

**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 Ed Ilove, 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:

- George Martin, 1832 South Green Road, stated that he is an advocate for senior citizens and discussed how many seniors in society today are abused and that he knows from personal experience in prison and also serving as a minister. Mr. Martin stated that seniors have become the largest segment of the hungry in our country with over 385,000 at risk of hunger in 2013 and suggested that residents contact State Senator Yuko and others to get block grants increased for seniors as funding has been cut. Mr. Martin stated that Stacey O'Brien at the Community Partnership on Aging has done wonderful things for our communities but can only do so much and that seniors are being short shifted. Mr. Martin distributed an information sheet on how to contact state legislators.
- Charles Turner, 4549 Lilac Road, stated that the Police Chief is an unconvicted criminal and sent a police car out to attack a private citizen and then destroyed evidence and that the Mayor and Law Director knew about it. Mr. Turner stated that he doesn't understand how City Council can hold their heads up high and work with a Chief and staff who would do something like this. Mr. Turner, addressing Council President David Miller, stated that he had checked and found out that Mr. Miller is black and that his son is black and asked what if your son goes to college and gets pulled over and is harassed by the police. Council President Miller asked Mr. Turner to not bring his son into the conversation. Mr. Turner stated that Harriet Beecher Stowe wrote a book called Uncle Tom's Cabin and look at Ferguson and Baltimore. President Miller read an email from Mr. Turner to the city advising the Mayor, Chief and Law Director that he had passed a criminal record check and purchased a new rifle with a scope and Mr. Miller stated that the email is a threat and a red flag. Councilman Ilove objected to President Miller reading the email.

**Report of Council Committees:**Safety Committee

Councilman Gelfand reported that the Safety Committee met regarding two items. The first one was Ordinance 09-15 to increase the collection in the Safety Vehicle Fund from \$200,000 to \$225,000 to keep up with the replacement schedules for safety vehicles over the next several years. The legislation was approved in committee for council consideration. The committee also met with representatives from the Cleveland Heights University Heights School District to discuss and begin preparations for the planned use of the former Wiley Middle School in University Heights at the Cedar Road border as a temporary Cleveland Heights High School for two years beginning this September. The committee discussed the impact of having approximately 1,600 students at the school and how there will be increased traffic and concerns for student safety on the busy roadways, as well as the issue that both Brush and Cleveland Heights will be ending their school day at the same time and discussed the need for possible staggered scheduling.

Committee of the Whole

Councilman Miller reported that the Committee held two meetings, the first one to discuss the regional deer study that was done last winter. Animal Warden Brian Miller reported that in South Euclid, the city has approximately 72 deer, which equates to 15 to 17 deer per square mile. There was discussion regarding ODNR restrictions and ways to prevent deer from being nuisances on individual property including the use of repellants, higher fences, etc. ODNR will be invited to attend a meeting to discuss these issues.

Mr. Miller stated that the committee met to discuss monthly finances and that the Finance Director reported that the general fund balance was around \$3 million, which is slightly more than last year at this time. Mr. Miller reported on income tax collection at Cedar Center North and that the TIF at Cedar Center last year generated \$767,224. There will be additional follow-up with RITA concerning outstanding collections from some of the businesses, as well as the subpoena program moving forward.

Finance Committee

Introduced by Miller

Resolution 11-15

## Resolution

SUBMITTING THE QUESTION OF RENEWING AN EXISTING TAX LEVY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDS FOR THE GENERAL CONSTRUCTION, RECONSTRUCTION, RESURFACING AND REPAIR OF THE ROADS AND STREETS IN THE CITY. TOGETHER WITH ALL NECESSARY INCIDENTALS AND APPURTENANCES, THERETO, PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 57-5.19, TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID. **SECOND READING.**

The legislation was placed on second reading.

**Mayor's Report:**

Economic Development Director Love requested council consideration of Res. 17-15 regarding the conveyance of properties to One South Euclid.

Director Benjamin discussed the Summer Youth Initiative, which will begin on June 15th, and the registration coming up this Saturday. The program provides free lunch, snack and recreation and academic activities for youth grades 5-8 in the summer months and food for youth age 18 and under that participate in the free and reduced lunch program during the school year.

Mayor Welo discussed a meeting that was held by the South Euclid Lyndhurst Historical Society Meeting with Richard Barrone, the owner of the Telling Mansion. At the meeting, Mr. Barrone discussed his plans for renovations and opening of his American Porcelain Museum. Mayor Welo discussed the Salisbury Road ice cream social that she attended and also a meeting with Notre Dame College on Saturday. The Mayor discussed the upcoming Rock the Block event on Mayfield Road and other summer events. The Mayor announced the creation of a Youth Police Academy, a new program from the police department.

**Legislation Requested by the Mayor and Administration**

Introduced by Miller

Resolution 17-15

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** Council President David Miller, **Seconded by** Councilman Moe Romeo.

**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**

President Miller reported that Mr. Lograsso was away on family business.

**Letters & Communications**

Council President Miller discussed the upcoming Rock the Block festival and also discussed School District awards and the graduation.

Councilwoman Goodman scheduled a zoning and planning meeting for July 13 at 7 pm to discuss the donation box legislation that is currently in committee.

Councilwoman Gray reported that last Friday the PACA neighborhood had their yearly meet and greet and reported on upcoming meetings including the Ward One meeting on June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 pm at the Community Center and a public forum on the heroin issue in collaboration with the South Euclid Municipal Court on June 24 in Council Chambers. Ms. Gray reported on the August 8<sup>th</sup> annual Princeton garage sale.

Councilman Gelfand scheduled a Safety Committee Meeting for July 27 at 7 pm and reported on the Hillcrest Council of Council Meeting and Hillcrest Chamber of Commerce Business Expo.

Councilman Romeo reported on the need for the meeting regarding the Porcelain Museum conditional use permit.

Councilman Fiorelli reported on an issue on Westdale that the Service Department took care of and that as he is walking he hears that police issues are being followed up with and high standards are being maintained.

**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 = 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 Meeting Adjourned at 8:36 pm

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Council President

Attest:

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Clerk of Council