

**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 to include Res. 44-21.**

**Action:** Motion to Amend Agenda **Moved by** Council President Frank, **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 agenda has been amended.

**Approval of Minutes****July 26, 2021**

**Action:** Motion to Approve Minutes **Moved by** Council Goodman, **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**

- Council President Frank reported that the Mayor was unable to be at the meeting.
- Poet Laureate Doc Janning recited two poems in observance of 9/11.
- Council President Frank reported that all directors are in attendance except for Police Chief Mays. Assistant Chief Abele is attending in the Chief's absence.
- Housing Director Martin reported that the County has released its triannual property values update and that South Euclid experienced an increase in residential property values of 18%, commercial property at 6% and Industrial property at 1%.
- Economic Development Director Love gave an update on the Leopardo project and reported that the replacement of the City Hall roof is underway, and the back parking lot resurfacing will begin next week. Mr. Love reported that Jersey Mike's restaurant will be opening at the former Jimmy Johns location at Cedar Center and that Coach K's Sports Memorabilia will be opening in the Cedar Green business district.
- Fire Chief Stefko requested City Council's support for Resolution 42-21 to utilize leftover funds from an Assistance to Firefighters Grant to replace radio equipment and intercom headsets.
- City Engineer Blackley gave an update on several road projects and reported that the Harwood Road CDBG resurfacing project will begin at the end of the month and that the Oakmont project is progressing as scheduled. Mr. Blackley reported that the City has received additional funding from Cleveland Water and The Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District for Phase II Oakmont Road updates.

**Report of Law Director.** No report.

**School District Report** none.

**Public Hearings (Open Meeting) Related to Agenda Items**

No comments.

**Legislation Requested by the Mayor & Administration**

Introduced by Frank

Resolution 41-21

## RESOLUTION

Accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Fiscal Officer. First Reading.

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

Introduced by Frank

Resolution 42-21

## RESOLUTION

Authorizing the appropriation of unappropriated funds in the General Fund in the amount of \$28,335.61 to Fund #: 101-1120-52490 for expenses related to the 2019 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). First Reading.

**Action:** Motion to Approve Legislation, **Moved by** Councilwoman Elston, **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.

Introduced by Frank

Resolution 43-21

## RESOLUTION

Authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the United States Department of Agriculture to provide wildlife services, and declaring an emergency. First Reading. The legislation was placed on First Reading and referred to the Recreation Committee for review and discussion.

Introduced by Frank

Resolution 44-21

## RESOLUTION

Objecting to the issuance of new liquor permit #1869961 for "Culture Bar and Lounge, LLC" located at 800 South Green Road in the City of South Euclid, Ohio; and requesting a hearing by the Ohio Department of Commerce Division of Liquor Control. First Reading.

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

Law Director Lograsso gave an overview of the concerns with the liquor permit applicant and Councilwoman Gray stated that she is concerned that the former church property's conversion into a nightclub and the documented issues with the applicant will not make him a good neighbor in the community.

**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:** None

**Communications of City Council**

- Councilwoman Goodman reported that the first meeting of the South Euclid Green Energy Working Group was held last week. The group was formed pursuant to the green energy resolution approved by City Council and calls for a plan to be implemented by the City by the end of 2022. Ms. Goodman stated that the working group will meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 5:30 pm and that initial discussion included the conversion of city vehicles to electric vehicles, installation of EV Charging Stations and proposed locations in the city and conversion to alternative energy sources. Ms. Goodman also reported on

the success of the August FreeCycle event held by the Recycling Committee and thanked Officer DiLillo for attending and answering questions for neighbors on Eastway at a recent meeting.

- Councilwoman Continenza reported on the success of the recent Bexley Bash event that was held at Bexley Park and encouraged residents to visit the weekly Farmers Market at the corner of Mayfield and Green every Thursday from 4 pm – 8 pm.
- Councilwoman Elston reported on an upcoming Walk/Bike for Breast Cancer event that will be held on October 9<sup>th</sup> and will raise funds to benefit The Gathering Place. Ms. Elston reported on the success of the Intersection event and the karaoke contest held at 4 Bistro.
- Councilwoman Gray stated that a Ward One Community Meeting will be held on October 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm at Quarry Park.
- Councilwoman Hardy thanked Councilwoman Continenza for her efforts coordinating the Bexley Bash and reported that she toured the City's Service Department and Service Garage and learned a lot.
- Councilman Tisdale requested that as residents continue to go out and socialize at city events that we support our local establishments and school sporting events and activities.
- Council President Frank stated that he also attended the Intersection event and had a great time, as well as the Brown's Tailgate and Watch Party held at Mayfield and Green. Mr. Frank reported on upcoming events, including the One South Euclid Mingle at the Mansion Fundraiser on October 30<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Frank wished those of Jewish faith a happy New Year.

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#### Adjourn

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

**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 8:50 pm.

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Council President

Attest:

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Clerk of Council