

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, Kowalczyk, Lograsso, Welo, Martin, Huston

A moment of silence was observed for Joe Coreno, former longtime City Councilman who recently passed away.

Approval of Minutes:

Following discussion, It was moved by Romeo, seconded by Caroscio, that the Minutes of the May 9, 2011 meeting of South Euclid City Council be approved.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

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:

- Ray Rhode, 1543 Laclede Road, thanked Councilperson Jane Goodman and the recycling committee for their Tech Round-Up recycling event and announced two upcoming community band concerts at Notre Dame College, with the first event on June 12 featuring the Workman's Circle Klezmer Orchestra. Rhode discussed the importance of community events and showing that the city is supportive of its residents and that they see the good things the City has going for it.
- Bob Schoenewald, 4426 Bayard, reported that he attended an accounting association meeting in Dayton where several issues of concern to communities were discussed including the phasing out of the estate tax, proposed cuts in the local government fund and removing obstacles for cities to provide joint police and fire to make services more cost efficient. Schoenewald stated that it may be time to consider Mayor Welo's regionalization ideas.
- Yakov Lieber, 4242 Hinsdale Road stated that First Interstate has the right to construct retail on the Oakwood property because they own the land, even though he believes that a medical or educational facility may be more prudent. Lieber asked if the City was adequately protected from liability regarding the gas wells on the site and potential traffic issues along Warrensville Center Road, if and when First Interstate constructs a second intersection.

Report of Council Committees:

Service Committee

Councilperson Fiorelli reported that the Committee met on May 16 to continue discussions regarding issues related to trash and recycling efforts and that Service Director Jim Anderson is tracking the trash and recycling pickup. The committee will continue researching and discussing issues, including curbside recycling and trash automation.

Legislative Committee

Councilperson Miller reported that the Committee met and that Ordinances 08-11 & 09-11 were unanimously approved by the committee.

Zoning & Planning Committee

Introduced by Miller

Resolution 18-11

RESOLUTION

ADOPTING AND APPROVING THE 2011 UPDATE OF THE COMPREHENSIVE MASTER PLAN FOR THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO. **SECOND READING.**

The Resolution was placed on second reading. Councilperson Icové reported that a Public Hearing was held on May 18 to hear resident concerns regarding the Comprehensive Plan Update and that the

proposed update is on the City's website for review. A Zoning and Planning Committee work session was scheduled for May 31 at 6 pm to discuss the comprehensive plan update.

Introduced by Miller

Resolution 20-11

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A DONATION AGREEMENT WITH FISE, LLC; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **SECOND READING.**

The Resolution was placed on second reading.

Introduced by Miller

Resolution 21-11

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A PUBLIC BENEFITS AGREEMENT WITH FISE, LLC; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **SECOND READING.**

The Resolution was placed on second reading.

Introduced by Miller

Resolution 22-11

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN EASEMENT AGREEMENT WITH FISE, LLC; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **SECOND READING.**

The Resolution was placed on second reading.

Introduced by Miller

Resolution 23-11

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH FISE, LLC; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **SECOND READING.**

The Resolution was placed on second reading.

Mayor's Report:

- **Engineer Blackley:** reported that the Rainbow Creek project is substantially complete and that the City's road program is underway on Bridgeview, College and Campus Roads, with additional work on Mackall and Golfway beginning. Blackley and Mayor Welo reported that thanks to the residents' passage of the road levy and because the City went out to bid early for road reconstruction efforts, additional savings were realized enabling the City to repair more roads than expected this year. Blackley explained Ord. 15-11 and 16-11 regarding erosion and sediment control and stormwater management updates required by the Ohio EPA and that the legislation should be passed by the end of June.
 - **Building Commissioner Kowalczyk:** reported that construction of GFS Marketplace at Cedar Center is moving along and that foundation work has been completed and the west wall is going up this week. Kowalczyk reported that the Architectural Review Board is meeting to review the Coral Company's plans for the next phase of Cedar Center.
 - **Housing Manager Martin:** Requested consideration of Res. 25-11 to apply for a watershed grant program small scale demonstration project, which will be an enhancement to the observation deck overlooking the Langerdale Marsh. Martin talked about the Plainfield-Winston Block Party and gave an update on the City's community gardens.
 - **Fire Chief Huston:** reported on a fire at a home on Salisbury Road.
 - **Mayor Welo:** stated that next Tuesday will be Service and Economic Development Director Ed Gallagher's last day. Gallagher is retiring. The Mayor reported on upcoming events for South Euclid teens that are being organized by the Project Love organization including a Football Camp featuring Browns player Ben Watson, and reported on the upcoming Memorial Day Parade.
 - Community Services Director Benjamin reported on new community outreach efforts and a community service program that will deploy hundreds of volunteers into South Euclid's neighborhoods this summer to help maintain neighborhoods and homes.
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Legislation Requested by the Administration

Introduced by Miller

Resolution 24-11

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO IMPROVE CITY-OWNED PROPERTY IN THE NORTHEAST OHIO ADVANCED ENERGY DISTRICT BY THE ACQUISITION, INSTALLATION, AND EQUIPPING OF A SPECIAL ENERGY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT TOGETHER WITH NECESSARY APPURTENANCES AND INCIDENTALS THERETO; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **SECOND READING.**

Following discussion, It was moved by Goodman, seconded by Caroscio, that Resolution 24-11 be approved.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

The Legislation has Passed Unanimously.

Introduced by Miller

Resolution 25-11

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR A NORTHEAST OHIO REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT 2011 WATERSHED GRANT PROGRAM SMALL SCALE STORMWATER DEMONSTRATION PROJECT. **FIRST READING.**

Following discussion, It was moved by Goodman, seconded by Gray, that Resolution 25-11 be approved.

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 12-11

ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE DETERMINING TO PROCEED TO PAY COSTS OF AN INITIAL PLAN APPROVED BY THE CITY TO IMPROVE CITY-OWNED PROPERTY IN THE NORTHEAST OHIO ADVANCED ENERGY DISTRICT BY THE ACQUISITION, INSTALLATION, AND EQUIPPING OF A SPECIAL ENERGY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, TOGETHER WITH NECESSARY APPURTENANCES AND WORK INCIDENTAL THERETO; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **SECOND READING.**

Following discussion, It was moved by Goodman, seconded by Gray, that Ordinance 12-11 be approved.

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 13-11

ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE LEVYING A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT TO PAY COSTS OF AN INITIAL PLAN APPROVED BY THE CITY TO IMPROVE CITY-OWNED PROPERTY IN THE NORTHEAST OHIO ADVANCED ENERGY DISTRICT BY THE ACQUISITION, INSTALLATION, AND EQUIPPING OF A SPECIAL ENERGY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, TOGETHER WITH NECESSARY APPURTENANCES AND WORK INCIDENTAL THERETO; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **SECOND READING.**

Following discussion, It was moved by Romeo, seconded by Goodman, that Ordinance 13-11 be approved.

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 15-11

ORDINANCE

AMENDING CHAPTER 1326 "EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL" OF TITLE FIVE "OTHER BUILDING PROVISIONS" OF PART THIRTEEN "BUILDING CODE" OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO. FIRST READING.

The Ordinance was placed on First Reading and referred to the Utilities Committee.

Introduced by Miller

Ordinance 16-11

ORDINANCE

AMENDING CHAPTER 1324 "STORM WATER MANAGEMENT" OF TITLE FIVE "OTHER BUILDING PROVISIONS" OF PART THIRTEEN "BUILDING CODE" OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO. FIRST READING.

The Ordinance was placed on First Reading and referred to the Utilities Committee

Law Director's Report

None

Letters & Communications

- Councilperson Miller reported on the upcoming Memorial Day Parade and that a "Great South Euclid Camp Out" event is being planned at Bexley Park in August. Miller reported that Memorial School 8th graders were taking their annual trip to Washington D.C. and that a number of students could not go because of financial reasons, and asked that those more fortunate consider sponsoring a student next year.
- Councilperson Romeo reported that construction will begin to rebuild the Playground of Possibilities on June 1 and will continue through June 12. Romeo asked for volunteers to help rebuild the playground and donations of snacks, refreshments and Water. Romeo also stated that he spoke with Councilperson Ilove and they would like to consider the planting of a tree in honor of former Councilman Joe Coreno who passed away last week. Coreno was a Councilman for 14 years.
- Councilperson Fiorelli scheduled a Service Committee Meeting for June 27 to continue discussion regarding trash and recycling services.
- Councilperson Ilove reported that the Public Hearing regarding the Oakwood rezoning request is scheduled for May 25 and reported that the Ordinance was placed on first reading on February 14 and amended and placed on second reading on April 25. Ilove stated that guidelines and procedures for the meeting have been posted on the website.
- Councilperson Caroscio reported on the traffic camera that had been stationed on Felton Road and that there has been a noticeable difference in traffic being slower and that the residents on the street like and appreciate it. Caroscio stated that it will be interesting to see what happens now that it has been moved.
- Councilperson Gray reported on the Ward One Summer Youth Initiative and that a meeting with the County will be held this week and that it's heartwarming to know that residents are willing to contribute and do something innovative for the community. Gray reported that the committee is working with Project Love on a Memorandum of Understanding to be the fiscal agent for the initiative, which will serve ward one youth, and will have additional sponsors including the Positive Education Program and Catholic Diocese.
- Councilperson Goodman scheduled a Utilities Committee meeting for 6:45 pm on June 13 to discuss the stormwater and erosion control legislation and presented the City and Mayor Welo with the City's 15 year Tree City USA award, including a new flag. Goodman thanked Council for recommending residents to serve on the City's reconstituted Tree Commission, and the commission will be working on educational efforts to teach residents how to keep their trees alive and healthy.
- Council President Miller spoke of his concerns regarding efforts at the State Legislature to allow concealed handguns in bars and restaurant.

Adjourn

With no further business to discuss, Councilperson Romeo made a motion to adjourn the Meeting.

Seconded by Gray.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

The Meeting adjourned at 8:54 pm.

Attest:

Council President

Clerk of Council