

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:

Ayes: Fistek, Goodman, Gray, Icove, Miller, Simon, Romeo.
Nays: None.
Abstain: None.
Absent: None.

Legislation Requested by City Council:

A motion was made to move Resolution 23-08 to the top of the Agenda

Roll Call:

Ayes: Fistek, Goodman, Gray, Icove, Miller, Simon, Romeo.
Nays: None.
Abstain: None.
Absent: None.

The agenda has been amended to move Resolution 23-08.

Introduced by Romeo

Resolution 23-08

RESOLUTION

COMMENDING SOUTH EUCLID RESIDENT GLADYS HADDAD FOR RECEIVING THE 2008 WILLIAM H. AND BENJAMIN HARRISON AWARD FROM THE OHIO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY FOR HER BOOK, "FLORA STONE MATHER". FIRST READING.

Following discussion, It was moved by Fistek, seconded by Goodman, that Resolution 23-08 be passed.

Ayes: Fistek, Goodman, Gray, Icove, 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:

- Ray Rode, 1543 Laclede Road, reported that 175 residents attended the July band concert at Notre Dame College. The next and final concert will be the Hillcrest Concert Band on August 17.
- Yakov Lieber, 4242 Hindsdale, asked why the Point of Sale Ordinance, Ord. 65-05 is on the agenda again for consideration.
- Val Miklusek, 4033 Bayard Road, remarked regarding her support of Point of Sale and stated that the Good Neighbor survey reported that the second most common complaint in the City is the upkeep of homes. Miklusek stated that if Point of Sale does not pass, it would be great if the housing department could handle the extra work needed to inspect homes. Miklusek also stated that she has heard that the Judge has been lenient when it comes to housing violations and that when the city has a point of sale, it's another way of defining the value system of the city.
- Paul Webster, 3941 Princeton, asked if the City's nuisance abatement ordinance regarding high grass ordinance apply to commercial properties around the Green and Monticello area. In addition, Mr. Webster stated that he and the Good Neighbor Committee felt very strongly that Point of Sale is something that should be done and that now is not the time to back away and that if it goes down, let it go down as a vote of the people not council.
- Fran Mayer, 2016 Miramar, asked if the City could have an open meeting with the building inspectors. Her concern is that there are a lot of vacant houses that she believes are not being cared for. The concern seems to be what's in the inside of the house and not what's in the outside of the house.
- Paul Wiener, 2084 Templethurst, Spoke in favor of the Point of Sale ordinance and stated that people of the city are tired of looking at properties that are rundown, overgrown and falling apart.
- Bob Schonenwald, 4426 Bayard. Asked that City Council let the Point of Sale ordinance go to the ballot and asked Law Director Lograsso if City Council had the right to revisit the Ordinance.
- Yakov Lieber, 4242 Hindsdale asked if council does amend it or modify the Point of Sale ordinance, what will be the resulting impact of the petition drive of the citizens to put it on the ballot.

Approval of Minutes:

The Minutes of the May 12, 2008 and May 27, 2008 were approved as submitted.

Following discussion, It was moved by Romeo, seconded by Goodman, that the minutes be approved as submitted.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

The minutes have been approved.

Report of Council Committees:Safety Committee

Councilperson Gray reported that the Safety Meeting met prior to the Council Meeting to discuss if there was a need to develop legislation limiting the number of pets that residents are allowed to have in their homes. Following discussion, the Committee decided that the current nuisance ordinance covers animals that may be problematic and that new legislation is not need at this time.

Mayor's Report:

- **Engineer Blackley:** Reported that the Nine Mile Creek project was moving along very nicely and there's an excellent contractor working on the project. Blackley also reported that there was a recent bid opening for the City's manhole replacement project and reported that asphalt prices for the year are higher as it is directly tied to the price of oil. Blackley also requested Council's consideration of Resolution 24-08 to accept a stormwater easement on Greenvale Road.
- **Building Commissioner Kowalczyk:** Reported that there are many exciting projects throughout the city including a one story building that came down across from Alesci's on Mayfield Road, a new building will be built to house a new small medical practice. Kowalczyk also reported that work is moving forward on the Notre Dame College improvements, which will include ADA compliant dormitories.
- **Housing Manager Martin-** reported that many landlords who rent their properties are not paying their mortgages and that innocent renters are being caught have to move with little notice. Martin stated that the Housing Department will be sending letters to tenants whose properties are going into foreclosure. Ms. Martin also responded that the inspectors are being proactive regarding concerns of high grass and also reported that many of the rehabbers purchasing homes are doing quite a good job.
- **Finance Director Filippo:** Reported on the 2007 Annual Report and requested consideration of Ordinance 32-08.
- **Service Director Gallagher:** No report.
- **Police Chief Nietert:** No report
- **Fire Chief Cannell:** No report
- **Mayor Welo:** Requested consideration of Ordinance 31-08 appropriating funds for the Playground of Possibilities and stated that the funds were discussed during Council's budget hearings. Welo also reported that Home Days is coming up on July 26 and July 27 and that there will be lots of activities including the Singing Angels and a Babes of 1916 baseball game and also that everything except for the food will be free.

Legislation for Reconsideration

Introduced by Romeo

Ordinance 65-05

RESOLUTION

AMENDING PART FOURTEEN "HOUSING CODE" OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO BY ENACTING NEW CHAPTER 1413 ENTITLED "CERTIFICATES OF INSPECTION."

Move to open:

Following discussion, It was moved by Romeo, seconded by Icovc, that the legislated be reconsidered.

Councilperson Simon stated that she has been a proponent for Point of Sale for over 10 years and that no time is better than now to move this forward.

Councilperson Goodman, stated that Council has been working on this long before she was on Council and that and it's a good tool and makes sense because the money to fix repairs is available when it is changing hands at the Sale. Goodman stated that if the community doesn't want it then that's the voice of the people and that we should let them speak.

Councilperson Miller asked Housing Manager Martin what kind of sales are going on in South Euclid.

Martin responded that most of the sales are REO Bank Owned Properties and retail stock.

Councilperson Ruth Gray stated that Point of Sale speaks only to exterior violations and not interior and asked Housing Manager Martin what are we currently doing to inspect properties. Martin responded that exterior inspections are done every six years for residents and every three years for rentals, which also includes interior inspections.

Councilperson Ed Ilove asked if the reconsideration passes, what is effect on door to door inspections. Would the city continue to do it as always.

Council President Moe Romeo asked if the \$40,000 housing study that Council Approved at the last meeting would change if council rescinds the legislation.

Mayor Welo stated that Council should think about this decision and decide at the next meeting. She stated that Point of Sale has been needed in the past, but is not sure if it is needed now and suggested that Council wait until the next meeting.

Council President Romeo and Councilperson Ilove voluntarily withdrew their motion.

Councilperson Simon stated again for her support of Point of Sale because that is the time when the purchaser of the property has the financing to take care of the violations.

Legislation Requested by the Mayor and Administration:

Introduced by Romeo

Resolution 24-08

RESOLUTION

ACCEPTING THE PERMANENT RIGHT OF WAY AND 15 FOOT STORM WATER EASEMENT FROM MARNI, INC. WITHIN THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO. FIRST READING

Following discussion, It was moved by Ilove, seconded by Goodman, that Resolution 24-08 be passed.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Fistek, Goodman, Gray, Ilove, Miller, Simon, Romeo.

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

The Legislation has Passed Unanimously.

Introduced by Romeo

Ordinance 31-08

ORDINANCE

PROVIDING FOR THE APPROPRIATION OF UNAPPROPRIATED FUNDS IN THE GENERAL IMPROVEMENT AND REPAIR FUND "OTHER CHARGES" ACCOUNT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$150,000.00. FIRST READING.

Following discussion, It was moved by Fistek, seconded by Gray, that Ordinance 31-08 be passed.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Fistek, Goodman, Gray, Ilove, Miller, Simon, Romeo.

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

The Legislation has Passed Unanimously.

Introduced by Romeo

Ordinance 32-08

ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING UNAPPROPRIATED FUNDS IN THE GENERAL FUND "GENERAL SERVICES – OTHER" IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$6,625.00, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. FIRST READING.

Following discussion, It was moved by Fistek, seconded by Goodman, that Ordinance 32-08 be passed.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Fistek, Goodman, Gray, Ilove, Miller, Simon, Romeo.

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

The Legislation has Passed Unanimously.

Introduced by Romeo

Ordinance 33-08

ORDINANCE

APPROVING THE EDITING AND INCLUSION OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES AS PARTS OF THE VARIOUS COMPONENT CODES OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES; PROVIDING THE ADOPTION AND PUBLICATION OF NEW MATTER IN THE UPDATED AND REVISED CODIFIED ORDINANCES; REPEALING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. FIRST READING.

Following discussion, It was moved by Simon, seconded by Fistek, that Ordinance 33-08 be passed.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

The Legislation has Passed Unanimously.

Law Director's Report

None

Letters & Communications

- Councilperson Fistek – reported that there is a shortage of chairs at Victory Pool and asked if the City could get more chairs.
- Councilperson Gray reported that she is going to sponsor a Good Neighbor Committee picnic on August 22 at 7 pm to thank all of the committee members and volunteers who worked so hard on the initiatives.
- Councilperson Goodman reported that August 5th is National Night Out against crime and that the newly formed block watch on Wrenford will be having an event and encouraged residents to unite together and get to know their neighbors. Goodman also reported that she has been taking photos of the work being done to convert the Langerdale retention basin into an urban marsh.
- Councilperson Miller scheduled a meeting of the Recreation Committee for September 8 at 7 pm.
- Councilperson Fistek asked if a resident was allowed to have a sign in front of their home promoting a nail salon.
- Councilperson Gray reported that the Salisbury Road garage sale will be this weekend and that the sale pays for the annual street party.
- Moe Romeo – Read a letter for the record regarding the resignation of Councilperson Diane Fistek.

Adjourn

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

Roll Call to Adjourn

Ayes: Fistek, Goodman, Gray, Icove, Miller, Simon, Romeo

Nays:

The Meeting Adjourned at 9:40 pm.

Council President

Attest:

Clerk of Council