

**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 Jason Russell, Council President Jane Goodman.

**Opening Meeting of Council:**

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

- Charles Turner, 4549 Lilac Road, stated that he is a graduate of both Memorial and Brush High School in South Euclid and has degrees in Law Enforcement. Mr. Turner stated that he has lived peacefully in South Euclid for 20 years with no complaints or parking tickets and he has not done anything to deserve what he has been through. Mr. Turner stated that next week is National Law Enforcement Appreciation day and that he hopes that Council gives Chief Nietert everything that he deserves. Mr. Turner stated that since January 2013 he has been followed by police, harassed by the police and nearly run over in a crosswalk walking his dog and has reached his limits. Mr. Turner stated that if City Council, Mayor and Law Director had done their jobs and what they were required to do, Chief Nietert and Law Director Lograsso would be out of prison by now. He would like his issues resolved.
- Dave Eggert, 1876 Langerdale Road, spoke in reference to Resolution 08-16 opposing Ohio House Bill 48 "the guns everywhere" bill that would allow the carrying of concealed weapons in government buildings, on college campuses, school safety zones and day care centers. Mr. Eggert urged City Council to join other councils around the state that are considering similar legislation to oppose the bill and urged careful consideration.
- Ori Akrish, reported that he is a member of the South Euclid Lyndhurst Board of Education and gave an update on school activities including the revamping of the gifted program and that Greenview Teacher Ms. Arnold has been awarded a teacher of excellence award. Mr. Akrish reported that Memorial students participated in the White House science and technology competition at the Greater Cleveland Science Center focusing on technology and robotics and that seven Brush High seniors were awarded college athletic scholarships, joining five more from last fall. Board Member Akrish noted that Brush Alum Jason Pryor is headed to this summer's Olympic Games in Rio, Brazil to compete in fencing.

**Report of Council Committees:**Committee of the Whole

Council President Goodman reported that the committee held its monthly finance meeting and that Council will be focusing on how to stay solvent in the next few years because current income is not covering expenses and the City and Council are looking at possible ways to fix the issue. Ms. Goodman stated that income tax collections are up, and the City is still projecting a \$3 million end of year fund. The Committee of the Whole will meet prior to the first Council Meeting of every month at 7 pm to discuss planning for the upcoming Safety Levy, cut costs and increase revenue and resident's attendance and input are welcomed.

Safety Committee

Introduced by Goodman

Resolution 08-16

## ORDINANCE

A RESOLUTION BY THE SOUTH EUCLID CITY COUNCIL IN OPPOSITION TO HOUSE BILL 48 "THE GUNS EVERYWHERE BILL". **SECOND READING.**

The legislation was placed on Second Reading.

Introduced by Goodman

Ordinance 04-16

## ORDINANCE

AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT CREATING A REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS, PURSUANT TO OHIO LAW, WHICH SHALL ESTABLISH AND OPERATE A JOINT POLICE, FIRE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COMMUNICATION SYSTEM FOR THE DISPATCH OF POLICE, FIRE AND EMS SERVICES IN AND FOR THE CITIES OF SHAKER HEIGHTS, CLEVELAND HEIGHTS, SOUTH EUCLID AND UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS, AND SUCH OTHER COMMUNITIES AS SHALL JOIN SAID CENTER; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

**SECOND READING.**

**Action:** Motion to Approve Legislation, **Moved by** Council President Jane Goodman, **Seconded by** Council President Pro Tem Dennis Fiorelli.

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

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

The legislation has been approved.

**Legislation Requested by City Council**

Introduced by Goodman

Ordinance 05-16

## ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 111.08 "COUNCIL RULES" OF TITLE THREE "LEGISLATIVE" OF PART ONE OF THE "ADMINISTRATIVE CODE" TO REQUIRE DEPARTMENTAL HEADS TO ATTEND REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS IN THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID. FIRST READING.

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

**Mayor's Report:**

- Council President Goodman reported that the Mayor could not be at the meeting and gave the City Engineer's update regarding road, street and construction projects.
- Building Commissioner Paul Kowalczyk discussed building and economic development projects and gave updates on the Mayfield Green Project and Oakwood Commons. Both will be under construction in the coming months with new parcels under construction.
- Service Director Jim Anderson requested City Council's consideration of Resolution 16-16 to join the State of Ohio Department of Transportation bid for Road Salt for the 2016-2017 winter season.
- Fire Chief Doug Stefko reported on neighborhood house fires and requested City Council consideration of Resolution 15-16 for educational reimbursement expenses for Firefighters per the collective bargaining agreement and Resolution 14-16 to appropriate funds for the purchase of fire vehicle exhaust systems for the fire house.
- Police Chief Kevin Nietert reported that the next Community Shred Day will be May 21<sup>st</sup> from 9-noon behind City Hall and that on October 21<sup>st</sup>, the City and SEL Schools will be hosting a bike rodeo at Greenview from 10-Noon. Chief Nietert discussed Resolution 19-16 to apply for a Federal COPS grant.

**Legislation Requested by the Mayor and Administration**

Introduced by Goodman

Resolution 14-16

## RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF UNAPPROPRIATED FUNDS IN THE GENERAL FUND TO THE FOLLOWING FUND: "FIRE DEPARTMENT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND #408-1120-52502" IN AN AMOUNT OF \$6,000 FOR REPAIRS TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT VEHICLE EXHAUST EXTRACTION SYSTEM. FIRST READING.

**Action:** Motion to Approve Legislation, **Moved by** Council President Pro Tem Dennis Fiorelli, **Seconded by** Councilman Jason Russell.

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

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

The legislation has been approved.

Introduced by Goodman

Resolution 15-16

## RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF UNAPPROPRIATED FUNDS IN THE GENERAL FUND TO THE FOLLOWING FUND: "FIRE DEPARTMENT/EDUCATIONAL REIMBURSEMENT FUND #101-1120-52180" IN AN AMOUNT OF \$10,000 FOR EDUCATIONAL REIMBURSEMENT PURSUANT TO THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH IAFF LOCAL 1065. FIRST READING.

Councilwoman Gray stated that these expenses should have been forecast at the budget hearings and that the Fire Department needs to talk to employees to project this and it is not an emergency and should have been part of the budget.

Councilman Russell asked if there was a guarantee that the employees would finish their degrees.

Chief Stefko explained that the Department did budget \$13,000 which has already been expended and that the Firefighters are reimbursed per class and only for courses that have to do with firefighting or career-based degrees.

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

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

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

The legislation has been approved.

Introduced by Goodman

Resolution 16-16

## RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ODOT) TO PROVIDE 4,000 TONS OF SODIUM CHLORIDE (BULK ROCK SALT) TO THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, PER OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 5513.01 (B); FOR THE 2016-2017 WINTER SEASON. FIRST READING.

**Action:** Motion to Approve Legislation, **Moved by** Council President Jane Goodman, **Seconded by** Council President Pro Tem Dennis Fiorelli.

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

**Yes:** Council President Pro Tem Dennis Fiorelli, Councilman Marty Gelfand, Councilwoman Ruth Gray, Councilman Ed Icove, Councilman Jason Russell, Council President Jane Goodman.  
The legislation has been approved.

Introduced by Goodman

Resolution 17-16

RESOLUTION

ADOPTING AND APPROVING THE 2015-2016 COMPREHENSIVE MASTER PLAN FOR THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO. FIRST READING.

The legislation was placed on first reading and referred to the Planning and Zoning Committee of Council.

Introduced by Goodman

Resolution 18-16

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES 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 IMPROVEMENTS PROJECTS RELATED TO NATURAL RESOURCES. FIRST READING.

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

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

**Yes:** Council President Pro Tem Dennis Fiorelli, Councilman Marty Gelfand, Councilwoman Ruth Gray, Councilman Ed Icove, Councilman Jason Russell, Council President Jane Goodman.  
The legislation has been approved.

Introduced by Goodman

Resolution 19-16

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES AND CHIEF OF POLICE TO PREPARE AND FILE A GRANT APPLICATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE “COPS HIRING PROGRAM” FOR THE POSITION OF SCHOOL RESOURCE POLICE OFFICER IN COLLABORATION WITH THE SOUTH EUCLID LYNDHURST SCHOOL DISTRICT. FIRST READING.

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

**Law Director’s Report** – No report

**Letters & Communications**

- Councilman Russell stated that he will be scheduling a meeting of the zoning and planning committee to review the comprehensive master plan.
- Councilman Gelfand reported that on May 4 he participated in a program saluting our veterans and military and that the Heights Hillcrest Chamber of Commerce Annual EXPO will be May 12 at 700 Beta Drive. Mr. Gelfand reported on an issue on Argonne Road with a new house that is being built next to a small house and asked the Building Commissioner and Housing Manager for the record and history of the issue.
- Councilwoman Gray reported that she and the Mayor met last Tuesday with members of the Lowden Community to discuss the Lowden School property issue and also reported on a meeting that the Mayor and resident Bess Rhodes had with the Superintendent about the issue. Ms. Gray reported that the property is still available and that the school district is looking for potential buyers and that the Lowden residents would prefer that the property remain greenspace and used for recreational activities and requested that Director Benjamin look into potential grants to purchase the property. Councilwoman Gray stated that if the land is developed, the neighborhood would like to see a tiny home project which is a growing trend. Ms. Gray also reported that one of the good things that came out of the Lowden issue is that the neighborhood is now organized and will be having a block party on May 14. Councilwoman Gray also reported that the Community Partnership on Aging received a grant of \$25,000 to continue developing collaborative relationships and also reported that the South Euclid Municipal Court received a grant of over \$4,000 to help improve the security system at City Hall.
- Councilman Icove: Presented the South Euclid Municipal Court’s newsletter and placed extra copies on the front bench. Mr. Icove stated that the court also received a grant of \$13,000 for optic upgrades to improve access for additional live streaming and technology work.
- Councilman Fiorelli reported that the Hillcrest Band Concert will be performing at Notre Dame College on the lawn on July 3<sup>rd</sup> and thanked the Building Commissioner, Service Director and employees for taking care of issues around the city with Dominion Gas and some vandalism of concrete work. Mr. Fiorelli reported on the Drama Club presentation at Sacred Heart of Jesus Academy.
- Council President Goodman thanked the residents who came out for the annual Arbor Day celebration at Langerdale Overlook Park on South Green Road.

**Adjourn to Executive Session**

**Action:** Motion to Adjourn to Executive Session for the discussion of pending litigation, **Moved by** Councilwoman Ruth Gray, **Seconded by** Councilman Marty Gelfand.

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

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

City Council adjourned to Executive Session at 9:20 pm.

**Adjourn**

**Action:** Motion to Adjourn, **Moved by** Councilman Marty Gelfand, **Seconded by** Councilman Jason Russell.

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

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

The Meeting Adjourned at 9:46 pm

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Council President

Attest:

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Clerk of Council