

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, Councilwoman Jane Goodman, Councilwoman Ruth Gray, Council President Pro Tem Jason Russell, Council President Dennis Fiorelli.

Absent: Councilman Marty Gelfand (Mr. Gelfand arrived at 8:05 pm.)

Report of Mayor

- Mayor Welo reported that all directors are present except Chief Nietert and Service Director Anderson, who are excused. Mayor Welo reported that a meeting was held with residents from the Bluestone neighborhood to discuss priorities and organize block groups. The Mayor reported on the Community Garden Breakfast and stated that she is interviewing South Euclid Police Officers for promotions to Sergeant and Lieutenant.
- Housing Director Martin reported that she has distributed to City Council a new piece of literature promoting the community and housing stock for Real Estate Professionals and discussed the upcoming workshop for realtors and lending partners.
- Economic Development Director Love reported on legislation regarding the transfer of four vacant lots to One South Euclid and gave an update on the McDonalds renovation and that Planet Fitness has begun construction at Cedar Center.
- City Engineer Blackley: Reported on 2018 road program projects on Tamalga, Rainbow, Piermont and Whitehall/Hillrock, along with a watermain replacement project scheduled to begin at the end of June on Westdale.

Report of Law Director

Law Director Lograsso reported that he is wrapping up negotiations with the unions and that they have agreed to make a change to the city's health care plan that will save the city over \$100,000 and result in a reduction of over 4% of the original renewal rate which was 7-8% this year.

Public Hearings (Open Meeting) Related to Agenda Items - None**Report of Committees**

Council President Fiorelli reported that the Committee of the Whole met earlier in the evening to discuss monthly finances and investment strategy with Fifth-Third Bank and Regional Income Tax Authority and discussed their efforts to collect outstanding tax monies due the city, which is over \$1 million.

Councilman Fran reported that a Finance Committee Meeting was held on April 16 to discuss the RITA ordinance that address Ohio Revised Code changes and had a general conversation related to facilities assessments and improvements looking at long range capital needs.

Finance Committee

Introduced by Fiorelli

Ordinance 09-18

ORDINANCE

AMENDING CHAPTER 172 "MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX" OF TITLE NINE "TAXATION" OF PART ONE "ADMINISTRATIVE CODE" OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO. **SECOND READING.**

The legislation was placed on Second Reading.

Legislation Requested by the Administration

Introduced by Fiorelli

Resolution 18-18

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** Councilwoman Sara Continenza, **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.

Introduced by Fiorelli

Resolution 19-18

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF UNAPPROPRIATED FUNDS IN THE GENERAL FUND TO THE GENERAL IMPROVEMENT & REPAIR FUND. FIRST READING.

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

Introduced by Fiorelli

Resolution 20-18

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF UNAPPROPRIATED FUNDS IN THE FOLLOWING FUND: "GENERAL IMPROVEMENT & REPAIR-SERVICE DEPARTMENT-VEHICLES-SERVICE DEPARTMENT #408-6610-52507" IN ORDER TO COMPLETE THE PURCHASE OF A NEW SERVICE DEPARTMENT VEHICLE. FIRST READING.

Action: Motion to Approve Legislation, **Moved by** Councilwoman Jane Goodman, **Seconded by** Councilman Joe Frank.

Following discussion, **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

Resolution 21-18

RESOLUTION

DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO IMPROVE CERTAIN DESCRIBED PUBLIC STREETS, ROADS, AND PLACES IN THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO BY PROVIDING STREET LIGHTING; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. FIRST READING.

The legislation was placed on First Reading and referred to the Public Utilities Committee.

Introduced by Fiorelli

Ordinance 10-18

ORDINANCE

DETERMINING TO PROCEED WITH THE IMPROVEMENT OF CERTAIN DESCRIBED PUBLIC STREETS, ROADS, AND PLACES IN THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO BY PROVIDING STREET LIGHTING; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. FIRST READING.

The legislation was placed on First Reading and referred to the Public Utilities Committee.

Communications of City Council

- Councilwoman Gray: reported that she sent an email on Friday to the Mayor, Council and staff pictures of the Dollar General store and reported that it was filthy with dirt on the floor and perishable food left in non-perishable areas, and it looked like it have not been mopped in months. The Building Commissioner reported that the health department will be notified and management has already been called. Councilwoman Gray reported that the Ward One Community Meeting will be held this Thursday at 6:30 pm at First Baptist Church and all council and staff are invited to attend.
- Councilman Gelfand on a Spelling Bee competition that was sponsored by Reaching Heights, and educational organization in Cleveland Heights-University Heights and that he was a sponsor of a youth team, along with Councilwoman Goodman. Mr. Gelfand reported that he attend a dinner of the Jewish War Veterans on April 22nd and a proclamation from South Euclid was presented. Councilman Gelfand reported that the Heights Hillcrest Chamber of Commerce annual Expo will be held on May 10 at 700 Beta in Highland Heights and a Safety Committee was scheduled for May 29 at 6 pm to discuss civil service recruitment.

- Councilman Russell reported that now that spring has finally arrived, it is great to see residents outside in the neighborhoods and kids playing and it's a great reminder of the wonderful neighborhoods in South Euclid.
- Councilwoman Continenza stated that when landscaping this spring, please consider using cheaper and natural options for herbicides instead of chemicals. Ms. Continenza reported on the One South Euclid Community Engagement meeting that is chaired by resident Veronica Walton and reported on the upcoming Bexley Bash events this summer.
- Councilman Frank: Scheduled a Finance Committee for May 29 to talk about financial planning strategies and report on capital facility needs. Additional meetings on these topics were scheduled for June 11 at 7 pm.
- Councilwoman Continenza scheduled a Public Utilities Meeting for June 11 at 6 pm.
- Councilwoman Goodman reported on the Spelling Bee competition sponsored by Reaching Heights and reported on the Arbor Day celebration and discussed the potential audit by Tanko Lighting to replace the street lights with LED and potential for including Wi-Fi in the lighting fixtures. Director Benjamin has also been meeting with Tanko.
- Council President Fiorelli requested that each councilperson look at docket items in committees to facilitate moving forward with cleaning up the docket. Mr. Fiorelli reported on the need to establish the Board of Tax Review, and that there were no applicants when the notice was advertised in 2015 and Clerk Benjamin will advertise again.

Public Hearings (Open Meeting) Related to Open Business

- Doc Janning, 1092 Campus Drive, proposed that the City have an honorary position of Poet Laureate and reported on the city's longstanding commitment to the arts and programs in the schools and at Notre Dame College. Mayor Welo requested that Mr. Janning read one of his poems. Upon completion, Mr. Janning reported on American Flag collection and that a retirement ceremony will take place on June 14 at Lakeview Cemetery.
- Charles Turner, 4549 Lilac Road, discussed his court case involving the city and police reports filed and stated that prosecutor Cicero got caught absconding with evidence and that it appears the Mayor wishes to intimidate him from his right to free speech and right to assemble as he was escorted out of the Democratic Club meeting and she made a complaint about him because he sat down behind her and stated "is this what you want" and this is disgusting and despicable and its not Russia and that the behavior of the Police Chief, Assistant Chief and Law Director is despicable and gave a report number of 180591 and said if its requested, you probably won't get it and stated that it was super classified and probably going down to the Grand Jury.

Adjourn

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

Seconded by Councilwoman Sara Continenza.

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 8:53 pm

Council President

Attest:

Clerk of Council