

REGULAR MEETING OF SOUTH EUCLID CITY COUNCIL

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

Roll Call

Present: Councilwoman Sara Continenza, Councilwoman Chanell Elston, Council President Joe Frank, Councilwoman Jane Goodman, Councilwoman Ruth Gray, Councilwoman Susan Hardy, Councilman Justin Tisdale.

Minutes of Meetings: JULY 13, 2020 & July 27, 2020Minutes for July 13, 2020

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

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

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

Abstain: Councilwoman Chanell Elston.

Absent: Councilwoman Sara Continenza.

The minutes have been approved.

Minutes for July 27, 2020

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

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

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

Abstain: Councilwoman Chanell Elston.

Absent: Councilwoman Sara Continenza.

The minutes have been approved.

Report of Mayor

- Mayor Welo reported on several projects including the Capital Improvement Energy Efficiency projects and study completed by Leopardo, and updates from Building Commissioner Heilman regarding several recently opened development projects including the Roechling Glastic expansion, and the Clean-Express transformation at the former Walgreens.
- The Mayor thanked the Building and Housing Department employees for their hard work and reported that home sales are great in South Euclid this summer.
- Ms. Welo also reported that the Service Director and City Engineer are working on the 2021 Road Report, which will be completed shortly.
- Mayor Welo thanked Councilwoman Continenza and Councilwoman Gray on their hard work regarding the deer and wildlife management issue, as well as County Councilwoman Sunny Simon for her work to secure funds for a pilot sterilization project.
- Mayor Welo thanked Economic Development Director Love, Community Services Director Benjamin and Community Development Coordinator Subwick for their work on events and programs during the pandemic and the success of the first drive-in movie night.
- Mayor Welo reported that at the next Council Meeting, there will be a swearing in ceremony for two new firefighters and thanked the Fire Department for all they have done this summer during the pandemic and thanked all residents for their work to stay safe and keep everyone healthy, especially as the schools reopen.
- South Euclid Poet Laureate Doc Janning recited a poem in reflection of the Jewish New Year, Rosh Hashanah.
- Housing Director Sally Martin reported on the hot real estate market in South Euclid and statistics indicating that homes that were selling for \$110,000 six-months ago, have been selling for around \$130,000 and that there are less than 40 properties on the market for sale. Ms. Martin also cautioned that as a result of the pandemic and economic job losses, there could be increased foreclosures in the near future.
- Economic Development Director Mike Love reported on legislation including Ord. 03-20 regarding conditions for tattoo parlors in the city from the Planning Commission, a conditional use permit for a Church to be located on the campus of St. Johns and Ordinance 17-20 regulating E-Scooters and Bike Share programs

in the city. Mr. Love reported on One South Euclid efforts for Mayfield and Green and that Councilman Frank and Councilwoman Gray are serving on the Action Committee and a visioning workshop will occur on October 7th.

- Service Director Jim Anderson reported on Resolution 46-20 to replace a 2004 service vehicle and equipment that is past its useful life and has been out of service for two months.
- City Engineer Andy Blackley reported that all 2020 road projects are substantially complete and he is working on engineering regarding the South Green Road and Bridge Replacement Project and Cedar Road resurfacing project, which will take place in 2021.
- Mayor Welo stated that the passage of the Road Levy renewal is critical to continuing infrastructure and road projects and that the Finance Department has been working on the implementation of the new VIP accounting system, which should be completed in the next 5-6 months. The Mayor also reported that Finance Director Wendt is working on bids for health insurance for the next year.

Report of Law Director no report

Report of School District

- Cassandra Jones, President of South Euclid Lyndhurst School Board reported on school reopening efforts during the Covid-19 pandemic and stated that the opening of the district started on September 8th with staff in the buildings, but with students learning remotely for at least the first nine weeks. Ms. Jones stated that remote attendance has been between 92% and 96%. The district has also been working to make sure that students have access to internet and meals during remote learning and they have been utilizing school buses to distribute food in various locations, including South Euclid parks during the pandemic.
- Superintendent Lind Reid reported that we are working through unprecedented times and acknowledged the hardworking teachers and administrators who have shifted and pivoted "on a dime" when necessary. Ms. Reid discussed that the District is working to prepare for the offering of multiple learning platforms depending on the course and extent of the pandemic and also working to make sure that families with special needs are accommodated.
- School President Jones and Superintendent Reid discussed how they are utilizing CARES Act Funds to provide internet hotspots to students for remote learning, cleaning and sterilizing facilities and PPE.

Public Hearings (Open Meeting) Related to Agenda Items

- Debbie Wright, 4777 Dorshwood, spoke in support of Ord. 16-20 regarding the feeding of wildlife and deer and encouraged moving forward with Res. 44-20 to manage the deer population as significant culling should be done before sterilization and that the deer problems have really gotten out of control in the last year.

Report of Committees

Legislation from the Planning Commission

Introduced by Frank

Ordinance 03-20

ORDINANCE

Enacting New Section 732.03 "Tattoo and Body Piercing Businesses" of Chapter 732 "Conditional Uses in Commercial Districts" of Title Three "Commercial District Regulations" of Part Seven "Planning And Zoning Code" of the Codified Ordinances of the City Of South Euclid, Ohio. **Second Reading.**

The legislation was placed on First Reading on for second reading and scheduled for a public hearing.

Introduced by Frank

Resolution 43-20

RESOLUTION

Granting a conditional use permit for "Liberty Full Gospel" located at 4386 Mayfield Road on the campus of St. John Lutheran Church in the city of South Euclid, Ohio. First Reading.

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

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

Yes: Councilwoman Sara Continenza, Councilwoman Chanell Elston, Council President Joe Frank, Councilwoman Jane Goodman, Councilwoman Ruth Gray, Councilwoman Susan Hardy, Councilman Justin Tisdale.
The legislation has been approved.

Legislation Requested by City Council

Introduced by Frank

Ordinance 14-20

ORDINANCE

An ordinance approving the plan of operation and governance for the NOPEC Natural Gas Aggregation Program for the purpose of jointly establishing and implementing a Gas Aggregation Program as a NOPEC Member, and declaring an emergency. First Reading.

The legislation was placed on First Reading and referred to the Utilities Committee.

Introduced by Frank

Ordinance 15-20

ORDINANCE

An ordinance authorizing all actions necessary to establish an opt-in natural gas program pursuant to Section 4929.27(a)(1), Ohio Revised Code, jointly through NOPEC as a NOPEC member. First Reading.

The legislation was placed on First Reading and referred to the Utilities Committee.

Introduced by Frank

Ordinance 16-20

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.

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

Introduced by Frank

Resolution 44-20

RESOLUTION

Authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the United States Department of Agriculture to provide Wildlife Services, and declaring an emergency. First Reading.

The legislation was placed on First Reading and referred to Recreation Committee.

Legislation Requested by the Administration

Introduced by Frank

Ordinance 17-20

ORDINANCE

An Ordinance creating New Section 311.06 "Operation of Shared Motorized Electronic Scooters and Bicycles" of Chapter 311 "Street Obstructions and Special Uses" of Part Three "Traffic Code" of the Codified Ordinances of the City of South Euclid, Ohio. First Reading.

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

Introduced by Frank

Ordinance 18-20

ORDINANCE

Amending Section 531.09 "Abatement of Criminal Nuisances" of Chapter 531 "Nuisances" of Part Five "General Offenses" of the Codified Ordinances of the City of South Euclid, Ohio, First Reading.

The legislation was placed on First Reading and referred to Legislative Committee.

Introduced by Frank

Resolution 45-20

RESOLUTION

Accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Fiscal Officer. First Reading.

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

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

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

The legislation has been approved.

Introduced by Frank

Resolution 46-20

RESOLUTION

Authorizing the Appropriation of Unappropriated Funds in the following fund: "General

Fund-Service Department-Equipment #101-6610-52743" for the purpose of purchasing a new Combination Sewer Truck. 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, Councilwoman Chanell Elston, Council President Joe Frank, Councilwoman Jane Goodman, Councilwoman Ruth Gray, Councilwoman Susan Hardy, Councilman Justin Tisdale.

The legislation has been approved.

Public Hearings (Open Meeting) Related to Open Business

There were no public comments.

Communications of City Council

- Councilwoman Hardy reported on the Community Partnership on Aging's upcoming fundraiser which she has been helping to coordinate. The event will be a pandemic-safe scavenger hunt and she is hoping to get some friendly competition going with colleagues from the other CPA communities.
- Councilwoman Gray reported on the need for a Public Hearing regarding the Tattoo conditions legislation and a Zoning and Planning Meeting to discuss the Black Box legislation. Ms. Gray stated that she sent the Mayor and Chiefs an email regarding some resident concerns where the traffic signal was removed at Anderson and South Green Roads. The Mayor stated that the city is doing what it can to ensure safety and that it is a priority and while the signal will be replaced as part of the 2021 South Green Road project, she will ask the Traffic Commissioner to look at any additional measures that can be put in place. Councilwoman Hardy asked what is happening to track down the person who took down the light. The Mayor reported that there are no cameras and the person has not been identified. Councilwoman Gray reported that she will be having a virtual Ward One Meeting on October 22nd at 6:30 pm.
- Councilwoman Continenza scheduled a Recreation Committee meeting for September 29th to continue review of the deer management issue and legislation. Ms. Continenza also reported on activities at Bexley Park including an upcoming IOBY campaign to raise funds for the paving of the pump track and a rain garden project being implemented by one of the community's Girl Scouts.
- Councilman Tisdale reported on the ongoing safety protocols with COVID-19 pandemic and encouraged residents to vote this November 3rd, as it is your constitutional right. Mayor Welo reported that as of last Saturday, approximately 30% of registered voters had requested absentee ballots.
- Councilwoman Goodman reported that the Census will be concluding in a few more weeks and she has door hangers available to anyone who would like to help educate residents about the importance of completing the survey. Ms. Goodman also discussed the completion of the tree inventory and the work of the Tree Commission as they prepare for the next Master Tree Plan, which will prioritize the care of existing trees so they fill their canopy potential over the planting of new trees. Ms. Goodman asked for an update on the Al Paul site and Director Love reported that the new Waterway Auto Wash is under construction with an opening expected in late fall. Councilwoman Goodman scheduled a Service Committee meeting for September 29 at 5:30 pm regarding an Environmental Review Board Member.
- Councilwoman Elston reported that she attended the two grand openings of new South Euclid businesses Milky Way on Warrensville Center Road and the Clean Express Auto Wash on Mayfield Road and is impressed at how community oriented the new businesses have been. Ms. Elston also reported on a meeting with South Euclid County Library Manager Body and also reported that there are only 16 days left to complete the Census.
- Council President Frank reported on the Drive-In Movie Night at Bexley Park which was a sell-put and thanked Garfield Memorial Church for their assistance. Mr. Frank also discussed the Finance Department software upgrade and issues some residents are continuing to have with Cleveland Water following this summer's flooding issues. Mr. Frank scheduled a Safety Committee regarding Resolutions 16-20 and 17-20 on October 26th and a Utilities Committee meeting on October 26 at 5 pm. Council President Frank also stated that Leopardo will be presenting their energy efficiency plan to the City at the Committee of the Whole Meeting on September 29th.
- Mayor Welo thanked City Council for all of their hard work.

Adjourn

Action: Motion to Adjourn, **Moved by** Councilwoman Chanell Elston, **Seconded by** Councilman Justin Tisdale.

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

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

Absent: Councilwoman Jane Goodman.

The Meeting Adjourned at 9:37 pm.

Council President

Attest:

Clerk of Council