

**2015 South Euclid Charter Review Commission**  
**March 2, 2015 Meeting Minutes**  
**South Euclid City Hall Community Room**  
**349 South Green Road**  
**South Euclid, Ohio 44121**

**A. Pledge of Allegiance:**

Present were Dennis Fiorelli, Ruth Gray, Marty Gelfand, Ed Icove, David Miller, Modestino Romeo, Michael Shaughnessy, Denise Turner and, Georgine Welo  
Public Present: Eboni Daniels

**B. Approval of Minutes:** Amend Minutes to reflect that David Miller was not in attendance. Motion made to approve minutes with revision. The motion passed.

**C. Law Director's Response to #3 February 18, 2015-** Fiorelli asked for everyone to review the letter received from the Law Director-attached to the agenda

**D. Updated List of Proposals-#17 as of March 2, 2015 (attached to the agenda)**

**E. Select proposals to advance to Public hearing phase**

*Fiorelli-Proposal #1-Council shall NOT allow, nor take any action to permit, any public employment that is or in conflict with the best interest of the residents of South Euclid and ensuring South Euclid will receive maximum consideration in discretionary matters. All judgements shall error on the side of the residents of South Euclid (Passed)*

- Voted in favor -Romeo, Miller, Fiorelli, Shaughnessy, and Welo
- Voted not in favor- Gray, Gelfand, Icove and Turner

*Fiorelli-Proposal #2- Signed by qualified electors which equal in number at least ten percent (10 %) of the total votes cast for Mayor at last mayoral election. (Passed)*

- Voted in Favor-Fiorelli, Gelfand, Gray, Icove, Miller, Romeo, Shaughnessy, Turner and Welo

*Gelfand- Proposal #3 Currently throughout the charter, pronouns refer to male gender, e.g... "he" or "him". Change the language to reflect gender neutral pronouns, or where possible, to eliminate the pronoun. E.g., replace "he" with he or she", or replace "he with "the Mayor" (Passed)*

- Voted in Favor-Fiorelli, Gelfand, Gray, Icové, Miller, Romeo, Shaughnessy, Turner and Welo

*Gelfand-Proposal #4 Civil Service Commission-Change the Mayor's appointing 2 and Council appointing 1. Alternately, the Mayor continues to appoint all but add "with advice and consent of City Council". (Failed)*

- In Favor- Gelfand, Gray, Icové, and Turner
- Not in Favor-Fiorelli, Miller, Romeo, Shaughnessy, and Welo

*Gelfand- Proposal #5 Planning Commission-Change the mayor appointing 3 and Council appointing 2. Alternately, mayor appoints all 5 with advice and consent of Council, (Failed)*

- In Favor- Gelfand, Gray, Icové, and Turner
- Not in Favor-Fiorelli, Miller, Romeo, Shaughnessy, and Welo

*Gelfand-Proposal # 6 Zoning and Building Standards of Appeals- Change to the Mayor appointing 5 and Council appointing 3 (Failed)*

- In Favor- Gelfand, Gray, Icové, and Turner
- Not in Favor-Fiorelli, Miller, Romeo, Shaughnessy, and Welo

*Gray- Proposal #8 Public officials shall be required to submit in writing to City Council any prior business relationships with individuals to be hired by the city or council or contracted to provide goods and /or services to city of South Euclid. City Council shall have to review and approve, so as to avoid impropriety or the appearance thereof.*

- Voted to merge with #9- Fiorelli, Gelfand, Gray, Icové, Miller, Romeo, Shaughnessy, Turner and Welo

*Gray-Proposal # 9 There must be a full and immediate public disclosure to council when a vendor whose company is owned by or employs a City employee or the City's employee's family.*

- Voted to merge with #8- Fiorelli, Gelfand, Gray, Icové, Miller, Romeo, Shaughnessy, Turner and Welo

*Gray-Proposal #10 There will be no tax increase and no tax credits shall be repealed without a prior vote of consent of the people. (Failed)*

- In Favor-, Gray, Icové, Shaughnessy and Turner
- Not In Favor-Fiorelli, Gelfand, Miller, Romeo, and Welo

*Icové-#11 The Charter Review Commission shall consist of 11 commissioners. (Passed)*

- In Favor-Fiorelli, Gelfand, Gray, Icové, Miller, Romeo, Shaughnessy, Turner and Welo

*Icové #12- The Finance Director shall be nominated by the Mayor and confirmation shall be the same as we use for the Law Director-four affirmative votes by council members. The reconfirmation process will be the same. (Failed)*

- In favor- Gray, Icové and Turner
- Not in Favor-Fiorelli, Gelfand, Miller, Romeo, Shaughnessy, and Welo

*Icové #13-The Service Director, Building Commissioner, Housing manager, and Economic Development Manager are nominated by the Mayor, and take office upon confirmation of Council. There is no confirmation process. (Failed)*

- In Favor-Icové and Gray
- Not in Favor-Fiorelli, Gelfand, Miller, Romeo, Shaughnessy, and Welo

*Romeo #14-Each member of the Charter Review Commission shall be a qualified elector of the City, shall have resided continuously therein for not less than three years next preceding his election and shall continue to reside therein during his term in office. (Passed)*

- In Favor-Fiorelli, Miller, Romeo, Shaughnessy, and Welo
- Not in Favor- Gray, Gelfand, Icové, and Turner

*Romeo/Welo #15- No member of Council shall hold any other public office or public employment during his term except as otherwise provide in this Charter and further excepting the office of Notary Public and membership in the National Guard or Reserve Corps and the office of Precinct Committee Person once affirmed by the voters in the November 3, 2015 election. (Failed)*

- Not In Favor-Fiorelli, Gelfand, Gray, Icové, Miller, Romeo, Shaughnessy, Turner and Welo

*Welo #16- The City of South Euclid shall sponsor a Resolution requesting the merger of the South Euclid Municipal Court with Lyndhurst Regional Court once affirmed by the voters in November 2015. (Passed)*

- In Favor-Fiorelli, Miller, Romeo, Shaughnessy, and Welo
- Not in Favor-Gelfand, Gray, Icové, and Turner

*Welo #17- At the general election of November of 2013 and every tenth year thereafter, a Charter Review Commission of nine shall be elected. (Failed)*

- Not in Favor-Fiorelli, Gelfand, Gray, Icové, Miller, Shaughnessy, Romeo, and Welo

#### **Discussion on Public Hearing format**

The Commissioners agreed that citizens would be given five (5) minutes to talk per proposal. The commissioner presenting the proposal would give brief explanation.

#### **F. Next meeting March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015pm Public Hearing**

Fiorelli asked the Gray and Miller to construct a proposal combining #8 and #9 with language concerning a Conflict of Interest (COI) statement and send it to the other CRC members before the Public Hearing.

**Inaudible CD- Minutes derived from secretary's written notes**

**Respectfully Submitted by Ruth I. Gray, Secretary**