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

Absent: None

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

President Romeo made a Motion to Amend the Agenda to Include Resolution 45-09 seconded by Goodman.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

The Agenda has been amended.

Opening Meeting of Council:

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

- Peter Rubin, of the Coral Company and developer of the South Euclid Cedar Center Project requested that City Council support Resolution 45-09 waiving the public bid requirements for the remediation of the Cedar Center Property. Rubin stated that it was important to move the project ahead and complete the remediation prior to the bad weather if the project was going to stay fast tracked for 2010 construction. Following a question regarding South Euclid business and minority contractors and the bidding process, Rubin stated that "We'd be happy to have them considered." Rubin stated that the bid process would be completed and due in 7 days.
- Joe Liptow, 4501 Anderson Road, stated that this is the 4th or 5th time he has requested information pertaining to Cedar Center and if there were cost overruns. Liptow also reported that he witnessed a police pursuit that ended at the war memorial and said that it was funny that there was never anything about it in the Sun Messenger Police Blotter. Liptow questioned if there was a protocol for tight pursuits by the police.
- Bob Schoenenwald, 4426 Bayard, asked if the request for the expedited bid process for Cedar Center was legal if the city owns the property. Schoenenwald also asked why is the city getting into the real estate business and asked if it creates extra liability and is it good for the city. Schoenenwald also stated that in light of all of the allegations regarding county government and building inspectors, can this happen here if we're getting into the process to rehab homes. He suggested that Council rescind the ordinance.

Report of Council Committees:

Zoning & Planning Committee

Chairperson Icové reported that there was a public hearing at 7pm regarding Inner-Healing Ministries at Monticello and Green Roads. Icové requested that the administration put the Planning Commission recommendation in to legislative form and present it to Council at the next meeting.

Public Utilities Committee

Chairperson Goodman reported that the Committee met to discuss wind energy generation legislation and basic code framework on which wind energy generation can be built.

Mayor's Report:

- **Engineer Blackley:** no report
- **Building Commissioner Kowalczyk:** no report
- **Housing Manager Martin:** Reported that the City has a bid for 4182 Wilmington Road for the Green Neighborhood Initiative and the Federal Reserve Bank is conducting a study of how NSP funds are being spent and South Euclid will be one of four cities surveyed. In response to public comment about the purchase of homes, Martin stated that the purpose of the Green Neighborhood Initiative is not to be in the real estate business, it is a demonstration project to showcase how NSP funds can be used creatively. Martin also discussed the Community Garden initiative as part of the project.
- **Finance Director Filippo:** Requested Council consideration regarding Resolution 43-09 and 44-09.

- **Service Director Gallagher:** no report
- **Police Chief Nietert:** absent
- **Fire Chief Cannell:** No report
- **Mayor Welo:** stated that it was an honor that the Federal Reserve Bank chose South Euclid as part of their NSP program study. The Mayor thanked Councilman Hartigan for attending the opening of Brush High School's new Cyber Café earlier in the evening.

Legislation Requested by the Administration

Introduced by Romeo

Resolution 43-09

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATED FUNDS IN THE GENERAL FUND TO THE SWIMMING POOLS FUND; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. FIRST READING.

Following discussion, It was moved by Romeo, seconded by Miller, that Resolution 43-09 be passed.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

The Legislation has Passed Unanimously.

Introduced by Romeo

Resolution 44-09

RESOLUTION

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

Following discussion, It was moved by Romeo, seconded by Gray, that Resolution 44-09 be passed.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

The Legislation has Passed Unanimously.

Introduced by Romeo

Resolution 45-09

RESOLUTION

WAIVING THE COMPETITIVE BIDDING REQUIREMENTS UNDER THE SOUTH EUCLID CODIFIED ORDINANCES AND AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE REMEDIATION WORK TO BE PERFORMED AT CEDAR CENTER IN THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. FIRST READING.

Following discussion, It was moved by Icové, seconded by Romeo, that Resolution 45-09 be passed/

Roll Call:

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

Nays: Hartigan.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

The Legislation has Passed.

Introduced by Romeo

Ordinance 46-09

ORDINANCE

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A REMEDIATION AGREEMENT WITH CORAL MANAGEMENT GROUP, FOR THE REMEDIATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES AT THE CEDAR CENTER PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. FIRST READING.

Following discussion, It was moved by Goodman, seconded by Miller, that Ordinance 46-09 be passed.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

The Legislation has Passed Unanimously.

Introduced by Romeo

Ordinance 47-09

ORDINANCE

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A REVISED 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.

Following discussion, It was moved by Hartigan, seconded by Goodman, that Ordinance 47-09 be passed.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

The Legislation has Passed Unanimously.

Law Director's Report

None

Letters & Communications

- Councilperson Goodman distributed a new brochure educating the public about Stormwater issues and discussed upcoming changes that the Regional Sewer District will be making in their billing process and basing residential rates on the size of the property and amount of impervious surfaces. Goodman noted that the use of rainbarrels is one way to reduce the cost of individual homeowner sewer bills.
- Councilperson Miller congratulated the Mayor, Meg Martines and the staff that planned the Mayor Kocevar dedication ceremony last Saturday and commended Meg Martines. In relation to the proposed safety cam legislation, Miller also discussed his concern that drivers are continually distracted and pedestrians are becoming moving targets.
- Councilperson Goodman asked what the status was of the safety camera legislation. Councilperson Gray responded that the Safety Committee would be setting up a public hearing.

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, Icovc, Miller, Simon, Romeo

Nays:

The Meeting Adjourned at 8:54 pm.

Council President

Attest:

Clerk of Council