

REGULAR MEETING OF SOUTH EUCLID CITY COUNCIL

Council President Miller called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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: October 12, 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 another Veterans Day is coming up and stated that he doesn't understand how the police department could attack a former police officer and veteran and that the issue has been going on for over two years. Mr. Turner stated that Law Director Lograsso has put into writing a number of lies that were told by Police Chief Nietert. Mr. Turner also stated that he was at city hall earlier in the day standing in the parking lot and protesting with a sign and stated that Mayor Welo saw him and looked the other way and ran and hopefully if Ms. Welo is not re-elected this issue will be wrapped up. Mr. Turner stated that he was going to miss President Miller. Mr. Miller stated that he won't miss Mr. Turner.
- Kim Goodman, 1323 South Green Road, spoke about the potential for extending RTA bus service for the #24 Bus line and that there is no bus after 8 pm and there are big gaps on the weekends. The bus is very important, especially now that the Library has re-located to South Green Road. Ms. Goodman is collecting support to present to RTA and has set up a website: <http://extendthe34.weebly.com>.
- Rhonda Flowers, 1671 South Belvoir Blvd., also spoke about the potential for extending the RTA #34 Bus Line Service and reported that she retired from RTA in 2010 and that RTA had cut the service..
- Sara Continenza, 4222 Bexley Blvd, thanked City Council for their consideration of allowing dogs in the city's parks and stated that more people in the parks will mean more eyes and security. Ms. Continenza reported that she would like City Council to consider allowing dogs in the Community Gardens and stated that, as a result of the previous committee meeting, she surveyed community gardeners and 70% supported allowing dogs in the gardens, 20% said "maybe" and 10% said "no". 58 gardeners filled out the survey. Ms. Continenza stated that she is the Garden Manager at the Bexley Garden and proposed that the gardens be opened to dogs, under the control of its owner, unless each garden votes otherwise. I propose that we open up to dogs unless each garden says otherwise.
- Ray Rhode, 1543 Laclede Road, reported that he is Chairman of the Records Commission and reported on the results of the October 18th Community Shred event. Over 2,781 pounds – 1.4 tons – of paper were shredded and recycled at the event. This past May approximately 3 tons were recycled. Mr. Rhode stated that any City Records that were shredded were done so in accordance with State Retention laws.
- Dennis Silsby, 4428 Greenway Road, stated that he lives directly behind the new library and that now that it is in place, it is a nice library. Mr. Silsby stated that he read an email from Building Commissioner Paul Kowalczyk that discussed the library putting up a barrier fence instead of trees along the boundary line, which resulted in some trees and bushes being pulled up for the installation of a bio-swale. Mr. Silsby stated that since the swale has been installed he has not had any flooding problem, but would like clarification as to why the trees were raised. Mr. Silsby also stated that now that the library is open, there is an issue with the library leaving the lights on all night long, which illuminates into the back of their house. Mr. Silsby wondered if the library has to keep the lights on all night. Mayor Welo responded that she will check with the library on the issue. Councilman Gelfand asked if they are still getting flooded and Mr. Silsby responded that they are not, but the library still needs to fill in the holes where they pulled the trees out and grade the area.
- Linda Pagan, 684 Parkside, stated that she is pleased to see that Council is considering allowing leashed dogs in the parks and asked that Council re-consider their intent to allow dogs in bathrooms and that people could get frightened if they are allowed and dogs might get frightened in close quarters and also muzzling the dogs. Ms. Pagan stated that she skimmed through the proposed RITA Income Tax legislation and suggested looking at the fees. Regarding the Police Union contract, Ms. Pagan stated that she has an issue with the police getting one-hour of overtime, even if they put in 15 minutes and stated that many voters might also. Ms. Pagan stated that when the pediatric center was built on South Green Road a few years ago there was considerable screening, and that there was a lot of screening with the health center and wondered why there is less screening at the library, which seems to occur anytime something new is built. Ms. Pagan responded to the library issue and stated that the Mayfield Library also left their lights on.

Report of Council Committees:Committee of the Whole

Council President Miller reported that City Council met in Executive Session at a Special Meeting of City Council had earlier in the evening to interview candidates for the position of Parking Ticket Hearing Officer.

Zoning and Planning Committee Meeting

Councilwoman Goodman reported that the committee met to consider a new tree ordinance that also revises the tree commission makeup and that another committee meeting will be scheduled.

Safety Committee Meeting

Zoning & Planning Committee

Introduced by Miller

Ordinance 19-15

ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 505.14 "ANIMALS PROHIBITED IN CERTAIN PLACES" OF CHAPTER 505 "ANIMALS AND FOWL" OF PART FIVE "GENERAL OFFENSES CODE" OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO. **SECOND READING.**

Councilman Gelfand gave an overview of both Ordinances that were discussed and amended in the Safety Committee and moved for a motion to approve. Councilman Romeo seconded. There was a motion by Councilman Romeo to amend the legislation to allow dogs in the Community Gardens. Following discussion, the motions were rescinded and the issue will be discussed at another committee meeting.

The legislation was placed on Second Reading.

Introduced by Miller

Ordinance 25-15

ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 505.01 "DOGS AND OTHER ANIMALS RUNNING AT LARGE; DANGEROUS AND VICIOUS DOGS" OF CHAPTER 505 "ANIMALS AND FOWL" OF PART FIVE "GENERAL OFFENSES CODE" OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO. **FIRST READING.**

The legislation was placed on First Reading.

Finance Committee

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.

SECOND READING.

Action: Motion to Approve Legislation, **Moved by** Councilman Moe Romeo, **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:

The Mayor reported that the Community Partnership on Aging will hold their annual Firefighter Chili Cook-off fundraiser on November 14 and that Halloween will be observed on October 31 from 6-8 pm. Mayor Welo reported on the Library Grand Opening event at stated that over 3,400 people came to the library opening day. Ms. Welo also reported on several community pot-lucks including the Garden Club and Italian Club. The Mayor congratulated City Council, Finance Director Smith and staff for once again receiving the Auditor of State's Fiscal Award with Distinction for this year's audit of the city's finances. Mayor Welo stated that it shows excellent stewardship of taxpayer dollars considering the cuts from the state.

Mr. Benjamin asked for Council Consideration of Resolution 30-15 to apply for approximately \$35,000-\$40,000 from the 2016 CDBG program from Cuyahoga County for an exterior maintenance program. Councilwoman Gray asked if the City could apply for more funding. Mr. Benjamin explained that the City has been very successful the last several years in obtaining funding and that because this is the first year in many that the County is accepting applications to fund programs, and it was suggested that the city would be more successful if the request was reasonable with dedicated matching funds.

Legislation Requested by the Mayor and Administration

Introduced by Miller

Resolution 30-15

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR A GRANT UNDER THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY "COMPETITIVE MUNICIPAL PROGRAM": 2016 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUND; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **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 Icové, Councilman Moe Romeo, Council President David Miller.

The legislation has been approved.

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. **SECOND READING.**
The legislation was placed on Second 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. **SECOND READING.**
The legislation was placed on Second Reading.

Introduced by Miller

Ordinance 24-15

ORDINANCE

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH FOR PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016.
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 Icove, Councilman Moe Romeo, Council President David Miller.
The legislation has been approved.

Law Director's Report - No report

Letters & Communications

- Councilman Gelfand scheduled a Safety Committee Meeting for November 9 at 6 pm to discuss the leashed dogs in parks legislation.
- Councilwoman Goodman scheduled a Zoning & Planning Committee Meeting for November 23rd at 7 pm to discuss the Tree and Tree Commission legislation. Ms. Goodman stated that the grand opening of the new library was wonderful and also stated that she agreed with Ms. Pagan that she thought there was going to be a brim with plantings along the library sidewalk and will talk to them. Ms. Goodman stated that the South Euclid Humane Society Fundraiser was wonderful.
- Councilwoman Gray stated that the new library is a wonderful addition to our community and can't wait to go to their reading room and read a book by the new library's fireplace.
- Councilman Gelfand reported that the Verona Road Block Club is having a Chili Cook-off on November 15th.
- Councilman Romeo scheduled a Finance Committee Meeting on December 14th at 7 pm to discuss the new Finance Review Board that must be established as part of the new RITA legislation. Mr. Romeo also discussed the opening of the library and stated that it is fantastic.
- Councilman Fiorelli also discussed the opening of the library and discussed the Auditor of State's Finance Award and read the first paragraph from Auditor Dave Yost's letter to the City: *"Congratulations! Based upon your recently completed financial audit, it gives me great pleasure to inform you that the City of South Euclid has received the Auditor of State Award with Distinction. Clean and accurate record-keeping are the foundation for good government, and the taxpayers can take pride in your commitment to accountability."*
- Council President Miller reported that the library grand opening was fantastic and reported on upcoming Brush High School events and the importance of supporting our kids and seniors.

Adjourn

Action: Motion to Adjourn, **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 Meeting Adjourned at 8:58 pm.

Council President

Attest:

Clerk of Council