

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 January 25, 2021 & February 8, 2021January 25, 2021

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

February 8, 2021

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

Report of Mayor

- Poet Laureate Doc Janning recited the poem "Empire of a New Day" and reported on the passing of Campus Road resident Martin Hersh.
- Mayor Welo reported that all directors are present except Building Commissioner Laura Heilman.
- Housing Director Martin reported that on February 5th comments from Mayor Welo were sent to Senator Brown related to CRA and banking issues. Ms. Martin reported that she is Chair of the Greater Cleveland Reinvestment Coalition and they received a follow-up call from Senator Brown's staff and that it was a very fruitful call and she is encouraged by the Senator's commitment to these issues.
- Community Development Coordinator Subwick reported that the City has received a \$6,000 grant from the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District for recycling containers.
- Police Chief Nietert reported that the USDA has fulfilled their contract for deer culling for 60 deer and that 11 deer were taken by residents and 34 donated to a local food bank. Chief Nietert reported that only two complaints were received during the effort. Mayor Welo stated that a full report will be issued by USDA and forwarded to City Council.
- City Engineer Blackley reported that a pre-construction meeting held with Agresta Construction who will be fulfilling the 2021 Road Program and road construction will begin and be completed in April and because of lower than expected bid, additional streets may be added. Mr. Blackley also reported that the City held a bid opening for the Oakmount Road Infrastructure Project, which was awarded to Katz Construction and requested council consideration on legislation regarding the Mayfield Road project and agreement with Cuyahoga County Department of Public Works.
- Mayor Welo stated that she is excited about the opportunities to get these important road projects done and all of the community partners that have worked to make these infrastructure projects a reality.

Report of Law Director No report.

Report of School District

South Euclid Lyndhurst School Board Member Erin Lee Harris gave an update on school district activities and reported that the students are loving the newly renovated cafeteria and that the building feels much more like a campus. Ms. Harris stated that the School Board is still working on making recommendations for the fourth quarter pertaining to the Covid-19 Responsible Restart Initiatives and that they are currently at 40-50% capacity in their buildings. Ms. Harris reported on academic and athletic achievements and congratulated Coach Mason on 100 total wins and the team being crowned district champions. Ms. Harris discussed the great job Coach Commander, who serves as Dean of Students, is doing working with our youth and enacting study tables to keep grades up.

Public Hearings (Open Meeting) Related to Agenda Item

There was no public comment.

Report of Committees

Legislative Committee

Councilwoman Hardy reported that the committee met to discuss 01-21 regarding the pay-to-stay ordinance and that representatives from the Northern Ohio Apartment Association and Northeast Ohio Coalition of the Homeless attended the meeting. Ms. Hardy stated that this is the first of many meetings to continue discussions on this subject.

Service Committee

Councilwoman Goodman reported on a new Tree Commission Member and discussed the planned CitySweep Community Clean-Up Day scheduled for May 8th. A Service Committee meeting will be held on March 15th to coordinate the event.

Finance Committee

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. **Third Reading.**

Council President Frank reported that this year's budget is not much different than 2020's budget and supports passage. Mr. Frank reported that the Municipal Court has been unable to provide their budget in time for consideration and that Council may need to schedule a meeting at a later date to amend the budget to address the Court.

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

Mayor Welo stated that this is her 18th year working with City Council on annual budgets and that the last few years have been difficult and that the residents have stepped up in response to financial issues related to the loss of Local Government Funds and revenue from the recession and now the pandemic. Ms. Welo stated that she is proud of the hard work and leadership City Council Members have done to look at options and bring new ideas to us so we can work better and smarter and that Council's passion keeps the Administration on our toes. Mayor Welo thanked City Council members for all that they have done to maintain fiduciary responsibility and being innovative with ideas.

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 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. **Third 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.

Legislation Requested by City Council

Introduced by Frank

Resolution 10-21

RESOLUTION

Declaring March 2021 "National Social Work Month" in The City of South Euclid. First Reading.

Councilwoman Elston stated that as a social worker, she knows first-hand of the extraordinary efforts social workers play, especially during a year of a pandemic and national disasters and that this legislation honors their work

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

Council President Frank stated that Social Workers play an important role and are often overlooked.

Councilwoman Hardy stated that the School District employs two social workers to work with students and their families and she is proud of the work they do.

Mayor Welo stated that she doesn't know what the community would do without the support of social workers at the Community Partnership on Aging that work with us seniors and older adults and we are grateful and blessed to have their services.

Councilwoman Goodman reported that many social workers are employed through the County's health and human service levy and that it's important for residents to connect social workers to the many services they provide when they support the levy. Councilwoman Gray stated that she began her career as a social worker and that's where her love of public policy work started and she has great respect for those in the profession.

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

Resolution 11-21

RESOLUTION

Authorizing the city engineer to prepare the necessary plans, specifications, and bid documents for Phase II of the South Green Road Resurfacing Project in the City of South Euclid; and declaring an emergency. First Reading.

Motion: Goodman: City Engineer described this and we are going to make this happen., **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 12-21

RESOLUTION

Authorizing the city engineer to prepare the necessary plans, specifications, and bid documents for the 2021 Mayfield Road Concrete Street Repair Program in the City of South Euclid; 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

Ordinance 05-21

ORDINANCE

Authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Cuyahoga County, Ohio for the rehabilitation of Mayfield Road from the east corporation limit to South Belvoir Boulevard; 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.

Public Hearings (Open Meeting) Related to Open Business There were no comments.

Communications of City Council

- Councilwoman Continenza reported that she is working on starting a new Mayfield-Green Business District coalition and hopes it will be a great resource for our neighborhood businesses. Ms. Continenza also announced that she is working on a new Farmer's Market to be held beginning in June at the northwest corner of Mayfield and Green.
- Councilwoman Hardy reminded residents to please be respectful and to review the City's Good Neighbor Guide, especially regarding noise ordinances.
- Councilwoman Gray reported that she is meeting with One South Euclid President Vaughn Johnson and former board president Len Calabrese to discuss a business incubator project. Ms. Gray announced that she is going back to school to obtain her Ph.D. in Public Policy and is very excited about furthering her education.
- Councilwoman Elston reported that she received her first Covid-19 Vaccination last week and she is working to make sure that residents are comfortable getting the shot, and there are appointment slots available through the City.
- Councilwoman Goodman reported that the Tree Commission is focusing this year not on planting new trees, but on keeping our current tree canopy alive and healthy. Ms. Goodman reported that she Chaired a meeting of the Local Government Clean Energy Caucus and Shaker Heights Mayor Weiss discussed the work the city is doing to promote clean energy.
- Councilman Tisdale congratulated Councilwoman Gray on pursuing her Ph.D. and reported on the pandemic and that mental health of our residents is going to be an important issue as we move out of Covid-19 protocols.
- Council President Frank reported that he received the Johnson & Johnson shot and feels fine. Mr. Frank noted that today is International Women's Day and thanked all of the City's Councilwomen, Mayor Welo and staff for the wonderful work they do. Mr. Frank stated that as we move into spring and better weather to please clean-up trash and keep an eye on your neighbors.: I got the Johnson and Johnson one and done shot and feel fine. Today is International Women's Day and fortunate to work with amazing women who are councilwomen, Mayors and diverse leadership team. It shouldn't be just one day, but every day. As spring. Time to get rid of trash in yard and keeping an eye on neighbors.

Adjourn

With no further business before Council, **Action:** Motion to Adjourn, **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 Meeting Adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Attest:

Council President

Clerk of Council