

**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** October 12, 2020; October 26, 2020 & October 30, 2020 Special Meeting.

October 12, 2020 Meeting of City Council

**Action:** Motion to Approve Minutes, **Moved by** Councilwoman Ruth Gray, **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 minutes have been approved.

October 26, 2020 Meeting of City Council

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

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

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

**Abstain:** Councilwoman Jane Goodman.

The minutes have been approved.

October 30, 2020 Meeting of City Council

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

**Vote:** Motion passed (**summary:** Yes = 5, No = 0, Abstain = 2).

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

**Abstain:** Councilwoman Chanell Elston, Councilwoman Jane Goodman.

The Minutes have been approved.

**Report of Mayor**

- Mayor Welo reported on the spike of Covid-19 infections and reminded residents to wear their masks in public and take all safety precautions.
- South Euclid Poet Laureate Doc Janning read a poem to commemorate Veterans Day.
- Mayor Welo reported that all directors are in attendance except for Service Director Anderson, who is excused.
- Economic Development Director Love reported on Resolutions 49-20, 50-20 and 51-20 regarding the Leopardo Energy projects and stated that it is a long time coming and looks forward to moving the process forward. Mr. Love also reported on Ordinance 03-20 regarding regulating tattoo and body piercing businesses.
- City Engineer Blackley reported that the city has been approved for \$185,000 in funding for a Mayfield Road concrete repair program next year and also \$365,973 from the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District to help fund the 2021 Oakmount Road infrastructure project. Mr. Blackley discussed that during the most recent major storm on October 23<sup>rd</sup>, some residents on Parkside experienced flooding and that the City has sent out a survey to residents in the area to determine how widespread the problem is. Mr. Blackley stated that prior to the October 23<sup>rd</sup> flooding, he is not aware of previous issues in the neighborhood. In addition to the survey, Mr. Blackley stated that the Service Director televised the sewers in the neighborhood and that they are all structurally sound and in excellent condition. The next steps will include issuing a request for proposals for a company to perform smoke and dye testing, which will allow the city to pinpoint where the problem is coming from and its source, which may include residents needing to perform some repairs on their private property if certain homes are contributing to the flooding issues. Mr. Blackley

stated that city staff are meeting to discuss retooling the city's backflow program.

- Mayor Welo expressed her condolences to Councilwoman Goodman on the passing of her sister and to Councilwoman Gray on the passing of her nephew. Ms. Welo reported that longtime resident and community volunteer Ray Rhode passed away last week from Covid-19. Mayor Welo stated that Mr. Rhode emulated the best of what public service is really about and stated that are prayers are with his family.
- Mayor Welo thanked the residents for their continued support of the Road Levy, and because of their support over the last 40 years, the city has been able to leverage those funds with additional grants and infrastructure loans. Mayor Welo reported that the election turnout for South Euclid last week was over 70% and thanked everyone who helped her get out the vote initiatives including Councilwomen Gray and Goodman.
- Mayor Welo thanked Director Love for his leadership on the energy efficiency program and also thanked the staff that worked as a team with Leopardo. Ms. Welo thanked City Council for all of the hours and time they dedicated to looking into how to move forward with these projects.
- Mayor Welo reported that today is Veterans Day and honored her father-in-law who served during World War II and asked residents to take a moment to thank those who have served our country.

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**Report of Law Director** No report.

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

- Emily Koritz, 1732 South Belvoir Blvd, spoke regarding the budget appropriation ordinance and stated that the police are getting around 23% of the budget and also commented about the use of the Covid-19 Cares Act funds and asked how those funds have been spent. Ms. Koritz stated that there have been comments on social media regarding the police not wearing masks.

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**Report of Committees**

Legislative Committee

Chairwoman Hardy reported that the Committee met earlier in the evening regarding the Wage Enforcement legislation and will continue to have discussions in committee to move the Ordinance forward.

Zoning & Planning Committee

Chairwoman Gray reported that the Committee met earlier in the evening for a public hearing regarding the creation of a Landmarks Commission in the City, as well as continuing discussions of the vacant building ordinance. Additional meetings will be scheduled to review and consider the legislation.

Committee of the Whole

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. **Second 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.

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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). Second 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 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). Second 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

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. **Third Reading.**

**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 = 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

Resolution 63-20

RESOLUTION

To protect and facilitate the right to peacefully protest, and to protect citizens from intimidation or harm. First Reading.

Councilwoman Goodman stated that the resolution is the result of direct communications and letters she has received from members of the public, and that while there have not been any issues with our police, we should affirm that we welcome peaceful protest in South Euclid, and the legislation provides for a written policy. The legislation was placed on first reading and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

**Legislation Requested by the Administration**

Introduced by Frank

Ordinance 21-20

ORDINANCE

To make appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the City of South Euclid, State of Ohio, during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2021; and declaring an emergency. First Reading.

Mayor Welo stated that this legislation is the temporary appropriations for 2021 and not the budget. The legislation was placed on first reading and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

Introduced by Frank

Resolution 64-20

RESOLUTION

Authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Member Community Infrastructure Grant Program (MCIP) Agreement with the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District for the Oakmount Road Infrastructure Improvement Project. 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 65-20

#### RESOLUTION

Authorizing the City Engineer to prepare the necessary plans, specifications, and advertise for bids for the Oakmount Road Infrastructure Improvement Project in the City of South Euclid, Ohio; and declaring an emergency. 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.

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

- Shawn Flowers, 560 Parkside Blvd, reported on the flooding issues at homes on Parkside Blvd. and asked questions in response to City Engineer Blackley's report regarding finding out the source of the flooding issues, including what the timeline is for the smoke and dye testing, analysis to compare costs of the backflow preventer and how long it will take for testing to be completed.
- City Engineer Blackley stated that staff is meeting this week to discuss the backflow program and that it is a priority for the administration and would be reporting back soon. With regard to the smoke and dye testing, Mr. Blackley stated that request for proposals will be going out soon, but with the turn of the weather, it may be hard to accomplish as it's a complicated process and the weather needs to be dry. Engineer Blackley stated that he will report back when he has more concrete answers. Mr. Flowers suggested that the City look at the City of Beachwood's backflow program for impacted homes.
- Emily Koritz, 1732 South Belvoir Blvd., stated that she is concerned about the health of the diverse community, and that health disparities hit black neighbors very hard and that the health mortality for black babies is higher than white babies. Ms. Koritz stated that according to a State Report, Cuyahoga County has been hit particularly hard and that some of the \$680,000 in CARES Act funds should go to make sure that mothers in our community are better served.
- Todd Albrecht, 3782 Merrymound, stated that our police do a wonderful job and he appreciates their patience in the community and that they also show restraint. Mr. Albrecht stated that he is interested in the formation of the Landmarks Commission and would be interested in participating in its formation.

#### Communications of City Council

- Councilwoman Hardy reported on the passing of longtime civic volunteer Ray Rhode and stated that she remembers Ray Rhode fondly. Ms. Hardy stated that today was the first day of in-person learning at our schools and asked residents to please be careful as they drive through the neighborhoods.
- Councilwoman Continenza sent her condolences on the recent passing of Councilwoman Goodman's sister and reported on community projects at Bexley Park including a youth rain garden project, which is part of a Girl Scout leadership project and the IOBY fundraising campaign to pave the bicycle pump track.
- Councilwoman Gray expressed her condolences to Councilwoman Goodman on the passing of her sister and stated that she is sad to hear about Ray Rhode's passing from Covid-19 and that 2020 has left us no prisoners. Ms. Gray stated that we know how precious life is and she is also grieving the recent loss of her nephew and the challenges he faced as a veteran and asked for a moment of silence in recognition of those lost.
- Councilman Tisdale asked that we make sure we are keeping our students safe and look out for them as they are walking to and from school as they begin in-school learning and also to continue to take precautions to keep each other safe.

- Councilwoman Goodman thanked all those who expressed their condolences on the passing of her sister and also to Councilwoman Gray and the Rhode family on their loss. Ms. Goodman reported on plans to honor those lost at next year's Arbor Day and stated that they will add a tree to honor Ray Rhode and also Vince Fuedo, the City's former Law Director. Ms. Goodman reported that she has received a lot of calls and emails about police not wearing masks, and hopes that they will set an example of its importance. Ms. Goodman reported that neighbors be considerate when using fire pits outside this fall and winter and community and neighborhood issues and community policing.
- Council President Frank stated that numerous businesses have been impacted by employees being infected with Covid-19 and that when that happens, they need to close to sterilize their facilities. Councilman Frank expressed his sympathies to Councilwoman Gray, Councilwoman Goodman and the Rhode family on the loss of their loved ones. Mr. Frank recognized his grandfather, father and nephews who served our country as we celebrate Veterans Day.
- Councilwoman Elston stated that today is Veterans Day and that it has been an honor working with veterans for the last 15 years at the VA and that she has seen the impact on homeless veterans. Ms. Elston reported that the VA will be having a virtual Veterans Day Ceremony via their Facebook page.

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**Adjourn**

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

**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 9:22 pm.

Attest:

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Council President

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Clerk of Council