

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, Kowalczyk, Lograsso, Martin, Nietert, Welo, Jim Anderson.

Special Presentations:

Introduced by Romeo

Resolution 18-09

RESOLUTION

COMMENDING AMIR IDRIS FOR PLACING SECOND PLACE IN THE STATE OF OHIO AT THE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. ORATORICAL CONTEST IN THE 4TH-6TH GRADE DIVISION.

Following discussion, It was moved by Gray, seconded by Miller, that Resolution 18-09 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 19-09

RESOLUTION

COMMENDING MARIS WHITE FOR BEING SELECTED AS A FINALIST IN THE STATE OF OHIO AT THE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. ORATORICAL CONTEST IN THE 4TH-6TH GRADE DIVISION.

Following discussion, It was moved by Gray, seconded by Miller, that Resolution 19-09 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 20-09

RESOLUTION

COMMENDING TAYLOR WYNNE FOR PLACING FIRST PLACE IN THE STATE OF OHIO AT THE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. ORATORICAL CONTEST IN THE 4TH-6TH GRADE DIVISION.

Following discussion, It was moved by Gray, seconded by Romeo, that Resolution 20-09 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 21-09

RESOLUTION

COMMENDING TYLER WYNNE FOR BEING SELECTED AS A FINALIST IN THE STATE OF OHIO AT THE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. ORATORICAL CONTEST IN THE 4TH-6TH GRADE DIVISION.

Following discussion, It was moved by Gray, seconded by Goodman, that Resolution 21-09 be passed.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

The Legislation has Passed Unanimously.

Opening Meeting of Council:

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

- Al Harris, 4070 Dartford Road made comments about the condition of their street and hoped that the City could make it a priority. The Mayor will meet with the concerned residents.
- Pat Wright, 4476 Dartford, also asked that the City consider the condition of Dartford.

- Yakov Lieber, 4242 Hindsdale, spoke regarding Ordinance 21-09 and 22-09. He stated that he hopes Council will not pass the legislation this evening and forward it to an appropriate committee for discussion. Lieber stated that he had questions about words in the legislation relating to blight, deteriorate and reasonable time. Lieber also stated concerns regarding the separation of powers between executive and legislative branch and the need to keep checks and balances as part of the process.
- David Furry, 3869 West 226 Street in Fairview Park asked what he can do to get public information that he has not received. President Romeo responded that the administration is working diligently to supply him with the information. Councilperson Miller stated that he would like to know how much time and money Mr. Furry and Ms. DiFranco have cost the City. Mr. Furry also stated that he has video of certain people working at the Playground of Possibilities at Bexely Park and that he could provide the video to President Romeo.
- Bob Schoenenwald, 4426 Bayard, reported on a letter that the Mayor co-wrote that appeared in the Sun Paper addressing the issue of school funding and stated that it was the “wrong side of the ledger” in this case and remarked that all of the school systems should be regionalized. The Mayor responded.

Approval of Minutes:

January 26, 2009 & February 9, 2009 Meetings of City Council

Following discussion, and minor corrections, It was moved by Romeo, seconded by Goodman, that the minutes of the January 26, 2009 and February 9, 2009 meetings of City Council be approved.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

The Minutes have been approved.

Report of Council Committees:

Committee of the Whole/Finance Committee

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 EMRGENCY. **SECOND READING.** As amended in Committee April 27, 2009.

Following discussion, It was moved by Romeo, seconded by Icové, that Ordinance 20-09 be approved.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: Goodman, Hartigan.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

The Legislation has Passed.

Mayor's Report:

- **Engineer Blackley:** Reported that there was a bid opening for the 2009 road program and that prices came in better than expected and, as a result, an additional street may be added this year. Mayor Welo stated that the City has been constantly submitting projects for stimulus dollars and hoping for approval of projects in the Federal reauthorization of the highway bill.
- **Building Commissioner Kowalczyk:** no report
- **Housing Manager Martin:** Requested Council passage of Ordinance 21-09 and 22-09.
- **Finance Director Filippo:** Absent
- **Asst. Service Director Anderson:** Reported that the City began its grass clipping collection program and has already collected 60 tons.
- **Police Chief Nietert:** No report
- **Fire Chief Cannell:** Reported that beginning May 4 the city will begin its annual hydrant flushing program and will utilize signs on the streets and reverse 911 to notify residents.
- **Mayor Welo:** Thanked Councilman Miller, members of City Council and Community Center Director Meg Martines for their participation and planning of South Euclid Clean Up Day on April 18 and also commented on the upcoming Relay for Life team and Memorial Day Parade.

Legislation Requested by the Administration

Introduced by Romeo

Resolution 22-09

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT GRANTING A LICENSE TO "SNACKS AND STUFF" FOR CONCESSIONAIRE SERVICES DURING THE 2009 POOL SEASON AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. FIRST READING.

Following discussion, It was moved by Miller, seconded by Goodman, that Resolution 22-09 be passed.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

The Legislation has Passed Unanimously.

Introduced by Romeo

Ordinance 21-09

ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 531.07 "ABATEMENT OF NUISANCES IN BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES" 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.

The Ordinance was placed on First Reading and a Committee Meeting was scheduled for May 4, 2009.

Introduced by Romeo

Ordinance 22-09

ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 531.08 "NONCOMPLIANCE WITH NOTICE; REMEDIES OF CITY" 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.

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Law Director's Report

None

Letters & Communications

- Council President Romeo noted that he received correspondence from Planning Commission Chairperson Art Goddard regarding a re-subdivision at minor Cutter's Creek.
- President Romeo noted that he received correspondence from the City of Willoughby Hills in opposition to the extension of a runway at Cuyahoga County Airport. President Romeo forwarded the letter to the Mayor.
- Councilperson Goodman stated that Euclid Creek would be holding their annual Garlic Mustard Pulling Festival on May 9 and the Friends of Euclid Creek will also be having a Rain barrel Workshop on May 4, where residents can build their own rain barrel for \$60.
- Councilperson Gray thanked fellow council members, mayor and directors that attended the Ward One Community Meeting.
- Councilperson Miller thanked those that participated in the Community Clean Up Day and thanked Meg Martines for her assistance in planning the event. Miller also noted that the annual Fraternal Order of Police Fundraiser would be taking place this Friday.
- Council President Romeo thanked Councilperson Gray participated as a model in the St. Gregory the Great's annual fundraiser.

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, Icove, Miller, Simon, Romeo

Nays:
The Meeting Adjourned at 9:13 pm.

Council President

Attest:

Clerk of Council