

**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:** September 11, 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 Law Director & Department Heads**

- Council President Goodman reported that the Mayor is not in attendance and is speaking at an event at Brush High School.
- Economic Development Director Love requested council consideration of Resolution 36-17 transferring vacant property to One South Euclid. Mr. Love reported on the upcoming Marc's Grand Opening and ribbon cutting on October 3<sup>rd</sup> and Centennial Events on October 13 and 14.
- Housing Manager Martin reported that she is presenting at a sustainability conference in Iowa next week about South Euclid's initiatives.
- Police Chief Kevin Nietert requested council consideration for Resolution 37-17 transferring funds from South Euclid Dispatch to the new Regional Dispatch which will begin on November 1<sup>st</sup>. Councilman Ilove asked if the police have decided how the old dispatch space will be used. Chief Nietert stated that the dispatch equipment will be removed and that they will transition the space to be used as a watch office. Mr. Nietert stated that a phone will be installed in the lobby by the police department that will connect directly to the new dispatch center for residents coming in to talk to a dispatcher and that the police will remain at city hall and an officer will be available most of the time to help residents who come in to file reports. Councilman Ilove asked if there are any plans to change the shaded window so that people can see in and out. Chief Nietert responded that the window will remain as it is, and the Records Room will remain open Monday through Friday during normal business hours. Chief Nietert stated that there are going to be some growing pains with the transition, but with the new regional approach, residents are not going to lose services for emergency response. Council President Goodman asked if the police department will remain and Councilman Russell asked if the back door will remain open. Police Chief Nietert stated that the Police Department remains at City Hall and that the back door will remain unlocked and that residents will still be able to utilize the lobby as an emergency shelter.
- City Engineer Blackley gave an update on various projects including the watermain replacement project on Parkside and the Grosvenor Road resurfacing which is scheduled to begin in the next week. Mr. Blackley discussed the watermain break on South Belvoir Blvd and that Cleveland Water is doing exploratory work to ascertain where the breaks in the pipe are.

**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 residents signed up to speak.

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

Councilman Russell reported that the committee met to discuss two ordinances that are in committee regarding revising rules for Architectural Board of Review duties.

Committee of the Whole

Council President Goodman reported that the Committee of the Whole held their monthly finance meeting and that the city is where it should be at this time of year as budgeted.

**Legislation Requested by the Mayor and Administration**

Introduced by Goodman

Resolution 35-17

## RESOLUTION

APPROVING THE ADMISSION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF BEACHWOOD AS A NEW MEMBER OF THE NORMA SELF-INSURANCE POOL, INC. FIRST READING.

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

Council President Goodman stated that this is another good example of regional collaboration.

**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

Resolution 36-17

## RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO CONVEY CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO TO ONE SOUTH EUCLID. FIRST READING

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

**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

Resolution 37-17

## RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATED FUNDS FROM THE "GENERAL FUND-POLICE DEPARTMENT-DISPATCHERS-PERSONAL SERVICES #101-1130" TO THE "GENERAL FUND-POLICE DEPARTMENT-DISPATCHERS-CONTRACTUAL SERVICES-REGIONAL DISPATCH #101-1130-52369." FIRST READING.

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

The legislation has been approved.

**Communications of City Council**

- Councilwoman Gray thanked the residents and staff that attended the Ward One Community Meeting and that there was a lot of good information and discussion, including a representative from Dominion Gas to discuss the gas line replacement projects in the ward. Councilwoman Gray reported that she is working on draft legislation with the Municipal Court to propose a mental health immediate response team in the event of a mental health crisis. Ms. Gray stated that she knows firsthand how important having mental health professionals available during times of crisis and hopes that council will see and visualize the proposal as a model for the city.
- Councilman Gelfand reported that he attended the South Euclid Lyndhurst Schools Appreciation Day event at Legacy Village and is appreciative of all of the great work that is being done by our teachers and students. Mr. Gelfand reported that he attended the Notre Dame College Alumni Breakfast last Sunday where they honored this year's Alumni of the Year, Sue Joseph from the Class of 1970.
- Councilman Russell acknowledged the hard work of city staff and that a Shaker Heights employee reported on the great efforts of Mike Love and Sally Martin.
- Councilman Fiorelli reported on the Faith Walk that was held for South Euclid's First Baptist Church in their efforts to establish a multi-generational community center at the church.
- Councilman Frank stated that he attended the South Euclid Lyndhurst Board of Education Meeting last Tuesday and reported on the Superintendent's remarks regarding the State's grading system of the schools. Mr. Frank stated that now that outer ring school districts like Mayfield are getting the same grade as South Euclid, maybe there will be more discussion about how the grading system does not fully explain student achievement and progress. Mr. Frank reported that he met with residents from Dorsh Road in his ward about their concerns with the proposed Board of Education bus garage in their neighborhood.
- Council President Goodman reported on upcoming community events including the Community Garage Sale on October 7, Ward Four Community Meeting on October 10 and the Pumpkins in the Park on October 26. A Service Committee meeting was scheduled for November 13 at 7 pm to discuss the issues with tall grass and potential resolutions by next spring.

**Open Meeting**

- Marjorie Preston, 3827 East Antisdale Road, reported on an issue where her grass was mowed as a nuisance abatement and the notice she received was an empty envelope on the front porch. Ms. Preston stated that she been a good resident and has tackled many home improvement projects on her home including caulking windows, painting the garage and chain linked fence and now got a notice that her grass is too tall and the city mowed her lawn. Ms. Preston said that the landscapers should leave photographs with the notice to prove that the grass is over the allowed height and said that other municipalities do better and we can too.
- Ralph Barone, 4369 Adrian Road, stated that he has lived in South Euclid for three years and is very concerned about the condition and blight of the home at 4372 Adrian, which is a concern and a health hazard with mold in the air and that the house needs to come down and that the city needs to take action. Mr. Barone also reported that he has read about the city considering additional revenue options that residents would have to pay for including increasing wage tax and paying for garbage. Mr. Barone stated that what he doesn't see is discussion about cutting costs by regionalizing services and he applauded Chief Nietert for the new regional dispatch center and stated that he hopes more is on the horizon.
- Chuck Turner, 4549 Lilac Road, stated that he catches a lot of flak, specifically with Police Chief Nietert assaulting senior citizens like himself. Mr. Turner stated that Council may remember his sister, Mary Turner

from a past meeting and announced that she passed away earlier in the day. Mr. Turner stated that he would like very much to further what his sister thought was a patriotic attempt to clue in what the Constitution of the United States says about first amendment rights and he has been carrying around signs and protesting what he thinks is truthful. Mr. Turner stated that he learned that the Mayor got caught sidestepping the obligation to be truthful and endorsed a republican candidate for office because if you have a democratic candidate, you cannot endorse a republican, and that this is horrible and must be taken care of. Mr. Turner stated that at the last meeting he outlined how the Mayor got caught with an ethics violation and stated that someone "in this room has evidence and you know what you've got to do".

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**Adjourn**

**Action:** Motion to Adjourn, **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 Icove, Councilman Jason Russell, Council President Jane Goodman.

The Meeting Adjourned at 8:41 pm.

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Council President

Attest:

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Clerk of Council