

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 Icove, Councilman Moe Romeo, Council President David Miller.

Motion to Amend Agenda

Action: Motion to Amend Legislation, Moved by Councilman Dennis Fiorelli, Seconded by Councilwoman Jane Goodman.

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 Icove, Councilman Moe Romeo, Council President David Miller.

Opening Meeting of Council:

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

- Robert Schoenewald, 4426 Bayard Road, spoke about an article he read last week regarding national tax rates and stated that we are not the same as New York and Los Angeles and how come other cities can do more with less taxes.
 - Tony Caroscio, 1541 Felton Road, thanked the Administration for working hard during very tough times doing more with less and operating with a lot less funds than in the past. Mr. Caroscio urged Council to vote no on the legislation to pay for a mailer regarding the public meetings necessitated by the proposed income tax rollback, because the legislation passed by Council and introduced by Mr. Caroscio when he was on Council only specified that the meetings be post on the website and in the e-newsletter.
 - Aaron DeLong, 1575 Laclede Road, spoke in opposition of the proposed income tax rollback legislation and urged Council to look at other alternatives.
 - Lisa Marko, South Euclid-Lyndhurst School Board Member, gave an update on school related activities and discussed the Strategic Plan process as well as the renovations happening at Korb Field.
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Report of Council Committees:

Committee of the Whole

Council President Miller reported on the Committee of the Whole meeting, which was held to discuss the monthly city finances. Finance Director Smith reported that the City is down in revenue by approximately \$600,000 from this time in 2012 and the City is close to the current budget projects regarding revenues and expenditures for the year. RITA collections are also down. President Miller reported that the Auditors will be making in the next week to complete the yearly City audit.

Mayor's Report:

- **Mayor Welo** reported on the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District cost savings programs and reported on the street repair program for Engineer Blackley who could not be at the meeting.
- **Building Commissioner Kowalczyk:** Reported that Buybacks and Huntington Learning Center were both getting ready to open at Cedar Center and that First Interstate has submitted plans for a new building at Oakwood which will include four tenants.
- **Mayor Welo** reported that Housing Manager Martin is at a Strategic Planning meeting for the South Euclid-Lyndhurst Schools.
- **Fire Chief Huston:** requested Council's consideration for legislation to apply for a grant to provide funds for lifting equipment for rescue squad.
- **Mayor Welo** reported that she spoke with Recreation Chair Gelfand regarding the closings of the Richmond Heights pools this summer and that she is proposing that Council consider legislation to allow Richmond Heights residents to use the South Euclid pools this summer and purchase pool passes at a non-resident rate.

Legislation Requested by the Administration

Introduced by Miller

Resolution 19-13

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE FIRE CHIEF, ON BEHALF OF THE MAYOR, TO APPLY FOR A GRANT FROM THE OHIO BUREAU OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION. FIRST READING.

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

Jane Goodman.

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 been approved.

Introduced by Miller

Resolution 20-13

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF UNAPPROPRIATED FUNDS IN THE FOLLOWING FUND: "GENERAL FUND #101-CITY COUNCIL-MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES." FIRST READING.

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

Councilwoman Goodman stated that Reverse 911 could be utilized as an alternative and that all councilpersons have their own email lists in their wards.

Councilman Icové stated that he concurred with Mr. Caroscio's comments and that while the letter was well intended, the review of the legislation clearly states that the City only needs to

post on the website and email distribution list. Mr. Icové also agrees with Ms. Goodman's comments regarding the email list and that the notice can also be placed on the marquee and on Facebook.

Councilperson Gelfand concurred with Councilpersons Icové and Goodman and thanked Mr. Caroscio for introducing the original legislation to include public input as part of the process. Councilperson Romeo discussed that the city needs to make sure that seniors are reached as part of the project.

Councilperson Gray stated that she is not going to put her name on the letter and the city should not spend tax dollars for this issue and that the city should stay focused on revenue generating options and not suggest that safety forces be cut because the community has made it clear that they do not want that to happen, so it is the wrong message to send.

Council President Miller stated that we need to be intellectually honest with residents because the city does not have a benefactor and limited dollars and we need to be honest.

Councilperson Gelfand stated that doing nothing and keeping the status quo means that the City will be in the red in 2015 and council needs to discuss revenue generating options and as elected officials they have to look at both short and long terms.

Councilperson Romeo stated that regardless of how it is communicated, there needs to be a consistent message at each meeting and not five different messages.

Vote: Motion failed (**summary:** Yes = 0, No = 7, Abstain = 0).

No: 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 failed.

Introduced by Miller

Ordinance 07-13

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 USE OF THE MUNICIPAL SWIMMING POOLS AND SPLASH PARK BY RESIDENTS OF THE CITY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. FIRST READING.

The legislation was placed on first reading and a recreation committee meeting was scheduled for April 22nd at 7:15 pm.

Law Director's Report

Letters & Communications

- Councilperson Goodman reported that she attended the kickoff meeting for the community gardens at Whole Foods on Saturday and learned about the new Victory Garden initiative. Ms. Goodman reported that the annual Arbor Day Ceremony will take place on April 26 at Mayfield and Green and this year a tree will be planted in honor of long-term resident and former Planning Commission member Marty Gallito who passed away recently.

- Councilperson Gelfand reported that on April 4 County Councilwoman Sunny Simon held a meeting attended by about two-dozen people regarding the future of the Telling Mansion and that the group would be moving forward to formalize the organization and look for community alternatives to the library.
 - Councilperson Icove thanked the Mayor for her leadership efforts with Building One America and the First Suburbs Consortium in trying to restore the Local Government Fund as well as issues related to House Bill 17
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Adjourn to Executive Session

With no further business to discuss, Councilwoman Goodman made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss the sale of real property. Seconded by Gelfand

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 Icove, Councilman Moe Romeo, Council President David Miller.

The Meeting Adjourned to Executive Session at 9:18 pm.

Adjourn

With no further business to discuss, Councilman Romeo made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting of City Council. Seconded by Goodman

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 Icove, Councilman Moe Romeo, Council President

David Miller.

The Meeting adjourned at 9:46 pm.

Council President

Attest:

Clerk of Council