

REGULAR MEETING OF SOUTH EUCLID CITY COUNCIL

Council President Miller called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call.

Present: Councilman Dennis Fiorelli, Councilman Marty Gelfand, Councilwoman Jane Goodman, Councilwoman Ruth Gray, Council President Pro Tem Icove, Councilman Moe Romeo, Council President David Miller

Opening Meeting of Council:

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

- Bill Kent, South-Euclid Lyndhurst School Board Member, gave an update on School District activities and planning initiatives.

Report of Council Committees:**Committee of the Whole**

President Miller reported that income is 8% ahead of budget projects and disbursements are approximately 1% below projections. Miller stated that the City's financial advisor Jeff Rink from Key Bank attended the meeting to discuss upcoming note renewals with an expected interest rate of about 1% which would be presented to Council at the next meeting, and that there was discussion regarding bonding out the notes long-term next June.

Legislation Requested by City Council

Introduced by Icove

Resolution 58-13

RESOLUTION

URGING THE OHIO CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO ADVOCATE FOR A BALANCED APPROACH TO ADDRESSING THE FEDERAL DEFECIT AND TO PROTECT NONDISCRETIONARY PROGRAMS, SUCH AS THE OLDER AMERICANS ACT, FROM FURTHER FUNDING REDUCTIONS. FIRST READING.

Action: Motion to Approve Legislation, **Moved by** Council President David Miller, **Seconded by** Councilman Moe Romeo.

Following Discussion, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 6).

Yes: Councilman Dennis Fiorelli, Councilman Marty Gelfand, Councilwoman Jane Goodman, Councilwoman Ruth Gray, Council President Pro Tem Icove, Councilman Moe Romeo.

The Legislation has been approved.

Mayor's Report:

- **Mayor Welo:** Thanked the residents and all those that supported the Safety Levy and thanked Marty Gelfand for serving as the campaign chair, Jane Goodman for her marketing expertise and resident Theron Cyrus for serving as Treasurer. The Mayor said that as a result of the passage, minimum staffing per shift for the safety forces would remain intact at January 2013 levels.
- **Engineer Blackley:** Reported on road reconstruction projects and stated that the Sheridan Road project would be paved at the end of the week, weather permitting and hopefully wrapped up before Thanksgiving..
- **Building Commissioner Kowalczyk:** Reported that the former Starbucks at the corner of Cedar and Warrensville be the home of Mattress Firm store and that Levin Mattress would be moving into the space next to Piada at Cedar Center North.
- **Housing Manager Martin:** Reported that there will be an Open House for the new Idea House at 1033 Argonne Road on December 3, 2013 from 5-7 pm. Martin reported that Levin Furniture has donated all furniture for the Open House.
- **Finance Director Smith:** Asked for Council consideration of several finance related resolutions.
- **Fire Chief Stefko:** Reported on a structural fire that occurred at a house on Whitehall Road on November 1. The cause was a power line that fell onto a fence. Chief Stefko thanked Council, the Mayor and residents for the passage of the Safety Levy.
- **Economic Development Director Love:** Reported that Nevah Cuisine is expanding into the former video store location, reported on the Greenfield Community Garden Crowd-Sourcing competition and the upcoming Pets Light Up Our Lives ceremony, which will be expanded through the involvement of One South Euclid. The event will be December 8, 2013 at 5 pm.
- **Community Services Director Benjamin:** Reported on the progress of the City's Master Plan and the upcoming Community Forum Open House to be held on November 21 at Notre Dame College.
- **Mayor Welo** thanked Police Detective Dave Volek for helping guide new Ward 3 Block Watch efforts in the Bexley Neighborhood. The Mayor congratulated Councilpersons Gray, Romeo, Icove and Goodman on their re-election to City Council and thanked them for their integrity and being above board.

Legislation Requested by the Administration

Introduced by Miller

Resolution 59-13

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY FISCAL OFFICER. FIRST READING.

Action: Motion to Approve Legislation, **Moved by** Councilman Moe Romeo, **Seconded by** Councilman Dennis Fiorelli.

Following Discussion, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 7).

Yes: Councilman Dennis Fiorelli, Councilman Marty Gelfand, Councilwoman Jane Goodman, Councilwoman Ruth Gray, Council President Pro Tem Icové, Councilman Moe Romeo, Council President David Miller

Introduced by Miller

Resolution 60-13

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE FINANCE DIRECTOR TO CREATE A NEW FUND ENTITLED "SAFETY FORCES LEVY FUND #410" WITHIN THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO. FIRST READING.

Action: Motion to Approve Legislation, **Moved by** Councilman Moe Romeo, **Seconded by** Councilwoman Ruth Gray.

Following Discussion, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 7).

Yes: Councilman Dennis Fiorelli, Councilman Marty Gelfand, Councilwoman Jane Goodman, Councilwoman Ruth Gray, Council President Pro Tem Icové, Councilman Moe Romeo, Council President David Miller

Introduced by Miller

Resolution 61-13

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATED FUNDS IN THE "RECREATION BOND RETIREMENT FUND #328" TO THE "GENERAL BOND RETIREMENT FUND #327." FIRST READING.

Action: Motion to Approve Legislation, **Moved by** Councilman Marty Gelfand, **Seconded by** Council President David Miller.

Following Discussion, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 7).

Yes: Councilman Dennis Fiorelli, Councilman Marty Gelfand, Councilwoman Jane Goodman, Councilwoman Ruth Gray, Council President Pro Tem Icové, Councilman Moe Romeo, Council President David Miller

Introduced by Miller

Ordinance 17-13

ORDINANCE

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH FOR PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014. FIRST READING

Action: Motion to Approve Legislation, **Moved by** Councilwoman Jane Goodman, **Seconded by** Councilman Moe Romeo.

Following Discussion, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 7).

Yes: Councilman Dennis Fiorelli, Councilman Marty Gelfand, Councilwoman Jane Goodman, Councilwoman Ruth Gray, Council President Pro Tem Icové, Councilman Moe Romeo, Council President David Miller

Law Director's Report- None

Letters & Communications

Council President Miller thanked residents for their support of the Safety Levy and thanked Jim Anderson and the Service Department for all of their hard work with the recent storm. Miller reported on the Brush Football Team and Soccer team accomplishments.

Councilman Icové thanked the City of Euclid for their donation of a wood chipper during the last storm and suggested that a Resolution be presented to Euclid thanking them.

Councilman Fiorelli recognized Brush High School and Sacred Heart of Jesus athletic teams for their championship accomplishments and reported that the City is averaging 156 tons of recycling.

Councilman Romeo thanked the residents for their overwhelming support of the Safety Levy.

Council President Miller recognized Councilmen Romeo and Gelfand for their military service as it is Veterans Day and thanked all residents who have served their country.

Councilman Gelfand thanked all those who helped get the Safety Levy passed and reported on the work of many of the neighborhood block groups. Gelfand also reported on a Moot Court competition, which he judged at Notre Dame College and reported on an upcoming award dinner recognizing former Congressman Dennis Kucinich.

Adjourn

Action: Motion to Approve Legislation, **Moved by** Councilman Moe Romeo, **Seconded by** Councilman Dennis Fiorelli.

Following Discussion, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 7).

Yes: Councilman Dennis Fiorelli, Councilman Marty Gelfand, Councilwoman Jane Goodman, Councilwoman Ruth Gray, Council President Pro Tem Icové, Councilman Moe Romeo, Council President David Miller

The Meeting Adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Attest:

Council President

Clerk of Council