

REGULAR MEETING OF SOUTH EUCLID CITY COUNCIL

Council President Moe Romeo called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Attendance:

Roll Call

Present: Goodman, Gray, Hartigan, Icové, Miller, Simon, Romeo (7)

Absent: None

Staff: Benjamin, Blackley, Caminati, Cannell, Filippo, Lograsso, Martines, Nietert

Following explanation by staff, President Romeo made a motion to Amend the agenda to include modifications presented for Resolution 58-08, Ordinance 57-08, Ordinance 58-08, and Ordinance 59-08 on the Agenda. Seconded by Goodman.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

Agenda has been amended.

Special Presentation: CERT Graduation

An graduation ceremony was held for the newest CERT graduates: Jenn Bartlett, Ken Evans, Judy Herzog, Susan Howe, Les Murphy, Al Pollack, Madelyn Pollack, and Betty Szirvony.

Opening Meeting of Council:

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

- Diane Fistek, 1002 Bryan Drive, invited the public to the Celebrity Pancake Breakfast on January 25, 2008 for Playground of Possibilities. The Mayor and City Council will be serving as "Celebrity Servers".
- Elizabeth White, who resides at 12803 Larchmere in Cleveland and owns a rental property at 4171 Wyncote Road made comments regarding the Rental Occupancy Fees and stated she is concerned that the guidelines have become quite stringent and that inspectors nitpick at items. She stated that our process discourages people from buying in South Euclid and stated she hopes Council consider a more equitable way.
- Lita-Marie Townsend, 3814 East Antisdale – Spoke regarding a problem business in the City. Ms. Townsend reported that the owner of the J&M Mart on Warrensville and East Antisdale Roads does not pick up the trash and that they sell single cigarettes and beers. She also stated that people smoke inside the store and wants to know if those ordinances are enforced. President Romeo asked the Police Department to look into the matter.
- Bob Schoenenwald, 4426 Bayard, spoke regarding the state of the current economy for the next 3-5 years and how businesses he does work with are making major pay cuts and consolidation. He advised caution in budget increases for the coming years and advised that the City go back to the sense of urgency that Mayor Welo had when she was first in office and the City had no money.

Approval of Minutes:

September 8, 2008; September 22, 2008; October 13, 2008; October 27, 2008 October 13.

Following discussion, It was moved by Romeo, seconded by Miller, that the minutes be passed.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

The Legislation has Passed Unanimously.

Report of Council Committees:

Recreation Committee

Chairperson Miller reported that a meeting was held earlier in the evening to discuss the 2009 Pool Pass season and fees and made changes to open up reciprocity for the splash park for Lyndhurst Residents and Richmond Heights residents that attend the South Euclid Lyndhurst School District. There will also be a reduction in fees for some passes.

Mayor's Report:

- **Engineer Blackley:** No report.
- **Housing Manager Martin No report**
- **Finance Director Filippo:** res. 57-08 for mural., Res. 58-08 swimming pool transfer, res. 59-08 advance for FEMA grant fund. Ord. 57-08 and Ord. 58-08 temporary budget. Renewal of Hovanscek contract for Engineering Services.
- **Police Chief Nietert:** No report
- **Fire Chief Cannell:** Res. 59-08.
- **Benjamin CRA.**

Introduced by Romeo

Ordinance 54-08

RESOLUTION

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

Councilperson Ilove made a motion to amend the Resolution. Seconded by Simon.

Councilperson Gray made a statement saying that she could not support a 100% increase as proposed when there is a slump in the economy and people are suffering and stated that if the rental occupancy rate is going to be increased it should be at the rate of doing business and not a penny more. Councilperson Miller stated that the ordinance and the rate in question involves only apartment owners and owners of multi-family homes and is the same rate that was considered and passed by City Council earlier in the year. Miller stated that he does not want South Euclid to become a mecca for landlords and rentals and that we need to provide the resources for the inspectors to do their job and protect the community. Councilperson Ilove called a point of order and stated that procedurally, a vote should be taken to amend the ordinance first prior to further discussion on the matter.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: Gray

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

The Legislation has been amended.

It was moved by Ilove, seconded by Simon, that Ordinance 54-08 be passed.

Councilperson Hartigan stated that with the proposed discount in the legislation for multi-home landlords, the city would be driving up the average of the rental permit fees over \$200. Councilperson Ilove respectfully disagreed with Mr. Hartigan and also stated that Council can always revisit the proposed changes at a later date and stated that the City Council needs to be responsible to the people who live in the community. Councilperson Miller suggested that the administration keep a clear record for the next 12 months of what the costs are for inspecting single-family versus complexes and then revisit the ordinance. Councilperson Gray stated that she hopes that when we look at the budget, Council clearly look at this in line item format to see exactly what the costs are in past years and now current year and what represents the true percentage of increases versus the regular costs. Councilperson Goodman stated that we are micromanaging the issue and should look further at this in the budget process and not in the discussion process and that Council has discussed the issue in committee meetings. Goodman stated that many landlords have already complied and that Council needs to move forward. President Romeo asked what the procedure will be for those who have already paid and would be eligible in the \$50 discount in costs.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: Gray, Hartigan.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

The Legislation has Passed.

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. SECOND READING.

Following discussion, It was moved by Ilove, seconded by Simon, that Ordinance 55-08 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 53-08

ORDINANCE

AMENDING ORDINANCE 40-08 OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO AND THE ZONE MAP MADE A PART THEREOF, 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. SECOND READING.

Following discussion, It was moved by Icové, seconded by Romeo, that Ordinance 53-08 be passed.

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

Introduced by Goodman

Resolution 56-08

RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING THE 2009 YEAR OF THE RIVER INITIATIVE, PROMOTING STEWARDSHIP OF OUR WATERSHED AND ENCOURAGING RESIDENTS, INSTITUTIONS AND BUSINESSES TO BECOME PARTNERS IN CONSERVATION, RESTORATION AND PROTECTION OF OUR NATURAL RESOURCES. FIRST READING.

Following discussion, It was moved by Goodman, seconded by Hartigan, that Resolution 56-08 be amended.

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

The Legislation has been amended.

Following discussion, It was moved by Goodman, seconded by Hartigan, that Resolution 56-08 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 57-08

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS IN THE GENERAL FUND TO THE COMMUNITY RELATIONS/OTHER FUND; FOR THE SOUTH EUCLID PUBLIC ARTS INITIATIVE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. FIRST READING.

Following discussion, It was moved by Romeo, seconded by Hartigan that Resolution 57-08 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 58-08

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATED FUNDS IN THE GENERAL FUND TO THE FOLLOWING FUND: "SWIMMING POOLS FUND"; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. FIRST READING.

Following discussion, It was moved by Romeo, seconded by Goodman, that Resolution 58-08 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

Resolution 59-08

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE ADVANCE OF FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE FEMA FIREFIGHTERS GRANT FUND; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. FIRST READING.

Following discussion, It was moved by Romeo, seconded by Gray, that Resolution 59-08 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

Resolution 60-08

RESOLUTION

EXCUSING COUNCIL MEMBERS' ABSENCE FROM COUNCIL MEETINGS DURING THE YEAR 2008. FIRST READING.

Following discussion, It was moved by Hartigan, seconded by Gray, that Resolution 60-08 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

Resolution 61-08

RESOLUTION

SETTING THE DATE FOR THE FIRST REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID IN 2009. FIRST READING.

Following discussion, It was moved by Simon, seconded by Goodman, that Resolution 61-08 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

Resolution 62-08

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID SETTING RULES FOR THE FILMING OF COUNCIL MEETINGS BY THE MEDIA AND OTHER INDIVIDUALS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. FIRST READING.

Following discussion, It was moved by Simon, seconded by Goodman, that Resolution 62-08 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 57-08

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, 2008; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. FIRST READING.

Following discussion, It was moved by Romeo, seconded by Goodman, that Ordinance 57-08 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 58-08

ORDINANCE

TO MAKE TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT 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 Goodman, that Ordinance 58-08 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 59-08

ORDINANCE

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT EXTENDING THE ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR STEPHEN J. HOVANCSEK & ASSOCIATES, FOR A PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2009 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2009. FIRST READING.

Following discussion, It was moved by Romeo, seconded by Miller, that Ordinance 59-08 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

Demolition of Cedar Center will begin in the next week beginning with the Blonders building on Warrensville Center Road.

Letters & Communications

- Councilperson Icové: Commended members of Council and the administration for the political will to move forward on initiatives. Icové stated that he had a conversation with Cuyahoga County Department of Development Director Paul Oyaski who commended the city's efforts and stated that the County was behind the city's efforts.
- Councilperson Simon reported that the next South Euclid Book Club meeting will be January 21, 2009 and wished everyone a happy new year.
- Councilperson Gray scheduled a Safety Committee meeting for January 12, 2009 at 7 pm and wished everyone happy holidays.

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 9:20 pm.

Council President

Attest:

Clerk of Council