

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.
All Councilmembers present.

Report of Mayor

- Mayor Welo reported that all directors are present at the meeting with Police Chief Nietert, Service Director Anderson and Engineer Blackley excused.
- Housing Manager Martin requested council consideration of the resolution to renew the agreement with One South Euclid to continue the CDC's working agreement with the city.
- Economic Development Director Love also requested council consideration of the One South Euclid agreement.
- Mayor Welo reported that she recently met with executives from Dollar Bank who have a 3-2-1 program to help prospective homeowners meet mortgage requirements. The Mayor reported on upcoming events including the South Euclid Garden Walk in June and reported on a program of the Cleveland Kosher Food Pantry in South Euclid that serves thousands of needy people. Ms. Welo reported that she attended the Saturday march in Downtown Cleveland to support our youth and families working for additional gun control measures and assault weapons ban. Mayor Welo discussed the agreement with One South Euclid, which is driven by residents of the city and the positive legacy they are leaving for the community.
- Mayor Welo thanked City Council for their diligence and passing the budget last week and stated that City Council has spent the last two years meeting on a monthly basis to discuss ways to reduce costs and increase revenues. Ms. Welo wished residents a happy Passover and Easter holiday.

Report of Law Director No report

Public Hearings (Open Meeting) Related to Agenda Items – No residents signed up to speak.

Report of Committees

President Fiorelli reported that the Committee of the Whole met to discuss Resolution 11-18 regarding One South Euclid and the meeting included a presentation and update by members of the CDC's board and the committee recommended passage of the resolution.

President Fiorelli also reported that the Committee of the Whole held their monthly finance meeting where two moral claim issues were recommended for passage at tonight's council meeting. Mr. Fiorelli gave an update on revenue receipts and disbursements for the month.

Finance Committee

Introduced by Fiorelli

Resolution 14-18

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO PAY A MORAL CLAIM. THIRD READING.

Action: Motion to Approve Legislation, Moved by Councilman Joe Frank, 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 legislation has been approved.

Introduced by Fiorelli

Resolution 15-18

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO PAY A MORAL CLAIM. **THIRD 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.

Committee of the Whole

Introduced by Fiorelli

Resolution 11-18

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH ONE SOUTH EUCLID FOR THE PROVISION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO. **SECOND READING.****Action:** Motion to Approve Legislation, **Moved by** Councilwoman Sara Continenza, **Seconded by** Councilwoman Jane Goodman.

Councilwoman Goodman stated that Councilwoman Gray had wonderful ideas that she discussed in the committee meeting that should have continued discussion, but that the partnership should be cemented first and then work on providing additional input to discuss programming.

Councilwoman Gray thanked Councilwoman Goodman for her comments and stated that her suggestions have nothing to do with the issue of passing the resolution this evening. Ms. Gray stated that she supports One South Euclid, but she doesn't support pushing legislation through for a contract that has a monetary contribution to it and she would prefer another meeting where these issues can be discussed prior to a vote.

Vote: Motion passed (**summary:** Yes = 6, No = 1, Abstain = 0).**Yes:** Councilwoman Sara Continenza, Councilman Joe Frank, Councilman Marty Gelfand, Councilwoman Jane Goodman, Council President Pro Tem Jason Russell, Council President Dennis Fiorelli.**No:** Councilwoman Ruth Gray.

The legislation has been approved.

Legislation Requested by City Council

Introduced by Fiorelli

Resolution 16-18

RESOLUTION

OUTLINING THE 2019 ANNUAL EXPENSE AND EXPENDITURE "BUDGET" PROCESS AND DEEMING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE GENERAL FUND (PROGRAMS I THROUGH VII) SHALL NOT REDUCE THE FORECAST GENERAL FUND BALANCE TO AN AMOUNT THAT IS LESS THAN TWENTY PERCENT (20%) OF THE GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS. FIRST READING. Placed on First Reading and referred to the Finance Committee.

Introduced by Fiorelli

Ordinance 07-18

ORDINANCE

AMENDING SECTION 521.18 "ABANDONED SHOPPING CARTS PROHIBITED" OF CHAPTER 521 "HEALTH, SAFETY AND SANITATION" OF PART FIVE "GENERAL OFFENSES CODE" OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO. FIRST READING. Placed on First Reading and referred to the Service Committee.

Legislation Requested by the Administration

Introduced by Fiorelli

Ordinance 08-18

ORDINANCE

APPROVING THE EDITING AND INCLUSION OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES AS PARTS OF THE VARIOUS COMPONENT CODES OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION AND PUBLICATION OF NEW MATTER IN THE UPDATED AND REVISED CODIFIED ORDINANCES; REPEALING ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. FIRST READING.

Action: Motion to Approve Legislation, **Moved by** Council President Dennis Fiorelli, **Seconded by** Councilman Joe Frank.

Council President Fiorelli stated that the legislation is the annual codification of legislation passed by city council, as well as updates made by the State of Ohio.

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 Goodman reported on the passing of community leader Beth Zone and a meeting that was held by the Jewish Elected Officials. Ms. Goodman wished everyone a happy Passover and Easter.
- Councilman Frank thanked the Fire Chief and firefighters for their recent CPR and First Aid Training that was offered to the community and stated that it was an amazing three hour course.
- Councilwoman Continenza wished residents a happy spring and asked for their consideration to not use pesticides and chemicals in their yards and to consider rain gardens to resolve drainage problems. Ms. Continenza reported on upcoming events including Arbor Day and the summer Bexley Concert Series.
- Councilman Gelfand wished residents a happy Passover and Easter and reported on the rally downtown for gun control on Saturday and that it is inspiring seeing what young people are doing. Mr. Gelfand reported on sponsorships needed for the South Euclid Lyndhurst Baseball and Softball Leagues and that the organization is great and gives students another opportunity to learn skills.
- Councilwoman Gray reported that there is an Ohio Ethics Training on April 23rd at 6622 Wilson Mills Road. Ms. Gray stated that she wanted to speak about something that's heavy on her heart and that she believes there are seven people on City Council because the exchange of different diversity of ideas brings different perspectives that others might not have, and that one perspective is not necessarily better than another member's opinion and not all Council members think alike and that is what diversity and inclusion is all about, respecting our right to be different and have a voice. Ms. Gray said she is concerned about an exchange that happened between Council President Fiorelli and herself and she does not want to be picked on and that being told to be quiet was demeaning. Ms. Gray asked for the same respect from Mr. Fiorelli that she gives him and that she will not settle for anything less.
- Council President Fiorelli asked all council members to complete their conflict of interest forms and reported on the upcoming County Health and Human Services Levy that will be on the ballot on May 8. Mr. Fiorelli thanked Director Benjamin for the great job on the latest issue of South Euclid Magazine and reported on the receipt of Annual Reports from the Police and Fire Departments.
- Councilwoman Gray reported that Issue 1 will be on the ballot in Ohio in May, which will try to reform the issue of gerrymandering and it's very important that we educate people about the issue.

Public Hearings (Open Meeting) Related to Open Business - None.

Adjourn

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

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 8:47 pm.

Council President

Attest:

Clerk of Council