

**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 Icove, Councilman Moe Romeo, Council President David Miller.

**Swearing In Ceremony:** South Euclid Fire Department: Matthew Simon, Lt. Alex Picone and Captain Larry Gaspar.

**Opening Meeting of Council:**

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

- Jonathan Stallworth, 3730 East Antisdale Road. Reported on East Antisdale block watch efforts and suggested that the city consider tougher nuisance laws, especially for repeat offenses.
- Alfreda Wynne, 585 Quilliams Road, a member of the South Euclid Lyndhurst School Board spoke about school district activities and explained the new State report card system which is very complex. Ms. Wynne reported that there were some significant improvements last year including double digit improvements in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade math scored and that 90% of students met the critical 3<sup>rd</sup> grade reading guarantee. At Adrian Elementary 90% passed, which is especially gratifying considering the 70% of the students are at or below poverty levels. Ms. Wynne discussed the South Euclid Lyndhurst Schools 2013-2014 Quality Profile, which has been released and is available for review on the website. The profile addresses the District's performance at all levels. Ms. Wynne reported that the Superintendent will be giving a State of the Schools address on October 8, the Excel TECC program which is a collaboration with several other school districts and addressed an issue with racial slurs from Mayfield Students prior to Brush's homecoming football game.
- Kevin Wynne, 585 Quilliams Road, discussed concerns regarding nuisance behaviors in his neighborhood which borders Cleveland Heights. Mr. Wynne reported that there has been a red car racing down the street and has become a safety concern. The car was spotted the first week of September speeding down the Cleveland Heights side of Quilliams and almost struck him. Mr. Wynne called the police and the Cleveland Heights Police were able to apprehend the car. Mr. Wynne stated that speeding cars are an issue and stated that he would allow the police to use his driveway to monitor and catch speeders. Mr. Wynne stated that many children walk and play in or near the street and is concerned someone is going to get hurt. The car is a red Chevy Impala. Councilwoman Gray asked Mr. Wynne if he has been making reports with the police department and advised him to keep a record of when he called and how many occurrences. The City has nuisance abatement laws, and there have been other issues in the neighborhood that residents, police and city have been working to address the issue and more presence is needed in the neighborhood. Councilwoman Gray stated that she has discussed the issues and the Mayor has discussed the issues with residents and that we are going to have to let these criminals understand that we won't tolerate it in our neighborhood. Mayor Welo stated that the police have taken an aggressive approach in the neighborhood, especially with nuisance issues on Salisbury Road and she has personally spent many evenings on the street dealing with the issues and has called several of the landlords and two of the three landlords have agreed to evict their tenants that have caused many disturbances and that we need to get rid of the bad behavior. Law Director Lograsso asked Mr. Wynne if Cleveland Heights was able to apprehend the person in the red impala and indicated that he would contact the Cleveland Heights Police Department to ascertain who this person is.
- Kim Allen, 2052 Campus Road, reported her growing concern regarding Notre Dame College students living in homes on the street and in the neighborhood and issues with parties and noise and subsequent litter and trash problems as a result of some of the students including glass bottles, trash and other unsightly issues, including an instance of a student urinating on the lawn following a party and noise issues early in the morning. Ms. Allen indicated that she did call the police department during one of the parties and officers responded from Notre Dame College and University Heights. Ms. Allen stated that managing these issues is a joint responsibility and she expects Notre Dame College to manage their students more appropriately. She will be contacting Karen Poelking in Community Relations at the College. Councilman Gelfand discussed the City's nuisance abatement law and Mayor Welo reported that she was made aware of the issues and the Vice President and Dean did go to each house and put the students on notice. Ms. Allen stated that the college was responsive at the beginning and wants to make sure they remain on top of the issue so the loud parties and nuisance behavior do not continue.

**Legislation for Removal from Council Docket**

Introduced by Miller

Resolution 24-14

**RESOLUTION**

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH TELECO CLEVELAND TO COMPLETE THE 2014 TELECOMMUNICATION PROJECT BY INSTALLING A NEW TELEPHONE AND VOICE MAIL SYSTEM IN MUNICIPALLY OWNED BUILDINGS. **FOR REMOVAL.**

Action: Motion to Remove Legislation, Moved by Councilman Ed Icove, Seconded by Council President David Miller. 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 removed.

**Report of Council Committees:**Service Committee

Introduced by Miller

Resolution 51-14

## RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE OF APPROPRIATIONS IN THE FOLLOWING FUND: "GENERAL FUND-SERVICE DEPARTMENT #101-6610" IN ORDER TO HIRE PART-TIME EMPLOYEES IN THE SERVICE DEPARTMENT.

The legislation was placed on Second Reading and referred back to the Service Committee for discussion.

**Legislation Requested by City Council**

Introduced by Miller

Ordinance 11-14

## ORDINANCE

CREATING NEW SECTION 137.14 "SEASONAL POSITIONS" OF CHAPTER 137 "EMPLOYMENT PROVISIONS" OF TITLE FIVE "ADMINISTRATIVE" OF PART ONE "ADMINISTRATIVE CODE" OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO. FIRST READING.

**Action:** Motion to Approve Legislation, **Moved by** Councilwoman Ruth Gray, **Seconded by** Council President David Miller.

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.

**Mayor's Report:**

- Mayor Welo reported on Councilman Icové's request at the last meeting for an update on the bomb threat issue. Mayor Welo stated that Chief Nietert has not received a report from Parma Police as the issue is still under investigation. However, it appears that the phone number in which the call originated was stolen and that the call actually came from outside of the Country. More information will be made available as it is released by Parma Police who received the call regarding the bomb threat at South Euclid City Hall. Mayor Welo gave an update of the summer road reconstruction and gave an overview of the Stormwater Management Innovation Fund grant that will begin construction in the back parking lot of City Hall. Mayor Welo reported that the South Euclid Police Department has purchased body cameras for all Police Officer and that the cameras will not only protect residents, but also when investigating resident complaints. Mayor Welo stated that a letter was received from Parking Hearing Examiner Kerry Howard notifying the City that he is resigning his position as he has taken another job and will be unable to continue. The Mayor requested that Council begin the process of interviewing to fill the position. Mayor Welo stated that the Fire Department will be hosting their Open House this year on October 11<sup>th</sup> and will work to educate residents about the importance of smoke detectors saving lives and gave a recent example of a house fire on Princeton where the residents were saved because of the fire detectors. The Mayor reported that South Euclid resident and 15 year old student Taylor Wynne received a major award and was honored on September 20<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Wynne is the Extraordinary Leadership Youth Award Recipient awarded by the Cuyahoga County Section of the National Council of Negro Women. The Council works and provides resources, advocacy and assistance to those in need and promote health, wellness and educational initiatives to improve the community. Mayor Welo gave an update on several upcoming events and block parties.

**Legislation Requested by the Administration**

Introduced by Miller

Resolution 52-14

## RESOLUTION

PROVIDING A DATE AND TIME LIMITS FOR THE HALLOWEEN OBSERVANCE UPON THE STREETS AND OUT OF DOORS FOR THE YEAR 2014. FIRST READING.

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

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

Ordinance 10-14

## ORDINANCE

CREATING NEW CHAPTER 1333 "DONATION BOXES" OF TITLE FIVE "OTHER BUILDING PROVISIONS" OF PART THIRTEEN "BUILDING CODE" OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO. FIRST READING.

The legislation was placed on First Reading and referred to the Zoning and Planning Committee for discussion.

**Law Director's Report**

Law Director Lograsso reported that an appeal of a court case filed by Fairview Park resident Emilie DiFranco has been denied by the court.

**Letters & Communications**

- Council President Miller reported on the process of advertising for the new hearing examiner. Director Benjamin will move forward with the process.
- Councilman Ilove scheduled a Service Committee Meeting for October 13 at 6:30 pm to discuss the legislation regarding the hiring of part time employees for leaf pickup. A Committee of the Whole was scheduled for October 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm to have an update regarding One South Euclid activities.
- Councilman Fiorelli reported on the upcoming Electronic Recycling event scheduled for October 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Councilman Romeo reported that he and Council President Miller met with Father Ireland and some Parish Members from Sacred Heart of Jesus Church to discuss the issues that occurred at this year's Parish Festival related to youth and work on resolutions to the issues. Mr. Romeo will seek a report back from the Parish regarding their plans for next year.
- Councilman Gelfand reported that he attended both the Maywood and Salisbury Road Block Parties this past weekend and they were fun events. Mr. Gelfand reported that the South Euclid Democratic Party will be holding a rally at Bexley Park on September 28 at 2 pm and the public is invited to come out and meet candidates.
- Councilwoman Gray reported that Judge Byers will be hosting the third youth forum on September 30<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in Court Chambers. The forum will focus on youth issues and the Juvenile Court System and will include representatives from the South Euclid Police Department, Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court and the County Prosecutor's Office. James Wade from the Call and Post will serve as moderator.
- Councilwoman Goodman reported that she made a presentation at the Ohio Surface Water conference in Cleveland and that Oakwood Commons was used as an example of unique storm water management practices and that Oakwood is attracting attention from sustainability experts across the State because it is one of a kind. Ms. Goodman reported on NOACA's annual transportation meeting and thanked those who donated to the Alzheimer's Walk fundraiser. Councilwoman Goodman wished those of Jewish faith a happy new year.
- Law Director Lograsso updated Council and residents about Police Department Lt. Bill Schaeffer who has been diagnosed with a rare form of cancer and efforts to raise funds to help his family come to town to be with him. Lt. Schaeffer grew up in South Euclid.
- Councilwoman Goodman recognized Andrea Mitchell a Councilwoman from Warrensville Heights who is in attendance.
- Councilwoman Gray reported that the deer population seems to be growing and that they have become very comfortable in the neighborhoods and around people and asked what could be done to weed the problem out. Mayor Welo stated that City Council passed legislation in July authorizing the City's participation in the regional deer survey which will take place this winter and will help determine where the herds are locating, breeding and help find solutions to the problem.

**Adjourn**

**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, Council President Pro Tem Jane Goodman, Councilwoman Ruth Gray, Councilman Ed Ilove, Councilman Moe Romeo, Council President David Miller.  
The Meeting Adjourned at 9:35 pm.

Attest:

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Council President

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Clerk of Council