

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

**Approval of Minutes:** December 8, 2014

**Action:** Motion to Approve Minutes, **Moved by** Councilman Dennis Fiorelli, **Seconded by** Council President Pro Tem Jane Goodman.

Councilman Icové reported that he would abstain from voting as he was absent at the December 8, 2015 meeting of Council. **Vote:** Motion passed (**summary:** Yes = 6, No = 0, Abstain = 1).

**Yes:** Councilman Dennis Fiorelli, Council President Pro Tem Jane Goodman, Councilman Marty Gelfand, Councilwoman Ruth Gray, Councilman Moe Romeo, Council President David Miller.

**Abstain:** Councilman Ed Icové.

The Minutes have been approved.

**Special Presentation**

A Proclamation was given to the Notre Dame College Falcons Women's Rugby Team on winning the Fall 2014 ACRA Division II National Championship.

**Opening Meeting of Council:**

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

- Charles Turner, 4549 Lilac Road, stated that he is a Vietnam era Veteran and a graduate of Brush and worked in law enforcement for many years and knows about the constitution and bill of rights in this country. Mr. Turner reported on his continuing issues with the Law Director and Police Chief and stated that the Council President has not looked into the matter and as a result he has filed a complaint letter with the Ohio Civil Rights Commission and Department of Justice and asked that Council do their own job so he doesn't have to and for two years he has been denied public records and the Police Chief is covering up for an officer. Mr. Turner stated that an officer was assigned to wait outside his home, follow him in a police car and then bump the back end of his car five times going 60 mph.
- Jerry Salerno, 948 Newberry Road, stated that over the last several Council Meetings he has been disappointed in the conduct on both the council side of the aisle and the resident side. Mr. Salerno stated that if some council members are going to question ethics and make accusations, they have a right to do it but they should have to prove it and he is disappointed in the behavior. Mr. Salerno stated that he is also a Vietnam Veteran and asked that council and the public not abuse their first amendment rights and that Council Members should also be limited to five minutes as with the public comment. Mr. Salerno stated that there have been lots of disruptions and Council President Miller has been correct by stating that anyone who makes outbursts will be removed and commended some members of Council and Mayor Welo for keeping their composure and that Law Director Lograsso has been a victim of character assassination.
- Michael Heltzel, 1568 Sheridan Road, introduced himself as the new President of the South Euclid Youth Baseball and Softball Association and reported that with the help of the Lake County Captains, the Association has arranged for free T-Ball for 100 youth. Mr. Heltzel also reported on field improvements that the league is planning at Adrian, Bexley and Quarry Park fields and announced that SELSBA will have an event on June 22 at Classic Park. Mr. Heltzel thanked Mayor Welo and the Members of Council that sponsored a youth team last year and handed out thank you plaques.
- Linda Pagan, 684 Parkside, stated that she agrees with the comments made by Mr. Salerno regarding the accusations being against the Law Director and that it's an embarrassment and lacks integrity. Ms. Pagan addressed issues proposed home based businesses ordinance and that the Planning Commission did not have a true public hearing on the matter and that she took a survey and stated that residents are very weary of loosening standards and is concerned with issues of parking and hours of operations. Ms. Pagan stated that the legislation needs more works.

**Legislation for Removal from Council Docket**

Introduced by Miller

Ordinance 02-14

**ORDINANCE**

Amending Section 2 of Ordinance 20-09; Fixing the Salary Range, Compensation and rates of pay for various offices, boards, commissions and departments of the Municipal Government effective January 1, 2009; to create the position of custodian; and declaring an emergency.

**Action:** Motion to remove Legislation, **Moved by** Council President David Miller, **Seconded by** Councilman Ed Icové.

**Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 7).

**Yes:** Council President David Miller, Councilman Ed Icové, Councilman Dennis Fiorelli, Councilman Marty Gelfand, Council President Pro Tem Jane Goodman, Councilwoman Ruth Gray, Councilman Moe Romeo.

The legislation has been removed.

**Report of Council Committees:**

## Recreation Committee

Councilman Fiorelli reported that the Committee met earlier in the evening to discuss recreation initiatives and the potential establishment of an ad-hoc recreation committee. At the meeting, there was consensus that the City should consider the potential of bringing in a consultant to develop a citywide strategic plan for recreation and parks. Mr. Benjamin reported that he will look at potential consulting agencies. The committee will meet again to discuss summer pool fees.

Committee of the Whole

Introduced by Miller

Ordinance 18-14

## ORDINANCE

Creating new section 521.18 "Abandoned Shopping Carts Prohibited" of Chapter 521 "Health, Safety and Sanitation" of Part Five "General Offenses Code" of the Codified Ordinances of the City of South Euclid. **SECOND READING.** The legislation was placed on second reading for continued discussion and review.

**Legislation Requested by City Council**

Introduced by Miller

Ordinance 01-15

## ORDINANCE

Creating New Section 1405.29 "Carbon Monoxide Alarms" of Chapter 1405 "Basic Standards for Residential Occupancy" of Part Fourteen "Housing 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 Safety Committee for further discussion and review.

**Legislation Referred from the Planning Commission**

Introduced by Miller

Ordinance 17-12

## ORDINANCE

Amending Section 710.08 "Definitions" of Chapter 710 "Interpretation, Rules of Construction and Definitions" of Title One of Part Seven "Planning and Zoning Code" of the Codified Ordinances of the City of South Euclid.

A Public Hearing was scheduled for March 9 at 7 pm per the Planning and Zoning Code regarding text amendments.

Introduced by Miller

Ordinance 18-12

## ORDINANCE

Amending Section 721.03 "Accessory Uses" of Chapter 721 "Permitted Uses in Residential Districts" of Title Two of Part Seven "Planning and Zoning Code" of the Codified Ordinances of the City of South Euclid, Ohio.

A Public Hearing was scheduled for March 9 at 7 pm per the Planning and Zoning Code regarding text amendments.

**Mayor's Report:**

- Mayor Welo reported that she has been asked to serve on a committee formed by State Auditor Yost and is one of the only democrats asked to be on the committee. Mayor Welo stated that you could not serve on the committee unless your city has a perfect or near perfect audit. Ms. Welo reported on RTA transportation issues and they are looking at plans to reroute traffic for the makeover of Public Square in downtown Cleveland. In response to Mr. Turner's public comments, Mayor Welo stated that the City has cooperated and looked at Mr. Turner's issues and that the city brought in the Ohio Highway Patrol to provide an independent analysis and all issues were cleared. Mayor Welo stated that regarding the Safety Levy all levy dollars must go to the safety forces per law and also stated that the City is in the hiring stages for police officers and there are some good candidates.

**Law Director's Report**

No report.

**Letters & Communications**

- Council President Miller discussed setting interview dates to hire a new parking ticket hearing examiner and it was decided that interviews would be scheduled following the budget hearing process. Mr. Miller reported on the annual Brown & Gold Brush High School fundraiser on March 14.
- Councilman Fiorelli scheduled a Safety Committee Meeting for February 9 at 6:30 pm to discuss the Carbon Monoxide legislation and a Recreation Committee meeting on February 23 at 7 pm to discuss the pool pass legislation and 2015 pool and recreation initiatives.
- Councilman Romeo reported on the upcoming budget meetings and prospective dates.
- Councilman Gelfand read a letter from State Senator Kenny Yuko and the hard work of local governments and reported on the monthly Heights Hillcrest Chamber of Commerce membership mixers and the upcoming South Euclid Business Mixer along with the First Suburbs Consortium's Annual Meeting which will be held January 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Councilperson Goodman reported that residents that live along the Euclid Creek corridor would be getting a communication from the Soil and Water Conservation District regarding available grants for planting trees along the riparian area. Ms. Goodman reported on the March 9<sup>th</sup> Home Based Business Public Hearing at 7

pm and that the Planning Commission held a public hearing regarding the urban agriculture ordinance which would allow residents to have chickens.

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**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:** Council President Pro Tem Jane Goodman, Councilman Marty Gelfand, Councilman Dennis Fiorelli, Councilwoman Ruth Gray, Councilman Ed Icove, Councilman Moe Romeo, Council President David Miller.  
The Meeting adjourned at 8:52 pm.

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Council President

Attest:

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Clerk of Council