

**REGULAR MEETING OF SOUTH EUCLID CITY COUNCIL**

Council President Miller called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. President Miller reported that Mayor Welo was absent as the result of a medical procedure.

**Roll Call.**

**Present:** 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.

**Opening Meeting of Council:**

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

- Robert Frey, 1299 South Green Road, reported on an issue with the repair work and replacement of the sidewalk performed by Dominion East Ohio Gas last year. Mr. Frey reported that he has counted 12 failures with their concrete work, including three cracks in sidewalks. Mr. Frey stated he is concerned that if issues arise on the sidewalks in front of his house in the future, he would be cited and have to pay to replace them. Director Benjamin stated that he would contact the City Engineer to look at the issue and contact Dominion. Councilwoman Gray stated that if there are ongoing issues with Dominion, the issue should be looked at by the Utilities Committee.
- Peggy Anzo, 1387 Francis Court, stated that she and her family worked for many years for the City's pools and summer programs and she is upset about the closing and demolition of Victory Pool and that she did not know the pool would be closed and that the demolition is not being handled in a manner that honored the memory of Joan Bush who managed the pool for many years. Ms. Anzo stated that she misses annual events like Home Days and that Lyndhurst Mayor Cicero stated that Lyndhurst's home days have continued because all workers including safety and service workers volunteer their time and why can't South Euclid do the same. Ms. Anzo also discussed the issue of a pole which fell down that was on her tree lawn that she has said has been unsafe for years and could have hurt someone if it had fallen on someone. Ms. Anzo also stated that residents on her street are not taking in their garbage and recycling containers after collection and are sometimes left out for days and asked if anyone from the City is looking out for people who are not following the law. Councilwoman Gray stated that Ms. Anzo has many valid concerns and that no one from the administration is at the meeting to answer them. Ms. Anzo said she would come to the next meeting.
- John Currid, 1683 Beaconwood, spoke regarding proposed Ord. 03-14 which proposed the placing on the ballot recommending a constitutional amendment stating that corporations do not have constitutional rights and that money is not the equivalent of free speech. Mr. Currid stated that he believes that it should not be in ordinance format and that Council should send the ordinance back to committee and reconsider it as a resolution and that there could be potential legal issues if it is passed by Council as an Ordinance.
- Marcus Woods, 1807 Warrensville Center Road, reported on concerns regarding random criminal activity in his neighborhood and that someone stole his tablet from his vehicle. Mr. Woods reported the issue to police, but could not take the police report in person because the officer was called away on another call and asked that police look at efficiency and manpower issues if they are running thin.
- Chris Wenzler, 4021 Wandsworth, stated that he is the President of Sea Monkeys Swim Team and has been their president for the last five years. Mr. Wenzler thanked South Euclid for advocating for keeping reciprocity with Lyndhurst and thanked Councilman Fiorelli for advocating for the issue and presented Councilman Fiorelli with the "Swimmer of the Week" award.
- William McLaughlin, 4286 Elmwood, spoke regarding proposed Ord. 03-14 related to the constitutional amendment. Mr. McLaughlin asked if the ordinance passes, how the city is going to enforce it, the ordinance has not teeth in it, and that corporations also include unions and unions are worse than corporations. Mr. McLaughlin said he thinks the ordinance is a bad idea.
- Diane Mullally, 4455 Monticello Blvd., spoke in favor of the passage of Ordinance 03-14 and thanked City Council for coming to the plate to give residents a voice regarding the issue.
- Greg Coleridge, 3016 Somerton Road in Cleveland Heights, stated that he has been working with many communities regarding the constitutional move to amend issue and stated that this is a relevant issue for cities to consider, is the right time and a worthy and legitimate approach. Mr. Coleridge stated that it is an appropriate role for City Councils to put something on the ballot in partnership with residents for citizen consideration.
- Ori Akrish, 1891 Camberly Drive in Lyndhurst introduced himself as a new member of the South Euclid Lyndhurst School Board and reported on district activities including the District's rebranding efforts, the appointment of Mr. Carl Williamson as the new Principal of Brush High School and highlights of school activities.

**Report of Council Committees:****Legislative Committee**

Councilman Gelfand and Council President Miller discussed actions taken at the Legislative Committee held on June 16 regarding Ordinance 03-14 regarding the constitutional amendment. Two additional changes have been suggested for Council amendment.

**Planning & Zoning Committee**

A Planning & Zoning Meeting was held earlier in the evening to discuss Home Based Businesses, which was introduced as Ordinances 17-12 and 18-12. There will be continuing discussion on the issue.

Committee of the Whole

A Committee of the Whole meeting was held on June 16 to discuss the Green Road Signalization CMAQ Project which was attended by City Engineer Andy Blackley. Mr. Blackley gave a history of the project and future actions necessary for the signalization replacement project and opportunities for additional funding match.

Committee of the Whole

Introduced by Miller

Ordinance 28-14

## ORDINANCE

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO PREPARE AND FILE AN APPLICATION WITH THE NORTHEAST OHIO AREAWIDE COORDINATING AGENCY (NOACA) FOR CONGESTION MITIGATION AND AIR QUALITY (CMAQ) FUNDS FOR THE SOUTH GREEN ROAD TRAFFIC SIGNAL UPGRADE PROJECT. **SECOND READING.**

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

Following discussion, **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.

Legislative Committee

Introduced by Miller

Ordinance 03-14

## ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PURPOSE OF PLACING ON THE BALLOT AT THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION FOR A VOTE OF THE ELECTORATE OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID [,] OHIO THE PROPOSED CODIFIED ORDINANCE CHAPTER \_\_\_ ENTITLED "POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS" INCLUDING CODIFIED ORDINANCE SECTION \_\_\_\_\_ ENTITLED "PUBLIC HEARINGS REGARDING IMPACT OF POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS; ACTIONS BY MAYOR", WHICH PROPOSED CODIFIED ORDINANCE WOULD REQUIRE THE MAYOR TO NOTIFY THE LEADERS OF THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS [**AND THE STATE LEGISLATURE**] THAT THE VOTERS OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID HAVE CALLED FOR A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT INDICATING THAT CORPORATIONS DO NOT HAVE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS AND THAT MONEY IS NOT THE EQUIVALENT OF SPEECH; ~~AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY~~ AND WOULD REQUIRE THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL TO HOLD AN BI-ANNUAL PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PURPOSE OF STUDYING THE IMPACT ON LOCAL ELECTIONS [, **INCLUDING LOCAL ELECTIONS**] OF POLITICAL SPENDING BY CORPORATIONS. **THIRD READING.**

**Action:** Motion to Approve Legislation, **Moved by** Councilman Marty Gelfand, **Seconded by** Councilwoman Ruth Gray.

Following discussion regarding adding additional language and amending the legislation, the motions were removed and the legislation was referred back to Committee for further discussion and review.

**Mayor's Report:**

Council President David Miller reported that Mayor Welo was under physicians care and could not be at the meeting, but provided an update from Engineer Blackley regarding ongoing road projects.

Economic Development Director Love reported that the City did receive the SWIF grant for the back parking lot project and also discussed the Heights Hillcrest Chamber of Commerce Summer in the City Mixer at Cedar Center as well as upcoming city events.

**Legislation Requested by the Administration**

Introduced by Miller

Resolution 31-14

## RESOLUTION

ADOPTING THE FISCAL BUDGET FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2015. FIRST READING.

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

Following discussion, **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.

Introduced by Miller

Resolution 32-14

## RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATED FUNDS FROM THE "SAFETY FORCES LEVY #410 (PERSONAL SERVICES)" TO THE "SAFETY FORCES LEVY #410 (OTHER)." FIRST READING.

The legislation was placed on First Reading and referred to the Safety Committee for further discussion and review.

Introduced by Miller

Resolution 33-14

## RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF UNAPPROPRIATED FUNDS FROM THE "AGENCY FUNDS #917" TO THE "GENERAL FUND #101." FIRST READING.

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

Following discussion, **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 Icové, Councilman Moe Romeo, Council President David Miller. The legislation has been approved.

Introduced by Miller

Resolution 34-14

## RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE OF APPROPRIATIONS IN THE FOLLOWING FUND: "WATER FUND #424" FOR EXPENSES RELATED TO THE 2014 WATERMAIN PROJECT. FIRST READING.

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

Following discussion, **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 Icové, Councilman Moe Romeo, Council President David Miller. The legislation has been approved.

Introduced by Miller

Resolution 35-14

## RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION AND TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM THE "GENERAL FUND #101" TO THE "CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND #408." FIRST READING.

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

Following discussion, **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 Icové, Councilman Moe Romeo, Council President David Miller. The legislation has been approved.

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### Letters & Communications

- Council President Miller scheduled a Committee of the Whole meeting on July 14 to discuss Finance Committee and Audit Committee and a Legislative Meeting regarding Ordinance 03-14 for July 21 at 6:30 pm.
- Councilman Fiorelli recognized the Service Department for taking care of storm related damage and branches that fell. Mr. Fiorelli also provided an updated on recycling and stated that the residents recycled at a 56% rate.
- Councilman Gelfand reported that the Cedar Center Neighborhood met on June 5<sup>th</sup> to establish block groups and captains on each street and reported on the Haywood Block Party.
- Councilwoman Gray reported that she also attended the Haywood Block Party, as well as many neighborhood graduations and retirement parties. Ms. Gray also commended the Service Department for the fantastic job they did related to the Storm. Ms. Gray also reported on Dominion East Ohio Projects and issues with the repair of sidewalks and stated if they are not responsive, she will call a Utility Committee meeting.
- Councilwoman Goodman reported on the 12<sup>th</sup> annual Greater Cleveland Trails and Greenways Conference where the Oakwood Green was a showcased projects, as well as a CEO's for Cities Conference which also focused on green and sustainable South Euclid projects. Ms. Goodman stated that we are on people's radar.
- Council President Miller reported on regional events coming up, including Wade Oval Wednesday.

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### Adjourn

**Action:** Motion to Adjourn, **Moved by** Council President Pro Tem Jane Goodman, **Seconded by** Councilman Icové.

**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 Icové, Councilman Moe Romeo, Council President David Miller. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Attest:

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Council President

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Clerk of Council