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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, Icovc, Miller, Romeo (6)

Absent: Simon

Staff: Benjamin, Cannell, Filippo, Kowalczyk, Lograsso, Nietert, Welo, Martin

Opening Meeting of Council:

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

- Bob Schoenenwald, 4426 Bayard, discussed the annual Note Ordinance regarding the homes on Greenvale that the City purchased and demolished several years ago and that the City has the responsibility to do something about it and recommended that the city appropriate funds in the 2010 budget to pay off some of the principal. Schoenenwald also made comments regarding Cedar Center and asked what the City is selling the property for and what happens if the Cleveland Heights University School Board does not want to give up property taxes. Schoenenwald also commented on the issue of last year's raise for the Community Center Director and stated that in this current economic climate every budget item and position should be questioned.
- Emilie DiFranco, 3867 West 226 Street, Fairview Park, stated for the record that she knows that Council and the administration view her as a person of adversarial character, but she stated that she is not. She stated that she owns property in the City and that she and her family lived in South Euclid for years and that she has just as much of a right as others to comment on issues of concern. DiFranco also stated that many members of the administration live outside of the City. DiFranco also made comments regarding a CDBG grant application that was submitted to the County and questioned whether the requirements were adhered to regarding a public hearing and that it did not take place.
- Yakov Lieber, 4242 Hinsdale, commended the Safety Committee for taking the time to further study the issue regarding the proposed traffic camera legislation and stated that the committee has done an excellent job. Lieber also made comments pertaining to Council holding Finance Committee meetings to update the residents on the City budget situation.

Report of Council Committees:

Safety Committee

Councilperson Gray reported that the Committee met to discuss the Safety Camera Legislation and that it will continue to be discussed. Gray also reported that the Committee met to consider Ordinance 53-09 regarding the Texting While Driving legislation.

Mayor's Report:

- **Mayor Welo:** Reported on infrastructure projects and that the Maplegrove project is nearly complete and that the city received a \$216,000 reimbursement as part of the water line replacement. The Mayor also discussed additional waterline work the City of Cleveland will provide to the City of South Euclid as part of future road repair projects and updated plans regarding the Cedar Center redevelopment project and DOPWIC requests for 2010.
- **Building Commissioner Kowalczyk:** No Report
- **Housing Manager Martin:** No report
- **Finance Director Filippo:** Requested Council Consideration of four pieces of legislation on tonight's agenda and reported that RITA was sending out subpoena notices regarding income taxes. Filippo also reported that he is working on the budget books and that 2010 will be a challenging year.
- **Service Director Gallagher:** Reported on snow removal process.
- **Police Chief Nietert:** No report
- **Fire Chief Cannell:** No report

Legislation Requested by City Council

Introduced by Romeo

Ordinance 54-09

ORDINANCE

AMENDING SECTION 933.07, FEES FOR USE, AS CONTAINED IN CHAPTER 933 MUNICIPAL SWIMMING POOLS, OF PART NINE STREETS AND PUBLIC SERVICES CODE OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID; SETTING ADMISSION FEES, SEASON PASSES, SPECIAL PROGRAMS, AND

RECIPROCITY WITH THE CITY OF LYNDHURST FOR THE USE OF THE MUNICIPAL POOLS AND SPLASH PARK BY RESIDENTS OF THE CITY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. FIRST READING. The legislation was placed on First Reading and a Recreation Committee meeting was scheduled for January 11, 2010 at 7 pm.

Legislation Requested by the Administration

Introduced by Romeo

Resolution 66-09

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATED FUNDS IN THE GENERAL FUND TO THE "SAFETY FORCES VEHICLE FUND;" AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. FIRST READING.

Following discussion, It was moved by Romeo, seconded by Gray, that Resolution 66-09 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 67-09

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADVANCE OF APPROPRIATED FUNDS IN THE GENERAL FUND TO THE "LAND ACQUISITION FUND"; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. FIRST READING.

Following discussion, It was moved by Romeo, seconded by Goodman, that Resolution 67-09 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 68-09

RESOLUTION

EXCUSING COUNCIL MEMBERS' ABSENCE FROM COUNCIL MEETINGS DURING THE YEAR 2009. FIRST READING.

Following discussion, It was moved by Simon, seconded by Goodman, that Resolution 68-09 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 69-09

RESOLUTION

SETTING THE DATE FOR THE FIRST REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID IN 2010. FIRST READING.

Following discussion, It was moved by Hartigan, seconded by Goodman, that Resolution 69-09 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 70-09

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE CITY ENGINEER TO PREPARE THE NECESSARY PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, AND BID FOR THE 2010 WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROGRAM IN THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. FIRST READING.

Following discussion, It was moved by Icové, seconded by Romeo, that Resolution 70-09 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 71-09

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE CITY ENGINEER TO PREPARE THE NECESSARY PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, AND BID FOR THE CEDAR CENTER REDEVELOPMENT INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT, PHASES 1 AND 2, IN THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. FIRST READING. Following discussion, It was moved by Ilove, seconded by Romeo, that Resolution 71-09 be passed.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

The Legislation has Passed Unanimously.

Introduced by Romeo

Ordinance 55-09

ORDINANCE

TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2009; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. FIRST READING.

Following discussion, It was moved by Romeo, seconded by Gray, that Ordinance 55-09 be passed.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

The Legislation has Passed Unanimously.

Introduced by Romeo

Ordinance 56-09

ORDINANCE

TO MAKE TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT AND OTHER EXPENSES FOR THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2010; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. FIRST READING.

Following discussion, It was moved by Romeo, seconded by Gray, that Ordinance 56-09 be passed.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: Hartigan

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

The Legislation has Passed 6-1.

Law Director's Report

None

Letters & Communications

- Councilperson Simon – thanked Ruth Gray for coordinating the Kwanzaa event and stated that it was wonderful. Simon also thanked Councilperson Hartigan for his service to Council and the City.
- Council President Romeo – Thanked Councilperson Hartigan for his service to Council and the City and stated that he has had an impact.
- Councilwomen Goodman – reported that she will be having a “Coffee with the Councilwoman” on January 12, 2010 that will be at neighborhood businesses. It is an opportunity to discuss issues residents may have.
- Councilperson Gray – thanked Councilperson Hartigan for his service and that his contributions and those of other council members be recognized.
- Council President Romeo – reported that the Organizational Meeting of City Council to swear in Council Members and elect the Council President and Pro Tem will be January 4, 2010.

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, Gray, Hartigan, Ilove, Miller, Simon, Romeo

Nays:

The Meeting Adjourned at 8:38 pm.

Council President

Attest:

Clerk of Council