

**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:** Weds. April 12, 2017; April 24, 2017; May 8, 2017; & May 22, 2017

April 12, 2017

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

**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.

April 24, 2017

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

Councilman Gelfand reported that he believes there are some issues with his statement in the minutes regarding the subject of the legislation passed by council last year concerning the potential of a merger of the municipal court. Clerk Benjamin stated that the minutes are summaries of comments and not verbatim. Council President Goodman requested that Clerk Benjamin review the minutes regarding Mr. Gelfand's concerns and that the minutes of the meeting be tabled until the next meeting. Motions were removed. Councilman Gelfand also requested that Clerk Benjamin make every attempt to have the minutes from the previous meeting available for approval at the next meeting. Mr. Benjamin acknowledged that he would work to do so.

May 8, 2017

**Action:** Motion to Approve Minutes, **Moved by** Councilman Joe Frank, **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 minutes have been approved.

May 22, 2017

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

**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.

The minutes have been approved.

**Report of the Mayor**

- Mayor Welo reported on the success of the centennial weekend events with Rock the Block and the Cleveland Pops Orchestra Concert at Notre Dame College.
- Mayor Welo presented a proclamation to Josh Kroy, an exchange student from Germany who spent the school year living in South Euclid with his host family and attending Brush High School.
- Mayor Welo reported that all directors are in attendance except for Chief Nietert, Engineer Blackley, Law Director Lograsso and Service Director Anderson. Attorney Mike Cicero is at the meeting as Acting Law Director as well as Assistant Police Chief Mays.
- Building Commissioner Macalla gave an update on several construction projects including the new Marc's Plaza at Mayfield and Green. The new building will also include Just a Buck and Great Clips. The developer anticipates that the old plaza will be demolished in mid-July. Mr. Macalla also reported that Season's Koshier Grocery broke ground at Oakwood Commons and site work for a retaining wall that is being constructed to prepare for a future tenant. A final inspection was held for the new home constructed at 1082 South Belvoir Blvd.
- Mayor Welo reported that the City Engineer and Service Director were completing the yearly street rating review and that thanks to the community's support of the road levy, there has been improvement citywide.
- Mayor Welo reported on meetings of the South Euclid Historical society and their new history book celebrating the City's centennial, along with a book of historical fiction put together by students at Notre Dame College.
- Mayor Welo reported that the City had its Financial Audit Exit Conference with the auditors and reported that the city once again has a clean audit for fiscal year 2016.

- Mayor Welo thanked the Centennial Committee, volunteers, residents, One South Euclid, St. John's Church and Notre Dame College for their support of the centennial events and reported on the availability of removable bumper stickers being sold celebrating the centennial.
- Mayor Welo thanked the Service and Safety Forces for their hard work and commended the work of the Fire Department and mutual aid communities for their work at a house fire on East Berwald.

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### Report of Council Committees:

#### Zoning & Planning

Councilman Jason Russell reported that the committee met to discuss three pieces of legislation. Ordinance 01-17 revises the Building Code to add review and approval by the Architectural Review Board instead of City Architect and revises the makeup of the board. Ordinance 10-17 and 11-17 adds extra protections in cases of delinquent nuisance abatement fees with yearly rental permits and business certificates of occupancy.

#### Committee of the Whole

Council President Goodman reported that the committee met regarding changes to the city's investment policy and how assets are handled by separating the management of funds and custodian of funds. Ms. Goodman reported that the committee discussed the city's current financial condition and revenues and expenses are currently on track with what was budgets with a general fund balance of approximately \$3.1 million.

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#### Finance Committee

Introduced by Goodman

Resolution 24-17

#### RESOLUTION

ADOPTING AN AMENDED INVESTMENT POLICY FOR THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO. **SECOND READING.**

The legislation was placed on second reading.

Introduced by Goodman

Resolution 25-17

#### RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO ENTER INTO A DISCRETIONARY INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL MANAGEMENT OF VARIOUS CITY FUNDS. **SECOND READING.**

The legislation was placed on second reading.

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### Legislation Requested by the Mayor and Administration

Introduced by Goodman

Resolution 30-17

#### RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF UNAPPROPRIATED FUNDS IN THE FOLLOWING FUND "POLICE/OTHER/RENTS/LEASES #101-1110-52318" FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING UPGRADED INTERNET ACCESS NECESSARY FOR COMMUNICATION WITH THE CONSOLIDATED EMERGENCY DISPATCH CENTER. **FIRST READING.**

- Assistant Police Chief Mays requested passage at the meeting as the funding is needed to provide expenses for the regional emergency dispatch center.
- Councilman Gelfand requested that the legislation be placed on first reading and additional information be provided as there is only one quote and is a new expense.
- Asst. Police Chief Mays stated that AT&T has fiber optic but is charging an additional \$1,000 more than WOW for a managed router. Council President Goodman stated that she spoke to the Chief and also AT&T speed is also slower and the point is to provide fast access to the regional dispatch center.
- Councilman Gelfand said the first he heard of this is when he picked up his packet and that the Police Chief did not say in his notice that it had to be done on first reading and get information regarding the comparisons and other options.
- Assistant Chief Mays stated the reason it needs to be done quickly is that it will take a minimum of 60 days to implement, so there is a tight time frame to the opening of the emergency dispatch center in October especially if there are issues.
- Councilman Fiorelli stated that he read the correspondence from Clerk Benjamin last Wednesday and also spoke with the Police Chief about the issue and that he says that we should honor what we need to do for the regional dispatch and pass the ordinance tonight.
- Mayor Welo stated that the faster speed will also improve issues the Police have with body worn cameras and mobile data terminals.
- Councilman Fiorelli read the email memo from Police Chief requesting passage which explains why it needs to be passed on an emergency basis and that the Assistant Police Chief would be at the meeting.
- Council President Goodman stated that she had emailed questions to the Chief about why it could not come out of current internet expense budget. Ms. Goodman stated that the Chief responded that the current budget is used to pay for security issues and that with a large scale projects like the creation of the regional dispatch center there are expenses that he did not see coming and accepts responsibility for that and that one of the assumptions the consultants made was that the city already had high speed internet. Ms. Goodman stated that nothing will change in the next two weeks.
- Councilman Gelfand stated he would like two weeks to look at the issue. Council President Goodman stated that the city has to pass the legislation anyway and Mayor Welo stated that the expense is an

approximately \$1,000 a month. Asst. Chief Mays stated that this would also cover all of city hall and increase speeds for all.

- Councilwoman Gray stated that what she has heard is that the city has substandard internet speeds and that we need to raise the bar if we want to be part of regional dispatch and is not rocket science and is part of doing business.
- Councilman Gelfand asked if anything needs to be cut from budget in order to do this. Mayor Welo responded that there does not.
- Council President Goodman stated that the Police Chief has gotten the message that every year or every other year they go through the issue of unanticipated and last minute expenses and this was known about in time to get the bids and prices, but would have been appreciated if it had gotten to them earlier and not last minute.
- Councilman Gelfand stated that it's fine to get emails, but the printed packet is what he looks at and if the Chief feels he needs to get something passed on first reading, he should reach out to the Chairman of the Safety Committee to discuss. Council President Goodman stated that it is a money issue and the Chief did reach out to the Finance Committee Chair.
- Councilman Russell stated that this is a three-year contract and they do not have a copy of the agreement and that he would have liked to have seen a comparison of expenses and also what the current internet costs are now. Mayor Welo stated that this would be an additional \$12,000 a year.
- Clerk Benjamin stated that there is a contract remaining with XO for the remainder of the year. Finance Director Wendt stated that that expense with XO would have to remain until the contract runs out and the current phones are replaced.

**Action:** Motion to Approve Legislation, **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 legislation has been approved.

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### Communications of City Council

- Councilman Fiorelli reported on the success of centennial weekend and spoke with dozens of people about the Rock the Block and Cleveland Pops Orchestra event and everyone had a great time. Mr. Fiorelli reported that he represented the Mayor to deliver a proclamation to a teacher that was retiring from the Sacred Heart School.
- Councilman Frank discussed the success of Rock the Block and the events are something the community can continue to build on. Mr. Frank appreciated the Mayor's update on the street construction and street ratings.
- Councilwoman Gray stated that she was glad to hear about the success of Rock the Block, but could not make it because an Aunt passed away. Ms. Gray stated that her aunt had cancer and medical marijuana tablets were part of her treatment and helped her and the city made a good decision with the passage of the medical marijuana regulations. Councilwoman Gray reported that Salisbury Road held their annual block party on Saturday.
- Councilman Gelfand reported that there was a National League of Cities meeting in Cleveland last week and that he is on their national safety committee and that they discussed many federal issues that impact Ohio and our local communities in regards to the budget, HUD policies, CDBG and sanctuary city issues. Mr. Gelfand reported that Rock the Block was a great event.
- Councilman Russell encouraged residents to keep an eye on what is happening with the Ohio budget process as more cuts are being proposed to local cities and that the Columbus Dispatch has very good coverage of the state budget process. Mr. Russell stated that the state legislature has cut local government funding and cut taxes that citizens pay and that the additional taxes that residents are going to have to pay to local cities are basically offset by the reductions in state taxes. Councilman Russell stated that what is changing is which government entity residents pay taxes to. Mayor Welo stated that the Northeast Ohio Mayors and Managers including republican Mayor Hruby have been leading the charge to try to prevent further state cuts and that the cuts hurt not just municipalities, but also the schools, libraries and public transit.
- Council President Goodman reported that she and Councilman Gelfand attended the Cuyahoga Arts and Culture Breakfast and is thankful that the city was a beneficiary for the first time of the cigarette tax money that funds the levy. Ms. Goodman discussed the National League of Cities meeting in Cleveland and serves on the energy and environmental resources committee and networked with many other city officials from across the nation and many of them are facing the same issues we are. Council President Goodman reported that she is working with Councilman Russell and Clerk Benjamin on new ways to better communicate with residents utilizing technology, smart phones and text messaging services.

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### Open Meeting

- Sue Mastrodonato, 1585 Maplegrove, stated that she is a 31 year resident of South Euclid and reported that her and other cars were vandalized by someone throwing rocks from the Community Garden at Bexley Park and damages were nearly \$5,000. Ms. Mastrodonato said that some women reported that they saw a couple of kids take the rocks from the garden and that she also spoke with the police and Mayor about the issue and requested that the rocks be removed. Council President Goodman stated that the rocks are needed for drainage, but maybe they can be a smaller size and Service Department will look at the issue.

- Paul Weiner, 2081 Temblethurst Road, spoke about the community garden issue and suggested that chicken wire be placed over the rocks. Mr. Weiner also spoke about the upcoming Town Hall Meetings on Finance and that the presentation emailed to city council by Councilmembers Russell and Frank was worthless and council should be embarrassed about the presentation and is one of the worst documents he has seen and stated that it shows that the Police and Fire eat up 51% of City expenses, but the City's expense for those services has gone down because of the Safety Levy. Council President Goodman stated that they saw Mr. Weiner's email on the issue and that what he's looking at was a very rough first draft that was sent to council and that it is not final and asked where he got a copy. Mr. Weiner stated that he got the presentation from the city's website days earlier. Webmaster Geyman stated that the presentation was just posted to the website earlier in the day. Councilman Ilove stated that the fact that the presentation was sent out via email is a blatant violation of the open meeting law. Council President Goodman stated that it is not and that council receives information all the time and that Councilman Ilove is out of order.
- Chuck Turner, 4549 Lilac Road, stated that once again the minutes of the meetings were not presented with the copies as he has previously requested. Mr. Turner stated that he has not received the public records he has requested many times regarding the rape victim and also requested the GPS of the police vehicle that harassed him when he walking his dog. Mr. Turner also stated that he was harassed by Mayor Welo's neighbor when he was protesting and that he sent an email to city council regarding a sexual predator being allowed at the high school.
- Sara Continenza, 4222 Bexley Blvd, stated that she has spoken with many youth and high school students over the past months and the youth have discussed that they have nothing to do in the community and that the students have stated that they are getting kicked out of Bexley Park for loitering. Ms. Continenza stated that they need more recreational activities in the park like basketball and she understands that the old tennis court area will not work because it is so close to the Playground of Possibilities, but was wondering about the area by the Bicycle Pump Track. Ms. Continenza stated that the community youth have experiences and insight and that maybe the Recreation Committee can look at the utilization of public spaces and have the proper security measures so youth have a place to go and rocks are not taken and bikes stolen. Councilwoman Gray asked why are youth being kicked out of the park just because they are sitting and that the city needs to look at the behavior of the youth in making their decision and it is not loitering if they are not breaking the law, as youth have a right to assemble and socializing is not breaking the law and is discrimination. Councilman Fiorelli stated that based on his experience, youth are asked to leave the pavilion area and not the park. Councilwoman Gray stated that she does not agree with that either. Mayor Welo stated that youth are only asked to leave if they are fighting or displaying agitated behavior. Councilman Ilove stated that it sounds like an arbitrary standard. Council President Goodman stated that sometimes it does get very loud and crude language is used by some youth and that we have to look for solutions as the park is there for all youth. Councilwoman Gray stated that this is the reason why the concept of community policing is very important because when you have auxiliary police or park guards and they reinforce what the rules are and what we expect in the park and follow those rules.

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#### 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 9:28 pm.

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Council President

Attest:

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Clerk of Council