

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.

Minutes of Meetings September 14, 2020

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

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

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

The minutes have been approved.

Report of Mayor

- South Euclid Poet Laureate Doc Janning recited the poem "Fragments of Time".
- Economic Development Director Love reported on Resolutions 49-20, 50-20 and 51-20 regarding the Leopardo Energy capital improvements plan.
- Community Services Director Benjamin reported on Resolution 54-20 regarding the City's application for CDBG Funds for Harwood Road and also reported on the upcoming Road Levy on the November 3rd General Election.
- City Engineer Blackley reported Resolutions 55-20, 56-20 and 57-20 regarding the 2021 Cedar Road resurfacing project in partnership with University Heights.
- Mayor Welo reported that the City of Mayfield Heights will be piggybacking onto South Euclid's rubbish and recycling contract and also reported that the Community Shred Day will be this Saturday from 9 – Noon and will be a pandemic safe. Mayor Welo stated that Covid-19 infections are on the rise again and asked residents to be mindful, wear mask. Ms. Welo thanked Director Benjamin for his work on publishing South Euclid Magazine and congratulated him on his hard work. Mayor Welo reported that the Community Partnership on Aging is seeking volunteers to help senior with fall yardwork.

Report of Law Director: Law Director Lograsso stated that he has begun scheduling meetings with the City's union representatives to discuss collective bargaining contracts.

Report of School District

South Euclid Lyndhurst School Board Member Stefanie Rhine gave an update on School District activities including remote and in-person learning plans. Ms. Rhine stated that while some nearby school districts have already begun in-person learning, South Euclid Lyndhurst will continue remote learning utilizing the Schoology Learning Platform before pivoting to offering a hybrid model which will let parents decide if they want to send their children to school or continue online learning, however if more than 40% of students will be returning to in-person learning, additional facility accommodations will need to be made to ensure a pandemic safe environment. Ms. Rhine stated that their so far have been no stoppages of sports activities during the fall sports season and the construction of the new bus garage is underway. Board Member Rhine stated that free meals continue to be provided throughout the community for pickup by students and parents.

Public Hearings (Open Meeting) Related to Agenda Items

Emily Koritz, 1732 South Belvoir Blvd, spoke regarding the legislation on the agenda approving the Cuyahoga County Board of Health contract for 2021 and asked why the City doesn't have its own health department with its own doctor in charge. Ms. Koritz stated that the city recently determined that racism is a public health issue and the County is not charting how the racism is impacting the community.

Report of CommitteesPublic Utilities Committee

Chairperson Tisdale reported that a committee meeting was held to discuss the NOPEC Gas Aggregation Program and that another meeting will be scheduled with a representative from NOPEC to further discuss.

Safety Committee

Councilman Frank reported that meeting was held to discuss Ord. 16-20 regarding the feeding of wildlife and stray animals as well as legislation to join a Cuyahoga County Pilot Program regulating and allowing e-scooters and e-bicycles in the City.

Zoning & Planning Committee

Councilwoman Gray reported that the committee met to discuss the vacant commercial property legislation and that another meeting will be scheduled to discuss the legislation.

Introduced by Frank

Resolution 49-20

RESOLUTION

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Energy Savings Performance Contract with

Leopardo, and declaring an emergency. First Reading.

The legislation was placed on first reading and referred to the Committee of the Whole for

discussion and review. A Committee Meeting was scheduled for October 26th.

Introduced by Frank

Resolution 50-20

RESOLUTION

A Resolution approving and authorizing a ground lease and lease-purchase agreement and related documents providing for constructing and installing a city-wide energy conservation project, including all necessary appurtenances thereto, authorizing and approving related matters, and declaring an emergency. First Reading. **(part one of two resolutions regarding the ground lease and lease purchasing agreement)**. First reading.

The legislation was placed on first reading and referred to the Committee of the Whole for discussion and review. A Committee Meeting was scheduled for October 26th.

Introduced by Frank

Resolution 51-20

RESOLUTION

A Resolution approving and authorizing a ground lease and lease-purchase agreement and related documents providing for constructing and installing a city-wide energy conservation project, including all necessary appurtenances thereto, authorizing and approving related matters, and declaring an emergency. First Reading. **(part two of two resolutions regarding the ground lease and lease purchasing agreement)**.

The legislation was placed on first reading and referred to the Committee of the Whole for discussion and review. A Committee Meeting was scheduled for October 26th.

Legislation Requested by the Administration

Introduced by Frank

Ordinance 19-20

ORDINANCE

Authorizing the Mayor of the City of South Euclid, Ohio to enter into an agreement with the Cuyahoga County Board of Health for Public Health Services for Fiscal Year 2021. 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.

Introduced by Frank

Resolution 52-20

RESOLUTION

Authorizing the appropriation of unappropriated funds in the following fund: "General Fund-Service Department-Animal Control #101-6610-52362" for the 2020-2021 Deer Control Program. First Reading.

Action: Motion to Approve Legislation, **Moved by** Councilwoman Sara Continenza,

Seconded by Councilwoman Ruth Gray.

Councilwoman Continenza stated that County Councilwoman Simon clarified that she is willing to advocate for a pilot sterilization program in South Euclid and is comfortable moving forward with the legislation.

Councilwoman Gray stated that the City has a short window for the upcoming deer culling season and that a delay would risk moving forward in 2020. Councilwoman Continenza concurred.

Following discussion, **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.

Introduced by Frank

Resolution 53-20

RESOLUTION

Requesting from the County Auditor a tax advance from the proceeds of the 2020 tax year collection; 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, 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 54-20

RESOLUTION

Authorizing the Director of Community Services to apply for a grant under the Cuyahoga County "Competitive Municipal Program": 2020 Community Development Block Grant Fund; and declaring an emergency. First Reading.

The legislation was placed on first reading.

Introduced by Frank

Resolution 55-20

RESOLUTION

Authorizing the transfer of unappropriated funds in the General Fund #101 to the Road Improvement Fund #425 for engineering and design costs related to the 2021 Cedar Road Improvement Project in the cities of South Euclid and University Heights, Ohio. 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 = 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 56-20

RESOLUTION

Authorizing the appropriation of unappropriated funds in the following fund: "Road Improvement and Resurfacing Fund #425" for engineering and design costs related to the 2021 Cedar Road Improvement Project in the cities of South Euclid and University Heights, Ohio. 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 = 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 57-20

RESOLUTION

Authorizing the City Engineer to prepare the necessary plans, specifications, and bid documents for the 2021 Cedar Road Resurfacing Project; and declaring an emergency. 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 = 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

- Emily Koritz, 1732 South Belvoir Blvd., stated that last year the city held diversity forums and trainings and was told that it can't happen virtually this year and reported on other city efforts that are online. Director Benjamin thanked Ms. Koritz for her commitment on the issue and that the city has held programs online this year, including the diversity book club and that we are working on the next series of online forums in the coming months. Councilwoman Gray thanked Ms. Koritz and stated that the city has done a number of things to help us move the pendulum and that South Euclid has been a model for many other communities and that we also need to pressure the State and federal government to do their part.
- Eli Stacy, 3823 Warrendale, stated that he is concerned about incidents he has witnessed against people of color who committed crimes at the Walmart and no dignity was given to the suspects and that the police can do better and we should not pat ourselves on the back.

Communications of City Council

- Councilwoman Gray stated that she will be holding a virtual Ward One Community Meeting on October 22nd at 6:30 pm via Zoom and invited the Mayor, Council colleagues and directors to attend. Ms. Gray scheduled a Zoning and Planning Committee Meeting for November 9 at 6 pm to discuss the vacant building ordinance.
- Councilwoman Goodman reported on the Tree Commission and their work on the management plan.
- Councilwoman Hardy: no report.
- Councilwoman Continenza reported on the IOBY fund to raise funds for the paving of the Bexley Pump Track.
- Councilwoman Elston reported that October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month and reminded residents of the importance of early detection and that she hopes to have an event next October to raise awareness. fund paving of Bexley pump track. Match with neighborhood connections.
- Councilman Tisdale reported that he gave a speech to the Brush National Honor Society students and reminded residents to continue to stay safe and take cautions to prevent covid-19 infection, including washing hands and wearing masks.
- Councilman Frank reported on the One South Euclid Heritage Ohio meeting last week regarding the Mayfield Green Business District and is excited to hear their recommendations.

Adjourn

Action: Motion to Adjourn, **Moved by** Council President Joe Frank, **Seconded by** Councilwoman Sara Continenza.

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 9:30 pm.

Council President

Attest:

Clerk of Council