

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.

Approval of Minutes: December 12, 2016 & December 27, 2016

Minutes of December 12, 2016

Action: Motion to Approve Minutes, **Moved by** Council President Pro Tem Dennis Fiorelli, **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 minutes have been approved.

Minutes of December 27, 2016

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

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

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

Abstain: Councilman Jason Russell (not present at 12/27/16 Meeting)

The minutes have been approved.

Police Swearing-In Ceremony

Joseph Mays was sworn in as Assistant Police Chief and Andrea Galbraith & James Patrick were sworn-in as new Patrol Officers.

Special Recognition

Recognizing the work of the United Auto Workers (UAW) & Community Housing Solutions (CHS) to benefit a South Euclid Homeowner. Housing Manager Martin gave an overview and Mayor Welo presented a Proclamation to the Center for Community Solutions and United Auto Workers for their work to help a South Euclid homeowner in need of assistance.

Report of the Mayor

Mayor Welo reported that department director's Macalla, Martin, Love, Wendt, Benjamin, Stefko, Nietert and Lograsso were present. Engineer Blackley was excused from the meeting.

Report of Law Director & Department Heads

- Housing Manager Martin applauded the efforts of the Community Housing Solutions and One South Euclid for their work to help residents.
 - Economic Development Director Love reported that Steak n Shake will hold their Grand Opening celebration on February 6, 2017.
 - Community Services Director Benjamin reported on legislation to transfer vacant properties received from the County Land Bank to One South Euclid.
 - Police Chief Nietert reported on legislation to appropriate a \$1 million grant received from Cuyahoga County for the Regional Dispatch Center and requested passage by City Council.
 - Mayor Welo congratulated Chief Nietert on his election as the new president of the Cuyahoga County Chief's Association. Mayor Welo reported that Community Partnership on Aging Director Stacey O'Brien is resigning her position to accept a position at Lake Erie College. Mayor Welo reported on the Rock the Block Fundraiser at the Black Forest and that she attended the Alpha Kappa Alpha Cotillion Ball where resident Taylor Wynne was honored along with other South Euclid residents including Brush student Jasmine Watson.
 - Council President Goodman reported that she had received some complaints from residents on Warrensville Center Road regarding the lights at the new Steak n Shake being too bright and shining in their windows. Building Commissioner Macalla said he will look into the issue.
 - Law Director Lograsso reported on the outcome of the City's request to Ohio Liquor Control that the liquor permit for the Second2None Bar not be renewed as a result of several police altercations at the property. Mr. Lograsso reported that the bar owner appealed the decision by the Control Board not to renew and the City worked to resolve the issue. As a result, the bar's owner, Mr. Pittman will retain the liquor permit but will not reopen the bar and will not seek another permit in South Euclid for 10 years.
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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 requests to speak on agenda specific items.

Report of Council Committees:

Recreation Committee:

Councilwoman Gray reported that the Recreation Committee met earlier in the evening to discuss three pieces of legislation: Resolution 56-16 authorizing the Director of Community Services to prepare and advertise for bids for a Recreation Community Use Facility Study; Ordinance 22-16 setting the fees for use of the Summer Pools and Splash Park and Ordinance 23-16 setting the fees for use of the Community Center. The Recreation Committee recommended the legislation to City Council for consideration at the next meeting. The Committee also amended and recommended Ordinance 22-16 and Ordinance 23-16 for consideration at the next meeting of City Council.

Safety Committee:

Councilman Gelfand reported that the committee met regarding Ordinance 26-16 regarding the use of signs in public areas. The legislation is a replacement ordinance for an obsolete 60 year old city ordinance. The legislation was voted out of committee and Mr. Gelfand will work with the Law Director to make necessary changes.

Zoning & Planning Committee:

Councilman Russell outlined the City's Master Plan process and that in late 2015 the Planning Commission recommended the plan to City Council and the legislation was referred to the Zoning and Planning Committee in early 2016. Mr. Russell reported that the Committee will take up discussion of the plan in the coming weeks.

Legislation Requested by the Mayor and Administration

Introduced by Goodman

Resolution 03-17

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 Jason Russell, **Seconded by** Council President Pro Tem Dennis Fiorelli.

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 Icové, Councilman Jason Russell, Council President Jane Goodman.

The legislation has been approved.

Introduced by Goodman

Resolution 04-17

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF UNAPPROPRIATED FUNDS IN THE FOLLOWING FUND: "GENERAL FUND" IN ORDER TO ACCEPT A GRANT FROM CUYAHOGA COUNTY FOR THE "REGIONAL DISPATCH CENTER" WITH THE CITIES OF SHAKER HEIGHTS, UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS AND CLEVELAND HEIGHTS. FIRST READING.

Councilman Fiorelli requested that the legislation be amended to combine Resolutions 04-17 and 05-17 into one piece of legislation at the suggestion of Councilman Icové.

Action: Motion to Amend Legislation **Moved by** Council President Pro Tem Dennis Fiorelli, **Seconded by** Councilman Ed Icové.

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 Icové, Councilman Jason Russell, Council President Jane Goodman.

The legislation has been amended.

Action: Motion to Approve Legislation, **Moved by** Council President Pro Tem Dennis Fiorelli, **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 Joe Frank, Councilman Marty Gelfand, Councilwoman Ruth Gray, Councilman Ed Icové, Councilman Jason Russell, Council President Jane Goodman.

The legislation has been approved as amended.

Introduced by Goodman

Resolution 05-17

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM THE "GENERAL FUND #101" TO THE "AGENCY FUND #917." FIRST READING.

Action: Motion to Remove 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 Joe Frank, Councilman Marty Gelfand, Councilwoman Ruth Gray, Councilman Ed Icové, Councilman Jason Russell, Council President Jane Goodman.

The legislation has been removed.

Communications of City Council

- Councilman Frank congratulated Chief Nietert on his recognition and reported that Garfield Memorial Church will be launching a series on multi-ethnic conversations Tuesday evening. Mr. Frank also reported on the Brush Boys Baseball fundraiser.
- Councilman Fiorelli reported on a neighbor that needed assistance from EMS and was impressed with their service.
- Councilwoman Gray reported that the annual Ward One Meeting will be held on Thursday, March 30th at 6 pm at the South Euclid Library. Ms. Gray gave an update on the formation of the Recreation Ad Hoc Advisory Committee.
- Councilman Gelfand reported that he attended Judge Miday's swearing in ceremony who is the first Egyptian elected official in the United States.
- Councilman Russell reported that City Council passed the medical marijuana about four months ago and through his work in Michigan, he has been able to ask other cities questions about how the law is enforced and will present draft legislation at an upcoming meeting of City Council. Mr. Russell also scheduled a public hearing regarding the Comprehensive Plan for March 27 at 6 pm.
- Council President Goodman stated that she attended the rally and protest in downtown Cleveland last weekend and was gratified to see so many South Euclid woman that attended the march. Ms. Goodman reported on the memorial services for Cleveland Housing Court Judge Ray Pianka who passed away.

Open Meeting

Chuck Turner, 4549 Lilac Road, stated that he attended the Safety Committee Meeting regarding the Ordinance that would prevent him from protesting inside city hall. Mr. Turner stated that he heard some good information and asked council to remember that when it goes to court he will detail how the Mayor allowed the Police Chief to destroy evidence and allowing Chief Nietert to be the criminal that he is. Mr. Turner stated that he will be in court tomorrow at 11 am and will beat the city again, and that he guarantees that when this is over a week won't go by before he will be in jail again and told the Mayor to "do her job".

Adjourn

Action: Motion to adjourn, **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 Joe Frank, Councilman Marty Gelfand, Councilwoman Ruth Gray, Councilman Ed Ilove, Councilman Jason Russell, Council President Jane Goodman.

The Meeting Adjourned at 9:01 pm.

Attest:

Council President

Clerk of Council