

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

Absent: Councilwoman Chanell Elston

Report of Mayor

- Mayor Welo reported that all directors are present except Service Director Anderson.
- Poet Laureate Doc Janning recited the evening's poem celebrating the new year.
- Mayor Welo reported that the administration is working to finish the 2021 proposed budget and working to implement the many Covid era projects. Mayor gave an update on Northeast Ohio and state efforts to rollout the Covid-19 vaccination program and that the County is seeing a surge in reported cases due to the recent holiday season.
- Economic Development Director Michael Love reported on an upcoming Planning Commission Meeting to consider an application by local chain Mr. Chicken to renovate the former Burger King building on South Green Road and that they are proposing a very extensive renovation of the building.
- Mayor Welo stated that as the winter months commence it is going to once again be tougher times for our local retail, especially restaurants and suggested that we take the opportunity to visit them and call for take-out to help support them.

Report of Law Director: No Report

Public Hearings (Open Meeting) Related to Agenda Items

No members of the public presented comments.

Report of CommitteesZoning & Planning Committee

Councilwoman Gray reported that the committee met to discuss Ord. 04-20 Landmarks Commission, which was recommended for passage by council and Ord. 13-19 registration for vacant properties and the committee recommended for passage.

Legislation Requested by the Mayor & Administration

Introduced by Frank

Resolution 01-21

RESOLUTION

Setting the dates for the City of South Euclid's regularly scheduled Council Meetings in 2021. 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 = 6).

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

Absent: Councilwoman Chanell Elston.

The legislation has been approved.

Introduced by Frank

Resolution 02-21

RESOLUTION

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with James G. Zupka, C.P.A, Inc. for Audit Services for Fiscal Periods January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2024; and declaring an emergency. 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 = 6).

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

Absent: Councilwoman Chanell Elston.
The legislation has been approved.

Public Hearings (Open Meeting) Related to Open Business

Doc Janning, 2092 Campus Road, asked that in light of what has occurred in our nation's capital this week, is the city making any preparations in case there are any violent acts in this area? Mayor Welo stated that the city has taken some precautions in the last week with heightened awareness. Police Chief Nietert stated that at this time there is not any intelligence that would suggest the need at this time, but the police do receive daily briefings and they would make adjustments if necessary.

Communications of City Council

- Councilman Tisdale wished everyone a Happy New Year and reiterated the need to stay safe and be cognizant of the new Covid strain and also stated that teachers are being contacted about getting the vaccine and everyone should wear masks and believe in our public health system.
- Councilwoman Gray thanked everyone that contacted her on the passing of her sister-in-law and that Director Benjamin will be placing legislation on the agenda at the next meeting for first reading which will be a companion piece to the vacant building ordinance and she looks forward to discussing it with City Council. Ms. Gray scheduled a Zoning & Planning Committee Meeting for February 8, 2021 at 7:30 pm to discuss the new legislation.
- Councilwoman Goodman wished everyone a Happy New Year and reported that South Euclid's Nathan Honvou is on the cover of this month's Cleveland Magazine as one of their most interesting people.
- Councilwoman Hardy reported that today was the first day many kids went back to in-person learning at school and asked that resident keep an eye out for them as they walk to and from school. Ms. Hardy thanked Councilwoman Gray for the facemasks she made for Adrian School students and that they were greatly appreciated.
- Councilwoman Continenza reported that IOBY Campaign to raise funds for the paving of the pump track at Bexley Park has reached \$5,000 and that she is working with Director Benjamin to reinvigorate the space, engage youth and create ownership in the project. Ms. Continenza stated that she has discussed the idea of sending out a survey to local businesses to see how we can better organize and help them and that she has discussed the idea with Director Love. Ms. Continenza scheduled a Recreation Committee Meeting for February 22, 2021 at 6 pm to discuss deer management and next steps.
- Council President Joe Frank offered his deepest sympathy to Councilwoman Gray on the loss of her sister-in-law. Mr. Frank asked residents to support our local businesses and also check-in on neighbors, especially elderly neighbors.

Adjourn

Action: Motion to Adjourn, **Moved by** Tisdale, **Seconded by** Councilwoman Continenza

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

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

Absent: Councilwoman Chanell Elston.

With no further business before City Council, the Meeting Adjourned at 8:31pm.

Council President

Attest:

Clerk of Council