

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 Marty Gelfand, Councilman Ed Icove, Councilman Jason Russell, Council President Jane Goodman.

Absent: Councilman Joe Frank, Councilwoman Ruth Gray.

Approval of Minutes: April 24, 2017 (Revised) & July 10, 2017

April 24, 2017

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

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

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

Absent: Councilman Joe Frank, Councilwoman Ruth Gray.

The minutes have been approved.

July 10, 2017

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

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

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

Absent: Councilman Joe Frank, Councilwoman Ruth Gray.

The minutes have been approved.

Report of the Mayor

- Mayor Welo reported that all directors are present with the exception of Service Director Anderson and City Engineer Blackley.
- Housing Manager Martin reported that the Western Reserve Land Conservancy has begun the property survey work that is a component of the five-city Cleveland Foundation Grant, and that South Euclid is participating in a community development conference that is being hosted in Cleveland this week.
- Economic Development Director Love reported that demolition has begun on the former Marc's shopping plaza and that Just-A-Buck and Great Clips will be opening soon.
- Police Chief Nietert reported that the new fiber optic lines will be installed for communication with the new regional dispatch center in the coming weeks. Chief Nietert reported on Resolution 32-17 regarding opposition to the renewal of The Inn Crowd Lounge's Liquor Permit by the State of Ohio.
- Mayor Welo reported that she served as a judge for the Summer Youth Initiative commencement that included the creation of balloon propelled rocket-cars and thumbprint poetry by over 20 5-8 graders attending the program. Ms. Welo reported that the successful program included the students taking a trip to the Zoo and using RTA to get there and participating in technology classes at the Microsoft Store at Beachwood Place. Mayor Welo reported on the Commission on Aging Taste of Cedar Center event and thanked Don Lisy and the committee for their hard work and also reported on Mercury Theatre Company's recent and upcoming productions. Ms. Welo discussed several events including the Centennial Committee's Garden Walk and also that the city will be going out for bid for the Grosvenor Road repaving project, which was delayed as a result of the federal government delays.

Report of Law Director

Law Director Lograsso reiterated Police Chief Nietert's comments regarding the resolution to object to the renewal of the liquor permit for the Inn Crowd Lounge by the State of Ohio.

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:

- Charles Turner, 4549 Lilac Road stated that the City has failed to provide copies of the minutes in advance of their approval as he has requested.

Report of Council Committees:

Safety Committee:

Councilman Gelfand reported that the Safety Committee met to discuss potential revisions to the city's nuisance ordinances at the request of Councilwoman Gray to better abate issues that have been experienced recently on Clinton. The Committee will continue to work with the Police Chief and Building and Housing Departments to try to resolve the issues.

Committee of the Whole

Council President Goodman reported that the City's 2017 Budget is on track regarding predicted revenues and expenses.

Legislation Requested by City Council

Introduced by Goodman

Ordinance 18-17

ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 111.08 "ORDER OF BUSINESS" OF TITLE THREE "LEGISLATIVE" OF PART ONE OF THE "ADMINISTRATIVE CODE" OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO. FIRST READING.

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

Councilman Ilove stated that he does not have a problem amending the agenda to include the accommodation of presentation of the School District on Council's Agenda, however he is concerned about language in the legislation that refers to community organizations and how it would be defined.

Councilman Gelfand agreed with Councilman Ilove and suggested that maybe the use of the phrase "Government Entities" would be a better alternative. Councilman Ilove stated that would also be too broad.

Councilman Russell stated that the goal was to codify the agenda so that in the future the issue of when the School Board could present on the agenda would not be an issue.

Council President Goodman stated that she supports the legislation, but also makes presentations to other city councils regarding the watershed and always has to wait.

Action: Motion to Amend Legislation to remove the phrase "and community organizations", **Moved by** Councilman Dennis Fiorelli, **Seconded by** Councilman Jason Russell.

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

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

Absent: Councilman Joe Frank, Councilwoman Ruth Gray.

The legislation has been amended.

Vote: to approve as amended carried by roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 5).

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

Absent: Councilman Joe Frank, Councilwoman Ruth Gray.

The legislation has been approved.

Legislation Requested by the Mayor and Administration

Introduced by Goodman

Resolution 32-17

RESOLUTION

REGISTERING AN OBJECTION WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE DIVISION OF LIQUOR CONTROL CONCERNING THE RENEWAL OF THE LIQUOR PERMIT BELONGING TO THE INN CROWD LOUNGE IN THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO. FIRST READING.

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

Councilman Ilove stated that he supports the legislation which needs to be passed prior to the September 1, 2017 deadline.

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

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

Absent: Councilman Joe Frank, Councilwoman Ruth Gray.

The legislation has been approved.

Introduced by Goodman

Ordinance 13-17

ORDINANCE

ASSESSING UNPAID COSTS OF SERVICE DEPARTMENT –NUISANCE ABATEMENT (HIGH GRASS, WEEDS, ETC.) AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 521.14 (D), OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. FIRST READING.

Action: Motion to Approve Legislation, **Moved by** Council President Jane Goodman, **Seconded by** Council President Pro Tem Dennis Fiorelli.

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

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

Absent: Councilman Joe Frank, Councilwoman Ruth Gray.

The legislation has been approved.

Introduced by Goodman

Ordinance 14-17

ORDINANCE

ASSESSING UNPAID COSTS OF SERVICE DEPARTMENT-NUISANCE ABATEMENT (YARD CLEAN-UP, BOARDING CHARGES, ETC.) AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 521.14 (D) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. FIRST READING.

Action: Motion to Approve Legislation, **Moved by** Council President Jane Goodman, **Seconded by** Councilman Marty Gelfand.

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

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

Absent: Councilman Joe Frank, Councilwoman Ruth Gray.

The legislation has been approved.

Introduced by Goodman

Ordinance 15-17

ORDINANCE

ASSESSING ALL UNPAID COSTS OF FALSE ALARM –NUISANCE ABATEMENTS, AS AUTHORIZED BY CHAPTER 531 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO, THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY COMMON PLEAS COURT AND THE OHIO REVISED CODE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. FIRST READING.

Action: Motion to Approve Legislation, **Moved by** Councilman Marty Gelfand, **Seconded by** Council President Jane Goodman.

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

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

Absent: Councilman Joe Frank, Councilwoman Ruth Gray.

The legislation has been approved.

Introduced by Goodman

Ordinance 16-17

ORDINANCE

ASSESSING ALL UNPAID COSTS OF CRIMINAL NUISANCE ABATEMENTS, AS AUTHORIZED BY CHAPTER 531 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO, THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY COMMON PLEAS COURT AND THE OHIO REVISED CODE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. FIRST READING.

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

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

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

Absent: Councilman Joe Frank, Councilwoman Ruth Gray.

The legislation has been approved.

Introduced by Goodman

Ordinance 17-17

ORDINANCE

ASSESSING ALL UNPAID COSTS OF ABATEMENT OF NUISANCES, AS AUTHORIZED BY CHAPTER 531 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO, THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY COMMON PLEAS COURT AND THE OHIO REVISED CODE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. FIRST READING.

Action: Motion to Approve Legislation, **Moved by** Council President Jane Goodman, **Seconded by** Council President Pro Tem Dennis Fiorelli.

Fiorelli – for trees removed.

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

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

Absent: Councilman Joe Frank, Councilwoman Ruth Gray.

The legislation has been approved.

Communications of City Council

- Councilman Icove reported that the annual National Night Out in conjunction with the Police Department and Municipal Court will take place on August 1st from 6 pm – 8:30 pm at Bexley Park.
- Councilman Fiorelli stated that the Commission on Aging’s Taste of Cedar Center fundraiser was great and thanked Don Lisy and the committee for their hard work. Mr. Fiorelli stated that he also visited Bexley Pool and it looks great.
- Councilman Gelfand congratulated all of the youth that participated in the baseball and softball programs this summer and that the Police Department will be having a Coffee with the Cops at the Coffee Phix Café on August 5 at 9 am. Chief Nietert stated that they will be buying coffee for those who attend. Councilman Gelfand reported on the passing of Anthony Palermo who was the past president of the South Euclid Historical Society and helped save the schoolhouse that is now home to the Board of Education.
- Councilman Russell stated that he visited many of the Gardens on the Garden Walk and it was a great to visit the many neighborhoods and that he would like to participate next year. Mr. Russell scheduled a Committee of the Whole meeting for September 25 regarding the proposed regional building legislation.
- Council President Goodman reported on the Tree Commission Academy graduation that was held on July 26 and was hosted by South Euclid. Ms. Goodman reported on the Garden Walk where she was stationed at the nature preserve which had a lot of people on Sunday from many different communities. Mayor Welo stated that she met one attendee who rode his bicycle from Twinsburg for the event.

Open Meeting

- Robert Schoenewald, 4426 Bayard, stated that the South Euclid Historical Society has ordered a commemorative brick in honor of former Historical Society Mr. Palermo who passed away. Mr. Schoenewald stated that at the last Community Town Hall meeting that was held to discuss potential revenue enhancements, he outlined ways he thinks the city could save money including eliminating the positions of housing manager Martin and economic development director Love and re-examining the city's health insurance policies, which currently pay for 90% of employees health coverage and that most current employers don't provide that kind of coverage, including for spouses and that the city could probably see over \$1 million in savings by changing the health insurance coverage.
- Don Lisy, 1352 Francis Court, reported on the Commission on Aging's Taste of Cedar Center, event which raised about \$2,000 to help seniors in need and stated that while the event was a success, there remain some Cedar Center restaurants that do not take part in the charitable event. Mr. Lisy stated that commission member Jim Lawless is ill and asked that the community pray for him. Mr. Lisy stated that since he met Mr. Lawless on the Commission on Aging, they have become close friends and that Jim has become like a brother to him.
- Charles Turner, 4549 Lilac Road, stated that he handed to all members of council a passage by William Shakespeare from "The Merchant of Venice" which is about religious bigotry and asked if anyone knew who Jeff Foxworthy was. Mr. Turner stated "how do you know a redneck? You dress him up in a police chief's uniform and you pretend that this police department is not discriminating against its members and you pretend that the only people you can promote are its detectives who are non-Jews, non-Muslims and non-everything else." Mr. Turner stated that the City has a Mayor that only hires Catholic prosecutors and they can only be watched by a Catholic law director and that he is experiencing continued discrimination and it can "bring about a feeling and desire for revenge". Council President Goodman stated that "we got the point" and are hearing his message. Mr. Turner stated that Council hasn't gotten his point when he has brought it up before and that all of the directors of the city are Catholic including the prosecutors, law director, chief of police and Mayor. Mayor Welo stated that she is not Catholic. Council President Goodman stated that the whole discussion of this is probably not what should be taking place at the council meeting. Mr. Turner stated that it his right to have the freedom of speech to say what he says. Council President Goodman asked Mr. Turner what he could do with the nine seconds remaining of his time. Mr. Turner responded, "Are you sure you want to see".

Adjourn

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

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

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

Absent: Councilman Joe Frank, Councilwoman Ruth Gray.

The Meeting Adjourned at 8:48 pm

Council President

Attest:

Clerk of Council