

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.

Report of Mayor

- Poet Laureate Doc Janning recited two poems.
- Economic Development Director Mike Love reported on legislation related to the County's e-scooter and bike program and gave an update on capital projects related to the Leopardo project.
- Community Development Coordinator Daniel Subwick expressed his gratitude to webmaster Mark Geyman for his work on the city's new website which will be implemented soon.
- City Engineer Andy Blackley reported that he is working on the Ammon and Parkside Road flooding issues and has sent surveys to residents and received 31 back to date. Upcoming work includes surveying and televising the sewers and he will report back when the study is concluded. Mr. Blackley reported on legislation to prepare bid documents for 2021 road resurfacing projects and the renewal of the 2021 engineering contract.
- Mayor Welo thanked councilmembers that were able to attend the Glastic Corporation ribbon cutting and thanked County Councilwoman Sunny Simon for successfully advocating for funds to make the project a reality.
- Mayor Welo reviewed the legislation on the agenda for council consideration and also reported that the Ohio Supreme Court has ruled on South Euclid Court's mandamus action against the City regarding an increase in their budget and that the Supreme Court ruled in favor of the City and denied the South Euclid Municipal Court's request. The Mayor congratulated City Council for their care of the City's budget and stated that the residents know that Council has their best interests at heart.
- Mayor Welo stated that it has been a tough year, but staff and city council have been able to work diligently and have not missed a beat. Ms. Welo stated that with the continuing pandemic and resulting recession, we don't know what 2021 has in store for us, but that we have the best team in Cuyahoga County and will work through any challenges. Mayor Welo wished everyone a Happy Hannukah, Christmas and Kwanzaa.

Report of Law Director: no report.

Report of School District

Council President Frank reported that Board Member Rhine could not be at the meeting tonight.

Public Hearings (Open Meeting) Related to Agenda Items

There were no public comments.

Report of CommitteesLegislative Committee

Councilwoman Hardy reported that last Monday a committee meeting was held to discuss Ord. 20-20 regarding wage enforcement efforts for non-residential properties enforcement.

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. **Second Reading.**

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

Following discussion, **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 17-20

ORDINANCE

An Ordinance creating New Section 311.06 "Operation of Shared Motorized Electronic Scooters and Bicycles" of Chapter 311 "Street Obstructions and Special Uses" Of Part Three "Traffic Code of the Codified Ordinances of The City of South Euclid, Ohio.

Second Reading.

Action: Motion to Approve Legislation, **Moved by** Councilwoman Susan Hardy, **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 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. **Second Reading.**

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

Legislation Requested by the Administration

Introduced by Frank

Ordinance 23-20

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, 2020; and

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 67-20

RESOLUTION

A Resolution establishing the "Energy Efficiency Projects fund" for the receipt of funds to be set aside, accumulated and/or distributed for projects related to the citywide Energy Efficiency Capital Improvement Project in the City of South Euclid, Ohio. First 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.

Introduced by Frank

Resolution 68-20

RESOLUTION

Authorizing the transfer of unappropriated funds in the Police Department Fund #101.1110.52106 to Fund #101.1110.52353 in the amount of \$10,000 for costs related to

payment of an insurance deductible. 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 69-20

RESOLUTION

Authorizing the City Engineer to prepare the necessary plans, specifications, and advertise for bids for the 2021 Street Resurfacing Program in the City of South Euclid, Ohio; 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.

Introduced by Frank

Resolution 70-20

RESOLUTION

Authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract extending the engineering services of Stephen Hovancsek & Associates, Inc. for a period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021. First Reading.

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

Following discussion, **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 71-20

RESOLUTION

Authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with OhioBiz, LLC to continue providing website development, hosting and maintenance services in fiscal year 2021 for the City of South Euclid, Ohio. First Reading.

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

Following discussion, **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 72-20

RESOLUTION

Excusing council members' absence from council meetings during the Year 2020. 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 73-20

RESOLUTION

Setting the date for the first regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council of the City of South Euclid, Ohio in 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.

Public Hearings (Open Meeting) Related to Open Business

There were no public comments.

Communications of City Council

- Councilwoman Hardy thanked Thank everyone that worked to put together the holiday parade and wished everyone happy holidays and to stay home and stay safe.
- Councilwoman Continenza wished everyone a healthy holiday season and stated that healthy food is good medicine and that next year will be better all around.
- Councilwoman Elston reported on a coat and toy giveaway program by South Euclid restaurant Bite Creole Restaurant this weekend beginning at 2 pm.
- Councilwoman Gray wished everyone happy holidays and to stay safe and healthy.
- Councilman Tisdale gave thanks for the Glastic ribbon-cutting events.
- Councilwoman Goodman requested that we be nice to checkout people at our local stores and wished everyone happy holidays.
- Council President Frank wished everyone happy holidays and reported that his father has tested positive for Covid-19, but has made through it well and asked that we continue to be very cautious. Mr. Frank also reported on the Ohio Supreme Court's denial of the Writ of Mandamus brought by the South Euclid Municipal Court and stated that he couldn't be prouder of City Council by sticking to what they believe and standing up for what is right. Mr. Frank thanked Law Director Lograsso and legal counsel Todd Hunt and stated that he had received a call from another local Judge congratulating the City on its win.
- Council President Frank thanked the Mayor and administration for managing the budget and that we have been able to get through these troubling times as a team and hopefully we will weather this storm and look to 2021 with a little more confidence.

Adjourn

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

Council President Frank thanked Director Benjamin for all of his hard work and being the glue that keeps things together.

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.

With no further business before City Council, the Meeting Adjourned at 8:52 pm

Council President

Attest:

Clerk of Council