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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.

President Romeo complimented Community Center Director Meg Martines for the job she did in organizing the Memorial Day Parade and thanked the Service Department, Police Department and the entire administration for a job well done on organizing this year's parade and memorial service.

Roll Call

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

Absent: None

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

Special Recognition: Honoring the 2009 Ohio PTA Reflections Award Winners from the South Euclid-Lyndhurst School District.

Special Presentation

Introduced by Romeo

Resolution 23-09

RESOLUTION

HONORING THE REGINA HIGH SCHOOL ROYAL GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM ON WINNING THEIR SIXTH STATE CHAMPIONSHIP; TYING AN OHIO RECORD. FIRST READING.

Following discussion, It was moved by Ilove, seconded by Hartigan, that Resolution 23-09 be passed.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Goodman, Gray, Hartigan, Ilove, 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:

- Bob Schoenenwald, 4426 Bayard, asked for an update on Cedar Center and an accurate and complete disclosure of what's going on at Cedar Center. Schoenenwald wanted to know why there are piles of rubbish and debris that are not attractive and that the site may not be protected from students trespassing on the site. He also asked what was going to happen with the bank vault that is on the site. Service Director Ed Gallagher reported that Cedar Center is a demolition site and that because it is a demolition site – there will be rubble and debris on the site. Gallagher also stated that remediation testing for contaminants was on going with Burges and Niple and that the site is fenced with temporary fencing on Fenwick to provide access to machinery. Gallagher also stated that “no trespassing” and “danger” signs have been posted at the site and that people have been prosecuted for going on the property and that he would be meeting with the contractor to discuss the filling in the basements and removal of debris. Gallagher responded that it's a continual process and the project is moving forward and the demolition was done in the correct manner. Schoenenwald also questioned if the city has a signed contract with the developer. Gallagher responded that there was.
- Joseph Liptow, 4501 West Anderson Road, asked if there are legal requirements for the Cedar Center fencing because the site is dangerous and “that's not right”. Director Gallagher responded that the site is a demolition site just like any other construction site and all necessary standards were met. Gallagher said that this is a positive thing for the City. Liptow asked if the cost for fill and demolition of construction material is by the ton or cubic yard. Gallagher reported that the fill that is being utilized is recycled from the Langerdale project so the city would not have to purchase soils and that the remediation is being overseen by Burges and Niple. Gallagher stated that the city is not being charged by the contractor by the ton or cubic yard and that it is a flat contract fee. Liptow said that there is not a signed contract with the developer. Welo responded that yes there is.
- Kevin Ignatiak, 851 Princeton Blvd, reported that he was running for City Council in Ward 1 and that he was concerned about the increase in salaries at City Hall, and the City Council and Mayor's salary increases. He also stated his disagreements with the City's purchase of properties on Greenvale and the Cutter's Creek housing project as why he would be running. He stated that South Euclid does not need more development and that he is sorry to be running against Ruth Gray.
- Bob Frey, 1299 South Green Road spoke about Cedar Center and an article that was in the Plain Dealer by Tom Ott on December 16, 2006 and another article on December 20th in the Sun Newspaper and that it was the first time he heard the City and Mr. Benjamin use the words that the

project was a “public private partnership”. Director Benjamin responded that he had spoken with Mr. Frey previously about this same issue and reported that we don’t control what the media puts in the paper and that this was always a public-private partnership and that the city has always been upfront about the public components which includes the City’s purchase of the property, the TIF financing and the brownfield money.

- David Furry, 3867 West 226 Street in Fairview Park, spoke about the safety at Cedar Center and presented photos and stated that he doesn’t understand why this is acceptable and counted 4 or 5 access points. Moe responded that he does not have an answer tonight and to submit the photos. Mr. Furry responded that you could get your own photos. Councilperson Gray commented that all were doing is playing to the camera and that this is a charade and that council is being disrespected.

Approval of Minutes:

Prior to Open Meeting: February 23rd, 2009; March 9, 2009, March 23, 2009, April 13, 2009 & April 27, 2009 Meetings of City Council.

Following discussion, It was moved by Romeo, seconded by Gray, that the minutes be approved.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

The Legislation has Passed Unanimously.

Report of Council Committees:

Safety Committee

Ruth Gray discussed a committee meeting and presentation by the company GATSO regarding the potential utilization of safety cameras. The issue will be discussed further and meetings will be scheduled. committee meeting held to discuss red light camera proposals in school zones.

Recreation Committee

Introduced by Romeo

Ordinance 25-09

ORDINANCE

FIXING THE SALARY, COMPENSATION, AND RATES OF PAY FOR SWIMMING POOL PERSONNEL, REPEALING ALL OTHER ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT HEREWITH; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. FIRST READING.

Following discussion, It was moved by Miller, seconded by Gray, that Ordinance 25-09 be passed.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

The Legislation has Passed Unanimously.

Mayor’s Report:

- **Engineer Blackley:** reported that the Langerdale Observation Deck overlooking nine-mile creek is substantially completed except for the installation of a back fence and that there were two memos provided to city council regarding the Maplegrove and chip and seal street projects.
- **Building Commissioner Kowalczyk:** no report.
- **Housing Manager Martin:** Reported that the City closed on its first \$1 HUD home at 662 Parkside closed and that the house would be demolished. Martin reported that ESOP will be meeting to help any residents who are targeted with predatory loans at a meeting to be held on June 3rd at community center from 5:30-9 pm.
- **Finance Director Filippo:** no report.
- **Service Director Gallagher:** no report
- **Police Chief Nietert:** no report
- **Fire Chief Cannell:** no report
- **Mayor Welo** reported that she has been appointed Vice Chair of the County Landbank and that they had their first meeting. Welo congratulated St. Gregory for the girls track championship and boys second place finish. Welo stated that Councilperson Goodman is featured in the “Currents” magazine society page, and reported that the Relay for Life will be held June 13-14 and that the City was walking in memory of Joan Bush. The Mayor also thanked Ray Rhode for planning this summer’s band concerts and reported that she believes the memorial Day parade was one of the

biggest she has seen since she joined City Council in 1992.

Legislation Requested by the Administration

Introduced by Romeo

Resolution 25-09

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO PREPARE AND FILE GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR THE FUND FOR OUR ECONOMIC FUTURE'S EFFICIENT GOVNOW COMPETITIVE REGIONAL GRANT PROGRAM.
FIRST READING.

Following discussion, It was moved by Romeo, seconded by Hartigan, that Resolution 25-09 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

None

Letters & Communications

- Councilperson Icové reported on the mortgage workshop that ESOP was planning and reported on the May 31st Playground ribbon cutting ceremony scheduled for 1 pm and advised residents to call Meg Martines if they have any questions.
- Councilperson Hartigan reported on the police K9 demonstration that he attended with one of the City's police dogs, Rex
- President Romeo read a letter from Ray Rhode and Yakov Lieber that they would have to miss the council meeting because they are attending the City's Police Academy. Romeo reported on a notice regarding the transfer of a liquor permit to the new owner of the 7-11 on Belvoir. The Detective Bureau did a background investigation and had no objection.

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, Icové, Miller, Simon, Romeo

Nays:

The Meeting Adjourned at 9:01 pm.

Council President

Attest:

Clerk of Council