

REGULAR MEETING OF SOUTH EUCLID CITY COUNCIL

Council President David Miller called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call

Present: Caroscio, Fiorelli, Goodman, Icove, Miller (5)

Absent: Gray, Romeo

Staff: Benjamin, Blackley, Filippo, Kowalczyk, Lograsso, Nietert, Welo, Martin, Anderson, Love, Huston

Approval of Minutes: October 24, 2011

Following discussion, It was moved by Fiorelli, seconded by Goodman, that the minutes of the October 24, 2011 Meeting of City Council be approved.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Fiorelli, Goodman, Icove, Miller.

Nays: None.

Abstain: Caroscio (Mr. Caroscio was absent at the previous meeting).

Absent: Gray, Romeo.

The Legislation has Passed Unanimously.

Opening Meeting of Council:

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

- Adele Eisner, 2932 Clarkson Road, Cleveland Heights, responded to an article in the Sun Press and statements made by Council President Miller, which she found offensive, and asked for an apology.
- Linda Pagon, 684 Parkside, stated that the City should pursue a Memorandum of Understanding with First Interstate to ensure environmental protection of the area, now that the Oakwood issue had passed.
- Council President Miller responded to Ms. Eisner stating that he made those comments to the Sun Reporter after a long election and he was frustrated by those who attacked council members' integrity and character and the racial overtones that occurred during the Oakwood debate. Mr. Miller apologized to those who may have been offended by his comments, but stated that he will not allow his integrity or those of council members to be called into question.'

Report of Council Committees:

Committee of the Whole

Council President Miller reported that the Committee met earlier in the evening to review the City's financial condition. Mr. Miller reported that revenue is up by approximately \$450,000 and expenses are down by \$1.3 million over last year, with an estimated year-end general fund balance of between \$2.2 and \$2.5 million. Mr. Miller stated that there are some issues with police overtime as a result of employees that have been injured or have had severe health conditions this year, and that strategies have been put into place to keep overtime costs within budget.

Mayor's Report:

- **Engineer Blackley:** reported on the completion of the 2011 Templehurst project and an issue with Dominion East Ohio Gas, who notified the City that repairs to gas lines were after the construction of the new roadway had been completed. Mr. Blackley stated that Dominion was notified and asked if any repairs were necessary prior to the resurfacing of the roadway, and they responded at that time that repairs were not necessary. Mr. Blackley stated that it is an extreme disappointment the way Dominion handled this issue. Mayor Welo stated that she met with Bob Varley, Dominion's representative and reiterated her disappointment with the gas company.
- **Building Commissioner Kowalczyk:** reported that the contractor for Bob Evans at Cedar Center has been issued a permit for site work, which will begin in the next few days.
- **Housing Manager Martin:** reported that a French television news crew will be in South Euclid to film the City's community gardens. Martin also reported that renovation has started at 4202 Wilmington Road, which will be the City's 5th Green Neighborhoods home renovation project. Martin request Council support for Ordinance 29-11 regarding the nuisance abatement demolition of a house on South Belvoir.
- **Economic Development Coordinator Love:** reported that members of the administration met with a non-profit government group visiting from Israel called "Bridge to the Future". Love also reported on the continuing South Euclid History Month presentations on Mondays in November at Phoenix Coffee.

- **Police Chief Nietert:** Requested Council consideration of Resolution 52-11 regarding a Safe Routes to School grant application with the City of Lyndhurst and South Euclid-Lyndhurst Schools.

Legislation Requested by the Administration

Introduced by Miller

Resolution 52-11

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR A SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL GRANT IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE SOUTH EUCLID-LYNDHURST CITY SCHOOLS, THE CITY OF LYNDHURST AND THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH. FIRST READING.

Following discussion, It was moved by Miller, seconded by Goodman, that Resolution 52-11 be passed.

Roll Call

Ayes: Caroscio, Fiorelli, Goodman, Icove, Miller.

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Gray, Romeo.

The Legislation has Passed Unanimously.

Introduced by Miller

Resolution 53-11

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A GREEN AND CIVIC SPACE USE AGREEMENT WITH CCN, LLC. FIRST READING.

The legislation was placed on First Reading and referred to the Legislative Committee.

Introduced by Miller

Resolution 54-11

RESOLUTION

ACCEPTING AN EASEMENT FROM FISE, LLC FOR WARRENSVILLE CENTER ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS WITHIN THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO. FIRST READING.

Following discussion, It was moved by Fiorelli, seconded by Goodman, that Resolution 54-11 be passed.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Caroscio, Fiorelli, Goodman, Icove, Miller.

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Gray, Romeo.

The Legislation has Passed Unanimously.

Introduced by Miller

Resolution 55-11

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF UNAPPROPRIATED FUNDS IN THE FOLLOWING FUND: "GENERAL FUND-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT-CONTRACTUAL SERVICES-CONSULTANTS" FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES. FIRST READING.

Following discussion, It was moved by Caroscio, seconded by Miller, that Resolution 55-11 be passed.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Caroscio, Fiorelli, Goodman, Icove, Miller.

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Gray, Romeo.

The Legislation has Passed Unanimously.

Introduced by Miller

Resolution 56-11

RESOLUTION

PROVIDING FOR THE APPROPRIATION OF UNAPPROPRIATED FUNDS IN THE GENERAL FUND TO THE LEGAL ADMINISTRATION/LEGAL EXPENSE/OUTSIDE COUNSEL FUND, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$25,000. FIRST READING.

Following discussion, It was moved by Icove, seconded by Fiorelli, that Resolution 56-11 be passed.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Caroscio, Fiorelli, Goodman, Icove, Miller.

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Gray, Romeo.

The Legislation has Passed Unanimously.

Introduced by Miller

Ordinance 28-11

ORDINANCE

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH FOR PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012. FIRST READING.

Following discussion, It was moved by Miller, seconded by Goodman, that Ordinance 28-11 be passed.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Caroscio, Fiorelli, Goodman, Ilove, Miller.

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Gray, Romeo.

The Legislation has Passed Unanimously.

Introduced by Miller

Ordinance 29-11

ORDINANCE

ASSESSING ALL UNPAID COSTS OF ABATEMENT OF NUISANCES, AS AUTHORIZED BY CHAPTER 531 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO, THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY COMMON PLEAS COURT AND THE OHIO REVISED CODE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. FIRST READING.

Following discussion, It was moved by Miller, seconded by Goodman, that Ordinance 29-11 be passed.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Caroscio, Fiorelli, Goodman, Ilove, Miller.

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Gray, Romeo.

The Legislation has Passed Unanimously.

Introduced by Miller

Ordinance 30-11

ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF \$1,800,000 NOTES, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING COSTS OF ACQUIRING CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY AND CLEARING AND OTHERWISE IMPROVING THE SITE THEREOF TO PROVIDE OR ASSIST IN PROVIDING HOUSING; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. FIRST READING.

Following discussion, It was moved by Fiorelli, seconded by Caroscio, that Ordinance 30-11 be passed.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Caroscio, Fiorelli, Goodman, Ilove, Miller.

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Gray, Romeo.

The Legislation has Passed Unanimously.

Law Director's Report

Law Director Lograsso reported that he was working with Coral and DeVille Companies to close the purchase and sale agreement at Cedar Center in a timely manner so construction can begin as soon as possible.

Letters & Communications

- Councilperson Ilove requested that a moment of silence be observed for family members of Ruth Gray and Moe Romeo who have serious health issues.
- Mayor Welo reported that the Annual South Euclid Food Drive is underway.
- Police Chief Nietert congratulated Council President Miller for his completion of a half-marathon.

Adjourn

With no further business to discuss, it was moved by Miller, seconded by Fiorelli, that the Meeting be adjourned.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Caroscio, Fiorelli, Goodman, Ilove, Miller.

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Gray, Romeo.
The Meeting has adjourned at

The Meeting Adjourned at 8:32 pm.

Attest:

Council President

Clerk of Council