

**REGULAR MEETING OF SOUTH EUCLID CITY COUNCIL**

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

**Roll Call**

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

**Absent:** Council President David Miller.

**Special Presentation:** Recognition of the Purple Heart Homes program and completion of project #1 at 1171 Avondale and introduction of Project #2 at 4121 Harwood.

**Opening Meeting of Council:**

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

- Nathan Genovese, 2142 Cedarview Drive in Beachwood discussed his opposition to House Bill 333 regarding Federal and State accessibility laws and discrimination on the basis of disability.
- John Currid, 1683 Beaconwood Avenue, stated that as a resident he was moved by the opening presentation honoring the Purple Heart Homes project and thanked the new residents for their service and sacrifices made by them and their families. Mr. Currid reported on recent media coverage regarding the Law Director and his response to a resident and stated that our community deserves open and respectful government and that citizen oversight is a key aspect. Mr. Currid stated that he is running for County Council and stated that Mr. Frey was asking legitimate questions to Mr. Lograsso at the time of his confirmation.
- Rocco DiLillo, 1153 Dorsh Road, stated that he is 53 year resident and also addressed the issue regarding the Law Director. Mr. DiLillo questioned the residents motivations for making slanderous remarks on baseless issues.
- Dr. Ron Balas, 3870 Merrymound Road, stated that he has lived in South Euclid since 1956 and reported on the Purple Heart Homes project. Dr. Balas also thanked the Mayor and Law Director Lograsso for their support of his Awesome Heroes program to support veterans in combat.

**Legislation Requested by City Council**

Introduced by Goodman

Resolution 11-14

**RESOLUTION**

Requesting that the Cuyahoga County Prosecutor allocate and provide delinquent tax assessment and collection (DTAC) Funds to inner-ring suburbs and non-entitlement communities in Cuyahoga County. **FIRST READING.**

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

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

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

The legislation has been approved.

**Mayor's Report:**

- **Mayor Welo** reported that the West Anderson Road reconstruction project is slated to begin in April and a Community Meeting with residents will take place on April 14 at 6:30 pm to meet the contractor and explain the process. Mayor Welo discussed the ODOT Bridge Inspection projects and reported they have already inspected Whitehall Bridge and also reported that on March 14 NOACA approved the South Euclid Safe Routes to School Project. Mayor Welo also reported that the South Belvoir Blvd resurfacing project is coming up. Mayor Welo reported that on April 30 the Hardest Hit Funds will cease for residents in need of help with foreclosure prevention and urged residents to call 2-1-1 prior to April 30<sup>th</sup> if they need assistance. Mayor Welo thanked everyone who was involved with the Purple Heart Homes Project and state that South Euclid is a special community and the first in the State to have a Purple Heart Home for one of our veterans and that help will be needed to complete the second home project. Mayor Welo discussed Resolution 12-14 supporting State Issue One which supports Ohio's infrastructure projects and stated it is not a tax increase.
- **Economic Development Director Love** discussed Resolution 13-14 regarding the conveyance of foreclosed properties to One South Euclid.

**Legislation Requested by the Administration**

Introduced by Goodman

Resolution 12-14

**RESOLUTION**

Urging Ohio Voters to Support State Issue 1, Renewal of the State Capital Improvements Program on the May 6, 2014 Ballot. **FIRST READING.**

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

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

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

The legislation has been approved.

Introduced by Goodman

Resolution 13-14

RESOLUTION

Authorizing the Mayor to convey certain real property of the City of South Euclid, Ohio to One South Euclid. FIRST READING.

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

The legislation has been approved.

**Law Director's Report**

None

**Letters & Communications**

**Councilman Romeo** stated that it was exciting to work on the Purple Heart Homes Project and gave credit to Howard Goldberg from Purple Heart Homes who put it all together and kept the project going.

**Councilman Gelfand** reported on the upcoming Walk, Rock and Run to benefit the Diversity Center which will be held on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Mr. Gelfand also reported on a partners in policymaking conference held by The Arc of Greater Cleveland and also the banquet honoring the Jewish War Veteran of the Year honoring Art Goodman.

**Councilwoman Gray** reported on an upcoming Ohio Voter Bill of Rights Petition Training at Olivet Baptist Church to launch an initiative petition to change the State Charter to ensure that voting becomes a fundamental right for all citizens and provides for a 35 day early voting sunshine period, registration to vote online, maintains and expands resident identification options. Ms. Gray stated that this issue is very important and speaks to our fundamental rights and that we need to do our part to get it on the ballot. Ms. Gray stated that for more information residents may call 216-721-3585 or 614-917-8551 or email voterbillofrights@gmail.com.

**Council President Pro Tem Goodman** reported that Council President David Miller will be honored at the upcoming 200 Man March on Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup> at 10 am at the Greenmont Party Center. Ms. Goodman also reported on the Land Trust Program which is being sponsored by the Neighborhood Housing Services and the City of South Euclid. Mayor Welo reported that there are four homes in South Euclid and that information is on the City's website.

**Adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the sale of real property.**

**Action:** Motion to Adjourn to Executive Session, **Moved by** Councilman Moe Romeo, **Seconded by** Councilman Marty Gelfand.

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

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

Council Adjourned to Executive Session at 9:08 pm.

**Adjourn**

**Action:** Motion to Adjourn to Executive Session, **Moved by** Councilman Moe Romeo, **Seconded by** Councilman Marty Gelfand.

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

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

The Meeting Adjourned at 9:34 pm.

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Council President

Attest:

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Clerk of Council