

**REGULAR MEETING OF SOUTH EUCLID CITY COUNCIL**

Council President Pro Tem Fiorelli called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Roll Call**

**Present:** Council President Pro Tem Dennis Fiorelli, Councilman Joe Frank, Councilwoman Ruth Gray, Councilman Ed Icove, Councilman Jason Russell.

**Absent:** Councilman Marty Gelfand, Council President Jane Goodman.

**Report of the Mayor**

- Mayor Welo asked South Euclid Lyndhurst School Board Member Lisa Marko to give an update about the School District. Ms. Marko stated that the community has been shaken with the sudden death of Brush High School Student Alec Kornet and that the community has come together to support his family and friends. Board Member Marko recognized students that have won awards in both academics and athletics and reported that the sale of the former Bolton School property in Lyndhurst will be going through later in the month. Ms. Marko reported that the Board had a financial retreat as the last school levy was in November 2012, and because of fiscal stewardship, will not be on the ballot in 2017.
- Mayor Welo reported that Police Chief Nietert and City Engineer Blackley were not able to be at the meeting with Sgt. Crotty attending on behalf of the Police Chief. All other directors are present.

**Law Director Report**

Law Director Lograsso reported on a serious incident at The Inn Crowd Lounge on Mayfield Road where someone fired a gun inside the bar. Mr. Lograsso stated that the city is taking a very aggressive stance on this issue and is working with the Police Chief and Building Commissioner to revoke their occupancy permit or file in the court to close the bar permanently.

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

- No Comments from Residents

**Report of Council Committees:****Zoning & Planning Committee**

Councilman Russell reported that a Zoning and Planning Committee Meeting was held to discuss two proposed ordinances related to non-conforming commercial and residential structures and that an initial discussion was held regarding proposed medical marijuana regulations.

**Recreation Committee**

Councilwoman Gray reported that the Recreation Committee met to continue discussions regarding the Ad-Hoc Committee being formed to assist in the development of a recreation plan for the city. Ms. Gray requested that Resolution 56-16 regarding request for bids for a consultant for the planning initiative be placed on the agenda for third reading at the next Council Meeting.

**Committee of the Whole**

Council President Pro Tem Fiorelli reported that City Council held a Special Meeting on March 6 2017 and approved the 2017 Budget.

**Legislation in Zoning & Planning Committee**

Introduced by Goodman

Ordinance 15-16

**ORDINANCE**

AN ORDINANCE CREATING NEW CHAPTER 1333 "DEMOLITION OR REMOVAL OF PRINCIPAL STRUCTURES ON COMMERCIAL OR INDUSTRIAL PROPERTIES" OF PART THIRTEEN "BUILDING CODE" OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO. **SECOND READING.**

The legislation was placed on second reading and referred to the Planning Commission for review.

Introduced by Goodman

Ordinance 16-16

**ORDINANCE**

AN ORDINANCE CREATING NEW CHAPTER 1334 "DEMOLITION OR REMOVAL OF RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES" OF PART THIRTEEN "BUILDING CODE" OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO. **SECOND READING.**

The legislation was placed on second reading and referred to the Planning Commission for review.

Introduced by Goodman

Ordinance 02-17

**ORDINANCE**

AMENDING SECTION 751.02 "CHANGES" OF CHAPTER 751 "REGULATIONS FOR NONCONFORMING USES" OF TITLE FIVE "REGULATIONS COVERING NONCONFORMING USES AND NONCONFORMING BUILDINGS" OF PART SEVEN "PLANNING AND ZONING CODE" OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO. **SECOND READING.**

The legislation was placed on second reading and referred to the Planning Commission for review.

### Communications of City Council

- Councilman Icove reported that on April 19, 2017 the Housing Research and Advocacy Center will be having their annual Fair Housing Meeting and will honor civil rights attorney Harold Williams for his accomplishments. Mr. Icove stated that this week is Ohio Sunshine Law Week that works to embrace open and transparent government and that it is a good reminder that we are doing the business of the residents. Mr. Icove requested that Clerk Benjamin notify City Council of upcoming Sunshine Law Trainings.
- Councilman Frank reported on the tragic death of 17 year old Brush Student and South Euclid resident Alec Kornet. Mr. Frank reported on an art show at the Coffee Phix Café featuring South Euclid artist Julie Cook.
- Councilman Russell reported that the Planning Commission will discuss the proposed ordinance regarding medical marijuana regulations on March 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Community Center. The Planning and Zoning Committee will meet on May 8, 2017 at 6 pm regarding the regulations.
- Councilwoman Gray reported that the Ward One Community Meeting will be held on March 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at the South Euclid Lyndhurst Library.
- Councilman Frank reported that the Safety Committee will meet on March 20<sup>th</sup> regarding the regional opioid and heroin crisis.
- Council President Pro Tem Fiorelli reported that since the Simple Recycling effort began, they have averaged 118 stops a week and collected over 19,000 pounds of material that has been removed from going to our landfill.

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### Open Meeting

- Travis Grundke, 1467 Holmden Road, spoke regarding the incident at The Inn Crowd Lounge, which is around the corner from his home. In his various discussions in the last days with the police and officials, Mr. Grundke stated that he had heard the issue referred to as an incident and a nuisance, but it was really a shootout at a bar within distance of his home. Mr. Grundke stated that the bar has been a nuisance for many years and has caused problems for 12 years and the city has declared the bar a nuisance, but the issue gets worse and worse and that next time we could be reading about the nuisance as an obituary and that council and all officials should be ashamed.
- Katie Reynolds, 1464 Holmden Road, stated that she lives closer to the Inn Crowd Lounge than Mr. Grundke and is a sound sleeper. Ms. Reynolds stated that her house is not bullet proof and that a lot of council members have been around for a long time and nothing has been done.
- Sam Duncan, 1475 Holmden Road, stated that he did time in combat and that the incident at the Inn Crowd was within ballistic range. Mr. Duncan stated that as a veteran he has done his job to protect all members of council and officials and he expects the same in return. Mr. Duncan stated that the conversations he had and what he heard today from the Police and Law Director is encouraging, but actions speak louder than words and results are what matters and the community is looking for results and will hold people accountable for them.
- Mayor Welo stated that the bar has had three different owners over the years and each owner has been the subject of nuisance abatement for issues at the bar that has resulted in the turnover of the business several times. Ms. Welo stated that the Chief had met with the bar owner and manager recently to convey the continuing issues of the bar being disruptive to the neighborhood. Ms. Welo stated that the cycle has unfortunately continued and that the city will have to step up their game on the issue. Mr. Grundke stated that Ward Three Police Officer Dave Volek has been useless.
- South Euclid Police Sgt. Crotty stated that she understands the issue and that there have been security guards on duty at the bar every night, but that she empathizes with the residents.
- Charles Turner, 4549 Lilac Road, thanked the resident who is a veteran for his service and stated that when a veteran comes home, he's got a right to expect and maybe demand a safe place to raise his family and to not be so hard on him. Mr. Turner said that we have a Law Director that is too busy protecting the Chief of Police for holding a sign at city hall and that as a veteran of the Vietnam War and a former police officer and that he is a former president of the FOP Lodge 87 and would like to request a meeting with FOP Lodge 80. Mr. Turner said that it's unbelievable that the Chief of Police can find the time to put a former police officer in jail for carrying a sign protesting his very own activities. You cannot assign two police officers to attack a citizen of the city for filing a complaint against him for not doing his job. Mr. Turner stated that the Mayor has gotten all of these awards for helping the veterans, but this is how he's treated.

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### Adjourn

**Action:** Motion to Adjourn, **Moved by** Councilman Jason Russell, **Seconded by** Councilman Ed Icove.

**Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (summary: Yes = 5).

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

**Absent:** Council President Jane Goodman, Councilman Marty Gelfand.

The Meeting Adjourned at 8:36 pm.

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Council President

Attest:

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Clerk of Council