## **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, Councilwoman Ruth Gray, Councilman Ed Icove, Councilman Jason Russell, Council President Jane Goodman.

### Approval of Minutes: April 11, 2016 & April 25, 2016

Action: Motion to Approve April 11, 2016 Minutes, **Moved by** Council President Pro Tem Dennis Fiorelli, **Seconded by** Councilman Jason Russell.

**Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 6).

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

The Minutes have been approved.

Action: Motion to Approve April 25, 2016 Minutes, **Moved by** Council President Jane Goodman, **Seconded by** Council President Pro Tem Dennis Fiorelli.

**Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 6). **Yes:** Council President Pro Tem Dennis Fiorelli, Councilman Marty Gelfand, Councilwoman Ruth Gray, Councilman Ed Icove, Councilman Jason Russell, Council President Jane Goodman.

The Minutes have been approved.

# Amend Agenda to move Ward 2 Council Appointment to follow Open Meeting of City Council. Action: Motion to Amend Agenda, Moved by Council President Pro Tem Dennis Fiorelli, Seconded by Councilman Jason Russell.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (summary: Yes = 6).

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

The Agenda has been amended.

### **Opening Meeting of Council:**

President Goodman called the Open Meeting of Council to order and invited the audience to address Council:

- Chuck Turner, 4549 Lilac Road, stated that the City has hired a legal representative, Mr. Cicero, to
  represent the city in actions against him and that the administration has made out and out lies. Mr. Turner
  stated that Memorial Day is coming up and he is a former police officer and veteran of the Vietnam War and
  that with him at the meeting tonight is his sister, Doris Turner, who was in the first class of woman to
  graduate from West Point and she has more training, education and command experience in her little finger
  than the Police Chief, Law Director and Mayor combined. Mr. Turner stated to tell Mr. Cicero that he is next.
- Rev. Kris Eggert, 1876 Langerdale Road, spoke in favor of the passage of Resolution 08-16 regarding opposition to Ohio House Bill 48 that would expand where concealed carry guns are allowed in public areas, including public areas, police stations and schools. Rev. Eggert stated that HB48, if passed, is a dangerous law and that she hopes City Council will go on record to oppose the bill.
- Doris Turner, 11606 Mapleview Dr, Silver Springs, MD, stated that she is the brother of Chuck Turner and is a 1975 Brush High School graduate and in the first graduating class of woman at West Point. Ms. Turner stated that City Hall is not accessible to people with disabilities and that the city is in violation for any improvements made after 1991. Ms. Turner mentioned that the bathrooms need basic necessities like grab bars and the elevator is not accessible because it's right by the Chief of Police office and that the building needs a serious going over and renovations and needs to be taken care of because it's an abomination.
- John Savani, 1900 South Belvoir, stated that he is the owner of Princeton Park Apartments and addressed an ongoing issue with the Dogtropolis Doggie Day Care located adjacent to one of his apartment buildings at 480 South Green Road. Mr. Savani stated that there is an ongoing nuisance with dogs barking continuously from early morning until late at night, seven days a week, and that there are 25-40 dogs outside within 30 feet of his building and it's creating a disturbance and nuisance for the residents in the apartment building. Mr. Savani was told that it's not good enough for the residents to call the police to complain so he brought residents to the council meeting to voice their concern. Mr. Savani stated that for months he has complained to police and others at City Hall and gotten nowhere.
- Brecia Whitten, 4145 Greenvale, is a resident at the Princeton Park Apartments. Ms. Whitten stated that she gets up at 4:30 in the morning because the dogs wake her up and that the doors open to the doggie day care at 6 am and she can't get any sleep. Ms. Whitten stated that she has been calling the police department to report when the dogs bark and that they are a nuisance. Ms. Whitten stated that the dogs bark when she comes home from work and she can't eat dinner because of the barking and she has to turn her television up to mask the noise. Ms. Whitten stated that she can't open her windows because of the smell and that she is a taxpayer and gets no rest and asked for some peace. Ms. Whitten stated that if the nuisance was coming from children it would not be tolerated and she wants peace.
- Rob Hill, 4145 Greenvale, stated that he is a resident at the Princeton Park Apartments. Mr. Hill stated that he called the police on Easter Sunday because the barking was so bad and that he has a recording of the call. Mr. Hill stated that the dogs don't stop barking seven days a week, and that if the dogs were causing a problem at the doggie day care's house, she wouldn't tolerate listening to it. Mr. Hill also said that

employees at the business scream and yell and that is sometime worse than the dogs barking. Mr. Hill sated that he has recorded and taken pictures, but nothing has been done.

- Johnnie Pinkney, 4143 Greenvale Road, is a resident at the Princeton Park apartments and lives there with her 93 year old grandmother. Ms. Pinkney stated that the situation with the doggie day care has been torturous for her and her grandmother and that the barking starts in the morning and goes on until after 5 pm. Ms. Pinkney stated that there are laws governing the nuisance caused by barking and asked why they aren't being enforced.
- Tammy Baldwin, 4145 Greenvale, is a resident of the Princeton Park Apartments. Ms. Baldwin stated that
  she leaves for work at 7 am and the dogs are barking and returns home between 3:30 and 4 pm in the
  afternoon and the dogs are still barking. Ms. Baldwin stated that she is an educator and paying double taxes
  and that the city needs to take this issue seriously and that the barking is constants and something needs to
  be done. Ms. Baldwin said that if the barking was causing the owner a nuisance at her home, something
  would be done about it. Ms. Baldwin said that the building needs to be sound proofed and the problem
  addressed and asked that the situation be addressed.
- Michael Baldwin, 4145 Greenvale, is a resident of the Princeton Park Apartments and stated that he has lived in South Euclid for five years. Mr. Baldwin stated that he likes the city and it was a quiet place, but now he feels sorry for the other neighbors, especially those right at the back yard of the doggie daycare business. Mr. Baldwin stated that small business is what drives this country, but it should not come at the cost of other people. Mr. Baldwin stated that he pays taxes and thinks that something should be done and that the owners of the apartment building keep the building immaculate and there are a variety of tenants and the property is nice, but that the situation with the dogs will drive vacancies and asked that the city take these issues into consideration.
- Mr. Savani, stated that the police department sat on the property for four minutes today and said that the dogs barked the whole time. Chief Nietert stated that he will run the addresses and check the police logs. Mr. Savani stated that he has legal action against the owner of Dogtropolis and that the owner thinks that she is above the law. Mrs. Peggy Savani played an audio of the dogs barking.
- Councilwoman Gray asked if what the residents were describing would be determined to be a nuisance by city law. Police Chief Nietert responded that if substantiated it would be a nuisance and stated that he was on the property with Councilman Fiorelli with a sound meter and the barking did not register outside of the limits pursuant to its location in a manufacturing district and that noise is a subjective issue and the ordinance regarding barking does not speak to decibel levels. Councilwoman Gray stated that the Chief has heard from a number of residents and heard tapes and stated that the noise is a nuisances and asked the Chief what can be done. Ms., Gray stated that if dogs are barking and they are a nuisance and there are complaints and verifications, then it goes on the nuisance abatement list and she doesn't understand why the business is not on the nuisance list. Chief Nietert stated that a police officer earlier in the day, did respond to a complaint and stated that there were barking dogs. Councilman Icove requested a report from the Police Chief at the next meeting on what has been done about the issue. Law Director Lograsso stated that both Mr. and Mrs. Savani and the owner of Dogtropolis have attorneys and as such, as Law Director, he cannot talk directly to the parties, but has had conversations with their attorneys on possible sound proofing and other solutions. Mr. Savani stated that the owner of Dogtropolis will not solve the problem.
- Beth Greisl, 4498 East Berwald, stated that she was speaking on behalf of Joe Frank's interest in the Ward Two City Council Position. Ms. Greisl stated that she has worked with Mr. Frank for several years with the youth softball and baseball leagues and that Mr. Frank in his roles with the League and as treasurer has made a great impact and that he is a great community leader.
- Rocco DiLillo, 1153 Dorsh Road, spoke on behalf of Joe Frank's interest in the Ward Two City Council
  position and stated that Mr. Frank is a hard worker and good listener and takes into account the greater
  good and would represent the ward well if appointed.
- Former Councilman Moe Romeo, 4768 Dorshwood Road, stated that he hopes that City Council will pass the resolution opposing HB48 regarding the gun laws. Mr., Romeo stated that he had made a public records request for the applicants to replace him as the Ward Two Council representative and that all of the applicants are great candidates, but that he believes that Joe Frank is someone who will do a good job as his replacement and that Mr. Frank has been active in the community for many years. Mr. Romeo stated that he will work with anyone that Council appoints.
- Martha Goebel, stated that she is a Lyndhurst resident and director of the Heights Community Congress in Cleveland Heights. Ms. Goebel, has been working with Housing Manager Sally Martin on housing issues and issues with educational redlining by realtors in first suburban school districts and that our local schools are great assets and we must keep them strong and pass legislation in the first suburbs supporting our public school districts.

## Motion to Appoint a Council Member for the Ward 2 Vacancy

Council President Goodman asked for nominations for the position of Ward 2 City Council: Councilman Icove nominated Ms. Carlean Alford and stated that she is the best of all of the applicants. Mr. Icove stated that everyone that applied was high caliber and urged all applicants to continue to be involved. Councilwoman Gray seconded the nomination of Ms. Alford.

Councilman Fiorelli stated that there were five residents that submitted applicants and thanked them for their professionalism and being good neighbors. Mr. Fiorelli moved to nominate Mr. Joe Frank for the position of Ward 2 City Council and stated that Mr. Frank has the business and financial skills and will be a great fit.

Council President Goodman seconded the nomination of Mr. Frank.

Council President Goodman asked if anyone from the public would like to speak regarding the nominations.

Councilwoman Gray stated that all five were wonderful candidates and each brought value and would serve Ward Two very well, but that she believes that Ms. Alford brings the most experience. Ms. Gray stated that Ms. Alford was recently appointed to the City's Planning Commission and that she has extensive public and private sector experience with banking institutions and public involvement under two Mayors in Cleveland and currently serves as a Compliance Manager for the City of Cleveland. Ms. Gray stated that Ms. Alford has been committed to establishing block watches and that when the Mayor asked for her help with economic planning she was there and has been very active in a leadership capacity and with her church. Councilwoman Gray stated that Ms. Alford would be an awesome leader, community builder and collaborator and that is why she is supporting Carlean Alford. Ms. Gray stated that in her many years involved with South Euclid, that Ms. Alford will also help to bring balance to issues of diversity and inclusion that the city needs to address. Ms. Gray stated that 71% of Council are males and only 28% are females and that it is off-balance. Ms. Gray stated that 54% of the population are women and this is an opportunity to look at the issue as these are issues of disparity and this is an opportunity to think outside of the box. Ms. Gray challenged City Council to best represent the population.

Councilman Gelfand stated that there were five awesome candidates and he was pleased to interview everybody and that both Ms. Alford and Mr. Frank are excellent candidates and that City Council recently chose Ms. Alford to serve on the Planning Commission. Mr. Gelfand stated that Mr. Frank has been working for many years with our community youth and has run an excellent program. Councilman Gelfand stated that Councilwoman Gray made an observation regarding the gender and racial makeup of City Council, but if both the Mayor and Judge were included the gender and racial makeup would be closer to 50/50 split. Mr. Gelfand stated that we have a lot of diversity and excellent candidates.

Councilman Russell stated that there were good candidates for the position and that going through the interviews he looked at who had the best understanding of the role of city council and municipal government and of the financial issues that the city has to attack. Mr. Russell stated that he also was looking at who had a passion and understanding of the importance of community involvement and that Joe Frank has been a teacher and mentor for our youth. Mr. Russell stated that the City is facing some tough decisions and those are the issues he is looking at when determining who to vote for.

Councilman Fiorelli stated that all of the candidates were good and that he hopes they will all stay involved with the city with the upcoming Safety Levy and recreation issues.

Council President Goodman stated that there were five terrific candidates, and that she also took into consideration who former Councilman Moe Romeo believes will do the best job replacing him and representing the people of his ward and that she puts weight on Mr. Romeo's recommendation that Mr. Frank would be the best representative.

Council President asked three times if there were any additional nominations for the appointment of Ward Two City Council representative. Being none:

**Vote:** on the motion to appoint Ms. Carlean Alford to the position of Ward 2 City Council (**summary:** Yes = 2, No = 4, Abstain = 0).

Yes: Councilwoman Ruth Gray, Councilman Ed Icove.

No: Council President Pro Tem Dennis Fiorelli, Councilman Marty Gelfand, Councilman Jason Russell, Council President Jane Goodman.

The motion does not pass.

**Vote:** on the motion to appoint Mr. Joe Frank to the position of Ward 2 City Council (**summary:** Yes = 4, No = 2, Abstain = 0).

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

**No:** Councilwoman Ruth Gray, Councilman Ed Icove. The motion passes.

Mr. Joe Frank has been appointed to the position of Ward 2 City Council.

## **Report of Council Committees:**

Safety Committee

Councilman Gelfand reported that the Safety Committee met earlier to discuss the legislation to apply for a COPS grant for a School Resource Officer. SEL Schools Superintendent Linda Reid was at the meeting to discuss the collaborative grant opportunity. Mr. Gelfand reported that the Committee also met regarding a resolution to request a hearing on a liquor permit for a party center on South Green Road and the committee recommended that a hearing be requested by the State of Ohio Board of Liquor Control.

Council President Goodman reported that the Service Committee met to discuss legislation to allow for a new curbside collection service for soft recyclables that could significantly reduce the tonnage of waste going to landfills and help offset the city's trash management program.

Utilities Committee

Councilman Icove reported that the Utilities Committee met with representatives from the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District. Representatives made a presentation about NEORSD projects and the new fee increases that will be going into effect that will increase residential sewer district bills by 20%.

#### Safety Committee Zoning & Planning Committee

Introduced by Goodman

#### RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION BY THE SOUTH EUCLID CITY COUNCIL IN OPPOSITION TO HOUSE BILL 48 "THE GUNS EVERYWHERE BILL". THIRD READING.

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

Councilmen Gelfand and Fiorelli thanked Mr. and Mrs. Eggert for their assistance with this issue. Mr. Fiorelli stated that the state needs common sense solutions and close the loopholes for background checks for guns. **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 6).

Yes: Council President Pro Tem Dennis Fiorelli, 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

AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES AND CHIEF OF POLICE TO PREPARE AND FILE A GRANT APPLICATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE "COPS HIRING PROGRAM" FOR THE POSITION OF SCHOOL RESOURCE POLICE OFFICER IN COLLABORATION WITH THE SOUTH EUCLID LYNDHURST SCHOOL DISTRICT. **SECOND READING.** 

The legislation was placed on second reading.

## Legislation Requested by City Council

Introduced by Goodman

RESOLUTION DECLARING THE NECESSITY TO LEVY A \_\_\_\_\_\_TAX OUTSIDE OF THE TEN MILL LIMITATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDS FOR THE GENERAL PROVISION OF POLICE, FIRE, AND OTHER SAFETY SERVICES IN THE CITY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. FIRST READING.

The legislation was placed on first reading and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

Introduced by Goodman

RESOLUTION

Resolution 21-16

**Resolution 20-16** 

SUBMITTING THE QUESTION OF \_\_\_\_\_\_AN EXISTING TAX LEVY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDS FOR THE GENERAL PROVISION OF POLICE, FIRE, AND OTHER SAFETY SERVICES IN THE CITY, TOGETHER WITH ALL NECESSARY INCIDENTALS AND APPURTENANCES THERETO, PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 5705.19, TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. FIRST READING.

The legislation was placed on first reading and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

Mayor's Report:

- Economic Development Director Love requested City Council's consideration of Resolution 24-16 appropriating grand funds for the County Storefront Renovation Project at Cedar & Green Roads.
- Housing Manager Martin requested City Council's consideration of Resolution 22-16 supporting public school districts and reported that she has been working hard to fight perception issues in the school district where her son graduated and her daughter is currently a student at Brush High School. Ms. Martin stated that people are disinvesting in the schools and that it's unfair as there are a lot of great students and stories to tell coming out of our public schools.
- Community Services Director Benjamin outlined two pieces of legislation for City Council's consideration
  regarding an application to the State of Ohio Local Government Efficiency Fund to fund an efficiency study
  for administrative departments at City Hall in light of the continuing funding cuts and challenges facing the
  city. Mr. Benjamin also discussed the legislation to enter into an agreement with Neighborhood Leadership
  Institute to become part of the regional MyCom Network and move forward with a comprehensive strategic
  planning effort to address the issues and needs of South Euclid youth.
- City Engineer Blackley gave an update on the summer road and infrastructure work in the city including work on East Antisdale Road, Ruple Road, Homestead Road, Fenwick and Greenvale. Mr. Blackley stated that Longo Construction is completing sewer work from 2015 on Covington and Salisbury Roads and the Dominion East Ohio Gas is active with gas main replacements.

Resolution 19-16

Resolution 08-16

- Mayor Welo reported on new construction work at Oakwood Commons and that the Stake 'n Shake application is going through the Boards and Commission process. Ms. Welo reported that the new Asian restaurant Hibachi One opened at Mayfield and Green last week.
- Mayor Welo thanked Reverend Eggert and husband Dave for their passion regarding changing Ohio's gun laws and that it is harder to get a fishing license in the State of Ohio then a license to carry a gun. Ms. Welo thanked Councilman Fiorelli and architect Jud Kline for their work with Purple Heart Homes and that the next home would be completed in September. Mayor Welo also reported on issues and pending legislation in the State House and Senate regarding banking and foreclosures that would fast-track the foreclosure process, but could also have negative effects in South Euclid.

# Legislation Requested by the Mayor and Administration

Introduced by Goodman

## RESOLUTION

IN SUPPORT OF PUBLIC EDUCATION, SPECIFICALLY THE SOUTH EUCLID LYNDHURST AND CLEVELAND HEIGHTS-UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICTS, AND ENCOURAGING FAMILIES TO UTILIZE THE PUBLIC EDUCATION SYSTEM IN ORDER TO CREATE STRONGER COMMUNITIES. FIRST READING. The legislation was placed on first reading and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

## 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** Council President Jane Goodman, **Seconded by** Council President Pro Tem Dennis Fiorelli.

**Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 6).

**Yes:** Council President Pro Tem Dennis Fiorelli, 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

AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE OF APPROPRIATIONS IN THE FOLLOWING FUND: "GENERAL FUND-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT #101-4430" IN ORDER TO EXPEND FUNDS RECEIVED FROM A CUYAHOGA COUNTY STOREFRONT RENOVATION PROGRAM GRANT. 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 = 6).

**Yes:** Council President Pro Tem Dennis Fiorelli, 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

AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF UNAPPROPRIATED FUNDS IN THE GENERAL FUND TO FOLLOWING FUND: "SERVICE DEPARTMENT/TRAFFIC LIGHT MAINTENANCE FUND" IN AN AMOUNT OF \$20,318.16 FOR PAYMENT OF PROPERTY DAMAGE REPAIR OF THE TRAFFIC CONTROL BOX AT MONTICELLO BOULEVARD AND TREBISKY ROAD IN THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID. FIRST READING. **Action:** Motion to Approve Legislation, **Moved by** Council President Jane Goodman, **Seconded by** Council President Pro Tem Dennis Fiorelli.

Following discussion, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 6). **Yes:** Council President Pro Tem Dennis Fiorelli, 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 REQUESTING A HEARING BY THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE DIVISION OF LIQUOR CONTROL REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF A LIQUOR PERMIT BY EXCEPTIONAL EVENTS PARTY CENTER LLC, 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.

Following discussion, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 6). **Yes:** Council President Pro Tem Dennis Fiorelli, 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

Resolution 27-16

Resolution 26-16

Resolution 25-16

Resolution 24-16

Resolution 23-16

Resolution 22-16

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES TO PREPARE AND FILE AN APPLICATION WITH THE STATE OF OHIO LOCAL GOVERNMENT INNOVATION FUND FOR A "LOCAL GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY PROCESS IMPROVEMENT GRANT". FIRST READING.

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

Councilman Icove stated that he supports the legislation and commended the Mayor for looking into this grant because in March this was one of the budgetary questions he asked if it was being addressed.

**Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 6).

**Yes:** Council President Pro Tem Dennis Fiorelli, 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

Resolution 28-16

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES TO ENTER INTO A NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH THE NEIGHBORHOOD LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE (NLI) TO PROVIDE A COMPREHENSIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY IN THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO. FIRST READING.

The legislation was placed on First Reading pending receipt of the final version of the agreement.

Law Director's Report – No report.

### Letters & Communications

- Councilman lcove requested that City Council agendas and legislation be prepared and left for city council as soon as possible.
- Councilman Fiorelli gave an update on solid waste and recycling efforts and that the recycling numbers have been consistent over the last three years.
- Councilman Russell reported on the community meetings being held by the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District to discuss the significant increase coming to residential sewer and stormwater fees.
- Councilman Gelfand scheduled a Safety Levy Committee meeting for June 13 at 5:30 pm to discuss the COPS grant legislation. Mr. Gelfand reported on various events held by the Heights Hillcrest Regional Chamber of Commerce, including their annual business expo held May 12. Councilman Gelfand discussed a meeting held by the Cleveland Heights University Heights schools regarding the quality of the school district. Mr. Gelfand reported that South Euclid business the House of Swing will be celebrating their 39<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.
- Councilwoman Gray congratulated the Community Partnership on Aging for being the recipient of innovative grant partnership for sharing senior services with other neighboring agencies. Ms. Gray reported on the Summer Youth Initiative Program that will run from June 13<sup>th</sup> through July 22<sup>nd</sup> and discussed why the program is important for youth who don't have access to meals when school is not in session and that approximately 57% of youth in the district are on the free and reduced lunch program.
- Council President Goodman stated that she looked forward to seeing everyone at the Memorial Day Parade next Monday and the service to honor veterans at the War Memorial around 10 am following the parade.
   Ms. Goodman reported on the upcoming outdoor band concert, opening of the Bexley Pool and Splash Park and upcoming Rock the Block event on June 18.

Mr. Joe Frank was sworn in by Mayor Welo as Ward 2 City Council Representative. A ceremonial swearing-in will take place at the next meeting.

#### Adjourn

Action: Motion to Approve Legislation, Moved by Councilman Ed Icove, Seconded by Council President Jane Goodman.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (summary: Yes = 6).

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

The meeting adjourned at 10 pm.

**Council President** 

Clerk of Council

Attest: