

REGULAR MEETING OF SOUTH EUCLID CITY COUNCIL

Council President Jane Goodman called the meeting to order and the Fire Department Honor Guard presented the colors 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 22, 2016

Action: Motion to Approve Minutes, **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.

Special Presentation: Firefighter of the Year

Firefighter Matthew Ziemba was honored as the 2015 Firefighter of the Year for his outstanding service to the residents of South Euclid and his department.

Introduced by Goodman

Resolution 06-16

RESOLUTION

IN APPRECIATION TO AND RECOGNITION OF FIREFIGHTER MATTHEW ZIEMBA FOR HIS OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE SOUTH EUCLID FIRE DEPARTMENT AND THE RESIDENTS OF SOUTH EUCLID AND HAVING BEEN NOMINATED AND ELECTED FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR FOR 2015. FIRST READING

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 = 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.

Opening Meeting of Council:

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

- Chuck Turner, 4549 Lilac Road, stated that at the beginning of the year Council President Goodman stated that she would look into Mr. Turner's ongoing complaints about the Law Director and Police Chief and the way he was treated by an officer. Mr. Turner made remarks about the 2016 budget and stated the Law Department budget is more than \$249,000 and \$189,000 for personnel services and suggested that it could be the law director spending taxpayer money to defend his and Mr. Frey's law suits and maybe the law director should learn how to resolve issues instead. Mr. Turner stated that the light is still off on the communications tower.

Legislation for Removal from Council DocketLegislative Committee

Introduced by Miller

Ordinance 37-11

ORDINANCE

AMENDING SECTION 351.14 "ALL-NIGHT PARKING PROHIBITED" OF CHAPTER 351 "PARKING GENERALLY" OF PART THREE "TRAFFIC CODE" OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO. **FOR REMOVAL.**

Action: Motion to Remove Legislation, **Moved by** Councilman Moe Romeo, **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 legislation has been removed from Council Docket.

Report of Council Committees:Committee of the Whole

Council President Goodman reported that the committee met to discuss Resolution 45-15 regarding the merger of the court and had an interesting discussion which will continue at a future date. Ms. Goodman also discussed the monthly financial update and that the city received a small windfall during February with the collection of \$600,000 in income taxes, which is mostly due the RITA subpoena program to collect delinquent taxes. However, revenues will tend to balance out as we go through the year.

Safety Committee

Councilman Gelfand reported that the Safety Committee met to discuss Ordinance 26-15 which would expand the scope of the police nuisance abatement enforcement beyond 1000 feet from a property owner's home to the entire city. Mr. Gelfand reported that the Law Director wrote a legal opinion advising that there are some constitutional issues with the proposed ordinance as currently written. The committee decided to table the legislation and some language regarding domestic violence advocate issues may be discussed as separate legislation.

Committee of the Whole
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. **THIRD READING.**

Action: Motion to Approve Legislation, **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 Icové, Councilman Moe Romeo, Councilman Jason Russell, Council President Jane Goodman.

The legislation has been approved.

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. **SECOND READING.**

The legislation was placed on Second Reading.

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. **SECOND READING.**

Action: Motion to Approve Legislation, **Moved by** Council President Pro Tem Dennis Fiorelli, **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 Icové, Councilman Moe Romeo, Councilman Jason Russell, Council President Jane Goodman.

The legislation has been approved.

Recreation Committee

Introduced by Goodman

Ordinance 30-15

ORDINANCE

AMENDING SECTION 933.07, FEES FOR USE, AS CONTAINED IN CHAPTER 933, MUNICIPAL SWIMMING POOLS OF PART NINE STREETS AND PUBLIC SERVICES CODE OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID; SETTING ADMISSION FEES, SEASON PASSES, SPECIAL PROGRAMS, AND RECIPROCITY WITH THE CITY OF LYNTHURST FOR THE USE OF THE MUNICIPAL SWIMMING POOLS AND SPLASH PARK BY RESIDENTS OF THE CITY. **SECOND READING.**

Amend Legislation

The legislation was amended to reflect changes to the definition of family and recognizing partners and legal guardians.

Action: Motion to Amend Legislation, **Moved by** Councilwoman Ruth Gray, **Seconded by** Council President Jane Goodman.

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 Icové, Councilman Moe Romeo, Councilman Jason Russell, Council President Jane Goodman.

For Passage:

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

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 Icové, Councilman Moe Romeo, Councilman Jason Russell, Council President Jane Goodman.

The legislation has been approved.

Legislation requested by City Council

Introduced by Goodman

Resolution 07-16

RESOLUTION

APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE TREE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO AS ESTABLISHED BY CHAPTER 943 "TREE COMMISSION/TREES" OF PART NINE "STREETS AND PUBLIC SERVICES" OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO. FIRST READING. Council President Goodman explained the appointment process for the newly revised Tree Commission and the appointments of J. Meiring Borchers, Joseph Mehalik, Miriam Plax and Deborah Wright.

Action: Motion to Approve Legislation, **Moved by** Council President Jane Goodman, **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 Icove, Councilman Moe Romeo, Councilman Jason Russell, Council President Jane Goodman.
The legislation has been approved.

Introduced by Goodman

Resolution 08-16

RESOLUTION

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

Councilman Gelfand reported that the legislation is the result of residents Rev. Kristine Eggert and her husband Dave Eggert's presentation to City Council at the last City Council Meeting regarding House Bill 48 currently being considered by the Ohio Senate. The legislation was placed on first reading and a committee meeting will be scheduled to discuss the issue.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Welo reported to Mr. Turner that Verizon is responsible for fixing the lighting issue on the communications tower and that they are aware of the problem and trying to fix it. Ms. Welo reported that revised budget books are available for council to pick up at dispatch. Mayor Welo discussed many events she has attended for the South Euclid PTA and other school related events and reported that the Garden Club will meet tomorrow at 6 pm and reported on upcoming fundraisers for the South Euclid Lyndhurst Historical Society, Spring Fest and Mercury Theatre Company.

Law Director's Report – No report.

Letters & Communications

- Councilwoman Gray thanked the Ward One residents that attend last week's Ward One Community Meeting and thanked Councilman Icove and Councilman Gelfand, along with Officer Mirabito, Sally Martin and Keith Benjamin for attending. Councilwoman Gray scheduled a Recreation Committee Meeting for April 25th at 6:30 pm to continue discussion of recreation strategic planning initiatives.
- Councilman Gelfand reported that he attended the Cleveland Tenants Organization annual meeting on March 1st and scheduled a Safety Committee Meeting for April 11 at 5:30 pm to discuss Res. 08-16 in opposition to HB48 regarding guns and open carry laws.
- Councilman Russell stated that one of the great things about spring is talking to neighbors and catching up on what is going on, and that residents that attend council meetings can be ambassadors to inform their neighbors. Mr. Russell stated that with the warmer weather he put out yard waste in the morning and reported that it was already picked up by the city when he returned home from work. Mr. Russell reported on many of the streets to be resurfaced this year including Miramar, Homestead and Ruple Road along with watermain projects on Wilmington and Greenvale. Mr. Russell reported that there will also be an East Antisdale street meeting regarding their road reconstruction project on March 30th at 6:30 pm at City Hall.
- Councilman Romeo reported on the gathering for Hillary Clinton hosted by Mayor Welo last Friday that included actors Ted Danson and Mary Steenburgen at the Coffee Phix Café. Mr. Romeo addressed letters that have been circulating regarding school district issues on Whitehall Road and that the school district is aware of the issue.
- Councilman Fiorelli reported on the SEL School's Brown & Gold Fundraiser on Saturday that was standing room only.
- Council President Goodman welcomed the new tree commission members and reported on a tree workshop that will be on April 8 at TRI-C East on tree maintenance and the importance of trees and value they bring to communities. Ms. Goodman discussed planning for the upcoming Arbor Day celebration on April 29th.

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 = 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 Meeting Adjourned at 8:55 pm

Council President

Attest:

Clerk of Council