

REGULAR MEETING OF SOUTH EUCLID CITY COUNCIL

Council President David Miller called the meeting to order and a motion was made to amend the agenda. Following discussion, It was moved by Miller, seconded by Caroscio, that the Agenda be amended to move the Presentation of Colors to the beginning of the Agenda and Adjourn to Executive Session.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Caroscio, Goodman, Gray, Icove, Romeo, Miller.

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

The Agenda has been amended.

Presentation of Colors: South Euclid Fire Department Honor Guard and PLEDGE OF ALLIEGIANCE.

President Miller called for a moment of silence to honor those killed and injured in the Tucson, Arizona shooting.

Roll Call for Meeting:

Ayes: Caroscio, Goodman, Gray, Icove, Romeo, Miller.

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

Swearing-In Ceremony: Assistant Fire Chief Michael Carney and Captains David Csire and Tedman Shoop were sworn-in and given the oath of office.

Opening Meeting of Council:

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

- Building Commissioner Kowalczyk gave an overview of the proposed Oakwood project.
- Kathy Schaffer, 1172 South Belvoir Blvd, stated that she was against the rezoning of Oakwood Golf Course
- Steve Alboro, 4500 Whitehall Drive, stated that he is a member of the tree commission and on the Board of the Friends of Euclid Creek and expressed his concern for the proposed plan for Oakwood and that it is a chance to think more broadly on the issue.
- Fran Mentch, 1413 Lynn Park in Cleveland Heights, spoke against the Oakwood Project and that she hopes for a process open and transparent. She stated that she represents the Citizens for Oakwood and that updated Council on their efforts to involve the Trust for Public Land and efforts to purchase the Oakwood site since January 2010 and that they had a 90 day option to purchase the property that expired in October and began a letter writing campaign to the Metroparks to fund the purchase of the property. Ms. Mentch stated that if they could raise 20-25% of the funds to purchase the property, they could raise the rest and that the idea of money from the project for economic development is enticing, but South Euclid will gain no money because the majority of property taxes will go to the Cleveland Heights-University Heights School District.
- Rina Brosse, 4092 Linnell Road expressed her disappointment for the plan to take the Oakwood Golf Course greenspace and stated that it could have been a big opportunity to be a green city with walking trails, but, instead, we are going to get more stores that we don't need and once the greenspace is gone, it can never come back.
- Anna Julwes, (no address given) stated that she likes what the City is doing regarding the green housing and community gardens and said that Oakwood could be the crown jewel for the City. She stated that the City can build businesses at Cedar Center and asked home many stores does the city need.
- Joe Liptow, 4501 Anderson Road, thanked those who showed up for the meeting to save Oakwood and stated that he wished they were there to save the Cutters Creek property. Mr. Liptow spoke of the costs associated with the Cedar Center Project that the taxpayers are on the hook for.
- Bob Greenbaum, 4105 Stillmore Road, thanked the Oakwood group for initiating the process that will lead to one of the premiere parks in the area. And asked that the City call Virginia Aveni regarding the Legacy Village project and what was not done there. Mr. Greenbaum stated that the last thing we need in this area is more shopping and to not close the door until the City finds out what has happened in other developments because in 20-30 years we are going to have another Richmond Mall and that the Oakwood is a siren song of development and that the money won't arrive.

- Rachel Nehez, 3760 Warrendale stated that in the past five years nearly every other house on her street is empty because of the housing crisis. Ms. Nehez stated that our whole mentality is that shopping will bring happiness and stated that by making Oakwood a park, the City could bring jobs to the City by planting trees. Ms. Nehez stated that it's really important to change total zoning law to make all of Oakwood a park area.
- Bob Schoenewald, 4426 Bayard, stated that in the past eight years he has frequented council meetings and has taken unpopular positions with the City. Mr. Schoenewald stated that he disagrees with all of the previous speakers and that the Oakwood group had an opportunity to buy it and that when the rezoning happens, there should be some effort for greenspace, but the additional jobs will be a benefit.

Report of Council Committees:

Committee of the Whole

President Miller reported that City Council met on January 6, 2011 and January 8, 2011 to interview 16 candidates for the open vacancy for City Council.

Recreation Committee

Councilperson Caroscio reported on the Recreation Committee meeting concerning the 2011 summer pool fees and issues of reciprocity with the City of Lyndhurst, as well as issues regarding non-resident fees and possible collaboration with University Heights.

Introduced by Miller

Ordinance 57-10

ORDINANCE

AMENDING SECTION 933.07, FEES FOR USE, AS CONTAINED IN CHAPTER 933, MUNICIPAL SWIMMING POOLS OF PART NINE "STREETS AND PUBLIC SERVICES" CODE OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID; SETTING ADMISSION FEES, SEASON PASSES, SPECIAL PROGRAMS, AND RECIPROCITY WITH THE CITY OF LYNDHURST FOR THE USE OF THE MUNICIPAL SWIMMING POOLS AND SPLASH PARK BY THE RESIDENTS OF THE CITY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. SECOND READING.

The Ordinance was placed on Second Reading.

Legislation Requested by City Council

Introduced by Miller

Ordinance 01-11

ORDINANCE

AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO SO AS TO CHANGE THE HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED PROPERTY FROM ITS EXISTING CLASS R-75 "ONE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT" TO C-3 "SPECIAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT". FIRST READING.

The Ordinance was placed on First Reading and referred to the Planning Commission for review.

Mitchell Schneider from First Interstate Properties spoke regarding the proposed project and stated that they will take a balanced approach to provide greenspace on land that has previously been a private golf course, while providing for economic stimulus and job creation. Mr. Schneider gave a background as the developer of many projects including Legacy Village and Steelyard Commons and discussed the potential new tax base for the City. Mr. Schneider stated that the City has 36 acres of parkland and the Oakwood plan would give the city an additional 21 acres, which is the size of Cain Park. Mr. Schneider stated that they will not be asking the City for any subsidies for the project and that the proposed project would be a model for green sustainability and design.

Mayor's Report:

- **Mayor Welo:** reported that the City of Cleveland has approved two additional watermain replacement projects for the City of South Euclid that will provide for the reconstruction of Templehurst Road. Welo reported on a dam removal project in the Euclid Creek Watershed and reported that she is serving on a public officials committee looking at local initiatives. Welo reported that the State of Ohio has a major budget shortfall and that there could be cuts to our City and as much as 25%-40% in cuts to our local schools. Welo reported on the South Euclid Italian Club party held over the weekend.

Legislation Requested by the Administration

Introduced by Miller

Resolution 01-11

RESOLUTION

SETTING THE DATES FOR THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID'S REGULARLY SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETINGS IN 2011. FIRST READING.

Following discussion, It was moved by Miller, seconded by Caroscio, that Resolution 01-11 be passed.

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

The Legislation has Passed Unanimously.

Introduced by Miller

Resolution 02-11

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH NOPEC FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACCEPTING THE CITY'S POWERING OUR COMMUNITIES GRANT AWARD. FIRST READING.

Following discussion, It was moved by Romeo, seconded by Gray, that Resolution 02-11 be passed.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

The Legislation has Passed Unanimously.

Law Director's Report

None

Letters & Communications

- Councilperson Caroscio reported that Council interviewed 15 candidates for the council at large vacancy and that it was a pleasure talking to all of them about being community leaders. Caroscio stated that even though they could only appoint one, he hopes that all candidates stay involved.
- Councilperson Goodman reported that she attended the January 3rd Swearing In Ceremony for County Councilperson Sunny Simon. Goodman stated that Mayor Welo gave Simon the Oath of Office.
- President Miller reported that the Police Chief has expressed some concerns regarding Ordinance 54-10 which Council passed regarding the anti-tethering of animals. Miller requested that the Safety Committee look into the concerns.

Adjourn to Executive Session for the purposes of the consideration of personnel pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 121.22

Following discussion, It was moved by Goodman, seconded by Romeo, that City Council Adjourn to Executive Session.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

Council adjourned to Executive Session at 9:19 pm.

A Motion was made by Icové, seconded by Romeo that Executive Session discussion be kept pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 121.22.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: Goodman

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

Adjourn

With no further business to discuss, President Miller made a motion to adjourn the Meeting. Seconded by Goodman.

Roll Call to Adjourn

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

Nays:

The Meeting Adjourned at 11:02 pm.

Council President

Attest:

Clerk of Council