

REGULAR MEETING OF SOUTH EUCLID CITY COUNCIL

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

Roll Call

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

Approval of Minutes: January 27 Special Meeting of City Council; January 28, 2014 Special Meeting of City Council; February 10, 2014; and February 24, 2014.

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

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 6).

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

The Minutes have been approved.

Special Presentation

Introduced by Miller

Resolution 10-14

RESOLUTION

In appreciation to and recognition of Fire Inspector Scott Sebastian for his outstanding service to the South Euclid Fire Department and the residents of the City of South Euclid and having been nominated and elected Firefighter of the Year for 2013.

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

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

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

Opening Meeting of Council:

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

- Susan Petrone, 4508 Ammon Road, stated that she regrets Council's decision to close Victory Pool. Ms. Petrone stated that the Bexley Pool is overcrowded and youth will have to walk further distances to get to Bexley.
- Alfreda Wynne, 5044 Mayfield Road, is a member of the South Euclid Lyndhurst Board of Education. Ms. Wynne reported on the recent fatal car accident and steps being taken to help students and the family with their loss. Ms. Wynne also reported on the Calamity Days issue that is before the State Legislature to give Ohio districts more days as a result of the snowstorms this winter. Ms. Wynne reported on upcoming events including the annual Brown and Gold Fundraiser, Brush production of the Music Man and a fundraiser at the Tropical Smoothie Café at Legacy Village to help raise funds for the Marching Band. Ms. Wynne also reported that two students placed first and second place in the Martin Luther King Jr. Oratorical completion and will be going to compete in the State competition. Finalists included Taylor Wynne and Daniel Dukes.

Report of Council Committees:Committee of the Whole

Council President Miller reported that the committee met prior to discuss the 2014 budget ordinance and also to discuss the monthly finances. Mr. Miller reported that current tax collection is up 9% over last year, however, it is early in the year.

Introduced by Miller

Ordinance 02-14

ORDINANCE

To make appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the City of South Euclid, State of Ohio, during the Fiscal Year ending December 31, 2014. **THIRD READING.**

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

Vote: Motion passed (**summary:** Yes = 6, No = 1, Abstain = 0).

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

No: Councilwoman Ruth Gray.

The legislation has passed.

Recreation Committee

Introduced by Miller

Ordinance 22-13

ORDINANCE

Amending Section 933.07, Fees for Use, as contained in Chapter 933, Municipal Swimming Pools of Part Nine Streets and Public Services Code of the City of South Euclid; setting admissions fees, season passes, special programs, reciprocity with the City of Lyndhurst for the Use of Municipal Swimming Pools and Splash Park by

residents of the City, and allowing residents of the City of Richmond Heights use of the municipal swimming pools and splash park according to the fee schedule contained within; and declaring an emergency. **SECOND READING.** The legislation has been approved.

Recreation Chair Fiorelli gave an update of the Recreation Committee Meeting held to discuss the yearly ordinance and that the pool passes would remain the same.

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

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

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

The legislation has been approved.

Mayor's Report:

- **Mayor Welo** reported on the Purple Heart Homes Mission Complete event held at St. Johns Church. The event was attended by over 200 people. Mayor Welo thanked Finance Director Smith, department heads and city council for their work on the 2014 budget and reported that in 2014 the City will have approximately \$5 million in road and infrastructure repair work this year. The Mayor also reported on a First Suburbs Consortium meeting held with County Council Members Dale Miller, C. Ellen Connelly and Chuck Germana to discuss infrastructure funding issues.
- **Economic Development Director Love** reported that Gent Machine celebrated the opening of their second facility at the former Bus Station on Green Road. In the last 18 months Gent has added 20 jobs and continue to grow.

Legislation Requested by the Administration

Introduced by Miller

Resolution 09-14

RESOLUTION

Authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) for the performance of bridge inspection services within the City of South Euclid. **FIRST READING.**

Action: Motion to Approve Legislation, **Moved by** Councilwoman Ruth Gray, **Seconded by** Councilman Dennis Fiorelli.

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

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

The legislation has been approved.

Law Director's Report

No report

Letters & Communications

Council President Miller reported on the annual Playground of Possibilities fundraiser and stated that it was a great event. Mr. Miller also reported on the upcoming Brown and Gold fundraiser for Brush High School this Saturday.

Council President Pro Tem Goodman scheduled a Zoning and Planning Committee Meeting for April 16 at 6:30 pm and reported that the annual Arbor Day celebration will take place the last Friday in April.

Councilwoman Gray expressed her appreciation to Mayor Welo for sending a letter to the residents in the Lowden area regarding the School District's potential sale of the Lowden property. Ms. Gray reported that she has gotten calls of concern from residents wanting to know what the options for the land are if it is sold. Ms. Gray asked the Law Director to look into legislation regarding setting up the live webcast feed for the council meetings.

Councilman Gelfand recognized Howard Goldberg from Purple Heart Homes for his hard work to make the Purple Heart Homes project a reality. Mr. Gelfand thanked the Mayor and Cleveland building trades for their assistance. Mr. Gelfand reported that at the Mission Complete event on Saturday proclamations recognizing the project were received from County Councilwoman Sunny Simon, County Executive Ed Fitzgerald, State Representative Armond Budish, State Senator Nina Turner, Congresswoman Marcia Fudge, Senator Sherrod Brown, Senator Rob Portman and Governor John Kasich.

Councilman Romeo reported that the Purple Heart Homes event was wonderful and thanked the trade unions for all of their hard work. Mr. Romeo reported that the Playground of Possibilities Fundraiser raised approximately \$4,000.

Councilman Fiorelli stated that there are so many good things going on in South Euclid and that sometimes looks can be deceiving.

Adjourn

Action: Motion to Approve Legislation, **Moved by** Councilman Marty Gelfand, **Seconded by** Councilwoman Ruth Gray.

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

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

The Meeting Adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Attest:

Council President

Clerk of Council