

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.

Councilwoman Gray made a motion to move Ordinance 08-13 out of Committee of the Whole and on the Agenda of the Meeting. There was discussion by members of council regarding the intent and merits of the legislation.

Motion to Amend Agenda to adds Ordinance 08-13, **Moved by** Councilwoman Ruth Gray, **Seconded by** Council President Pro Tem Icove.

Vote: Motion failed (summary: Yes = 3, No = 4, Abstain = 0).

Yes: Councilman Marty Gelfand, Councilwoman Ruth Gray, Council President Pro Tem Icove.

No: Councilman Dennis Fiorelli, Councilwoman Jane Goodman, Councilman Moe Romeo, Council President David Miller.

The Motion has failed.

Motion to move out of committee with the intention to make a motion to delete section one regarding the minimum staffing of the Police Department.

Motion to Amend Agenda, Moved by Council President Pro Tem Icove, Seconded by Councilwoman Ruth Gray.

Vote: Motion failed (summary: Yes = 3, No = 4, Abstain = 0).

Yes: Councilman Marty Gelfand, Councilwoman Ruth Gray, Council President Pro Tem Icove.

No: Councilman Dennis Fiorelli, Councilwoman Jane Goodman, Councilman Moe Romeo, Council President David Miller.

The Motion has failed.

Opening Meeting of Council:

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

- Emilie DiFranco, West 226th Street in Fairview Park stated that at the last committee meeting, there was a handout blaming Governor Kasich for the current state of South Euclid with no mention of Cedar Center and the fact that despite what has been said regarding wage freezes, positions have been created. Ms. DiFranco asked why there has not been discussion regarding administrative pay cuts.
- Tony Caroscio, 1541 Felton Road, spoke against the use of the tax credit rollback to generate revenue because the option is not fair. Mr. Caroscio stated that most of the residents who attended the meeting were seniors who the credit would not affect and that the City has both options and time and that if the temporary rollback is passed it only creates \$325,000. As a result, the City should put a ballot issue before the voters in November and if its turned down, then council should exercise its right regarding the tax rollback if the city is in dire need, but today is not the day.
- Ray Rhode, 1543 Laclede Road reported on the Shred Day and said there were about 300 cars that went through and 4,600 pounds of records were destroyed. The next Shred Day will be on Saturday, October 19.
- Robert Frey, 1299 South Green Road, asked for clarification on how much needs to be raised. Mr. Frey also said that he thinks it's not a bad idea to have minimum staffing levels so that taxpayers know what they are paying for. Mr. Frey also noted the payroll between 2011 and 2012 and that an employee got a 213% pay increase, despite what was said to be a wage freeze.
- Mike Carney, 155 East 197 in Euclid Ohio. Mr. Carney discussed that he has worked for the City as a firefighter for nearly 30 years and has been a big part of his life and that the City has always provided good quality of life services. Mr. Carney stated that difficult choices are ahead of you and there is one simple and prudent answer, which is to implement the temporary rollback to provide temporary funding. Mr. Carney stated that Council should make the right choice, ignore the naysayers and reward them with good management and a better government.

- Mr. Shapiro 2120 South Green Road stated that he owns the building at that address and there is a conditional use permit before City Council tonight regarding opening a small synagogue at the site.

Report of Council Committees:

Committee of the Whole

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 SERVICES IN THE CITY, TOGETHER WITH ALL NECESSARY INCIDENTALS AND APPURTENANCES THERETO, PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 5705.19, TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **SECOND READING.**

Motion to Amend Legislation for discussion

Action: Motion to Amend Legislation, Moved by Councilwoman Ruth Gray, 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.

Motion to Amend Passes

Motion to Amend Legislation to include Section 2 from Ordinance 08-13 and add it to Section 8 of the current legislation. The language shall only reflect minimum staffing for Fire Department. Following Discussion the vote on the motion was taken.

Action: Motion to Amend Legislation, Moved by Council President Pro Tem Icove, Seconded by Councilwoman Ruth Gray.

Vote: Motion failed (summary: Yes = 3, No = 4, Abstain = 0).

Yes: Councilman Marty Gelfand, Councilwoman Ruth Gray, Council President Pro Tem Icove.

No: Councilman Dennis Fiorelli, Councilwoman Jane Goodman, Councilman Moe Romeo, Council President David Miller.

Motion to Amend Fails

Following Discussion, the Legislation was placed on second reading and referred back to the Committee of the Whole for continued discussion.

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. **SECOND READING.**

Motion to Amend

Motion: to include necessary language to reduce credit by .25% with a sunset of December 31, 2013 and effective on July 1, 2013. Motion in Section 2 to move to a credit of 50%, **Action:** Motion to Amend Legislation, Moved by Councilman Moe Romeo, Seconded by Council President David Miller.

Following discussion, **Vote:** Motion passed (summary: Yes = 5, No = 2, Abstain = 0).

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

No: Councilwoman Ruth Gray, Council President Pro Tem Icove.

Motion: To approve legislation as amended, **Action:** Motion to Approve Legislation, Moved by Councilman Moe Romeo, Seconded by Councilman Marty Gelfand.

Vote: Motion Does Not Pass (requirement of five votes necessary for passage (summary: Yes = 4, No = 3, Abstain = 0).

Yes: Councilman Marty Gelfand, Councilwoman Jane Goodman, Councilman Moe Romeo, Council President David Miller.

No: Councilman Dennis Fiorelli, Councilwoman Ruth Gray, Council President Pro Tem Icove. The Motion has Failed.

 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 SUBMISSION OF THE AMENDMENT TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **SECOND READING.**

Following discussion the legislation was placed on second reading and moved to the Finance Committee for discussion.

Legislation Requested by the Planning Commission

Introduced by Miller

Resolution 29-13

RESOLUTION

GRANTING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO 2120 SOUTH GREEN ROAD SYNAGOGUE, LOCATED AT 2120 SOUTH GREEN ROAD IN THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. FIRST READING.

Following Discussion, **Motion:** Granting a Conditional Use Permit to 2120 South Green Road Synagogue, located at 2120 South Green Road in the City of South Euclid, Ohio; and declaring an emergency. **Action:** Motion to Approve Legislation, **Moved by** Council President Pro Tem Icove, **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.

The legislation has passed.

 Introduced by Miller

Resolution 30-13

RESOLUTION

GRANTING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO NOTRE DAME COLLEGE, LOCATED AT 4545 COLLEGE ROAD IN THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO, FOR A MULTI-PURPOSE ATHLETIC FIELD PHASE I; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. FIRST READING.

Councilman Icove reported that on May 17th he and Director Benjamin met with President Roth and College Staff regarding their plans related to the field improvements. At the meeting Councilman Icove suggested that the College form a neighborhood committee to inform nearby residents and provide input on current and future expansion plans at the College. Mr. Icove stated that a public hearing and Zoning and Planning Committee hearing has been set for June 3rd to solicit resident input and he will also propose additional language in the Conditional Use Legislation regarding the creation of the neighborhood group.

The legislation was placed on first reading and referred to the Zoning and Planning Committee of Council.

Mayor's Report:

- **Mayor Welo** requested that Council hold a Special Meeting of Council on June 3rd at 6:00 pm to consider the Professor Road resurfacing agreement with the City of Lyndhurst.
- **Engineer Blackley:** reported that the reconstruction projects are going smoothly and that the City has made an application with the City of Lyndhurst and the School District for the Safe Routes to School Program in the amount of \$331,000.
- **Housing Manager Martin** requested consideration of Resolution 31-13 regarding the donation properties from National Community Stabilization Trust.
- **Finance Director Smith:** Reported that the Auditors exit conference this morning and several comments were made and he will forward the Management Letter from Auditors when completed.
- **Mike Love** reported that the Coffee Phix Café is open, despite the fact that a patron drove into the building over the weekend.
- **Chief Nietert** thanked Engineer Blackley for his work on the Safe Routes to School application.

- **Service Director Anderson:** Gave an update on the opening of the Pools for the summer.

Legislation Requested by the Administration

Introduced by Icové

Resolution 31-13

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, OR HER DESIGNEE, TO ACCEPT DONATION PROPERTIES FROM THE NATIONAL COMMUNITY STABILIZATION TRUST. FIRST READING.

Action: Motion to Approve Legislation, **Moved by** Council President David Miller, **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 passed.

Law Director's Report

No report

Letters & Communications

- Councilman Icové reported that a Planning and Zoning Meeting will be held on June 10th regarding recommendations from the Planning Commission regarding Monument Signs at 6 pm. Mr. Icové also addressed an issue in the CAFR and suggested that the opening summary it should be stated that the CAFR is done on an accrual basis. Mr. Icové also addressed an issue that City Council had referred legislation regarding home based businesses to the Planning Commission many months ago and nothing has been done with it and asked that the Law Director follow up with the Planning Commission Chairman.
- Councilman Fiorelli reported on the outstanding experience at the Memorial Day Parade and complemented Jimmy Anderson and the Service Workers.
- Councilperson Romeo stated that the parade was terrific and thanked Community Center Director Martines for coordinating and putting it together along with Keisha Cox.
- Councilperson Gelfand reported on efforts to put together a Cedar Center Neighborhood Association.
- Councilperson Goodman reported that on May 14th the City received its 17th Tree City USA Award. Ms. Gray also reported that she met Notre Dame College President Dr. Roth to discuss issues regarding communication with neighbors and adding more trees on Green Road as part of the field reconstruction project.
- Council President Miller requested that Finance Director Smith and Webmaster Geyman look at cyber security issues to make sure information is protected.

Adjourn

With no further business to discuss, **Action:** Motion to Adjourn, **Moved by** Councilman Moe Romeo, **Seconded by** Councilman Marty Gelfand.

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 Meeting Adjourned at 10:19 pm

Council President

Attest:

Clerk of Council