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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.

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### Roll Call

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

**Absent:** None

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

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### **Adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of interviewing candidates for the South Euclid Ethics Commission**

Following discussion, it was moved by Romeo, seconded by Goodman, that City Council adjourn to Executive Session.

### Roll Call:

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

**Nays:** None.

**Abstain:** None.

**Absent:** None.

The Motion has Passed Unanimously. Adjourned to Executive Session at 7:02 pm.

### **Adjourn back into Regular Session:**

Following discussion, It was moved by Romeo, seconded by Goodman, that City Council adjourn Executive Session back into Regular Session of Council.

### Roll Call:

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

**Nays:** None.

**Abstain:** None.

**Absent:** None.

The Motion passed unanimously at 8 pm.

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**Special Presentation:** A Swearing In Ceremony was held for new South Euclid Police Officers Brian Shamblin & Mark Preztak

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**Special Presentation:** The Spring 2009 Police Citizen's Academy Class were given their completion certificates. Graduates in attendance included: Mark Geyman, Yakov Lieber, Ray Rhode, Paul O'Neil and Sheldon Herzog.

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### **Opening Meeting of Council:**

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

- Ray Rhode, 1543 Laclede, reported that over 200 people attended the July 5<sup>th</sup> Band Concert featuring the Hillcrest Concert Band. Rhode stated that the last summer 2009 concert will be on August 16. Rhode also thanked Council and the Police Chief for allowing him to participate in the police academy. He stated that the Police are very well trained and that he gained a greater appreciation for their work.
- Kris Gill, 1140 Hillrock, stated that she is the Manager of the South Euclid-Lyndhurst Library and gave an update on the library funding issue and reported that the Ohio General Assembly accepted a budget resolution to cut approximately \$80 million from the State's funding for libraries. Gill stated that the cuts are substantially less than initially discussed, however, there will still have to be cuts made by the local library as a result of the reduction in funds. Some libraries could be looking at cuts of up to 30%.
- Bob Schoenenwald, 4426 Bayard, commented on Ordinance 27-09 regarding the Cedar Center Development Agreement and stated that he has been asking questions for the last two years and wants to know what is happening with the project.

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### **Report of Council Committees:**

#### Committee of the Whole

President Romeo made a Recommendation to appoint James Lawless to the City's Ethics Commission Following discussion, It was moved by Romeo, seconded by Hartigan, that the recommendation be approved.

### Roll Call:

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

**Nays:** None.  
**Abstain:** None.  
**Absent:** None.

The Recommendation has been approved Unanimously.

Zoning & Planning Committee

Introduced by Romeo

Resolution 08-09

ORDINANCE

AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO SO AS TO CHANGE THE HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED PERMANENT PARCEL NUMBER FROM ITS EXISTING CLASS R-50 "ONE AND TWO FAMILY DISTRICT" TO C-2 "GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT". SECOND READING.

Following discussion, It was moved by Ilove, seconded by Romeo, that Resolution 08-09 be approved.

**Roll Call:**

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

**Nays:** None.

**Abstain:** None.

**Absent:** None.

The Legislation has Passed Unanimously.

Councilperson Ilove also made a point of order regarding the Ethics Commission appointment and stated that council deferred the vote on the second ethics commission position pending further discussion with mayor.

**Mayor's Report:**

- **Mayor Welo:** Reported on the Foreclosure Prevention Fair sponsored by the national organization NACA, that is being held downtown to save people's homes from foreclosure. The Mayor also thanked Local Fire Union 1065 for helping to "fill the boot" to support the Muscular Dystrophy Association. The Mayor reported on the summer band concerts and that many block parties are being organized and the parks and pools are crowded.
- **Engineer Blackley:** Reported that the 2009 road program is underway and that repairs are being made on Division, Oakmont, Maywood, Rainbow, Laurel, Fay and Bryan. Additional work will begin on Maplegrove which came in \$100,000 under estimate and the contract was awarded to Fabrize Construction. Blackley also reported on projects that include reimbursement from the Cleveland Water Department.
- **Building Commissioner Kowalczyk:** no report.
- **Housing Manager Martin:** Reported about the NACA event taking place Friday through Monday and stated that it is an unprecedented event. Martin stated that about 600 letters were mailed to homeowners whose mortgages are at risk for foreclosure notifying them of the NACA event and offering services from ESOP. ESOP has set up office hours once a week at City Hall to meet with residents that are in need of assistance. Martin also reported that 4069 Colony has been demolished.
- **Finance Director Filippo:** Requested passage of Resolution 34-09 regarding street lighting assessments in 2009. The increase will result in approximately \$7 per year for homeowners and the rate has not been increased since 2006.
- **Police Chief Nietert:** no report
- **Service Director Gallagher:** no report.
- **Fire Chief Cannell:** no report.
- **Mayor Welo:** Reported that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Home and Garden Tour will be held this Sunday at noon and that Tickets are available for purchase at the Community Center.

**Legislation Requested by the Administration**

Introduced by Romeo

Resolution 33-09

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATED FUNDS IN THE "GENERAL FUND-GENERAL SERVICES-OTHER" TO THE "GENERAL FUND-GENERAL SERVICES-PERSONAL SERVICES". FIRST READING.

Following discussion, It was moved by Romeo, seconded by Goodman, that Resolution 33-09 be passed.

**Roll Call:**

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

**Nays:** None.

**Abstain:** None.

**Absent:** None.

The Legislation has Passed Unanimously.

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Introduced by Romeo

Resolution 34-09

RESOLUTION

DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO IMPROVE CERTAIN DESCRIBED PUBLIC STREETS, ROADS, AND PLACES IN THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO BY PROVIDING STREET LIGHTING; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. FIRST READING.

Following discussion, It was moved by Simon, seconded by Goodman, that Resolution 34-09 be passed.

**Roll Call:**

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

**Nays:** None.

**Abstain:** None.

**Absent:** None.

The Legislation has Passed Unanimously.

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Introduced by Romeo

Ordinance 26-09

ORDINANCE

AMENDING SECTION 1550.13 "DETECTION SYSTEMS REQUIRED IN APARTMENT BUILDINGS" OF CHAPTER 1550 "MISCELLANEOUS REGULATIONS" OF PART FIFTEEN "FIRE PREVENTION CODE" OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. FIRST READING.

Following discussion, It was moved by Ilove, seconded by Romeo, that Ordinance 26-09 be passed.

**Roll Call:**

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

**Nays:** None.

**Abstain:** None.

**Absent:** None.

The Legislation has Passed Unanimously.

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Introduced by Romeo

Ordinance 27-09

ORDINANCE

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH CORAL SECC, LLC, FOR THE REDEVELOPMENT OF THE CEDAR CENTER SHOPPING DISTRICT IN THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. FIRST READING.

The Ordinance was placed on First Reading for further discussion and review.

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**Law Director's Report**

None

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**Letters & Communications**

- Councilperson Miller asked that residents attend local children sporting events at the Parks and requested that a new street light bulb be installed at Belvoir and Princeton.
- Councilperson Goodman thanked Mayor Welo and Councilperson Simon for joining the Cuyahoga River festivities that she organized. Goodman also reported that Friends of Euclid Creek had their meeting last Tuesday and the South Euclid Citizens for Land Conservation will meet on July 29. Goodman reported on new gas company procedures that will remove some of burden of residents having to pay for connection repairs and that the Nine Mile Creek Marsh overlook is now open. Goodman also reported that the Community Garden Committee had its first meeting and that the next meeting will be July 16<sup>th</sup>.
- President Romeo reported on the results of a Liquor Permit investigation completed by Detective Volek regarding a transfer for the J&M mart. Romeo reported that Volek reported no issues.

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**Adjourn**

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

**Roll Call:**

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

**Nays:** None.

**Abstain:** None.

**Absent:** None.

The meeting adjourned at 8:56 pm.

Attest:

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Clerk of Council

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Council President