

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, Council President Pro Tem Jason Russell, Council President Dennis Fiorelli.

Absent: Councilwoman Ruth Gray.

Clerk of Council Benjamin reported that Councilwoman Gray notified him that she is dealing with a work issue and is not able to attend the meeting.

Minutes of Meetings April 23, 2018, May 14, 2018 & May 29, 2018

April 23, 2018

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

Councilman Gelfand offered the following corrections: The spelling bee for the CH-UH was an adult spelling bee, Mr. Gelfand did not have a proclamation for the war veteran's event and Councilman Frank's name was corrected.

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

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

Absent: Councilwoman Ruth Gray

The minutes have been approved.

May 14, 2018

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

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

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

Absent: Councilwoman Ruth Gray

The minutes have been approved.

May 29, 2018

Motion to Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings, **Moved by** Councilman Joe Frank, **Seconded by** Councilman Marty Gelfand.

Vote: Motion passed (**summary:** Yes = 5, No = 0, Abstain = 1).

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

Abstain: Councilwoman Jane Goodman.

Absent: Councilwoman Ruth Gray

The minutes have been approved.

Swearing-In Ceremony: New Police Officers Brandon Garcia & George Mrofchak were sworn-in by Mayor Welo and Chief Nietert.

Report of Mayor

- Mayor Welo reported that all director are present except for Fire Chief Stefko and Law Director Lograsso. Mike Cicero is present as Acting Law Director.
- Housing Director Martin discussed the South Euclid Garden Walk and commended the organizers on the success.
- Police Chief Nietert reported on Ord. 13-18 and Ord. 14-18 regarding the composition of the Police Department adding the position of Corporal.
- Economic Development Director Love reported on Resolutions 32-18 through 36-18 regarding the planned installation of traffic signal on South Green Road by the SEL Library and Notre Dame College. Mr. Love reported that the annual Rock the Block celebration is June 23rd from noon to 10 pm.
- Mayor Welo thanked all of the residents that opened their gardens to the many residents and non-residents that attended the South Euclid GardenWalk and that it was a great event. Ms. Welo reported on upcoming community events and the summer pool season.

Report of Law Director No Report**Report of School District**

Board Member Neil Blumberg addressed City Council and gave the following updates:

- School is out for summer.
- The 2018 incoming class had 299 students, 272 of them graduate and 177 have already accepted and enrolled in college. 20 students will be joining the military.
- Thank you for allowing SEL to continue coming to meetings.
- The Class of 2018 earned over \$5.7 million in scholarships and completed over 19,000 hours of community service.
- Negotiated with all three unions have been ratified and approved.
- The Brush High School track is being resurfaced after 17 years.
- Brush High Senior Class members are working on identifying a new mascot for the school, which will be unveiled in the fall.
- Superintendent Reid attended the South Euclid Real Estate Professionals day to report on the school district.
- Superintendent Reid has been working with Mayor Welo and other inner-ring suburban leaders on statewide issues affecting the district including House Bill 591, which would substantially change the report card system.

Public Hearings (Open Meeting) Related to Agenda Items There were no comments.

Report of Committees

Public Utilities

Councilwoman Continenza reported that a committee meeting was held earlier in the evening to discuss Street Light Assessment Legislation and legislation regarding the South Green Road Traffic Signal Project. Ms. Continenza reported that the street light assessments will increase slightly which will cost most residents between \$1.50 - \$2.00 a year and that there is a safety need for the proposed traffic signal by the Library and Notre Dame College and that the police have reported three accidents in the last six months.

Finance Committee

Councilman Frank reported that the committee discussed Resolution 28-18 regarding the 2019 Tax Budget, proposed capital facilities audit by COSE and Resolution 25-18 regarding Finance Department Purchase Orders.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Introduced by Fiorelli

Resolution 28-18

RESOLUTION

ADOPTING THE FISCAL BUDGET FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2019. **SECOND READING.**

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

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

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

Absent: Councilwoman Ruth Gray

The legislation has been approved.

UTILITIES COMMITTEE:

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. **SECOND READING.**

Action: Motion to Approve Legislation, **Moved by** Councilwoman Sara Continenza, **Seconded by** Council President Pro Tem Jason Russell.

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

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

Absent: Councilwoman Ruth Gray
The legislation has been approved.

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. **SECOND READING.**

Action: Motion to Approve Legislation, **Moved by** Councilwoman Sara Continenza, **Seconded by** Council President Pro Tem Jason Russell.

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

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

Absent: Councilwoman Ruth Gray
The legislation has been approved.

Legislation for Removal from Docket

Introduced by Fiorelli

Resolution 53-17

RESOLUTION

GRANTING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO "SOUTH EUCLID MEDICAL SOLUTIONS" MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISPENSARY, LOCATED AT 1976 WARRENSVILLE CENTER ROAD IN THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO. **FOR REMOVAL, DID NOT RECEIVE STATE LICENSE.**

Councilman Russell explained that the following Resolutions are being removed from the docket because the associated businesses did not receive approval from the State of Ohio for medical marijuana businesses. Councilwoman Goodman stated that if City Council denied the legislation, the businesses would have to wait one year to reapply pursuant to South Euclid's code.

Action: Motion to Remove Legislation from Docket, **Moved by** Council President Pro Tem Jason Russell, **Seconded by** Councilwoman Sara Continenza.

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

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

Absent: Councilwoman Ruth Gray
The legislation has been removed from the docket.

Introduced by Fiorelli

Resolution 02-18

RESOLUTION

GRANTING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO "MEDICAL CANNABIS CULTIVATORS" MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISPENSARY, LOCATED AT 4298 MAYFIELD ROAD IN THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO. **FOR REMOVAL, DID NOT RECEIVE STATE LICENSE.**

Action: Motion to Remove Legislation from Docket, **Moved by** Council President Pro Tem Jason Russell, **Seconded by** Councilwoman Sara Continenza.

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

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

Absent: Councilwoman Ruth Gray
The legislation has been removed from the docket.

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. **FOR REMOVAL, DID NOT RECEIVE STATE LICENSE.**

Action: Motion to Remove Legislation from Docket, **Moved by** Council President Pro Tem Jason Russell, **Seconded by** Councilwoman Sara Continenza.

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

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

Absent: Councilwoman Ruth Gray
The legislation has been removed from the docket.

Legislation Requested by the Administration

Introduced by Fiorelli

Resolution 32-18

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NORTHEAST OHIO PUBLIC ENERGY COUNCIL (NOPEC) TO ACCEPT AN ENERGIZED COMMUNITY GRANT. FIRST READING.

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

- Councilman Gelfand reported that this is one of a series of resolutions regarding the Traffic Signal Project and asked Engineer Blackley to address the need for the signal and the removal of the signal at Golfway and potential negative implications.
- Engineer Blackley reported on the audit study that was performed for South Green Road and that ODOT reported that the Golfway signal is not warranted and would be eliminated anyway when the South Green Signalization Project takes place, unless the City wants to pay for the signal. Mr. Blackley stated that the new signal would be interconnected with the existing signal at Bayard Road and provide a gap so traffic can move between Greenway and Golfway. Engineer Blackley stated that it is his professional recommendation that the light be removed and Mayor Welo reported that a similar signal was removed on Whitehall and Wyncote. Mr. Blackley stated that the total Green Road corridor project will be about \$8 million.
- Councilman Gelfand requested that the legislation regarding this issue be placed on First Reading for additional discussion.
- Councilwoman Continenza stated that the area is quite congested and that the police department has reported three accidents in the last six months and that there is guaranteed cost sharing with the Library and Notre Dame College for the project and recommended passage.
- Councilwoman Goodman stated that NOPEC money is available every year to the City and her objection to passing the legislation is not about the purpose or need, but rather the allocation of NOPEC dollars for this specific use when other energy projects are being considered and that \$21,000 is coming out of the road fund for the project.
- Councilman Gelfand stated that he doesn't know enough about the repercussions of the proposed project and would like to have the issue placed on first reading.
- Councilman Russell stated that he is concerned that this type of project will create a precedent for the city paying for a traffic signal for a problem it did not create.

Motions were withdrawn and the legislation was placed on First Reading and referred to the Committee of the Whole for continued discussion and review.

Introduced by Fiorelli

Resolution 33-18

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) WITH NOTRE DAME COLLEGE AND THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR PURPOSES OF COMPLETING THE "TRAFFIC SIGNAL INSTALLATION; NOTRE DAME COLLEGE AND CUYAHOGA COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY DRIVEWAYS ON SOUTH GREEN ROAD." FIRST READING.

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

Introduced by Fiorelli

Resolution 34-18

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATED FUNDS IN THE GENERAL FUND #101 TO THE ROAD IMPROVEMENT FUND #425. FIRST READING.

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

Introduced by Fiorelli

Resolution 35-18

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF UNAPPROPRIATED FUNDS IN THE FOLLOWING FUND: "ROAD IMPROVEMENT AND RESURFACING FUND #425" IN ORDER TO COMPLETE THE "TRAFFIC SIGNAL INSTALLATION: NOTRE DAME COLLEGE AND CUYAHOGA COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY DRIVEWAYS ON SOUTH GREEN ROAD." FIRST READING.

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

Introduced by Fiorelli

Resolution 36-18

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE CITY ENGINEER TO PREPARE THE NECESSARY PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, AND ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE "TRAFFIC SIGNAL INSTALLATION: NOTRE DAME COLLEGE AND CUYAHOGA COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY DRIVEWAYS ON SOUTH GREEN ROAD" IN 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.

Introduced by Fiorelli

Ordinance 13-18

ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 131.05 "POLICE DEPARTMENT COMPOSITION AND BOND" OF CHAPTER 131, "DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY" OF PART ONE "ADMINISTRATIVE CODE" OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. FIRST READING.

The legislation was placed on First Reading and referred to Safety Committee.

Introduced by Fiorelli

Ordinance 14-18

ORDINANCE

AMENDING SECTION 1 OF ORDINANCE 21-16; FIXING THE SALARY RANGE, COMPENSATION AND RATES OF PAY FOR VARIOUS OFFICES, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND DEPARTMENTS OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2017; TO CREATE THE POSITION OF CORPORAL WITHIN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. FIRST READING.

The legislation was placed on First Reading and referred to Safety Committee.

Communications of City Council

- Councilwoman Goodman requested that legislation regarding the Poet Laureate be placed on first reading at the next meeting and reported on estimates to abate weed issues at Oakwood Green and the need for the Environmental Review Board to meet to allow potential pesticide use on the site.
- Councilman Frank reported that he will have Baseball and Softball League schedules to council members that sponsored teams by Wednesday and requested that Resolution 25-18 be placed on the agenda for the next council meeting.
- Councilwoman Continenza reported that the first Bexley Bash will be on Tuesday and will feature live local music, farmers market, food trucks and more.
- Councilman Gelfand reported on the upcoming Fifty Years of Fair Housing Event sponsored by the ACLU, American Constitution Society, NAACP and Legal Aid Society. Mr. Gelfand stated that he will be on a panel at the June 25th event regarding Fair Housing Implications of Criminal Activity Ordinances.
- Councilman Russell thanked the Economic Development Director, City Engineer and Service Director for their efforts in managing the proposed South Green Traffic Signal Project.
- Council President Fiorelli reported on Council's efforts to clean up the docket and requested that Council Members do what they can to manage as much legislation currently in committee prior to the August recess. A Committee of the Whole Meeting was scheduled for June 18 at 7 pm to discuss the South Green Traffic Signal Project and Finance Committee Meeting on revenue enhancement moved to 8 pm.
- Councilwoman Goodman reported that the Council needs to appoint a member to the Environmental Review Board. Clerk Benjamin will draft legislation for the next council meeting.

- Councilman Gelfand scheduled a Safety Committee Meeting for July 23rd at 6 pm to discuss Ordinances 13-18 and 14-18 regarding Police Department composition.

Public Hearings (Open Meeting) Related to Open Business

- Doc Janning, 2092 Campus Road, regarding the potential to appoint a Poet Laureate and that he has drafted legislation and stated that if city council is going to move forward with the legislation, to do it with some urgency because the appointed person needs to prepare for school district activities. Mr. Janning thanked council for their consideration.
- George Martin, 1832 South Green Road, stated that he and his wife are parents of eight children and he is very proud of the work Councilwoman Goodman and others have done to highlight beauty and sustainability in the City. Mr. Martin stated that the City needs to get back to focusing on regionalism to deal with issues including economic development and empty buildings on Cedar Road and Mayfield Road. Mr. Martin stated that he is opposed to the elimination of the traffic signal at Golfway on Green Road and that the street is a cut through for the college and public school students and its elimination would be catastrophic.

Adjourn

Action: Motion to Adjourn, **Moved by** Councilman Joe Frank, **Seconded by** Councilwoman Sara Continenza.

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

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

Absent: Councilwoman Ruth Gray

The Meeting Adjourned at 9:32 pm.

Council President

Attest:

Clerk of Council