

**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, Councilwoman Jane Goodman, Councilwoman Susan Hardy, Councilman Justin Tisdale.

**Absent:** Councilwoman Ruth Gray.

**Minutes of Meetings** June 8, 2020

Goodman, Hardy

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

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

**Yes:** Councilwoman Sara Continenza, Council President Joe Frank, Councilwoman Jane Goodman, Councilwoman Susan Hardy, Councilman Justin Tisdale.

**Absent:** Councilwoman Ruth Gray

The minutes have been approved.

**Report of Mayor**

- South Euclid Poet Laureate Doc Janning recited the poem "Earthsong Summerlude".
- Mayor Welo reported that all directors are present except Building Commissioner Heilman, who is excused.
- City Engineer Blackley gave an update on summer road projects including the Maywood Road project, which is underway and the preparation for Hinsdale Road repaving. Mr. Blackley addressed Cleveland Water and flooding issues as a result of the recent watermain breaks. Mayor Welo stated that she has been working with residents impacted by the watermain breaks and serving as a conduit to Cleveland Water.
- Service Director Anderson also addressed the recent watermain breaks and reported that the city has been working to pick up bulk items as a result of the flooding.
- Mayor Welo addressed the Governor's facemask mandate for Ohio and reported that the county had received over 500 complaint calls of businesses where employees and/or customers were not wearing masks and there were 8-10 complaint calls about South Euclid businesses.
- Mayor Welo discussed the award of \$150,000 in CDBG Funds for the Hinsdale Road project and thanked Director Benjamin for his work securing the funds and members of City Council for their support walking door-to-door to collect signatures from residents in support of the project.
- Mayor Welo reported on the appropriation of Covid-19 Federal Relief Funds to be allocated by the state to local communities for use to keep safety forces afloat and provide PPE. The Mayor reported that EMS runs for potential COVID-19 calls have been up since the pandemic started.

**Report of Law Director** - none

**Report of School District** - none

**Public Hearings (Open Meeting) Related to Agenda Items**

- Debbie Wright, 4777 Dorshwood, addressed the new legislation prohibiting the feeding of wildlife and inquired about the limit and if an Animal Control Program would allow for baiting and tracking.
- Doc Janning, 2092 Campus Road, addressed the issue of deer and culling.

**Report of Committees**

Committee of the Whole:

Council President Frank reported that the Committee met to discuss legislation to put the upcoming Road Levy on the ballot for renewal this November.

Committee of the Whole

Introduced by Frank

Resolution 37-20

## RESOLUTION

Submitting the question of renewing an existing tax levy for the purpose of providing funds for the general construction, reconstruction, resurfacing and repair of roads and streets 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.

Frank, Tisdale

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

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

**Yes:** Councilwoman Sara Continenza, Council President Joe Frank, Councilwoman Jane Goodman, Councilwoman Susan Hardy, Councilman Justin Tisdale.

**Absent:** Councilwoman Ruth Gray

The legislation has been approved

**Legislation Requested by City Council**

Introduced by Frank

Ordinance 09-20

## ORDINANCE

Creating Section 505.22 "Feeding of Wildlife and Stray Animals Prohibited" of Chapter 505 "Animals and Fowl" of Part Five "General Offenses Code" of the Codified Ordinances of the City of South Euclid, Ohio. First Reading.

Not new or innovative, many of our neighbors have them and residents getting blatant about feeding wildlife.

The legislation was placed on First Reading and referred to the Safety Committee for discussion and review.

**Legislation Requested by the Administration**

Introduced by Frank

Resolution 38-20

## RESOLUTION

Authorizing the appropriation of unappropriated funds in the following fund: "Local Coronavirus Relief Fund #925" for expenditures related to the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act. First Reading.

Frank, Goodman

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

Mayor Welo reported that the City has been told to estimate a minimum loss of \$800,000 in revenue that will not be recovered as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and resulting economic shutdown and that the funds would be utilized pursuant to federal and state guidelines to maintain safety forces and provide PPE.

Councilwoman Goodman requested that a small portion go to assist in opening the bathrooms at Bexley and that there's got to be a way to have a person at the parks to disinfect the bathrooms and it's cruel and unusual punishment to not have them open.

Councilwoman Continenza stated that other cities have their park bathrooms open.

Mayor Welo stated that Baseball and Softball are playing league games and following strict protocols, which includes porta-potties on site and that the funds are to be used to ensure a long-term plan to keep vital services.

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

**Yes:** Councilwoman Sara Continenza, Council President Joe Frank, Councilwoman Jane Goodman, Councilwoman Susan Hardy, Councilman Justin Tisdale.

**Absent:** Councilwoman Ruth Gray

The legislation has been approved

Introduced by Frank

Resolution 39-20

## RESOLUTION

Authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the City of University Heights to share proportionate costs and engineering services associated with the 2021 Cedar Road Resurfacing Project. First Reading.

**Action:** Motion to Approve Legislation, **Moved by** Councilwoman Jane Goodman, **Seconded by** Councilman Justin Tisdale.

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

**Yes:** Councilwoman Sara Continenza, Council President Joe Frank, Councilwoman Jane Goodman, Councilwoman Susan Hardy, Councilman Justin Tisdale.

**Absent:** Councilwoman Ruth Gray

The legislation has been approved

Introduced by Frank

Resolution 40-20

#### RESOLUTION

Authorizing the appropriation of unappropriated funds in the amount of \$211,213 in the "Road Improvement Fund #425" for the Hinsdale Road Community Development Block Grant Fund Resurfacing Project. First Reading.

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

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

**Yes:** Councilwoman Sara Continenza, Council President Joe Frank, Councilwoman Jane Goodman, Councilwoman Susan Hardy, Councilman Justin Tisdale.

**Absent:** Councilwoman Ruth Gray

The legislation has been approved

#### Public Hearings (Open Meeting) Related to Open Business

- Michelle Taylor Brooks, 1496 Westdale Road, addressed issues of teens needing places to go and disruptions that have been occurring on her street. Ms. Brooks stated that the police have been very good with the youth and that parents need to be more involved.
- Emily Koritz, 1732 South Belvoir, spoke about racial justice issues and that she is disappointed that the Chief is not speaking tonight on the issue and asked if the letter from the Police Chief is all we get and someone needs to step up and move forward. Mayor Welo spoke about all of the diversity and inclusion efforts the city has been leading over the last several years and that the latest issue of South Euclid Magazine addresses many of the policing and diversity issues that are being raised, including that South Euclid Police were one of the first departments to wear body worn cameras and that the department has been working to address recommendations made by President Obama's Report on 21<sup>st</sup> Century Policing. Mayor Welo stated that Director Keith Benjamin has a master's degree in Diversity Management and has offered several programs looking at issues of diversity and inclusion.
- Council President Frank stated that the Mayor is correct and that with regards to bias training, it can't be a one-time thing, but something we must continually address and stated that the Chief is open to meeting with any residents.
- Kim Scott, 1500 Westdale, also addressed issues in her neighborhood with youth on Westdale, Maplegrove and Laclede and that the majority of the youth causing the problems are not from South Euclid and that the police have done a wonderful job.
- Doc Janning, 2092 Campus Road, stated that there have been discussions regarding the donation of deer meat to residents if there is culling in the city, and that the issue needs to be addressed appropriately to ensure that "mad cow" disease is not an issue.

#### Communications of City Council

- Councilwoman Goodman reported that she was up at Bexley watching the Softball Leagues and that only a small portion of people were wearing masks and wondered if the city could fund a person to act as an ambassador in the parks to hand out masks. Ms. Goodman reported that the Tree Commission Meeting has been moved from July 15<sup>th</sup> to July 29<sup>th</sup> to address the tree management plan.
- Councilwoman Hardy: Thanked the City Arborist that took care of an issue and came out to speak with her and a neighbor.
- Councilwoman Continenza reported on last week's Bexley Neighborhood Meeting and a Girl Scout Project that will result in the construction of a rain garden at Bexley Park. Ms. Continenza also discussed scheduling a Recreation Committee Meeting on July 27<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm to discuss deer management issues.
- Councilman Tisdale reminded residents to continue to wear masks, stay safe and social distance as much as possible.
- Council President Frank: Stated that we have to police each other to follow social distancing and health protocols and also thanked the Service Department, Police Department and Fire Department for assisting residents impacted by the flooding issues.

**Adjourn**

With no further business before City Council, Councilwoman Sara Continenza moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Councilwoman Jane Goodman.

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

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

**Yes:** Councilwoman Sara Continenza, Council President Joe Frank, Councilwoman Jane Goodman, Councilwoman Susan Hardy, Councilman Justin Tisdale.

**Absent:** Councilwoman Ruth Gray.

The Meeting Adjourned at 9:33 pm.

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Council President

Attest:

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Clerk of Council