

**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 Marty Gelfand, Council President Pro Tem Jane Goodman, Councilwoman Ruth Gray, Councilman Ed Icove, Councilman Moe Romeo, Council President David Miller.

**Absent:** Councilman Dennis Fiorelli,

**Opening Meeting of Council:**

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

- Linda Reid, Superintendent, of the South Euclid Lyndhurst School District introduced the new Brush High School Principal and stated that Mr. Williamson has been a principal on all three levels and has spent 10 years with the Cleveland Municipal Schools and 7 years at Ashtabula High School. Superintendent Reid discussed the District's strategic plan.
- Peggy Anzo, 1387 Francis Court, stated that she moved to South Euclid 35 years ago and has been very committed to South Euclid. Ms. Anzo stated that she and her family are upset over the closure of Victory Pool and the memory of Joni Bush who managed the pool for many years. Ms. Anzo also reported on an issue with a light pole which looks like it is not stable.
- Laura Green & Jim Ellert at 405 Kenmar Parkway in Broadview Heights stated that they work for Warwick Communications and participated in the bid process for the City's telecommunications system. Ms. Green & Mr. Ellert stated that the independent consultant that was hired by the City to prepare the specifications is the daughter of the representative from the company TELCO, which was the lowest bidder for the project and asked Council if they were comfortable having the daughter of the winning bidder as the consultant. Finance Director James Smith gave an overview of the entire bid process which he stated was done twice and the consultant only wrote the specifications and that the bid process was a sealed process and bids were opened and reviewed with bidders in the room. Mr. Smith additionally stated that when he became aware of the issue he sought an opinion from the Ohio Ethics Commission and they did not see any ethical issues. Councilwoman Gray requested additional information about the bid process, how the consultant was found and how much the consultant was paid. Finance Director Smith stated that the consultant was paid \$3,600 and was a recommendation from TELCO who has worked with the city as the telephone provider for many years. Finance Director Smith also outlined the reasons why TELCO was the best bidder. Councilwoman Goodman stated that the consultant is not the issue if the bid process was conducted and what the final bid results were and that the consultant did not decide who the winning bidder was. Mr. Ellert asked Council how they felt about have the daughter of the winning bidder. Councilman Icove asked Finance Director Smith several questions including if TELCO referred the consultant, when did Finance Director Smith find out about the relationship and stated that Mr. Smith's call to the Ohio Ethics Commission for guidance on the issue was irrelevant. Council President Miller questioned Councilman Icove and stated that this is not an interrogation or a cross examination and Mr. Icove requested that the legislation be referred to committee for more discussion. Councilwoman Gray stated that the bid should be thrown out and done again. Councilman Romeo stated that it should be sent to committee and if any impropriety or the process is tainted in any way then it should be re-bid.
- Robert Frey, 1299 South Green Road, discussed the Safety Levy and questioned staffing of police and fire fighters and stated that in his opinion the process Mayor Welo described at the last meeting regarding efficiencies, technology and applying for grant funding for safety personnel were not discussed by her during the Safety Levy campaign. Mr. Frey questioned the staffing levels and also questioned the process of the bomb threat at City Hall and how the situation was handled and stated that leadership is not showing.
- Nicole Powell, 1095 Hillrock, gave an update on the youth soccer program and stated that it is open to everyone and encouraged Council and the City to help get the word out to parents and youth.
- William McLaughlin, 4286 Elmwood, discussed the move to amend legislation, which was originally introduced as an Ordinance, but now is a Resolution. Mr. McLaughlin also stated that when he worked in the public sector there was always a bid process for public improvement projects and a proposal rating sheet and that the lowest and best bidder is higher, and sometimes the lowest bidder is not the best bidder. Mr. McLaughlin asked if South Euclid follows that process.
- Dianne Mullally, 4455 Monticello Blvd, discussed the Hillcrest Kiwanis Club and the amazing things that they do for the community and that the membership is getting older and needs new people. Ms. Mullally also stated her support for the move to amend legislation and thanked Council for their time and effort and asked about the Charter Review election and process. Councilman Icove, Councilwoman Gray and Mayor Welo reported on the process for pulling petitions and getting signatures.
- Joe Pollack, 4042 Eastway Road, requested an update on the status of potential repairs on Eastway Road and stated that the road is in very bad condition. Mr. Pollack noted that he was informed by Councilman Gelfand that the City would be applying for grant money for potential repairs and Mr. Pollack provided a petition with approximately 45 signatures from residents of Eastway.
- James Simandle, 4400 Greenway Road, reported on issues with the construction of the Cuyahoga County Library on South Green Road which is adjacent to his backyard. Mr. Simandle stated that with the recent heavy storm there was flooding in his backyard up to his home and he is concerned that it will flood his basement and wanted his concerns to be on the record of council. Mr. Simandle stated that during the storm there was water rushing to the home and that he contacted Councilwoman Goodman and Building Commissioner Kowalczyk who both came out to the home to see the issues. Councilwoman Goodman

stated that it was an unfortunate situation and the timing of having two 100 year rainstorms in two days during the construction process was very bad timing. Councilwoman Goodman stated that Ohio EPA law is very clear that the new Library cannot send any more water into system then what was previously there as runoff and that the Library and their contractors will have to figure out a way to keep water out of the backyard and that the Library and their contractors know they messed up.

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#### Legislation Requested by City Council:

Introduced by Miller

Resolution 44-14

#### RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID TO JOIN WITH OTHER COMMUNITIES ACROSS THE COUNTRY IN SUPPORT OF EFFORTS TO AMEND THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT CORPORATIONS ARE NOT ENTITLED TO THE SAME LEGAL RIGHTS AS INDIVIDUALS, AND THAT MONEY IS NOT SPEECH, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. FIRST READING.

**Action:** Motion to Approve Legislation, **Moved by** Councilman Marty Gelfand, **Seconded by** Council President Pro Tem Jane Goodman.

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

**Yes:** Councilman Marty Gelfand, Councilwoman Jane Goodman, Councilwoman Ruth Gray, Councilman Ed Icove, Councilman Moe Romeo, Council President David Miller.

Absent: Councilman Dennis Fiorelli

The legislation has been approved.

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#### Mayor's Report:

- **Mayor Welo** reported that resident Al Harris passed away and that she attended the 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary Party of Salisbury Road residents Joyce and Jordan Sanders and there were about 250 people at the event. Mayor Welo reported on neighborhood events in the PACA neighborhood and on Dorsh Road and a fundraiser for Purple Heart Homes which will be held at the Black Forest. Mayor Welo discussed legislation to join the Eastside Wildlife Management Partnership, which will be conducting a study this winter of deer to ascertain the population and work as a region to come up with solutions to overpopulation of deer and subsequent safety concerns.

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#### Legislation Requested by the Administration

Introduced by Miller

Resolution 39-14

#### RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO CONVEY CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO TO ONE SOUTH EUCLID. FIRST READING.

**Action:** Motion to Approve Legislation, **Moved by** Council President David Miller, **Seconded by** Councilman Moe Romeo.

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

**Yes:** Councilman Marty Gelfand, Councilwoman Jane Goodman, Councilwoman Ruth Gray, Councilman Ed Icove, Councilman Moe Romeo, Council President David Miller.

Absent: Councilman Dennis Fiorelli

The legislation has been approved.

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Introduced by Miller

Resolution 40-14

#### RESOLUTION

**AMENDING RESOLUTION 27-14**, AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF UNAPPROPRIATED FUNDS IN THE FOLLOWING FUND: "CITY COUNCIL- FUND #~~101-7730-52799~~ #101-7720-52799- MISCELLANEOUS" IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$3,000 FOR THE PURPOSES OF FUNDING THE PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES TO PROVIDE LIVE STREAMING OF SOUTH EUCLID CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS. FIRST READING.

**Action:** Motion to Approve Legislation, **Moved by** Council President David Miller, **Seconded by** Councilman Moe Romeo.

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

**Yes:** Councilman Marty Gelfand, Councilwoman Jane Goodman, Councilwoman Ruth Gray, Councilman Ed Icove, Councilman Moe Romeo, Council President David Miller.

Absent: Councilman Dennis Fiorelli

The legislation has been approved.

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Introduced by Miller

Resolution 41-14

#### RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE OF APPROPRIATIONS IN THE FOLLOWING FUND: "GENERAL FUND #101-GENERAL SERVICES-MISCELLANEOUS" FOR EXPENSES RELATED TO THE EASTSIDE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT PARTNERSHIP BASELINE AERIAL INFRARED DEER SURVEY. FIRST READING.

**Action:** Motion to Approve Legislation, **Moved by** Councilman Moe Romeo, **Seconded by** Councilwoman Jane Goodman.

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

**Yes:** Councilman Marty Gelfand, Councilwoman Jane Goodman, Councilwoman Ruth Gray, Councilman Ed Icove, Councilman Moe Romeo, Council President David Miller.

Absent: Councilman Dennis Fiorelli

The legislation has been approved.

Introduced by Miller

Resolution 42-14

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH TELECO CLEVELAND TO COMPLETE THE 2014 TELECOMMUNICATION PROJECT BY INSTALLING A NEW TELEPHONE AND VOICEMAIL SYSTEM IN MUNICIPALLY OWNED BUILDINGS. FIRST READING.

The legislation was placed on First Reading and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

Introduced by Miller

Resolution 43-14

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR A GRANT UNDER THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY "COMPETITIVE MUNICIPAL PROGRAM": 2015 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUND; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

The legislation was placed on First Reading for the purposes of an administrative public hearing per County CDBG policy.

Introduced by Miller

Resolution 45-14

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO PREPARE AND FILE A GRANT APPLICATION WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES – DIVISION OF REAL ESTATE AND LAND MANAGEMENT UNDER THE NATUREWORKS PROGRAM FOR THE PURPOSE OF REIMBURSEMENT ASSISTANCE FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS RELATED TO OUR PARKS NATURAL RESOURCES. FIRST READING.

**Action:** Motion to Approve Legislation, **Moved by** Councilwoman Jane Goodman, **Seconded by** Councilman Moe Romeo.

Councilwoman Gray stated that she would be recusing from voting on the resolution and explained that in her position in Bedford Heights she will be applying for the same grant for a project in Bedford Heights.

**Vote:** Motion passed (**summary:** Yes = 5, No = 0, Abstain = 1).

Following discussion, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 5).

**Yes:** Councilman Marty Gelfand, Councilwoman Jane Goodman, Councilwoman Ruth Gray, Councilman Ed Icove, Councilman Moe Romeo, Council President David Miller.

Absent: Councilman Dennis Fiorelli

**Abstain:** Councilwoman Ruth Gray.

The legislation has been approved.

Introduced by Miller

Ordinance 06-14

ORDINANCE

ASSESSING UNPAID COSTS OF SERVICE DEPARTMENT- NUISANCE ABATEMENT (HIGH GRASS, WEEDS, ETC.) AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 521.14 (D), OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. FIRST READING.

**Action:** Motion to Approve Legislation, **Moved by** Councilman Ed Icove, **Seconded by** Councilman Moe Romeo.

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

**Yes:** Councilman Marty Gelfand, Councilwoman Jane Goodman, Councilwoman Ruth Gray, Councilman Ed Icove, Councilman Moe Romeo, Council President David Miller.

Absent: Councilman Dennis Fiorelli

The legislation has been approved.

Introduced by Miller

Ordinance 07-14

ORDINANCE

ASSESSING UNPAID COSTS OF SERVICE DEPARTMENT- NUISANCE ABATEMENT (YARD CLEAN-UP, BOARDING CHARGES, ETC.) AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 521.14 (D) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. FIRST READING.

**Action:** Motion to Approve Legislation, **Moved by** Councilman Ed Icove, **Seconded by** Council President Pro Tem Jane Goodman.

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

**Yes:** Councilman Marty Gelfand, Councilwoman Jane Goodman, Councilwoman Ruth Gray, Councilman Ed Icove, Councilman Moe Romeo, Council President David Miller.

Absent: Councilman Dennis Fiorelli

The legislation has been approved.

Introduced by Miller

Ordinance 08-14

ORDINANCE

ASSESSING ALL UNPAID COSTS OF FALSE ALARM- NUISANCE ABATEMENTS, AS AUTHORIZED BY CHAPTER 531 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO, THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY COMMON PLEAS COURT AND THE OHIO REVISED CODE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. FIRST READING.

**Action:** Motion to Approve Legislation, **Moved by** Councilman Marty Gelfand, **Seconded by** Council President Pro Tem Jane Goodman.

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

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

**Absent:** Councilman Dennis Fiorelli

The legislation has been approved.

Introduced by Miller

Ordinance 09-14

ORDINANCE

ASSESSING ALL UNPAID COSTS OF CRIMINAL NUISANCE ABATEMENTS, AS AUTHORIZED BY CHAPTER 531 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO, THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY COMMON PLEAS COURT AND THE OHIO REVISED CODE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. FIRST READING.

**Action:** Motion to Approve Legislation, **Moved by** Councilman Marty Gelfand, **Seconded by** Council President Pro Tem Jane Goodman.

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

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

**Absent:** Councilman Dennis Fiorelli

The legislation has been approved.

**Law Director's Report**

No report.

**Letters & Communications**

- Councilwoman Goodman reported on the upcoming Freecycle event sponsored by the Recycling Committee and the Warrendale Community Garden party on August 10.
- Councilwoman Gray reported on the Princeton Road and Bridgeview Drive Community Garage Sale this Saturday from 10 am to 7 pm.
- Councilman Gelfand reported on the Grosvenor Road Block Party this Saturday from noon until 8 pm.
- Councilman Romeo reported on the successful Dorsh and Edenwood Road block party last weekend.
- Councilman Icové reported on the upcoming annual National Night Out which will be August 5 at Bexley Park. Mr. Icové requested that Law Director Lograsso investigate and provide a legal opinion regarding the issues that gave rise to Resolution 42-14 regarding the telecommunications bid process. A COW was scheduled for September 8 at 6:15 pm.

**Adjourn to Executive Session** for the discussion of personnel and the sale of real property

**Action:** Motion to Adjourn to Executive Session, **Moved by** Council President David Miller, **Seconded by** Councilman Marty Gelfand.

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

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

**Absent:** Councilman Dennis Fiorelli

Council Adjourned to Executive Session at 9:38 pm.

**Adjourn**

**Action:** Motion to Adjourn to Meeting of City Council, **Moved by** Councilman Romeo, **Seconded by** Council President Miller

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

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

**Absent:** Councilman Dennis Fiorelli

The Meeting Adjourned at 9:59 pm.

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Council President

Attest:

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Clerk of Council