

SPECIAL 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, Councilman Ed Ilove, Councilman Jason Russell, Council President Jane Goodman.

Absent: Councilwoman Ruth Gray.

Legislation for Review

Introduced by Goodman

Ordinance 03-17

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, 2017; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **THIRD READING.**

- Councilman Ilove stated that he respectfully objects to the special meeting for reasons stated in his email sent to members of Council on March 2nd and asked that the Clerk include the email as part of the record.
- Councilman Fiorelli stated for the record that City Council has gone through the budget several times and has a few remaining questions that are not material. Mr. Fiorelli wanted to know about \$100,000 in the police department budget that is listed as "miscellaneous" and wanted to know what the fund was for.
- Clerk Benjamin reported that Police Chief Nietert stated that those dollars are for the Law Enforcement Trust Fund to be spent on police equipment.
- Councilman Russell asked if the monies that have been budgeted from the general fund to purchase new police vehicles could come out of the Law Enforcement Trust Fund instead. Council President Goodman agreed. Councilman Frank concurred.

Action: Motion to offset the purchase of budgeted police vehicles from General Fund 408 and move to the Law Enforcement Trust Fund, **Moved by** Council President Pro Tem Dennis Fiorelli, **Seconded by** Councilman Joe Frank.

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

Yes: Council President Pro Tem Dennis Fiorelli, Councilman Joe Frank, Councilman Marty Gelfand, Councilman Ed Ilove, Councilman Jason Russell, Council President Jane Goodman.

Absent: Councilwoman Ruth Gray

The budget has been revised.

Action: Motion to reduce the police department miscellaneous line item by \$50,000 and move \$148,483 from Capital Projects Fund 408 to Law Enforcement Trust Fund 221, **Moved by** Councilman Joe Frank, **Seconded by** Council President Jane Goodman.

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

Yes: Council President Pro Tem Dennis Fiorelli, Councilman Joe Frank, Councilman Marty Gelfand, Councilman Ed Ilove, Councilman Jason Russell, Council President Jane Goodman.

Absent: Councilwoman Ruth Gray

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- Councilman Fiorelli noted that in the Road Improvement Resurfacing Fund 425 there was a \$42,000 transfer that appears to be a clerical error. Finance Director Wendt confirmed that it was an error.
- Councilman Russell stated that in the Police Department Prisoner Corrections Budget there is \$163,137 for a full time prison guard that has not been filled yet. The position may be necessary when the Dispatch is merged with other communities later in the year and dispatch is moved offsite. Mr. Russell suggested that the budget item be removed for now and can be looked at later when the issue is warranted.

Action: Motion to remove \$167,137 for Corrections Officer from the budget, **Moved by** Councilman Russell, **Seconded by** Councilman Frank.

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

Yes: Council President Pro Tem Dennis Fiorelli, Councilman Joe Frank, Councilman Marty Gelfand, Councilman Ed Ilove, Councilman Jason Russell, Council President Jane Goodman.

Absent: Councilwoman Ruth Gray

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- Councilman Russell asked why the Building Department Medical Insurance went up \$50,000 in this year's budget. Finance Director Wendt stated that it could be because there are some new employees and current employees that may have opted for family health insurance versus single pay.

- Councilman Frank stated that while there remains a deficit, he has reviewed the budgets from the last several years and it should be recognized that Mayor Welo has been extremely prudent with spending, has not overspent and always returned monies to the budget. Mr. Frank stated that at tonight's meeting City Council trimmed approximately \$268,000 and the General Fund Budget reflects a balance of approximately \$3.5 million.

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

Vote: Motion passed (**summary:** Yes = 5, No = 1, Abstain = 0).

Yes: Council President Pro Tem Dennis Fiorelli, Councilman Joe Frank, Councilman Marty Gelfand, Councilman Jason Russell, Council President Jane Goodman.

No: Councilman Ed Icové.

Absent: Councilwoman Ruth Gray

The legislation has been approved.

Adjourn

Action: Motion to Adjourn the Meeting, **Moved by** Councilman Ed Icové, **Seconded by** Councilman Marty Gelfand.

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

Yes: Council President Pro Tem Dennis Fiorelli, Councilman Joe Frank, Councilman Marty Gelfand, Councilman Ed Icové, Councilman Jason Russell, Council President Jane Goodman.

Absent: Councilwoman Ruth Gray

The Meeting Adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Council President

Attest:

Clerk of Council



Keith Benjamin <kbenjamin@seuclid.com>

Special Meeting of City Council: March 6, 2017 at 7 pm - COW at 6:55 pm.

Ed Icové <ed@icovelegal.com>

Thu, Mar 2, 2017 at 8:49 AM

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Cc: Keith Benjamin <kbenjamin@seuclid.com>

Dear Colleagues:

I respectfully object to the special meeting. It is my suggestion that Ordinance 03-17 be voted upon at the March 27, 2017 regular meeting of Council. No one has indicated that he/she cannot make that meeting. This date permits adequate discussion prior to the vote. It is in keeping with past practice of voting on the budget at the last regular meeting of Council. It allows public input and coverage by the Sun Messenger and other media. In the alternative, a special meeting can be set on a convenient day for all members in March. Thank you for your consideration of these important factors.

Best regards, Ed