

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 November 23, 2020; December 14, 2020 & January 11, 2021.

November 23, 2020:

Action: Motion to Approve Minutes, **Moved by** Councilwoman Chanell Elston, **Seconded by** Councilwoman Sara Continenza.

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

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

Abstain: Councilwoman Jane Goodman, Councilwoman Ruth Gray.

The minutes have been approved.

December 14, 2020:

Action: Motion to Approve Minutes, **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 minutes have been approved.

January 11, 2021

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

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

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

Abstain: Councilwoman Chanell Elston.

The minutes have been approved.

Report of Mayor

- Poet Laureate Doc Janning recited a poem for the council meeting.
- Mayor Welo reported that all directors are present.
- Housing Director Sally Martin discussed the proposed Pay To Stay legislation regarding the pandemic's adverse impact on renters. Ms. Martin introduced Molly Martin from the Northeast Ohio from the Northeast Ohio Coalition for the Homeless who spoke on the legislation and Mayor Welo reported on the county programs to assist both renters and homeowners.
- Economic Development Director Mike Love requested Council Consideration of Ordinances 13-19 and 04-20 regarding vacant non-residential properties and the establishment of a Landmarks Commission.
- Mayor Welo thanked City Council for their hard work and Mike Love, Keith Benjamin, Dan Subwick and Laura Heilman for working hard and smarter, especially during the pandemic. Ms. Welo stated that the work in the last year by City Council has been absolutely incredible.
- Mayor Welo reported on pandemic efforts and that the City is sending one paramedic every Wednesday to Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds to assist with Covid-19 Vaccinations. Ms. Welo reported on the 2021 budget and finances and that the General Fund is holding to date and that staff has done an amazing job. Mayor Welo reported on the SEL Schools efforts to reopen the schools.

Report of Law Director

Law Director Lograsso reported that he has received feedback on the American Tower project and it looks like we will be able to move forward with the project.

Public Hearings (Open Meeting) Related to Agenda Items

There were no public comments.

Report of Committees

Committee of the Whole

Council President Frank reported that the Committee met earlier in the evening to review monthly expenses and revenue and discuss planning for the 2021 budget. At 7 pm was COW looking at expenses from end of year and planning for 2021 budget. Mr. Frank stated that the Mayor does tremendous job of managing the budget and always has an eye on the future.

Introduced by Frank

Ordinance 13-19

ORDINANCE

Creating New Chapter 1336 "Registration and Maintenance of Vacant Nonresidential Properties and Establishments" of Title Five "Other Building Provisions" of Part Thirteen "Building Code" of The Codified Ordinances of The City of South Euclid, Ohio. **Second Reading.**

Action: Motion to Approve Legislation, **Moved by** Councilwoman Ruth Gray, **Seconded by** Councilman Justin Tisdale.

Councilwoman Gray thanked the committee for their hard work.

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

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

No: Councilwoman Susan Hardy.

The legislation has been approved.

Introduced by Frank

Ordinance 04-20

ORDINANCE

Enacting New Section 761.07 "Landmark Commission" of Chapter 761 "Administration" of Title Six "Administrative Provisions" 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** Councilwoman Ruth Gray, **Seconded by** Councilwoman Jane Goodman.

Councilwoman Gray thanked the Planning Commission, administration and council members for their work on the formation of the new commission.

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 to be Removed from Docket

Introduced by Frank

Ordinance 11-19

ORDINANCE

An Ordinance enacting New Sections 172.27 through 172.42 entitled "Wage Enforcement", as contained in Chapter 172 "Municipal Income Tax" of Title Nine "Taxation", of Part One "Administrative 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. **For Removal.**

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 could not vote due to technical difficulties with the virtual meeting connection.

The legislation has been removed.

Legislation Requested by City Council

Introduced by Frank

Resolution 01-20

RESOLUTION

Implementing strategies for innovative economic redevelopment and reuse of vacant buildings. First Reading.

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

Councilwoman Gray stated that this is companion legislation to Ordinance 13-19 and will give the Economic Development Director the opportunity to explore alternative uses for vacant properties. Ms. Gray stated that this legislation is the brainchild of Councilwoman Goodman and thanked her for her innovativeness.

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 01-21

ORDINANCE

Creating New Chapter 1415 "Approving the right of city renters to pay-to-stay" of Part Fourteen "Housing Code" of the Codified Ordinances of the City of South Euclid, Ohio. First Reading.

The legislation was placed on first reading and referred to the Legislative Committee.

Introduced by Frank

Resolution 04-21

RESOLUTION

Authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Cuyahoga Soil and Water Conservation District and the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District for the provision of technical assistance in implementing soil and water conservation measures for the years 2021 through 2025. 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

- Doc Janning, 2092 Campus Road, asked who he should report concerns regarding a local store that is deplorably filthy and not wearing masks consistently. Economic Development Director Love asked that he discuss the matter with him and Councilwoman Goodman suggested that he also contact the Cuyahoga County Board of Health.

Communications of City Council

- Councilwoman Hardy scheduled a legislative committee for February 8th regarding Ordinance 08-20 concerning nuisance abatements.
- Councilwoman Continenza reported that the next Recreation Committee Meeting will be February 22nd at 6 pm to discuss the deer management plan and recreation issues. Ms. Continenza reported that the campaign to raise funds to pave the bicycle pump track at Bexley has raised over \$5,000 to date. Ms. Continenza also reported that she is convening business owners, beginning with Mayfield & Green to discuss ways to improve our districts.
- Councilwoman Goodman reported that the Tree Commission will be bringing forward a candidate to replace Tammy Lease on the commission and that on May 1st the commission will be giving away 300 tree seedlings to residents.
- Councilwoman Gray stated that City Council Members need to meet to identify a councilperson to serve on the Landmarks Commission and also discussed comprehensive planning efforts being administered by Director Benjamin. Ms. Gray reported on facemasks she has been creating for Adrian School students.
- Councilwoman Elston reported that Bite Creole Kitchen will be providing 100 hot meals once a month to needy families beginning on February 22nd and March 15th.
- Councilman Tisdale reported that the Covid-19 Vaccine is beginning to be more available and encouraged those eligible to sign up for as many lists as possible to schedule an appointment.
- Council President Frank stated that we are off to another year of uncertainty and we need to be nimble in moving forward.

Adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation.

Action: Motion to Adjourn to Executive Session, **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.
City Council Adjourned to Executive Session at 9:03 pm.

Adjourn

With no further business before City Council, **Action:** Motion to Adjourn, **Moved by** Councilwoman Jane Goodman, **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 Meeting Adjourned at 10:09 pm

Council President

Attest:

Clerk of Council