

**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 Joe Frank, Councilman Marty Gelfand, Councilwoman Ruth Gray, Councilman Ed Icove, Councilman Jason Russell, Council President Jane Goodman.

**Report of the Mayor**

Mayor Welo reported that department heads Macalla, Wendt, Benjamin, Love, Blackley and Logrosso were in attendance. The Mayor thanked the PACA Neighborhood Group for their donation of \$550 towards the Holiday Food Drive.

**Report of Law Director & Department Heads**

- City Engineer Blackley reported that the City submitted an application to the regional sewer district for the Grosvenor Road project and were awarded \$300,000. Mr. Blackley reported that several road projects will be going out to bid in the coming weeks and that Dominion East Ohio Gas continues with the gas line replacement project on South Green Road.
- Director Benjamin gave an update on the Grosvenor Road application for County Community Development Block Grant Funds. The application was submitted on December 23<sup>rd</sup> and the City expects to hear back by the beginning of March.

**Opening Meeting of Council Related to Agenda Specific Items**

President Goodman called the Open Meeting of Council to order and invited the audience to address Council. There were no resident comments.

**Report of Council Committees:**

Finance Committee: Councilman Fiorelli reported that the committee met to discuss Ordinance 21-16 regarding the Salary Ordinance and will schedule another meeting.

Committee of the Whole: Council President Goodman reported that moving forward, the monthly financial update meeting will be moved to the second meeting of each month to provide more up to date financial figures. Ms. Goodman reported that the City ended 2016 with approximately \$4.5 million, about \$200,000 more than the city ended in 2015. However some of the general fund is not reflective of RITA collections that the City will have to pay out.

**Committee of the Whole**

Introduced by Goodman

Resolution 66-16

**RESOLUTION**

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH OHIOBIZ, LLC TO FURTHER DEVELOP AND MAINTAIN THE WORLD WIDE WEBSITE FOR THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO. **SECOND READING.**

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

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

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

The legislation has been approved.

**Legislation Requested by the Mayor and Administration**

Introduced by Goodman

Resolution 01-17

**RESOLUTION**

SETTING THE DATES FOR THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID'S REGULARLY SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETINGS IN 2017. **FIRST READING.**

Motion to Amend Resolution to move the December 26<sup>th</sup> City Council Meeting to December 27, 2017.

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

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

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

The legislation has been amended.

**Action:** Motion to Approve Legislation, **Moved by** Councilman Ed Icove, **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 Joe Frank, 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 02-17

## RESOLUTION

REQUESTING FROM THE COUNTY AUDITOR A TAX ADVANCE FROM THE PROCEEDS OF THE 2016 TAX YEAR COLLECTION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. FIRST READING.

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

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

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

The legislation has been approved.

**Communications of City Council**

- Councilman Fiorelli scheduled a Finance Committee Meeting for February 13 at 7 pm to discuss the salary ordinance.
- Councilman Gelfand scheduled a Safety Committee regarding Ordinance 11-15 for 6:30 pm on February 13, 2017 to discuss smoke dampers in the fire department.
- Councilman Gelfand reported that the Safety Committee, at the request of ADAMS Board Director Bill Denihan, will hold a meeting to discuss the regional heroin epidemic on Monday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm in Council Chambers.
- Councilwoman Gray reported on Recreation Committee Meeting to finalize the fees for the summer pools and community center rentals. The recreation ad-hoc committee strategic plan process was also discussed to set objectives and outline measurable for the upcoming effort.
- Councilman Gelfand reported that he attended the swearing-in of former South Euclid prosecutor Michael Shaughnessy, who was elected to a County Judgeship. Mr. Gelfand also reported on additional swearing-in ceremonies attended for newly elected Judges in Cuyahoga County.
- Councilman Russell thanked Service Director Jim Anderson and staff for their attention to picking up the leaves. Mr. Russell stated that as soon as the snow melted during the recent warm up, the leftover tree lawn leaves on his street were picked up. Mr. Russell stated that the first meeting of 2017 is a time to reflect on what we are going to do as a community, council and as residents.
- Councilman Fiorelli reported on the new Simple Recycling collection effort for soft recyclables and reviewed 2016 recycling numbers.
- Councilman Frank reported that he attended a meeting regarding the regional green committee and Mike Foley, the Sustainability Director for Cuyahoga County gave a presentation. Several South Euclid residents attended the meeting. Mr. Frank echoed Councilman Russell's sentiments regarding working together as a community and how we need to act locally, as that is the only thing we can control and make a difference.
- Council President Goodman reported that she has been appointed to a National League of Cities committee and will be attending a meeting in March in Washington DC. Ms. Goodman discussed reviving the Small Business Program in South Euclid and several residents are interested in participating. President Goodman thanked the Service Department for their excellent work.

**Open Meeting**

Chuck Turner, 4549 Lilac Road, stated that it is the anniversary of the day on January 9, 2013 when Police Chief Nietert assigned Officer Shawna McCann to attack him in her police car going 60 mph down Mayfield Road and that in December 2013, Chief Nietert sent a memo to Law Director Lograsso and Mayor Welo stating to not worry about Mr. Turner because he is crazy.

**Adjourn**

**Action:** Motion to Adjourn, **Moved by** Councilman Marty Gelfand, **Seconded by** Councilman Joe Frank.

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

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

The Meeting Adjourned at 8:37 pm.

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Council President

Attest:

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Clerk of Council