** None.

**Absent:** None.

The Legislation has Passed Unanimously.

Introduced by Romeo

Ordinance 01-08

## ORDINANCE

TO PROVIDE THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS IN A PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$18,100,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE COSTS OF THE ACQUISITION AND ANY NECESSARY CLEARANCE AND PREPARATION OF REAL PROPERTY FOR URBAN REDEVELOPMENT AND PAYING COSTS OF ISSUANCE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. FIRST READING.

Following discussion, It was moved by Fistek, seconded by Goodman, that Ordinance 01-08 be passed.

**Roll Call:**

**Ayes:** Fistek, Goodman, Gray, Icove, Miller, Simon, Romeo.

**Nays:** None.

**Abstain:** None.

**Absent:** None.

The Legislation has Passed Unanimously.

Introduced by Romeo

Ordinance 02-08

## ORDINANCE

IMPLEMENTING SECTIONS 3735.65 THROUGH 3735.70 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE, ESTABLISHING AND DESCRIBING THE BOUNDARIES OF COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA IN THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO; AND DESIGNATING A HOUSING OFFICER TO ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM; AND CREATING A COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT HOUSING COUNCIL AND A TAX INCENTIVE REVIEW COUNCIL. FIRST READING.

The legislation was placed in the Committee of the Whole for further review and discussion.

**Law Director's Report - None**

**Letters & Communications**

- Councilperson Miller reported on the upcoming South Euclid-Lyndhurst School Levy and also reported on the recent release of the CWRU Poverty Report that was reported in the Plain Dealer and is available online.
- Councilperson Icove reported that a Public Hearing will be held on January 28 regarding the Mayfield/Green rezoning legislation and asked that Dill and Lilac Road residents be invited to the meeting. Mr. Icove also reported that a meeting will be held at the Community Center on February 4 to educate the community about the foreclosure issue. Mark Siefert from the East Side Organizing Project and a representative from the Treasurer's office will present.
- Councilperson Gray reported that the Safety Committee will meet to discuss the expansion of the Dispatch Center. A meeting was scheduled for February 25.
- Councilperson Goodman asked about the status of the rain barrel legislation that is in the Zoning and Planning Committee of Council and requested that the legislation be moved along.

**Adjourn**

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

**Roll Call to Adjourn**

**Ayes:** Fistek, Goodman, Gray, Icove, Miller, Simon, Romeo

**Nays:**

The Meeting Adjourned at 8:50 pm.

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Council President

Attest:

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Clerk of Council