

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 Ruth Gray, Councilwoman Susan Hardy, Councilman Justin Tisdale.

Absent: Councilwoman Jane Goodman.

Minutes of Meetings September 29, 2020

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

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 minutes have been approved.

Report of Mayor

- Mayor Welo reported that Cuyahoga County is back in the red-zone in terms of spread of Covid-19 and asked that residents continue to take precautions by washing their hands, wearing masks and practicing social distancing.
- South Euclid Poet Laureate Doc Janning reported that he is finishing his second year as the City's Laureate and that he has been asked to participate in four poetry anthologies this year. Mr. Janning recited his latest poem.
- Housing Director Martin reported on home sale price trends in South Euclid which are 20% above last year. Mayor Welo congratulated Director Martin and the Housing Department team for their hard work.
- Economic Development Director Love reported on Resolution 58-20 and Res. 59-20 approving conditional use permits for day care centers and Resolution 61-20 approving an agreement with Cuyahoga County for the E-Scooter Pilot Program.
- Police Chief Nietert reported that the City held its community shred event last Saturday and over 7,000 pounds were shredded.
- Mayor Welo thanked Police Chief Nietert for his work organizing the event and stated that she assigns directors to take the lead on different projects outside of their normal work to learn about different aspects of the city. Mayor Welo reported that the Service Department has been busy picking up leaves and filling potholes and that service department staff are social distancing by riding alone in trucks. Ms. Welo congratulated and thanked Councilwoman Gray for a great virtual Ward One Meeting and that she and Director Benjamin did an excellent job organizing and facilitating the zoom meeting and encouraged other council members to hold virtual meetings. Ms. Welo reminded residents to vote next Tuesday.

Report of Law Director: No Report**Public Hearings (Open Meeting) Related to Agenda Items**

No members of the public presented comments.

Report of Committees**Zoning & Planning Committee**

Councilwoman Gray reported that a committee meeting and public hearing was held to discuss legislation regulating tattoo and body piercing businesses and that some revisions were made and the legislation was recommended to be sent to City Council for consideration.

Committee of the Whole

Council President Frank reported that the committee met to continue discussion regarding the Leopardo Energy capital projects and energy improvement plan and council made some suggested changes to the scope of the project and another meeting will be scheduled to continue discussions. Mr. Frank stated that Finance Director Wendt also gave the monthly budget update and that the city is fortunate considering the economic downturn as a result of the pandemic and that our

expenditures are in line with revenues. Mayor Welo stated that the administration has worked hard to hold down costs in the general fund and that she has given the go ahead for some budgeted items like the purchase of police cars and replacement of the Community Center floor which are items that don't impact the general fund. Council President Frank thanked the Mayor for always staying within the budget.

Legislation from the Planning Commission

Introduced by Frank

Resolution 58-20

RESOLUTION

Granting a Conditional Use Permit to "Bright Buddies, LLC" located at 533 South Green Road in the City of South Euclid, Ohio. First Reading.

Action: Motion to Approve Legislation, **Moved by** Councilwoman Ruth Gray, **Seconded by** Councilwoman Susan Hardy.

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 legislation has been approved.

Introduced by Frank

Resolution 59-20

RESOLUTION

Granting a Conditional Use Permit to "Infinite Learning Enrichment Center" located at 4298 Mayfield Rd in the City of South Euclid, Ohio. First Reading.

Action: Motion to Approve Legislation, **Moved by** Councilwoman Ruth Gray, **Seconded by** Councilwoman Susan Hardy.

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 legislation has been approved.

Legislation Requested by City Council

Introduced by Frank

Ordinance 20-20

ORDINANCE

An Ordinance amending Section 1307.04 "Requirements for Registration" of Chapter 1307 "Registration of Contractors" of Title One "General Provisions" of Part Thirteen "Building Code" of the Codified Ordinances of the City of South Euclid, Ohio, for the purpose of establishing guidelines for wage enforcement; and declaring an emergency. First Reading.

Councilwoman Hardy stated that the Committee had been working on this issue just prior to the covid-19 shutdown and new legislation was being introduced and referred the Ordinance to the Legislative Committee for review and discussion.

Legislation Requested by the Administration

Introduced by Frank

Resolution 60-20

RESOLUTION

Authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Amendment to the Option to Lease and Lease Agreement between the City of South Euclid and ATC Sequoia LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company ("American Tower"). First Reading.

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

Introduced by Frank

Resolution 61-20

RESOLUTION

Authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Cuyahoga County for the purpose of establishing and regulating an electronic scooter and bike sharing program in the City of South Euclid, Ohio. First Reading.

The legislation was placed on first reading and referred to Safety Committee for review and discussion.

Public Hearings (Open Meeting) Related to Open Business

No members of the public presented comments.

Communications of City Council

- Councilwoman Elston reported that she is distributing League of Women Voter Guides which provide election information and has dropped off copies at City Hall and the Community Center.
- Councilman Tisdale encouraged residents to exercise their constitutional right to vote next Tuesday.
- Councilwoman Gray thanked Mayor Welo, the administration and council members that attended the virtual Ward One Meeting and stated that we did a good job articulating and expressing how the city is moving forward and she will hold another Ward Meeting in the spring.
- Councilwoman Continenza reported on projects at Bexley Park including the IOBY fundraising campaign to pave the Bicycle Pump Track and a girl scout leadership project to build a rain garden in the park this Saturday at 11 am.
- Councilwoman Hardy scheduled a Legislative Committee Meeting to discuss Ordinance 20-20 regarding wage enforcement for November 9, 2020 at 5:30 pm.
- Council President Frank reported on the regional Council of Councils Meeting he attended along with Councilwoman Hardy and there was discussion about police reform efforts, many of which our Police Chief and Police Department had already implement as a practice. Mr. Frank echoed the comments made by his peers that residents exercise their right to vote.

Adjourn

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

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 8:41 pm.

Council President

Attest:

Clerk of Council