

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, Goodman, Gray, Icovc, Romeo, Miller (7)

Absent: None

Staff: Benjamin, Blackley, Filippo, Gallagher, Kowalczyk, Lograsso, Welo, Martin, Love, Huston

Approval of Minutes:

It was moved by Goodman, seconded by Romeo, to approve the Minutes of the February 14, 2011 & February 28, 2011 meetings of City Council.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Caroscio, Fiorelli, Goodman, Gray, Icovc, Romeo, Miller.

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

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: There were no comments from members of the public.

Report of Council Committees:

Finance Committee

Chairperson Romeo reported that City Council held Budget Hearings regarding the 2011 budget on March 7, 2011 and March 10, 2011. All department directors presented their proposed budgets to Council. Council will be meeting again to discuss additional budgetary matters and a presentation from Judge Kleri regarding her 2011 Court budget.

Zoning & Planning Committee

Chairperson Icovc referred Resolution 14-10 back to the Planning Commission.

Introduced by Miller

Ordinance 62-10

ORDINANCE

AMENDING ZONING TEXT OF CHAPTER 734 OF TITLE THREE OF PART SEVEN OF THE "PLANNING AND ZONING CODE" OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO.

THIRD READING.

Following discussion, It was moved by Icovc, seconded by Caroscio, that Ordinance 62-10 be passed.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Caroscio, Fiorelli, Goodman, Gray, Icovc, Romeo, Miller.

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

The Legislation has Passed Unanimously.

Public Utilities Committee

Chairperson Goodman reported on the meeting earlier in the evening regarding the proposed Energy Audit, Service and Performance Agreement with the Brewer-Garrett Company.

Introduced by Miller

Resolution 25-11

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN ENERGY SERVICE AND PERFORMANCE AGREEMENT WITH THE BREWER-GARRETT COMPANY. **THIRD READING.**

Following discussion, It was moved by Goodman, seconded by Miller, that Resolution 25-11 be passed.

Ayes: Caroscio, Fiorelli, Goodman, Gray, Icovc, Romeo, Miller.

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

The Legislation has Passed Unanimously.

Recreation Committee

Chairperson Caroscio reported that a meeting was held earlier in the evening to hear a presentation from Jonah Weinberg, Director of External Affairs for the Cuyahoga Arts and Culture Organization. Mr. Weinberg gave an overview of the organization and discussed grant opportunities for community stakeholders.

Mayor's Report:

- **Engineer Blackley:** reported on Ohio House Bill 114 regarding capital transportation funding and the proposed cuts. Mr. Blackley reported that funding has been reinstated in the Governor's budget.
- **Building Commissioner Kowalczyk:** reported that the City is set to issue the construction permit to Gordon Foods Services for their construction at Cedar Center and that GFS is finalizing the selection of their contractor.
- **Housing Manager Martin:** reported that the first Green Neighborhoods Initiative home is under contract to be sold for \$122,000.
- **Finance Director Filippo:** reported that both budget work and the yearly audit are well underway.
- **Development Assistant Mike Love:** reported on NOPEC grant initiatives including the replacement of the Community Center roof and solar project, Mayfield Road LED Lamp Conversion initiative and the Brewer-Garrett energy efficiency initiatives at City Hall.
- **Service Director Gallagher:** thanked Chairperson Goodman and Council's Utilities Committee for their diligent review of the energy efficiency projects and thanked Mike Love for his hard work and assistance.
- **Mayor Welo:** reported on South Euclid Business "Kinky, Curly, Straight Salon" and their efforts to establish a children's library. The event held at their store attracted media attention, including a story by Channel 5. Mayor Welo also reported on a Lent Fish Fry at Notre Dame College that attracted over 100 residents to eat and interact with college students; and discussed a Real Estate Fair held at Beachwood High School. The Mayor thanked the Service Department for their efforts with the major winter storm that hit last week.

Legislation Requested by the Administration

Introduced by Miller

Resolution 12-11

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR A 2011 CUYAHOGA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT PARKS AND PLAYGROUND GRANT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. FIRST READING.

Following comments by Director Benjamin, the legislation was placed on first reading and referred to the Recreation Committee for the purposes of a public hearing, which was scheduled for March 28, 2011.

Law Director's Report

None

Letters & Communications

- President Miller reported on the City's SpringFest to be held on March 26 at the Community Center and reported on the Harvest for Hunger Food Drive which will take place through April 1. Miller scheduled a Legislative Committee Meeting for April 11, 2011 at 7 pm to discuss quality of life issues and associated fines.
- Councilperson Romeo reported on the Playground of Possibilities Fundraiser that was held on Saturday and grossed a minimum of \$6,000. Romeo thanked Mary Casa and Meg Martines for their help coordinating the event.
- Councilperson Ilove scheduled a Zoning and Planning Committee Meeting regarding Ordinances 41-10 and 42-10 for April 25, 2011 at 7:30 pm.
- Councilperson Caroscio reported on the Sacred Heart of Jesus annual theatre production which will take place in May. Caroscio stated that the production costs approximately \$60,000 and is largely supported by advertising in the Program Book. This year's musical will be "High School Musical" and advertisements for the program are due by Friday, March 18. The cost for a program advertisement ranges from \$40 to \$200 for a full page.
- Councilperson Gray reported that the next Ward 1 meeting will be held on April 28, 2011 at 6:30 pm at the St. Margaret Mary Social Hall.
- Councilperson Romeo reported that the next Ward 2 meeting will be held on April 7 at 7:00 pm.
- Councilperson Goodman reported that the City will need to once again review and update legislation regarding EPA Stormwater. She will be attending an EPA workshop. The City Engineer will also be at the workshop.

- Mayor Welo reported on the tragedies in Japan and asked residents to be aware of scams that are asking for money for relief efforts. The Mayor advised that if residents would like to help, they should donate to organizations like the Red Cross and Salvation Army.
- Councilperson Fiorelli read an email from a resident that has been out of work, but recently found employment and was looking to give back to the community through a local charity.

Adjourn

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

Roll Call:

Ayes: Caroscio, Fiorelli, Goodman, Gray, Icovc, Romeo, Miller.

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

The Meeting Adjourned at 8:34 pm.

Council President

Attest:

Clerk of Council