

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.

Amend Agenda

Action: Amend Agenda to Include Ordinance 07-21, **Moved by** Council President Frank Gray, **Seconded by** Councilwoman Chanell Elston.

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 Agenda has been amended.

Report of Mayor

- Poet Laureate Doc Janning recited poem selected to appear in international anthology called "A Thousand Billion Stars".
- Mayor Welo reported that all directors are present except for Building Commissioner Heilman and Housing Director Martin.
- Economic Development Director Love reported that the conversion of the former Burger King at Mayfield and Green Roads to a Mr. Chicken is underway, and that the City has secured a grant from Jobs Ohio for a planning study on the future use of the Palermo Property.
- Community Development Director Subwick reported on Resolution 24-21 appropriating \$6,000 from a grant from the Solid Waste Management District for recycling containers. Mayor Welo reported that Community Development Coordinator Subwick has been working on the new website as part of his capstone project at Cleveland State University, and it should be finished by mid-summer.
- Community Services Director Benjamin gave an update on various grant projects.
- City Engineer Blackley reported that the 2021 road program has mostly been completed and the Oakmont infrastructure project is going smoothly. Mr. Blackley reported that the City will be going out to bid for the 2021 concrete repair program.
- Mayor Welo reported on the availability of Covid-19 vaccines and residents can walk right into the CSU Wolstein Center to receive the vaccine, and that the Community Partnership on Aging is working with our paramedics to provide vaccines at home for older residents.

Report of Law Director no report.

Public Hearings (Open Meeting) Related to Agenda Items

No members of the public made comments.

Report of CommitteesSafety Committee

Councilwoman Elston reported that the committee met to discuss Ord. 12-19 regarding having police officers provide security at Party Centers and scheduled another committee meeting for May 24th at 6 pm.

Recreation Committee

Councilwoman Continenza reported that the committee met to discuss the city's deer management program and also a new ordinance lowering the fees for summer pool passes by \$2.

Committee of the Whole

Council President Frank reported that the committee met with representatives from 5/3rd Securities to discuss financial investments and risk mitigation. The committee also held its monthly financial update and Finance Director Wendt reported that RITA collections a little below budgeted and that RITA will be relaunching the subpoena program again.

Legislation Requested by the Administration

Introduced by Frank

Resolution 24-21

RESOLUTION

Opposing Sub. House Bill 157 amending the law regarding withholding municipal earned income tax for those working virtually and/or at home. First Reading.

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

Council President Pro Tem Gray

stated that the State legislators are once again up to their shenanigans with actions that would negatively impact our municipal governments. Councilwoman Hardy stated that she's not in love with HB157 but also not against it and has a self-interest in seeing it passed as her husband has worked from home for the last seven years.

Mayor Welo stated that the problem with the legislation is the backtracking to 2020, which is already completed and will hurt cities that have to refund taxes to individuals.

Ms. Welo thanked council for their comments on both sides of the issue.

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

No: Councilwoman Jane Goodman, Councilwoman Susan Hardy

Motion passes.

The legislation has been approved.

Introduced by Frank

Resolution 24-21

RESOLUTION

Authorizing the appropriation of unappropriated funds in the General Fund in the amount of \$6,000.00 to the following fund: "Economic Development #101-4430-52727" for a grant received from the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District. First Reading.

Action: Motion to Approve Legislation, **Moved by** Council President Frank Gray,

Seconded by Councilwoman Jane Goodman.

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 07-21

ORDINANCE

Section 933.07, Fees for Use, As contained In Chapter 933, Municipal Swimming Pools of Part Nine Streets and Public Services Code of The City of South Euclid; Setting Admission Fees, Season Passes, Special Programs, and reciprocity with The City of Lyndhurst for the use of the municipal swimming pools and splash park by residents of the city. First Reading.

Action: Motion to Approve Legislation, **Moved by** Councilwoman Continenza,

Seconded by Council President 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 public comments.

Communications of City Council

- Councilwoman Elston reminded residents about the upcoming Community Clean Up day on May 8th and that registration slots for Covid-19 vaccinations are still available at the Community Center.
- Councilwoman Goodman stated that she has been getting calls about allowing yard sales and hope that permits will be available soon. Ms. Goodman also discussed that there will be a \$150 Giant Eagle gift card donated by Councilwoman Hardy for the group that collects the most litter at the May 8th City Sweep event and also gave an update on the upcoming Arbor Day activities.
- Councilman Tisdale reported on an incident of speeding on Homestead near Ardmore and that the person lost control because he was drag racing and hit two parked cars. Mr. Tisdale stated that driving is a privilege and not a right and can be taken away by parents or the law.

- Councilwoman Gray reported that discussions are continuing regarding the implementation of an incubator program for small minority businesses and also encouraged residents to get the Covid-19 vaccine. Ms. Gray reported that a Ward One Community Meeting has been scheduled for May 27th at 6 pm. The meeting will be held outdoors at Quarry Park and social distancing will be practiced.
- Councilwoman Continenza reported on youth engagement activities for recreation efforts so that decisions can be made to actively engage youth about park initiatives. Ms. Continenza reported on the upcoming Farmers Market which will begin Thursdays in June at the corner of Mayfield and Green.
- Councilwoman Hardy scheduled a Legislative Committee Meeting for May 10th at 6 pm to discuss the Pay-to-Stay Ordinance 01-21. Ms. Hardy reported that she virtually attended the Cleveland Heights-University Heights Schools State of the Schools Address and that it was a wonderful event that incorporated speeches from youth and a children's choir.
- Council President Frank reported that a Safety Committee Meeting was scheduled for 6 pm on May 24th.
- Mayor Welo reminded city council to schedule a meeting regarding the salary ordinance meeting and reported on the sad loss of Jim Lawless who passed away recently. Mr. Lawless was a great Ward One resident and President of the South Euclid Commission on Aging which has worked so hard to provide seniors with financial resources over the last several years.

Adjourn to Executive Session

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

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 7).

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

City Council adjourned to Executive Session at 9:12 pm.

Adjourn

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

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. Continenza.

The Meeting Adjourned at 9:37 pm.

Council President

Attest:

Clerk of Council