

## 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:** Roll Call

**Present:** Caroscio, Fiorelli, Goodman, Gray, Icovc, Romeo, Miller (7)

**Absent:** None

**Staff:** Benjamin, Blackley, Gallagher, Kowalczyk, Nietert, Martin, Anderson, Love, Huston, Welo

President Miller reported that Council is on recess in the month of August; however, Special Meetings may be called during August because of petition issues.

### **Approval of Minutes:** July 11, 2011

Following discussion, it was moved by Goodman, seconded by Fiorelli, that the Minutes of the July 11, 2011 Meeting of City Council be Passed.

### **Roll Call:**

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

**Nays:** None.

**Abstain:** None.

**Absent:** None.

The Legislation has Passed Unanimously.

### **Opening Meeting of Council:**

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

- Grant McCallum, 1596 Sheridan Road, stated that he represents the petition group for repealing the photo enforcement program and stated that the program has nothing to do with safety and is a money grab. Mr. McCallum cited an Ohio Supreme Court ruling and stated that if Council refuses to put the issue on the ballot, his group will sue the City.
- Bob Schoenewald, 4426 Bayard Road, reported on a First Energy grant program that is available for residents.
- Howard Kornhouser, 4082 Hinsdale Road, stated that he is a representative of the petitioners to ban the photo enforcement camera and stated that the Ohio Supreme Court trumps South Euclid City Council and the City's charter. Mr. Kornhouser remarked that if Council does not put the matter on the November ballot they would fight the issue.
- Emilie DiFranco, 3867 West 226<sup>th</sup> Street in Fairview Park, asked questions regarding the cost to rebuild the Playground of Possibilities, and what monies were received through insurance. Ms. DiFranco also addressed stormwater management issues and asked why the city is not using a decanting chamber or other filter for storm water.
- Linda Pagon, 684 Parkside Road, spoke regarding the homes on Greenvale that were purchased and demolished a few years earlier and stated that the City should have had more police involvement instead of tearing down the homes. Ms. Pagon also stated that she supports the city's use of the photo enforcement cameras for traffic control and said that the petitioners are not speaking for the entire city.

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

#### Public Utilities Committee

Councilperson Goodman reported that the Utilities Committee continues to meet regarding Ordinances 15-11 and 16-11 updating the City's Stormwater Management Ordinance to comply with Ohio EPA standards.

### **Mayor's Report:**

- **Engineer Blackley:** Reported on the progress of the Templehurst Road Repair Project and water and gas main projects.
- **Building Commissioner Kowalczyk:** Reported that the GFS construction at Cedar Center is making progress and that the roof has now been installed.
- **Housing Manager Martin:** Reported on the Green Neighborhoods Initiative
- **Economic Development Coordinator Love:** Reported on an update to the City's website to featuring Green Live, Work, Play initiatives.
- **Service Director Anderson:** Asked for Council consideration for Ordinance 21-11 and 22-11 regarding nuisance abatements.
- **Police Chief Nietert:** Reported that Traffic Commissioner Robert Abele won an award from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, which was given to one officer in the State of Ohio for outstanding efforts in law enforcement.

- **Fire Chief Huston:** Discussed opening the Community Center as a Cooling Center during the extreme heat. Former Fire Chief Bill Fibitch passed away last month and served in the department from 1941-1976.
- **Community Services Director Benjamin:** Reported on the status of City tax abatements for businesses and economic development purposes and reported on the success of Dr. Senders' Cedars on the Green Pediatric Medical Center.
- **Mayor Welo:** Reported on the many community efforts and programs including block parties and parks and recreation efforts underway this summer. Mayor Welo reported on her trip to Washington D.C. where she served as Co-Chair of a Forum at the White House regarding issues facing First Suburbs. Mayor Welo reported that a regional meeting regarding these efforts will be held this week at Notre Dame College.

### Legislation Requested by the Administration

Introduced by Miller

Resolution 30-11

#### RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATED FUNDS IN THE GENERAL FUND TO THE SAFETY FORCES VEHICLES FUND; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. FIRST READING.

Following discussion, It was moved by Romeo, seconded by Caroscio, that Resolution 30-11 be passed.

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

**Nays:** None.

**Abstain:** None.

**Absent:** None.

The Legislation has Passed Unanimously.

Introduced by Miller

Resolution 31-11

#### RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE ADVANCE OF APPROPRIATED FUNDS IN THE GENERAL FUND TO THE LAND ACQUISITION FUND. FIRST READING.

Following discussion, It was moved by Goodman, seconded by Romeo, that Resolution 31-11 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

Resolution 32-11

#### RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO PURCHASE A REPLACEMENT LADDER TRUCK FROM OHIO STATE BID TO SERVE THE FIRE DEPARTMENT IN THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. FIRST READING.

Following discussion, It was moved by Gray, seconded by Miller, that Resolution 32-11 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 21-11

#### ORDINANCE

ASSESSING UNPAID COSTS OF SERVICE DEPARTMENT - NUISANCE ABATEMENT (HIGH GRASS, WEEDS, ETC.) AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 521.14 (D), OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. FIRST READING.

Following discussion, It was moved by Caroscio, seconded by Romeo, that Ordinance 21-11 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 22-11

## ORDINANCE

ASSESSING UNPAID COSTS OF SERVICE DEPARTMENT- NUISANCE ABATEMENT (YARD CLEAN-UP, BOARDING CHARGES, ETC.) AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 521.14 (D) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. FIRST READING.

Following discussion, It was moved by Fiorelli, seconded by Caroscio, that Ordinance 22-11 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 23-11

## ORDINANCE

ASSESSING ALL UNPAID COSTS OF FALSE ALARM - NUISANCE ABATEMENTS, AS AUTHORIZED BY CHAPTER 531 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO, THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY COMMON PLEAS COURT AND THE OHIO REVISED CODE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. FIRST READING.

Following discussion, It was moved by Fiorelli, seconded by Romeo, that Ordinance 23-11 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 24-11

## ORDINANCE

ASSESSING ALL UNPAID COSTS OF CRIMINAL NUISANCE ABATEMENTS, AS AUTHORIZED BY CHAPTER 531 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO, THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY COMMON PLEAS COURT AND THE OHIO REVISED CODE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. FIRST READING.

Following discussion, It was moved by Icové, seconded by Romeo, that Ordinance 24-11 be passed.

**Roll Call:**

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

**Nays:** None.

**Abstain:** None.

**Absent:** None.

The Legislation has Passed Unanimously.

**Law Director's Report**

None

**Letters & Communications**

- Councilperson Icové reported that Council President Miller received an award from "100 Black Men" a non-profit organization that mentors youth. Icové reported that he and Keith Benjamin attended the awards banquet and that Dr. Miller represents our City well.
- Councilperson Fiorelli recognized the Police Department and members of the administration for their work in derailing a flash mob scheduled to be held at Bexley Park.
- Councilperson Caroscio reported on an upcoming Recreation Strategic Planning Committee on August 8 at 7 pm and on the upcoming Bexley Park Overnight Campout to be held on August 13-14.
- Councilperson Goodman thanked the police department for their efforts during the recent storms and traffic light outages. Goodman also reported the County Landbank, the City's Green Neighborhoods Initiative and Mayor Welo were recognized on the front page of the Dayton Daily News.

- Council President Miller reported on two community walk/run races being held for charity, including an American Cancer Society event in memory of Chief Nietert's mother who passed away from cancer. President Miller reported on recycling efforts and that we all need to work to increase our community recycling efforts.

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**Adjourn**

With no further business to discuss Councilperson Goodman made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Romeo.

**Roll Call:**

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

**Nays:** None.

**Abstain:** None.

**Absent:** None.

The Meeting Adjourned at 8:42 pm.

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Council President

Attest:

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Clerk of Council