

## REGULAR MEETING OF SOUTH EUCLID CITY COUNCIL

Council President David Miller called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A moment of silence was held for resident ReDon Jones who passed away unexpectedly this morning. Mr. Jones was a leader and major supporter of South Euclid youth recreation activities including football, baseball and other sports and a member of the Mayor's Recreation Advisory Committee chaired by Tony Caroscio.

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### Roll Call

**Present:** Fiorelli, Gelfand, Goodman, Gray, Icové, Romeo, Miller (7)

**Absent:** None

**Staff:** Benjamin, Blackley, Lograsso, Nietert, Welo, Martin, Love, Huston, Smith

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**Approval of Minutes:** June 25, 2012

Following discussion, it was moved by Romeo, seconded by Gelfand, that the Minutes of the June 25, 2012 Meeting of City Council be approved.

### Roll Call:

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

**Nays:** None.

**Abstain:** None.

**Absent:** None.

The Minutes have been approved.

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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:

- Ty McBee & Harvey Yergin representing Dominion East Ohio gave an overview of the upcoming South Green Road Gas Line Replacement Project which will involve the replacement of gas lines on the east and west side of the street from Mayfield Road in Ward 2 up to Ward One. Dominion representatives stated that they will be contacting neighbors regarding the project, including letters, door hangers and personal conversations, and that some trees on private property might be disturbed by the project. The homeowner will be given a choice regarding whether their tree is removed. If trees are removed, the homeowner will be given the choice of having the tree replaced at Dominion's cost. If homeowners do not want a tree replaced, Dominion will donate the tree to the City. Traffic will be maintained throughout the project, which will begin in August and conclude in November with additional work in the spring. Any sidewalks disturbed by the project will be replaced by Dominion at no cost to the residents. Council Members and Residents questioned Dominion about ensuring safety and especially accessibility to sidewalks when school resumes and students utilize South Green Road.
- Peggy Anzo, 1387 Francis Court, discussed the Francis Court housing development project which was approved by City Council in 2005 and stalled and created several issues on her street including a mud hill which took several summers to be remediated, issues with trash, a house which was demolished by the original developer and water drainage. Mayor Welo responded that the project is now back on track as a private senior living development.
- Chally Payne, a business owner at 1512 South Green Road, spoke regarding an issue she has had being denied a Storefront Renovation Grant and that she had not heard back from the Mayor regarding her issues and wanted to know why. Mayor Welo responded that her staff, including Mike Love, Mike Lograsso and Keith Benjamin has met with Ms. Payne on several occasions and also brokered a meeting with the County to try to resolve her issue. The Mayor explained that Cuyahoga County and not the City administer the Storefront Renovation Grant and the City has no control over the approval of the grant. Ms. Payne made improvements to the property prior to receiving confirmation from the County that she was approved or denied of the grant, which is a violation of their policy, however, the administration worked very hard to help Ms. Payne.
- Tony Caroscio, 1541 Felton Road, reported that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Bexley Campout will be held July 21 through the morning of July 22. 72 people have signed up to date and the deadline is the 13<sup>th</sup>.

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### **Report of Council Committees:**

#### Committee of the Whole

Council President Miller reported that the Committee has been meeting on the parking ticket issue and that another meeting has been scheduled for July 16 to continue discussing the issue. President Miller also reported that the Committee met earlier in the evening to review the monthly city financial issues with Joe Fillippo and new finance director James Smith. Miller reported that the current general fund balance is at \$3.4 million; however that balance will decrease throughout the remainder of the year. Miller reported that

the City is approximately \$100,000 over projections and that the Committee discussed working on issues including an analysis plan for budget projections, including parks and pool expenses.

#### Mayor's Report:

- **Mayor Welo** reported on Harvest for Hunger donations and fundraising activities in South Euclid and reported on the South Euclid-Lyndhurst Schools newsletter, which was distributed in the Sun Messenger and the newsletter was very informative. Mayor Welo reported that South Euclid's Mercury Summer Stock theatre is producing Once Upon A Mattress at Note Dame College and it runs through July 18. The Mayor also reported that a home on Sheridan was awarded best residential rehab from Heritage Ohio. The Mayor also reported on the upcoming Movie Night at Bexley Park.
- **Engineer Blackley:** Reported that road construction projects are on track and on schedule.
- **Economic Development Coordinator Love:** Reported that Whole Foods "Nickels for Non Profits" program will benefit the South Euclid Community Gardens during July, August and September and that One South Euclid will be having the first annual Harvest Festival on Saturday, September 8.
- **Police Chief Nietert:** Reported that the next citizen's police academy will start September 25 and interested residents may sign-up to participate. Chief Nietert reported on a Liquor control renewal received for the new Chipotle at Cedar Center. The Chief also reported that one of the City's K-9 dogs, Rex, will be retiring at the end of July after 9 years of service and that a program is being put in place to replace him.
- **Fire Chief Huston:** Chief Huston reported on the City's new fire inspector and asked Council's consideration of Resolutions 43-12, 44-12 and 45-12.
- **Community Services Director Benjamin:** Reported on the Liquor Renewal Permit received by the Chipotle for Cedar Center. Council and the Administration have until July 26 to object if they have any concerns. Chipotle, which was previously at the old Cedar Center, sells beer and wine.

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#### Legislation Requested by the Administration

Introduced by Miller

Resolution 43-12

##### RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID TO CONTINUE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE HILLCREST REGIONAL FIRE INVESTIGATION STRIKE FORCE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. FIRST READING.

Following discussion, it was moved by Gray, seconded by Goodman, that Resolution 43-12 be approved.

#### Roll Call:

**Ayes:** Fiorelli, Gelfand, Goodman, Gray, Icovc, Romeo, Miller.

**Nays:** None.

**Abstain:** None.

**Absent:** None.

The Legislation has Passed Unanimously.

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Introduced by Miller

Resolution 44-12

##### RESOLUTION

APPROVING THE ADOPTION OF THE COUNTYWIDE ALL NATURAL HAZARDS MITIGATION PLAN FOR CUYAHOGA COUNTY, 2011 UPDATE. FIRST READING.

Following discussion, it was moved by Goodman, seconded by Romeo, that Resolution 44-12 be approved.

**Ayes:** Fiorelli, Gelfand, Goodman, Gray, Icovc, Romeo, Miller.

**Nays:** None.

**Abstain:** None.

**Absent:** None.

The Legislation has Passed Unanimously.

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Introduced by Miller

Resolution 45-12

##### RESOLUTION

ESTABLISHING THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AS THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY FOR THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO. FIRST READING.

Following discussion, it was moved by Gray, seconded by Gelfand, that Resolution 45-12 be approved.

#### Roll Call:

**Ayes:** Fiorelli, Gelfand, Goodman, Gray, Icovc, Romeo, Miller.

**Nays:** None.

**Abstain:** None.

**Absent:** None.

The Legislation has Passed Unanimously.

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### Law Director's Report

None

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### Letters & Communications

- Councilperson Miller reported that it was Councilwoman Ruth Gray's birthday.
- Councilperson Fiorelli reported that the Sacred Heart Summer Festival begins and runs Thursday through Saturday.
- Councilperson Romeo reported on the letter regarding the new automated trash and recycling program, which will be mailed to every household and stated that the program is very positive and the letter drafted by Director Benjamin was a fantastic letter.
- Councilperson Gelfand reported on several block parties he has attended and that he has received a petition from Ohio Citizens Independent Redistricting Commission working to collect signatures to make future redistricting more equitable. Mr. Gelfand has petitions if residents would like to sign.
- Councilperson Gray asked for continued prayers as she deals with her mother who is in hospice care and granddaughter who had to have emergency surgery. Because of these personal issues, Ms. Gray asked for patience if residents call and she is not able to get immediately back to them. Ms. Gray reported that she will be scheduling Safety Committee meetings to discuss Police and Fire Department issues.
- Councilperson Goodman reported that last Saturday she attended a neighborhood meeting organized by neighborhood resident Angela Woodson with residents from East Antisdale, Grosvenor and Eastway to discuss concerns regarding youth behavior, residential and housing issues and concerns regarding safety and the new Oakwood Park. Ms. Goodman discussed the disaster mitigation plan, which was on the agenda for approval and suggested that residents be more educated about the plan and maybe a public meeting should be held.
- Council President Miller acknowledged School Board Member Alfreda Wynne in attendance and reported that School is back in session on August 23<sup>rd</sup> and to remember watching out for youth walking while driving.

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### Adjourn to executive session

With no further business to discuss, it was moved by Gray, seconded by Gelfand, that City Council adjourn to Executive Session to discuss Collective Bargaining Agreements.

#### Roll Call:

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

**Nays:** None.

**Abstain:** None.

**Absent:** None.

Council Adjourned to Executive Session at 9:26 pm.

### Adjourn Meeting of City Council

With no further business to discuss, Ilove made a motion to adjourned, seconded by Miller.

#### Roll Call:

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

**Nays:** None.

**Abstain:** None.

**Absent:** None.

The Meeting adjourned at 9:50 pm.

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Council President

Attest:

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Clerk of Council