

## 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, Gray, Icové, Romeo, Miller (6)

**Absent:** Goodman

**Staff:** Benjamin, Filippo, Kowalczyk, Lograsso, Welo, Martin, Anderson, Love, Huston

### **Approval of Minutes:** April 23, 2012

Following discussion, It was moved by Romeo, seconded by Fiorelli, that the Minutes of the April 23, 2012 meeting of South Euclid City Council be approved.

### Roll Call:

**Ayes:** Fiorelli, Gelfand, Gray, Icové, Romeo,

**Nays:** None.

**Abstain:** Miller (absent at previous meeting)

**Absent:** Goodman.

The Legislation has Passed Unanimously.

**Special Presentation:** Good Neighbor Committee Recognition of City Council & Mayor Welo  
Good Neighbor Committee President Marko Fikaris thanked City Council and Mayor Welo for their contributions to the Good Neighbor Committee efforts.

### **Recognition Ceremony:** Recognizing the Participants of the 2012 Martin Luther King, Jr. Oratorical Contest

Mayor Welo and Councilperson Gray recognized and presented proclamations to Tyler Wynne, Taylor Wynne and Matthew Scott for placing in the top three in the Martin Luther King, Jr. Oratorical Contest. Tyler Wynne and Matthew Scott presented their speeches to Mayor, Council and residents in attendance.

Introduced by Miller

Resolution 28-12

#### RESOLUTION

COMMENTING TYLER WYNNE FOR PLACING THIRD IN THE 2012 CUYAHOGA COUNTY MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. ORATORICAL CONTEST. FIRST READING

Following discussion, It was moved by Gray, seconded by Romeo, that Resolution 28-12 be passed.

### Roll Call:

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

**Nays:** None.

**Abstain:** None.

**Absent:** Goodman.

The Legislation has Passed Unanimously.

Introduced by Miller

Resolution 29-12

#### RESOLUTION

COMMENDING TAYLOR WYNNE FOR PLACING FIRST IN THE 2012 CUYAHOGA COUNTY MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. ORATORICAL CONTEST, JUNIOR DIVISION. FIRST READING.

Following discussion, It was moved by Gray, seconded by Fiorelli, that Resolution 29-12 be passed.

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

**Nays:** None.

**Abstain:** None.

**Absent:** Goodman.

The Legislation has Passed Unanimously.

Introduced by Miller

Resolution 30-12

#### RESOLUTION

COMMENDING MATTHEW SCOTT FOR PLACING FIRST IN THE STATE OF OHIO IN THE 2012 STATEWIDE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. ORATORICAL CONTEST. FIRST READING.

Following discussion, It was moved by Gray, seconded by Romeo, that Resolution 30-12 be passed.

### Roll Call:

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

**Nays:** None.

**Abstain:** None.

**Absent:** Goodman.

The Legislation has Passed Unanimously.

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### Opening Meeting of Council:

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

- Jim Yasinow, 5316 Golfway Lane, Lyndhurst, stated that he is the President of SELREC Seniors Club. Mr. Yasinow reported that the club had previously been funded through SELREC have not been funded since SELREC's merger with the YMCA. Mr. Yasinow requested that Council consider a donation of \$400 for the Club and stated that Lyndhurst had already sent in their donation.
- Alfreda Wynne, 585 Quilliams Road, stated that she is a member of the South Euclid – Lyndhurst Board of Education. Ms. Wynne discussed upcoming events and accomplishments of school district students. Ms. Wynne also reported that the district has hired their new Superintendent Linda Reid who will begin July 1. Ms. Reid will tour all the schools and has already met with Mayors Welo and Cicero and will be scheduling meetings with council members. Ms. Wynne discussed the reduction of funds from the State and the necessity of putting a levy on the ballot this November.
- Bob Schoenewald, 4426 Bayard Road, reported on a safety issue in front of house with a tree on the City's tree lawn. Mr. Schoenewald requested the assistance of the Service Department to take the tree down and replace it with another tree. The current tree is a safety hazard and causing problems with the sidewalk, which has been replaced twice.

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### Report of Council Committees:

#### Committee of the Whole

President Miller reported that the Committee of the Whole met to discuss the City's monthly finances and reported that the city's income is currently \$33,000 over budget projections with property and income taxes up. President Miller reported that the City will be looking at suggestions from the Auditor and stated that the City gets only 16% of a homeowners property taxes to pay for city services.

#### Recreation Committee

Councilperson Gelfand reported that a Recreation Committee met on April 30 to begin looking at the future of our city's pools and recreation initiatives. The Committee will meet again on June 4, 2012 at 7 pm and the public is invited to attend to provide input.

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### Mayor's Report:

- **Building Commissioner Kowalczyk:** Requested Council support for Resolution 31-12 declaring May Building Safety Month.
- **Housing Manager Martin:** Reported that the City has broken ground on the City's first green-built "Idea Home" at 4188 Linnell as part of the Green Neighborhoods Initiative.
- **Economic Development Coordinator Love:** Requested Council consideration of Resolution 32-12 regarding the One South Euclid Residential Resale Program. Sally Martin gave an overview of the program. Love reported that the closed gas station at Mayfield and Belvoir has been purchased by Giant Eagle and will become a GetGo station.
- **Fire Chief Huston:** Chief Huston reported on the upcoming fire academy.
- **Mayor Welo:** Reported that she has spent time in the public schools at Rowland and Greenview. Mayor Welo also congratulated resident Sonya Pryor Jones for her charitable work, most recently collecting items for distribution to women in homeless shelters for Mother's Day. The Mayor reported that this Saturday will be the Community Shred Day and Sunday will be the Community E-Recycle for residents. The Mayor also reminded residents that the Memorial Day Parade will kick off at 9 am at Regina Hall on May 28.

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### Legislation Requested by the Administration

Introduced by Miller

Resolution 31-12

#### RESOLUTION

DECLARING THE MONTH OF MAY 2012 TO BE BUILDING SAFETY MONTH IN THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO. FIRST READING.

Following discussion, It was moved by Gray, seconded by Fiorelli, that Resolution 31-12 be passed.

#### Roll Call:

**Ayes:** Fiorelli, Gelfand, Gray, Icove, Romeo, Miller.

**Nays:** None.

**Abstain:** None.

**Absent:** Goodman.

The Legislation has Passed Unanimously.

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Introduced by Miller

Resolution 32-12

## RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO CONVEY CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID TO ONE SOUTH EUCLID. FIRST READING.

Following discussion, It was moved by Romeo, seconded by Miller, that Resolution 32-12 be passed.

**Roll Call:**

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

**Nays:** None.

**Abstain:** None.

**Absent:** Goodman.

The Legislation has Passed Unanimously.

**Law Director's Report**

None

**Letters & Communications**

- Councilperson Fiorelli scheduled a Service Committee Meeting for May 21 at 7 pm to discuss the bids for trash and recycling.
- Councilperson Gray reported that the next Ward 1 meeting will be held May 24 at St. Margaret Mary Hofer Hall at 6:30 pm.
- Councilperson Gelfand reported that Councilwoman Goodman was not at tonight's council meeting because she is attending the Cleveland Heights University Heights Schools facilities meeting. Several streets in Councilwoman Goodman's Ward are in the Cleveland Heights School District. Councilperson Gelfand also reported on the Legal Aid Foreclosure program and his first experience working with a resident to help save their home.
- Councilperson Icové reported that the free Legal Aid Foreclosure Clinic will be held on May 22, 2012 from 4-6 pm at the Community Center and that the project was the idea of former Councilman Larry Baker and is supported by Councilman Icové, Judge Byers and Mayor Welo.
- President Miller scheduled a Committee of the Whole Meeting for May 29 at 7 pm to discuss the proposed parking ticket legislation. Mr. Miller also reported on many area activities occurring over the weekend.

**Adjourn**

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

**Roll Call:**

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

**Nays:** None.

**Abstain:** None.

**Absent:** Goodman.

The Meeting Adjourned at 9:04 pm.

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Council President

Attest:

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Clerk of Council