

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, Filippo, Kowalczyk, Lograsso, Martin, Anderson, Love, Huston

Special Presentation: The South Euclid Recycling Committee presented a donation of \$500 to the City for the Playground of Possibilities. The funds were raised by the Committee's Tech Round-Up recycling day.

Opening Meeting of Council:

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

- Bob Schoenewald, 4426 Bayard, addressed housing development issues and suggested that the City require bonds equal to the full cost of any new proposed housing projects to ensure that the project is built. Schoenewald also addressed proposed Ordinance 20-11 regarding the City's seat belt law and stated that the law should remain a secondary offense and not be changed.
- Michelle Larde, 4045 Stilmore Road, stated that she has been a resident of South Euclid for two years and moved from Cleveland Heights because of issues regarding teenagers. Ms. Larde stated that she and her son were recently accosted by a group of teens and that the police were called and she is pursuing charges. Ms. Larde asked what the curfew is for teens and suggested that City Council consider an earlier curfew.
- Ray Rhode, 1543 Laclede Road, reported that the last band concert of the summer at Notre Dame College featured the Hillcrest Concert Band and that it was one of the highest attended concerts ever held with over 175 people. Rhode reported that both the Hillcrest Concert Band and the Klezmer band have agreed to play again next year for no fee.
- Dr. Kimberly Chambers, 757 Quilliams Road, reported on the success of the Ward One Summertime Youth Initiative, spearheaded by Councilwoman Gray and discussed the programming for youth to be held through August 5 including an empowering for life program, decoding skills, comprehension and other programs. Dr. Chambers reported that the program is being operated primarily by volunteers due to funding issues, and thanked those who have volunteered and donated funds and resources to the program including the South Euclid-Lyndhurst Schools. Ms. Chambers stated that donations would be appreciated to ensure a successful program.

Report of Council Committees:

Finance Committee

Chairman Romeo reported that the Finance Committee met earlier in the evening to review Ordinance 18-11 regarding the Brewer Garrett Energy Efficiency Bonds for the City and reported that the committee reviewed and recommended approval of the Ordinance.

Committee of the Whole

Chairman Miller reported that the Committee of the Whole held their monthly financial update with Finance Director Filippo and reported that tax revenues have increased slightly from projections and that to date the administration has spent \$300,000 less than budgeted. Miller reported that because of the recent cuts to the Local Government Fund from Governor Kasich's budget, the City will lose approximately \$250,000 in funding this year and \$500,000 next year. Miller reported that the administrative employees will continue taking monthly furlough days without pay and stated that residents can review the latest Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, which has been posted on the City's webpage.

Introduced by Miller

Ordinance 34-10

ORDINANCE

FIXING THE SALARIES OF THE MEMBERS OF COUNCIL AND FIXING THE SALARY AND BOND OF THE COUNCIL MEMBER SELECTED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE CITY CHARTER TO SERVE AS PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL. **THIRD READING.**

Following discussion, It was moved by Miller, seconded by Romeo, that Ordinance 34-10 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

Ordinance 17-11

ORDINANCE

AMENDING SECTION 171.1901 "SOUTH EUCLID RESIDENT SUBJECT TO INCOME TAX IN OTHER MUNICIPALITY" OF CHAPTER 171 "MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX" OF TITLE IX "TAXATION" OF PART ONE "ADMINISTRATIVE CODE" OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO. **THIRD READING.**

Following discussion, It was moved by Caroscio, seconded by Goodman, that Ordinance 17-11 be passed.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

The Legislation has Passed Unanimously.

Finance Committee

Introduced by Miller

Ordinance 18-11

ORDINANCE

AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO TO ENTER INTO A LOAN AGREEMENT AND AN ESCROW AGREEMENT AND THE ISSUANCE OF NOTES THEREUNDER TO INDUCE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS BY THE OHIO AIR QUALITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE CITY, FOR THE FINANCING OF THE COSTS OF AIR QUALITY FACILITIES; AND AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING RELATED DOCUMENTS FOR SUCH PURPOSES, AND PAYING COSTS OF ISSUANCE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **SECOND READING.**

Following discussion, It was moved by Romeo, seconded by Caroscio, that Ordinance 18-11 be passed.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

The Legislation has Passed Unanimously.

Mayor's Report:

- **Director Benjamin** detailed Resolution 29-11 regarding the City's appointment of residents to the County's Tax Incentive Review Council.

Legislation Requested by the Administration

Introduced by Miller

Resolution 29-11

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPOINT ANTHONY HOLMAN AND KAREN POELKING TO THE TAX INCENTIVE REVIEW COUNCIL IN ACCORDANCE WITH OHIO REVISED CODE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **FIRST READING.**

Following discussion, It was moved by Romeo, seconded by Gray, that Resolution 29-11 be passed.

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 20-11

ORDINANCE

AMENDING SECTION 337.27 "DRIVERS AND PASSENGERS REQUIRED TO WEAR SEAT BELTS; PENALTY" OF PART THREE "TRAFFIC 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 Safety Committee for review. A meeting was scheduled for September 12, 2011 at 7 pm.

Law Director's Report

None

Letters & Communications

- Councilperson Fiorelli reported that the Sacred Heart of Jesus annual festival will be held this Thursday through Sunday.
- Councilperson Caroscio thanked department heads and the administration for holding City expenses down from over \$300,000 from last year. Caroscio also reported on the new Strategic Planning Initiative regarding the City's parks and recreation services and that he is working with Director Benjamin on the resident based planning initiative. Caroscio also reported on the upcoming family campout event that will be held at Bexley Park on August 13 and 14.
- Councilperson Gray thanked Dr. Chambers for her work on the Summertime Youth Initiative and reported that the program will also feature Family Nights on Thursday. Gray also thanked Superintendent Zelei for his commitment and donation of laptops, textbooks and vcrs for the programs use. Gray stated that the initiative is an example of residents taking action to address issues in the community and find solutions to problems instead of complaining about them. Gray also thanked Councilperson Fiorelli for his work in securing Hofer Hall for the program from the Catholic Diocese.
- Councilperson Goodman reported on the Bexley Campout on August 13 and invited interested residents to help plan the event. The planning group will meet this Thursday in the Pavilion. Goodman also reported that the next day would be the Recycling Committee's FreeCycle event.
- Council President Miller reported on the Bexley Campout and also discussed the FreeCycle event that will be held by the Recycling Committee on August 14.

Adjourn

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

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

The Meeting Adjourned at 8:36 pm.

Council President

Attest:

Clerk of Council