

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

Absent: Councilwoman Ruth Gray.

Approval of Minutes: September 25, 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 = 6).

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

Absent: Ruth Gray

The minutes have been approved.

Report of the Mayor

- Mayor Welo reported that all directors are in attendance with the exception of Police Chief Nietert, Service Director Anderson and Housing Manager Martin. Asst. Police Chief Joe Mays is in attendance for Chief Nietert.
- City Engineer Andy Blackley gave an update on several water main issues that Cleveland Water is responsible for addressing on South Belvoir Blvd. In addition, the contractor for the Grosvenor repaving project will be coming back to replace and restore driveway aprons for some of the affected properties. Mr. Blackley also reported that the Northeast Ohio Sewer District will be doing catch basin dye testing throughout the city and present a report next year for approvals and Dominion Gas has completed most of the gas line work on Belvoir.
- Mayor Welo reported that the Service Department has begun picking up leaves throughout the entire city and discussed the 100th Anniversary Celebration and the burying of the Time Capsule. Ms. Welo gave an overview of the Legacy Tree Fund and that it would be featured in the upcoming South Euclid Magazine to help fund our tree canopy. The Mayor thanked City Council for allowing the administration to begin presenting budget information at the Committee of the Whole meeting held earlier in the month and thanked Council for taking the time this past year to hold community meetings and look at more permanent solutions to the loss in revenues, which many neighboring cities have already completed.

Report of Law Director

Law Director Lograsso reported that a case was settled regarding the Hawkins litigation regarding basement issues on Sheridan Road. The City's insurance carrier, NORMA, will be paying \$25,000 and the construction company that originally did work will pay \$10,000. Mr. Lograsso also reported that the Mayor has granted Planet Fitness and additional 10 days to close on the purchase of the property at Cedar Center North by November 3rd. The owners have already placed \$50,000 in escrow that is non-refundable.

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:

- Julie Dornback, 1407 Dorsh, stated that she is part of a group of concerned residents who reside on Dorsh Road in the neighborhood where the School District has proposed to build a new bus garage and the School District quietly purchased homes in the neighborhood and demolished them prior to even presenting plans or applying to the city for permits in the residentially zoned neighborhood. Ms. Dornback stated that they have always been supportive of the School District, but the plans to build adjacent to the residential neighborhood is wrong. Ms. Dornback reported that they presented an alternate plan at the Planning Commission meeting, which would allow for the construction of the garage without encroachment into the residential neighborhood. The plan will be emailed to Clerk Benjamin, who will attach them to the record of the Council Minutes.

Report of Council Committees:

President Goodman reported that the committee held two meetings earlier in the evening. The first meeting was a discussion on the proposed legislation banning the use of pesticides on public property. The second committee of the whole meeting was the monthly financial review. At the meeting, the Mayor, Fire Chief and Asst. Police Chief discussed budget issues.

Legislation Requested by the Planning Commission

Introduced by Goodman

Resolution 40-17

RESOLUTION

GRANTING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO "LEARNING ADVANTAGE" DAYCARE, LOCATED AT 1534 SOUTH GREEN ROAD IN THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO. FIRST READING.

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

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

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

Absent: Ruth Gray

The legislation has been approved.

Introduced by Goodman

Resolution 41-17

RESOLUTION

GRANTING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO THE SOUTH EUCLID LYNDHURST CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT TO CONSTRUCT AND OPERATE A TRANSPORTATION FACILITY ON DISTRICT OWNED PROPERTY AT 4759 MAYFIELD ROAD IN THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO. FIRST READING.

The legislation was placed on First Reading and referred to the Zoning and Planning Committee of Council.

Communications of City Council

- Councilman Fiorelli reported on the success of the centennial events and that the new Marc's is doing very well.
- Councilman Frank stated that he had a great time at the centennial celebrations and it was great to see the community come out. Mr. Frank discussed the establishment of the 4Alec Foundation, which has been founded to build awareness regarding undetected heart issues. South Euclid resident and Brush student Alec Kornet passed away suddenly in February due to sudden cardiac arrest.
- Council President Goodman scheduled a Committee of the Whole meeting for 6 pm on December 11, 2017 to discuss the pesticide legislation and 7 pm on December 11 to discuss the non-discrimination legislation. Ms. Goodman also reported on the success of the centennial gala and that Davey Tree has donated and planted several hundred trees in the Oakwood Green Nature Preserve. Council President Goodman reported on the Emergency Dispatch Center ribbon-cutting at the Metro Health Center in Cleveland Heights.

Open Meeting

- Chuck Turner, 4549 Lilac Road, stated that he was interrupted by the Mayor who booed him at the Democracy Day Meeting in May because he criticized her for saying she did not own the hardware store. Mr. Turner reported that Mr. Gelfand had requested the completion of the minutes and asked that the issue be straightened out. Mr. Turner accused Mayor Welo of several ethics and fraud violations because she is not allowed to own a business and stated that the Mayor violated the law by disenfranchising 2,086 voters at the last election, most of whom are minorities and she should not have been allowed to run. Mr. Turner stated that isn't it time for city council to request the Mayor's resignation before she ends up in jail and that the city shall be receiving communication shortly from the Ohio Ethics Commission regarding this issue.
- Marcella Soukup, 1771 S. Green Road, expressed her support of the legislation that would ban pesticide use on public property and that Canada has a lot of experience on the issue utilizing the precautionary principle. Ms. Soukup recognized Councilman Icové and thanked him for his service as Ward 3 Councilman. Ms. Soukup stated that Councilman Icové has always been responsive to her family and expressed her gratitude.
- Linda Pagan, 684 Parkside, stated that she did not attend the Planning Commission meeting regarding the school district's proposal for the bus garage, but there has been a trend over the years of developments that have encroached on residential areas and conditions placed by the city that have not been followed, including the Notre Dame College expansion several years ago and lighting issues at the dental clinic. Ms. Pagan stated that both the Walmart development and the Library were supposed to be camouflaged from the street and has not happened.
- Karen Gordon, 4380 Adrian Road, stated that she is speaking in favor of the non-discrimination ordinance, but will wait until the December 11th Committee Meeting to make additional comments.

Adjourn

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

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

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

Absent: Ruth Gray

The Meeting Adjourned at 8:38 pm.

Council President

Attest:

Clerk of Council