

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, Love, Huston

Approval of Minutes:

Following discussion, It was moved by Icové, seconded by Romeo, that the Minutes of the February 27, 2012 Meeting of City Council be approved.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: Goodman (was not present at previous meeting)

Absent: None.

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:

- Yakov Lieber, 4242 Hindsdale, spoke about Ordinance 07-12 regarding the 2012 Budget and stated that it should be rejected and that the current surplus should be maintained and the budget cut to meet projected revenues.
- Cassandra Jones, 4665 Liberty Road, is a member of the South Euclid Lyndhurst Board of Education and reported on School District sports and community activities. Ms. Jones reported that the search for the new superintendent is moving forward and applications are being screened and a stakeholder group will be formed to review applications. Ms. Jones also reported on changes in statewide school "grading" reports that will be implemented this year.
- Henrietta Byers, 533 South Green Road, stated that she is the owner of the new Adult Day Care facility scheduled to open at 533 South Green Road. The application is before Council for review.
- Dr. Kym Chambers, 757 Quilliams, thanked the City for their efforts and support of the Summer Youth Initiative and making it a citywide program and that it is something very positive that shows we care about our youth and is a model for other cities.

Report of Council Committees:

Safety Committee

Councilperson Gray reported that the Safety Committee met earlier in the evening to discuss Ordinance 20-11 which would make the Safety Belt law a primary offense. The committee recommended changes to the legislation to add language regarding reasonable suspicion and a grace period to allow time for education. The Committee voted to recommend passage by City Council with the amendments.

Service Committee

Councilperson Fiorelli reported that the Service Committee met March 6 to discuss the bid process for recycling and trash pick-up services and reported on HB 153 which allows other government entities to also bid on trash collection.

Legislation Requested by the Planning Commission

Introduced by Miller

Resolution 20-12

RESOLUTION

GRANTING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO NORAH'S ADULT DAYCARE, LOCATED AT 533 SOUTH GREEN ROAD IN THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. FIRST READING.

Ms. Henrietta Byers, the owner of the Adult Day Care facility gave an overview of the business. It was moved by Icové, seconded by Goodman, that Resolution 20-12 be approved.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

The Legislation has Passed Unanimously.

Mayor's Report:

- **Engineer Blackley:** Reported that the Sheffield Road replacement project has gone out to bid and there is a bid alternate to allow for concrete pavement in lieu of asphalt. Blackley reported that the contractor for Dominion Gas will resume restoration work on Templethurst Road in the next two weeks and will replace disrupted sidewalks at no expense to homeowners. Blackley responded to a question regarding Dominion's work at Princeton and Belvoir and reported that he spoke to Dominion and communicated that their restoration job was not sufficient and Dominion has indicated that they will do a better job to restore the street to its previous condition.
- **Building Commissioner Kowalczyk:** Reported that construction of Bob Evans at Cedar Center is nearing completion and that they are beginning the hiring process. Kowalczyk reported that the Coral/DeVille project at Cedar Center is moving forward with earth-moving equipment on site and scaffolding beginning to be constructed. Kowalczyk reported on an article in the Plain Dealer that discussed how insurance companies are not covering claims where there are violations on homes and that is one of the reasons why it's important that the City works to keep homes safe. Mayor Welo reported that she toured the Bob Evans and that the Cedar Center location is their new prototype and is serving as a model prototype for future Bob Evans restaurants.
- **Finance Director Filippo:** Reported that RITA collections are up for February by \$66,000 and he is making some updates to the budget. Filippo stated that he will meet with the Judge to make adjustments to the court budget and Council will receive the revisions.
- **Economic Development Coordinator Love:** Reported on the City's presentation as a finalist for the Enterprise Community Partners award and stated that the Award was presented to Ohio City Development Corporation. However, One South Euclid CDC will be awarded \$2,000.
- **Mayor Welo:** Reported on her meetings in Washington DC and discussions with elected officials including Senators Portman and Brown and members of congress including Representatives LaTourette, Fudge and Ryan.
- **Director Benjamin** reported that the City has been awarded a grant for Community Recycling Education Initiatives for \$3,400 from the Solid Waste Management District.

Legislation Requested by the Administration

Introduced by Miller

Ordinance 07-12

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, 2012; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. FIRST READING.

The Ordinance was placed on First Reading.

Law Director's Report

None

Letters & Communications

- Council President Miller reported that the annual Community Cleanup Day will be April 28, 2012.
- Councilperson Icové reported that State Senator Nina Turner will be holding a Community Meeting on March 26 from 6-8 pm in the Community Room at City Hall.
- Councilperson Fiorelli read an email from Cub Scout leader Rob Poelking thanking Mayor Welo, Director Benjamin and the police and fire departments for a tour of City Hall for the Cub Scout troop. Councilperson Fiorelli also reported on the upcoming Nights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast fundraiser at Sacred Heart of Jesus on March 25. Fiorelli stated that he will be responding to correspondence received from a constituent regarding the recycling of corrugated cardboard.
- Councilperson Romeo reported that 214 people attend the Playground of Possibilities 4th Annual fundraiser and thanked those who came for their support.
- Councilperson Gelfand thanked Councilperson Romeo for his work in organizing the Playground fundraiser and reported that in his discussions with residents he heard their desire for playground equipment for older youth 12 years of age and older because the Playground of Possibilities only serves youth up to age 12. Councilperson Gelfand also reported that there is a lot of resident interest in recycling awareness and education.
- Councilperson Gray requested a moment of silence for the Princeton Road family who suffered from a terrible loss with the domestic violence incident that occurred on Sunday and reported that members of the community will be approaching the family to host a vigil for the family. Gray stated that we need to continue the important conversations about how mental illness, domestic violence

and substance abuse and the role it plays in our lives and make sure families know what resources there are to get help.

- Councilperson Goodman reported on the annual Spring Ward 4 Meeting held last week and also reported that she was in Washington D.C. to advocate for Great Lakes Funding. Goodman also recommended that the community host a public forum with the Regional Sewer District to educate residents about the new sewer rates and discuss how residents can make improvements that could result in credits to their bills.

Adjourn

With no further business to discuss, It was moved by Goodman, seconded by Gelfand, that the meeting be adjourned.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

The Meeting Adjourned at 8:43 pm.

Council President

Attest:

Clerk of Council