

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, Councilwoman Jane Goodman, Councilwoman Ruth Gray, Council President Pro Tem Icové, Councilman Moe Romeo, Council President David Miller.

Absent: None

Staff: Benjamin, Blackley, Smith, Lograsso, Anderson, Love, Huston, Martin

Opening Meeting of Council:

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

- William McClaughlin, 4286 Elmwood Road, reported that he worked for the City of Cleveland and has had to live through the budget crisis. Mr. McClaughlin stated that there is not too much left to be cut and that there are two choices: lay people off or increase taxes.
- Fred Pearlman, 4164 Bexley Blvd, asked if the City had looked at the possibility of the regionalization of police and fire. Mr. Pearlman stated that there are problems with vacancies and that the city should make adjustments in the service department and go back to the unions and ask them to take cuts.

Report of Council Committees:

Safety Committee

Councilwoman Gray reported on the Safety Committee Meeting, which was held on March 18 and well attended. At the meeting the police and fire unions discussed the impact of cuts and residents offered their opinion and ideas.

Committee of the Whole

Council President Miller reported on the Budget Meeting last week and discussed possible solutions going forward.

Mayor's Report:

- **Engineer Blackley:** reported on the Road Program Bid process and work by East Ohio Gas.
- **Housing Manager Martin** requested support for Resolution 17-13 and reported on the new pop-up garden tour for community gardens.
- **Community Services Director Benjamin** reported on the CDBG Grant for the Master Plan Study and also discussed the five-city Dispatch Feasibility Study, which is underway.
- **Finance Director Smith:** Reported on Ordinance 06-13.
- **Economic Development Director Love** reported on the opening of Neveah Cuisine and that Chef Eric has been on Fox 8. Love reported on Small Business Month efforts being coordinated by the Council of Small Enterprises (COSE) and that they will be visiting many South Euclid businesses.
- **Service Director Anderson** reported that the recycling company River Valley Paper has installed dumpsters at the Parks to collect cardboard, newspapers, books and magazines and that the profits will go to fund youth baseball and softball programs and field maintenance and improvements.
- **Mayor Welo:** Thanked Ed and Mary Icové for their financial support of the annual Spring Fest which was held at the Community Center over the weekend and that the kids had a great time. Mayor Welo reported on the Brush High School Night at the Races benefit and that her horse won the race, however the Mayor donated the money back to the fundraiser. Welo reported that the Commission on Aging is looking for residents who are willing to help seniors with yard clean up.

Legislation Requested by the Administration

Introduced by Icové

Resolution 16-13

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR A GRANT UNDER THE "CUYAHOGA COUNTY COMPETITIVE MUNICIPAL PROGRAM: 2013 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUND" AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **SECOND READING.**



Motion: Motion to Approve Legislation, **Moved by** Councilwoman Jane Goodman, **and Seconded by** Councilman Moe Romeo.



Roll Call.

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

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

The Legislation has passed.

Introduced by Miller

Resolution 17-13

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR A PROJECT TO BE COMPLETED AS PART OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO GREEN NEIGHBORHOODS INITIATIVE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motion to Approve Legislation:

Moved by Councilwoman Ruth Gray, Seconded by Councilman Moe Romeo.

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

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

The Legislation has passed.

Introduced by Miller

Resolution 18-13

RESOLUTION

SUBMITTING THE QUESTION OF AN ADDITIONAL TAX LEVY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDS FOR THE GENERAL PROVISION OF POLICE, FIRE AND OTHER SAFETY SERVICE IN THE CITY, TOGETHER WITH ALL NECESSARY INCIDENTALS AND APPURTENANCE THERETO PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 5705.19 TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. FIRST READING.

Placed on First Reading and referred to the Committee of the Whole for further discussion and review.

Introduced by Miller

Ordinance 04-13

ORDINANCE

TEMPORARILY AMENDING ORDINANCE 171.1901 "SOUTH EUCLID RESIDENT SUBJECT TO INCOME TAX IN OTHER MUNICIPALITY" OF SECTION 171 "MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX" OF PART ONE "ADMINISTRATIVE CODE" OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. FIRST READING.

Placed on First Reading and referred to the Committee of the Whole for further discussion and review.

Introduced by Miller

Ordinance 05-13

ORDINANCE

AMENDING SECTION 171.0501, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, TITLE NINE "MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX" BY INCREASING THE RATE OF THE MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX TO _____% PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION OF THE AMENDMENT TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. FIRST READING.

Placed on First Reading and referred to the Committee of the Whole for further discussion and review.

Introduced by Miller

Ordinance 06-13

ORDINANCE

TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2013; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. FIRST READING.

Motion to Approve Legislation:

Moved by Council President Miller, Seconded by Councilman Moe Romeo.

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

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

The Legislation has passed.

Law Director's Report

Law Director Lograsso reported on approximately \$25,000 that was held in escrow as part of the Cedar Center project, which will come back to the City. Lograsso also reported that he is working with the Law Director in Lyndhurst regarding the upcoming Professor Road reconstruction project being coordinated by both cities.

Letters & Communications

- Councilperson Goodman reported on an upcoming meeting regarding Arbor Day on April 3rd at the Coffee Phix. Goodman is also reported on a meeting of the Friends of Euclid Creek where there was an excellent speak regarding deer management. Goodman reported that she is working on a revision of the tree ordinance to look at better approaches to staff the commission.
- Councilman Gelfand reported that a friend had to utilize EMS services recently and that the quality of care was excellent and that Council will be looking at all revenue options to keep our forces. Gelfand reported on a National Association of Social Workers Conference at Cleveland State University.
- Councilman Romeo stated that he has received emails and phone calls regarding the proposed cuts, including with those in other cities and that we are not alone and they are also feeling the same budget crunch. Romeo stated that we are not alone and that we will work together and get through this.
- Councilman Fiorelli reported that he ate at Neveah Cuisine and that it is very good. Fiorelli reported on the passing of resident Marty Galitto, a former member of the Planning Commission.
- Councilman Gelfand wished everyone a happy Passover and Easter.

Adjourn to Executive Session

With no further business to discuss, Councilman Gray made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation. Seconded by Goodman.

Roll Call to Adjourn to Executive Session

Councilman Dennis Fiorelli, Councilman Marty Gelfand, Councilwoman Jane Goodman, Councilwoman Ruth Gray, Council President Pro Tem Icove, Councilman Moe Romeo, Council President David Miller. Council Adjourned to Executive Session at 8:39 pm.

The Meeting Adjourned at

Council President

Attest:

Clerk of Council