

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, Icove, Miller, Romeo (4)

Absent: Gray, Hartigan, Simon

Staff: Benjamin, Blackley, Cannell, Filippo, Gallagher, Kowalczyk, Lograsso, Nietert, Welo
 President Romeo stated that Councilpersons Gray, Hartigan and Simon were attending the National League of Cities Conference.

Opening Meeting of Council:

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

- Ray Rhode, 1543 Laclede Road, made a comment regarding another attendee in the audience, Mr. Furry, not standing for the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Rhode expressed that it is a very sad commentary on him and whatever he represents.

Report of Council Committees:

Zoning & Planning Committee

Chairperson Icove reported that the committee met earlier in the evening to hear the administration's proposals for applications to the 2009 Community Block Grant Fund through the Cuyahoga County Department of Development. At the Meeting, Mr. Benjamin gave an overview of two proposed initiatives for Infrastructure costs with the Cedar Center project and for the establishment of an Operation Paintbrush Program for low-moderate income residents.

Mayor's Report:

- **Engineer Blackley:** reported that the 2008 Manhole replacement project is more than 50% completed and that the Nine Mile Creek project is also nearly complete. Blackley stated that an Observation Deck will also be built off of Green Road as part of the project and that additional plantings will be made in the spring. Blackley also reported that because of budget savings in other projects, the City will be able to proceed with additional pavement and joint repair on additional streets this year.
- **Building Commissioner Kowalczyk:** No Report.
- **Housing Manager Martin:** No Report.
- **Finance Director Filippo:** Requested Council's consideration for two housekeeping resolutions (49-08 and 50-08) on the agenda.
- **Service Director Gallagher:** Gave thanks to the veterans who serve their country in honor of Veterans Day.
- **Police Chief Nietert:** No report.
- **Fire Chief Cannell:** No Report

Legislation Requested by the Mayor & Administration

Introduced by Romeo

Resolution 49-08

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATED FUNDS IN THE GENERAL FUND TO THE FOLLOWING FUNDS; "ROAD IMPROVEMENT FUND;" AND THE "SICK LEAVE BENEFIT FUND." FIRST READING.

Following discussion, It was moved by Romeo, seconded by Goodman, that Resolution 49-08 be passed.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Goodman, Icove, Miller, Romeo.

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Gray, Hartigan, Simon.

The Legislation has Passed.

Introduced by Romeo

Resolution 50-08

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATED FUNDS IN THE "GENERAL

FUND-COMMUNITY CENTER-OTHER" TO THE "GENERAL FUND-COMMUNITY CENTER-PERSONAL SERVICES". FIRST READING.

Following discussion, It was moved by Romeo, seconded by Goodman, that Resolution 50-08 be passed.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Goodman, Ilove, Miller, Romeo.

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Gray, Hartigan, Simon.

The Legislation has Passed.

Introduced by Romeo

Resolution 51-08

RESOLUTION

ACCEPTING A GRANT FROM THE ALLSTATE FOUNDATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500.00 FOR THE CITY'S GOOD NEIGHBOR PROGRAM. FIRST READING.

Good Neighbor Committee Member Paul Webster, who has an Allstate Insurance office, presented a check in the amount of \$500.00 for future Good Neighbor Program initiatives as recommended by the Good Neighbor Committee. Following discussion and thanks to Mr. Webster, It was moved by Romeo, seconded by Miller, that Resolution 51-08 be passed.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Goodman, Ilove, Miller, Romeo.

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Gray, Hartigan, Simon.

The Legislation has Passed.

Introduced by Romeo

Resolution 52-08

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR TWO GRANTS UNDER THE "COMPETITIVE MUNICIPAL GRANT PROGRAM": 2009 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUND. FIRST READING.

Following discussion, It was moved by Ilove, seconded by Miller, that Resolution 52-08 be passed.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Goodman, Ilove, Miller, Romeo.

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Gray, Hartigan, Simon.

The Legislation has Passed.

Introduced by Romeo

Ordinance 49-08

ORDINANCE

ASSESSING UNPAID COST OF ABATEMENT OF NUISANCE (TREE LIMB & DEBRIS REMOVAL) AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 521.14 (D), OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO. FIRST READING.

The legislation was placed on First Reading and Councilperson Ilove requested that the legislation be placed on the agenda for consideration at the next meeting of Council.

Law Director's Report

None

Letters & Communications

- Councilperson Miller thanked Council President Romeo, Chief Nietert, Matt Jones, Carl Wheeler, Patrick Gallagher and others for their assistance with the first South Euclid Youth Summit that was held last weekend. The purpose of the summit was to identify youth needs and their desires for the community. A Planning Committee for youth has been established and more information will be distributed.
- Councilperson Miller thanked those who supported the School Levy and he will be taking message to Columbus that the legislators need to carry the burden of the schools and it should no longer be on the shoulders of property taxes as the State's youth are our most valuable asset.
- President Romeo also spoke regarding the success of the Youth Town Hall and how the youth share many of the same concerns as older residents. A Recreation meeting was also scheduled for Dec. 22, 2008 at 7 pm.
- Ray Rhode made a comment regarding four-six youths who worked the Polls last week and that they were the best workers.

Adjourn

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

Roll Call to Adjourn

Ayes: Goodman, Ilove, Miller, Romeo

Nays:

Absent: Gray, Hartigan, Simon

The Meeting Adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Council President

Attest:

Clerk of Council