

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: Fistek, Goodman, Gray, Icové, Miller, Simon, Romeo (7)

Absent: None

Staff: Benjamin, Blackley, Cannell, Kowalczyk, Lograsso, Nietert, Anderson, Martin, Welo

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 Road, stated that last year the City purchased properties on Greenvale Road through the issuance of bond notes. Mr. Schoenenwald asked what is City Council's process for paying for the property and when would it show up on the budget. President Romeo and Mayor Welo stated that Finance Director Filippo was not in attendance at the meeting and asked Mr. Schoenenwald to follow-up with Director Filippo or ask the question at the next Council Meeting.
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Report of Council Committees:

Zoning & Planning Committee

Councilperson Icové reported that the Committee met to discuss Ord. 25-07 and the legislation was amended to reflect language provided by Engineer Blackley. Icové requested that the legislation be placed on the next Council Agenda. Icové also stated that there would be a Public Hearing on April 28 regarding the Riparian Corridor legislation.

Mayor's Report

- **Mayor Welo:** Expressed the City's condolences to the Spencer the family and discussed a brochure from the Cuyahoga Community Health Board, which is also available at www.networkforcare.com, regarding mental and emotional wellness services. Welo stated that it discusses how we can help others and that the brochure would be placed on the City's website.
- **Mayor Welo:** Discussed Ord. 07-08 regarding the City's 2008 budget, which is on the Agenda for passage. Welo thanked the staff and Finance Director Filippo for their hard work on the budget and working to reduce costs while maintaining services. Welo also thanked City Council and Finance Chair Diane Fistek for their constant support and scrutiny of budget. The City ended 2007 with an unencumbered balance of over \$4 million and reported that expenses were under \$1 million than budgeted due to the excellent job of watching the bottom line and many sacrifices made by staff. Welo stated that this year, South Euclid will be the only City paying SELREC dues and that the Tri-City Consortium on Aging will continue to get its yearly support, as South Euclid pays the largest share. There will be no raises in pool fees this year and no cuts in crossing guards and park guards. Welo stated that the City is launching a marketing and advertising campaign and Real Estate Program managed by Director Benjamin to deal with the foreclosure issues and better promote South Euclid as a great place to live and work. "These are tough times, but South Euclid is shining at this time" stated Welo. Welo also stated that the Annual Spring Garage Sale will be this Saturday, March 29th.
- **Engineer Blackley:** Received final plans for Langerdale retention basin and the project will go out to bid in April. BioHabitat is a consultant for project. The 2008 Road Program will be brought to Council in May.
- **Building Commissioner Kowalczyk:** Signed off on first two occupancy permits on Cutter's Creek and is finalizing a few more. Kowalczyk stated that permits were issued for Notre Dame College and reported that some of the dorms that are not currently ADA compliant would be brought in to compliance with the proposed new infill building – new 14,000 sq. ft. The Planning Commission is meeting regarding Notre Dame's Master Plan
- **Sally Martin:** none
- **Service Director Anderson:** no report
- **Police Chief Nietert:** Distributed copies of the Division of Police Annual Report and asked for support of Ordinances 08-08, 09-08 and 10-08 regarding the use of toy guns that look like real firearms.
- **Fire Chief Cannell:** Reported that this week is Severe Weather Awareness Week in the State of Ohio and there will be a statewide Tornado Drill on Wednesday at 9:50 am. Training is underway on the new Fire Truck before it goes in-service.

Legislation Requested by the Administration

Introduced by Romeo

Ordinance 07-08

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 Fistek, seconded by Miller, that Ordinance 07-08

Roll Call:

Ayes: Fistek, Goodman, Gray, Icovc, Miller, Simon, Romeo.

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

The Legislation has Passed Unanimously.

Introduced by Romeo

Ordinance 08-08

ORDINANCE

AMENDING SECTION 549.01 "DEFINITIONS" OF CHAPTER 549 "WEAPONS AND EXPLOSIVES" OF PART FIVE "GENERAL OFFENSES CODE" OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. FIRST READING.

Following discussion, It was moved by Gray, seconded by Fistek, that Ordinance 08-08 be passed.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Fistek, Goodman, Gray, Icovc, Miller, Simon, Romeo.

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

The Legislation has Passed Unanimously.

Introduced by Romeo

Ordinance 09-08

ORDINANCE

CREATING NEW SECTION 549.23 "REPLICA OR FACSIMILE FIREARMS" OF CHAPTER 549 "WEAPONS AND EXPLOSIVES" OF PART FIVE "GENERAL OFFENSES CODE" 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 Romeo, that Ordinance 09-08 be passed.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Fistek, Goodman, Gray, Icovc, Miller, Simon, Romeo.

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

The Legislation has Passed Unanimously.

Introduced by Romeo

Ordinance 10-08

ORDINANCE

AMENDING SECTION 531.09 "ABATEMENT OF CRIMINAL ACTIVITY NUISANCES" OF CHAPTER 531 "NUISANCES" OF PART FIVE "GENERAL OFFENSES CODE" OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. FIRST READING.

Following discussion, It was moved by Gray, seconded by Fistek, that Ordinance 10-08 be passed.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Fistek, Goodman, Gray, Icovc, Miller, Simon, Romeo.

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

The Legislation has Passed Unanimously.

Law Director's Report

None

Letters & Communications

- Councilperson Gray: Reported that the Ward 1 Community Meeting will be this Thursday at 6:30 pm at St. Margaret Mary Church. Gray requested that Councilwoman Goodman speak or have someone from the Recycling Committee distribute information regarding the City's recycling programs. Gray also reported that there will be a meeting on April 3rd of the Splash Park Committee to discuss the grand opening ceremony scheduled for Saturday, May 31st.
- Councilperson Fistek: Reported that on April 3rd at 7 pm the City will have its Design Day for the Playground of Possibilities. The Playground is projected to be built in September by the community and hundreds of volunteers will be needed to support the efforts. Playground specialists "Leathers and Associates" will be here on the 3rd to meet with children and special needs group and there will be an unveiling at 7pm at the Community Center.
- Councilperson Simon: Reported that The Recycling Committee will be holding its annual GreenFest, which will be held on April 5, 2008 and that the shredder will also be on site for residents to bring documents for shredding.
- Councilperson Miller: Reported that April 19th is Community Cleanup day. Boys and Girls baseball leagues and boy and girl scout troops will be out helping clean up our parks and public spaces and encouraged residents to participate.
- Councilperson Goodman: Reported that April 9th is the Ward 4 Community Meeting in the Community Room at City Hall.

Adjourn

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

Roll Call to Adjourn

Ayes: Fistek, Goodman, Gray, Ilove, Miller, Simon, Romeo

Nays:

The Meeting Adjourned at 8:41 pm.

Council President

Attest:

Clerk of Council