

REGULAR MEETING OF SOUTH EUCLID CITY COUNCIL***Held via WebEx Virtual Platform***

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 Jane Goodman, Councilwoman Ruth Gray, Councilwoman Susan Hardy, Councilman Justin Tisdale.

Report of Mayor

- Mayor Welo gave an update on Ohio Senate Bill 310, which is Federal CARES Act dollars for local governments. The Bill has passed the Senate, but appears stuck in House Committee.
- Housing Manager Martin reported on the initial results of a community survey distributed via social media to help identify the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on community residents.
- Community Services Director Benjamin discussed the Food Security Grant Program for residents, as well as plans for the youth summer food program.
- City Engineer Blackley gave an update on summer road projects, which are substantially complete and that bid documents are being prepared for Hinsdale Road.
- Mayor Welo thanked Service Director Anderson, Community Services Director Benjamin and Law Director Lograsso for the work they did securing the new solid waste and recycling contract as well as their work on the future road projects.
- Doc Janning, South Euclid's Poet Laureate recited the poem he wrote for Memorial Day celebration.

Report of Law Director & Department Heads

Law Director Lograsso stated that Doc Janning did a fantastic job with the poem.

Public Hearings (Open Meeting) Related to Agenda Items

Debbie Wright 4777 Dorshwood, stated that if the new costs for trash collection are too high, what the possibility of giving up recycling temporarily is.

Report of CommitteesPublic Utilities Committee

Councilman Tisdale reported that the committee met to discuss Resolution 61-19 regarding clean Energy Goals and the committee recommended the legislation as amended for passage at the next meeting of city council.

Committee of the Whole

Council President Frank reported that so far this year the city finances are in good shape during the Covid-19 pandemic and that the committee met to discuss several topics including the rubbish and recycling contract, road project expenses and potential financing options.

Introduced by Frank

Ordinance 06-20

ORDINANCE

An Ordinance enacted by the City of South Euclid, Cuyahoga County, Ohio hereinafter referred to as the Municipality that requests the cooperation of the County of Cuyahoga, Ohio, hereinafter referred to as the County, in the matter of the hereinafter described improvement related to the proposed Green Road Bridge Replacement and Resurfacing Project. **Second Reading.**

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

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

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

The legislation has been approved.

Legislation Requested by the Mayor & Administration

Introduced by Frank

Resolution 32-20

RESOLUTION

Declaring the necessity to levy a renewal tax outside of the ten mill limitation for the purpose of providing funds for construction, reconstruction, resurfacing and repair of roads and streets in the City; and declaring an emergency. First Reading.

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

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

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

The legislation has been approved.

Introduced by Frank

Resolution 33-20

RESOLUTION

Authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with the lowest and best bidder for the provision of automated solid waste curbside collection and disposal and automated curbside recycling services within the City of South Euclid, Ohio; and declaring an emergency. First Reading.

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

Councilwoman Goodman gave overview of the contract and thanked Director's Anderson and Benjamin for their hard work.

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

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

The legislation has been approved.

Introduced by Frank

Resolution 34-20

ORDINANCE

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Master Cooperation Agreement for Preventative Maintenance Services and declaring an emergency. First Reading.

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

Goodman overview, collaborative ventures. It's a great deal.

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

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

The legislation has been approved.

Introduced by Frank

Ordinance 07-20

ORDINANCE

An Ordinance establishing and regulating the Local Coronavirus Relief Fund #925; and declaring an emergency. First Reading.

Motion: Council President Joe Frank, **Seconded by** Councilman Justin Tisdale.

Council President Frank stated that the legislation puts the city in the position to use the Federal CARES Act funds for Covid-19 related expenses pursuant to law.

Mayor Welo stated that there may be an additional piece of legislation necessary from the Ohio Auditor and if it is needed prior to the next regular council meeting, she would call a Special Meeting of Council.

Councilwoman Goodman stated that it says it can be used for COVID purposes and not likely general safety or security so how can it be used for police and fire. Law Director Lograsso and Mayor Welo responded that the Law Director is researching this and the last version of the bill does allow for it.

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

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

Public Hearings (Open Meeting) Related to Open Business: No residents addressed City Council.

Communications of City Council

- Councilman Gelfand: Announced that he is resigning from City Council and read the following letter of resignation for the record:
"As my wife Sherry, our daughter Eden, and I are working increasingly from home, we have made the necessary but difficult decision to move to a larger house. It is necessary because we need more space. But it is difficult because in order to stay in my daughter's school district, we will have to move from a city we love, South Euclid, two miles away to Cleveland Heights. After I met Sherry fourteen years ago, we proceeded on our life's journey together. She moved into my Eastway Road home because of its quality, neighborhood, and excellent insulation with lower heating bills. Although we tried to sell her Cleveland Heights home back then, the Great Recession was brewing and we were unable to do so. We rented out her home for the last 13 years. Our current tenants plan to move out this summer and we will move in. I am deeply indebted to the people of South Euclid who have placed their trust in me three times as their Councilman at-Large in city elections, and to my colleagues on Council who chose me for leadership as President Pro Tern. It is a trust I have always appreciated and never take for granted. Please accept my resignation from Council, effective July 1, 2020. Between now and then, I will do everything I can toward a smooth transition and to continue working on Council to keep South Euclid a wonderful thriving city".
- Councilwoman Continenza stated that it has been a pleasure working with Councilman Gelfand and that he will be missed. Councilwoman Continenza scheduled a Recreation Committee for June 8 at 7 pm to discuss the deer population and summer recreation efforts.
- Councilwoman Goodman reported on the Local Government Clean Energy Caucus, a group of local elected officials led by her, Councilman Gelfand and Lakewood Councilman Tom Bullock. The Councilwoman gave an update on the tree canopy plan and that there is more work than the grant funds allowed.
- Councilwoman Gray commended the city for their excellent job in producing the Memorial Day Video and that it brought her to tears and that in times of trouble we give definition to who we are and what we stand for and South Euclid always rises to the occasion. Councilwoman Gray stated that she is sad to hear the Councilman Gelfand is leaving City Council and that his knowledge has been invaluable.
- Councilman Tisdale thanked Councilman Gelfand for all of his work and support and congratulated Brush graduates.
- Council President Frank stated that Councilman Gelfand will be missed and congratulated 2020 Brush High School graduates.
- Mayor Welo stated that Councilman Gelfand will be missed and that he has brought so much knowledge to the table as a legislator.

Adjourn

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

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

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

The Meeting Adjourned at 9:01 pm.

Attest:

Council President

Clerk of Council