

## REGULAR MEETING OF SOUTH EUCLID CITY COUNCIL

Council President Pro-Tem Ed Icové called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

### Roll Call

**Present:** Fiorelli, Gelfand, Goodman, Icové, Romeo, (5)

**Absent:** Miller, Gray

**Staff:** Welo, Love

President Pro-Tem Icové informed the audience that President Miller was out-of-town for the holiday and Councilwoman Gray had another commitment that evening. President Pro-Tem Icové also reported Economic Development Director Michael Love would be acting as Clerk-of-Council in place of Keith Benjamin, as Mr. Benjamin had difficulty in returning to Cleveland due to the inclement weather.

### Opening Meeting of Council:

President Pro-Tem Icové called the Open Meeting of Council to order and invited the audience to address Council:

- Robert Schoenewald (4426 Bayard Road): Mr. Schoenewald requested an update on the Audit Committee. He informed Council he had applied for a seat on the committee months ago and has not received a response. Councilman Romeo, as Chairman of the Finance Committee, informed Mr. Schoenewald City Council was still having internal discussion as to exactly what the structure of the Audit Committee will be and expects to have more information by late January.
- Yakov Lieber (4242 Hinsdale Road): Mr. Lieber expressed his concerns with Resolution 86-12, which confirms Michael Lograsso as Law Director in accordance with the recently passed Charter Amendment. Mr. Lieber believes that Mayor Welo has no ability to veto City Council's decision on this Resolution and therefore, her name should be removed from the section of the Resolution which states "takes effect after the Mayor's approval." Mr. Lieber also believes there should be no place for the Mayor's signature on the Resolution.
- Robert Frey (1299 South Green Road): Mr. Frey discussed the parking ticket dispute between the Municipal Court and the Administration. Mr. Frey requested a full explanation of the outside legal fees, which were paid to defend members of the Administration against orders issued by the Municipal Court during the dispute. Mayor Welo informed Mr. Frey a full accounting of the outside legal fees as well as copies of the orders issued by the Municipal Court will be posted to the City Website as soon as the situation is resolved.

### Report of Council Committees: None

### Mayor's Report:

- Mayor Welo reported that most of the Directors were absent tonight due to inclement weather. However, she complimented the Service Department on their great job in ensuring all of the roads were passable. Mayor Welo informed City Council Visiting Judge Liston has allowed the new parking tickets to be ordered and ticket writing should resume in early January.
- Economic Development Director Love: Reported that Little Caesars has opened at Cedar Center. Piada will open on Friday December 28<sup>th</sup> and will have an official opening ceremony sometime in January. Panera will hold its official opening ceremony on January 9<sup>th</sup>. China Gate should also open sometime in January, and an opening ceremony is planned. GetGo on Mayfield should open any day with the grand opening celebration scheduled for January 17<sup>th</sup>.

### Legislation Requested by the Administration

Introduced by Icové

Resolution 82-12

#### RESOLUTION

EXCUSING COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENCE FROM COUNCIL MEETINGS DURING THE YEAR 2012.  
FIRST READING.

Following discussion, It was moved by Goodman, seconded by Romeo, that Resolution 82-12 be approved.

### Roll Call:

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

**Nays:** None.

**Abstain:** Gray, Miller

**Absent:** None.

The Legislation has Passed.

Introduced by Icové

Resolution 83-12

## RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH OHIOBIZ WEB CONSULTING, LLC TO FURTHER DEVELOP AND MAINTAIN THE WORLD WIDE WEB SITE FOR THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO. FIRST READING.

Councilman Fiorelli asked for passage of Resolution 83-12 and Councilman Romeo seconded.

Following discussion, It was moved by Fiorelli, seconded by Romeo, that Resolution 83-12 be approved.

**Roll Call:**

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

**Nays:** None.

**Abstain:** Gray, Miller

**Absent:** None.

The Legislation has Passed.

Introduced by Icové

Resolution 84-12

## RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE ADVANCE OF FUNDS IN THE GENERAL FUND TO THE "COPS GRANT FUND #106" AND THE "COMMUNITY DIVERSION FUND #107." FIRST READING..

Following discussion, It was moved by Romeo, seconded by Fiorelli, that Resolution 84-13 be approved.

**Roll Call:**

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

**Nays:** None.

**Abstain:** Gray, Miller

**Absent:** None.

The Legislation has Passed.

Introduced by Icové

Resolution 85-12

## RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATED FUNDS IN THE GENERAL FUND TO THE "GENERAL IMPROVEMENT AND REPAIR FUND." FIRST READING..

Following discussion, It was moved by Romeo, seconded by Fiorelli, that Resolution 85-12 be approved.

**Roll Call:**

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

**Nays:** None.

**Abstain:** Gray, Miller

**Absent:** None.

The Legislation has Passed.

Introduced by Icové

Resolution 86-12

## RESOLUTION

IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE V "ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENTS AND COMMISSIONS" OF SECTION 1 "GENERAL PROVISIONS" OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO, THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID HEREBY CONFIRMS MICHAEL P. LOGRASSO AS DIRECTOR OF LAW. FIRST READING.

President Pro-Tem Icové requested the Acting Clerk read this Resolution for First Reading. President Pro-Tem Icové stated the Resolution will be referred to Committee-of-the-Whole and procedures are still being developed for how exactly to handle this legislation. It will likely be discussed in Executive Session at 7pm on Monday January 7<sup>th</sup> and at a Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting at 7pm on Tuesday January 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Introduced by Icové

Ordinance 41-12

## ORDINANCE

AMENDING SECTION 933.07, FEES FOR USE, AS CONTAINED IN CHAPTER 933, MUNICIPAL SWIMMING POOLS OF PART NINE STREETS AND PUBLIC SERVICES CODE OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID; SETTING ADMISSION FEES, SEASON PASSES, SPECIAL PROGRAMS, AND RECIPROCITY WITH THE CITY OF LYNDHURST FOR THE USE OF THE MUNICIPAL SWIMMING POOLS AND SPLASH PARK BY RESIDENTS OF THE CITY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. FIRST READING.

Councilman Gelfand read the Ordinance and requested it be referred to Recreation Committee. The Ordinance will be the topic of discussion at the Recreation Committee Meeting scheduled for Monday January 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm.

Introduced by Ilove

Ordinance 42-12

ORDINANCE

AMENDING SECTION 770.07 "SIGN DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION CRITERIA" AND SECTION 770.10 "ADMINISTRATION PROCEDURES" OF CHAPTER 770 "SIGNS" OF TITLE SEVEN OF PART SEVEN "PLANNING AND ZONING CODE" OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO. FIRST READING.

President Pro-Tem Ilove requested the Acting Clerk read this Ordinance for first reading. President Pro-Tem Ilove then referred the Ordinance to the Planning Commission for review, in accordance with the City's Codified Ordinances. President Pro-Tem Ilove requested the Acting Clerk to send the Ordinance to the Planning Commission.

Introduced by Ilove

Ordinance 43-12

ORDINANCE

TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2012; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. FIRST READING.

Following discussion, It was moved by Romeo, seconded by Fiorelli, that Ordinance 43-12 be approved.

**Roll Call:**

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

**Nays:** None.

**Abstain:** Gray, Miller

**Absent:** None.

The Legislation has Passed.

**Law Director's Report**

Law Director Lograsso was unable to attend the meeting due to the inclement weather.

**Letters & Communications**

- Councilwoman Goodman: Complemented the Service Department on their great job in keeping the streets clear during today's snowstorm.
- Councilman Gelfand: Reported that he attended the Heights-Hillcrest Chamber of Commerce Holiday Luncheon on 12/18/12. The topic of conversation was gratitude in business. Councilman Gelfand then expressed his gratitude to his City Council colleagues, the Administration, and the residents for making this a great first year on Council.
- Councilman Romeo: Complemented the Service Department on their job plowing the roads and wished everyone a happy new year. Also informed the audience the winners of the annual "Ward Two Holiday Light Contest" have been chosen and will be announced shortly.
- Councilman Fiorelli: Stated he was happy with the design of the new City Update Newsletter and feels it helps encourage residents to maintain a high quality of life. He is looking forward to 2013.
- President Pro-Tem Ilove: Announced he received a letter from a law firm informing him there may be a way to use zoning regulations to prevent check cashing and short-term lending agencies from opening in the City. He will speak with Law Director Lograsso regarding this letter. He also wished everyone a happy new year.

**Adjourn**

Following discussion, It was moved by Ilove, seconded by Fiorelli, that Council Adjourn the Meeting.

**Roll Call:**

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

**Nays:** None.

**Abstain:** None.

**Absent:** Gray, Miller.

Council adjourned at 8:48 pm.

Attest:

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Council President

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Clerk of Council