

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.

Motion to Amend Agenda to Include Revised Ordinance 22-17, Resolution 66-17 & Revised Ordinance 28-17

Action: Motion to Amend Agenda, **Moved by** Councilwoman Ruth Gray, **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 agenda has been amended.

Report of the Mayor

Council President Goodman reported that Mayor Welo was not able to be at the Council Meeting. Directors represented included Finance Director Wendt, Economic Development Director Love, Captain Tepley representing the South Euclid Fire Department, Building Commission Macalla and Acting Law Director Mike Cicero. Economic Development Director Love requested City Council consideration of Resolution 64-17 regarding the transfer of foreclosed property to One South Euclid. Mr. Love reported on the abrupt closing of the Steak n' Shake at Oakwood Commons, which was closed by the franchise and there is possibility that it will be reopened by the corporation.

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:

- Yakov Lieber, 4142 Hindsdale, spoke regarding Resolution 67-17 honoring Ward 3 Councilman Ed Icové for his years of service to the community. Mr. Lieber stated that there is an old kibbutz unspoken rule that a "comrade should do much and say little," and that is the style of civic leadership that Councilman Icové has followed during his tenure. Mr. Lieber stated that Councilman Icové is a rare officeholder who respects views different from his own, practices civility and understands that political differences are not personal differences. Mr. Lieber stated that public office comes and goes, but friendship always remains.
- Sara Continenza, 4222 Bexley, spoke in support of Ordinance 22-17 banning the use of pesticides on public property and stated that it is good for the environment, people and pets. Ms. Continenza also addressed Resolution 64-17 regarding the transfer of property to One South Euclid and stated that she has been a board member of the CDC for the last two years and that the funds from the sale of these projects are going back to the community through the One South Euclid Neighborhood Grant Funds. Ms. Continenza also thanked Councilman Icové for his service and stated that he has been an amazing councilman and that she can only hope to live up to what he has done, in her new role as the next Ward Three Councilwoman.

Report of Council Committees:

Council President Goodman reported that the Committee of the Whole held their monthly finance and budget meeting to discuss city finances. The Committee met with Director Benjamin to discuss Community Services, City Council and Youth Programs budget. Ms. Goodman stated that Council will be meeting to discuss Boards and Commissions compensation issues and reported that Finance Director Wendt's budget projections have been accurate.

Committee of the Whole

Introduced by Goodman

Ordinance 22-17

RESOLUTION

PROHIBITING THE USE OF PESTICIDES IN SOUTH EUCLID PARKS, OPEN SPACE PARCELS AND PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY. SECOND READING.

Action: Motion to Approve Legislation, **Moved by** Councilman Marty Gelfand, **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.

Legislation Requested by the Mayor and Administration

Introduced by Goodman

Resolution 62-17

RESOLUTION

EXCUSING COUNCIL MEMBERS' ABSENCE FROM COUNCIL MEETINGS DURING THE YEAR 2017. 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 Icové, Councilman Jason Russell, Council President Jane Goodman.

The legislation has been approved.

Introduced by Goodman

Resolution 63-17

RESOLUTION

SETTING THE DATE FOR THE FIRST REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO IN 2018. 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 Icove, Councilman Jason Russell, Council President Jane Goodman.

The legislation has been approved.

Introduced by Goodman

Resolution 64-17

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 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 legislation has been approved.

Introduced by Goodman

Resolution 65-17

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATED FUNDS FROM THE "GENERAL FUND-POLICE DEPARTMENT-PERSONAL SERVICES #101-1110" TO THE "GENERAL FUND-POLICE DEPARTMENT-AUXILIARIES/GUARDS-PERSONAL SERVICES #101-1112." 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.

Introduced by Goodman

Resolution 66-17

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATED FUNDS FROM THE "GENERAL FUND-POLICE DEPARTMENT-PERSONAL SERVICES #101-1110" TO THE "GENERAL FUND-POLICE DEPARTMENT-DISPATCHERS-PERSONAL SERVICES #101-1130-52150." 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.

Introduced by Goodman

Ordinance 28-17

ORDINANCE

TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2017; 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.

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 reported that a reception honoring the service of Councilman Ed Icove will be held tomorrow at the Community Center from 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm and that she will be having a Ward One reception to thank residents for their support in her reelection to City Council on January 2nd at 6 pm at Inner Healing Ministries Church and all are welcome to attend.
- Councilman Gelfand wished all residents a Happy New Year.
- Councilman Russell stated that he hopes everyone had a happy holiday season and asked that residents please be helpful and respectful by clearing sidewalks and driveways of snow for pedestrians.

- Council President Goodman commented on helping residents that are waiting for transportation in the bitter cold weather.
- Councilman Frank reported on the inclement weather and also shared information regarding suicide awareness and prevention and how to help people who may be hurting. Mr. Frank wished everyone a happy new year.
- Councilman Fiorelli thanked the Service Department for all of their hard work dealing with the inclement winter weather and wished everyone a happy new year.
- Councilman Icové thanked residents Yakov Lieber and Sara Continenza for their kind words and thanked his colleagues for sponsoring the resolution in his honor. Mr. Icové requested that Clerk Benjamin provide an update on the live streaming issue. Mr. Benjamin stated that he has been in contact with the Court and they have now implemented a new system for live streaming and will be making the service and their equipment available for City Council use.

Open Meeting

- Don Lisy, 1352 Francis Court, stated that the city is always looking for extra revenue and maybe the police should sit at the corner of Mayfield and Green and ticket all of the people who consistently turn right on red. Council President Goodman stated that the city doesn't receive revenue from those tickets. Mr. Lisy made remarks on the retirement of Councilman Ed Icové and stated that he has known Mr. Icové for a long time and he has never known a nicer guy. Mr. Lisy stated that if you call him, he is always there for residents and he works for the people and is sad that we are losing him and thanked him for his service.
- Chuck Turner, 4549 Lilac Road, stated that you could not ask for a more honorable person than Councilman Icové. Mr. Turner spoke about his contention that the Mayor does not work full time for her full time salary and he has requested information from the Law Director regarding how many days the Mayor has taken off. Mr. Turner stated that today is the 5th anniversary of reporting an alleged rape which resulted in him being retaliated against by the police and chased at 60 mph. Mr. Turner stated that Law Director Lograsso has gotten caught up in a number of lies in the attack that was set up by Police Chief Nietert and asked that his public records request be fulfilled.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION: Retirement of Councilman Ed Icové
Introduced by Goodman

Resolution 67-17

RESOLUTION

IN APPRECIATION TO EDWARD (ED) ICOVÉ FOR HIS YEARS OF DILIGENT SERVICE ON SOUTH EUCLID'S CITY COUNCIL AND TO THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO. FIRST READING.

Councilman Icové stated that it has been an honor to serve the residents and thanked them for their support. Mr. Icové commented on the importance of civility and diversity in the community and in our elected positions.

Action: Motion to Approve Legislation, **Moved by** Councilwoman Ruth Gray, **Seconded by** Council President Pro Tem Dennis Fiorelli.

- Councilwoman Gray stated that she will leave most of her comments for tomorrow's celebration of Councilman Icové, but stated that Mr. Icové has been a mentor to her for the past 12 years and they have become dear friends. Ms. Gray stated that Councilman Icové taught her to always carry two things with her to council meetings: Roberts Rules of Order and the Constitution and that she lives by his saying that in politics there are no permanent friends, just interests and that we should love many, trust few, and paddle your own canoe. Councilwoman Gray stated that sometimes you have to be willing to stand by yourself and not wait for people to do things for you and that she thanks Mr. Icové, will miss him and loves him dearly.
- Councilman Fiorelli thanked Councilman Icové for his 34 years of service to the City, 28 years as a member of city council and for serving the community and those that live in South Euclid.
- Councilman Russell stated that 34 years of public service is older than he is and remarked that Councilman Icové was the first person outside of former Councilman David Miller that reached out to him when he won his elections and stated that in this game of politics, there are really no friends, but Ed has always been one.
- Councilman Frank thanked Councilman Icové for his years of service and all he has done for the community and reminded him that, as a citizen, don't be afraid to call if he has any questions.
- Councilman Gelfand stated that unlike most elected on council, he did not come up through Boards and Commissions, but through his involvement with the Democratic Party, and Councilman Icové was welcoming and he learned a lot from Mr. Icové over the years. Councilman Gelfand stated that he is very happy to have become a colleague of Councilman Icové and appreciates the six years that they have spent as colleagues on South Euclid City Council.
- Council President Goodman thanked Ed for his service and stated that she is an elected official because Councilman Icové got her into public service and thanked him for his work in support of those in need. Ms. Goodman read and presented the Resolution to Councilman Icové.
- Director Benjamin thanked Ed Icové for reaching out to him when he first came to South Euclid in 2004 and learned a lot from him and commended him for his passion and commitment to issues of civility and diversity.

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.

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 8:55 pm.

Council President

Attest:

Clerk of Council