

**REGULAR MEETING OF SOUTH EUCLID CITY COUNCIL**

Council President Miller called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. A moment of silence was held in memory of civic leader Arnold Pinkney who passed away earlier in the day.

**Present:** Councilman Dennis Fiorelli, Councilman Marty Gelfand, Council President Pro Tem Jane Goodman, Councilwoman Ruth Gray, Councilman Icove, Councilman Moe Romeo, Council President David Miller.

**Approval of Minutes:** November 11, 2013; November 25, 2013; December 9, 2013 & December 23, 2013

**Action:** Motion to Approve Legislation, **Moved by** Councilman Dennis Fiorelli, **Seconded by** Councilman Moe Romeo.

Councilman Icove abstained from voting on the December 9<sup>th</sup> Meeting because he was absent.

Councilwoman Gray abstained from voting on the December 23<sup>rd</sup> Meeting because she was absent.

Following discussion, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 7).

**Yes:** Councilman Dennis Fiorelli, Councilman Marty Gelfand, Council President Pro Tem Jane Goodman, Councilwoman Ruth Gray, Councilman Icove, Councilman Moe Romeo, Council President David Miller.

**Abstain:** Icove (December 9, 2013); Gray (December 23, 2013).

The Minutes have been approved.

**Opening Meeting of Council:**

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

- Robert Schonewald, 4426 Bayard, asked if it was possible that when City Council adjourns to Executive Session to discuss litigation, the subject matter could be public
- Lisa Marko, Lyndhurst Resident and Board Member representing the South Euclid Lyndhurst School District gave a district update including information on a new YouTube Channel which is going to be utilized to update residents of District activities and achievements and the Districts new benchmarking testing system to monitor student achievement. Ms. Marko discussed several charitable fundraising events coordinated by the students at the various schools and stated that the annual Brown & Gold Fundraiser will be held on March 15 at the John Carroll University Annex Building on South Green Road.

**Report of Council Committees:**Committee of the Whole

President Miller reported that the committee met with the Finance Director for the monthly financial review. The City ended the year with approximately \$3.7 million, which was higher than projected and that disbursements were lower. RITA is continuing their investigation of income tax construction income at Cedar Center and Budget Meetings will be scheduled for February 18-20 beginning at 5 pm. President Miller reported that the Organizational Meeting of City Council was held on January 2<sup>nd</sup>, all four council members who were re-elected took the Oath of Office.

Service Committee

Introduced by Miller

Resolution 76-13

## RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE CITY ENGINEER TO PREPARE THE NECESSARY PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, AND ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE WEST ANDERSON ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT IN THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO. SECOND READING.

**Action:** Motion to Approve Legislation, **Moved by** Council President Pro Tem Icove, **Seconded by** Councilman Moe Romeo.

Following Discussion, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 7).

**Yes:** Councilman Dennis Fiorelli, Councilman Marty Gelfand, Council President Pro Tem Jane Goodman, Councilwoman Ruth Gray, Councilman Icove, Councilman Moe Romeo, Council President David Miller.

The legislation was approved.

**Mayor's Report:**

- **Mayor Welo** reported that she spent time at Memorial Junior High 7<sup>th</sup> Period Class and participated in a workshop with the students, as well as an event at Rowland. The Mayor discussed her time spent working with Arnold Pinkney and his achievements on behalf of Greater Cleveland. The Mayor congratulated Traffic Commissioner Bob Abele for receiving an award from AAA.
- **City Engineer Blackley:** Discussed the proposed West Anderson Road Project and the proposed 2014 Watermain Renewal Program. Mr. Blackley discussed an upcoming NOACA meeting regarding the City's award of a Safe Routes to School grant from ODOT.
- **Building Commissioner Kowalczyk:** Reported on updates at Cedar Center including that Levin Mattress has been completed and that Wing Stop will be opening next to Jimmy John's Subs. Kowalczyk reported that Penn Station will open this week at Oakwood and that Foot Locker opened in the last month.
- **Housing Manager Martin:** Reported that Cuyahoga County will hold their annual HUD Development Action Plan Meeting in South Euclid on Wednesday, January 15 at 3 pm at the Cuyahoga County Public Library. Martin also reported that Mayor Welo will be holding a Press Conference on Thursday, January 16 at 4084 Bluestone Road to announce the creation of the Countywide Heritage Home Purchase Program with Cleveland Restoration Society and Cuyahoga County.

- **Service Director Anderson:** Reported that the Traffic Light at West Anderson and South Green Road is being repaired and that the Traffic Light at Whitehall and South Green Road is being phased out and will not be replaced. Mr. Anderson reported that to date, the city has picked up over 600 Christmas Trees from Tree lawns.
- **Fire Chief Stefko:** Reported on two car fires and three house fires in South Euclid over the last few weeks including a fire on Wyncote, Sherbrook and a fire on South Green Road that was the result of a severe hoarding condition. Chief Stefko reported that the department responded to over 3,400 calls last year including over 80 fires and over 2,000 EMS calls.
- **Economic Development Director Love:** Reported that the Heights Hillcrest Chamber of Commerce will be holding a South Euclid Business Membership Mixer at South Euclid City Hall on February 20<sup>th</sup>.
- **Community Services Director Benjamin:** discussed the \$100,000 Circle Heights grant that the City has received on behalf of Shaker Heights, Cleveland Heights, University Heights, East Cleveland and University Circle Incorporated to study the feasibility of collaborative economic development initiatives and read a congratulatory letter from State Senator Nina Turner.

### Requested by the Administration

Introduced by Miller

Resolution 54-13

#### RESOLUTION

SETTING THE DATES FOR THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID'S REGULARLY SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETINGS IN 2014. FIRST READING.

**Action:** Motion to Approve Legislation, **Moved by** Council President David Miller, **Seconded by** Councilman Moe Romeo.

**Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 7).

**Yes:** Councilman Dennis Fiorelli, Councilman Marty Gelfand, Council President Pro Tem Jane Goodman, Councilwoman Ruth Gray, Councilman Ilove, Councilman Moe Romeo, Council President David Miller.  
The legislation has been approved.

### Law Director's Report None

### Letters & Communications

- President Miller thanked all of the City Departments for their great work during the severe weather.
- Council President Pro Tem Goodman reported that she will be sponsoring at Renewable Energy Forum on Thursday at 7 pm in the Community Room at City Hall.
- Councilwoman Gray reported on an issue with a vacant home on Princeton where siding is being removed from the house and requested that the Housing and Police Departments look into the matter.
- Councilman Gelfand recognized Director Benjamin for the front page article in the Jewish News about his experiences in South Africa during the country's mourning of the death of Nelson Mandela. Mr. Gelfand also discussed the progress of the Purple Heart Home project and upcoming Mission Complete celebration, as well as upcoming meetings being held at CSU honoring Martin Luther King and Cleveland Heights University Heights School's Community Book Club Discussion series.
- Councilman Romeo thanked the Safety Forces and the Service Departments for their outstanding work during the storm and house fire on South Green Road and reported that that the annual Playground of Possibilities fundraiser will be held on March 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Councilman Fiorelli praised the City departments for their work during the storm and helping the residents.
- Councilman Ilove discussed the process for appointment of a new Planning Commission Member.

### Adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation.

**Action:** Motion to Adjourn to Executive Session to discuss pending litigation, Moved by Council President Pro Tem Jane Goodman, Seconded by Councilman Marty Gelfand.

**Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (summary: Yes = 7).

**Yes:** Councilman Dennis Fiorelli, Councilman Marty Gelfand, Council President Pro Tem Jane Goodman, Councilwoman Ruth Gray, Councilman Ilove, Councilman Moe Romeo, Council President David Miller.

The Meeting Adjourned to Executive Session at 8:59 pm.

### Adjourn Regular Meeting of City Council

**Action:** Motion to Adjourn the meeting of Council, Moved by Councilman Moe Romeo, Seconded by Councilman Marty Gelfand.

**Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (summary: Yes = 7).

**Yes:** Councilman Dennis Fiorelli, Councilman Marty Gelfand, Council President Pro Tem Jane Goodman, Councilwoman Ruth Gray, Councilman Ilove, Councilman Moe Romeo, Council President David Miller.

The Meeting Adjourned at 9:32 pm.

Attest:

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Council President

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Clerk of Council