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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, Icovc, Romeo, Miller (7)

Absent: None

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

Approval of Minutes:

It was moved by Romeo, seconded by Caroscio, that the Minutes of the March 28, 2011 Meeting of South Euclid City Council be approved.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

The Minutes have been approved.

Proclamation: The Notre Dame College Falcons Wrestling Team was recognized for winning the 2011 NAIA National Championship.

Opening Meeting of Council:

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

- Mike Heltzel, 1568 Sheridan Road, representing South Euclid Youth Softball and Baseball League spoke Pitch, Hit and Run Event that will be held on April 30th at Bexley Park and the event is free for all participants. The winners will proceed to regional and national events, with the next event at Progressive Field in June.
- Deborah Matovic, 4612 Greenwold Road, also represents the youth South Euclid Softball and Baseball League and encouraged residents to volunteer at the event and youth to participate. Matovic stated that a rain date has been scheduled for May 7.

Report of Council Committees:

Legislative Committee

President Miller reported that the committee met earlier in the evening to begin discussions regarding City quality-of-life issues including garbage, litter, noise violations. The committee will be reviewing ordinances and associated fees and fines and working with the Good Neighbor Committee.

Service Committee

Councilperson Fiorelli reported that a Service Committee meeting was held to discuss the cost of trash pick-up and recycling services and review options and potential strategies to reduce costs including finding a lower cost provider, automating services, creating economies of scale through partnership, augmenting recycling services, and charging fees for garbage pickup. Fiorelli reported that four cities contiguous to South Euclid now charge a fee for garbage pickup. Fiorelli reported that the next committee meeting will be held in May to continue discussions and invited the public to stay involved and participate.

Recreation Committee

Councilperson Caroscio reported that the Recreation Committee had met on December 20, 2010 and January 10, 2011 to review the proposed fees and admissions for the 2011 Swimming Season and moved passage of the legislation.

Introduced by Miller

Ordinance 57-10

ORDINANCE

AMENDING SECTION 933.07, FEES FOR USE, AS CONTAINED IN CHAPTER 933, MUNICIPAL SWIMMING POOLS OF PART NINE STREETS AN PUBLIC SERVICE CODE OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, SETTING ADMISSION FEES, SEASON PASSES, SPECIAL PROGRAMS AND RECIPORCITY WITH THE CITY OF LYNDHURST FOR USE OF THE MUNICIPAL SWIMMING POOLS AND SPLASH PARK BY RESIDENTS OF THE CITY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **THIRD READING.**

Following discussion, It was moved by Caroscio, seconded by Miller, that Ordinance 57-10 be passed.

Roll Call:**Ayes:** Caroscio, Fiorelli, Goodman, Icove, Romeo, Miller.**Nays:** Gray.**Abstain:** None.**Absent:** None.

The Legislation has Passed.

Introduced by Miller

Resolution 12-11

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR A 2011 CUYAHOGA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT PARKS AND PLAYGROUND GRANT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **SECOND READING.**

Following discussion, It was moved by Caroscio, seconded by Miller, that Resolution 12-11 be passed.

Ayes: Caroscio, Fiorelli, Goodman, Gray, Icove, Romeo, Miller.**Nays:** None.**Abstain:** None.**Absent:** None.

The Legislation has Passed Unanimously.

Mayor's Report:

- **Mayor Welo:** reported that earlier in the day, Gordon Foods Marketplace held a groundbreaking ceremony at Cedar Center. Welo thanked members of Council, GFS, Coral Company's Peter Rubin for their support. Welo also reported that the planning commission would begin reviewing additional plans for Cedar Center following their deliberations regarding Oakwood.
- **Engineer Blackley:** reported on a bid opening held last Friday for road improvements and sewer work at Cedar Center and stated that the bids were below the estimate. Blackley also reported that the 2011 Road Program construction is underway on College and Campus roads and reported why it would be too expensive to leave the brick roadway. Blackley stated that Templehurst Road Replacement projected would also be beginning in the coming weeks.
- **Housing Manager Martin:** asked for City Council's support for the Resolution to apply for National Stabilization Program Three grant funds and reported that Whole Foods will be holding an even on Sunday, April 17 and the Green Neighborhoods Initiative will be participating. Martin gave an update regarding the community gardens and new Eastway Road Garden and pocket Zen Park that is being constructed on Halsey Road. Martin reported that the City has been invited by the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland and Cleveland State University to present regarding the City's vacant properties ordinance.
- **Service Director Gallagher:** congratulated Jim Anderson and Councilperson Goodman for their work in securing the emerald ash borer remediation grant and reported on the road repair program and how costs have increased dramatically and thanked the citizens for their support for the road levy.
- **Asst. Service Director Anderson** reported on the grant for emerald ash borer and stated that the younger trees will try to be saved and will be working with South Euclid based Forest City to help remediate infected trees.
- **Development Assistant Mike Love** reported that the community center roof replacement projected is slated to begin this week and is fully funded through a grant from NOPEC. Love also reported that the new online business directory is now available on the City's website.
- **Fire Chief Huston:** reported on the accident regarding the City's ladder truck and reported on the ongoing investigation.
- **Community Services Director Benjamin** reported on South Euclid 20.20, the City's Community visioning and strategic planning process, and encouraged residents to be involved and that it is not too late to join a committee.
- **Mayor Welo:** reported on the St. John Lutheran Church fish fry held for lent and reminded residents to give food for this year's Harvest for Hunger food drive.

Legislation Requested by the Administration

Introduced by Miller

Resolution 14-11

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR FEDERAL NEIGHBORHOOD STABILIZATION PROGRAM THREE (NSP3) FUNDS THROUGH THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. FIRST READING.

Following discussion, It was moved by Romeo, seconded by Goodman, that Resolution 14-11 be passed.

Roll Call:**Ayes:** Caroscio, Fiorelli, Goodman, Gray, Icovc, Romeo, Miller.**Nays:** None.**Abstain:** None.**Absent:** None.

The Legislation has Passed Unanimously.

Introduced by Miller

Resolution 26-11

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT GRANTING A LICENSE TO "SNACKS AND STUFF" FOR CONCESSIONAIRE SERVICES DURING THE 2011 POOL SEASON; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. FIRST READING.

Following discussion, It was moved by Caroscio, seconded by Miller, that Resolution 26-11 be passed.

Roll Call:**Ayes:** Caroscio, Fiorelli, Goodman, Gray, Icovc, Romeo, Miller.**Nays:** None.**Abstain:** None.**Absent:** None.

The Legislation has Passed Unanimously.

Law Director's Report

None

Letters & Communications

- Councilperson Fiorelli reported on a resident concern regarding the Notre Dame College Marching Band and their practice schedule and stated that Notre Dame has been responsive and will better communicate practice times to residents and clarify when residents should call Notre Dame and when they should call the City regarding issues at the College. Fiorelli reported on a Euclid Creek dam removal celebration to be held April 21 and recognized Ray Rhode and his wife on their 50th Wedding Anniversary.
- Councilperson Romeo reported on the Ward 2 meeting held last week and thanked the administration that came and stated it was very informative. Romeo reported that the Playground of Possibilities fundraiser held a few weeks ago generated approximately \$17,000 leaving a balance of around \$70,000.
- Councilperson Caroscio reported on the Sacred Heart of Jesus Drama Club event "High School Musical" which will run May 4 through May 8 and stated that the kids are working hard to prepare during rehearsals.
- Councilperson Gray reported that she has been discussing issues concerning youth with concerned ward one residents for several months, and as a result, is launching the Ward One Summertime Initiative to address issues of youth that do not have any activities in the summertime and that it is unacceptable for children to be wandering around the neighborhoods. Gray reported that Father Ireland Sacred Heart of Jesus has agreed to let the program be held at St. Margaret Mary this summer. Gray requested that if any resident knows of an organization that would like to support the initiative that they contact her.
- Councilperson Goodman reported on the groundbreaking at Cedar Center held earlier in the day for the new GFS Marketplace and stated that the store will be open in time for tailgating season. Goodman reported on a FutureHeights forum held in Cleveland Heights regarding regional planning and that it was rewarding to hear many remarks about Oakwood and hear the three panel experts discuss the things we are doing right in our city with Green Neighborhoods and other initiatives. Goodman stated that the panelists stated that cities need to be flexible in terms of planning and that sometimes there's nothing wrong with having to react to a situation. Goodman reported that the Tree Commission will meet this Wednesday night to plan for the upcoming Arbor Day celebration at Bexley Park.
- Councilperson Gray commended the Fire and Police Department for their efforts and response to a car accident she witnessed and how they worked with precision to save the victim's life. Gray reported that the next Ward One meeting will be held on April 28 at 6:30 pm at St. Margaret Mary.
- Councilperson Goodman wished those of Jewish faith a happy Passover.
- Councilperson Miller scheduled the next Legislative Meeting to discuss quality of life issues for May 9 at 7 pm and requested that attendance of the Asst. Police Chief, Building Commissioner, Housing Manager and Law Director.

Adjourn to Executive Session for the purposes of discussing collective bargaining agreements

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

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

Council adjourned to Executive Session at 8:49 pm.

Adjourn

With no further business to discuss Goodman made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Romeo

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

The Meeting Adjourned at 9:22 pm.

Council President

Attest:

Clerk of Council