

REGULAR MEETING OF SOUTH EUCLID CITY COUNCIL

Council President-Pro Tem Ed Icové called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call

Present: Fiorelli, Gelfand, Goodman, Gray, Icové, Romeo (6)

Absent: Miller

Staff: Benjamin, Blackley, Filippo, Lograsso, Welo, Martin, Anderson, Love, Huston

Approval of Minutes: April 9, 2012

Following discussion, It was moved by Icové, seconded by Fiorelli, that the Minutes of the April 9, 2012 Meeting of City Council be approved.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Fiorelli, Gelfand, Goodman, Gray, Icové,

Nays: None.

Abstain: Romeo (was absent at 4/9/12 meeting).

Absent: Miller.

The Legislation has Passed Unanimously.

Special Presentation: Mayor Welo presented a check from Bob Evans to One South Euclid Community Development Corporation for \$4,400 for the Community Garden program and reported on the Grand Opening Celebration.

Opening Meeting of Council:

President Pro Tem Icové called the Open Meeting of Council to order and invited the audience to address Council:

- Larry Baker, 4096 Colony Road, reported that Bernard Mosesson, a former Prosecutor for 25 years in South Euclid passed away at the age of 92 in Durham, North Carolina. Mr. Baker stated that Mr. Mosesson was the president of the local war veterans association and tried cases at the U.S. Supreme Court. Mr. Baker stated that Mr. Mosesson was a fair and hardworking man and someone you could always trust. Mr. Baker also reported on the Legal Aid Society's South Euclid Foreclosure Program and stated that he was able to assist an 82 year old resident prevent the foreclosure of their home and he was able to work out a loan modification with the mortgage company. President Pro Tem Icové stated that there would be a Community drop-in night in May for residents to receive confidential help if they are at risk of foreclosure.

Report of Council Committees:

Legislative Committee

Introduced by Miller

Resolution 22-12

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH ONE SOUTH EUCLID FOR THE PROVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO.
SECOND READING.

Following discussion regarding changes to the agreement made in the Legislative Committee Meeting, It was moved by Gray, seconded by Goodman, that Resolution 22-12 be passed.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Miller.

The Legislation has Passed Unanimously.

Recreation Committee

Councilperson Gelfand reported that a Recreation Committee Meeting will be held next Monday at 7 pm to discuss city pool conditions and other recreation initiatives. Mr. Gelfand encouraged residents to attend the meeting.

President Pro Tem Icové recognized South Euclid Judge Gayle Williams Byers who was in attendance. Judge Byers gave an update on new initiatives implemented by the Court since January including the establishment of a Wi-Fi system and the establishment of a new credit card system which is a collaboration with the South Euclid Police Department. The credit card system will allow for the posting of bonds via credit card and also the payment of waivable offenses. Judge Byers stated that she is looking forward to providing more information about more initiatives of the court soon.

Amend Agenda

Following discussion, It was moved by Romeo, seconded by Fiorelli, that the Agenda be amended to remove Ordinance 10-12.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Fiorelli, Gelfand, Goodman, Gray, Romeo, Icove.

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Miller.

The Agenda has been amended.

Mayor's Report:

- **Mayor Welo:** Reported on the establishment of the One South Euclid CDC and thanked Director Benjamin, Law Director Lograsso and Economic Development Love for their efforts in working to establish the CDC and thanked City Council for their support.
- **Engineer Blackley:** Reported that the contractor for Dominion East Ohio is back working on completing construction at Templehurst Road and that a Community Meeting will be held to with Sheffield Road residents on May 1 at 7 pm to discuss the upcoming reconstruction of their road. Mr. Blackley stated that a similar meeting will be held for the Argonne Road project and that there would be a bid opening for the project this Friday. Blackley also discussed watermain projects underway on East Berwald and Eastway and reported that the historic rock, which was discovered on East Berwald, has been moved to Quarry Park North. Mayor Welo thanked Director Benjamin for his efforts to get the historic rock moved and thanked Dominion and their contractor for moving the rock at no cost to the city.
- **Housing Manager Martin:** Thanked President Pro Tem Icove and Mr. Baker for their efforts with the Legal Aid Foreclosure program and reported that the City will break ground on the new green-home construction on Linnell Road on May 7th.
- **Finance Director Filippo:** Requested Council consideration of Resolution 27-12 related to the Argonne Road reconstruction project.
- **Service Director Anderson:** Reported that a bid opening was held last Friday for the new trash and recycling collection and stated that the bids are being evaluated and that he will have results next week. Mr. Anderson also reported that the City has resumed the Yard Waste Collection Program.
- **Economic Development Coordinator Love:** Reported on the upcoming Community Clean Up Day and One South Euclid's involvement in cleaning up Mayfield and Green Road and reported on the upcoming Heights Regional Chamber of Commerce Business Expo. Mr. Love reported on the Resolution 26-12 to apply for a small scale stormwater demonstration grant.
- **Mayor Welo:** Mayor Welo read a comment from Cleveland Heights resident Fran Mentch that was sent to her from a news website. In the comment regarding the Oakwood Commons issue Ms. Mentch stated that "while we were working to preserve Oakwood as a Metropark, we had a lot of dealings with the city of South Euclid. They were consistently more communicative and transparent in their dealings with us than the city of Cleveland Heights. Although we agreed on little, South Euclid's Community Relations Director, Keith Benjamin and Law Director Michael Lograsso clearly respect the public records request process and citizens' rights. Sadly, I have not had that same experience with my own city".

Legislation Requested by the Administration

Introduced by Icove

Resolution 25-12

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE "ADRIAN-WINSTON POCKET PARK" TO BE COMPLETED AS PART OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO GREEN NEIGHBORHOODS INITIATIVE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. FIRST READING.

Following discussion, It was moved by Romeo, seconded by Goodman, that Resolution 25-12 be passed.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Fiorelli, Gelfand, Goodman, Gray, Romeo, Icove.

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Miller.

The Legislation has Passed Unanimously.

 Introduced by Ilove

Resolution 26-12

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR A NORTHEAST OHIO REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT 2012 WATERSHED PROGRAM SMALL SCALE STORMWATER DEMONSTRATION PROJECT GRANT. FIRST READING.

Following discussion, It was moved by Goodman, seconded by Fiorelli, that Resolution 26-12 be passed.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Fiorelli, Gelfand, Goodman, Gray, Romeo, Ilove.

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Miller.

The Legislation has Passed Unanimously.

Introduced by Ilove

Resolution 27-12

RESOLUTION

DECLARING THE OFFICIAL INTENT AND REASONABLE EXPECTATION OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID ON BEHALF OF THE STATE OF OHIO (THE BORROWER) TO REIMBURSE ITS FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER DISTRIBUTION INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDS FOR THE ARGONNE ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT – PHASE II, OPWC PROJECT NUMBER CA180, WITH THE PROCEEDS OF TAX-EXEMPT DEBT OF THE STATE OF OHIO. FIRST READING.

Following discussion, It was moved by Romeo, seconded by Goodman, that Resolution 27-12 be passed.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Fiorelli, Gelfand, Goodman, Gray, Romeo, Ilove.

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Miller.

The Legislation has Passed Unanimously.

Introduced by Fiorelli

Ordinance 08-12

ORDINANCE

CREATING NEW SECTION 351.21 “ENFORCEMENT OF CERTAIN PARKING OFFENSES” OF CHAPTER 351 “PARKING GENERALLY” OF PART THREE “TRAFFIC CODE” OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID. FIRST READING.

The Ordinance was read by Councilperson Fiorelli, placed on First Reading and referred to the Committee of the Whole for further discussion and review.

Introduced by Fiorelli

Ordinance 09-12

ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 303.99 “TRAFFIC CODE MISDEAMONER CLASSIFICATIONS AND PENALTIES; SUSPENSION OF DRIVER’S LICENSE” OF PART THREE “TRAFFIC CODE” OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. FIRST READING.

The Ordinance was read by Councilperson Fiorelli, placed on First Reading and referred to the Committee of the Whole for further discussion and review.

Law Director’s Report

Stated that when he was a South Euclid Police Officer he worked with former Prosecutor Bernie Mosesson and replaced Mr. Mosesson when he retired in 1996 as prosecutor. Mr. Lograsso stated that he had recently received a voicemail from Mr. Mosesson’s son to let the South Euclid community know of his passing.

Letters & Communications

- Councilperson Goodman thanked Service Director Anderson and the service department for their help with a residential issue regarding falling limbs from a vacant home on a neighbor’s property. Ms. Goodman reported on the upcoming Arbor Day celebration on Friday at 11 am at the Langerdale Marsh Overlook on South Green Road. Goodman also reported on new educational awareness efforts being implemented by the Tree Commission.
- Councilperson Gray reported that her annual Ward One Community Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 24 at 6:30 pm at St. Margaret Mary Church. Ms. Gray also reported that South Euclid students have once again won awards in the annual Martin Luther King essay competition in Columbus and that she would like legislation introduced to recognize the winners. Ms. Gray requested an update on the Community Newsletter and when the update would be produced.

- Councilperson Romeo reported on some complaints regarding problems with cable company WOW's installation of underground lines on Berwick Lane and disruption of electrical service in the area. Ms. Goodman requested that WOW report at a Utilities Committee meeting regarding the issues.
- Councilperson Fiorelli reported on the Brush High School Boosters fundraiser and the new reception for the new Superintendent. Mr. Fiorelli reported on the e-recycle drive on May 20th from 11 am to 4 pm at Bexley Park.
- Councilperson Ilove reported that the Community Garage Sale that will take place this Saturday at the Community Center and read a card from the Cleveland Area Board of Realtors thanking the Mayor and Council for their support and passage of resolution for Fair Housing Month.
- Councilperson Goodman reported that the current plans by the Cleveland Heights-University Heights School Board includes the closing of Gearity Elementary, which would take away the last school within walking distance of South Euclid neighborhoods that have students attending the district. Ms. Goodman encouraged residents to share their comments with the school board.

Adjourn

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

Roll Call:

Ayes: Fiorelli, Gelfand, Goodman, Gray, Romeo, Ilove.

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Miller.

The Meeting Adjourned at 8:59 pm.

Council President

Attest:

Clerk of Council