

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, Icove, Miller, Simon, Romeo (7)

Absent: None

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

Opening Meeting of Council:

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

- Vicki Adams Cook, Branch Manager for the South Euclid Lyndhurst County Public Library expressed her thanks and support of the residents who voted for the passage of the successful Library levy earlier in the month and stated that the Library would be fiscally responsible stewards of the money.

Report of Council Committees:

Legislative Committee

Councilperson Simon reported that the Legislative Committee met earlier in the evening to discuss proposed legislation regarding new smoking in outdoor city-owned spaces. The committee decided to table the current legislation and new legislation will be presented to reflect Committee recommendations for the matter.

Mayor's Report:

- **Engineer Blackley:** Reported that the City's manhole sewer replacement project was nearing completion and three crews have been working to finish the project before Thanksgiving. Blackley thanked the residents on Argonne and Avondale for their patience during the project. Blackley also reported that construction of the Observation Deck for nine-mile creek will begin, weather-permitting.
- **Building Commissioner Kowalczyk:** No report.
- **Housing Manager Martin:** No Report.
- **Finance Director Filippo:** Requested Council's consideration regarding two ordinances concerning the fiscal notes for the City owned Greenvale road properties.
- **Service Director Gallagher:** Requested passage of the Sensible Salting resolution and stated that the resolution was passed by the Northeast Ohio Mayors and City Managers Association and the Cuyahoga County Service Directors Association. Gallagher also reported that the City has again been awarded the "Oscar Trash" Award for most improved recycling for the second year in a row. Gallagher thanked the residents and reported that residents improved their recycling efforts by over 41%. Gallagher also reported that City Crews are out picking up leaves off of tree-lawn and will continue to do so, weather-permitting.
- **Police Chief Nietert:** No report.
- **Fire Chief Cannell:** Reported that over the weekend, the firefighters collected over 925 pounds of non-perishable food and over \$400 in cash donations for the Food Bank. Cannell thanked the residents and businesses that participated. Cannell also reported that a ceremony was held earlier in the day honoring one of South Euclid's retired firefighters who is deceased. A plaque was placed on the Fire Department's honoring Mr. Diemert. Mayor Welo and Council President Romeo were also in attendance.

Legislation Requested by the Mayor and Administration.

Introduced by Romeo

Resolution 53-08

RESOLUTION

ADOPTING THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY SERVICE DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION'S SENSIBLE SALTING PRACTICES. FIRST READING.

President Romeo made a motion to amend the legislation to remove Section 2 which was placed in error in the body of the legislation. Seconded by Gray.

Roll Call:**Ayes:** Goodman, Gray, Hartigan, Icové, Miller, Simon, Romeo.**Nays:** None.**Abstain:** None.**Absent:** None.

The Legislation has Amended.

Following discussion, It was moved by Icové, seconded by Miller, that Resolution 53-08 be passed as amended.

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 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. SECOND READING.

Following discussion, It was moved by Romeo, seconded by Miller, that Ordinance 49-08 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 50-08

ORDINANCE

PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF \$1,800,000 NOTES, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS FOR THE PURPOSES OF PAYING COSTS OF ACQUIRING CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY AND CLEARING AND OTHERWISE IMPROVING THE SITE THEREOF TO PROVIDE OR ASSIST IN PROVIDING HOUSING, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. FIRST READING.

Following discussion, It was moved by Romeo, seconded by Goodman, that Ordinance 50-08 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 51-08

ORDINANCE

PROVIDING FOR THE APPROPRIATION OF UNAPPROPRIATED FUNDS IN THE LAND ACQUISITION FUND OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID TO PAY PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST INCURRED BY THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID FOR THE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT SPECIAL OBLIGATION NOTES, SERIES 2008 FOR THE GREENVALE ROAD PROPERTIES; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. FIRST READING.

Following discussion, It was moved by Romeo, seconded by Gray, that Ordinance 51-08 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

None

Letters & Communications

- Councilperson Gray reported on the National League of Cities Conference that was also attended by Councilpersons Hartigan and Simon. Gray stated that she learned a lot at conference and walked away from the experience with renewed spirit of optimism having seen how communities have been innovative in facing some of same issues that South Euclid is facing. Gray stated that many of the issues addressed at the conference are initiatives that South Euclid has been discussing including sustainability efforts, mixed-use development projects and greenbuilding. Councilperson Gray also advocated that the Mayor should attend future NLC conferences and that Council should also continue with representation. Some of our initiatives we're talking about. Do more regarding sustainability
- Councilperson Gray reported that the Good Neighbor Committee met to outline new initiatives and Gray announced that the Committee would be working on new homeowner packets to be delivered to new buyers with information about the city. The committee is also going to approach local businesses to see if they will participate with coupons for the packets to help promote the businesses and keep dollars in the community. Gray also reported that the Committee will be planning a home maintenance workshop in collaboration with the Building and Housing departments to provide residents with information on how to make simple repairs to their homes and also educate homeowners about the Building and Housing Department process.
- Council President Romeo requested that the Council Members that attended the National League of Cities conference come up with their top three items they learned from the conference that the City should work on. Romeo stated that he would like to have a strategic planning meeting to discuss the ideas and suggested items.
- Councilperson Simon stated that she agreed with Councilperson Gray that the National League of Cities Conference was very informative and Simon reported that she attended an entire series of workshops regarding sustainability and sustainable practices for communities.
- Councilperson Simon reported that the annual Pets Light Up Our Lives fundraiser for the South Euclid Humane Society will be held on Sunday, December 7, 2008 and stated that the annual tree lighting memorial bulbs are \$5 per pet and the deadline will be the Friday after Thanksgiving.
- Councilperson Goodman reported that several groups have toured the nine-mile creek wetlands project, including a group from the Euclid Creek Watershed and Goodman thanked City Engineer Blackley for working to complete the project and efforts for the Overlook.
- Councilperson Goodman also stated that next year the City will be partners in good standing with the Northeast Ohio City Council Association and Hillcrest Council of Councils and that Council should be talking to their counterparts in other Northeast Ohio communities and sharing what we have learned from the valuable experiences in our cities and that we don't have to go out-of-state to find new and better ideas. Goodman stated that the beginning of regionalism is communication.

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 8:28 pm.

Council President

Attest:

Clerk of Council