

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 Ruth Gray, Councilwoman Susan Hardy, Councilman Justin Tisdale.

Absent: Councilwoman Jane Goodman.

Amend Agenda to Include Res. 09-21

Action: Motion to Amend Agenda, **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, Councilwoman Chanell Elston, Council President Joe Frank, Councilwoman Ruth Gray, Councilwoman Susan Hardy, Councilman Justin Tisdale.

Absent: Councilwoman Jane Goodman.

The agenda has been amended.

Report of Mayor

- Poet Laureate Doc Janning recited two poems and reported on the Second Sunday Poets series.
- Mayor Welo reported that all directors are in attendance except for Chief Nietert and Engineer Blackley.
- Housing Director Martin reported on a report detailing an uptick in housing values in Northeast Ohio and South Euclid had the steepest increase of all east suburbs with average sales prices up 26% to \$141,000.
- Economic Development Director Love reported on the launch of applications for the Landmarks Commission and requested council consideration of legislation related to used car sales businesses in the city.
- Community Development Coordinator Subwick reported on Res. 08-21 regarding the renewal of the One South Euclid agreement with City Council.
- Mayor Welo reported on the upcoming retirement of Police Chief Kevin Nietert and that the Civil Service Commission has been very active. Asst. Chief Joe Mays will become the new Chief and Officer Bob Abele will become the new Assistant Police Chief.
- Mayor Welo reported on meetings with state and local officials regarding the Covid-19 pandemic and that Governor DeWine's office has asked to have weekly meetings with Ohio's Mayors. Ms. Welo discussed concerns from health officials about Covid-19 variants and that at this time Ohio only receives about 200,000 vaccines a week.
- Mayor Welo welcomed Boy Scout Troop 424 who are in attendance as part of their citizenship for the Community Merit Badge.

Report of Law Director & Department Heads

Law Director Lograsso reported that he has received communication from American Tower regarding the proposed amended agreement for the lease of the City Hall communications tower and that he will be setting up a committee meeting for council review.

Public Hearings (Open Meeting) Related to Agenda Items

There were no public comments.

Report of Committees**Recreation Committee:**

Councilwoman Continenza reported that the committee met to review the deer management plan and summer event planning for 2021. Great updates from on deer management and summer event planning for 2021.

Committee of the Whole:

Council President Frank reported that the committee held its monthly finance meeting and discussion of the issuance of notes for upcoming road projects.

Amending Section 531.09 "Abatement of Criminal Nuisances" of Chapter 531 "Nuisances" of Part Five "General Offenses" of the Codified Ordinances of the City of South Euclid, Ohio. **Second Reading.**

Councilwoman Hardy stated that Council spent a long time reviewing the ordinance and discussing proposed changes and supports the legislation.

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

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

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

Absent: Councilwoman Jane Goodman.
The legislation has been approved.

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. **Second Reading.**

The legislation was placed on second reading.

Introduced by Frank

Ordinance 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. **Second Reading.**

The legislation was placed on second reading.

Legislation Requested by City Council

Introduced by Frank

Ordinance 04-21

ORDINANCE

Amending Chapter 1107 "Automobile Sales" of Part Eleven "Business Regulation Code," of the Codified Ordinances of the City of South Euclid, Ohio. First Reading.

Councilwoman Gray stated that the Monticello & Green business district serves as a gateway to our community and the impression people get when driving through it is important. Ms. Gray stated that there are currently four parking lots of used auto sales and repair shops and that it is getting out of control. Councilwoman Gray stated that the current ordinance regulating these businesses has not been updated since 1961 and we need a temporary moratorium on new auto sales businesses until the Planning Commission and City Council can review potential updates to the code.

The legislation was placed on first reading and referred to the Planning Commission for review and recommendations.

Introduced by Frank

Resolution 07-21

RESOLUTION

Urging the United States Congress to pass President Biden's proposed \$1.9 Trillion American Rescue Plan. First Reading.

Councilwoman Gray stated that we know how our community, city, schools and residents have been impacted by the pandemic and associated economic collapse and that previous stimulus efforts have been piecemeal at best and that she supports the President's proposed American Rescue Plan.

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

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

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

Absent: Councilwoman Jane Goodman

Introduced by Frank

Resolution 09-21

RESOLUTION

Issuing a moratorium on the granting of building permits or Certificates of Occupancy

for any building, structure, use or change of use that would entail the sale, lease and/or exchange of used automobiles for a period not to exceed one year from the effective date of this resolution, in order to allow city council and the planning commission to review the South Euclid Zoning Code and other codified ordinances relative to such use; and declaring an emergency. First Reading.

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

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

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

The legislation has been approved.

Legislation Requested by the Administration

Introduced by Frank

Resolution 08-21

RESOLUTION

Authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Agreement with One South Euclid for the Provision of Community Development Services for the City of South Euclid, Ohio. First Reading.

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

Public Hearings (Open Meeting) Related to Open Business

- Debra Matovic, 4612 Greenwold Road, reported on the accomplishments of members of Boy Scout Troop 424 who are in attendance tonight and will be honored at the upcoming Boy Scouts Court of Honor.

Communications of City Council

Councilwoman Elston reported that Memorial Middle School is having a fundraiser at Jets Pizza this Thursday and that Adrian Elementary will be having an online book drive in March and urged residents to help support our schools.

Councilwoman Continenza encouraged residents to participate in Rust Belt Rider's composting program with bins at Bexley Park and reported on an upcoming meetings she is coordinating with May/Green Businesses. Ms. Continenza scheduled a Recreation Committee Meeting for April 26 at 6 pm.

Councilman Tisdale thanked the Boy Scouts for attending the meeting and that it is very important to be active in your community government because it impacts everyone and as young people, they are the ones who will be moving things forward in the future.

Councilwoman Hardy reported that she attended a tenant information clinic sponsored by Legal Aid and scheduled a legislative committee meeting to discuss the Pay to Stay legislation.

Council President Frank thanked Councilwoman Elston for discussing the importance of supporting our schools and advised of the upcoming Brush After Prom event. Mr. Frank scheduled a Committee of the Whole Meeting for April 12th at 6:30 pm to review the One South Euclid Agreement.

Adjourn to Executive Session for the purposes of discussing Collective Bargaining Agreements.

Action: Motion to Adjourn to Executive Session, **Moved by** Council President Joe Frank, **Seconded by** Councilwoman Sara Continenza.

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

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

Absent: Councilwoman Jane Goodman

City Council Adjourned to Executive Session at 9:07 pm

Adjourn

With no further business to discuss, **Action:** Motion to Adjourn, **Moved by** Council President Joe Frank, **Seconded by** Councilwoman Chanell Elston.

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

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

Absent: Councilwoman Jane Goodman

The Meeting Adjourned at 9:24 pm.

Attest:

Council President

Clerk of Council