

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, Cannell, Filippo, Gallagher, Kowalczyk, Lograsso, Martin, Nietert, Welo

Special Presentation: South Euclid Fire Department's new Honor Guard held a Posting of Colors Ceremony. City Council also recognized Assistant Chief Tom Palmer, Inspector Jim Davis and Lt. Mike Carney for their 30 years of Service to the South Euclid Fire Department.

Opening Meeting of Council:

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

- Peggy Anzo, 1387 Francis Court, stated that on Oct. 13, 2005 some residents voiced concerns about the Francis Court development and that today it is a mess with a large mound of dirt in front of her home. Ms. Anzo wanted to know if the developer posted a bond to protect the residents and if a permit was filed to demolish the white house that was on the property. Ms. Anzo wanted to know how much longer she would have to wait before the property was cleaned up. She stated that she called the EPA and was told the developer was not in compliance. Mayor Welo responded that the City has pressured the developer to clean up the property and that the dirt pile was scheduled for removal the previous week but was held back because of bad weather, but would be cleaned up this week.
- Yakov Lieber, 4242 Hindsdale Road made comments concerning the Committee of the Whole meeting held earlier in the evening concerning Ordinance 20-09 regarding City salaries and compensation. Mr. Lieber questioned why the salary range for the Clerk of Court as well as the Safety Director's salary and wanted to know why the Clerk of Court salary was greater than the Judge's salary. Law Director commented that the Judge determines the salaries for her department and that Lieber should ask Judge Kleri for fuller explanation.
- Emilie DiFranco, 3867 West 226th Street in Fairview Park commented that the Development Agreement with Coral Company had expired and wanted to know if a new one had been signed. Law Director Lograsso responded that it had been extended for 90 days. Ms. DiFranco also stated that there has been no agreement with the school district approved and asked when it would be approved. Law Director Lograsso stated that it should be by the end of the year. Ms. DiFranco also remarked that she has made several public records requests that had not been fulfilled yet, some dating back to February 2008 and that they appear to be ignored. Community Service Director Benjamin and Law Director Lograsso responded to the public records request issue.
- Harold Sater, 1391 Francis Court, also commented concerning the Francis Court development and stated that it was a mess. He said that he believed the city made a bad decision approving the project and that it looks abandoned.
- Steve Pressman, 2010 Miramar Blvd, made comments concerning the Playground of Possibilities and wanted to know when it would be open because children have been playing in unsafe areas. Mr. Pressman made suggestions regarding how to improve the park facility. Mr. Pressman also made suggestions to improve hygiene standards in the pools and restrooms, as well as our relationship with the City of Lyndhurst. Service Director Gallagher responded that the contractor intends to pour the foundation the week of the 27th depending on the weather because the temperature must be maintained at 50 degrees and that he would look into the bathroom situation at the park.
- Joe Liptow, 4501 Anderson Road, made a statement that on March 9, 2009 Councilman Miller made false and misleading comments regarding a letter that Mr. Liptow had sent to several civic leaders including Mayor Welo. Mr. Liptow stated that Councilman Miller stated that he had asked the City to pay for his son's hockey registration in Cleveland Heights. Mr. Liptow stated that that is false and that Councilman Miller was purposely misleading. Mr. Liptow also remarked on the Francis Court issue and expressed his disappointment with the piles of dirt and pits in front of Cutter's Creek. Mr. Liptow also questioned if city workers worked on the playground of possibilities because he was told by another resident that the work was supposed to be by volunteers and that that was not the case. Councilperson Goodman and President Romeo stated that they were all there volunteering during the build week and President Romeo asked that if Mr. Liptow could provide names of specific people, he would like to see them. Mr. Liptow also asked about the use of city equipment. Law Director Lograsso suggested that Mr. Liptow go back and listen to the minutes of the March 9, 2009 meeting because Mr. Liptow's name or any other name was not mentioned in Councilperson Miller's comments. Councilperson Miller also responded.

Report of Council Committees:
Committee of the Whole

President Romeo stated that the Committee met to discuss the 2009 Salary legislation and that they would meet again to consider the legislation further.

Mayor's Report:

- **Engineer Blackley:** no report.
 - **Building Commissioner Kowalczyk:** no report
 - **Housing Manager Martin:** No report
 - **Finance Director Filippo:** Requested Council's consideration of Resolution 16-09.
 - **Service Director Gallagher:** Reported that the new grass clipping bagging program has begun.
 - **Police Chief Nietert:** reported that the Police Department will receive \$100,000 as part of the federal stimulus package.
 - **Fire Chief Cannell:** Remarked that the City has been chosen to be the county and statewide training site for SELPOD.
 - **Mayor Welo:** Thanked the administration and council for their hard work during these tough economic times.
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Legislation Requested by the Planning Commission

Introduced by Romeo

Ordinance 19-09

ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO REVIEW THE ZONING AND BUSINESS REGULATIONS OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID AND TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO CITY COUNCIL REGARDING SEXUALLY ORIENTED BUSINESSES, GUN SHOPS AND TATOO PARLORS WITHIN THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **TO BE REFERRED TO PLANNING COMMISSION.**

Following discussion, It was moved by Ilove, seconded by Hartigan, that Ordinance 19-09 be passed. Moved to Planning Commission.

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

Ordinance 17-09

ORDINANCE

AMENDING ORDINANCE 02-08; IMPLEMENTING SECTIONS 3735.65 THROUGH 3735.70 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE, ESTABLISHING AND DESCRIBING THE BOUNDARIES OF COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA IN THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO; DESIGNATING A HOUSING OFFICER TO ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM; AN CREATING A COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT HOUSING COUNCIL AND A TAX INCENTIVE REVIEW COUNCIL. PASSED 9, MARCH 2009. **FOR REPEAL.**

Following discussion, It was moved by Romeo, seconded by Miller, that Ordinance 17-09 be repealed.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

The Legislation has been repealed.

Introduced by Romeo

Resolution 16-09

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE OFFICIAL INTENT AND REASONABLE EXPECTATION OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID ON BEHALF OF THE STATE OF OHIO (THE BORROWER) TO REIMBURSE ITS CEDAR CENTER REDEVELOPMENT INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT CA10M WITH THE PROCEEDS OF TAX EXEMPT DEBT OF THE STATE OF OHIO. FIRST READING.

Following discussion, It was moved by Romeo, seconded by Gray, that Resolution 16-09 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 17-09

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A JOINT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ZONE 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.

Following discussion, It was moved by Romeo, seconded by Goodman, that Resolution 17-09 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 20-09

ORDINANCE

FIXING THE SALARY, COMPENSATION AND RATES OF PAY FOR VARIOUS OFFICES, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND DEPARTMENTS OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2009 REPEALING ORDINANCE 12-08 ADOPTED APRIL 14, 2008 AND ALL OTHER ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT HERewith; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. FIRST READING.

The legislation was moved to the Finance Committee of the Whole for consideration and a Meeting was scheduled for 6:30 pm April 27th.

Law Director's Report

None

Letters & Communications

- Councilperson Gray received letter, there were four residents children in Ward 1 that were State Award recipients for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Oratorical Contest: Maris White, Amir Idris, Taylor Wynne and Tyler Wynne. Gray requested that resolutions be prepared to honor them at a council meeting. Gray also stated that the Ward One Community Meeting has been scheduled for April 23, 2009 at 6:30 pm at St. Margaret Mary.
- Councilperson Gray also commented on the work of the Good Neighbor Committee and that the committee was working on putting together a list of leaders in the community that can help inform residents with ongoing information. Gray also requested a Safety Committee meeting to discuss traffic cameras in school zones.
- Councilperson Miller scheduled a Recreation Committee for May 11 at 7 pm.
- Councilperson Goodman remarked that many residents have expressed to her their thrill that Cedar Center is being demolished and that the nine-mile creek marsh projects looks better than expected. Goodman also commended the South Euclid Recycling Committee for putting on a great Greenfest on April 4.
- Councilperson Simon – stated that she received a letter praising Mayor Welo and Animal Warden Brian Miller for going beyond the call of duty regarding a recent stray animal situation.
- Mayor Welo spoke regarding the Urban Marsh project and stated that Service Director Gallagher and Engineer Blackley would be presenting the project at a conference in May.
- Council President Romeo remarked that Councilperson Icové has been named the Spotlight Volunteer of the year for his work with the Legal Aid Society.

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, Icove, Miller, Simon, Romeo

Nays:

The Meeting Adjourned at 9:18 pm.

Council President

Attest:

Clerk of Council