

## 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:** Fiorelli, Gelfand, Goodman, Gray, Romeo, Miller

**Absent:** Icové

**Staff:** Benjamin, Blackley, Filippo, Lograsso, Nietert, Anderson, Love, Huston, Welo

**Recognition Ceremony:** Police Chief Nietert recognized the 2012 graduating class of the Citizen's Police Academy.

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

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

- South Euclid-Lyndhurst School Board Member Cassandra Jones, 4665 Liberty Road, gave an update regarding the South Euclid-Lyndhurst School District.

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

#### Recreation Committee

Councilman Gelfand reported that a committee meeting was held regarding recreation initiatives and looking longterm at the City's pools, parks and facilities and potential pesticide legislation.

#### Safety Committee

Councilwoman Gray reported that a Safety Committee meeting was held with Judge Byers to discuss the State's passage of HB337 which allows judges to seal certain convictions.

#### Committee of the Whole

Council President Miller reported that a Committee Meeting was held to discuss the monthly finances and that year end revenue is expected to be approximately \$3 million, however going into next year, there will be major reductions due to State cuts in the General Fund and reductions in property tax valuations.

Introduced by Miller

Resolution 61-12

### RESOLUTION

A resolution authorizing the appropriation of unappropriated funds in the following fund: "General Fund #101-Law Department-Contractual Services-Outside Legal Expenses."

#### **Motion to Amend to add an additional \$5,000 to the Resolution**

Following discussion, It was moved by Romeo, seconded by Goodman, that Resolution 76-12 be passed.

### Roll Call:

**Ayes:** Fiorelli, Gelfand, Goodman, Romeo, Miller

**Nays:** Gray

**Abstain:** None.

**Absent:** Icové

The Legislation has been amended

Following discussion, It was moved by Miller, seconded by Romeo, that Resolution 76-12 be passed.

### Roll Call:

**Ayes:** Fiorelli, Gelfand, Goodman, Romeo, Miller

**Nays:** Gray

**Abstain:** None.

**Absent:** Icové

The Legislation has Passed.

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

- **Mayor Welo:** Reported that she attended State Representative Kenny Yuko's retirement and also reported that she is working with other officials statewide regarding the local government fund cuts, and proposed income tax issues. Mayor Welo thanked department heads for helping get through the tough year and reported that they did well with the City coming in under budget.
- **Engineer Blackley:** reported on emergency repairs on South Belvoir and discussed Resolutions 79-12, 80-12 and 81-12.
- **Building Commissioner Kowalczyk:** reported on the construction progress at Cedar Center.

- **Finance Director Smith:** reported on finance legislation Resolution 76-12, 78-12 and Ordinance 40-12.
- **Housing Manager Martin:** Reported that the Linnell Idea Home is under contract to be sold.
- **Economic Development Director Love:** Reported on the Circle Heights Regional Economic Development Initiative.
- **Police Chief Nietert:** reported on a school safety exercise which was held with the City of Lyndhurst Police and South Euclid Lyndhurst School District.
- **Service Director Anderson:** reported on the progress of City leaf pickup.
- **Community Service Director Benjamin:** Reported on the Circle Heights Regional Grant Application process and gave an overview of the project.

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### Legislation Requested by the Administration

Introduced by Miller

Resolution 75-12

#### RESOLUTION

Setting the date for the first regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council of the City of South Euclid, Ohio in 2013.

Miller, Romeo

Following discussion, It was moved by Miller, seconded by Romeo, that Resolution 75-12 be passed.

#### Roll Call:

**Ayes:** Fiorelli, Gelfand, Goodman, Gray, Romeo, Miller

**Nays:** None.

**Abstain:** None.

**Absent:** Icovc

The Legislation has Passed Unanimously.

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Introduced by Miller

Resolution 76-12

#### RESOLUTION

Requesting from the county auditor a tax advance from the proceeds of the 2012 tax year collection; and declaring an emergency.

Following discussion, It was moved by Romeo, seconded by Goodman, that Resolution 76-12 be passed.

#### Roll Call:

**Ayes:** Fiorelli, Gelfand, Goodman, Gray, Romeo, Miller

**Nays:** None.

**Abstain:** None.

**Absent:** Icovc

The Legislation has Passed Unanimously.

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Introduced by Miller

Resolution 77-12

#### RESOLUTION

Authorizing the Mayor, as a member of the Circle Heights Communities Alliance, to prepare and file a grant application through the Ohio Local Government Innovation Fund which seeks to promote efficiency, collaboration, and shared services among local governments.

Following discussion, It was moved by Goodman, seconded by Romeo, that Resolution 77-12 be passed.

#### Roll Call:

**Ayes:** Fiorelli, Gelfand, Goodman, Gray, Romeo, Miller

**Nays:** None.

**Abstain:** None.

**Absent:** Icovc

The Legislation has Passed Unanimously.

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Introduced by Miller

Resolution 78-12

#### RESOLUTION

Authorizing the transfer of appropriated funds in the General Fund to the Swimming Pools Fund, the Bond Retirement Fund, the General Improvement and Repair Fund, and the Special Bond Retirement Fund.

Following discussion, It was moved by Gelfand, seconded by Goodman, that Resolution 78-12 be passed.

#### Roll Call:

**Ayes:** Fiorelli, Gelfand, Goodman, Gray, Romeo, Miller

**Nays:** None.

**Abstain:** None.

**Absent:** Icovc

The Legislation has Passed Unanimously.

Introduced by Miller

Resolution 79-12

RESOLUTION

Authorizing the City Engineer to prepare the necessary plans, specifications, and advertise for bids for the 2013 Street Resurfacing Program in the City of South Euclid, Ohio.

Following discussion, It was moved by Gray, seconded by Romeo, that Resolution 79-12 be passed.

**Roll Call:**

**Ayes:** Fiorelli, Gelfand, Goodman, Gray, Romeo, Miller

**Nays:** None.

**Abstain:** None.

**Absent:** Icovc

The Legislation has Passed Unanimously.

Introduced by Miller

Resolution 80-12

RESOLUTION

Authorizing the City Engineer to prepare the necessary plans, specifications, and advertise for bids for the 2013 Water Main Renewal Program.

Following discussion, It was moved by Gray, seconded by Romeo, that Resolution 80-12 be passed.

**Roll Call:**

**Ayes:** Fiorelli, Gelfand, Goodman, Gray, Romeo, Miller

**Nays:** None.

**Abstain:** None.

**Absent:** Icovc

The Legislation has Passed Unanimously.

Introduced by Miller

Resolution 81-12

RESOLUTION

Authorizing the City Engineer to prepare the necessary plans, specifications, and advertise for bids for the Sheridan Road Infrastructure Improvement Project within the City of South Euclid, Ohio.

Following discussion, It was moved by Romeo seconded by Fiorelli, that Resolution 81-12 be passed.

**Roll Call:**

**Ayes:** Fiorelli, Gelfand, Goodman, Gray, Romeo, Miller

**Nays:** None.

**Abstain:** None.

**Absent:** Icovc

The Legislation has Passed Unanimously.

Introduced by Miller

Ordinance 39-12

ORDINANCE

Authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract extending the engineering services of Stephen J. Hovancsek & Associates, Inc. for a period of January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013.

Following discussion, It was moved by Fiorelli seconded by Goodman, that Ordinance 39-12 be passed.

**Roll Call:**

**Ayes:** Fiorelli, Gelfand, Goodman, Gray, Romeo, Miller

**Nays:** None.

**Abstain:** None.

**Absent:** Icovc

The Legislation has Passed Unanimously.

Introduced by Miller

Ordinance 40-12

ORDINANCE

To make temporary appropriations for current and other expenses of the City of South Euclid, State of Ohio, during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2013; and declaring an emergency. Following discussion, It was moved by Romeo seconded by Miller, that Ordinance 40-12 be passed.

**Roll Call:**

**Ayes:** Fiorelli, Gelfand, Goodman, Gray, Romeo, Miller

**Nays:** None.

**Abstain:** None.

**Absent:** Icové

The Legislation has Passed Unanimously.

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**Law Director's Report**

Law Director Lograsso reported that a broker has been hired for the remaining parcels at Cedar Center and that they are reporting that there is interest in the property. Lograsso also reported that the City has been able to hold the 2013 Healthcare costs to 10% which is significantly lower than other communities nearby.

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**Letters & Communications**

- Councilman Fiorelli reported on the monthly recycling report for November and savings of approximately \$25,000 a month continue.
- Councilman Romeo reported that he will once again be holding his Ward 3 Holiday Decoration Contest and will be driving his ward with the committee on Sunday.
- Councilman Gelfand reported on the South Euclid Humane Society's Pets Light Up Our Lives Annual Event.
- Councilwoman Gray reported that the Youth Meeting has been rescheduled for January 16, 2013 and also reported on the annual Kwanzaa Celebration which will be held on December 26. Gray also scheduled a Safety Committee meeting for January 28 at 7 pm.
- Councilwoman Goodman wished everyone a happy holiday.
- Councilman Miller wished everyone a happy holiday season and asked that residents consider helping those less fortunate. Miller thanked his colleagues for a productive year.

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**Motion to Adjourn**

Councilman Romeo made a motion to adjourn the Meeting. Seconded by Goodman

**Roll Call:**

**Ayes:** Fiorelli, Gelfand, Goodman, Gray, Romeo, Miller

**Nays:** None.

**Abstain:** None.

**Absent:** Icové

Council Adjourned at 9:29 pm.

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Council President

Attest:

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Clerk of Council