

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.

Approval of Minutes

April 26, 2021

Action: Motion to Approve Minutes **Moved by** Council President Frank, **Seconded by** 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.

May 24, 2021

Action: Motion to Approve Minutes **Moved by** Council President Frank, **Seconded by** Councilman 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 a poem in honor of Independence Day.
- Mayor Welo reported that all directors present except for Building Commissioner Heilman who is excused from the meeting.
- City Engineer Andy Blackley reported that the 2021 Road Program is substantially completed and the Oakmont Road project is well underway with a temporary water main being installed on the street. Mr. Blackley gave an update on the Mayfield Road and South Green Road projects.
- Mayor Welo stated that we are aware of issues on the side streets with cut through traffic as a result of the closing of Green Road and that the police are monitoring the situation.
- Economic Development Director Love gave an update on the Leopardo Project and reported that the roof and HVAC have been completed at the Service Department and HVAC has been completed at Community Center and the new flooring will be installed. Mr. Love stated that city hall improvements are continuing with the roof replacement underway and interior work continuing.
- Economic Development Director Love reported on Resolution 35-21 regarding a conditional use permit for an outdoor patio for 2 You Wines.
- Mayor Welo thanked Director Love for his hard work on this and other projects throughout the city.
- Mayor Welo congratulated Councilman Tisdale and Councilwoman Elston on a wonderful Juneteenth event and also congratulated Donna Zachary and Marge Koosed on a successful Garden Walk this past weekend. Mayor Welo reported that the first band concert of the season was held on Sunday featuring the Pop Tarts and that the concert series has been dedicated in the name of Ray Rhode who planned the concerts for so many years.
- Mayor Welo reported that beginning July 1st there will be no restrictions for use of the pools or registrations and thanked pool director Titus and community center director Martines for working hard on these efforts.
- Mayor Welo reported that Housing Director Martin concentrates on housing issues both regionally and nationally and that the Cleveland area has the third highest foreclosure ranking in the United States so we need to continue to work with city council to assist any residents at risk of losing their homes.
- Mayor Welo reported that the State Legislature have passed a new bill taking about 50% of the stimulus dollars allocated for South Euclid and other cities and giving it to the townships.

- Mayor Welo stated that she supports the legislation adding a new patio for 2 You Wines and thanked owner Nakia Hudson for choosing South Euclid and making a commitment to the community. Mayor Welo congratulated Councilwoman Hardy for accepting a position on the board of the South Euclid Lyndhurst Historical Society and reported that the South Euclid Browns Barkers are planning a Sports Camp for youth and updated council on future events including National Night Out on August 3rd.

Report of Law Director. None.

School District Report none.

Public Hearings (Open Meeting) Related to Agenda Items

None.

Report of Committees

Safety Committee

Councilwoman Elston reported that the committee met to discuss Resolution 16-20 regarding feeding of wildlife and that new legislation will be introduced at a future meeting concerning this issue.

Committee of the Whole

Council President Frank reported that the monthly meeting was held to discuss current financial issues along with an ordinance that would allow the city to continue to hold virtual and/or hybrid meetings.

Public Utilities Committee

Introduced by Frank

Ordinance 14-20

ORDINANCE

An ordinance approving the plan of operation and governance for the NOPEC Natural Gas Aggregation Program for the purpose of jointly establishing and implementing a Gas Aggregation Program as a NOPEC member, and declaring an emergency. **Second Reading.**

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

Introduced by Frank

Ordinance 15-20

ORDINANCE

An Ordinance authorizing all actions necessary to establish an Opt-In Natural Gas Program Pursuant to Section 4929.27(A)(1), Ohio Revised Code, jointly through NOPEC as a NOPEC Member. **Second Reading.**

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

Committee of the Whole

Introduced by Frank

Ordinance 14-21

ORDINANCE

Amending Section 111.01 "Regular Meetings" of Chapter 111 "Council/Council Rules" of Title Three "Legislative" of Part One "Administrative Code" of The Codified Ordinances of the City of South Euclid, Ohio. **Second Reading.**

Action: Motion to Approve Legislation **Moved by** Council President Frank, **Seconded by** Councilwoman 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 legislation has been approved.

Legislation Requested by the Planning Commission

Introduced by Frank

Resolution 35-21

RESOLUTION

Granting a Conditional Use Permit to "2 You Wines" to have an outdoor patio and seating area at their facility, located at 4425 Mayfield Road in the City of South Euclid, Ohio. First Reading.

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

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

Owner Nakia Hudson thanked the city for their support and stated that she is excited about beautifying the area. Council President Frank stated that this is a welcome addition to Ward 2.

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

- Joan Albro, 4500 Whitehall Drive, stated that she came to City Council about a year and a half ago regarding issues with the construction of a new home next door and issue with the property fence and that the city has not been responsive. Ms. Albro stated that she contact Councilwoman Continenza, Councilwoman Hardy and Director Benjamin and they have been understanding, but the owner of the new home needs to be held accountable. Mr. Antonelli. Mr. Lograsso stated that he had already reached out Mr. Antonelli and stated that he has helped Ms. Albro in the past, including mowing her lawn all last summer. Law Director Lograsso stated that he had come out to the property to see the issue and offered to serve as an intermediary between Ms. Albro and Mr. Antonelli.

Communications of City Council

- Councilwoman Hardy thanked all of the residents and attendees that participated in the Garden Walk and stated that it was a wonderful and inspirational event.
- Councilwoman Goodman also thanked those involved in the Garden Walk and thanked Councilman Tisdale and Councilwoman Elston for their leadership with the wonderful Juneteenth event.
- Councilwoman Elston thanked everyone involved in planning the Juneteenth event and stated that she looks forward to next year.
- Councilman Tisdale thanked Councilwoman Elston, Director Benjamin and Pastor Blevins for their help planning the Juneteenth event and that next year will be bigger and better.
- Councilwoman Gray congratulated newer members of city council for taking the baton to spearhead these important events and stated that she is excited about where their leadership and energy is taking us.
- Council President Frank stated that the Juneteenth commemoration was a wonderful event and will hopefully have an everlasting impact on the community. Mr., Frank stated that it was wonderful seeing the joy that many of the children had and, after the pandemic, it was nice to see people out in public. Mr. Frank wished everyone a happy fourth of July holiday and scheduled a Committee of the Whole for 7 pm on July 12th.

Adjourn

With no further business to discuss, **Action:** Motion to Adjourn Frank, **Moved by** Council , Frank **Seconded by** Councilwoman Continenza.

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

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 8:53 pm.

Attest:

Council President

Clerk of Council