

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.

Swearing-In Ceremony Police Officer David Duffy was sworn-in to office by Mayor Welo.

Report of Mayor

- Poet Laureate Doc Janning recited two poems. Mayor: thank Doc for your poem.
- Mayor Welo reported that all directors are present except for Finance Director Wendt.
- Economic Development Director Love reported on Resolution 06-21 issuing a conditional use permit for the new Mr. Chicken franchise which will be located at the former Burger King on South Green Road. Mr. Love introduced Mike Simens from the Mr. Chicken Franchise to discuss the new location.
- Mayor Welo thanked Mr. Simens and stated that South Euclid is a great location and at the heart of everything. Mr. Simens responded that he has always wanted to locate along Mayfield Road and this is the perfect location.
- Community Services Director Keith Benjamin reported on the launch of Academic Learning Pods, Phase II of the Covid-19 Gift Card Program for needy residents, and participation with the Biden-Harris transition.
- City Engineer Andy Blackley reported that a bid opening was held for the upcoming 2021 Road Program and the Agresta Company submitted the lowest and best bid.
- Mayor Welo reported that the City will be ready to activate Warming Centers if needed during the upcoming inclement and freezing weather.

Report of Law Director no report.

Report of School District

- South Euclid Lyndhurst School Board Member Erin Lee Harris reported that the renovations at Brush High School have been completed and that invitations are being sent to councilmembers to tour the facility.
- Ms. Harris reported that graduation will be held on June 9th at Korb Field, pending Covid-19 pandemic restrictions.
- Board Member Harris thanked the City for their cooperation and assistance with the construction of the new Bus and Transportation Center in the City of South Euclid.
- Ms. Harris stated that the Board is working on the rebuilding and restructure plan for the third round of CARES Act Funding and that teachers will begin receiving the Covid-19 vaccine on Wednesday.
- Board Member Harris reported on students returning to in-person learning in a socially distant and safe manner.

Public Hearings (Open Meeting) Related to Agenda Items

No members of the public made comments.

Report of Committees**Legislative Committee**

Councilwoman Hardy reported that the Legislative Committee met to discuss Ordinance 18-20 updating the nuisance abatement ordinance and the legislation was recommended for passage at the next Council Meeting.

Zoning & Planning Committee

Councilwoman Gray reported that the Zoning & Planning Committee met to discuss Council's appointment to the Landmark Commission and Councilwoman Chanell Elston was unanimously appointed.

Legislation Requested by the Planning Commission

Introduced by Frank

Resolution 06-21

RESOLUTION

Granting a Conditional Use Permit for a Drive-Thru to "Mr. Chicken" located at 1415 South Green Road in the City of South Euclid, Ohio. First Reading.

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

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

Yes: 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 05-21

RESOLUTION

Condemning intimidation and violence and reaffirming equality under the law. First Reading.

Councilwoman Gray stated that we need to stand strong and firm in making our community as inclusive as we can. Councilwoman Elston stated that our inclusiveness is one of the reasons why she is proud to live in South Euclid.

Action: Motion to Approve Legislation, **Moved by** Councilwoman Ruth Gray, **Seconded by** Councilwoman Chanell Elston.

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

Yes: 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 02-21

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.

The legislation was placed on First Reading and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

Introduced by Frank

Resolution 03-21

ORDINANCE

An Ordinance to provide for the issuance of a principal amount not to exceed \$1,638,000 of General Obligation Bond Anticipation Notes in anticipation of the issuance of Bonds to pay for all or a portion of the costs of constructing, reconstructing, resurfacing and otherwise improving various streets in the city, together with all necessary appurtenances; and declaring an emergency. First Reading.

The legislation was placed on First Reading and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

Public Hearings (Open Meeting) Related to Open Business

There were no public comments.

Communications of City Council

- Councilwoman Gray reported that she will be introducing legislation at the next Council Meeting to place a moratorium on used car lots in the City.
- Councilwoman Hardy thanked the Service Department for their work to keep the roads clear as a result of the recent storm and stated that she has seen them go the extra mile and get out of their vehicles with shovels to clear out our intersections.
- Councilman Tisdale asked that residents continue to follow covid-19 safety protocols and also reported on the importance of getting our youth to read more.
- Councilwoman Elston reported on the Community Partnership on Aging's Plugged In Program and new taste of technology program.

- Councilwoman Goodman discussed bringing back the community clean-up day that used to be organized by former Councilman David Miller and scheduled a Service Committee Meeting for March 8th at 7 pm to discuss.
- Council President Frank discussed the 2021 Budget and budget hearings.

Adjourn to Executive Session

Action: Motion to Adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Collective Bargaining Agreements, **Moved by** Council President Joe Frank, **Seconded by** Councilwoman Chanell Elston.

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

Yes: 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 9:15 pm.

Adjourn

With no further business before City Council, **Action:** Motion to Adjourn, **Moved by** Councilwoman Jane Goodman, **Seconded by** Councilwoman Chanell Elston.

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

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

The Meeting Adjourned at 9:58 pm.

Council President

Attest:

Clerk of Council