

REGULAR MEETING OF SOUTH EUCLID CITY COUNCIL

Council President Dennis Fiorelli called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call

Present: Councilwoman Sara Continenza, Councilman Joe Frank, Councilman Marty Gelfand, Councilwoman Jane Goodman, Councilwoman Ruth Gray, Council President Pro Tem Jason Russell, Council President Dennis Fiorelli.

Approval of Minutes: November 27, 2017

Action: Motion to Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings, **Moved by** Councilwoman Jane Goodman, **Seconded by** Council President Pro Tem Jason Russell.

Councilman Gelfand made one revision. Following discussion, **Vote:** Motion passed (**summary:** Yes = 6, No = 0, Abstain = 1).

Yes: Councilman Joe Frank, Councilman Marty Gelfand, Councilwoman Jane Goodman, Councilwoman Ruth Gray, Council President Pro Tem Jason Russell, Council President Dennis Fiorelli.

Abstain: Councilwoman Sara Continenza.
The minutes have been approved.

Report of the Mayor

- The Mayor reported that all staff are present except Police Chief Nietert and Service Director Anderson.
- Economic Development Director Love discussed Resolution 02-18 regarding a conditional use application for the sale of medical marijuana to be placed on first reading. Mr. Love discussed the opening of 216 Fitness at the site of the former 7-11 at Belvoir and Mayfield and an upcoming fundraiser for Rock the Block.
- City Engineer Blackley reported on the ongoing Cleveland Water project on South Belvoir and Neville Roads, which will go on for another month. Mr. Blackley discussed plans for 2018 road resurfacing projects and watermain replacement projects.
- Mayor Welo reported that the South Euclid Police have hired two new cadets to replace officers that retired last year. The cadets are attending the Cleveland Heights Police Academy. Ms. Welo stated that a new firefighter has also been hired and will be sworn-in at the next council meeting and also reported on upcoming civil service assessments and tests in the coming weeks.
- Mayor Welo reported that City Hall has served as a Warming Station for residents dealing with the severe cold. The Mayor thanked Director Benjamin and Chief Nietert for handling the issue. Ms. Welo discussed several events she attended including an Eagle Scout ceremony awarding local scout Charlie Cole for his work on setting up a composting post for the Bhutanese at the Victory Garden, and attending the swearing-in ceremonies for Councilwoman Ruth Gray, Mayor Frank Jackson and University Heights' new mayor Michael Brennan.

Report of Law Director: No report

Opening Meeting of Council Related to Agenda Specific Items

President Fiorelli called the Open Meeting of Council to order and invited the audience to address Council: There were no comments from members of the public.

Report of Council Committees:**Zoning & Planning Committee**

Councilman Russell reported that the committee met to discuss the Implementation Strategy for Master Plan. Cuyahoga County Planning Commission consultants Glen Coyne and James Sonnhalter attended the meeting and provided a presentation of the implementation plan. Council will work towards finalizing the plan.

Recreation Committee

Councilwoman Gray reported that the committee met to discuss Ordinance 27-17 setting the fees for the 2018 summer pool season. Pools Manager Pete Titus attended the meeting and the legislation was recommended for passage with no chances. Ms. Gray also reported that the committee received an update on the citizen's ad-hoc committee planning efforts for the City's parks and recreation facilities.

 Zoning & Planning Committee

Introduced by Goodman

Resolution 17-16

RESOLUTION

ADOPTING AND APPROVING THE ~~2015-2016~~ **2018** COMPREHENSIVE MASTER PLAN FOR THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO. **SECOND READING.**

The legislation was placed on Second Reading.

Legislation Requested by the Planning Commission

Introduced by Fiorelli

Resolution 02-18

RESOLUTION

GRANTING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO "MEDICAL CANNABIS CULTIVATORS" MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISPENSARY, LOCATED AT 4298 MAYFIELD ROAD IN THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO.

The legislation was placed on first reading and referred to the Zoning and Planning Committee.

Introduced by Fiorelli

Resolution 03-18

RESOLUTION

GRANTING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR A DRIVE-THRU FOR "BURGER KING" AT 4525 MAYFIELD ROAD IN THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO. FIRST READING.

The legislation was placed on First Reading and referred to Zoning & Planning Committee.

Legislation Requested by the Mayor and Administration

Introduced by Fiorelli

Resolution 01-18

RESOLUTION

SETTING THE DATES FOR THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID'S REGULARLY SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETINGS IN 2018. FIRST READING.

Action: Motion to Approve Legislation, **Moved by** Councilwoman Sara Continenza, **Seconded by** Councilman Marty Gelfand.

Councilman Gelfand requested that the legislation be amended to move the Council Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, September 11, 2018 and Monday, September 24, 2018 to Wednesday, September 12, 2018 and Wednesday September 26, 2018.

Action: Motion to Amend and approve, **Moved by** Councilman Marty Gelfand, **Seconded by** Councilman Jason Russell.

Vote: Motion passed (**summary:** Yes = 6, No = 1, Abstain = 0).

Yes: Councilwoman Sara Continenza, Councilman Joe Frank, Councilman Marty Gelfand, Councilwoman Ruth Gray, Council President Pro Tem Jason Russell, Council President Dennis Fiorelli.

No: Councilwoman Jane Goodman.

The legislation has been approved.

Introduced by Fiorelli

Resolution 04-18

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO CONVEY CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO TO ONE SOUTH EUCLID. FIRST READING.

Action: Motion to Approve Legislation, **Moved by** Councilman Joe Frank, **Seconded by** Councilman Marty Gelfand.

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

Yes: Councilwoman Sara Continenza, Councilman Joe Frank, Councilman Marty Gelfand, Councilwoman Jane Goodman, Councilwoman Ruth Gray, Council President Pro Tem Jason Russell, Council President Dennis Fiorelli.

The legislation has been approved.

Introduced by Fiorelli

Resolution 05-18

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO PREPARE THE NECESSARY SPECIFICATIONS, ADVERTISE FOR BIDS, AND ENTER INTO SUBSEQUENT CONTRACTS FOR THE 2018-2019 NUISANCE ABATEMENT LANDSCAPING PROGRAM IN THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO. FIRST READING.

Action: Motion to Approve Legislation, **Moved by** Councilwoman Jane Goodman, **Seconded by** Council President Pro Tem Jason Russell.

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

Yes: Councilwoman Sara Continenza, Councilman Joe Frank, Councilman Marty Gelfand, Councilwoman Jane Goodman, Councilwoman Ruth Gray, Council President Pro Tem Jason Russell, Council President Dennis Fiorelli.

The legislation has been approved.

Communications of City Council

- Councilwoman Gray reported that she has been in communication with residents in the PACA neighborhood to look at issues with the deer population and stated that she will call the mayor to get more information about the issue and look at possible solutions like partnering with the Metroparks to guide the deer into the Euclid Creek Metropark where they do culling. Ms. Gray said that the deer are becoming more aggressive and if we don't want to do certain things to minimize the deer population then work with other entities that are.
- Councilman Gelfand reported that there is a Heights Hillcrest Chamber of Commerce Business Breakfast on January 18 at University Suburban Health Center.
- Councilman Russell thanked Service Director Anderson and the Service Department for the great job with clearing the roads of snow during the recent storm and being able to do it with less people and resources.
- Councilwoman Continenza thanked the residents of Ward Three for their support and she is honored to work with everyone. Ms. Continenza reported that she met with Ward 3 Block Police Officer DeLillo about some issues, ideas and taking advantage of resources and that they will be working on setting up block watch meetings. Ms. Continenza reported that she received a suggestion from a resident regarding the pesticide legislation banning its use on public property and its use on school property. Councilman Frank stated that the School District does have a policy that they passed long ago.
- Councilman Frank welcomed Councilwoman Continenza as the new Ward 3 council representative and reported on a wonderful swearing-in ceremony and congratulated Councilman Fiorelli on becoming Council President and thanked Councilwoman Goodman for her leadership the last two years.
- Councilwoman Goodman wished everyone a happy new year and reported on conversations she had with the new University Heights Mayor about renewing conversations regarding the shared Cedar Center District. Ms. Goodman reported on the Cleveland Kids Book Bank effort to distribute free books to kids.
- Council President Fiorelli scheduled a Committee of the Whole meeting for January 22nd at 6 pm to discuss Civil Service issues. Mr. Fiorelli reported that in 2017 the city set a new record for recycling and collected over 1,900 tons of recycled material. Mr. Fiorelli stated that Council Committee Assignments will be confirmed by the end of the week.

Open Meeting

- Chuck Turner, 4549 Lilac Road, stated that he has requested that the Council President return the time of individual public comment back to five minutes instead of the current three minute limit and stated that this was done because the administration doesn't like him and the Constitution gives him the right to address council and that three minutes is not enough. Mr. Turner repeated his accusation that a South Euclid Police car tried to run him over five times and asked why Dogtropolis is allowed to advertise with a sign at the Quarry Park Dog Park, he has brought up previously, while he is not allowed to have a sign at city hall. Mr. Turner stated that he sent an email on November 22nd with public records requests and several have not been provided, including how many days the mayor has worked. Mr. Turner discussed the conditional uses for medical marijuana dispensaries and questioned if it's a good idea to have one close to four of the biggest bars in the city and asked who does the administration know that we are allowing to locate there.

Adjourn

Action: Motion to Adjourn, **Moved by** Councilman Marty Gelfand, **Seconded by** Councilwoman Jane Goodman.

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

Yes: Councilwoman Sara Continenza, Councilman Joe Frank, Councilman Marty Gelfand, Councilwoman Jane Goodman, Councilwoman Ruth Gray, Council President Pro Tem Jason Russell, Council President Dennis Fiorelli.

The Meeting Adjourned at 8:52 pm.

Council President

Attest:

Clerk of Council