

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

Swearing-In Ceremony

Firefighter/Medic Keith Davidson and Firefighter/Medic Steven Levand were administered the oath of office as new Firefighter/Paramedics.

Report of Mayor

- South Euclid Poet Laureate Doc Janning recited the poem "Fragments of Time".
- Mayor Welo congratulated Councilwoman Elston on organizing the "We Vote, We Count" event and discussed Community Partnership on Aging's alternative "Scavenger Hunt" fundraiser. Mayor Welo reported that the state legislature has approved a provision allowing cities to piggyback on other community rubbish and recycling agreements and that Mayfield Heights is considering doing this with South Euclid's contract.
- Building Commissioner Heilman gave an update on constructions projects in the community including the South Euclid Lyndhurst School's new bus garage, the new Walgreens on Mayfield Road and the new Waterways Auto Wash which will be located on the site of Al Paul on Warrensville Center Road. Ms. Heilman reported that longtime Building Department employee Monica Ferrante will be leaving the city for a position in another community and that we are losing a great employee.
- Economic Development Director Love reported on Ordinance 04-20 from the Planning Commission which proposes to establish a Landmarks Commission in the City of South Euclid to protect historic properties. Mr. Love also reported on a new transportation company which will locate in one of the remaining available buildings in the Monticello Green Industrial Corridor and a new public art project organized by Community Development Coordinator Daniel Subwick, transforming parking meter poles into "birthday candles". The public art is located behind the Mayfield Road McDonalds in the municipal parking lot. Mr. Love discussed the Pumpkins in the Park event and drive-in movie night scheduled for October 23rd at Bexley Park.
- City Engineer Blackley reported that most road projects are substantially complete and that the sewer district has awarded a grant for infrastructure improvements next year on Oakmont Road.

Report of Law Director No report.

Public Hearings (Open Meeting) Related to Agenda Items

- Emily Koritz, 1732 South Belvoir, commented on legislation on the agenda regarding providing new police communications equipment.
- Debbie Wright, 4777 Dorshwood, commented on legislation to allow for deer culling and encouraged city council to approve it.

Report of Committees**Recreation Committee**

Councilwoman Continenza reported that the committee met to discuss the wildlife management program and voted to recommend the legislation for passage to proceed with culling program this fall with the United States Department of Agriculture and Ohio Department of Natural Resources.

Committee of the Whole

Council President Frank reported that the committee met to discuss and hear a presentation from Leopardo Companies regarding critical infrastructure and capital improvements needed at city-owned facilities and options the city has to finance and pay for the necessary improvements. At the meeting, City Council also received a report from Finance Director Wendt on income tax collections and council also discussed the date and calling hours for this year's Halloween community trick-or-treat during the covid-19 pandemic.

Recreation 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. **Second Reading.**

Motion: , **Action:** Motion to Approve Legislation, **Moved by** Councilwoman Sara Continenza, **Seconded by** Councilwoman Ruth Gray.

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 the Planning Commission

Introduced by Frank

Ordinance 04-20

ORDINANCE

Enacting New Section 761.07 "Landmark Commission" of Chapter 761 "Administration" of Title Six "Administrative Provisions" 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 Second Reading and Zoning & Planning Committee Meeting and Public Hearing was scheduled for November 9, 2020 at 7 pm.

Legislation Requested by the Administration

Introduced by Frank

Resolution 47-20

RESOLUTION

Authorizing the transfer of unappropriated funds in the General Fund in the amount of \$170,712.73 to Fund #101-1120-52490 for expenses related to the 2019 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). First 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, 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 48-20

RESOLUTION

Providing a date and time limits for the Halloween Observance upon the streets and out of doors for the year 2020. First Reading.

Motion: Motion to Amend Legislation, **Moved by** Council President 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 amended.

Action: Motion to Approve Legislation as amended, **Moved by** Councilwoman Chanell Elston, **Seconded by** Councilwoman Ruth Gray.

Vote: Motion passed (**summary:** Yes = 6, No = 1, Abstain = 0).

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

No: Councilwoman Jane Goodman.

The legislation has been approved.

Public Hearings (Open Meeting) Related to Open Business - None

Communications of City Council

- Councilwoman Continenza reported on a community fundraising campaign utilizing IOBY to build a rain garden at Bexley Park, which is part of a local Girl Scout project.

- Councilwoman Gray reported that she has been meeting with city staff and One South Euclid Board Members to discuss the possibility of creating a small business incubator in South Euclid and discussed upcoming planning efforts she is working on with Director Benjamin and an outside facilitator. Ms. Gray reported on the importance for residents to complete the census and also to prepare to vote this November and have a plan to get your ballot to the Board of Elections if residents are not voting in-person.
- Councilman Tisdale reported that he was invited to participate on a panel discussion led by Green Energy Ohio on South Euclid's goals to promote clean energy. Mr. Tisdale congratulated Councilwoman Elston for the "We Vote. We Count" event.
- Councilwoman Goodman reported that she followed up on last month's committee discussion about future plans for the Cleveland Heights portion of the former Oakwood Country Club which is owned by the Hebrew Academy. Ms. Goodman stated that the Hebrew Academy has no intention of building residential on the property and that they have plans to replace the dilapidated fence along Warrensville Center Road. Ms. Goodman also reported that the Hebrew Academy is open to discussing additional access to the park and greenspace.
- Councilwoman Elston expressed her gratitude to all those who helped organize, plan and volunteered for the We Count. We Vote event held last Saturday.
- Council President Frank congratulated Councilwoman Elston on the event and scheduled a Committee of the Whole Meeting on October 26th to further discuss the Leopardo study and the capital improvement plan.

Adjourn to Executive Session for the purposes of discussing collective bargaining agreements.

Action: Motion to adjourn to Executive Session, **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.

Council adjourned to Executive Session at 8:47 pm.

Adjourn

With no further business before City Council. **Action:** Motion to Adjourn, **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, Councilwoman Chanell Elston, Council President Joe Frank, Councilwoman Jane Goodman, Councilwoman Ruth Gray, Councilwoman Susan Hardy, Councilman Justin Tisdale.

The Meeting Adjourned at 9:12 pm.

Attest:

Council President

Clerk of Council