

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: October 13, 2014 and October 27, 2014 Meetings of City Council.

Action: Motion to approve minutes, **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 minutes have been approved.

Special Presentation:

Introduced by Miller

Resolution 56-14

RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING TOM GRIFFIN AND HIS BUSINESS, MAYFIELD COLLISION CENTERS, FOR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID AND FOR DEDICATION AND LEADERSHIP IN MAKING THE COMMUNITY A BETTER PLACE TO CALL HOME. FIRST READING.

Mayfield Collision Centers was recognized for being named the #1 Auto Body Shop in the Country by ABRN Magazine and one of the "North Coast's 99" best places to work in Northeast Ohio. Mr. Griffin and his employees were recognized for their many charitable acts including donations to the South Euclid Police K9 Unit, Purple Heart Homes and donation of the GuitarMania Guitar Art now located at Mayfield and Green Roads.

Action: Motion to Approve Legislation, **Moved by** Councilman Ed Icove, **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 legislation has 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, asked how many city officials does it take to turn on a light bulb and thanked the city for taking care of lighting the American Flag in front of City Hall. Mayor Welo thanked Mr. Turner for his advocacy and reported what the technical issue was with the light.
- Ori Akrish, a member of the South Euclid Lyndhurst Board of Education gave an update on School District initiatives including continuing successes at Adrian Elementary which achieved Star Data status and discussing concerns regarding the potential sale of the former Lowden School property in Ward One. Mr. Akrish also reported on recent student achievements including Greenview Students visiting the White House and meeting First Lady Michelle Obama, and that the Brush High School Cheerleaders have been asked to perform at this year's Orange Bowl in Miami Florida. Board Member Akrish also gave an update on the completion of science facility improvements at Memorial. Ward One Councilwoman Ruth Gray thanked Mr. Akrish for addressing the Lowden issue and that she has heard from many of the residents in the neighborhood who want the property to remain greenspace similar to other schools that have been demolished in Lyndhurst and remained greenspace. Councilwoman Gray stated that many long-time residents have stated they will move if it does not remain a greenspace area and encouraged the Board of Education to keep it that way.
- Renee Zaslou, 4229 Harwood Road asked for assistance with a cat that has been living underneath her wheelchair deck and has not had a return call from the Humane Society which is the number of County Councilwoman Sunny Simon. Mayor Welo reported she would contact the Animal Warden regarding the matter.
- Ray Rhode, 1543 Laclede Road, stated that he is a member of the City's Records Commission and reported on the City's latest Community Shred Day which saw over 1.8 tons of records shredded by residents who brought their records to be shredded to City Hall.

Report of Council Committees:Safety Committee

Safety Committee Chairman Gelfand reported on Resolution 55-14 regarding EMS billing and that the legislation will continue to be discussed in Safety Committee.

Committee of the Whole

Council President David Miller reported that the monthly finance meeting was held and that as of the end of October the City has received over 90% of its projected revenue for the year and that the City has spent only 83% of projected disbursements. The General Fund stands at approximately \$3.9 million.

Mayor's Report:

- **Mayor Welo** reported on the completion of road repair projects on West Anderson and continuing work on Prasse. The Mayor reported on a chimney fire of Dorsh Road and a meeting with resident Val Mikluscak

and Chief Nietert with Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court Administrative Judge to discuss ongoing juvenile concerns. The Mayor stated that Judge Byers and Councilpersons Gray and Icove have also participated in previous meetings and forums regarding juvenile crime issues. Mayor Welo reported that she was a presenter at the Housing Advocacy Center's Visitability Summit and also spent the morning of Veterans Day at Rowland Elementary School. The Mayor reported on that the Fire Department's Stuff the Squad Day at GFS at Cedar Center resulted in the collection of over 1,000 pounds of donations and that the Fire Department won the Judges Award at the Chili Cook-Off. Mayor Welo read a letter from the Ohio Auditor of State and presented the Certificate of Achievement for the 2013 Certified Audited Annual Report and thanked Finance Director Smith and the staff for the achievement. The Mayor reported on the Community Center Holiday Food Drive and a benefit for the City Mission that will be held by Chef Eric Rogers at NEVAEH on Saturday.

- **Economic Development Director Love** reported on a storefront renovation project at Weeks Automotive on Warrensville Center Road through the County Storefront Renovation Program.

Legislation Requested by the Mayor and Administration:

Introduced by Miller

Resolution 57-14

RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF OHIO (PUCO) LIMIT THE ABILITY OF A UTILITY PROVIDER TO CONDUCT HOME SOLICITATION. FIRST READING.

The legislation was placed on First Reading for further discussion and review.

Law Director's Report

None

Letters & Communications

- Councilwoman Jane Goodman reported on an upcoming bus tour of Green Infrastructure Projects on November 19 that will feature several South Euclid projects including Oakwood Commons and the Langerdale Basin. Ms. Goodman reported on the Chili Cook-Off which benefited the Community Partnership on Aging and the upcoming Notre Dame College Inauguration Event for new College President Thomas Krusczek.
- Councilwoman Gray reported on planning for the upcoming annual Kwanzaa celebration and on an upcoming forum on Domestic Violence with Judge Byers and County Councilwoman Sunny Simon that will take place early in the New Year. Ms. Gray also reiterated her desire for the Lowden School property owned by the South Euclid Lyndhurst School District to remain greenspace, similar to what they have done in Lyndhurst.
- Councilman Gelfand reported on several events including the Organize Ohio Fair Lending Conference which Mayor Welo has been involved with in the past and that on December 13, Mayor Welo will be honored by the national organization Building One America. Councilman Gelfand thanked all those who have served in the military for their service.
- Councilman Romeo thanked the Fire Department for the excellent job they did in responding to a chimney fire on Dorsh Road.
- Councilman Fiorelli wished those who have served a happy Veterans Day and thanked the 42% of residents that voted in the recent election.
- Council President Miller thanked the veterans who have served our Country.

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 8:56 pm.

Council President

Attest:

Clerk of Council