

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 Ilove, Councilman Jason Russell, Council President Jane Goodman.

Approval of Minutes: February 13, 2017

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 Ilove, Councilman Jason Russell, Council President Jane Goodman.

The Minutes have been approved.

Report of the Mayor

- Mayor Welo reported that all directors are in attendance except Sally Martin and Police Chief Nietert. Mayor Welo reported that Chief Nietert and Asst. Chief May were away at a training.
- City Engineer Andy Blackley gave an update on 2017 road and infrastructure projects and stated that the Grosvenor Road project is slated to begin April 3rd and that letters will be sent out to residents regarding the project. Council President Goodman asked if there would be monies to replace any trees that have to be removed. Engineer Blackley and Service Director Anderson stated that there is money for tree replacement. Mr. Blackley discussed the resurfacing of Mackall, Birchwold and Greenwold Roads, which will include a concrete turnaround at the end of the street. Mr. Blackley also discussed proposed Ordinance 07-17 approving the city as a member of the community infrastructure grant program that will enable the city to be reimbursed for regional sewer district replacement projects and requested suspension of the rules.
- Mayor Welo reported on several events and activities throughout the city including the Brush Softball Leadership Breakfast, St. Joseph Festival on Stonehaven Road, meeting of the South Euclid Garden Club and ribbon cutting for the new TJ Maxx and Home Goods at Oakwood Commons. Mayor Welo reported that she toured the new dental clinic on Cedar Road with Director Love and met with the resident committee for the upcoming Democracy Days Public Hearing with Director Benjamin. Ms. Welo reported that she spoke at the City Club on the subject of advancing women in careers in the transportation industry.

Report of Law Director & Department Heads

- Law Director Lograsso gave an update on the incident at the Inn Crowd Lounge at Mayfield and Holden Roads and reported that the bar is closed and locked and that the City has filed a civil injunction to close the bar and that there will be a hearing tomorrow at the County Prosecutor's Office. Mr. Lograsso stated that he suggested to the owner of the building that he evict the bar occupant and that when the Liquor License is up for renewal by the State of Ohio in August, City Council can also formally object to its renewal.
- Council President Goodman thanked Building Commissioner Macalla for his prompt response to the issue of the house located next to Big B's Beverage that was purchased by the business to demolish and expand their parking lot and never came to the city for a permit.
- Councilman Ilove requested that the Law Director provide an opinion on the allocation of the Law Enforcement Trust Fund as there are changes to the Ohio Revised Code that begin on April 6. In City Council's passage of the budget, changes were made to allow additional purchases of safety equipment from the fund. President Goodman requested the policy that Chief Nietert stated the police department had in his letter to the Attorney General's office asking for clarification. Councilwoman Gray asked why the Law Director had not weighed in on this issue before and did the Mayor have any knowledge of this and why this issue was not discussed during the budget process until the meeting that it was passed. Council President Goodman responded to Councilwoman Gray that the issue of transferring monies to the fund was not discussed until the March 6 Meeting of City Council where the appropriation to the budget was made and approved, so there was no other time when the issue was brought up for discussion.

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:

- No Comments

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

Councilman Russell reported that the committee held a public hearing regarding the comprehensive master plan update prior to the council meeting and the committee will meet on May 8, 2017 to continue discussions.

Committee of the Whole

Council President Goodman reported that the committee held its monthly finance meeting and discussed changes in the collection schedule by RITA which effects the timing of when the city receives income tax dollars. The City will also ask RITA if the city can get the amount of Net Profit Taxes paid so the city can better gauge the benefits of new businesses in the community.

Recreation Committee

Introduced by Goodman

Resolution 56-16

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES TO PREPARE THE NECESSARY SPECIFICATIONS AND ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR A COMMUNITY USE FACILITY NEEDS STUDY. **THIRD READING.**

Action: Motion to Approve Legislation, **Moved by** Councilwoman Ruth Gray, **Seconded by** Councilman Ed Icove. 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.

Committee of the Whole

Introduced by Goodman

Ordinance 01-17

ORDINANCE

AMENDING SECTIONS 726.05 "WALLS AND FENCES"; 761.02 "CITY ARCHITECT"; 761.04 "ZONING AND BUILDING STANDARDS BOARD OF APPEALS; APPEALS; VARIANCES"; 761.06 "ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD; POWERS AND DUTIES; APPOINTMENT; TERMS; MEMBERSHIP"; 762.03 "APPROVAL BY CITY ARCHITECT REQUIRED"; AND 762.12 "REVIEW OF BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATIONS BY ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD" OF PART SEVEN "PLANNING & 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.

Legislation Requested by the Mayor and Administration

Introduced by Goodman

Ordinance 06-17

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. **FIRST READING.**

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

The legislation has been approved.

Introduced by Goodman

Ordinance 07-17

ORDINANCE

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A MEMBER COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM AGREEMENT WITH THE NORTHEAST OHIO REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT FOR THE GROSVENOR INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, PHASE 2. **FIRST READING.**

Action: Motion to Suspend the Rules and Approve as an Emergency, **Moved by** Council President Jane Goodman, **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 Motion has been approved.

Action: Motion to Approve Legislation, **Moved by** Councilman Joe Frank, **Seconded by** Councilman Marty Gelfand. 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 Icove reported that the annual Ward 3 Town Hall Meeting will be held April 5th at 6:30 pm at the South Euclid Lyndhurst Library.
- Councilman Fiorelli reported on the opening of the TJ Maxx and Home Goods stores at Oakwood Commons and that it was a great success.
- Council President Goodman reported that she spoke to a resident on Birchwood and that they are very happy that they are getting their street repaved.
- Councilman Frank reported on registration for the youth softball and baseball leagues and that some issues with online registration are being fixed. Mr. Frank stated that the league will do a better job of making sure sponsors know when their teams would be playing this year.
- Councilman Gelfand reported on the National League of Cities advocacy conference that he and Council President Goodman attended in Washington D.C. and that lots of issues impacting local communities were

discussed, including the threat to cut Community Development Block Grant funding that is funding the reconstruction of Grosvenor Road. Mr. Gelfand reported that he visited Congresswoman Fudge and Senator Portman's office about the threat to CDBG funding and other issues of concern. Mr. Gelfand reported that on St. Patrick's Day he presented a proclamation from the City to a member of the Irish Parliament and thanked the Mayor's Office for providing the proclamation. Councilman Gelfand reported that the Safety Committee held a meeting on March 20th to discuss the regional opioid and heroin epidemic and discuss the impact to the community. The meeting was well attended by residents and included Cuyahoga County Judge David Matia, Cuyahoga County Judge Michael Jackson, Cuyahoga County Judge Denise Rini, and South Euclid Judge Gayle Williams Byers. The meeting was also attended by ADAMHS (Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Service Board) Chief Bill Denihan, as well as Asst. Police Chief May and Fire Chief Stefko. Mr. Gelfand reported that residents in attendance included social workers and physical therapists and that the conversation will continue in the near future.

- Councilwoman Gray reported that the annual Ward One Meeting will take place on Thursday at 6:30 pm at the library and a great deal of information will be discussed and invited directors to be there along with Ward One Police representative Mirabito. Ms. Gray stated that there are a large amount of children in Ward One that receive free and reduced meals during the school year and don't have easy access to meals in the summertime and stated that she discussed the issue with Pastor Franklin from Inner Healing Ministries Church in Ward One and he is willing to work with the City to provide a site in Ward One for the Summer Food Service Program and will reach out to Director Benjamin. Councilwoman Gray stated that she is the President of the local chapter of the National Congress of Black Women and that the organization's national president Dr. E. Faye Williams and Reverend Al Sharpton will be appearing at the Cleveland City Club on April 4, 2017 for a discussion on the memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and issues of social justice and women's rights. There will also be a March on April 4 in Downtown Cleveland to raise awareness of the issues.
- Council President Goodman reported on the National League of Cities Advocacy Meeting in Washington D.C. and that she has been appointed to the Energy Resources and Advocacy Committee. Ms. Goodman stated that she had the opportunity to meet with Senator Portman and members of Congresswoman Fudge's staff to discuss issues related to clean energy. Ms. Goodman also discussed the opportunity of settlement money for communities from Volkswagen and the issues of regulating small cell telecommunications towers. Council President Goodman thanked Council President Pro Tem Fiorelli for filling in for her at the previous Council Meeting.

Open Meeting

- Charles Turner, 4549 Lilac Road, thanked Council Clerk Benjamin's for providing the recording of his address to city council on February 13, however he failed to address and missed the connection to his referral to Mayor Welo as Mayor Putin and the issue of his court cases coming up in relation to his protests and thanked the Safety Committee for not going through with Mayor Welo's request for legislation regarding protesting inside city hall that resulted in him spending five hours in the City Jail. Mr. Turner stated that there is the sweetest little Italian lady that live across the street from city hall that reminds him of his grandmother that died. Mr. Turner stated that the woman talks to him and is very interested about why he's out there protesting at City Hall all the time and mentioned that she hears people driving by honking their horn at him and wanted to know specifically if more white people or more black people honk their horn. Mr. Turner came to the conclusion that based on people honking their horns, white people can't read.
- Mr. Curtis Eaton, 695 Parkside Blvd., stated that Ms. Gray is her councilperson and requested information about the Ward One Meeting. Mr. Eaton stated that he is new to the community and had contacted Councilwoman Gray about an issue with a neighbor that has become nuisance by coming on to his property without permission and that he has also contacted the housing department about the issue as well. Mr. Eaton stated that the only problem he has had in the neighborhood is with the neighbor, Mrs. Pagon. Councilwoman Gray stated that she wanted to see if the issue corrected itself, but that she will contact Ms. Pagon to encourage her to stay on her property or be a good neighbor by speaking to him first and not come on the property without being invited.
- Councilman Gelfand reported that the sign ordinance Mr. Turner referred to is still under consideration by City Council and is on the Safety Committee's docket.

Adjourn

Action: Motion to Adjourn, Moved by Council President Pro Tem Dennis Fiorelli, Seconded by Councilwoman Ruth Gray.

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 9:06 pm.

Council President

Attest:

Clerk of Council