

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 Icove, Councilman Moe Romeo, Council President David Miller.

Approval of Minutes: September 30, 2015

Action: Motion to Approve Minutes, **Moved by** Councilman Dennis Fiorelli, **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 Minutes have been approved.

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 was straightening out a matter from two meetings ago when he thought Council President Miller was trying to intimidate him by reading the rules of decorum for addressing city council that were adopted in 1954 and that in 1992 the city adopted rules for council that stated that he can address all of council and not just the head of council on any matter he chooses. Mr. Turner stated that he had received very disturbing information for Law Director Lograsso, Councilman Romeo and Councilman Fiorelli and stated that he stands before them as a white man who goes to church and volunteered to be in the United States Army and that he has been told lies. Mr. Turner recounted his allegations that he was attacked by a police officer, and said that the most disturbing thing is that he is half Italian-American and wished Italians a happy Columbus Day and his mother a happy birthday. Mr. Turner stated that today is the 10th anniversary of the death of a police officer.

Report of Council Committees:Safety Committee

Councilman Gelfand reported that the Safety Committee met prior to the meeting to discuss proposed legislation Ordinance 19-15 that would allow dogs to be walked in the parks on leashes. Mr. Gelfand discussed several revisions to the ordinance that was made including allowing owners to take dogs into the restrooms with them and banning dogs from the pool and splash park. An additional change was made to accommodate Service Dogs. Mr. Gelfand stated that several residents attended the meeting and the committee voted 3-0 to recommend consideration by City Council.

Utilities Committee

Councilwoman Gray, reported that the Utilities Committee met regarding proposed Ordinance 57-14 introduced in 2014 requesting that the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) limit the ability of utility providers to conduct home solicitations. The Committee amended Section One of the legislation to add a request that the PUCO formally respond to the City if the resolution is passed. Ms. Gray stated that she is requesting additional information regarding residents' complaints from the building commissioner and police department and asked the Law Director to provide a legal opinion regarding the potential restriction of freedom of speech. Another committee meeting will be scheduled regarding the matter on November 9 at 7 pm.

Committee of the Whole

President Miller reported that the Committee of the Whole met to discuss the monthly city finances and that last month the city had receipts and disbursements of about \$1 million each. The General Fund is at approximately \$4 million dollars. Mr. Miller reported that RITA estimates are down for the year over last year by approximately \$356,000. One of the reasons is that RITA did not conduct a subpoena program this year to collect income taxes from those who did not pay and a result of the passage of House Bill 5 by the State legislature which resulted in more cuts to the city. Mr. Miller stated that RITA will conduct another subpoena program this fall and has sent out letters to approximately 3,600 residents that still owe income taxes.

Mayor's Report:

Council President Miller reported that Mayor Welo was not at the meeting and was attending to a family matter. Mr. Miller reported on the City Engineer's update regarding street and infrastructure repair including that Longo Construction is working on Covington and Quilliams this week with the installation of new water mains; progress on the resurfacing of Elmwood Road is underway and the project should be completed this month; Dominion East Ohio Gas will begin work later this year installing gas mains on Covington, Salisbury, Wallingford, Merrymound and Fremont; and new plans were recently submitted by Dominion East Ohio Gas for additional gas main replacements work on Greenway, Dartford and Lowden Roads.

Legislation Requested by the Mayor and Administration

Introduced by Miller

Resolution 35-15

RESOLUTION

PROVIDING A DATE AND TIME LIMITS FOR THE HALLOWEEN OBSERVANCE UPON THE STREETS AND OUT OF DOORS FOR THE YEAR 2015. FIRST READING.

Action: Motion to Approve Legislation, **Moved by** Councilman Marty Gelfand, **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.

Introduced by Miller

Ordinance 21-15

ORDINANCE

CREATING NEW CHAPTER 172 "MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX" OF TITLE NINE "TAXATION" OF PART ONE "ADMINISTRATIVE CODE" OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO FIRST READING.

The legislation was placed on First Reading. A Committee of the Whole Meeting was scheduled October 26 at 6:30 pm.

Introduced by Miller

Ordinance 22-15

ORDINANCE

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT ENTERED INTO WITH THE FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE, LOCAL LODGE NO. 80, FOR ALL FULL-TIME POLICE DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES COVERED BY THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. FIRST READING.

Placed on First Reading

The legislation was placed on First Reading.

Introduced by Miller

Ordinance 23-15

ORDINANCE

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT ENTERED INTO WITH THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIRE FIGHTERS, LOCAL 1065, FOR ALL FULL-TIME FIRE FIGHTERS COVERED BY THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. FIRST READING.

The legislation was placed on First Reading.

Law Director's Report - No Report.

Letters & Communications

- President Miller reported that Brush High School will have its Homecoming this weekend against Eastlake North and there will be the annual parade from 4-5 pm. One South Euclid will be giving away free pumpkins to families this Saturday from 11 am – 1 pm at Bexley Park at the Community Garden. The event is sponsored by Walmart. Snacks and Cider will be served. The Cuyahoga County Public Library will have the grand opening of the new South Euclid Branch on Sunday at 2 pm.
- Councilman Gelfand reported on the Cuyahoga County changes to Election Day precincts in South Euclid. Mr. Gelfand reported on a Haywood Road resident who asked for special attention for her home when she had to leave town. Upon returning, Ms. Haywood heard from several neighbors that there were extra patrols on the street and she and her neighbors are very appreciative of how responsive the police are.
- Councilman Romeo reported that last Wednesday Council President Miller gave an excellent presentation about the history of South Euclid and its cultural makeup.
- Councilman Fiorelli reported that at the last Council Meeting an East Antisdale resident made a complaint that he received a citation for leaving his garbage carts out and thought he was the only resident that received the citations. Mr. Fiorelli stated that he looked into the matter and that the resident was not singled out and several other residents also received the citation for leaving their carts out as well. Mr. Fiorelli reported on the installation and rehabilitation of the Swimming Pool Slide at Bexley Park pool and recognized residents Denise and Kim Salerno for organizing a St. Margaret Mary Church reunion luncheon.
- A Committee of the Whole Meeting was tentatively scheduled for 6 pm on October 26th to interview candidates for the parking hearing examiner position. A Utilities Committee Meeting was scheduled for November 9 at 7 pm to discuss Resolution 57-14.

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 Icove, Councilman Moe Romeo, Council President David Miller. The Meeting Adjourned at 8:28 pm.

Council President

Attest:

Clerk of Council