

REGULAR MEETING OF SOUTH EUCLID CITY COUNCIL

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Council President Pro Tem Ed Icové called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call

Present: Goodman, Gray, Icové, Romeo, Simon (5)

Absent: Caroscio, Miller

Staff: Benjamin, Blackley, Filippo, Gallagher, Kowalczyk, Lograsso, Martines, Welo

Opening Meeting of Council:

President Pro Tem Icové called the Open Meeting of Council to order and invited the audience to address Council:

- Bob Schoenewald, 4426 Bayard, spoke regarding the income tax rollback and stated that as elected leaders council has the obligation to stand pat to roll back the credit and that over the years the city has given out raises while he has called for fiscal restraint. Mr. Schoenewald stated that those who have raised their voices in opposition to the rollback should be prepared to assist the city because it is not enough to just say you don't want to pay more taxes.
- Mike Doherty, 4508 Ammon Road, questioned many of the numbers in the audited statements for the last five years and is concerned that there is an over reaction to the necessity of needing the rollback. Mr. Doherty stated that he works for RTA and that he does not believe you can continue to tax struggling residents and stated that the city should take a second look at it.
- Ann Eland, 4598 Macall Road, Spoke regarding the issues of cars parked in driveways that block sidewalks and wanted to know if there is a ordinance regarding the matter because it's a safety issue. Ms. Eland also discussed her concerns with home owners not taking care of their properties with garages full of junk and poor landscaping.
- Robery Frey, 1299 South Green Road, asked regarding expenses and costs associated with Cedar Center and stated that he wants to audit the project and that he has made a public records request and it seems the City is stalling.
- Mike Fortner, 1823 Oakmont Road, stated that the City is not alone with the severe financial problems and that States and Cities have too many public costs and promised too much. Mr. Fortner asked for the number of total compensation per employee and said that there are things we need to look at and if we can't manage it, then we need to outsource as much as we can.
- Steve Zelber, 4186 Stonehaven Road, stated that he moved from downtown Cleveland to South Euclid to lower his cost of living and said that he found the whole process for Ordinance 19-10 very disturbing. He said that he supported the road levy and income tax increase, but what happened with the income tax rollback should not have happened.
- Donna Steller, 1416 Ardmore Road, stated that she has been a park guard for South Euclid for 17 years and that if the guards are cut, the parks are going to destroyed and not be safe and asked the City to keep the guards and come up with another answer.
- Renee Carter, 4072 Suffolk Road, stated that she moved to South Euclid from Cleveland two years ago and is concerned about the cuts to the crossing guards. Ms. Carter also stated that her husband is a park guard and she is also concerned about the how the cuts will hurt the community because of crime. Ms. Carter stated that there was a problem on Greenvale and it was taken care of.
- Rick Dolezal, 1606 Laclede, reported that he collected 38 signatures for the initiative petition regarding the rollback and said that everyone was for the repeal.

Legislation Requested by City Council

Introduced by Icové

Ordinance 32-10

ORDINANCE

REPEALING ORDINANCE 19-10, "TEMPORARILY REPEALING ORDINANCE 171.1901 'SOUTH EUCLID RESIDENT SUBJECT TO INCOME TAX IN OTHER MUNICIPALITY' OF SECTION 171, 'MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX' OF PART ONE 'ADMINISTRATIVE CODE' OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO." FIRST READING.

The Legislation was placed on first reading and meetings were scheduled for June 21 and June 28.

Mayor's Report:

- **Engineer Blackley:** reported on the 2010 Watermain project on Dartford and that a pre-construction meeting was held with Mr. Excavator at regarding Cedar Center.

- **Building Commissioner Kowalczyk:** reported on the nuisance abatement activity that has resulted in the clean up and revitalization of the northeast corner of Mayfield and Green. The former Lobster Pot building is being renovated with new windows, canopies and new roof.
- **Finance Director Filippo:** Requested consideration for Resolutions 40-10 and 41-10.
- **Service Director Gallagher:** requested support of Resolution 39-10
- **Mayor Welo:** reported that the merger of SELREC and the YMCA is nearly complete and that the City would end its annual payment to SELREC after 18 months. Welo stated that the administration has been meeting regularly regarding the budget and reviewing necessary cuts that have to be made and make necessary tough choices and cuts when they have to be made.

Legislation Requested by the Administration

Introduced by Icové

Resolution 39-10

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF THE PETITION, ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION, AND INITIAL PLAN OF THE CITY OF CLEVELAND-FIRST SUBURBS DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL ADVANCED ENERGY SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. FIRST READING.

The legislation was placed on First Reading and referred to the Utilities Committee. A meeting was set for June 28, 2010.

Introduced by Icové

Resolution 40-10

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE INCREASE OF APPROPRIATIONS IN THE FOLLOWING FUND "GENERAL FUND-BUILDING DEPARTMENT-OTHER;" AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. FIRST READING.

Following discussion, It was moved by Romeo, seconded by Goodman, that Resolution 40-10 be passed.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Caroscio, Miller.

The Legislation has Passed Unanimously.

Introduced by Icové

Resolution 41-10

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE INCREASE OF APPROPRIATIONS IN THE FOLLOWING FUND: "OPERATION HOME IMPROVEMENT-OTHER;" AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. FIRST READING.

Following discussion, It was moved by Romeo, seconded by Goodman, that Resolution 41-10 be passed.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Caroscio, Miller.

The Legislation has Passed Unanimously.

Law Director's Report

None

Letters & Communications

- Councilperson Gray – read a statement regarding the income tax rollback and stated that we need to make sure that all residents understand the status of the budget, but her decision will not be based on special interest groups. Gray stated that she will work diligently to protect critical services and have due process regarding the final decision on repealing the income tax rollback.
- Councilperson Goodman – reported on the Open House for the first Green Neighborhoods Initiative home on Wilmington Road and that the project will be instrumental in turning our fortunes around.
- Councilperson Simon thanked Councilperson Gray for stepping out and being courageous with her statement regarding the rollback and city budget issues. Simon stated that the City is facing extraordinary times and that the public needs to own the issue and be involved and know what will happen if the rollback doesn't happen.

Adjourn

With no further business to discuss, President Pro-Tem Icové made a motion to adjourn the Meeting. Seconded by Romeo.

Roll Call to Adjourn

Ayes: Goodman, Gray, Icové, Romeo, Simon,

Nays:

The Meeting Adjourned at 8:59 pm.

Council President

Attest:

Clerk of Council