

## 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, Gray, Icove, Romeo, Miller (6)

**Absent:** Goodman

**Staff:** Benjamin, Filippo, Kowalczyk, Lograsso, Welo, Martin, Anderson, Love, Huston

**Minutes:** September 26, 2011

Following discussion, It was moved by Gray, seconded by Fiorelli, that the Minutes of the September 26, 2011 be approved.

### Roll Call:

**Ayes:** Fiorelli, Gray, Icove, Romeo, Miller.

**Nays:** None.

**Abstain:** Caroscio.

**Absent:** Goodman.

The Minutes have been approved.

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

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

- Larry Daniels, 4618 College Road, reported on issues at Notre Dame College. Mr. Daniels is concerned about the traffic created by the use of motorcoaches that utilize College Road for the Football team and problems that are being created by students utilizing the public sidewalks near homes as a smoking and congregation area late at night and early in the morning causing neighborhood noise and disturbances. Mr. Daniels also addressed concerns regarding students parking on the side streets instead of the parking lots, and an unshielded light, which Notre Dame said would be shielded.
- Emilie DiFranco, 3867 West 226 Street, Fairview Park, reported again on the use of city vehicles and asked for clarification as to which personnel can take vehicles home and what policy or applicable ordinance addresses the issue. Ms. DiFranco also inquired about the City's license plates.
- David Frey, 4840 Hartley Drive, Lyndhurst (Lyndhurst Council Member) reported on his belief that a recent article in the Sun Messenger and a quote from Director Benjamin regarding Professor and Sheridan Roads was misrepresented and that Professor Road is high on their priority list for repair and that statements regarding Sheridan Road were, in his opinion, not factual. Council President David Miller read an email from October 2010 clarifying why he believes the statements were not misrepresented.
- Joe Liptow, 4501 Anderson Road, stated that an article in the Plain Dealer regarding the proposed Oakwood development project contained misinformation, bad reporting and outright lies. Mr. Liptow also stated that the Coral Company developer lied about not being delinquent on property taxes at a Ward One meeting the week prior and told the City to be careful in their dealings with Coral.
- County Councilwoman Sunny Simon, 4110 Princeton, spoke regarding the issue of the Greenvale homes and how the purchase and demolition of the homes several years ago was effective, saved the neighborhood and removed a crime and blight that was terrorizing the neighborhood. Ms. Simon also reported that she will be having a County Town Hall Meeting with County Executive Ed Fitzgerald on October 26 at 7 pm at Notre Dame College.

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

#### Committee of the Whole

Council President Miller reported that the Committee of the Whole held their monthly meeting to discuss the City's budget and that currently the City has a \$3.45 million general fund balance, which has been helped by the receipt of \$265,000 estate tax collection. Miller stated that expenses are down by \$650,000 over last year and that the projected end of year balance could be around \$2.3 million. However, the City must prepare for continuing cuts in the State of Ohio's Local Government Fund, which is expected to be approximately \$600,000 next year. Miller reported that the traffic cameras have generated \$10,000 since implementation a few months ago.

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

- **Building Commissioner Kowalczyk:** Reported on the Cedar Center project with GFS Marketplace nearing completion and Bob Evans submitting their plans for review.
- **Finance Director Filippo:** Reported on proposed Resolution 49-11.

- **Service Director Anderson:** Reported on the City's road reconstruction projects and that the curbs and pavement are being constructed on Templehurst and the watermain replacement has begun on Eastway between Warrensville and Fenwick. Anderson reported that leaf pickup began earlier in the week.

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### Legislation Requested by the Administration

Introduced by Miller

Resolution 47-11

#### RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH BOB EVANS FARMS, INC FOR THE PURCHASE AND SALE OF REAL PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO. FIRST READING.

Councilwoman Gray discussed her concern that there was not language in the agreement regarding the opportunity for jobs for South Euclid residents and indicated that she had discussed the matter with the Law Director earlier in the day. Following discussion, It was moved by Romeo, seconded by Ilove, that Resolution 47-11 be passed.

#### Roll Call:

**Ayes:** Caroscio, Fiorelli, Gray, Ilove, Romeo, Miller.

**Nays:** None.

**Abstain:** None.

**Absent:** Goodman.

The Legislation has Passed Unanimously.

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Introduced by Miller

Resolution 48-11

#### RESOLUTION

PROVIDING A DATE AND TIME LIMITS FOR THE HALLOWEEN OBSERVANCE UPON THE STREETS AND OUT OF DOORS FOR THE YEAR 2011. FIRST READING.

Following discussion, It was moved by Gray, seconded by Caroscio, that Resolution 48-11 be passed.

#### Roll Call:

**Ayes:** Caroscio, Fiorelli, Gray, Ilove, Romeo, Miller.

**Nays:** None.

**Abstain:** None.

**Absent:** Goodman.

The Legislation has Passed Unanimously.

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Introduced by Miller

Resolution 49-11

#### RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF UNAPPROPRIATED FUNDS IN THE WATER DISTRIBUTION INFRASTRUCTURE – CONTRACTUAL SERVICES FUND. FIRST READING.

Following discussion, It was moved by Romeo, seconded by Miller, that Resolution 49-11 be passed.

#### Roll Call:

**Ayes:** Caroscio, Fiorelli, Gray, Ilove, Romeo, Miller.

**Nays:** None.

**Abstain:** None.

**Absent:** Goodman.

The Legislation has Passed Unanimously.

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### **Amend Agenda to Adjourn to Executive Session for the purposes of discussing the sale of real property.**

Following discussion, It was moved by Miller, seconded by Caroscio, that the Agenda be amended to include Executive Session.

#### Roll Call:

**Ayes:** Caroscio, Fiorelli, Gray, Ilove, Romeo, Miller.

**Nays:** None.

**Abstain:** None.

**Absent:** Goodman.

The Agenda has been amended.

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### Law Director's Report

None

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### Letters & Communications

- Councilperson Gray reported that she had received the letter regarding the request for the Professor Road replacement and inquired about whether the watermains were in need of replacement and requested that the Cities work out a plan for what's going to happen.
- Councilperson Caroscio reported that he had met with the Mayor, Law Director Lograsso and Clerk of Council Benjamin about the different stories he was hearing regarding how the Oakwood referendum petition was handled, and, after having reviewed all information and overview of the process, reported that the City and Mr. Benjamin and Mr. Lograsso handled the referendum matter appropriately. Caroscio reported that in response to problems at Tino's Lounge, and the City's subsequent recommendation that their liquor license be revoked; he has received a letter from Tino's owner Gary Giordano. Mr. Caroscio read the letter which outlines several new policies that have been enacted to remediate some of the issues including that the bar is now closing earlier at 1 a.m.; they have fired the security guards that were causing problems and have been replaced with off-duty police officers from other municipalities; they have added a new pouring system to curtail excess alcohol consumption and they will be adding new outdoor cameras.
- Councilperson Fiorelli spoke regarding Mr. Daniels concerns at Notre Dame College and stated that he would work with the City to try to resolve the issues.
- Council President Miller reported on the County Council Town Hall to be held October 26 at 7 pm with Council Member Sunny Simon and County Executive Ed Fitzgerald.

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### Executive Session

Following discussion, It was moved by Romeo, seconded by Fiorelli, that Council Adjourn to Executive Session for the purposes of discussing the sale of real property related to the Cedar Center redevelopment project.

#### Roll Call:

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

**Nays:** None.

**Abstain:** None.

**Absent:** Goodman.

Council has adjourned to Executive Session.

### Adjourn

With no further business to discuss, Councilperson Romeo made a motion to adjourn the Meeting. Seconded by Fiorelli.

#### Roll Call to Adjourn

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

Nays:

Absent: Goodman

The Meeting Adjourned at 9:44 pm.

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Council President

Attest:

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Clerk of Council