

REGULAR MEETING OF SOUTH EUCLID CITY COUNCIL

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

Roll Call

Present: Council President Pro Tem Dennis Fiorelli, Councilman Marty Gelfand, Councilwoman Ruth Gray, Councilman Ed Icove, Councilman Moe Romeo, Councilman Jason Russell, Council President Jane Goodman.

Approval of Minutes: February 8, 2016

Action: Motion to Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings, **Moved by** Councilman Marty Gelfand, **Seconded by** Council President Pro Tem Dennis Fiorelli.

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

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

The Minutes have been approved.

Opening Meeting of Council:

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

- Robert Schoenewald, 4426 Bayard, discussed the bond renewal that is on the agenda and that he believes it is for the Greenvale notes and asked when the city was going to start paying it off.
- Rev. Kristine Eggert, 1876 Langerdale Road, spoke in opposition to House Bill 48, which expands the State's gun law to allow open carry in school zones, government buildings, colleges and daycare centers. Ms. Eggert is collecting signatures for a petition to repeal the law.
- Dave Eggert, 1876 Langerdale Road, also spoke in opposition to House Bill 48 and urged City Council to go on the record and pass a resolution opposing the State Legislature's Bill.
- Pat Mocnik, 4109 Lowden Road, spoke of his concern for the proposed Lowden development and potential for flooding. Mr. Mocnik stated that there is already flooding at a neighbor's home because the former Lowden School property was not leveled properly when the school was demolished.
- Lucy Oravec, 4113 Lowden Road, stated that she is against the proposed Lowden School development and that the 65 unit proposed subsidized housing development for seniors will bring their property values down.
- Joseph Miller, 4115 Lowden Road, spoke in opposition to the Lowden development and stated that the project is inconsistent with the neighborhood and he hopes council will agree with the Planning Commission's recommended to not rezone the property because it is not a good deal for the City of South Euclid.
- Mike Heltzel, 1568 Sheridan Road, reported that he is President of the South Euclid Lyndhurst Youth Baseball Association and discussed the growth and success of the youth program, including the addition of a new fall league. Mr. Heltzel thanked resident Beth Greisl for her hard work to make the program a success and the money the league has put into the City's ballfields and new programs including a T-Ball League. Mr. Heltzel and Ms. Greisl presented several members of City Council with plaques in appreciation of their support.
- Priscilla Bradley, 4049 Dartford, discussed her concerns with what she believes are drug deals that are occurring at the end of the street and her concerns about the potential for halfway houses in the neighborhood and stated that she does not want halfway houses or group homes.

Report of Council Committees:

Recreation Committee

Councilwoman Gray reported that the Committee met to discuss the summer pool fee ordinance. There were some amendments made and the legislation was recommended for passage.

Legislation from the Planning Commission

Introduced by Miller

Ordinance 27-15

ORDINANCE

AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO, SO AS TO CHANGE THE HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED PERMANENT PARCEL NUMBERS FROM ITS EXISTING CLASS R-50 "ONE AND TWO FAMILY DISTRICT" TO M-F "MULTIPLE FAMILY DISTRICT." **TO BE PLACED ON SECOND READING FOR REFERRAL TO THE ZONING & PLANNING COMMITTEE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING.**

Mayor's Report:

Economic Development Director Love requested consideration of the legislation for the transfer of property to One South Euclid.

Legislation Requested by the Mayor and Administration

Introduced by Goodman

Resolution 04-16

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** Councilman Moe Romeo, **Seconded by** Council President Pro Tem Dennis Fiorelli.

Councilwoman Gray requested that Council revisit the agreement with One South Euclid to make certain that the proceeds from the sale of the properties are being returned to the community in the form of loans and grants. Director Benjamin reported that the One South Euclid Board has been discussing the establishment of several loan and grant programs to help residents in need and that he would set up a meeting with the CDC and One South Euclid.

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

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

The legislation has been approved.

Introduced by Goodman

Resolution 05-16

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO PREPARE THE NECESSARY SPECIFICATIONS, ADVERTISE FOR BIDS, AND ENTER INTO SUBSEQUENT CONTRACTS FOR REPAIR OF THE ELEVATOR LOCATED AT THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID MUNICIPAL COMPLEX. FIRST READING.

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

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

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

The legislation has been approved.

Introduced by Goodman

Ordinance 01-16

ORDINANCE

APPROVING THE EDITING AND INCLUSION OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES AS PARTS OF THE VARIOUS COMPONENT CODES OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION AND PUBLICATION OF NEW MATTER IN THE UPDATED AND REVISED CODIFIED ORDINANCES; REPEALING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **SECOND READING.**

The legislation was placed on second reading. Councilman Icove requested that the ordinances be reviewed by independent parties. Mr. Benjamin stated that each department director or Chief affected by any changes reviewed the codified changes.

Introduced by Goodman

Ordinance 02-16

ORDINANCE

TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2016; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. FIRST READING.

The legislation was placed on first reading and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

Introduced by Goodman

Ordinance 03-16

ORDINANCE

TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS IN A PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,600,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE COSTS OF THE ACQUISITION, AND ANY NECESSARY CLEARANCE AND PREPARATION OF REAL PROPERTY FOR URBAN REDEVELOPMENT, PAYING COSTS OF ISSUANCE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. FIRST READING.

Councilman Fiorelli discussed the legislation and that the ordinance must be passed at the March 14th Council Meeting. Mr. Fiorelli stated that he met with Finance Director Smith about the ordinance and had all of his questions answered and requested that Council Members contact Mr. Smith in the next three weeks prior to the next council meeting if they have any questions or need any additional information.

Law Director's Report – no report.

Letters & Communications

- Council President Goodman scheduled a Public Hearing regarding the proposed Lowden rezoning for April 11, 2016 from 6-8 pm at South Euclid City Hall.
- Councilman Icove reported on the memo in council packets from the Mayor regarding the forthcoming resignation of Finance Director Smith and requested that the job notice be posted on the website and with the Ohio Finance Officers Association and Ohio Municipal League.
- Councilman Fiorelli discussed the Recreation Survey and asked residents to please go online and fill it out if they have not already.
- Councilman Romeo scheduled a committee of the whole meeting to discuss the proposed court merger legislation. The meeting was scheduled for March 14th at 6 pm. Mr. Romeo requested that Ord. 37-11 regarding parking prohibitions be placed on the docket for removal at the next meeting and stated that if there is any value in revisiting the issue, council can introduce new legislation.
- Councilwoman Gray reported that the annual Ward One Meeting will be held on March 10 at 6:30 pm at the new branch of the Cuyahoga County Library and reported on the recreation survey which will give Council and the city feedback on what it can do to make our parks better.
- Councilman Gelfand reported on the passing of longtime South Euclid resident Ron Balis, a Korean War veteran who passed away at 81 years of age. Mr. Gelfand reported that Mr. Balis was featured recently in a

play performed by Notre Dame College theatre students. Mr. Gelfand reported on a farewell luncheon that was held for retiring US District Attorney Steve Dettelbach. Councilman Gelfand also reported on the school report cards and an effort in the Cleveland Heights University Heights Schools that question the state test score reporting requirements versus the actual student achievements.

- Councilman Russell stated that as spring approaches and the snow melts, there is accumulated trash on the streets and in yards and requested that residents please take the time to pick up trash when they see it.
- Council President Goodman discussed the annual spring Community Clean Up Day and the process for the appointment of Tree Commission Members.
- Councilman Romeo discussed the need for resident applications for the Tax Review Board.
- Council President Goodman reported on the March 3rd South Euclid Business Appreciation Mixer hosted by the Heights Hillcrest Chamber of Commerce at 5:30 pm at University Suburban Health Center and the upcoming annual city Spring Fest. Ms. Goodman also confirmed with Councilman Ilove that there will be a Ward 3 Meeting on March 30th.

Adjourn

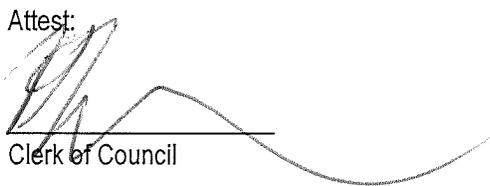
Action: Motion to Adjourn, **Moved by** Councilman Moe Romeo, **Seconded by** Councilman Marty Gelfand.

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

Yes: Council President Pro Tem Dennis Fiorelli, Councilman Marty Gelfand, Councilwoman Ruth Gray, Councilman Ed Ilove, Councilman Moe Romeo, Councilman Jason Russell, Council President Jane Goodman.

The Meeting Adjourned at 9:03 pm.

Attest:


Clerk of Council


Council President