

**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:** March 19, 2018 (Special Meeting) & March 26, 2018

May 19, 2018 (Special Meeting)

**Action:** Motion to Approve Minutes, **Moved by Councilwoman** Sara Continenza, **Seconded by** Council President Pro Tem Jason Russell.

**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 minutes have been approved.

March 26, 2018

**Action:** Motion to Approve Minutes, **Moved by** Councilwoman Sara Continenza, **Seconded by** Councilwoman Ruth Gray.

**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 minutes have been approved.

**Report of Mayor**

- Council President Fiorelli reported that the Mayor could not be at the meeting and asked for reports of directors.
- Fire Chief Stefko, reported that the new fire truck was delivered last week and cost approximately \$500,000 and was paid out of the Safety Forces Vehicle Fund. The truck is being outfitted and will make its debut at the Memorial Day Parade.
- Asst. Police Chief Mays discussed legislation for a moral claim related to vehicle damage caused by an officer during a police stop.
- Engineer Andy Blackley reported on the 2018 road program and that Tamalga and Rainbow Roads have been resurfaced and that sewer work on Whitehall will be completed this week and Hillrock and Wilburn will be paved at the end of June. Work on Westdale will begin at the end of June when school is out. Councilwoman Goodman asked when the note on the 20 year street bond will be paid off. Director Benjamin and Engineer Blackley responded that it will be paid off in 2019 and result in an additional \$300,000 in road levy funds for work.

**Report of Law Director:** No Report

**Report of School District**

Kathryn Falkenberg reported that she is a newly elected school board member and retired South Euclid Lyndhurst District teacher. Ms. Falkenberg gave an update on School District activities including student achievements, awards and competitions. Ms. Falkenberg reported on the Greenview School Online Math Challenge which came in the top four in the nation and an intergenerational lunch that was held at the end of April. Board Member Falkenberg stated that the district will probably be able to get another year out of the current levy and delay a new levy until next year and reported on Senior Prom and student trips to Washington DC. May 23<sup>rd</sup> is the last day for students.

**Public Hearings (Open Meeting) Related to Agenda Items** – none.

**Report of Committees**

- Council President Fiorelli reported on the Committee of the Whole meeting on May 2<sup>nd</sup> with Tanko Lighting from San Francisco to discuss a potential audit of street lights.

- Councilman Russell reported that the Zoning and Planning Committee met to have a public hearing and discuss Ordinance 05-18 regarding the “Dark Store” ordinance for vacant commercial building and Ordinance 06-18 repealing an outdated law regarding alcohol sales at gas stations.
- Councilman Frank reported that the Finance Committee met this evening with a company that is looking to perform a capital audit for necessary city-owned facility improvements.

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#### Finance Committee

Introduced by Fiorelli

Ordinance 09-18

#### ORDINANCE

AMENDING CHAPTER 172 “MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX” OF TITLE NINE “TAXATION” OF PART ONE “ADMINISTRATIVE CODE” OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO. **THIRD READING.**

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

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.

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#### Zoning & Planning Committee

Introduced by Fiorelli

Ordinance 06-18

#### ORDINANCE

REPEALING SECTION 731.06 “SALE OF GASOLINE AND/OR MOTOR VEHICLE FUEL FROM PREMISES AT WHICH ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE SOLD OR OFFERED FOR SALE; PENALTY” OF CHAPTER 731 “PERMITTED USES IN COMMERCIAL DISTRICTS” OF TITLE THREE “COMMERCIAL DISTRICT REGULATIONS” OF PART SEVEN “PLANNING AND ZONING CODE” OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO. **THIRD READING.**

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

Councilwoman Goodman explained that this is an old law from decades ago when it was unusual for gas stations to sell alcoholic beverages. Councilman Gelfand stated that he was not in favor of changing this legislation in committee, but his position has evolved and he doesn’t see a problem as long as laws are enforced and continue to be regulated.

**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.

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#### Legislation Requested by the Planning Commission

Introduced by Fiorelli

Resolution 22-18

#### RESOLUTION

GRANTING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO ALLOW FOR THE KEEPING OF CHICKENS AT THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4022 VERONA ROAD IN THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO. **FIRST READING.**

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

**Legislation Requested by the Administration**

Introduced by Fiorelli

Resolution 23-18

## RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ODOT) TO PROVIDE 5,000 TONS OF SODIUM CHLORIDE (BULK ROCK SALT) TO THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, PER OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 5513.01 (B); FOR THE 2018-2019 WINTER SEASON. FIRST READING.

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

Councilwoman Goodman asked why we are buying so much salt and how much we bought last year. Service Director Anderson stated that the city purchased 4,500 tons last year and that the as a result of the snowy winter, the city's supply is lower than it was last year and if the city needs to buy more salt next winter it will be much more expensive than it is now and it's better to be safe.

**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 24-18

## RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP ON AGING COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS. FIRST READING.

The legislation was placed on First Reading and referred to the Finance Committee.

Introduced by Fiorelli

Resolution 25-18

## RESOLUTION

ESTABLISHING A BLANKET PURCHASE ORDER AMOUNT LIMIT AS REQUIRED BY OHIO REVISED CODE 5705.41 (D)(3). FIRST READING.

The legislation was placed on First Reading and referred to Finance Committee

Introduced by Fiorelli

Resolution 26-18

## RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO PAY A MORAL CLAIM. **TO BE PLACED ON FIRST READING AND REFERRED TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.**

The legislation was placed on First Reading and referred to the Finance Committee.

## Communications of City Council

- Councilman Gelfand reported that he attended the Pathways to Justice training in Columbus and discussed a program that helps people with developmental disabilities and that he is now a trainer for the program and will be organizing in Northeast Ohio. Mr. Gelfand reported on the Heights Hillcrest Regional Chamber of Commerce Expo held on May 10 and that the City had a table at the event. Mr. Gelfand attended an SEL School District Father's Breakfast that was also sponsored by Garfield Memorial Church and South Euclid Court and reported on the passage of the County Health and Human Services Levy and Invest in Children Program. Mr. Gelfand stated that tomorrow is the first day of Ramadan and wished those who celebrated well.
- Councilwoman Gray scheduled a Recreation Committee Meeting for June 25 at 6pm to discuss Resolution 38-18 and provide an update on the work of the citizen's recreation committee. Ms. Gray reported that she has received calls regarding disturbances and activity on Dartford and asked Assistant Police Chief Mays if a meeting might be scheduled. Clerk Benjamin stated that the city has also received calls and a neighborhood meeting would be scheduled in the coming weeks.
- Councilwoman Continenza reported on the upcoming Bexley Bash summer event series at Bexley Park on June 12, July 10 and August 7. The August 7<sup>th</sup> event will also celebrate National Night Out and will feature a movie.
- Councilman Frank reported on the PTA Scholarships ceremony that was held last week and that many scholarships of \$1,000 and above were awarded to students. Mr. Frank also reported on the one-year anniversary of the passing of Brush Student Alec Kornet and the foundation established in his name. Councilman Frank reported on the SEYSBA recreation program and that 4—6

year olds can participate in T-Ball for free this summer. Mr. Frank scheduled a Finance Committee meeting for July 9 at 7 pm.

- Councilwoman Goodman reported on the wonderful Arbor Day celebration that was held at City Hall and three new dogwood trees were planted honoring the three K9 officers that have passed, as well as resident Pam O'Toole who passed away suddenly and had established the South Euclid Police K9 Foundation. Ms. Goodman reported on the upcoming Memorial Parade and Garden Tour the weekend of June 9-10.
- Council President Fiorelli reported that Community Clean Up Day took place on May 5<sup>th</sup> and reported that Director Benjamin will work on resident Doc Manning's suggestion of establishing a Poet Laurette in the City.

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#### **Public Hearings (Open Meeting) Related to Open Business**

- Charles Turner, 4549 Lilac Road, stated that he could be wrong, but it's been five years since a false arrest was made and brought to the attention of the court, but the police department would like to say that he's mistaken and that the Mayor, Police Chief and Asst. Chief are filing false police reports to try to frame him. Mr. Turner stated that Council sits there quietly by the American Flag and would like to see them rectify the situation because a member of the Mayor's family acted inappropriately. Mr. Turner stated that freedom of speech is still a right and that he walks his dog every Monday morning by city hall to see if there's a Russian flag flying instead of American flag and that each council member took an oath and he doesn't care what the city's insurance company says and the law is the law.

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#### **Adjourn**

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

**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 8:51 pm.

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Council President

Attest:

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Clerk of Council