

REGULAR MEETING OF SOUTH EUCLID CITY COUNCIL

Council President Dennis Fiorelli called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call

Present: Councilwoman Sara Continenza, Council President Dennis Fiorelli, Councilman Joe Frank, Councilwoman Jane Goodman, Councilwoman Ruth Gray.

Absent: Marty Gelfand

Adjourn to Executive Session for the purposes of discussing imminent litigation.

Action: Enter Executive Session, **Moved by** Councilwoman Sara Continenza, **Seconded by** Councilwoman Jane Goodman.

Vote: Motion carried by roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 5 Abstain: 1).

Yes: Councilwoman Sara Continenza, Council President Dennis Fiorelli, Councilman Joe Frank, Councilwoman Jane Goodman, Councilwoman Ruth Gray.

Absent: Councilman Marty Gelfand.

Council adjourned to Executive Session at 6:34 pm.

Council adjourned from Executive Session at 7:55 pm and Regular Business began at 8 pm.

Approval of Minutes of Meetings

May 13, 2019

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

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

Yes: Council President Dennis Fiorelli, Councilwoman Sara Continenza, Councilman Joe Frank, Councilwoman Jane Goodman, Councilwoman Ruth Gray.

Abstain: Councilman Marty Gelfand.

The minutes have been approved.

May 14, 2019 (Special Meeting)

Action: Approve, **Moved by** Councilwoman Ruth Gray, **Seconded by** Councilman Joe Frank.

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

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

The minutes have been approved.

May 20, 2019 (Special Meeting)

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

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

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

The minutes have been approved.

May 28, 2019

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

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

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

The minutes have been approved.

May 30, 2019 (Special Meeting)

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

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

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

The minutes have been approved.

June 3, 2019 **(Special Meeting)**

Action: Approve, **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, Council President Dennis Fiorelli, Councilman Joe Frank, Councilman Marty Gelfand, Councilwoman Jane Goodman, Councilwoman Ruth Gray.

The minutes have been approved.

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- Lisa Mack, President of One South Euclid One South Euclid introduced One South Euclid's first employee, Johnese Sherron, who is the new Director of Programming and Development for the community development corporation. Ms. Mack stated that the hire is a major step for the organization and was a major part of the organization's master plan. Ms. Sherron stated that she is looking forward to moving the city forward and bringing people back to the community. Mayor Welo stated that Ms. Sherron grew up in South Euclid and has many ties to the community including working at Giant Eagle when she was in graduate school.

Report of Mayor & Department Heads

- Economic Development Director Mike Love stated that One South Euclid has moved into their new offices at the Telling Mansion, which is being donated to the organization for \$1 a year. Mr. Love stated that the new Electronic Cart Locking System has been installed by Walmart.
- Police Chief Nietert reported on shoplifting activity at Walmart and a case that has made the news because he has been arrested 140 times in Northeast Ohio.
- City Engineer Blackley gave an update on summer road projects and asked for council consideration of Resolution 26-19 which will provide for the resurfacing of Miramar road near Cedar this year.
- Mayor Welo reported on the success of South Euclid Realtor Day and that One South Euclid held their quarterly meeting with the Mayor and President of Council. The Mayor discussed several upcoming community events including the production of Mama Mia at Mercury Theatre Company and upcoming Rock the Block, band concert at Notre Dame College and First Responder's Day at Oakwood Commons. The Mayor asked residents to look at the community calendar section of the magazine for all events.

Report of Law Director No report.

Report of School District

- Kathryn Falkenberg a member of the South Euclid Lyndhurst School Board reported that the school year ended successfully, and that Brush had a great prom this year at MOCA and the senior class graduated 250 students this year on May 22nd at Playhouse Square. Ms. Falkenberg recognized several student academic achievements including South Euclid resident Kareem King, who will be attending Harvard in the fall and Rebecca Rossi who will be attending Vanderbilt. Ms. Falkenberg discussed the new Tech Center at Memorial Middle School which includes a 3D printer and other technologies and announced that School Treasurer Paul Pistello is leaving the district to take a job at the Kenston Schools.

Amend Agenda to Include Resolution 26-19

Action: Amend, **Moved by** Councilwoman Jane Goodman, **Seconded by** Councilman Joe Frank.

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

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

The agenda has been amended.

Public Hearings (Open Meeting) Related to Agenda Items

Mike Hubler, 4561 Telhurst Road, discussed some of the verbiage used in the Safety Levy renewal legislation and if the money can only be used for police and fire and that the city isn't just moving money around for other departments. Mayor Welo stated that the language is necessary pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code. Director Benjamin explained

the two pieces of legislation and the process. Mayor Welo stated that all monies from the Safety Levy by law go into a special fund and can only be used for safety services.

Report of Committees

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Councilman Frank reported that the Finance Committee met to discuss Resolutions 23-19 and 24-19 regarding the Safety Levy and that the committee recommended passage of Res. 24-19 so that the potential revenue for the proposed levy can be certified by the County Fiscal Officer.

Introduced by Fiorelli

Resolution 23-19

RESOLUTION

SUBMITTING THE QUESTION OF RENEWING AN EXISTING TAX LEVY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDS FOR THE GENERAL PROVISION OF POLICE, FIRE AND OTHER SAFETY SERVICES IN THE CITY, TOGETHER WITH ALL NECESSARY INCIDENTALS AND APPURTENANCES THERETO, PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 5705.19, TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

SECOND READING.

The legislation was placed on second reading.

Introduced by Fiorelli

Resolution 24-19

RESOLUTION

DECLARING THE NECESSITY TO LEVY A REPLACEMENT TAX OUTSIDE OF THE TEN MILL LIMITATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDS FOR THE GENERAL PROVISION OF POLICE, FIRE AND OTHER SAFETY SERVICES IN THE CITY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **SECOND READING.**

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

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

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

The legislation has been approved.

Legislation Requested of City Council

Introduced by Fiorelli

Resolution 26-19

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF UNAPPROPRIATED FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$122,841.25 FROM THE FOLLOWING FUND: "ROAD IMPROVEMENT AND RESURFACING FUND #425" FOR THE 2019 ROAD RESURFACING PROGRAM. FIRST READING.

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

Following discussion on the project and that funds will come from the Road Levy fund and not the general fund and that because the contractor is already working in the neighborhood, there are cost efficiencies to proceeding with the project at this time.

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

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

The legislation has been approved.

Public Hearings (Open Meeting) Related to Open Business

- Mike Hubler, 4561 Telhurst, reported that one of his neighbors received a green tag on his door because his grass was too high, but also mentioned that there is high grass on some city owned properties that needs to also be maintained. Mr. Hubler suggested that the city put permit information online for contractors to pull. Mayor Welo reported that the permits are online but may be temporarily down due to conversion to the new regional software system for Building and Housing Departments.
- Chuck Turner, 4549 Lilac Road, thanked Councilman Fiorelli for interceding with a resident that was acting violently towards him at the Memorial Day Ceremony and thanked Councilman Gelfand for his words at the ceremony recognizing all veterans, which is unlike what occurred at the planting of the trees ceremony.

Mr. Turner stated that at the Memorial Day Parade he received a special greeting from the Chief of Police who said he wasn't going to find any friends at the Memorial. Mr. Turner stated that he is sorry to see Mr. Fiorelli go.

Communications of City Council

- Councilwoman Goodman asked if a Good Neighbor factsheet could be distributed in conjunction with the good neighbor guide that discusses just the main issues residents confront like curfew, grass cutting, loud noises, etc. Director Benjamin stated he will provide a revised version of the fact sheet.
- Councilman Frank reported on his participation in a sailing program with the Cleveland Sight Center for visually impaired veterans.
- Councilman Gelfand reported on the Heights Hillcrest Chamber of Commerce Mixer held at Notre Dame College on June 6th and an event he attended welcoming the new Cleveland Heights University Heights Schools Superintendent to the district.
- Councilwoman Continenza reported on the success of this year's GardenWalk held last weekend and complaints on Nextdoor.com regarding petty crimes involving youth and youth behaviors and suggested that neighbors utilize their front porches instead of back yards to increase adult presence. Ms. Continenza discussed upcoming Bexley Bash events.

Adjourn to Executive Session for the purposes of discussing imminent litigation.

Action: Adjourn to Executive Session, **Moved by** Councilwoman Jane Goodman, **Seconded by** Councilwoman Sara Continenza.

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

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

Council adjourned to Executive Session at 8:59 pm.

Adjourn

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

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

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

The Meeting Adjourned at 9:36 pm.

Council President

Attest:

Clerk of Council