

**REGULAR MEETING OF SOUTH EUCLID CITY COUNCIL**

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

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**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.

Motion to Amend Agenda to remove Ordinance 07-18 and include Resolutions 55-18, 56-18 and 57-18 to the agenda.

**Action:** Motion to Amend Agenda, **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 Agenda has been amended.

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**Report of Mayor**

- Mayor Welo reported that all directors are present with the exception of Police Chief Nietert and Fire Chief Stefko.
- Housing Director Martin reported that the house on Elmwood was demolished last week bringing closure to the neighborhood. Director Martin thanked everyone for their comments and congratulations on receiving an award from the Ohio CDC Association.
- Economic Development Director Love requested support of Resolution 54-18 for a Brownfield Phase One Assessment at 442 South Green Road and explained that a potential new property owner has an agreement to purchase the property and that if the purchase does move forward the new owner is willing to meet with neighboring residents to discuss potential tenants for the industrial building.
- City Engineer Blackley reported that 2018 road projects are nearly complete.
- Mayor Welo reported on several events she has attended including the 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Mayors and Managers Association, First Baptist Church's Faith Walk in Ward One, presenting to students at Brush High School and attending the First Suburbs Consortium meeting in Bedford Heights. Ms. Welo thanked Councilwoman Goodman for taking a group of 19 representatives from different countries in Cleveland as a part of a Council of World Affairs program on a tour of South Euclid's green and sustainable assets. Mayor Welo reported on upcoming community events including One South Euclid's Mingle at the Telling Mansion, October 25 Pumpkins in the Park, and the Community Partnership on Aging's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary fundraiser. Councilwoman Goodman stated that the City applied a fresh patch of blacktop on the section of Cedar Road that was causing disturbance and thanked the city.
- Council President Fiorelli stated that Fire Chief Doug Stefko arrived at the meeting.

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**Report of Law Director & Department Heads** – no report.

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**Report of School District** Council President Fiorelli reported that a school representative is not able to attend the meeting, but will be present for a report at the next council meeting.

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**Public Hearings (Open Meeting) Related to Agenda Items** – none

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**Report of Committees**Finance Committee:

Councilman Frank reported that the committee met to discuss Resolutions 55-18, 56-18 and 57-18, which were amended to this evening's agenda and all three are housekeeping measures and recommended for passage. Mr. Frank reported that the income tax levy was discussed and different options if the levy passes or fails.

## Zoning &amp; Planning Committee:

Councilman Russell reported that the committee met to discuss Ordinance 07-18 regarding abandoned shopping carts and legislation requiring retailers to implement security measures for the cart and subsequent fines if issues continue. The legislation will continue discussion in committee.

Introduced by Fiorelli

Ordinance 24-18

## ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 311.05 "OPERATION OF MOTORIZED SCOOTERS" OF CHAPTER 311 "STREET OBSTRUCTIONS AND SPECIAL USES" OF PART THREE "TRAFFIC CODE" OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO. **SECOND READING.**

Councilman Gelfand stated that the Safety Committee has not met to discuss the issue and questioned why it is on the agenda and wants it tabled. Mr. Benjamin stated that it is only second reading and he is keeping legislation moving forward, but apologized. Mr. Gelfand stated that he did not ask for it to be on the agenda and expressed his displeasure that it was on the agenda. Council President Fiorelli stated that Mr. Benjamin had already explained why it was on and apologized. Councilwoman Goodman asked if there are implications with Roberts Rules of Order if the legislation is tabled. Mr. Benjamin stated that the item can be removed with a motion and vote of council.

**Action:** Motion to Remove 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 legislation has been removed from the agenda.

**Legislation Requested by the Administration**

Introduced by Fiorelli

Resolution 53-18

## RESOLUTION

PROVIDING A DATE AND TIME LIMITS FOR THE HALLOWEEN OBSERVANCE UPON THE STREETS AND OUT OF DOORS FOR THE YEAR 2018. FIRST READING.

**Action:** Motion to Approve Legislation, **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 legislation has been approved.

Introduced by Fiorelli

Resolution 54-18

## RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING THE APPLICATION OF REVIVED HOUSING DEVELOPERS, LLC TO THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT FUND COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT INITIATIVE IN THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. FIRST READING.

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

Councilwoman Gray stated that Mr. Love discussed the Brownfield Assessment request earlier in the meeting that is being made to Cuyahoga County and that the potential owner is looking to renovate and make available for lease the building as small warehouse or distribution facility and that the prospective owner is willing to meet with neighboring residents if the sale is completed to discuss potential tenants and any potential issues that would impact the neighborhood.

**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 25-18

## ORDINANCE

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH FOR PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES FOR FISCAL YEARS 2019-2020. FIRST READING.

**Action:** Motion to Approve Legislation, **Moved by** Council President Dennis Fiorelli, **Seconded by** Councilwoman Ruth Gray.

Council President Fiorelli stated that the City must have public health services as mandated by the State of Ohio and that the County Board of Health provides those services for the City of South Euclid and almost all other communities in Cuyahoga County and even though the cost for services are rising at about \$15,000 a year for the next two years, the city does not have much choice.

Councilwoman Goodman stated that she has questions about the increases and would prefer that the legislation be placed on first reading and that someone from County Health present to Council at a committee meeting.

Councilwoman Gray explained that every city that utilizes County Health Department services is going to be paying the same proposed rate. Mayor Welo concurred, and stated that the legislation needs to be approved by end of year so there is time to have the County come to a meeting.

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

Introduced by Fiorelli

Resolution 55-18

## RESOLUTION

REQUESTING FROM THE COUNTY AUDITOR A TAX ADVANCE FROM PROCEEDS OF THE 2018 TAX YEAR COLLECTION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. FIRST READING.

**Action:** Motion to Approve Legislation, **Moved by** Councilman Joe Frank, **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 56-18

## RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER IN TO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO AUDITOR OF STATE, LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES FOR THE COMPILING OF ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2020 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020. FIRST READING.

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

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 57-18

## RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF UNAPPROPRIATED FUNDS IN THE "SAFETY FORCES LEVY FUND #410" IN AN AMOUNT OF \$70,000 FOR SAFETY SERVICE EXPENDITURES. FIRST READING.

**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.

Communications of City Council

- Councilwoman Gray stated that the last day to register to vote is tomorrow and encouraged residents to go to the Board of Elections website and verify that their registration is current and exercise your right to vote.
- Councilwoman Goodman reported that she held a Ward 4 Meeting last week.
- Councilwoman Continenza stated that she will be having a Ward 3 Meeting on October 16 at 6:30 pm and asked if she could have copies of Good Neighbor Guides. Mr. Benjamin replied that he would provide them.
- Councilwoman Goodman reported that the Tree Commission will be giving away 150 trees on October 14<sup>th</sup> from 1 – 4 pm in the City Hall parking lot. The flowering and shade trees were obtained from a grant from the Arbor Day Foundation and CSX and residents may take a tree to plant on their property.
- Councilman Frank reported on the Ward 2 Community Meeting and the Tele-Town Hall to be held tomorrow evening at 7 pm regarding the income tax levy.
- Councilwoman Continenza reported that early voting begins on October 10 and that her Ward 3 Meeting will be held on October 16. Ms. Continenza asked that council members and administration send her information to communicate in her e-newsletter and discussed educational programming happening in our neighboring city at the Coit Road Farmers Market to support access to fresh and local food.
- Council President Fiorelli scheduled a Committee of the Whole Meeting for November 12 at 7 pm regarding the County Board of Health Contract.

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Public Hearings (Open Meeting) Related to Open Business

- Charles Turner, 4549 Lilac Road, stated that he might be older than the average person in the room and asked if anyone remembered Daffy Duck and the “despicable” sound he used to make, and that Daffy never used words like deplorable or disgusting. Mr. Turner reported that the Mayor tried to oust him from Rock the Block and former Councilman David Miller, a member of the One South Euclid Board, confronted him and used a quote from the film Full Metal Jacket. Mr. Turner stated that this is the third time he has discussed this issue with members of city council and he has sent emails requesting an apology from both City Council and One South Euclid condemning Mr. Miller’s actions. Mr. Turner stated that he has been attacked by the police and he wants to be treated right because he is a former cop, veteran and is a senior citizen and stated that if this is the way he is treated, what chance does a person like Councilman Russell have to be treated fairly.

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**Adjourn to Executive Session** for the purpose of discussing pending litigation.

**Action:** Motion to Adjourn to Executive Session, **Moved by** Council President Pro Tem Jason Russell, **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.

City Council adjourned to Executive Session at 8:46 pm.

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**Adjourn**

**Action:** Motion to Adjourn, **Moved by** Council President Dennis Fiorelli, **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 Meeting Adjourned at 9:43 pm.

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Council President

Attest:

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Clerk of Council