

REGULAR MEETING OF SOUTH EUCLID CITY COUNCIL

Council President Joe Frank called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call

Present: Councilwoman Sara Continenza, Council President Joe Frank, Councilman Marty Gelfand, Councilwoman Ruth Gray, Councilwoman Susan Hardy, Councilman Justin Tisdale.

Absent: Councilwoman Jane Goodman

Amend Agenda To include the swearing-in ceremony for Auxiliary Police Officer Matt Arko.

Action: Motion to Amend Agenda, **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 Joe Frank, Councilman Marty Gelfand, Councilwoman Ruth Gray, Councilwoman Susan Hardy, Councilman Justin Tisdale.

Absent: Councilwoman Jane Goodman,
The Agenda has been amended.

Minutes of Meetings:

February 24, 2020

Action: Motion to Approve Minutes, **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 Joe Frank, Councilman Marty Gelfand, Councilwoman Ruth Gray, Councilwoman Susan Hardy, Councilman Justin Tisdale.

Absent: Councilwoman Jane Goodman,
The Minutes have been approved.

Swearing-In Ceremony:

Matt Arko was sworn-in as an Auxiliary Officer for the South Euclid Police Department.

Special Presentation:**Police Officer of the Year.**

Introduced by Frank

Resolution 16-20

RESOLUTION

IN APPRECIATION TO AND RECOGNITION OF PATROL OFFICER ROBERT BALDYGA FOR HIS OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE SOUTH EUCLID POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID AND HAVING BEEN NOMINATED AND ELECTED OFFICER OF THE YEAR FOR 2019. FIRST READING.

Action: Motion to Approve, **Moved by** Councilman Marty Gelfand, **Seconded by** Councilwoman Ruth Gray.

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

Yes: Councilwoman Sara Continenza, Council President Joe Frank, Councilman Marty Gelfand, Councilwoman Ruth Gray, Councilwoman Susan Hardy, Councilman Justin Tisdale.

Absent: Councilwoman Jane Goodman,
The legislation has been approved.

Firefighter of the Year

Introduced by Frank

Resolution 17-20

RESOLUTION

IN APPRECIATION TO AND RECOGNITION OF LIEUTENANT PATRICK ARTH FOR HIS OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE SOUTH EUCLID FIRE DEPARTMENT AND THE RESIDENTS OF SOUTH EUCLID AND HAVING BEEN NOMINATED AND ELECTED FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR FOR 2019. FIRST READING.

Action: Motion to Approve, **Moved by** Councilman Marty Gelfand, **Seconded by** Councilwoman Ruth Gray.

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

Yes: Councilwoman Sara Continenza, Council President Joe Frank, Councilman Marty Gelfand, Councilwoman Ruth Gray, Councilwoman Susan Hardy, Councilman Justin Tisdale.

Absent: Councilwoman Jane Goodman,
The legislation has been approved.

Report of Mayor

- Mayor Welo: The Mayor reported that Law Director Michael Lograsso, Housing Director Sally Martin, Police Chief Kevin Nietert, Building Commissioner Laura Heilman, Fire Chief Doug Stefko, Service Director Jim Anderson, City Engineer Andy Blackley and Economic Development Director Michael Love were all in attendance. Community Services Director Keith Benjamin and Finance Director Brenda Wendt were absent and excused from this meeting.
- Economic Development Director Love: Requested Council support of Res. 18-20, to appropriate funds for a grant received from the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District in order to purchase recycling containers.
- City Engineer Blackley: Stated that the Maywood infrastructure project is underway. Work on the water valve replacement project is complete on Mayfield and has shifted to Belvoir. All Dominion gas projects are postponed for the time being as employees undergo company-wide safety training. The 2020 Road Program has been awarded to CA Agresta and will be underway soon. The 2020 Watermain Replacement Project on Angela Drive is now out to bid.
- Mayor Welo recognized Poet Laureate Doc Janning on receiving Literary Artist of the Month from Heights Arts. Doc Janning proceeded to distribute and read two poems to the audience and City Council. He promoted the upcoming "Sunday Poets" session at 3pm on April 19th at the SE-L Library. He concluded by saying that he is in discussions with SE-L Library staff about doing a poetry workshop for high school students.
- Mayor Welo: Spoke about the Coronavirus. The administration has been receiving regular briefings and updates. City buildings are being sanitized. Follow the city's social media for the most up-to-date information. The City is diligently working on the 2021-2022 Road Program, which will include projects on South Green, Cedar, and South Belvoir. She talked about the importance of the road levy and the importance of going out to bid early in order to get the best price. She sent well wishes to resident Pat Silsby on recovery from her recent knee replacement. Finally, she reminded everyone that March 17th is primary election day, discussed the importance of voting, especially because of the school district levies and County health and human services levy which are on the ballot.

Report of Law Director: Law Director Lograsso reported that he attended the Ohio Secretary of State's Public Records Workshop. He attended as the public records representative for Council and the City.

Report of School District:

South Euclid Lyndhurst School Board Member Erin Harris (5044 Mayfield Road) attended and spoke on behalf of the district. The window replacement project is ongoing at Brush High School. Work has started on constructing the new transportation facility adjacent to Brush. The annual Brown & Gold fundraiser is this Saturday March 14th at La Vera Party Center. Tickets are available. This event supports all athletic and music booster programs. Ms. Harris reminded everyone of the levy on the ballot (Issue 32) on March 17th and asked for everyone's support. Council President Frank thanked Ms. Harris and stated Council is in full support of the levy and passed a resolution stating support a few weeks ago.

Public Hearings (Open Meeting) Related to Agenda Items

Council President Frank offered the floor to anyone in the audience who had signed in to speak at the meeting concerning items related to the agenda. There being no attendees wishing to speak, the open meeting was closed.

Report of Committees

Recreation Committee:

Councilwoman Continenza reported on the 7:00pm Recreation Committee Meeting. Representatives from First Baptist Church, including Pastor Bruce McLaurin, and Bialosky attended to provide an update to Council on the proposed Faith Walk Center, a community recreation center on the campus of First Baptist Church. A capital campaign to raise the funds to build this center is now underway. It will be a 15,000sf multi-purpose center providing activities for youth previously not available in our community. More details will follow.

Safety Committee: Councilman Gelfand presented Ord. 18-19 which regulates mobile food trucks. After discussion in committee and meetings with the Fire Department, the legislation is moving forward.

Introduced by Frank

Ordinance 18-19

ORDINANCE

CREATING NEW CHAPTER 1570 "REGULATION OF MOBILE FOOD UNITS" OF PART FIFTEEN "FIRE PREVENTION CODE" OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO. SECOND READING.

Action: Motion to Approve, **Moved by** Councilman Marty Gelfand, **Seconded by** Councilwoman Ruth Gray.

Councilman Gelfand stated that the Safety Committee met two weeks ago and went over this legislation with the Fire Department. The Safety Committee recommended this legislation for passage to ensure food trucks are properly regulated as they continue to grow in popularity. There being no further discussion on the legislation, Council President Frank requested the roll call for Ord. 18-19.

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

Yes: Councilwoman Sara Continenza, Council President Joe Frank, Councilman Marty Gelfand, Councilwoman Ruth Gray, Councilwoman Susan Hardy, Councilman Justin Tisdale.

Absent: Councilwoman Jane Goodman,
The legislation has been approved.

Legislation Requested by the Administration

Introduced by Frank

Ordinance 05-20

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 LYNTHURST FOR THE USE OF THE MUNICIPAL SWIMMING POOLS AND SPLASH PARK BY RESIDENTS OF THE CITY. FIRST READING.

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

This is the annual Ordinance setting rules, regulations, and fees for the upcoming swimming pool and splash park season. There are no changes to the legislation from previous years other than to make it effective for the 2020 swim season. Councilwoman Continenza also stated she is working on a scholarship program with One South Euclid to fund swim passes for those who cannot afford them. Details will follow on this. There being no further discussion on the legislation, Council President Frank requested the roll call for Ord. 05-20.

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

Yes: Councilwoman Sara Continenza, Council President Joe Frank, Councilman Marty Gelfand, Councilwoman Ruth Gray, Councilwoman Susan Hardy, Councilman Justin Tisdale.

Absent: Councilwoman Jane Goodman
The legislation has been approved.

Introduced by Frank

Resolution 18-20

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF UNAPPROPRIATED FUNDS IN THE GENERAL FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,895.00 TO THE FOLLOWING FUND: "ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT #101-4430-52727" FOR A GRANT RECEIVED FROM THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISTRICT. FIRST READING.

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

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

Yes: Councilwoman Sara Continenza, Council President Joe Frank, Councilman Marty Gelfand, Councilwoman Ruth Gray, Councilwoman Susan Hardy, Councilman Justin Tisdale.

Absent: Councilwoman Jane Goodman
The legislation has been approved.

Public Hearings (Open Meeting) Related to Open Business

- Charles Turner (4549 Lilac Road): Mr. Turner asked the lord to look over the safety forces in the coming year, especially as Coronavirus hits Ohio and Cuyahoga County. He stated that he sent Council an email concerning public records requests after Law Director Lograsso stated at the December 16, 2019 Council Meeting that the City has no police report filed by Mr. Turner for any of the incidents he has described. Mr. Turner stated Police Chief Nietert did respond to this email and he surely hopes this is not the city's final response. Mr. Turner stated that he believes Chief Nietert is considering voluntary separation from the city and hopes he is not doing this to try to conceal records that he has. He stated that the Mayor and Law Director need to look into this.
- Michael Anderson (1275 Avondale Road): Mr. Anderson stated that he is a 10th grade student at Brush High School and was attending to speak on behalf of the SEL School Levy, appearing on the ballot as Issue 32. Mr. Anderson stated that SEL Schools have stretched the current levy for 7 years, much longer than normal. He stated that SEL Schools are working hard to fulfill the vision of being the destination school community. He discussed school district accomplishments and distributed a flyer to Council and the audience.
- Council thanked Mr. Anderson for his presentation and congratulated him on his accomplishments as an actor and band member. Councilwoman Continenza stated she recently visited Brush and met with the principal and was very impressed.
- Board Member Harris added that signs supporting the levy are available for pick up at the board office and at the elementary schools.
- Shewanna Burns (4788 Burger Road): Ms. Burns spoke regarding her dog being attacked by her neighbor's dog. She stated that she has lived in South Euclid for 13 years and wants to make sure the city has a strong vicious dog ordinance. Her neighbors are renters. Their dog has been previously declared vicious under the ordinance, but she does not believe they are complying with the requirements.
- Chief Nietert stated that there is a pending court case concerning the attack on Ms. Burns dog. The city is requesting the dog be turned over to the Police for destruction. He also stated that the property is on the city's nuisance abatement list and Ms. Burns and her neighbors should call the Police concerning any other issues.
- Councilman Gelfand stated that the Safety Committee will look over the vicious dog ordinance to determine if any changes are needed in the near future.

Communications of City Council

- Council President Frank stated that Councilwoman Jane Goodman is in Washington, DC for the National League of Cities Conference.
- Councilwoman Hardy: No report
- Councilman Continenza: Bexley Bash is scheduled for August 4th, vendors and sponsors are currently being sought. The Bexley Community Group meets the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7pm at the Community Center. All are welcome. The group is in need of a chair and is looking to involve youth. The deer survey is complete and the results will be available soon. A Recreation Committee Meeting has been scheduled for March 23rd at 6:00pm to discuss the deer survey.

- Councilman Tisdale: Reminded everyone to vote on March 17th. Asked that everyone vote for the SEL and CH-UH school levies, as the community needs to make sure students are getting the best education possible. Asked all to take the proper precautions and to do their part to help stop the spread of the Coronavirus.
- Councilman Gelfand: Requested that all vote for the South Euclid Lyndhurst and Cleveland Heights-University Heights School Levies. He reminded everyone to be safe on St. Patrick's Day. He stated that he will be on a family vacation starting March 23rd and will therefore miss the next Council Meeting.
- Councilwoman Gray the Ward One Meeting has been scheduled for Thursday April 9th at 6:00pm at the Community Center. Spoke on the importance of completing the upcoming Census form. Discussed how federal funding is tied to population counts and how important it is to ensure everyone is counted, especially in South Euclid. Three meetings have been set up at the Community Center for people to fill out the Census online if they do not have a computer. These meetings will be March 18th and March 26th at 6:30pm and March 31st at 11am. Census postcards, with instructions on how to complete the forms, will be distributed to all homes on March 12th. Mayor Welo also reminded everyone that the Census Bureau is looking for more employees and spoke on the importance of accurately counting college students. Gray just returned from DC where she met with legislators on a variety of important topics, including access to healthcare. Concluded by reminding everyone "To Do Two in 2020: Vote and Complete the Census."
- Council President Frank: Commended Councilwoman Gray on her leadership for the 2020 Census. Requested that everyone vote on March 17th. Thanked all in the audience for attending the meeting.

Adjourn

With no further business before City Council, **Action:** Motion to 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 Joe Frank, Councilman Marty Gelfand, Councilwoman Ruth Gray, Councilwoman Susan Hardy, Councilman Justin Tisdale.

Absent: Councilwoman Jane Goodman

The Meeting Adjourned at 9:26 pm.

Council President

Attest:

Clerk of Council