

REGULAR MEETING OF SOUTH EUCLID CITY COUNCIL

Council President Dennis Fiorelli called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call

Present: Councilwoman Sara Continenza, Councilman Joe Frank, Councilman Marty Gelfand, Councilwoman Jane Goodman, Councilwoman Ruth Gray, Council President Pro Tem Jason Russell, Council President Dennis Fiorelli.

Approval of Minutes: December 11, 2017; December 27, 2017; & January 4, 2018 (Organizational Meeting)

December 11, 2017 Minutes

Action: Motion to Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings, **Moved by** Council President Pro Tem Jason Russell, **Seconded by** Councilwoman Jane Goodman.

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

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

Abstain: Councilwoman Sara Continenza.

The minutes have been approved.

December 27, 2017 Minutes

Action: Motion to Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings, **Moved by** Council President Pro Tem Jason Russell, **Seconded by** Councilman Joe Frank.

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

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

Abstain: Councilwoman Sara Continenza.

The minutes have been approved.

January 4, 2018 Organizational Meeting Minutes

Action: Motion to Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings, **Moved by** Council President Pro Tem Jason Russell, **Seconded by** Councilman Joe Frank.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 7).

Yes: Councilwoman Sara Continenza, Councilman Joe Frank, Councilman Marty Gelfand, Councilwoman Jane Goodman, Councilwoman Ruth Gray, Council President Pro Tem Jason Russell, Council President Dennis Fiorelli.

The minutes have been approved.

Swearing-In Ceremony

New Firefighter Nicholas Stafinsky was sworn-in and took the Oath of Office

Report of the Mayor

- Mayor Welo reported that all directors are present except Service Director Anderson and Police Chief Nietert.
 - Housing Manager Martin reported on Ordinance 02-18 that amends a subsection of the rental ordinance and updated City Council on the five-city property survey study. Ms. Martin reported that resident leader Pam O'Toole suffered a major stroke and is in hospice care and has been taken off life support.
 - Economic Development Director Love reported on the upcoming Rock the Block fundraiser to be held this Saturday from 5 pm – 10 pm at the Black Forrest.
 - City Engineer Blackley gave an update on road construction projects and reported that the Cleveland Water project on South Belvoir and Neville is awaiting parts and that construction should resume and be completed hopefully in the next two weeks. Mr. Blackley reported on the bid process for 2018 road projects and ongoing gas work by Dominion East Ohio.
 - Mayor Welo reported on the collaborative efforts of the Community Partnership on Aging invited Lyndhurst Mayor Patrick Ward to give an overview of the partnership's efforts over the last year. Mayor Ward, who is currently Chairman of the Council of Governments that oversees the partnership discussed many of the programs that serve South Euclid seniors and reported that services are utilized by approximately 25% of the seniors in South Euclid.
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Report of School District

- Council President Fiorelli reported that he received a written update from Board President Stephanie Rhine and provided details from the memo. The update will be attached to the minutes of the meeting.

Opening Meeting of Council Related to Agenda Specific Items

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

- Sue Jasper, 1443 Dorsh Road, discussed the SEL School Bus Garage that is being proposed adjacent to her property on Dorsh Road and voiced opposition to the proposal. Ms. Jasper stated that the School District has already done irreversible damage by purchasing and demolishing several homes on Dorsh and Mayfield Roads prior to even submitting plans to South Euclid for the bus garage and that the school district did not even discuss or consider the impact of residents. Ms. Jasper stated that she and the Dorsh road neighbors pay taxes and contribute to the neighborhood and that the School District had other options and that they have a lot of land available on the existing school properties, so there are alternatives. Ms. Jasper stated that it is not too late for South Euclid City Council to stop this plan and encouraged them to do so.
- Linda Pagan, 684 Parkside Road, stated that she supports everything that Ms. Jasper said about the proposed bus garage facility by the school district and that it was wrong for the school district to demolish homes without notifying residents. Ms. Pagan stated that she does not support having medical marijuana dispensaries, especially with the ongoing opioid epidemic. Ms. Pagan stated that she supports medical marijuana distribution as long as it is not for profit and urged the city to take an ethical stand.

Report of Council Committees:

Council President Fiorelli reported that the committee met earlier in the evening to discuss three issues including a discussion with Civil Service Commissioner Mark Zamiska on issues related to police and fire employment and testing. The committee also met with city webmaster Mark Geyman to discuss renewal of the OhioBiz contract to maintain the city's website. Mr. Fiorelli reported that the Committee also held its monthly financial review meeting with Finance Director Wendt and reported that the administration spent \$1 million less than was budgeted last year. Mayor Welo stated that the city's general fund balance is not an accident and that she has had to pull in the reigns and reduce spending as a result of seeing less revenue from the Federal, State and County governments and that the city has a fiscal responsibility to spend dollars wisely and that it's the residents of the community that are holding South Euclid together, but more than likely, will have to come back to residents for more support in light of continuing revenue reductions and thanked everyone for working so hard.

Committee of the Whole

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Introduced by Goodman

Ordinance 27-17

ORDINANCE

AMENDING SECTION 933.07, FEES FOR USE, AS CONTAINED IN CHAPTER 933, MUNICIPAL SWIMMING POOLS OF PART NINE STREETS AND PUBLIC SERVICES CODE OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID; SETTING ADMISSION FEES, SEASON PASSES, SPECIAL PROGRAMS, AND RECIPROCITY WITH THE CITY OF LYNDBURST FOR THE USE OF THE MUNICIPAL SWIMMING POOLS AND SPLASH PARK BY RESIDENTS OF THE CITY. **SECOND READING.**

Action: Motion to Approve Legislation, **Moved by** Councilwoman Ruth Gray, **Seconded by** Councilwoman Jane Goodman.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 7).

Yes: Councilwoman Sara Continenza, Councilman Joe Frank, Councilman Marty Gelfand, Councilwoman Jane Goodman, Councilwoman Ruth Gray, Council President Pro Tem Jason Russell, Council President Dennis Fiorelli.

The legislation has been approved.

COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE:

Introduced by Goodman

Resolution 54-17

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH OHIOBIZ, LLC TO FURTHER DEVELOP AND MAINTAIN THE WORLD WIDE WEBSITE FOR THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO. **SECOND READING.**

Action: Motion to Approve Legislation, **Moved by** Councilwoman Sara Continenza, **Seconded by** Councilwoman Ruth Gray.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (summary: Yes = 7).

Yes: Councilwoman Sara Continenza, Councilman Joe Frank, Councilman Marty Gelfand, Councilwoman Jane Goodman, Councilwoman Ruth Gray, Council President Pro Tem Jason Russell, Council President Dennis Fiorelli.

The legislation has been approved.

ZONING & PLANNING COMMITTEE:

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.

SECOND READING.

The legislation was placed on second reading.

Legislation Requested by the Planning Commission

Introduced by Fiorelli

Resolution 06-18

RESOLUTION

GRANTING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO "THE HOLISTIC CENTER OF OHIO" MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISPENSARY, LOCATED AT 4110 MAYFIELD ROAD IN THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO.

The legislation was placed on first reading and referred to the Zoning and Planning Committee.

Motions to Nominate a Member of the Planning Commission

Motion: Motion to appoint Ashley King, **Moved by** Councilwoman Sara Continenza, **Seconded by** Councilwoman Jane Goodman.

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

Yes: Councilwoman Sara Continenza, Councilman Joe Frank, Councilman Marty Gelfand, Councilwoman Jane Goodman, Council President Pro Tem Jason Russell, Council President Dennis Fiorelli.

No: Councilwoman Ruth Gray.

Motion: Motion to appoint Carlean Alford, **Moved by** Councilwoman Ruth Gray, Councilwoman Gray stated that she was not able to be at the planning commission interviews, but contacted each candidate to interview them and that it is a tough challenge because all candidates are worthy of appointment. Ms. Gray stated that she supports Ms. Alford because she was only appointed two years ago to fill out an existing term and that it is only fair that she be given the opportunity to finish out at least one full six year term.

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

Yes: Councilwoman Ruth Gray.

No: Councilwoman Sara Continenza, Councilman Joe Frank, Councilman Marty Gelfand, Councilwoman Jane Goodman, Council President Pro Tem Jason Russell, Council President Dennis Fiorelli.

Legislation Requested by City Council

Introduced by Fiorelli

Resolution 07-18

RESOLUTION

APPOINTING ASHLEY KING TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO AS ESTABLISHED BY ARTICLE V "ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENTS AND COMMISSIONS" OF SECTION NINE "CITY PLANNING COMMISSION" OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO. FIRST READING.

Motion to Amend Legislation

Action: Motion to Amend Legislation to appoint Ashley King as Planning Commission Member, **Moved by** Councilwoman Jane Goodman, **Seconded by** Councilman Marty Gelfand.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 7).

Yes: Councilwoman Sara Continenza, Councilman Joe Frank, Councilman Marty Gelfand, Councilwoman Jane Goodman, Councilwoman Ruth Gray, Council President Pro Tem Jason Russell, Council President Dennis Fiorelli.

The legislation has been amended.

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

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 7).

Yes: Councilwoman Sara Continenza, Councilman Joe Frank, Councilman Marty Gelfand, Councilwoman Jane Goodman, Councilwoman Ruth Gray, Council President Pro Tem Jason Russell, Council President Dennis Fiorelli.

The legislation has been approved.

Ashley King was given the Oath-of-Office by Mayor Welo and sworn-in as a member of the Planning Commission.

Introduced by Fiorelli

Ordinance 03-18

ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 943 "TREE COMMISSION/TREES" OF PART NINE "STREETS AND PUBLIC SERVICES" OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO. FIRST READING.

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

Legislation Requested by the Mayor and Administration

Introduced by Fiorelli

Resolution 08-18

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE FINANCE DIRECTOR TO AMEND THE REVENUE SOURCE FOR THE FUND ENTITLED "POLICE VEHICLES & EQUIPMENT FUND #411" WITHIN THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO. FIRST READING.

Motion to Amend

Action: Motion to Amend Legislation, **Moved by** Councilwoman Jane Goodman, **Seconded by** Council President Pro Tem Jason Russell.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 7).

Yes: Councilwoman Sara Continenza, Councilman Joe Frank, Councilman Marty Gelfand, Councilwoman Jane Goodman, Councilwoman Ruth Gray, Council President Pro Tem Jason Russell, Council President Dennis Fiorelli.

The legislation has been amended.

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

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 7).

Yes: Councilwoman Sara Continenza, Councilman Joe Frank, Councilman Marty Gelfand, Councilwoman Jane Goodman, Councilwoman Ruth Gray, Council President Pro Tem Jason Russell, Council President Dennis Fiorelli.

The legislation has been approved.

Introduced by Fiorelli

Ordinance 01-18

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, 2018; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. FIRST READING.

The legislation was placed on First Reading and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

Introduced by Fiorelli

Ordinance 02-18

ORDINANCE

AMENDING SUBSECTION (a) OF SECTION 1401.09, "CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY REQUIRED" OF CHAPTER 1409 "CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY" OF PART FOURTEEN "HOUSING CODE" OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO. 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: Councilwoman Sara Continenza, Councilman Joe Frank, Councilman Marty Gelfand, Councilwoman Jane Goodman, Councilwoman Ruth Gray, Council President Pro Tem Jason Russell, Council President Dennis Fiorelli.

The legislation has been approved.

Communications of City Council

- Councilman Frank thanked the fire department and EMTs that helped his family when his father suffered a seizure recently. Mr. Frank stated that the South Euclid fire personnel's attention to detail and quality makes it easier to sleep at night. Mr. Frank reported on the event held at Brush to honor South Euclid resident and Brush student Alec Kornet who passed away suddenly last year. The event including heart screenings and raised awareness about undetected and sudden cardiac arrest. The event was the first of several being sponsored by the 4Alec.Org Foundation.
- Councilwoman Continenza reported that she is working with the administration and Bexley residents on launching a summer concert series to Bexley Park this summer and welcomed input from all residents.
- Councilman Russell scheduled a Zoning and Planning meeting for Monday, January 29 at 6:30 pm to discuss the legislation for conditional use permits for the South Euclid Board of Education Bus Garage and also the conditional use permit request to build a new Burger King on Mayfield Road in the new Marc's Plaza.
- Councilman Gelfand scheduled a Safety Committee to discuss minority recruitment on March 12 at 7 pm.
- Council President Fiorelli scheduled a Service Committee meeting for February 12 at 6 pm to discuss the proposed revisions to the Tree Commission legislation and a Committee of the Whole Meeting at 6:30 pm to discuss the 2018 Budget.
- Council President Fiorelli also scheduled a Committee of the Whole Meeting for February 26 at 6 pm to discuss the non-discrimination legislation.
- Councilman Gelfand reported that resident Bob Greenbaum has passed away. Mr. Greenbaum was an early leader and very active in regional environmental issues and was also the past chairman of the Sierra Club.
- Councilwoman Gray reported on the recent passing of Valeria Harper, who was the CEO of the Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board (ADAMHS). Ms. Harper was instrumental in providing funding for assistance to South Euclid and the Municipal Court with the establishment of a mental health docket and funding for a program at Inner Healing Ministries Church. Ms. Harper was also an advocate for addressing mental health issues and managing the opioid epidemic and she will be truly missed. Ms. Gray also reported on the passing of longtime South Euclid resident Rev. Leatrice Emeruwa who contributed greatly to her neighborhood and community. Ms. Gray stated that the family has requested a proclamation honoring Rev. Emeruwa and that she will send information for the proclamation to the administration.

Open Meeting

- Chuck Turner, 4549 Lilac Road, stated that his kids grew up with Lyndhurst Mayor Pat Ward and that the last time he saw him was a dedication ceremony for the Memory Lab at the library and there were no council members from South Euclid there. Mr. Turner stated that there is a problem with the reduction of allotment of speaking time for residents during the public comment period. Mr. Turner stated that the Mayor and Law Director received notice today regarding first amendment issues and the just approved minutes of the September 11, 2017 meeting where Mr. Turner stated that the Mayor's ownership of the South Euclid Hardware store was a violation of the law and that Council has an interest in the matter. Mr. Turner stated that he is sad that the China Gate restaurant is closing, but that is what you get when you have three Chinese restaurants in one area.

Adjourn

Action: Motion to Adjourn, **Moved by** Councilwoman Sara Continenza, **Seconded by** Councilman Marty Gelfand.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (summary: Yes = 7).

Yes: Councilwoman Sara Continenza, Councilman Joe Frank, Councilman Marty Gelfand, Councilwoman Jane Goodman, Councilwoman Ruth Gray, Council President Pro Tem Jason Russell, Council President Dennis Fiorelli.

The Meeting Adjourned at 9:20 pm.

Council President

Attest:

Clerk of Council