

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 Icové, Councilman Jason Russell, Council President Jane Goodman.

Approval of Minutes: April 24, 2017 (revised); June 12, 2017; June 26, 2017

April 24, 2017

Councilman Gelfand reported that he continued to have issues with the revised portion of the minutes and they were tabled until next meeting.

June 12, 2017

Action: Motion to Approve Minutes, **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 minutes have been approved.

June 26, 2017

Action: Motion to Approve Minutes, **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 Icové, Councilman Jason Russell, Council President Jane Goodman.

The minutes have been approved.

Report of the Mayor

- Housing Manager Sally Martin reported on proposed Resolution 31-17, which solicits proposals for the potential regionalization of building departments with neighboring cities. Ms. Martin reported that the administration supports these efforts and that for over two years they have been working with other communities and the County to look at proposed regional building and housing departments and are close to having a plan to move forward.
- Mayor Welo reported that there was a ceremony earlier in the day to commemorate the sale of the City's 4th Land Trust Home on Wallingford Road that was a partnership with Neighborhood Housing Services and Ohio Housing Funding Agency.
- Mayor Welo reported on an issue from a previous meeting where residents reported that rocks from the Bexley Park Community Garden were used to vandalize some cars. Ms. Welo stated that Service Director Anderson has determined that the rocks are not necessary in the Garden and will be removed and replaced with something else.
- Mayor Welo discussed the upcoming Garden Tour on July 22 and July 23. Over 40 neighbors will be participating.

Report of Law Director No report.

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:

- Hank Drake, 1272 S. Belvoir Blvd, stated that he has lived in South Euclid since 1971 and graduated from Brush High School in 1985, when he came out as a proud gay man. Mr. Drake spoke in support of Ordinance 12-17, the non-discrimination ordinance before City Council for approval and that he has worked with the administration and Equality Ohio to support this non-discrimination effort not just for the members of the LGBTQ community, but all residents who are subject to discrimination.

Report of Council Committees:**Committee of the Whole**

Council President Good reported that the committee met to continue their discussion of investment strategies for the City to insure that city funds are being invested responsibly and in the most beneficial manner. The committee has met with several potential agencies. Council President Goodman reported that the committee also met to discuss the Electric Car Charging Station legislation and made amendments to the ordinance for consideration at the council meeting.

Committee of the Whole:

Council President Goodman reported that the committee met with residents and representatives from Equality Ohio and Stonewall Democrats to discuss the proposed anti-discrimination legislation and that the city will work to refine the ordinance to meet the needs and capacities of the community.

ZONING & PLANNING COMMITTEE:

Introduced by Goodman

Ordinance 10-17

ORDINANCE

AMENDING SECTION 1607.02 "CERTIFICATE ISSUANCE; CONTENTS, TERMS AND REVOCATION" OF CHAPTER 1607 "CERTIFICATE OF BUSINESS OCCUPANCY" OF PART SIXTEEN "BUSINESS MAINTENANCE CODE" OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO. **SECOND READING.**

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

Introduced by Goodman

Ordinance 11-17

ORDINANCE

AMENDING SECTION 1409.01 "CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY REQUIRED" OF CHAPTER 1409 "CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY" OF PART FOURTEEN "HOUSING CODE" OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO. **SECOND READING.**

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

The legislation has been approved.

COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE:

Introduced by Goodman

Ordinance 09-17

ORDINANCE

CREATING NEW SECTION 147.29 "ELECTRIC CHARGING STATION PARKING RESTRICTIONS" OF CHAPTER 147 "PARKING GENERALLY" OF PART ONE "ADMINISTRATIVE CODE" OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO. **SECOND READING.**

Clerk Benjamin stated that the ordinance was amended in committee and may be passed as amended. Council President Jane Goodman described the changes that prohibits parking by non-electric vehicles at electric car charging stations.

Action: Motion to Approve Legislation, **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 Ilove, Councilman Jason Russell, Council President Jane Goodman.

The legislation has been approved.

Introduced by Goodman

Ordinance 12-17

ORDINANCE

CREATING NEW CHAPTER 552 "DISCRIMINATION PROHIBITED" OF PART FIVE "GENERAL OFFENSES CODE" OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO TO ENSURE THAT ALL PERSONS HAVE EQUAL ACCESS TO EMPLOYMENT, HOUSING, PUBLIC ACCOMODATIONS, AND EDUCATION. **SECOND READING.**

The legislation was placed on second reading and referred to the Committee of the Whole for continued discussion.

Legislation Requested by City Council

Introduced by Goodman

Resolution31-17

RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO SOLICIT PROPOSALS FOR AND CONDUCT A STUDY OF CREATING A REGIONAL BUILDING DEPARTMENT WITH THE AIM TO MERGE THE SOUTH EUCLID BUILDING DEPARTMENT WITH NEIGHBORING BUILDING DEPARTMENTS TO CREATE GREATER EFFICIENCIES AND ADVANCE THE GOAL OF REGIONALISM. **FIRST READING.**

Councilman Jason Russell reported that he is introducing the legislation that was previous discussed during Mayor's report by Housing Manager Martin, to further look at the potential for creating a regional building department with other communities. The legislation was placed on first reading and referred to the Committee of the Whole for further discussion and review.

Communications of City Council

- Councilman Gelfand reported on the upcoming Taste of Cedar Center event on July 20th that is held to benefit the Commission on Aging. Mr. Gelfand stated that regarding the April 24th minutes issue, the clarification that needs to be made is that he stated that the two cities not part of regional court were Cleveland Heights and Euclid, and not East Cleveland.

- Councilman Russell discussed the upcoming South Euclid Garden Walk on July 22nd-23rd and that he appreciated the efforts of homeowners who are opening their gardens to the community.
- Councilman Icove reported that the annual National Night Out event will be held Tuesday, August 1 from 6-8 pm at Bexley Park.
- Councilman Fiorelli reported on the centennial celebration at Notre Dame College and thanked resident Ray Rhode for his work on the great summer band concert at Notre Dame on Sunday. Mr. Fiorelli reported on a block party on Berwick Lane.
- Councilman Frank stated that there are four block parties scheduled throughout the city for the remainder of the month and thanked city council members, Mayor Welo, the police and firefighters that supported the youth baseball leagues this summer with over 500 kids participating. Mr. Frank stated that the organized league helps youth develop skills and make friends. Councilman Frank thanked the Service Department for taking care of the fields this summer.
- Council President Goodman thanked the residents that participated in the three community town hall meetings to discuss the city's financial situation and that city council received many comments and that it is great that our residents want to be engaged. Ms. Goodman also thanked the Sun Messenger reporter for getting an article in the paper to discuss the meetings, and that she is working with Councilman Russell and Director Benjamin to work on potential ways of facilitating better communication with residents. Council President Goodman discussed the ongoing property tax delinquency issue, which is county-wide and that there is one property owner in South Euclid that owes \$57,000 in back taxes. Ms. Goodman discussed an effort regarding the identification of invasive plant species, including gold thistle, and that they are looking at funding issues to control the spread of invasive plant species.

Open Meeting

- Don Lisy, 1352 Francis Court, reported on the upcoming Taste of Cedar Center event on July 20th at Cedar Center that will benefit the South Euclid Commission on Aging and all proceeds go to help senior residents that need help with the installation of items like railings and hold bars.
- Linda Pagon: 684 Parkside Road, thanked Councilman Frank for speaking loud enough for people to hear him in the audience and stated that others do not speak loud enough. Ms. Pagon stated that, regarding the option of paying for garbage that was discussed at the community meetings, the residents have already voted to say that they do not want it and that she was one of the collectors of petitions a few years ago to put the issue on the ballot and there is not a difference between a tax and a fee. Ms. Pagon reported on a dog barking issue and that when a lot of people are complaining about something, it is a problem and that the issue is more than just decibels because some noises are more disturbing than others and you can't equate a dog barking to the noise of a lawn mower.
- Rebecca Lohse, 1598 Felton Road, reported that last Friday night her son was walking home on Mayfield Road and was hit by a paintball from someone driving a car on Mayfield Road and this is the second incident she has had as his bike was stolen in May and it is very upsetting. Police Chief Nietert stated that he is aware of the paintball incident and there were two reports made in South Euclid on Friday night and additional reports of similar incidents the same night in University Heights and Cleveland Heights. Chief Nietert will speak to the residents about her concerns.
- Charles Turner, 4959 Lilac Road, stated that mass murderer Jeffrey Dahmer could be credited for his arrest because he didn't tie up his victims well enough and that the Police Chief went out of his way to harass him once again despite his request to the Law Director and Mayor. Mr. Turner reported that week he will be going to court on Wednesday to defend his criminal trespassing violations and the tampering of his first amendment rights and that recently the Police Chief attempted to run him over in a crosswalk and that the Chief had a female in the car that he was trying to impress. Mr. Turner stated that the court will find that the city has violated his rights and it will be expensive. Mr. Turner told everyone to have a nice weekend and called Police Chief Nietert an "idiot".

Adjourn to Executive Session for the purposes of discussing Collective Bargaining Agreements

Action: Motion to adjourn to Executive Session for the purposes of discussing collective bargaining agreements,

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 Icove, Councilman Jason Russell, Council President Jane Goodman.

City Council adjourned to Executive Session at 8:57 pm.

Adjourn

Action: Motion to adjourn, **Moved by** Councilman Ed Icove, **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 Meeting Adjourned at 9:44 pm.

Attest:

Council President

Clerk of Council