

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: Fiorelli, Gelfand, Goodman, Gray, Icové, Romeo, Miller (7)

Absent: None

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

Approval of Minutes: January 4, 2012 (Special Meeting) & January 9, 2012

Following discussion, it was moved by Icové, seconded by Gelfand, that the Minutes of the January 4, 2012 Special Meeting and January 9, 2012 Regular Meeting of City Council be approved.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Fiorelli, Gelfand, Goodman, Gray, Icové, Romeo, Miller.

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

The Minutes have been approved.

Special Presentation:

Councilwoman Gray and Mayor Welo recognized the achievements of the South Euclid-Lyndhurst Youth Cheerleading Competition Team and a Proclamation and award ceremony was held.

Opening Meeting of Council:

President Miller called the Open Meeting of Council to order and invited the audience to address Council: There was no public comment.

Amend Agenda

Following discussion, it was moved by Gelfand, seconded by Goodman, that the Agenda be amended to adjourn to executive session for the purposes of discussion of personnel issues related to the Building and Housing Department.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Fiorelli, Gelfand, Goodman, Gray, Icové, Romeo, Miller.

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

The Agenda has been amended.

Report of Council Committees:

Committee of the Whole

Council President Miller reported that the Committee of the Whole met earlier in the evening to review final budget numbers for 2011. Miller stated that the City ended the year with a general fund balance of approximately \$2.8 million, up from the projected year-end balance of \$1.2 million. Miller reported that the City spent \$600 less than budgeted however in 2012 additional cuts will be coming from the State of Ohio with a reduction in the State's Local Government Fund allocation of approximately \$450,000 and increases in health care costs to the City. Miller reported that Finance Director Filippo projects a fund balance in 2012 of approximately \$1.5-\$1.8 million if budget is held at 2011 numbers and that Budget Books would be distributed to Council in the coming weeks. Miller stated that Budget Hearings will be held at the end of February with potential dates being February 22, 23, 28 and/or March 5.

Council President Miller also reported that the Committee of the Whole met earlier in the evening to review the Business Attraction and Anti-Poaching Protocol proposed by Cuyahoga County. The committee recommended passage of the Resolution. Councilperson Icové stated that the protocol is the first step towards regionalization and is a codification of existing administrative policies regarding ethical standards that currently exists within the administration.

Introduced by Miller

Resolution 60-11

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID WITH CUYAHOGA COUNTY FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING A BUSINESS ATTRACTION AND ANTI-POACHING PROTOCOL. **THIRD READING.**

Following discussion, it was moved by Miller, seconded by Romeo, that Resolution 60-11 be passed.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Fiorelli, Gelfand, Goodman, Gray, Icové, Romeo, Miller.

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

The Legislation has Passed Unanimously.

Mayor's Report:

- **Building Commissioner Kowalczyk:** Mayor Welo reported that Building Commissioner Kowalczyk has been elected Mayor of the Building Officials Conference of Ohio, which represents 380 members.
- **Housing Manager Martin:** discussed the launch of a new program in partnership with the Legal Aid Society to help homeowners at risk of losing their home to foreclosure, which was initiated by Councilperson Ed Icové. Mr. Icové stated that the idea of the program was at the suggestion of former Councilperson Larry Baker who is also a past president of the Legal Aid Society.
- **Economic Development Coordinator Love:** Reported that there will be a book signing and presentation to celebrate the release of the new South Euclid history book prepared by the South Euclid-Lyndhurst Historical Society on Thursday at Notre Dame College library. The event will include an exhibit of South Euclid history, which will be on display at the Library's gallery through February.
- **Police Chief Nietert:** Requested Council consideration of Resolution 05-12 regarding the removal of objection to the State's renewal of the liquor permit at the former Numberz Bar. Chief Nietert stated that the bar has been purchased by a new owner and has agreed to operate the new establishment in a manner that will not cause nuisances.
- **Fire Chief Huston:** Reported that the new ladder truck arrived about a week ago and will be in service in the next week.
- **Mayor Welo:** Reported that last Thursday she was one of 14 Mayors that met with Governor Kasich to discuss issues affecting municipalities, including taxes, housing code, ISO ratings and infrastructure issues facing our communities. Mayor Welo also reported on a regional meeting held by Building One America at Notre Dame College to discuss federal policies and practices including HUD and Transportation issues. Building One America is planning a regional spring event, which will include participation from the White House. Mayor Welo acknowledged former Councilmembers Larry Baker and Tony Caroscio who were in attendance at the meeting.

Legislation Requested by the Administration

Introduced by Miller

Resolution 05-12

RESOLUTION

WITHDRAWING AN OBJECTION REGISTERED WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE DIVISION OF LIQUOR CONTROL CONCERNING THE RENEWAL OF THE LIQUOR PERMIT BELONGING TO NUMBERZ BAR IN THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID. FIRST READING.

Following discussion, it was moved by Gray, seconded by Romeo, that Resolution 05-12 be passed.

Ayes: Fiorelli, Gelfand, Goodman, Gray, Icové, Romeo, Miller.

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

The Legislation has Passed Unanimously.

Law Director's Report

None

Letters & Communications

- Councilperson Fiorelli reported that a Service Committee meeting will be held on Monday, January 30, 2012 to continue discussion of trash and recycling issues. Mr. Fiorelli also reported that the Citizens' Police Academy has formed an Alumni Association to keep past graduates involved in the community. Steve Weiss from Wilmington Road is the first Alumni President.
- Councilperson Romeo reported that the Playground of Possibilities annual fundraiser and reverse raffle will be held on March 10, 2012 at the Manor Party Center. Tickets are available at the Community Center.
- Councilperson Gelfand reported that he attended a focus group planned by the South Euclid Lyndhurst School District regarding the search for a new Superintendent. Gelfand reported that 20-

25 residents attended the meeting and there were good ideas and suggestions and that more community focus groups will be held. Mr. Gelfand also reported that the Cleveland Heights-University Heights Schools will have their State of the Schools address on January 25 at Cleveland Heights High School at 7 pm.

- Councilperson Gray reported that the Good Neighbor Committee meets on the second Wednesday of each month and invited residents to come to the meetings. The Committee is working on the revision of the Good Neighbor Guide, which is scheduled to be completed in May. Ms. Gray reported that she has submitted a check for \$1,385 to Director Benjamin from the Ward One Support Our Youth Committee to be utilized by the City for 2012 Summer Youth Initiative activities.
- Councilperson Goodman reported on the Oakwood Green Meeting, which was held to solicit ideas and input regarding the use of the 21-acre greenspace that is being donated to the City as part of the redevelopment of the former Oakwood Country Club. Ms. Goodman reported on Urban Forestry Workshops that are being held for residents that live within the Euclid Creek and Doan Brook Watersheds.
- Council President Miller reported that he attended two events on behalf of the Mayor regarding the Cleveland Clinic and their expansion plans and the opening of the new neurological center at Hillcrest Hospital. Mr. Miller reported that the Cleveland Clinic is the second largest employer in the State of Ohio. Council President Miller also reported on a meeting with a search team to provide input on the recruitment of the new South Euclid Lyndhurst Superintendent.

Adjourn to executive session.

Following discussion, It was moved by Goodman, seconded by Fiorelli, that Council adjourn to executive session for the purposes of discussing personnel issues related to the Building and Housing Department.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Fiorelli, Gelfand, Goodman, Gray, Icové, Romeo, Miller.

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

Council has adjourned to Executive Session at 8:33 pm.

Adjourn

Following discussion, it was moved by Gelfand, seconded by Goodman, that Council adjourn.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Fiorelli, Gelfand, Goodman, Gray, Icové, Romeo, Miller.

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

Council has adjourned to Executive Session at 9:27 pm.

Council President

Attest:

Clerk of Council