

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, Council President David Miller.

Absent: Councilman Moe Romeo.

Approval of Minutes: March 9, 2015 & March 23, 2015

Action: Motion to approve minutes, Moved by Councilman Dennis Fiorelli, Seconded by Council President Pro Tem Jane Goodman.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (summary: Yes = 6).

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

Absent: Councilman Moe Romeo

The Minutes have been approved.

Special Presentation: Mr. Howard Goldberg from Purple Heart Homes reported on efforts and showed the Organization's "Mission Complete" Video for their first home.

Recognition Ceremony: Cuyahoga County representatives recognized Mayor Welo, Police Chief Nietert, and Fire Chief Stefko for their completion of Ready Certify emergency response training.

Opening Meeting of Council:

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

- George Martin, 1832 South Green Road, stated that he is a proud father of veterans and discussed a regional senior meeting and was disappointed that a representative was not there because South Euclid does so many good things for seniors. Mr. Martin also discussed ecology issues and demonstrated how pollution has a negative effect on trees, and how trees also cool the air and help save energy.
- Chuck Turner, 4549 Lilac Road, stated that after the last council meeting he was escorted out of the building by four police officers and stated that Law Director Lograsso also used coarse language and he should have been escorted out as well. Mr. Turner stated that Mr. Lograsso's house was purchased from a client in his law practice and that he took advantage of this woman and got a good deal and it might be an ethics violation. Mr. Turner also stated that Mr. Lograsso's wife's name is Melissa and was wondering because it used to be Marie. President Miller stated that Mr. Turner was making accusations and asked him to stop. Mr. Turner stated that Council recently passed a new ordinance regarding rat harborage and was wondering if that means the Mayor should clean out the Chief and Law Director's office. President Miller explained why Mr. Turner was asked to leave following the last council meeting for making untrue accusations.
- Aaron Delong, 1575 Laclede Road, discussed the condition of the street and that they were told that the city would repave the street when the new water lines were put in, and now that the water lines will be installed this summer, the repaving is not happening. The Mayor responded on the street rating process and how street repaving is decided. Mr. Delong stated that residents on his street pay 17% more average and yet they are not seeing their investment and asked council to consider allocating the funds for the street repaving on Laclede.
- Judy Schonfeld, 2084 Miramar discussed issues with John Carroll University students and recent parties that have been very disruptive and that the students had a party over the weekend and the police were there three times. Mayor Welo and Chief Nietert responded and stated that there are ramifications of the landlords and they are getting cited with nuisance abatements. Mayor Welo stated that she would be contacting Father Niehoff at John Carroll to discuss the issues.

Report of Council Committees:Committee of the Whole

President Miller reported on the meeting with the One South Euclid Board to discuss the renewal of the City's agreement with the Community Development Corporation.

Introduced by Miller

Resolution 02-15

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH ONE SOUTH EUCLID FOR THE PROVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO. **SECOND READING.**

Action: Motion to Approve Legislation, Moved by Council President David Miller, Seconded by Council President Pro Tem Jane Goodman.

Following discussion, Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (summary: Yes = 6).

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

Absent: Councilman Moe Romeo

The legislation has been approved.

Zoning and Planning Committee

Councilwoman Goodman reported that the committee met to discuss the final review of the Home Based Business legislation and asked that the legislation be placed on the May 11 agenda for consideration.

Mayor's Report:

- Economic Development Director Mike Love requested council support of Resolution 12-15 supporting the property owner's request for the County to support a Phase One Brownfield study for the former Young Israel property. There is no cost to the City.
- Housing Manager Sally Martin reported on a South Euclid Real Estate event sponsored by NOPEC that utilized a world café style dialogue session to discuss housing issues in South Euclid. Ms. Martin also urged support of the legislation accepting the \$400,000 from the County for housing demolitions.
- City Engineer Andrew Blackley gave an update on the 2015 road program which includes projects on Stilmore, Beaconwood, Homested and Eastway, along with watermain projects on Salisbury, Laclede and Beaconwood. Mr. Blackley reported on legislation on the agenda regarding the road levy renewals and stated that without the levy funds the City would not be able to repave many streets and that the road levy also pays a road reconstruction loan taken out by the City over 15 years ago.
- Fire Chief Doug Stefko requested support for Ordinance 09-15 which changes the maximum amount of funds collected in the Safety Vehicle Fund from \$200,000 to \$250,000 so that the Fire Department can plan appropriately for equipment renewal.
- Community Services Director Benjamin discussed the County's Ready Notify emergency alert system being implemented by the City.
- Mayor Welo thanked City Council for their support of One South Euclid and discussed a panel she served on for the Housing Research and Advocacy Center regarding visitability to remove barriers and promote accessibility. The Mayor reported that the new RTA bus shelter has been installed at Oakwood Commons and that she is working with the Chief on police officer promotions. Ms. Welo thanked Councilwoman Goodman for the Arbor Day event and discussed the importance of replacing the watermains, even if the city cannot immediately repave the entire road because the watermains are a safety issue and the city needs to ensure that proper water flow is provided in the event of a fire. The Mayor stated that every year the streets are reassessed and the Road Levy is critical, especially as a result of the nearly \$3 million a year the city has lost from state and other funding cuts. The Mayor discussed the upcoming community garage sale and Memorial Day Parade.

Legislation Requested by the Administration

Introduced by Miller

Resolution 11-15

RESOLUTION

SUBMITTING THE QUESTION OF RENEWING AN EXISTING TAX LEVY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDS FOR THE GENERAL CONSTRUCTION, RECONSTRUCTION, RESURFACING AND REPAIR OF ROADS AND STREETS IN THE CITY. TOGETHER WITH ALL NECESSARY INCIDENTALS AND APPURTENANCES THERETO, PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 5705.19, TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID. **TO BE PLACED ON FIRST READING FOR REFERRAL TO COMMITTEE.**

The legislation was placed on first reading and referred to Finance Committee.

Introduced by Miller

Resolution 12-15

RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING THE APPLICATION OF DFS MANAGEMENT, LLC TO THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT FUND COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT INITIATIVE IN THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. FIRST READING.

Action: Motion to approve legislation, **Moved by** Council President Pro Tem Jane Goodman, **Seconded by** Council President David Miller.

Following discussion, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 6).

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

Absent: Councilman Moe Romeo

The legislation has been approved.

Introduced by Miller

Resolution 13-15

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A DEMOLITION PROGRAM COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH CUYAHOGA COUNTY TO ACCEPT THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO PROPERTY DEMOLITION FUND ROUND I AWARD. FIRST READING.

Action: Motion to approve legislation, **Moved by** Council President David Miller, **Seconded by** Council President Pro Tem Jane Goodman.

Councilwoman Gray asked Housing Manager Martin what the process is for demolitions and what the process is for appeal. Ms. Martin responded that the properties they receive from the Land Bank have already been vacated, however the list of homes for demolitions is in a constant state of flux and the homes originally submitted with the

grant application may change and that the City follows its own code passed by council regarding nuisance abatement on homes. Councilwoman Gray asked how the demolitions are bid and are they prevailing wage. Housing Manager Martin responded that the Cuyahoga County Land Bank performs the demolitions and not the City so the City does not bid for demolitions. Ms. Martin stated that she would contact the Land Bank to see if they can provide an answer regarding the use of prevailing wage.

Vote: Motion to approve legislation (**summary:** Yes = 6).

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

Absent: Councilman Moe Romeo

The legislation has been approved.

Introduced by Miller

Ordinance 08-15

ORDINANCE

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE ENACTED BY THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO, HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE MUNICIPALITY, IN THE MATTER OF THE HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED IMPROVEMENT, REQUESTING THE COOPERATION OF THE COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA, OHIO, HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE COUNTY. FIRST READING.

Placed on first reading and referred to the Finance Committee for discussion and review.

Introduced by Miller

Ordinance 09-15

ORDINANCE

AMENDING SECTION 131.08 "FIRE DEPARTMENT: DUTIES" OF CHAPTER 131 "DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY" OF PART ONE "ADMINISTRATIVE CODE" OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO. FIRST READING.

Placed on first reading and referred to committee for discussion and review.

Law Director's Report

No report

Letters & Communications

- Councilman Icove requested that the Law Director provide a date when he will provide City Council with ballot language for the Charter Review Commission recommendations. Mr. Lograsso responded that he had just received the proposed amendments from Councilman Fiorelli earlier in the day and would begin working on them. Councilman Icove requested that he would like to vote on the legislation in July and would like Council to have three readings prior to a July vote.
- Councilman Fiorelli encouraged residents participate in community cleanup day.
- Councilman Gelfand reported on events he attended regarding the National Association for Mental Illness and the South Euclid Garden Club.
- Councilwoman Gray stated that she appreciated the Fire Department's quick response to an incident on Mayfield Road that someone witnessed over the weekend.
- Councilwoman Goodman thanked Mayor Welo for her support of Arbor Day and discussed a tour attended by 30 people from Northeast Ohio of South Euclid sustainability projects. Ms. Goodman discussed upcoming events including the Friends of Euclid Creek Fundraiser and the Fraternal Order of Police Night at the Races fundraiser. Councilwoman Goodman reported that South Euclid resident and friend Val Miklusak passed away last week after a short battle with cancer.
- Council President Miller scheduled a committee meeting on May 26 at 7:15 regarding Resolution 11-15 and a Safety Committee Meeting on June 8 to discuss the Fire Department Vehicle Fund legislation and follow up with the Cleveland Heights University Heights School's on their plans for Wiley being used as the temporary high school beginning in September.

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 = 6).

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

Absent: Councilman Moe Romeo

The Meeting adjourned at 9:21 pm.

Council President

Attest:

Clerk of Council