

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: Gray, Hartigan, Icove, Miller, Simon, Romeo (6)

Absent: Goodman

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:

- Kari Link, Housing Department assistant and South Euclid resident made comments regarding the need for rental fees and the work that the Housing Department puts into inspecting homes for the City.
- Vince Malatesta: 1627 S Belvoir Blvd, Thanked Council for meeting with landlords and taking another look at the fees that are being proposed. He stated that people just want to know how the costs are justified and asked that the deadline for occupancy permits be extended to February 1, 2009.
- Steve Robbins, 2059 Warrensville Center Road, Spoke regarding the Rental Occupancy Permit fee and complained that the notice that is sent out in the mail could be easily misplaced in the junk mail that also arrives. Mr. Robbins also stated that he owns 17 units and the additional fees for rental units are a disincentive fee and that Council should be ashamed of what is currently proposed.
- Issy Oswell, a resident of Beachwood (address illegible) spoke regarding the Rental Occupancy fee and asked Council for more time to work out the issue.
- Harold Harper, 1543 Sherbrook Road, a resident and landlord, spoke regarding the Rental Occupancy fee and stated that the proposed \$200 fee is unreasonable for multi-dwellings. He stated that he did appreciate Council's consideration of removing the multi-family amount and also stated that the additional grace period is appreciated.
- Vetella Camper, 4047 Okalona Road, spoke regarding the Rental Occupancy Fee and asked if the fees are changed how will the City notify owners. Ms. Camper also asked Council to reconsider the cost of the current \$200 fee.
- Terri Dolan, 4153 Lambert, spoke regarding the Rental Occupancy Fee and the landlord meeting that was held and stated that she felt like the Landlord's concerns were heard, but she felt that City Council was rushing into something that isn't ready to be passed yet. Dolan also stated that she and other Landlords would like to be a part of additional discussions and thanked council for listening and stated that she thinks the legislation and fees could be better.
- Donna Kolb, 28126 Gates Mills Road in Pepper Pike, spoke regarding the Rental Occupancy Fee and stated that the fees are still too high, but she is happy with the proration that has been considered.
- Tom Fistek, Rental Inspector and South Euclid resident, also spoke regarding the Rental Inspection process and what goes into his daily rental inspections.

Approval of Minutes: The Minutes of the July 14, 2008; July 28, 2008; August 9, 2008 and August 11, 2008 meeting of City Council were approved.

Council President Romeo made a motion to Amend the Agenda to include Ordinance 56-08 on the agenda. Seconded by Icove.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Gray, Hartigan, Icove, Miller, Simon, Romeo.

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Goodman.

The Agenda has been amended.

Report of Council Committees:

Committee of the Whole

President Romeo reported that the Committee of the Whole met earlier in the evening to discuss the Rental Occupancy Permit issues and thanked all those who attended and voiced their concerns.

Safety Committee

Chairperson Gray reported that a Safety Committee Meeting has been rescheduled for January 12, 2009 at 7 pm.

Mayor's Report:

- **Engineer Blackley:** reported that the City has ranked well in their application for DOPWIC funds (Issue 1) for Cedar Center Infrastructure Improvements. Blackley stated that DOPWIC received over \$115 million in request. Blackley reported that the Manhole Sewer Project is nearing completion.
- **Building Commissioner Kowalczyk:** No report.
- **Housing Manager Martin:** Stated that she appreciated the feedback received from all of the landlords regarding the rental occupancy fee issue and applauded Council for considering their issues.
- **Finance Director Filippo:** Requested Council's consideration regarding Res. 54-08, Res. 55-08 and Ord. 56-08 and reported that the RITA subpoena program process to collect delinquent income tax has begun. Filippo reported that Budget Books were in process.
- **Service Director Gallagher:** No report.
- **Police Chief Nietert:** No report.
- **Fire Chief Cannell:** No report.
- **Mayor Welo** thanked and congratulated Sunny Simon on the annual Pets Light Up Our Lives Ceremony held to benefit the South Euclid Humane Society. Welo also reported that the County is in dire need for non-perishable food collection and stated that collection boxes are at City Hall and the Community Center.

Legislation Requested by the Mayor and Administration.

Introduced by Romeo

Resolution 54-08

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATED FUNDS IN THE GENERAL FUND TO THE "PARKING LOT FUND #205"; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. FIRST READING.

Following discussion, It was moved by Romeo, seconded by Simon, that Resolution 54-08 be passed.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Goodman.

The Legislation has Passed Unanimously.

Introduced by Romeo

Resolution 55-08

RESOLUTION

REQUESTING FROM THE COUNTY AUDITOR A TAX ADVANCE FROM THE PROCEEDS OF THE 2008 TAX YEAR COLLECTION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. FIST READING.

Following discussion, It was moved by Romeo, seconded by Simon, that Resolution 55-08 be passed.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Goodman.

The Legislation has Passed Unanimously.

Introduced by Romeo

Ordinance 53-08

ORDINANCE

AMENDING ORDINANCE 40-08 OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO AND THE ZONE MAP MADE A PART THEROF, SO AS TO CHANGE THE HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED ZONING DISTRICT FROM ITS EXISTING CLASS C-2 "GENERAL COMMERCIAL" AND R-O "RESIDENTIAL OFFICE" ZONING DISTRICT TO ESTABLISH A NEW M-G "MAYFIELD GREEN" DISTRICT. FIRST READING.

The legislation was placed on First Reading for further discussion.

Introduced by Romeo

Ordinance 54-08

ORDINANCE

AMENDING ORDINANCE 23-08 "CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY" OF PART FOURTEEN, "HOUSING CODE" OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID. FIRST READING.

The legislation was placed on first reading for further discussion and review.

Introduced by Romeo

Ordinance 55-08

ORDINANCE

AMENDING ORDINANCE 24-08 "CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY" OF PART FOURTEEN, "HOUSING CODE" OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID. FIRST READING.

Following discussion by City Council and the Mayor, the legislation was placed on first reading for further discussion and review.

Introduced by Romeo

Ordinance 56-08

ORDINANCE

PROVIDING FOR THE APPROPRIATION OF UNAPPROPRIATED FUNDS IN THE LAND ACQUISITION FUND OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID TO PAY FOR THE DEMOLITION OF THE CEDAR CENTER SHOPPING CENTER IN THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO. FIRST READING.

Following discussion, It was moved by Romeo, seconded by Hartigan, that Ordinance 56-08 be passed.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Goodman.

The Legislation has Passed Unanimously.

Law Director's Report

None

Letters & Communications

- Councilperson Miller reported that a Recreation Committee Meeting is scheduled for December 22, 2008 to discuss Pool Fees for the 2009 swimming season.
 - Councilperson Simon reported on the Pets Light Up Our Lives ceremony that benefitted the South Euclid Humane Society and spoke regarding a special award at the ceremony that was given to three South Euclid Firefighters for saving a choking dog's life.
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Adjourn

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

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Goodman.

The Meeting Adjourned at 9:01 pm.

Council President

Attest:

Clerk of Council