

**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:** October 9, 2017 & October 23, 2017

October 9, 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 Icové, Councilman Jason Russell, Council President Jane Goodman.

The minutes have been approved.

October 23, 2017

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

**Vote:** Motion passed (**summary:** Yes = 6, No = 0, Abstain = 1).

**Yes:** Council President Pro Tem Dennis Fiorelli, Councilman Joe Frank, Councilman Marty Gelfand, Councilman Ed Icové, Councilman Jason Russell, Council President Jane Goodman.

**Abstain:** Councilwoman Ruth Gray.

The minutes have been approved.

**Report of the Mayor**

- Mayor Welo reported that all directors are present at the meeting.
- Fire Chief Stefko reported on the successful Fill the Squad Holiday Food Drive at GFS and the department also won the Consortium on Aging's Five Alarm Chili Cook-off. Mr. Stefko reported on a fire on Plainfield Road that is being investigated and provided an update on a new squad to be delivered in the coming weeks. Mr. Stefko reported that the Safer Grant, which provides for two firefighters has been extended for 10 months. Chief Stefko requested consideration of the legislation approving the Countywide All Hazards Mitigation Plan.
- Economic Development Director Love reported that the Saturday after Thanksgiving is "Small Business Saturday" and several small businesses are participating with the help of the Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Love reported on several new business opening in South Euclid including 216 Fitness, opening in the former 7/11 storefront on South Belvoir and the Alcazar Fencing Club, opening above Hillcrest Karate near Mayfield and Green.
- City Engineer Blackley reported on the city's attainment of a sewer manhole grant of \$230,000 and the water repair project on South Belvoir Blvd.
- Service Director Anderson reported that leaf pickup is ahead of schedule, averaging twice a week throughout the city and that the trucks have been equipped with snow plows in preparation for the winter season. Mr. Anderson requested consideration of legislation to purchase a new street sweeper to be reimbursed by the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District. The EPA requires the city to sweep streets 6-8 times a year, including city lots and catch basins.
- Mayor Welo congratulated Councilwoman Goodman, Councilman Frank, Councilwoman Gray, Councilwoman-Elect Continenza and Judge Byers on their re-elections/elections. The Mayor thanked Walmart for providing the pumpkins for the Pumpkins in the Park event, stated that she testified to Cuyahoga County Council regarding their proposal to cut \$17 million from the Demolition Fund and thanked One South Euclid for managing the Community Gardens. The Mayor reported on the ribbon cutting for the new Pet Valu opening at Mayfield and Green and reported on honoring a Girl Scout Group on Sunday at the South Euclid Baptist Church. The Mayor wished everyone a great Thanksgiving.

**Report of Law Director & Department Heads**

Law Director Lograsso reported that Planet Fitness has closed on the purchase of the property at Cedar Center. They intend to start construction in January and be open by the end of summer. Mr. Lograsso reported that negotiations have begun with the collective bargaining units.

**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:

- There were no comments.

**Legislation for Removal from Docket**

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. FOR**

**REMOVAL.**

**Action:** Remove Legislation from Docket, **Moved by** Council President Pro Tem Dennis Fiorelli, **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 Icové, Councilman Jason Russell, Council President Jane Goodman.

The legislation has been removed from Council's Docket.

**Report of Council Committees:**Finance Committee

Councilman Fiorelli reported that the Committee met earlier in the evening to discuss legislation concerning the city's investment policy, appropriation of funds for the Community Center and revision of Boards and Commission salaries.

Introduced by Goodman

Resolution 24-17

## RESOLUTION

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

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

The legislation has been approved.

Introduced by Goodman

Resolution 39-17

## RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF UNAPPROPRIATED FUNDS IN THE GENERAL FUND TO THE FOLLOWING FUND: "COMMUNITY CENTER-PERSONAL SERVICES #101-3350" IN AN AMOUNT OF \$12,345.00 TO COVER ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURES RELATED TO EMPLOYMENT OF COMMUNITY CENTER STAFF.

**SECOND READING.**

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

The legislation has been approved.

Introduced by Goodman

Resolution 23-17

## RESOLUTION

**AMENDING SECTION 6 OF ORDINANCE 21-16; FIXING THE SALARY RANGE, COMPENSATION AND RATES OF PAY FOR VARIOUS OFFICES, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND DEPARTMENTS OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2017; TO AMEND THE SALARIES RECEIVED BY BOARD AND COMMISSION MEMBERS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **SECOND READING.****

The legislation was placed on second reading for continued discussion by the Finance Committee.

**Legislation Requested by the Mayor and Administration**

Introduced by Goodman

Resolution 42-17

## RESOLUTION

REQUESTING FROM THE COUNTY AUDITOR A TAX ADVANCE FROM THE PROCEEDS OF THE 2017 TAX YEAR COLLECTION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **FIRST READING.**

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

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 Icové, Councilman Jason Russell, Council President Jane Goodman.

The legislation has been approved.

Introduced by Goodman

Resolution 43-17

## RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO AUDITOR OF STATE, LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES FOR THE COMPILING OF ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2017 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2019. **FIRST READING.**

**Action:** Motion to Approve Legislation, **Moved by** Council President Pro Tem Dennis Fiorelli, **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 Icové, Councilman Jason Russell, Council President Jane Goodman.

The legislation has been approved.

Introduced by Goodman

Resolution 44-17

## RESOLUTION

APPROVING THE ADOPTION OF THE COUNTYWIDE 2017-2022 ALL HAZARDS MITIGATION PLAN FOR CUYAHOGA COUNTY. FIRST READING

**Action:** Motion to Approve Legislation, **Moved by** Councilman Marty Gelfand, **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 legislation has been approved.

Introduced by Goodman

Resolution 45-17

## RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF UNAPPROPRIATED FUNDS IN THE FOLLOWING FUND: "GENERAL FUND-SERVICE DEPARTMENT-EQUIPMENT #101-6610-52743" FOR THE PURPOSE OF PURCHASING A NEW STREET SWEEPER. 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 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 24-17

## ORDINANCE

TO MAKE TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2018; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. FIRST READING.

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

**Communications of City Council**

- Councilman Fiorelli reported on the opening of Pet Valu on Mayfield Road and that Euclid Creek Watershed is looking for young volunteers to help with the Friends of Euclid Creek organization.
- Councilman Frank reported on the success of the Brush Arc's football team which went to the playoffs for the second time in its history and reported that the Arc's quarterback Goodwin Joe has been named Division 2 player of the year. Mr. Frank thanked the Fire Department, Dispatchers and EMS for the great job they did when his mother called 911 for a health emergency involving his father.
- Councilwoman Gray thanked all those who sent their prayers and support during a very challenging last few months with the loss of several family members and friends. Ms. Gray reported that the ADAMHS Mental Health Board is working on establishing a mental health crisis team to respond with the police department during times of a mental health crisis. Ms. Gray is going to coordinate a meeting with Mayor Welo, Chief Nietert and the Municipal Courts to help bring the proposal to fruition. Councilwoman Gray reported on some issues residents have expressed in the Lowden area and requested that the Police Chief have a meeting to discuss with the residents. Ms. Gray reported on the efforts of the Citizens Recreation Committee that have been meeting on putting together a strategic plan for the city's parks and recreation facilities.
- Councilman Gelfand reported on the Fire Department's Fill the Squad event at GFS and the opening of the newly renovated University Heights Library at Cedar Center.
- Council President Goodman thanked the service department for recycling campaign signs and reported that the transition to the new emergency dispatch center has been going nicely. Ms. Goodman reported that she will be attending the National League of Cities Conference in Charlotte.

**Open Meeting**

- Dennis Silsby, 4428 Greenway Road, stated that he found a very colorful mushroom growing in his yard that turned out to be a muscaria mushroom, which is hallucinogenic if eaten.
- Charles Turner, 4549 Lilac Road, stated that he had attended the last Committee of the Whole meeting, also attended by the Mayor and Mr. Piorkowski from the Sun News regarding a discrepancy with a financial issue involving the Law Director. Mr. Turner made a public records request for all communications regarding this issue as there is a member of the law department that is having difficulty with tax issues. Mr. Turner stated that he has had three court cases regarding charges brought by the police department and that he has won all three. Mr. Turner stated that he spent time in jail and loved the Subway lunch. Mr. Turner stated that he had requested copies of the council meeting audio for some meetings, but was told that one had mysteriously disappeared and stated that it is a crime when you falsify documents and he'd like to know who

types up those records and who is with him when they are. Mr. Turner stated that if you record them on the tape, then the minutes need to reflect it exactly.

- Ralph Barone, 4372 Adrian, stated that he spoke at the September 25, 2017 meeting about an issue of an abandoned home on his street that is a public health hazard and contains mold and that no one should be allowed to go in the home without a hazmat suit until it is assessed. Since then, Mr. Barone stated that the home was sold by One South Euclid to a developer that is working on the home, already re-roofed it, and is taking hazardous materials to the street for garbage and it is dangerous. Manager Martin stated that the house was on the city's demolition list, but is of good character and can be restored and renovated safely. Ms. Martin stated that the home will be re-sold to an owner occupant and must meet all city codes and the sale agreement with One South Euclid, which includes a mold mitigation clause to ensure that it is not a hazard. Mr. Barone responded that he will put a sign up in his yard saying that the house was a mold hazard and he is not satisfied with the process.
- Pricilla Bradley, 4049 Dartford Road, stated that she and her neighbors are very concerned about what seems to be issues with drugs and drug buys taking place in her neighborhood and on her street. Ms. Bradley stated that she calls the police, but the dealer is gone by the time they arrived and asked if something more can be done, including putting up neighborhood watch signs and camera. Ms. Bradley also reported on issues of robberies. Councilwoman Gray stated that other residents were at the meeting regarding this issue but had to leave and requested that the Police Chief meet with the residents to see what can be done. Mayor Welo stated that the Police will have a block watch neighborhood meeting and thanked Ms. Bradley for coming to the meeting to discuss her concerns and that she will schedule a meeting with the Police Chief and Councilwoman Gray to schedule a meeting.

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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 9:03 pm.

Attest:

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Council President

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Clerk of Council