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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.

Roll Call:

Present: Gray, Hartigan, Icove, Miller, Simon, Romeo (6)

Absent: Goodman

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

Opening Meeting of Council:

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

- Joe Liptow, 4501 Anderson Road, reported that he asked a simple question two weeks ago and it seemed to get diverted. How much of the \$1.8 million has been used and what happens if it goes over. President Romeo responded that the Administration will get back to him.
- Kris Gill, 1140 Hillrock Drive, speaking as citizen and as manager of the SE-L Library. Gill reported that the Governor has proposed a 50% cut in the library budget across the state. Gill stated that the cuts will be devastating to the local library and that in South Euclid circulation has gone up over 15% over the last year because when times are bad more people utilize the library. Gill requested that councilmembers and residents take materials regarding the issue and send an email to the governor and state legislature. President Romeo also commented on the negative impact of the proposed cuts.
- Yakov Lieber, 4242 Hindsdale, asked about Resolution 30-09, 31-09 and 32-09 and wanted to know if the funds are being requested for specific South Euclid shovel ready projects. Director Benjamin responded with detail about each resolution.

Report of Council Committees:

Zoning & Planning Committee

Chairperson Icove reported that a Public Hearing was held earlier in the evening concerning Ordinance 08-09 and was recommended unanimously for passage. Icove requested that the ordinance be placed on the next council docket for Council consideration

Mayor's Report:

- **Engineer Blackley:** reported that Agresta submitted the best bid for the street project on Laurel Road and that paving will start after July 4. Additional work is being done to complete the 2008 manhole project work on Winston, Argonne and Avondale Roads. The work is being completed at no additional cost to the City.
- **Building Commissioner Kowalczyk:** no report.
- **Housing Manager Martin:** Reported that the City has been awarded the \$300,000 grant from the First Suburbs Development Council for the Green Neighborhoods Initiative project to renovate foreclosed and abandoned homes and create community gardens on homes that must be demolished. The City is expecting an additional \$500,000 from an application to be filed with the County for National Stabilization Program stimulus funding. The resolution is for council consideration tonight.
- **Finance Director Filippo:** Requested Council consideration of Resolution 27-09 and Resolution 28-09.
- **Police Chief Nietert:** No report
- **Fire Chief Cannell:** Requested council consideration of Resolution 29-09 to apply for a Federal Assistance to Firefighters grant which would be a partnership project with University, South Euclid and Beachwood. There would be a 10% match for each community (\$600 for each community).
- **Mayor Welo:** reported that she attended some of the Year of the River events being coordinated by Councilperson Goodman and that Councilperson Simon was there as well. Welo stated that Goodman did a great job.

Legislation Requested by the Administration

Introduced by Romeo

Resolution 27-09

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATED FUNDS IN THE GENERAL FUND TO THE FOLLOWING FUNDS: "PARKING LOT FUND"; "GENERAL IMPROVEMENT AND REPAIR FUND"; AND THE "ROAD IMPROVEMENT FUND", AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. FIRST READING.

Following discussion, It was moved by Romeo, seconded by Miller, that Resolution 27-09 be passed.

Roll Call:**Ayes:** Gray, Hartigan, Icové, Miller, Simon, Romeo.**Nays:** None.**Abstain:** None.**Absent:** Goodman.

The Legislation has Passed Unanimously.

Introduced by Romeo

Resolution 28-09

RESOLUTION

ADOPTING THE FISCAL BUDGET FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2010. FIRST READING.

Following discussion, It was moved by Romeo, seconded by Simon, that Resolution 28-09 be passed.

Roll Call:**Ayes:** Gray, Hartigan, Icové, Miller, Simon, Romeo.**Nays:** None.**Abstain:** None.**Absent:** Goodman.

The Legislation has Passed Unanimously.

Introduced by Romeo

Resolution 29-09

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR A "A FEDERAL ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT"; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. FIRST READING.

Following discussion, It was moved by Gray, seconded by Miller, that Resolution 29-09 be passed.

Roll Call:**Ayes:** Gray, Hartigan, Icové, Miller, Simon, Romeo.**Nays:** None.**Abstain:** None.**Absent:** Goodman.

The Legislation has Passed Unanimously.

Introduced by Romeo

Resolution 30-09

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT FUNDS THROUGH THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. FIRST READING.

Following discussion, It was moved by Icové, seconded by Romeo, that Resolution 30-09 be passed.

Roll Call:**Ayes:** Gray, Hartigan, Icové, Miller, Simon, Romeo.**Nays:** None.**Abstain:** None.**Absent:** Goodman.

The Legislation has Passed Unanimously.

Introduced by Romeo

Resolution 31-09

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR NATIONAL STABILIZATION PROGRAM (NSP) FUNDS THROUGH THE FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT OR AS PART OF NSP FUNDING ELIGIBLE THROUGH THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT AND AS PART OF THE AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. FIRST READING.

Following discussion, It was moved by Miller, seconded by Simon, that Resolution 31-09 be passed.

Roll Call:**Ayes:** Gray, Hartigan, Icové, Miller, Simon, Romeo.**Nays:** None.**Abstain:** None.**Absent:** Goodman.

The Legislation has Passed Unanimously.

Introduced by Romeo

Resolution 32-09

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT ENERGY AND GREEN RETROFIT GRANT PROGRAM FUNDS THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. FIRST READING.

Following discussion, It was moved by Simon, seconded by Romeo, that Resolution 32-09 be passed.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Goodman.

The Legislation has Passed Unanimously.

Law Director's Report

None

Letters & Communications

- Councilperson Miller reiterated Library Manager Gill's recommendation to contact the State regarding the library budget cuts. He stated that the library is our jewel. Miller also requested that residents consider giving blood as the Red Cross has a shortage. Miller reported that the Playground of Possibilities is now open and that it's getting a lot of attention and a lot of the folks are happy. He thanked all those members of the community that volunteered their time to help the children of the community.

Adjourn

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

Roll Call to Adjourn

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

Nays:

Absent: Goodman

The Meeting Adjourned at 8:26 pm.

Council President

Attest:

Clerk of Council