

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, Gray, Icové, Romeo, Miller (7)

Absent: None

Staff: Benjamin, Blackley, Filippo, Gallagher, Kowalczyk, Lograsso, Welo, Love, Huston

Approval of Minutes:

March 14, 2011 Meeting of City Council

Following discussion, It was moved by Goodman, seconded by Icové, that The Minutes be Passed.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

The minutes were approved.

Proclamation: A proclamation was presented thanking Kris Gill for her years of service to the Cuyahoga County Public Library and as former manager of the South Euclid-Lyndhurst Branch.

Special Presentation: Steven Haynie was introduced as the new Manager of the South Euclid-Lyndhurst Library Branch.

Opening Meeting of Council:

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

- Emilie DiFranco, 3867 West 226th Street, Fairview Park, stated she is a taxpayer at 4628 Ammon Road. Ms. DiFranco asked for clarification regarding whether there is a signed development agreement between the City and Coral Company. Ms. DiFranco asked about the Cedar Center TIF proposal and also made a request for a proposal from a company called "cushion" that did work at the playground of possibilities.

Report of Council Committees:

Committee of the Whole

President Miller discussed the budget meetings that have been held over the last several weeks, and reported on a budget meeting held earlier in the evening for the Court to present their 2011 budget to City Council. The Court will be reimbursing the city in lieu of Court Employees taking furlough days.

Recreation Committee

Chairperson Caroscio reported that a Public Hearing was held earlier in the evening to discuss a County Parks and Playground Grant that would be eligible for Quarry Park North and utilize Community Development Block Grant Funds. At the public hearing there was discussion regarding providing amenities that would serve older youth and teens. These initiatives include the Community Garden, replacing aging playground equipment and the possibility of adding a skate park or basketball court. The application is due April 14, 2011.

Mayor's Report:

- **Building Commissioner Kowalczyk:** reported that GFS has hired their construction contractor and they have come to the building department for their permit.
- **Finance Director Filippo:** discussed 2011 budget information.
- **Service Director Gallagher:** reported that the City received a grant award for the removal of trees inflicted with Ash Borer and thanked Councilperson Goodman for her assistance with the grant application. Mr. Gallagher stated that site preparation and new roadway improvements were underway at Cedar Center North for the construction of GFS.
- **Mayor Welo:** Reported on the South Euclid Lyndhurst Night at the Races charity event and reported on a meeting with a Mayor visiting from Israel, as well as a University of Akron, CSU and Mount Union College report being presented on Civility and Ohio Politics. Welo reported that April 30 will be the City's annual Community Clean Up Day.

Legislation Requested by the Administration

Introduced by Miller

Resolution 13-11

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT A 2011 OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SUBURBAN COMMUNITY GARDENING PROGRAM MINI-GRANT. FIRST READING.

Following discussion, It was moved by Goodman, seconded by Caroscio, that Resolution 13-11 be passed.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

The Legislation has Passed Unanimously.

Introduced by Miller

Ordinance 07-11

ORDINANCE

TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, STATE OF OHIO, DURING FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2011; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. FIRST READING.

Following discussion, It was moved by Romeo, seconded by Caroscio, that Ordinance 07-11 be passed.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

The Legislation has Passed Unanimously.

Law Director's Report

None

Letters & Communications

- Council President Miller reported on Governor Kasich's budget proposal that will cut funding for the South Euclid-Lyndhurst Schools up to \$3.4 million. In addition, Miller reported that the Governor has proposed a 25% reduction to the City Local Government Fund for this year, followed by a 50% reduction next year.
- Councilperson Goodman reported that she attended Sister Eileen's class at Notre Dame College to discuss issues related to decision-making and answer questions about government process. Goodman also reported on meetings regarding the new EPA stormwater rules that will require city action, as well as attending training in Columbus regarding the State's Sunshine Laws. Goodman reported on additional trainings coming up in the Cleveland area and that officials are required to attend a training regarding the State's Sunshine Laws. Goodman thanked Councilperson Icové for appointing a resident representative to the City's Tree Commission and reported that a meeting of the commission will take place on April 13 to discuss the Arbor Day ceremony. Goodman reported that there was a meeting of the CERT leadership, and that there is a need to recruit new members and grow new leadership.
- Councilperson Romeo reported that he will hold a Ward 2 Community Meeting on Thursday, April 7 at the South Euclid Community Center.
- Councilperson Fiorelli reported that he spoke with a Prasse Road resident who is delighted to live in the community and reported on a resident issue on Birchwald regarding Notre Dame College that the Police Department is following up. Fiorelli scheduled a Service Committee Meeting to discuss trash collection issues for April 4 at 7 pm.
- Mayor Welo thanked Councilperson Ed Icové and his wife Mary for donating \$500 to support the City's Springfest event for the children. Welo reported that there was a large turnout for the event and it was very successful.
- President Miller reported that the Girls Softball and Boys Baseball Leagues are looking for sponsors for this year's recreation programs. Interested residents may go to the league website, (linked to the City's website) or contact Miller or Councilperson Caroscio.

Adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the sale of real property.

Following discussion, It was moved by Goodman, seconded by Caroscio, that City Council adjourn to Executive Session.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

City Council Adjourned at 8:36 pm.

Adjourn

With no further business to discuss, Gray made a motion to adjourn the Meeting. Seconded by Fiorelli.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

The Meeting Adjourned at 9:46pm.

Council President

Attest:

Clerk of Council