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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, Icové, Miller, Simon, Romeo (7)

Absent: None

Staff: Benjamin, Blackley, Filippo, Gallagher, Kowalczyk, Lograsso, Martin, Nietert

Special Presentation: Proclamation for Andrew Carr – Notre Dame College.

Introduced by Romeo

Resolution 09-09

RESOLUTION

COMMENDING NOTRE DAME COLLEGE STUDENT ANDREW CARR FOR HIS OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS AS A STUDENT AND ATHLETE AT NOTRE DAME COLLEGE IN THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID. FIRST READING.

Following discussion, It was moved by Icové, seconded by Gray, that Resolution 09-09 be passed:

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

The Legislation has Passed Unanimously.

Special Presentation: Swearing-In Ceremony – Police Department Officer Joshua Varga was sworn in as a new South Euclid Police Officer.

Opening Meeting of Council:

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

- Jean Friedman 4190 Wyncote, stated her concerns regarding an altercation that happened on Wyncote the previous weekend involving high school students and stated that many of her neighbors were also concerned. She stated that she believed gunshots were fired. Ms. Friedman stated that she had spoken with the Chief. The Chief responded.
- Yakov Lieber, 4242 Hindsdale, asked questions regarding proposed Ordinance 12-09 regarding seizure and confiscation of deadly weapons. Lieber asked what is a court of competent jurisdiction and how would the weapons be disposed of? The Chief responded that all of the guns would be cut with a torch rendering them unusable.
- Steve Robbins, 2059 Warrensville Road made a statement regarding the housing occupancy fees and that the new fees are not fair concerning his 17 unit apartment building. Mr. Robbins read a letter from former Mayor Kocevar from 2002 and made remarks concerning council being up for re-election and stated that Councilwoman Simon should “watch her back”.
- Emilie DiFranco, 3867 West 226 Street, Fairview Park asked a question regarding proposed Ordinance 10-09. DiFranco questioned the Community Center director’s proposed salary increase and asked council if they felt it was justified. DiFranco stated that the City has police and firemen who make less than the proposed salary.

Approval of Minutes:

Following discussion, It was moved by Romeo, seconded by Goodman, that the minutes of the December 23, 2008 meeting of Council be approved.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

The Minutes were Passed Unanimously.

Report of Council Committees:

Committee of the Whole

Council President Romeo reported that Budget Hearings for the 2009 budget would be taking place and a meeting was scheduled for Monday, March 2, 2009.

Public Utilities Committee

Councilperson Goodman reported that the Committee met earlier in the evening to discuss the proposed revisions to the City's anti-Idling ordinance. The Committee's proposed changes will be on the March 9, 2009 docket for consideration.

Mayor's Report:

- **Engineer Blackley:** requested Council's consideration of Res. 11-09 concerning the 2009 Road Program.
- **Building Commissioner Kowalczyk:** No Report
- **Housing Manager Martin:** requested Council's consideration of Ordinances 11-09, 13-09, 14-09 and 15-09 declaring the described properties a nuisance and recommending abatement of the properties.
- **Finance Director Filippo:** No Report
- **Service Director Gallagher:** requested Council's consideration of Res. 11-09 and Res. 12-09
- **Police Chief Nietert:** Requested Council's consideration of Ord. 12-09.
- **Fire Chief Cannell:** absent
- **Mayor Welo:** out-of-town

Legislation Requested by City Council

Introduced by Romeo

Resolution 10-09

RESOLUTION

CONCERNING THE IMPACTS OF COLON CANCER ON THE CITIZENS OF SOUTH EUCLID AND DECLARING THE MONTH OF MARCH 2009 AS "COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH". FIRST READING.

Following discussion, It was moved by Ilove, seconded by Romeo, that Resolution 10-09 be passed.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

The Legislation has Passed Unanimously.

Legislation Requested by the Administration

Introduced by Romeo

Resolution 11-09

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE 2009 STREET REPAIR AND RESURFACING PROGRAM IN THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID. FIRST READING.

Following discussion, It was moved by Hartigan, seconded by Gray, that Resolution 11-09 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

Resolution 12-09

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF CLEVELAND TO PROVIDE WATER AND WATER RELATED SERVICES AS SET FORTH IN THE AMENDMENT TO THE WATER SERVICE AGREEMENT. FIRST READING.

The resolution was placed on first reading and referred to the Utilities Committee for discussion. A meeting was set for March 9, 2009 at 7:30 pm.

Introduced by Romeo

Ordinance 10-09

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.

The Ordinance was placed on first reading and referred to the Finance Committee for further discussion. A meeting was scheduled for Monday, March 2, 2009.

Introduced by Romeo

Ordinance 11-09

ORDINANCE

DECLARING 4069 COLONY ROAD A NUISANCE PURSUANT TO SECTION 531.07 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO, AND AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF LAW, AFTER HAVING BEEN ADVISED OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES THEREOF, TO INSTITUTE AN APPROPRIATE ACTION AT LAW OR IN EQUITY, TO ABATE SUCH NUISANCES PER SECTION 531.08. FIRST READING.

Following discussion, It was moved by Goodman, seconded by Romeo, that Ordinance 11-09 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

Ordinance 12-09

ORDINANCE

CREATING SECTION 549.24 "SEIZURE AND CONFISCATION OF DEADLY WEAPONS" OF CHAPTER 549 "WEAPONS AND EXPLOSIVES" OF PART FIVE "GENERAL OFFENSES" OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. FIRST READING.

Following discussion, It was moved by Gray, seconded by Miller, that Ordinance 12-09 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

Ordinance 13-09

ORDINANCE

DECLARING 3893 GROSVENOR ROAD A NUISANCE PURSUANT TO SECTION 531.08 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO, AND AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF LAW, AFTER HAVING BEEN ADVISED OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES THEREOF, TO INSTITUTE AN APPROPRIATE ACTION AT LAW OR IN EQUITY, TO ABATE SUCH NUISANCES PER SECTION 531.08. FIRST READING.

The Ordinance was placed on first reading.

Introduced by Romeo

Ordinance 14-09

ORDINANCE

DECLARING 1864 OAKMONT ROAD A NUISANCE PURSUANT TO SECTION 531.08 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO, AND AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF LAW, AFTER HAVING BEEN ADVISED OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES THEREOF, TO INSTITUTE AN APPROPRIATE ACTION AT LAW OR IN EQUITY, TO ABATE SUCH NUISANCES PER SECTION 531.08. FIRST READING.

Following discussion, It was moved by Icové, seconded by Romeo, that Ordinance 14-09 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

Ordinance 15-09

ORDINANCE

DECLARING 4191 HINDSDALE ROAD A NUISANCE PURSUANT TO SECTION 531.08 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO, AND AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF LAW, AFTER HAVING BEEN ADVISED OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES THEREOF, TO INSTITUTE AN APPROPRIATE ACTION AT LAW OR IN EQUITY, TO ABATE SUCH NUISANCES PER SECTION 531.08. FIRST READING.

Following discussion, It was moved by Icové, seconded by Romeo, that Ordinance 15-09 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

Law Director Lograsso made a statement regarding Mr. Robbin's remarks during open meeting of council and stated that Mr. Robbins threatened Councilperson Simon when he told her that she should "watch her back" and recommended that Simon file a police report.

Letters & Communications

- Councilperson Miller reported that Community Clean-up day will be held on April 18.
- Councilperson Goodman reported on the Volunteer Star Award and interreligious partners in action.
- Councilperson Icové: reported that Jennifer Brunner would be speaking at a community meeting at the Community Center at 7 pm on March 11.

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, Icové, Miller, Simon, Romeo

Nays:

The Meeting Adjourned at 8:59 pm.

Council President

Attest:

Clerk of Council