

THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID
SCHEDULE OF MEETING
January 11, 2016
8:00 PM

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. ROLL CALL

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: December 14, 2015; December 28, 2015; &
January 4, 2016 (Organizational Meeting)

4. OPEN MEETING

5. REPORT OF COMMITTEES

6. MAYOR'S REPORT

7. LEGISLATION REQUESTED BY THE MAYOR AND ADMINISTRATION

1. RESOLUTION 01-16 SETTING THE DATES FOR THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID'S
REGULARLY SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETINGS IN 2016.
FIRST READING.

2. RESOLUTION 02-16 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO PREPARE AND FILE AN
APPLICATION WITH THE NORTHEAST OHIO AREAWIDE
COORDINATING AGENCY'S (NOACA) TRANSPORTATION
FOR LIVABLE COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE (TLCI) FOR A
PLANNING GRANT FOR THE "REGIONAL MAYFIELD ROAD
CORRIDOR INITIATIVE." FIRST READING.

8. LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT

9. LETTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS

10. ADJOURN

REGULAR MEETING OF SOUTH EUCLID CITY COUNCIL

Council President Miller called the meeting to order, the Honor Guard presented the Colors and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call.

Present: Councilman Dennis Fiorelli, Councilman Marty Gelfand, Council President Pro Tem Jane Goodman, Councilwoman Ruth Gray, Councilman Ed Icove, Councilman Moe Romeo, Council President David Miller.

Council President Miller acknowledged State Senator Kenny Yuko who was in attendance.

Approval of Minutes: November 23, 2015

Action: Motion to Approve Legislation, **Moved by** Councilman Moe Romeo, **Seconded by** Council President Pro Tem Jane Goodman.

Vote: Motion passed (summary: Yes = 6, No = 0, Abstain = 1).

Yes: Councilman Marty Gelfand, Council President Pro Tem Jane Goodman, Councilwoman Ruth Gray, Councilman Ed Icove, Councilman Moe Romeo, Council President David Miller.

Abstain: Councilman Dennis Fiorelli (Mr. Fiorelli was absent from the November 23rd Meeting).

Swearing-In Ceremony: New Firefighters Jacob McKenrick & Jonathan Tedeschi were sworn in.

Opening Meeting of Council:

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

- Charles Turner, 4549 Lilac Road, reported that the red light on top of the communications tower at city hall is not working again and said that it is putting him and nearby residents including Mayor Welo in danger. Mr. Turner stated that he would like to be the Law Director so he could write his own paycheck and stonewall on the completion of public records requests and letting the Mayor and Police Chief destroy records which is a felony. Mr. Turner stated that he would appreciate it if someone would do something about it and he will be here for the next five years. The Mayor reported that she is aware of the light being out and there are electrical issues that are being replaced and corrected.
- Stacy Spetrino, 1361 South Belvoir Blvd, stated that she is a resident of South Euclid for four years and is speaking on behalf of her son regarding the issue of cars turning right on red in the crosswalk at Mayfield and South Belvoir Blvd. Ms. Spetrino stated that it is a continuing problem for her son who regularly utilizes the crosswalk to get to the bus and he has nearly been hit by cars on several occasions. Ms. Spetrino stated that she has discussed the issue with Traffic Commissioner and signs are up but people don't see the signs and suggested more signs and police officers at the area. Ms. Spetrino also commended the police department for responding quickly to another issue.
- Howard Goldberg from Purple Heart Homes thanked the members of the community, Mayor Welo, City Council and Administration for their hard work in helping to establish the second Purple Heart Home for a disabled veteran and announced the mission complete ceremony would take place this Saturday at St. John's Church. Mr. Goldberg stated that South Euclid is a great city and commended the staff and leadership.
- Bessie Rhodes, 560 Greenvale Drive, spoke regarding the proposed development of independent senior housing on the former Lowden School property. Ms. Rhodes stated that she moved to the city three years ago and found out that the city was rushing to rezone the property before Christmas. Ms. Rhodes stated that the School Board said they would keep her informed about the project, but had not and she is surprised by the issue. Ms. Rhodes stated that when she bought her home her intent was not to have an apartment building across from her and that the project, which she said will be a 65 unit low-income senior apartment building is too much for the area and is disappointed. Mayor Welo explained that there is no rush to approve the rezoning prior to Christmas and that per law, the Zoning and Planning Commission must review the project, have a public hearing and make a recommendation back to City Council who will have the final decision on the School District's request for rezoning. Director Benjamin gave an overview of the timeline and process and that the deliberations by Planning Commission and City Council would go into the new year. Councilwoman Gray stated that, in addition to the city process, the property has not been sold yet and is still owned by the South Euclid Lyndhurst School District and that residents have the right to express their concerns with the School Board and Superintendent. Ms. Gray stated that until the land is sold, it is still public land and the School District has not agreed to meet with the residents and also expressed concern that the City is discussing a rezoning process that might not be legal. Councilwoman Gray asked residents to attend the School Board meetings to let their voice be heard and she will support them 100% and the school district has not been cooperative at all. Ms. Rhodes stated that she pays thousands of dollars a year in taxes to the schools and does not have kids and does not appreciate the district railroading this issue through.

Report of Council Committees:**Finance Committee**

Councilman Romeo reported that the finance committee met to discuss the process for the establishment of the new Board of Tax Review that will consist of three people, two appointed by City Council and one by the Mayor. Mr. Romeo reported that the application process has been advertised and notices issued and the Board needs to be established within 60 days of January 1, 2016.

Committee of the Whole

Council President Miller reported that the Committee of the Whole met to discuss monthly finances and that the City will end 2015 with approximately \$4 million in the general fund, but there will be additional costs next year due to continuing state cuts, property tax reductions and RITA collections that are \$300,000 lower.

President Miller also stated that the Committee of the Whole met to discuss Resolution 45-15 regarding requesting that the Ohio State Legislature look at merging the South Euclid Court with another neighboring court. Mr. Miller stated that there was informative discussion and that additional facts need to be solicited from the court.

Introduced by Miller

Resolution 45-15

RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE OHIO STATE LEGISLATURE INTRODUCE AND PASS LEGISLATION TO MERGE THE SOUTH EUCLID MUNICIPAL COURT WITH A NEIGHBORING MUNICIPAL COURT AND REQUESTING THE OHIO SUPREME COURT TO ASSIST WITH SAID MERGER. **SECOND READING.**

The legislation was read and placed on Second Reading.

Legislation Requested by City Council

Introduced by Miller

Resolution 46-15

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.**

The Legislation was placed on First Reading.

Mayor's Report:

- Housing Manager Sally Martin asked Council consideration of the proposed legislation for 2015-2016 high grass abatement program.
- Economic Development Director Mike Love reported on the Holiday Lighting Ceremony that was attended by about 200 people.
- City Engineer Andy Blackley requested council consideration of three resolutions on the agenda for the 2016 Road Resurfacing Bids, Watermain Renewal Project Bids and renewing the Engineer's contract. There was discussion about the proposed projects and adding Grosvenor Road as a bid alternate to the resurfacing bid.
- Mayor Welo: Thanked One South Euclid for planning the Holiday Lighting Ceremony and also discussed the Pets Light Up our Lives lighting ceremony fundraiser for the Humane Society. Ms. Welo discussed proposed legislation regarding authorization for the repair of the water slide at Bexley Pool and discussed the great turnout of Mayors that attended the First Suburbs Consortium meeting that was hosted by South Euclid at the new library.

Legislation Requested by the Mayor and Administration

Introduced by Miller

Resolution 47-15

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE BID FROM SLIDECARE, LLC FOR REPLACEMENT OF THE BEXLEY PARK POOL SLIDE STAIRWAY SYSTEM. **FIRST READING.**

Action: Motion to Approve Legislation, **Moved by Councilman Dennis Fiorelli, Seconded by Councilman Moe Romeo.**

Following discussion and explanation by Councilman Fiorelli that the City originally budgeted \$120,000 for the project but because of the creativity of the Service Director the refurbishing of the slide will cost only \$52,000

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 7).

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

The legislation has been approved.

Introduced by Miller

Resolution 48-15

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE CITY ENGINEER TO PREPARE THE NECESSARY PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, AND ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE 2016 STREET RESURFACING PROGRAM IN THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **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 = 7).

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

The legislation has been approved.

Introduced by Miller

Resolution 49-15

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE CITY ENGINEER TO PREPARE THE NECESSARY PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, AND ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE 2016 WATER MAIN RENEWAL PROGRAM IN THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. FIRST READING.

Action: Motion to Approve Legislation, **Moved by** Councilwoman Ruth Gray, **Seconded by** Council President Pro Tem Jane Goodman.

Following discussion, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 7).

Yes: Councilman Dennis Fiorelli, Councilman Marty Gelfand, Council President Pro Tem Jane Goodman, Councilwoman Ruth Gray, Councilman Ed Icove, Councilman Moe Romeo, Council President David Miller. The legislation has been approved.

Introduced by Miller

Resolution 50-15

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE CITY ENGINEER TO PREPARE THE NECESSARY PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, AND ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE EAST ANTISDALE ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, PHASE 2 IN THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO. FIRST READING.

Action: Motion to Approve Legislation, **Moved by** Council President Pro Tem Jane Goodman, **Seconded by** Councilman Dennis Fiorelli.

Following discussion, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 7).

Yes: Councilman Dennis Fiorelli, Councilman Marty Gelfand, Council President Pro Tem Jane Goodman, Councilwoman Ruth Gray, Councilman Ed Icove, Councilman Moe Romeo, Council President David Miller. The legislation has been approved.

Introduced by Miller

Resolution 51-15

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO PREPARE THE NECESSARY SPECIFICATIONS, ADVERTISE FOR BIDS, AND ENTER INTO SUBSEQUENT CONTRACTS FOR THE 2016-2017 NUISANCE ABATEMENT LANDSCAPING PROGRAM IN THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO. FIRST READING.

Action: Motion to Approve Legislation, **Moved by** Councilman Marty Gelfand, **Seconded by** Councilman Moe Romeo.

Following discussion, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 7).

Yes: Councilman Dennis Fiorelli, Councilman Marty Gelfand, Council President Pro Tem Jane Goodman, Councilwoman Ruth Gray, Councilman Ed Icove, Councilman Moe Romeo, Council President David Miller. The legislation has been approved.

Introduced by Miller

Resolution 52-15

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF UNAPPROPRIATED FUNDS IN THE FOLLOWING FUND: "GENERAL FUND" IN ORDER TO FUND OVERTIME EXPENSES IN THE POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS. 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 = 7).

Yes: Councilman Dennis Fiorelli, Councilman Marty Gelfand, Council President Pro Tem Jane Goodman, Councilwoman Ruth Gray, Councilman Ed Icove, Councilman Moe Romeo, Council President David Miller. The legislation has been approved.

Introduced by Miller

Resolution 53-15

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH OHIOBIZ, LLC TO FURTHER DEVELOP AND MAINTAIN THE WORLD WIDE WEBSITE FOR THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO. 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 = 7).

Yes: Councilman Dennis Fiorelli, Councilman Marty Gelfand, Council President Pro Tem Jane Goodman, Councilwoman Ruth Gray, Councilman Ed Icove, Councilman Moe Romeo, Council President David Miller. The legislation has been approved.

Introduced by Miller

Resolution 28-15

ORDINANCE

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT EXTENDING THE ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR STEPHEN HOVANCSEK & ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR A PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2016 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2016. 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 = 7).

Yes: Councilman Dennis Fiorelli, Councilman Marty Gelfand, Council President Pro Tem Jane Goodman, Councilwoman Ruth Gray, Councilman Ed Icove, Councilman Moe Romeo, Council President David Miller. The legislation has been approved.

Introduced by Miller

Resolution 29-15

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, 2016; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. FIRST READING.

Action: Motion to Approve Legislation, **Moved by** Councilman Moe Romeo, **Seconded by** Council President Pro Tem Jane Goodman.

Following discussion, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 7).

Yes: Councilman Dennis Fiorelli, Councilman Marty Gelfand, Council President Pro Tem Jane Goodman, Councilwoman Ruth Gray, Councilman Ed Icove, Councilman Moe Romeo, Council President David Miller. The legislation has been approved.

Law Director's Report - No report

Letters & Communications

- Councilwoman Goodman reported that she attended a presentation on South Euclid water quality monitoring by a biology class at Notre Dame College. Ms. Goodman stated that she missed the holiday lighting ceremony because it was held on the first night of Hanukah and that scheduling should be looked at so that everyone could attend. Ms. Goodman received a complement from a passerby that saw someone from an auto repair shop dumping a bucket of gas/oil down the drain that goes directly into Euclid Creek at Sherbrook and Mayfield. The person who saw the gas being dumped and called the police was Ty McBee who happens to be the External Relations Manager for Dominion East Ohio. Councilwoman Goodman also reported that another resident reported Chipotle pouring cooking oil down a drain and that she is going to look towards outreach and education programs for businesses.
- Councilwoman Gray reported that the annual Kwanzaa Celebration will be December 26 at Garfield Memorial Church and that the event is free and open to the public. Ms. Gray gave an overview of Kwanzaa and that the event is being held on the first day of Kwanzaa, Umoja which represents Unity.
- Councilman Gelfand rescheduled the December 26th Safety Committee meeting to January 25th at 7 pm. Mr. Gelfand discussed the Purple Heart Homes opening and wished those that celebrate a Merry Christmas.
- Councilman Romeo wished residents a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays and also discussed the Purple Heart Homes effort and the fantastic job done by Howard Goldberg in providing housing for those who fought for our country and need help.
- Councilman Fiorelli wished everyone a happy and safe holiday and discussed the Fire Department Lock Box Program for seniors.
- Councilman Icove presented a Senatorial Citation from State Senator Kenny Yuko to Council President David Miller in recognition of his years of service to South Euclid. Senator Yuko had to leave the meeting early to attend another council meeting. The citation was read by the Mayor.
- President Miller reported that he had the opportunity to sit in a session last week regarding diversity and cultural competency training for Northeast Ohio area police officers at Cleveland State University and that South Euclid Director Keith Benjamin, a co-founder of the program at Cleveland State University, facilitated the community listening session with area leaders to give an overview of the first responder training. Mr. Miller complemented the impactful work that Mr. Benjamin is doing not just for South Euclid, but also the Greater Cleveland community.

Adjourn to Executive Session for the purposes of discussing pending litigation.

Action: Motion to Adjourn to Executive Session, **Moved by** Councilman Dennis Fiorelli, **Seconded by** Council President Pro Tem Jane Goodman.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 7).

Yes: Councilman Dennis Fiorelli, Councilman Marty Gelfand, Council President Pro Tem Jane Goodman, Councilwoman Ruth Gray, Councilman Ed Icove, Councilman Moe Romeo, Council President David Miller. Council adjourned to Executive Session at 9:18 pm.

Adjourn

Action: Motion to Adjourn, **Moved by** Councilman Moe Romeo, **Seconded by** Councilman Dennis Fiorelli.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 7).

Yes: Council President Pro Tem Jane Goodman, Councilman Marty Gelfand, Councilman Dennis Fiorelli, Councilwoman Ruth Gray, Councilman Ed Icove, Councilman Moe Romeo, Council President David Miller. The Meeting adjourned at 9:50 pm.

Council President

Attest:

Clerk of Council

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: Councilman Dennis Fiorelli, Councilman Marty Gelfand, Council President Pro Tem Jane Goodman, Councilwoman Ruth Gray, Councilman Moe Romeo, Council President David Miller.

Absent: Councilman Ed Icove.

Swearing-In Ceremony

Auxillary Police Officers Stephen Kandrach & Antwaun Armstrong were sworn-in as new Auxiliary Police Officers.

Opening Meeting of Council:

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

- Charles Turner, 4549 Lilac Road, reported that the light at the top of the communications tower at City Hall is still not working and stated that he is sorry that Councilman Icove was not at the meeting tonight because he wanted to applaud him for his ability to act on presenting a plaque to President Miller from State Senator Kenny Yuko at the previous Council Meeting. Mr. Turner then referred to Council President Miller as an "Uncle Tom". Mr. Miller told Mr. Turner that he was out of bounds and out of line and that Mr. Turner is probably "delusional" regarding his ongoing complaints related to the police department and told Mr. Turner that his time to speak was up. Councilwoman Gray stated that Mr. Turner is a resident of the community, and whether we agree with him or not, he has a right to be heard.
- Valerie Ridley, 4119 Lowden Road, expressed her concern regarding the proposed redevelopment of the Lowden School property for low-income senior citizen housing and stated that she was against it.
- Rodney Vance, 514 Greenvale Road, stated that he has been a resident for 21 years and seen a lot of changes in the neighborhood and many negative issues were abated when the City purchased nine homes on Greenvale because of problems, but now want to turn around and put low-income apartments at Lowden. Mr. Vance said that it is defeating the purpose. Mr. Vance stated that low-income seniors will be taking care of their grandkids, nieces and nephews at the apartments and cause more problems. Mr. Vance asked why new homes or condos can't be built there instead of renters and said that he doesn't want renters.
- Phyllis Vance, 514 Greenvale Road, stated that most of her neighbors are against and do not want the rezoning and she is concerned about traffic and other issues that might arise. Ms. Vance stated that a study has not been done to see how the area is going to be impacted. Ms. Vance stated that the developers build beautiful homes and asked why they can't build single family homes on the site. Ms. Vance stated that they have lived in the community for over 25 years and all of her children have attended the schools, but is concerned about the rate that the city is seemingly going down with this development which will result in low-income homes, potentially grandparents taking care of children and that is going to impact the city.
- Sunny Simon, County Councilwoman and resident 4110 Princeton, stated that, with the information she has so far, she is concerned about the rezoning of the Lowden property and that 50+ units may be too many for the neighborhood. Ms. Simon stated that the city has worked very hard to stabilize the area and she has concerns about the proposed development. County Councilwoman Simon also presented a proclamation from Cuyahoga County Council to President David Miller for his work and dedication on behalf of the City of South Euclid and the residents that call South Euclid home and thanked him for everything he's done for the community.

Report of Council Committees:**Zoning & Planning Committee**

Councilwoman Goodman reported that the Committee met to review the Tree Commission Ordinance revisions and that the committee recommended passage to City Council. The legislation includes setting up a tree fund to assist homeowners with abating tree root and sidewalk issues, and revisions to the appointment of Tree Commission members.

Introduced by Miller

Ordinance 20-15

ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 943 "TREE COMMISSION/TREES" OF PART NINE "STREETS AND PUBLIC SERVICES" OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO.

SECOND READING.

Action: Motion to Approve Legislation as amended in Committee, **Moved by** Council President Pro Tem Jane Goodman, **Seconded by** Councilman Moe Romeo.

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

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

Absent: Councilman Ed Icove

The legislation has been approved.

Legislation Requested by City Council
Introduced by Miller

Resolution 46-15

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. **SECOND READING.**

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

Vote: Motion passed (summary: Yes = 5, No = 1, Abstain = 0).

Yes: Councilman Dennis Fiorelli, Councilman Marty Gelfand, Council President Pro Tem Jane Goodman, Councilman Moe Romeo, Council President David Miller.

No: Councilwoman Ruth Gray.

Absent: Councilman Ed Icové

The legislation has been approved.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Welo presented Finance Director James Smith with the Government Finance Officers Association's Award for the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the year ending December 31, 2014. Mayor Welo reported that the Service Department is ready for the snow, when it arrives. Mayor Welo reported on the Mayfield-Green Redevelopment Project and that the properties in the Maymore Shopping Plaza scheduled to be part of the project sold for around \$8 million to DeVille Developments.

Legislation Requested by the Mayor and Administration

Introduced by Miller

Resolution 54-15

RESOLUTION

EXCUSING COUNCIL MEMBERS' ABSENCE FROM COUNCIL MEETINGS DURING THE YEAR 2015. **FIRST READING.**

Action: Motion to Amend Legislation to reflect the absence of Councilman Icové at the December 28th Meeting, **Moved by** Council President Pro Tem Jane Goodman, **Seconded by** Councilman Dennis Fiorelli.

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

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

Absent: Councilman Ed Icové

The Resolution has been amended.

Action: Motion to Approve Legislation as amended, **Moved by** Council President Pro Tem Jane Goodman, **Seconded by** Councilman Moe Romeo.

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

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

Absent: Councilman Ed Icové

The legislation has been approved.

Introduced by Miller

Resolution 55-15

RESOLUTION

SETTING THE DATE FOR THE FIRST REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO IN 2016. **FIRST READING.**

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

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

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

Absent: Councilman Ed Icové

The legislation has been approved.

Introduced by Miller

Ordinance 30-15

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. **PLACED ON FIRST READING FOR REFERRAL TO THE RECREATION COMMITTEE.**

The legislation was placed on first reading and referred to the Recreation Committee.

Introduced by Miller

Ordinance 31-15

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, 2015; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. FIRST READING.

Action: Motion to Approve Legislation, **Moved by** Councilman Moe Romeo, **Seconded by** Council President Pro Tem Jane Goodman.

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

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

Absent: Councilman Ed Icove

The legislation has been approved.

Law Director's Report Law Director Lograsso thanked City Council for their continuing support.

Letters & Communications

- Councilman Fiorelli thanked Council President Miller for his years of service and some of the many projects he initiated including establishing the annual community clean-up day.
- Councilman Romeo commended Council President Miller for his hard work, leadership, wit and all that he has done for the city. Mr. Romeo stated that residents respect him and he has been a great colleague and is a true friend.
- Councilman Gelfand thanked those that contacted members of council about their concerns regarding the proposed development of the Lowden School property. Mr. Gelfand thanked Council President Miller for his leadership and stated that he has learned a lot from him over the last four years and will miss him on Council.
- Councilwoman Gray stated that she met Council President Miller over 12 years ago when David's son and Councilwoman Gray's grandson were in school together and since then they also attend the same church. Ms. Gray stated that she remembers suggesting that Mr. Miller apply for the open position on City Council at the time. Councilwoman Gray stated that while it wouldn't be honest of her today to say that they share the same camaraderie and friendship that they once had, she has faith that the lord takes care of all problems and settles old wounds and wished Mr. Miller the best of luck to reach his goals in life, do what he thinks is right and may god be with him.
- Councilwoman Goodman thanked all those who attended the Purple Heart Homes event, and all those who helped veteran Leo Robinson with his new home and she looks forward to the third Purple Heart Home in South Euclid. Ms. Goodman reported about the opening on the Planning Commission and that interviews have been scheduled for January 13, 2016. Ms. Goodman thanked the residents that came out to express their concerns regarding the proposed Lowden development and that as the process continues, the city needs to be creative. Ms. Goodman thanked Council President Miller for his service, patience, generosity of times, creative ideas and passion for the community and stated that Mr. Miller has been inspiring.
- Councilwoman Gray stated addressed the Lowden rezoning issue and stated that the property is still owned by the School District and is public land and encouraged the residents in attendance to address the issue with the School Board and Superintendent before it's too late. Ms. Gray stated that the real issue with the property rests with the School Board and stated that School Board President Cassandra Jones is in attendance at tonight's meeting and suggested that residents talk to her after the council meeting and ask her to set up a meeting with residents and other School Board members and the Superintendent to explain and discuss the issue. Ms. Gray stated that the issue right now is that the property is still public land owned by the school district.

Recognition Ceremony for outgoing Council President and At-Large Member David Miller

Introduced by Miller

Resolution 56-15

RESOLUTION

IN APPRECIATION TO DR. DAVID B. MILLER FOR HIS YEARS OF DILIGENT SERVICE ON SOUTH EUCLID CITY COUNCIL AND TO THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO. FIRST READING.

Action: Motion to Approve Legislation, **Moved by** Council President Pro Tem Jane Goodman, **Seconded by** Councilman Dennis Fiorelli.

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

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

Absent: Councilman Ed Icove.

The legislation has been approved.

Mr. Miller was presented with the Resolution and a key to the City by Mayor Welo and City Council.

Resident Rodney Vance, 514 Greenvale Road, thanked Mr. Miller for his work taking care of the overgrown field at Lowden that needed to be cleaned up for his son's graduation party and thanked him for his service and that he will always have his support.

Council President Miller thanked the residents, Mayor Welo, staff and all members of City Council and said the last ten years have been a blast. Mr. Miller said that everything the city has done has been in the best interests of the city and the residents and that he is looking forward to continuing to be involved with community initiatives, including the One South Euclid Community Development Corporation. Mr. Miller again thanked his colleagues and stated that Mayor Welo and her staff do great work including Finance Director Smith, Law Director Lograsso and stated that Economic Development Director Love and Community Services Director Benjamin are outstanding and they are all advocates for the residents. Mr. Miller stated that he thanks and appreciates all council members and stated that Councilman Moe Romeo is like a second father to him and that he has learned so much from him. Mr. Miller recited Maya Angelou's poem "Still I Rise" and thanked everyone for their support.

Adjourn

Action: Motion to Adjourn, Moved by Council President Pro Tem Jane Goodman, Seconded by Councilman Marty Gelfand.

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

Yes: Council President Pro Tem Jane Goodman, Councilman Marty Gelfand, Councilman Dennis Fiorelli, Councilwoman Ruth Gray, Councilman Ed Icové, Councilman Moe Romeo, Council President David Miller.

Absent: Councilman Ed Icové

The Meeting Adjourned at 9:01 pm.

Council President

Attest:

Clerk of Council

**SPECIAL MEETING OF SOUTH EUCLID CITY COUNCIL
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING & INAUGURAL CEREMONY**

Mayor Welo called the Organizational Meeting of the City of South Euclid to order.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Dr. Benjamin Franklin, Jr. Pastor of Inner Healing Ministries Church gave the Invocation.

Swearing-In Ceremony

- Mayor Georgine Welo was sworn-in by State Senator Kenny Yuko.
- Councilman-at-Large Member Dennis Fiorelli was sworn-in by State Senator Kenny Yuko.
- Councilman-at-Large Member Marty Gelfand was sworn-in by Mayor Georgine Welo.
- Councilman-at-Large Member Jason Russell was sworn-in by Crystal Bryant, Esq.

Organizational Meeting

Mayor Welo asked the Clerk to Call the Roll.

Roll Call.

Present: Councilman Dennis Fiorelli, Councilwoman Jane Goodman, Councilman Marty Gelfand, Councilwoman Ruth Gray, Councilman Moe Romeo, Councilman Jason Russell.

Absent: Councilman Ed Icove.

Motion to Elect Council President

Mayor Welo asked if there were any motions from the floor to nominate a Council President.

Councilman Moe Romeo made a motion to nominate Councilwoman Jane Goodman as Council President. Mr. Romeo stated that Ms. Goodman has served on City Council for ten years, the last two as Council President Pro-Tem.

Councilman Dennis Fiorelli seconded Mr. Romeo's motion.

Mayor Welo asked if there were any other nominations. Being none:

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

Yes: Councilman Dennis Fiorelli, Councilwoman Jane Goodman, Councilman Marty Gelfand, Councilwoman Ruth Gray, Councilman Moe Romeo, Councilman Jason Russell.

Absent: Councilman Ed Icove

Councilman Jane Goodman has been elected Council President for a term of two-years.

Councilwoman Goodman thanked her colleagues for their support.

Motion to Elect Council President Pro-Tem

Council President Goodman asked if there were any motions from the floor to nominate a Council President Pro Tempore.

Councilman Moe Romeo made a motion to nominate Councilman Dennis Fiorelli as Council President Pro Tem.

Councilman Marty Gelfand seconded Mr. Romeo's motion.

Council President Goodman asked if there were any other nominations. Being none:

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

Yes: Councilman Dennis Fiorelli, Councilwoman Jane Goodman, Councilman Marty Gelfand, Councilwoman Ruth Gray, Councilman Moe Romeo, Councilman Jason Russell.

Absent: Councilman Ed Icove

Councilman Dennis Fiorelli has been elected Council President Pro Tem for a term of two-years.

Benediction

Council President Jane Goodman asked that Pastor Dr. Franklin provide the Benediction.

Adjourn Special Meeting of Council

Action: Motion to Adjourn, **Moved by** Councilman Moe Romeo, **Seconded by** Council President Pro Tem Dennis Fiorelli.

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

Yes: Council President Pro Tem Dennis Fiorelli, Council President Jane Goodman, Councilman Marty Gelfand, Councilwoman Ruth Gray, Councilman Moe Romeo, Councilman Jason Russell.

Absent: Councilman Ed Iovine

The Meeting Adjourned at 6:34 pm.

Attest:

Council President

Clerk of Council

CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO

RESOLUTION NO.: 01-16
INTRODUCED BY: Goodman
REQUESTED BY: Mayor

January 11, 2016

A RESOLUTION

SETTING THE DATES FOR THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID'S REGULARLY SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETINGS IN 2016.

WHEREAS, Section 4 of Article II of the Charter of the City of South Euclid, Ohio directs the Council of the City to prescribe by ordinance the number of regular meetings of Council per month as well as the time and place of such meetings; and

WHEREAS, Section 111.01 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of South Euclid states that regular meetings of Council shall take place on the second and fourth Monday of each month, excluding the month of August, at 8:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the City Hall; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of South Euclid wishes to reschedule the regularly scheduled City Council meetings if and when a City Council meeting falls on an observed holiday and provide the public with an advance schedule of regularly scheduled City Council meetings, adjusted for the observed holidays of 2016.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of South Euclid, Ohio:

Section 1: That the dates for the regularly scheduled City Council meetings for the year of 2016, for the City of South Euclid, Ohio, shall be as follows:

January 11, 2016
January 25, 2016
February 8, 2016
February 22, 2016
March 14, 2016
March 28, 2016
April 11, 2016
April 25, 2016
May 9, 2016
May 23, 2016
June 13, 2016
June 27, 2016
July 11, 2016
July 25, 2016
September 12, 2016
September 26, 2016
October 10, 2016
October 24, 2016
November 14, 2016
November 28, 2016
December 12, 2016
Tuesday December 27, 2016 (Christmas Day Observed)

Section 2: That it is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees on or after November 25, 1975, that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 3: That this Resolution is deemed to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation for the public peace, health, and safety and for further reason that a vital function of the municipal government is effected hereby. Wherefore, this Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law and upon signature of the Mayor.

Passed this _____ day of _____, 2016.

Jane Goodman, President of Council

Attest:

Approved:

Keith A. Benjamin, Clerk of Council

Georgine Welo, Mayor

Approved as to form:

Michael P. Lograsso, Director of Law



COME TOGETHER & THRIVE

Memorandum

To: Members of City Council

From: Keith Ari Benjamin

Re: NOACA TICI Regional Mayfield Road Corridor Study

Date: January 7, 2016

Dear Members of Council:

Resolution 02-16 authorizes the City to apply for a planning grant from the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency's "Transportation for Livable Communities Initiative". The application will seek to study and offer recommendations for the Mayfield Road Corridor in the cities of South Euclid, Lyndhurst and Mayfield Heights to plan proactively for future infrastructure projects funded by the State and Federal Government for US322/Mayfield Road.

As a vital east-west axis serving Northeast Ohio, the project proposes to study the utilization of travel options through creative approaches, including the use of complete streets, placemaking principles and context solutions to study creative practices that serve to beautify the corridor, increase user safety, provide better pedestrian and alternative transportation accessibility and improve public health and strengthen community livability.

By taking a regional approach to the study, we will be able to propose the integration of principles that increase accessibility, improve the environment and provide for a safer and more reliable and effective transportation network throughout the corridor that enhances and improves our quality of life.

There is no funding match requirement for the application and the study will serve as a guide for best practices in the coming years when the State of Ohio allocates funding and initiates roadway improvements for US322. The application for the Planning Grant is due January 29, 2016.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information. Thank you for your consideration.

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CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO

RESOLUTION NO.: 02-16
INTRODUCED BY: Goodman
REQUESTED BY: Mayor

January 11, 2016

A RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO PREPARE AND FILE AN APPLICATION WITH THE NORTHEAST OHIO AREA WIDE COORDINATING AGENCY'S (NOACA) TRANSPORTATION FOR LIVABLE COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE (TLCI) FOR A PLANNING GRANT FOR THE "REGIONAL MAYFIELD ROAD CORRIDOR INITIATIVE"

WHEREAS, the City of South Euclid wishes to seek funding from NOACA in collaboration with the City of Lyndhurst and City of Mayfield Heights to initiate long-term planning efforts for the future of the Mayfield Road corridor; and

WHEREAS, Mayfield Road is a vital east-west axis in the City providing linkage between the community, cultural and commercial districts located on the road, as well as providing transportation links to regional amenities including University Circle, Downtown Cleveland, Hillcrest Hospital and access to I-271/I-480 corridor; and

WHEREAS, if funded, the project will study the utilization of travel options through creative approaches including the use of complete streets, placemaking and context solutions to study creative improvements that beautify the corridor and increase user safety, pedestrian and bicycle accessibility, and work to improve public health impacts and strengthen community livability; and

WHEREAS, if funded, the project will enhance regional cohesion by supporting collaboration between regional and community partners, including neighboring cities, the Regional Transit Authority, public utilities, and other community partners; and

WHEREAS, if funded, the project will integrate principles of accessibility and environmental justice and study how we can provide safer and more reliable transportation choices that enhance local and regional quality of life initiatives; and

WHEREAS, if funded, the project will support economic development through place-based transportation and land-use recommendations, and connections with existing assets and investments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA, STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1: That the Mayor is hereby authorized to prepare and file an application for and, if awarded, enter into an agreement with NOACA for the Mayfield Road Transportation for Livable Communities Planning Study.

Section 2: That the grant requires no matching funds from the City.

Section 3: That the City will work cooperatively with all affected agencies, enter into cooperative agreements where necessary and will abide by all NOACA policies.

Section 4: That the City of South Euclid hereby requests that NOACA favorably consider and provide assistance for the project identified in the City's application.

Section 5: That it is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees on or after November 25, 1975, that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 6: That this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, welfare and safety of the inhabitants of prescribed deadlines. Wherefore, this Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law and upon signature of the Mayor.

Passed this _____ day of _____, 2016.

Jane Goodman, President of Council

Attest:

Approved:

Keith A. Benjamin, Clerk of Council

Georgine Welo, Mayor

Approved as to form:

Michael P. Lograsso, Director of Law