

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, Icové, Miller, Simon, Romeo (7)

Absent: None

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

President Romeo made a motion to amend the Agenda to include Resolutions 45-08 and 46-08. Seconded by Goodman.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

The Agenda has been amended.

Opening Meeting of Council:

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

- Vicky Adams Cook, the South Euclid Library Manager thanked the community for being supportive of the Library and asked support for the upcoming Library levy in November.
- Angela Shikazee, 10803 Lake Avenue, stated that she is the Field Organizer for the Obama Campaign and reported that a South Euclid office has opened on Mayfield Road near Belvoir.
- Robert Fry, 1299 South Green Road, asked if the City's community update publication is paid for by tax dollars (President Romeo responded yes) and accused council members of using the publication to promote the passage of the Point of Sale referendum.
- Stephanie Rhine, a member of the South Euclid Lyndhurst School Board asked for the community's support of Issue 135 for the School Levy and reported that a Lit drop has been scheduled for October 18.
- Diane Fistek, 1002 Bryan Drive. Thanked all residents and participants who gave up of their time and resources to build the Playground of Possibilities. Fistek stated that the project turned out much better than anyone ever expected and that she is grateful.

Report of Council Committees:

None.

Mayor's Report:

- **Engineer Blackley:** reported that the 2008 road program is complete and that the Langerdale project is about 90% complete.
- **Building Commissioner Kowalczyk:** reported regarding the opening of the new Podiatry Medical Building at 4338 Mayfield Road.
- **Finance Director Filippo:** Absent.
- **Housing Commissioner Martin:** No Report.
- **Service Director Gallagher:** Requested support of Resolution 45-08 for the purchase of road salt from Cargill salt for the winter.
- **Police Chief Nietert:** No report.
- **Fire Chief Cannell:** Absent.
- **Mayor Welo:** Reported that the current issue of Northern Ohio Live Magazine has awarded the City's Warehouse Beverage as the best beverage store in Northeast Ohio. Welo also reported that Cleveland Magazine published an article about the Bexley neighborhood and that Councilperson Jane Goodman was in Washington Post regarding Obama campaign efforts. Mayor Welo also read a letter for the record that was received from Coral Company president Peter Rubin. (Letter is attached to these minutes for reference).

Legislation Requested by City Council

Introduced by Romeo

Resolution 42-08

RESOLUTION

IN SUPPORT OF THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY'S OPERATING LEVY, ISSUE 127 ON THE NOVEMBER 4, 2008 BALLOT, TO ENSURE THE CONTINUATION OF THE LIBRARY'S SERVICES TO THE RESIDENTS OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY. FIRST READING.

Following discussion, It was moved by Romeo, seconded by Miller, that Resolution 42-08 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

Resolution 46-08

RESOLUTION

URGING THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO ENACT A SILVER ALERT PROGRAM; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. FIRST READING

Following discussion, It was moved by Gray, seconded by Romeo, that Resolution 46-08 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 45-08

ORDINANCE

CREATING NEW SECTION 521.17 "SMOKING IN OUTDOOR PUBLIC PLACES" OF CHAPTER 521 "HEALTH, SAFETY AND SANITATION" OF PART FIVE "GENERAL OFFENSES CODE" OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. FIRST READING.

The legislation was placed on first reading and a Legislative Committee meeting was scheduled for Nove. 24 at 7 pm.

Introduced by Romeo

Resolution 43-08

RESOLUTION

ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR. FIRST READING.

Following discussion, It was moved by Romeo, seconded by Goodman, that Resolution 43-08 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

Resolution 44-08

RESOLUTION

APPROVING THE ADMISSION OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS AS A MEMBER OF THE NORMA SELF-INSURANCE POOL, INC. FIRST READING

Following discussion, It was moved by Goodman, seconded by Miller, that Resolution 44-08 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

Resolution 45-08

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH CARGILL DEICING TECHNOLOGY FOR THE PURCHASE OF UP TO 2,000 TONS OF ROCK SALT FOR THE 2008-2009 WINTER SEASON AT A RATE OF \$51.39 PER TON; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. FIRST READING.

Following discussion, It was moved by Hartigan, seconded by Miller, that Resolution 45-08 be passed/

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

The Legislation has Passed Unanimously.

Introduced by Romeo

Ordinance 02-08

ORDINANCE

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

The Ordinance was placed on Second Reading.

Introduced by Romeo

Ordinance 46-08

ORDINANCE

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AN INCENTIVE DISTRICT AND DECLARING IMPROVEMENTS TO CERTAIN PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY IN THE INCENTIVE DISTRICT TO BE A PUBLIC PURPOSE FOR PURPOSES OF SECTIONS 5709.40 AND 5709.42 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE; DESCRIBING THE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS TO BE MADE TO BENEFIT OR SERVE THE INCENTIVE DISTRICT, REQUIRING THE OWNERS OF THOSE PARCELS TO MAKE SERVICE PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES; ESTABLISHING A MUNICIPAL PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT TAX INCREMENT EQUIVALENT FUND FOR THE DEPOSIT OF SERVICE PAYMENTS AND RELATED AUTHORIZATIONS PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTIONS 5709.40, 5709.42 AND 5709.43; ESTABLISHING A TAX INCENTIVE REVIEW COUNCIL; AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF VARIOUS CONTRACTS, CERTIFICATIONS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS RELATED THERETO. FIRST READING.

The Ordinance was placed on first reading and referred to the Committee of the Whole for further discussion and review.

Introduced by Romeo

Ordinance 47-08

ORDINANCE

PROVIDING FOR THE APPROPRIATION OF UNAPPROPRIATED FUNDS IN THE FLOOD CONTROL FUND OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,052,371. FIRST READING.

Following discussion, It was moved by Romeo, seconded by Miller, that Ordinance 47-08 be passed.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

The Legislation has Passed Unanimously.

Law Director's Report

None

Letters & Communications

- Councilperson Gray: reported on the upcoming October 16, 2008 Ward 1 Meeting and stated that she hopes the City's directors will attend. The meeting will be held St. Margaret Mary.
- Councilperson Gray also reported that on Saturday November 4, the Fair Oaks Road community will be having a Spruce Up Day in preparation for HGTV coming to town to film a home on the street for one of their television programs.
- Councilperson Gray also reported that she would be scheduling a Safety Committee Meeting to look at improving recruitment practices to increase minorities in the City's Police, Fire and Service Departments.
- Councilperson Miller: Reported that there will be an election tomorrow to fill the unexpired term for Stephanie Tubbs Jones' congress seat. Miller also asked for support of the SE-L Levy and stated that strong schools create strong communities.

- Councilperson Miller also stated that the upcoming youth town hall will be on November 8th and that registrations are now open.
- Councilperson Simon reported that on October 24 there will be a Halloween Costume Party for dogs at Dogtopia and that all proceeds will benefit the South Euclid Humane Society.
- Councilperson Miller reported that on October 24th the supporters of the South Euclid Lyndhurst School Levy will be holding a “Hands Across Mayfield Road” to show support for the SEL Levy.
- Councilperson Ilove – reported that the Candidates Night will be held on Wednesday, October 15 from 7-8:30 pm at the community center.

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 9:30 pm.

Council President

Attest:

Clerk of Council