

REGULAR MEETING OF SOUTH EUCLID CITY COUNCIL

Council President David Miller called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited, led by Cub Scout Pack 424.

Roll Call

Present: Caroscio, Goodman, Gray, Icove, Romeo, Miller (6)

Absent: None

Staff: Benjamin, Blackley, Filippo, Kowalczyk, Lograsso, Nietert, Welo, Martin, Anderson, Love

Approval of Minutes: November 22, 2010 & December 20, 2010 (Special Meeting)

Following discussion, It was moved by Miller, seconded by Goodman, that the Minutes be approved.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

The Minutes are approved.

Special Presentation: Recognizing Cub Scout Pack 424.

Mayor Welo presented a proclamation and City Council recognized Cub Scout Pack 424 for their efforts in beautifying the City.

Recognition Ceremony: Graduates of the Fall 2010 Citizens Police Academy.

The Mayor and City Council recognized, and certificates were given to the third graduating class of the Citizen's Police Academy.

Swearing-In Ceremony: Auxiliary Police Officers Hocannes (John) Pounardjian and Gregory Byers

Special Presentation:

Introduced by Miller

Resolution 03-11

RESOLUTION

IN APPRECIATION TO AND RECOGNITION OF ASSISTANT CHIEF THOMAS PALMER FOR HIS OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE SOUTH EUCLID FIRE DEPARTMENT AND THE RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID. FIRST READING.

Following discussion, It was moved by Romeo, seconded by Caroscio, that Resolution 03-11 be passed.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

The Legislation has Passed Unanimously.

Introduced by Miller

Resolution 04-11

RESOLUTION

IN APPRECIATION TO AND RECOGNITION OF CAPTAIN BRIAN SZUTER FOR HIS OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE SOUTH EUCLID FIRE DEPARTMENT AND TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID. FIRST READING.

Following discussion, It was moved by Caroscio, seconded by Goodman, that Resolution 04-11 be passed.

Ayes: Caroscio, Goodman, Gray, Icove, 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:

- Roberta Siegel, 4070 Bayard Road, asked for Council's vote in appointing her brother Mary Gelfand to the Council-at-Large seat.
- Joel Groden, 4091 Linnell Road, stated that he was a friend of Marty Gelfands and that Mr. Gelfand would be a good addition to City Council.

- Theran Cyrus, 3944 Eastway Road, stated that Mr. Gelfand has a great deal of political experience and his personal involvement in the neighborhood is evident
- Renee Zaslur, 4229 Harwood Road, stated that she has known Mr. Gelfand for many years and that she has a grandson at bootcamp and Mr. Gelfand has shared his experiences with him in the navy and that he would be a big asset to our city on Council.
- Justin Reiter, 4250 Harwood Road, stated that he met Mr. Gelfand when he was interning for Congressman Kucinich and that Mr. Gelfand offers vision and leadership that would benefit the city greatly.
- Janice Carick, 4391 Neville Road, stated that Mr. Gelfand would be an excellent choice for City Council and discussed that he is fair minded, a good listener and would do an excellent job.
- Wade Tolleson, 1379 Plainfield Road, stated that he has known Marty for the last 14 years and he is good at working with people and getting things done and that he is very excited about the possibility of Mr. Gelfand being on City Council.
- Martin Plax, 2020 Miramar Blvd., stated that he is also in favor of Marty Gelfand to serve on City Council and that he would be a very fitting member and that he is very intelligent, thoughtful, and not quick to pull the trigger.
- Sherry Ball, 3954 Eastway Road, stated that she is Marty Gelfand's wife and that Mr. Gelfand would bring a fresh and fair approach to his role as a City Council member.
- Marty Gelfand, 3954 Eastway Road, stated that he is moved and humbled by the support of family and friends and gave a background of his career in public service as a Navy veteran, attorney and counsel to Congressman Dennis Kucinich. Mr. Gelfand spoke of the wonderful and diverse neighborhoods in South Euclid and the many programs the City supports and that he has the skills to be a city council member. Mr. Gelfand stated that he seeks Council's support and looks forward to serving the residents.
- Mr. Luis Gomez, 868 King George Blvd, stated that he works for Congressman Dennis Kucinich and that as Senior Counsel in the Congressman's office Mr. Gelfand has been a key player in saving the districts community hospitals and institutions that provide great service to our community for residents. Mr. Gomez stated that Mr. Gelfand has worked hard to care for senior citizens and residents losing their homes and that he is compassionate and has a positive outlook for his constituents.

Legislation Requested by the Planning Commission:

Introduced by Miller

Ordinance 62-10

ORDINANCE

AMENDING THE ZONING TEXT OF CHAPTER 734 OF TITLE THREE OF PART SEVEN OF THE "PLANNING AND ZONING CODE" OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO. **SECOND READING.**

The legislation was placed on first reading.

Mayor's Report:

- **Mayor Welo:** Thanked Service Director Anderson and the service department for taking care of the roadways and also thanked Chief Nietert, Asst. Chief Franey and Officer Mirabito for their hard work facilitating the Citizen's Academy. Mayor Welo also reported on events at Adrian School and upcoming monthly community meetings with Congresswoman Marsha Fudge's office for residents.
- **Engineer Blackley:** stated that the 2011 road program is out to bid.
- **Finance Director Filippo:** stated that he is working on the 2011 budget and will get City Council their budget books in the next couple weeks.
- **Fire Chief Huston:** reported on the Fire Departments response for an incident that occurred at the Alpine Valley area.

Law Director's Report

Mr. Lograsso stated that tomorrow \$2.3 million will be placed in escrow from Gordon Foods Service to the City of South Euclid and that the title for land will transfer to move the Cedar Center project forward.

Letters & Communications

- Councilperson Gray reported that she spent the day in Columbus for a meeting of the Second Harvest Food Bank aimed at helping those in need of food, especially for children during the summer months when they are out of school. Ms. Gray described an arts project collecting stories on paper plates that will serve to be a voice for them to raise awareness of issues of hunger.
- Councilperson Caroscio, reported on the 2nd annual Jaguar Bean Bag Bash to raise funds for Sacred Heart athletic programs. The event will take place February 12.

- Councilperson Goodman reported on a soil and water conservation district grant that was submitted by the Service Department. Ms. Goodman also reported that she is working to re-constitute the Tree Commission and get the group reinvigorated.
- Councilperson Ilove, thanked the Service Department and Cleveland Water Department for their fine work and the efforts regarding the watermain break on South Belvoir.
- President Miller, stated that he received a letter from State Senator Nina Turner asking council and mayors to educate themselves about what's going on at state, particularly with the estate tax issue and other budgetary issues that will greatly affect municipal budgets.
- Councilperson Goodman reported of the upcoming Cleveland Heights – University Heights State of the Schools report this Thursday and that she and Councilperson Romeo would be attending.

Motion to Consider Candidates for Council-At-Large Vacancy

Council President Miller reported on the interviews for the Council at Large Vacancy and the process this evening for motions to consider candidates. Mr. Miller stated that following interviews, Council members agreed to three candidates: Ken Evans, Dennis Fiorelli and Kevin Wynne. Mr. Miller stated that additional nominations may be accepted from the floor of council.

Following discussion, It was moved by Miller, seconded by Ilove, that Ken Evans, Dennis Fiorelli and Kevin Wynne be nominated for the Council at Large Vacancy. Councilperson Goodman made a motion to nominate Marty Gelfand for the Council at Large Vacancy.

Councilperson Romeo made a motion to hold a roll call vote. Second by Ilove.

Roll Call:

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

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

The Legislation has Passed Unanimously.

Roll Call for Council At Large Vacancy

Councilperson Ilove voted for Dennis Fiorelli
 Councilperson Romeo voted for Dennis Fiorelli
 Councilperson Caroscio voted for Dennis Fiorelli
 Councilperson Goodman voted for Mary Gelfand
 Councilperson Gray voted for Dennis Fiorelli.
 Councilperson Miller voted for Dennis Fiorelli

Mr. Fiorelli has been appointed to the Council at Large Vacancy.

Mayor Welo requested that Mr. Fiorelli please contact the Mayor's office to be sworn-in.

Adjourn

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

Roll Call to Adjourn

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

Nays:

The Meeting Adjourned at 9:13 pm.

Council President

Attest:

Clerk of Council