

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

Approval of Minutes: April 8, 2013; April 22, 2013; May 13, 2013; May 28, 2013; and June 3, 2013
Special Meeting

Action: Motion to Approve Minutes, Moved by Councilman Dennis Fiorelli, Seconded by Councilman Moe Romeo.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (summary: Yes = 7).

Yes: Councilman Dennis Fiorelli, Councilman Marty Gelfand, Councilwoman Jane Goodman, Councilwoman Ruth Gray, Council President Pro Tem Icove, Councilman Moe Romeo, Council President David Miller.
The Minutes have been approved.

Opening Meeting of Council:

President Pro Tem Icove called the Open Meeting of Council to order and invited the audience to address Council:

- Shawn Harris, 1691 South Belvoir, stated that he is representing the South Euclid ARCS Youth Football League, which formerly was called the Gators. Mr. Harris reported that the former coordinator of the program took the money and left the kids without uniforms. Mr. Harris is seeking assistance from Council and residents to donate to support the program.
- Kim Salerno, 617 Bay Lane, discussed an issue before council regarding an easement for the Laurens Avenue/Newberry Area and is against Council giving up control of the paper street for one resident.
- Virginia Salerno, 948 Newberry Avenue, stated that students use Laurens to get to Adrian school and go to the playground, and she would like to see it remain open and see that residents no longer park vehicles on end of road as it is a safety hazard.
- William McLaughlin, 428 Elmwood Road, spoke on the Stand Your Ground Legislation and stated that it should be amended to encourage the State to increase penalties for assault and similar items.
- Diane Mullally, 4455 Monticello Blvd, stated that she is speaking on behalf of residents trying to keep the Telling Mansion Library in community. She stated that Lyndhurst Home Days she met with community members and children and obtained 433 signatures, along with about 200 postcards to be sent to State Representatives Nina Turner and Armond Budish and requested that Council Members take a stand like Lyndhurst Council did.
- Tanisha Wilson Gordon, 1004 Newberry, stated that several statements regarding the Laurens Avenue issue are not true and that her property is directly adjacent to the entry to the Avenue and that there are safety issues with garbage being left and people cutting through at all hours of the night and she and her husband feel unsafe. Mr. Denavon Gordon stated that there has been damage to their property and that it is unsafe.
- Robert Schoenewald, 4426 Bayard, spoke on the Cedar Center bond authorization legislation and stated concerns about the maximum projected interest rate and the amortization table.

Legislation Requested by City Council

Introduced by Miller

Resolution 43-13

RESOLUTION

OPPOSING THAT PORTION OF OHIO HOUSE BILL 203, WHICH IS OHIO'S VERSION OF THE "STAND YOUR GROUND" HOUSE BILL LAW; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. FIRST READING.

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

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (summary: Yes = 7).

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

The Legislation has passed.

Introduced by Gray

Resolution 46-13

RESOLUTION

GRANTING A REVOCABLE LICENSE TO TENISHA R. WILSON OF 1004 NEWBURY ROAD, SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO, ALLOWING HER TO INSTALL A FENCE ACROSS CITY PROPERTY ON LAURENS ROAD AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE LICENSE AGREEMENT. FIRST READING.

The legislation was placed on First Reading and referred to the Committee of the Whole. A committee meeting was scheduled for September 23 at 6:30 pm.

Report of Council Committees:

Committee of the Whole

The committee met to discuss monthly finances. Council President Miller state that the City is 78% ahead of projected total budget and that the RITA subpoena program will begin January 22, 2014.

Finance Committee

The Committee met earlier in the evening to discuss Resolution 24-13 related to a Moral Claim and recommended passage.

Introduced by Goodman

Resolution 24-13

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO PAY A MORAL CLAIM. **SECOND READING.**

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

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (summary: Yes = 7).

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

The Legislation has passed

Introduced by Miller

Ordinance 42-12

ORDINANCE

AMENDING SECTION 770.07 "SIGN DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION CRITERIA" AND SECTION 770.10 "ADMINISTRATION PROCEDURES" OF CHAPTER 770 "SIGNS" OF TITLE SEVEN OF PART SEVEN "PLANNING AND ZONING CODE" OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO. **SECOND READING.**

The committee held a public hearing regarding the Ordinance. The legislation was Placed on Second Reading...

Mayor's Report:

- **Mayor Welo:** Reported on her participation with the Cleveland Heights University Heights Schools opening day celebration as there are several streets in South Euclid that attend the district. The Mayor reported that the South Euclid Pool Lifeguards won the yearly lifeguard challenge and that the first Notre Dame Football Game at the new field went very well. The Mayor reported that over 600 residents attended the South Euclid Harvest Fest held at Quarry Park.
- **Engineer Blackley** reported on the city's road repair and watermain projects on Wallingford and Sheridan. Blackley also reported on the Ohio EPA Demonstration grant for the City Hall Parking Lot.
- **Building Commissioner Kowalczyk** reported on city activity including the old Mr. TV building being renovated for the new ARC Jewelers on Warrensville Center Road, in addition, the long vacant building between Walgreens and Ohio Savings has been purchased and will be the new home from Classic Memorials. Kowalczyk reported that the old Starbucks site will become a Mattress Firm and Gent Machine has made several improvements to their new building. Oakwood Common's Walmart is finishing up their construction and they are expected to open in October.
- **Finance Director Smith** asked for consideration of the legislation discussed in the Finance Committee Meeting.
- **Economic Director Love** reported on the City's entry to the Enterprise Foundation for a potential award and also reported on HarvestFest and the upcoming free concert at Cedar Center on September 20, 2013.
- **Police Chief Nietert** reported on the new Coffee with a Cop Program and that the 5th Annual Citizen's Police Academy.
- **Service Director Anderson** reported that Dominion has been working on the new gas lines on South Green Road and that they lived up to their promise to provide support to replace trees which were cut down and has given the City a check for \$15,000 to replace trees. Anderson also reported that the City needs to replace the current Front End Loader which has reached its life-span.
- **Acting Fire Chief Stefko** reported on Fire Department calls for service and the department's trial with a chase car for squad calls. The Chief also discussed an award for 100 free smoke alarms and the MDA Boot Drive which collected just under \$3,000 for Muscular Dystrophy research.

Legislation Requested by the Administration

Introduced by Miller

Resolution 41-13

RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING THE PRESERVATION OF CUSTOMER CHOICE THROUGH GOVERNMENTAL OPT-OUT ELECTRIC AGGREGATION. FIRST READING.

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

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 7).

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

The Legislation has passed.

Introduced by Miller

Resolution 42-13

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT TO RECEIVE FUNDS FROM THE NEIGHBORHOOD STABILIZATION PROGRAM (NSP3) COMPETITIVE MUNICIPAL GRANT PROGRAM. FIRST READING.

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

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (summary: Yes = 7).

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

The legislation has passed.

Introduced by Miller

Resolution 44-13

RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY FISCAL OFFICER. FIRST READING.

Action: Motion to Approve Legislation, **Moved by** Councilman Moe Romeo, **Seconded by** Councilman Dennis Fiorelli.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (summary: Yes = 7).

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

The legislation has passed.

Introduced by Miller

Resolution 45-13

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH GPD GROUP FOR THE PERFORMANCE OF TRAFFIC ENGINEERING SERVICES RELATED TO THE SOUTH GREEN TRAFFIC SIGNAL UPGRADE PROJECT. FIRST READING

Action: Motion to Approve Legislation, **Moved by** Councilman Dennis Fiorelli, **Seconded by** Councilman Moe Romeo.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (summary: Yes = 7).

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

The legislation has passed.

Introduced by Miller

Ordinance 14-13

ORDINANCE

REPEALING ORDINANCE 549.16 "DISPLAY OF FIREARMS FOR SALE" OF CHAPTER 549 "WEAPONS AND EXPLOSIVES" OF PART FIVE "GENERAL OFFENSES CODE" OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO. FIRST READING.

Action: Motion to Approve Legislation, **Moved by** Council President David Miller, **Seconded by** Councilman Dennis Fiorelli. Following discussion, Councilman Gelfand stated that while he understands the issue with the State Code, he would like to discuss the matter further before a vote is taken.

Vote: Motion passed (summary: Yes = 6, No = 1, Abstain = 0).

Yes: Councilman Dennis Fiorelli, Councilwoman Jane Goodman, Councilwoman Ruth Gray, Council President Pro Tem Icove, Councilman Moe Romeo, Council President David Miller.

No: Councilman Marty Gelfand.

The Legislation has passed.

Introduced by Miller

Ordinance 15-13

ORDINANCE

TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS IN A PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,100,000 FOR VARIOUS PURPOSES INCLUDING PAYING COSTS OF ISSUANCE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. FIRST READING.

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

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (summary: Yes = 7).

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

The legislation has passed.

Law Director's Report

Law Director Lograsso reported on health insurance negotiations and reported that he is hopeful that he will have some good news to share in the coming weeks.

Letters & Communications

- Council President Miller reported on a September 27 Brush Boosters Tailgate event and discussed the Cuyahoga County Foreclosure Mediation Program.
- Councilperson Goodman reported on the success of the first free concert at Cedar Center and stated that her fall Ward Meeting will be the first Wednesday in October.
- Councilwoman Gray discussed Resolution 48-13 regarding the Newberry/Laurens Avenue issue before Council and requested that members of City Council personally visit the site to see what the resident issues are. Ms. Gray also stated that she will be having her annual Ward One meeting in October.
- Councilperson Gelfand reported on the Cedar Center concert and the efforts of the Cedar Center Neighborhood Association and Eastway Community Garden cleanup.
- Councilman Romeo reported on the Coffee with a Cop event which was held on Saturday and reported on an upcoming Block Party on Dorsh Circle. Mr. Romeo also reported on the Kimble Open House on October 2nd to showcase how the recycling collection process is handled.
- Councilman Fiorelli reported on the Recycling Committee and their election of their new President.
- Councilman Icove discussed Legal Aid Society's Foreclosure Mediation Program to help South Euclid Residents and that the program has saved nearly 6,000 homes. Mr. Icove also wished those of Jewish faith a happy new year.

Adjourn

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

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 7).

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

The Meeting Adjourned at 9:47 pm.

Council President

Attest:

Clerk of Council