

## REGULAR MEETING OF SOUTH EUCLID CITY COUNCIL

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

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### **Roll Call.**

**Present:** Councilman Dennis Fiorelli, Councilman Marty Gelfand, Councilwoman Gray, Councilwoman Jane Goodman, Councilman Moe Romeo, Council President David Miller.

**Absent:** Council President Pro Tem Icove

President Miller informed the audience that Councilman Icove was out-of-town.

President Miller also reported Economic Development Director Michael Love would be acting as Clerk-of-Council in place of Keith Benjamin, who was in South Africa.

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### **Special Presentation**

Police Chief Nietert recognized the graduates of the Fall 2013 Citizen's Police Academy.

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

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

- Michael Fortner, 1823 Oakmount Road. Mr. Fortner spoke about his desire to see South Euclid renamed "College Square." Mr. Fortner spoke of how the name change would provide South Euclid with a unique identity and would also differentiate the city from neighboring Euclid. The new name would create a cycle of vibrancy and would attract empty nesters and young families.
  - Cassandra Jones, 4665 Liberty Road, South Euclid Lyndhurst City Schools Board Member Mrs. Jones attended the meeting to provide the schools monthly update to City Council. Mrs. Jones spoke of the continuing process of helping current students understand their role in the district's strategic plan. She announced the district has received a Farm to Table Grant to purchase fresh produce for the school cafeterias. Mrs. Jones invited everyone to attend the next edition of the Brush High School Speaker Series on January 29, 2014, which will feature a motivational speaker. Upon conclusion of Mrs. Jones' remarks, Councilwoman Gray requested Mrs. Jones to speak about the upcoming auction of the Lowden School Property. Mrs. Jones stated that the Council meeting was not the proper forum for discussing auction of district property and the board has discussed this issue at many of their public meetings. Mrs. Jones added that the Lowden Property is being sold in the same way as any other district property has been sold. Councilwoman Gray invited Mrs. Jones to a community meeting to discuss the proposed auction. Mrs. Jones said that she would not participate and residents are always welcome to attend the public school board meetings. Residents have also been discussing the Lowden property as part of the city's comprehensive plan update.
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### **Report of Council Committees**

#### Committee of the Whole

Council President Miller reported on the Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting held at 7:30pm in which Council received its monthly update on city finances from Finance Director Smith.

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

- **Mayor Welo:** Reported that Councilman Fiorelli and herself attended a recent meeting of Euclid City Council to present a Resolution thanking the Euclid Service Department for the assistance provided to the city during the recent storms. She also recently attended a presentation from LeedCo (the Lake Erie off-shore wind agency) and would like to coordinate a presentation for the leaders of other area cities. The Idea House Opening, Pictures with Santa, and the One South Euclid Tree Lighting were all great successes. The annual employee wellness fair took place and will help reduce the overall health care costs of the city. Reported that Keith Benjamin is currently in South Africa and read a brief e-mail detailing his experiences.
- **Engineer Blackley:** Informed Council that the Sheridan Road project is substantially complete. Requested Council support of Resolution 66-13 authorizing the bidding for the 2014 Road Program.
- **Housing Manager Martin:** reported on the Idea House Opening at 1033 Argonne was a great success. There is already an offer to purchase the home. Martin also requested Council support of Res. 67-13, which provides authorization to sell the home. Briefly summarized the Green Neighborhoods Initiative and informed residents informational brochures were available.
- **Finance Director Smith:** Requested Council support of Res. 68-13 to allow for the transfer funds to purchase a wood chipper, Res. 69-13 to amend Res. 65-13 to correct the amounts necessary to appropriate to the Police & Fire Pension Funds, and Ord. 20-13, the temporary budget for the first quarter of 2014. Finance Director Smith would like Council to consider the permanent budget as soon as possible in January.
- **Service Director Anderson:** Leaf pick-up continues north of Mayfield. Crews will shift to the Anderson: south-side of Mayfield by the end of the week. Over 3,000 cubic yards of wood chips was generated from the October storm, they are being recycled by Woodland Tree Service. The old wood chipper is being refurbished to use as a back-up once the new chipper is purchased. Thanked the City of Euclid again for the

use of their chipper and thanked Council for their support in allowing for the purchase of a new wood chipper.

- **Eco. Development Director Love:** The City, One South Euclid, and the HRCC are partnering to host a Mixer for all South Euclid businesses on Thursday February 20<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:30pm. The mixer will have live music and food from South Euclid establishments. More details will follow.

#### Legislation Requested by the Administration

Introduced by Miller

Resolution 66-13

#### RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE CITY ENGINEER TO PREPARE THE NECESSARY PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, AND ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE 2014 STREET RESURFACING PROGRAM IN THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO. FIRST READING.

Councilman Fiorelli made a motion for passage. Councilwoman Gray seconded. Council President Miller issued a call for questions and asked for the roll call.

**Action:** Motion to Approve Legislation, **Moved by** Councilman Fiorelli, **Seconded by** Councilwoman Gray.

Following Discussion, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 5).

**Yes:** Councilman Dennis Fiorelli, Councilman Marty Gelfand, Councilwoman Gray, Council President Pro Tem Icove, Councilman Moe Romeo, Council President David Miller.

**Nay:** Councilwoman Jane Goodman,

The legislation has passed.

Introduced by Miller

Resolution 67-13

#### RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, OR HER DESIGNEE, THE HOUSING MANAGER, TO ADVERTISE FOR THE SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AND TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT TO SELL SUCH PROPERTY. FIRST READING

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

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

**Yes:** Councilman Dennis Fiorelli, Councilman Marty Gelfand, Councilwoman Jane Goodman, Councilwoman Gray, Councilman Moe Romeo, Council President David Miller.

The legislation has passed.

Introduced by Miller

Resolution 68-13

#### RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF UNAPPROPRIATED FUNDS FROM THE "GENERAL FUND #101" TO THE "CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT & REPAIR FUND #408." FIRST READING.

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

The legislation has passed.

Introduced by Miller

Resolution 69-13

#### RESOLUTION

AMENDING RESOLUTION 65-13 WHICH AUTHORIZED THE APPROPRIATION OF UNAPPROPRIATED FUNDS IN THE FOLLOWING FUNDS: "POLICE DEPARTMENT FUND #101-1110" AND "FIRE DEPARTMENT FUND #101-1120." 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 = 6).

**Yes:** Councilman Dennis Fiorelli, Councilman Marty Gelfand, Councilwoman Jane Goodman, Councilwoman Gray, Councilman Moe Romeo, Council President David Miller.

The legislation has passed.

Introduced by Miller

Ordinance 19-13

#### ORDINANCE

AMENDING SECTION 11 OF ORDINANCE 20-09; FIXING THE SALARY RANGE, COMPENSATION AND RATES OF PAY FOR VARIOUS OFFICES, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND DEPARTMENTS OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2009; TO CHANGE THE PAYMENTS RECEIVED BY THOSE ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEES WHO VOLUNTARILY DECLINE THE CITY'S HOSPITALIZATION INSURANCE BENEFITS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. FIRST READING.

The legislation was placed on First Reading and referred to the Finance Committee. A meeting was scheduled for December 23, 2013 at 6:30 pm.

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Introduced by Miller

Ordinance 20-13

ORDINANCE

TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT AND OTHER EXPENSES OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2014; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. FIRST READING.

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

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

**Yes:** Councilman Dennis Fiorelli, Councilman Marty Gelfand, Councilwoman Jane Goodman, Councilwoman Gray, Councilman Moe Romeo, Council President David Miller.

The legislation has passed.

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**Law Director's Report** - Law Director Lograsso reported that the City's health insurance contract has been renewed for 2014 with a 0% increase. Mayor Welo thanked Law Director Lograsso and Finance Director Smith for all of their hard work in securing this renewal rate.

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**Letters & Communications**

**Councilman President Miller** Reminded Council Members of the Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting scheduled for Monday December 23, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. Representatives from FirstEnergy will be in attendance to discuss recent power outages in the city. At the December 23<sup>rd</sup> Council Meeting, Council will recognize members of the Brush High School Conference Championship Teams and the Sacred Heart of Jesus Championship Teams.

**Councilman Fiorelli** wished everyone happy holidays and reported on the death of the grandson of Warrendale Road residents the Lockhart Family. Their grandson was tragically killed on his 21<sup>st</sup> birthday at a bar in Cleveland on East 142<sup>nd</sup> Street and Harvard.

**Councilwoman Goodman** Complemented Housing Manager Martin on the Idea House and reminded everyone that it is constructed using green techniques. Represented South Euclid at a meeting concerning the Euclid Railroad Green Creek Trail Proposal. The South Euclid and Lyndhurst Democratic Clubs will host a joint holiday party on Weds. 12/18 at the Lyndhurst Community Center. Reminded Finance Director Smith and Law Director Lograsso to send Mrs. Klein her check for her moral claim. Finance Director Smith will ensure Mrs. Klein receives her check.

**Councilwoman Gray** The annual South Euclid Kwanzaa Celebration is scheduled for Thursday December 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at Greenmont Party Center. It is hosted by the McMillan Family, the extended family, and Councilwoman Gray. All are welcome to attend.

**Councilman Romeo** Complemented Housing Manager Martin on the Idea House. The winners of the annual "Ward Two Holiday Light Contest" will be announced at the December 23<sup>rd</sup> City Council Meeting.

**Councilman Fiorelli** Reminded everyone the South Euclid Recycling Committee will be holding their annual holiday party on December 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. The Hillcrest Council of Councils will also be holding their quarterly breakfast meeting on December 14<sup>th</sup>.

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**Adjourn**

There being no further business to discuss, President Miller made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilman Fiorelli.

Roll Call

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

**Yes:** Councilman Dennis Fiorelli, Councilman Marty Gelfand, Councilwoman Jane Goodman, Councilwoman Gray, Councilman Moe Romeo, Council President David Miller.

The Meeting Adjourned at 9:04 pm.

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Council President

Attest:

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Clerk of Council