

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, Council President Pro Tem Jason Russell, Council President Dennis Fiorelli.

Absent: Councilwoman Ruth Gray.

Amend Agenda to Remove Resolution 63-18

Action: Motion to Amend Agenda, **Moved by** Council President Dennis Fiorelli,

Seconded by Councilman Marty Gelfand.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 6).

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

Absent: Councilwoman Ruth Gray.

The Agenda has been amended.

Report of Mayor

- Mayor Welo reported that all directors are in attendance except Police Chief Nietert and City Engineer Andy Blackley.
- Housing Director Sally Martin reported on Ordinances 27-18 and 28-18, which was the subject of discussion in committee prior to the council meeting.
- Economic Development Director Michael Love gave a business update and stated that Waterway has purchased the Al Paul Car Wash and will be assuming the lease on the building and that Rochling Glastic Corporation is working on a potential expansion of their facility in Ward One. Mr. Love stated that Chase Bank will be locating on the former site of Young Israel Synagogue on Cedar Road and Planet Fitness will have their grand opening at Cedar Center North on December 4th. Director Love reported on the upcoming Small Business Saturday on November 24th being organized by the Heights Hillcrest Regional Chamber of Commerce.
- Fire Chief Stefko discussed Resolution 69-18 to allow the city to go out to bid for the purchase of fire department equipment that is being paid for by a FEMA grant. Mr. Stefko reported that the Fire Department will hold their annual Fill the Squad for the Greater Cleveland Food Bank on November 17th from 9 am – 3 pm at Gordon Foods.
- Mayor Welo reported on several community events including Pumpkins in the Park, the Mingle at the Mansion fundraiser for One South Euclid, and the 40th Anniversary fundraiser for the Community Partnership on Aging. Ms. Welo stated that a Veterans Day ceremony was held on Sunday and the South Euclid Tree Commission organized and planned the event which included the planting of an oak tree that is the descendant of a tree planted by Jesse Owens. Mr. Owen's cousin spoke at the event.
- Poet Laureate Doc Janning read a poem in commemoration of Veteran's Day.

Public Hearings (Open Meeting) Related to Agenda Items

- Robert Schoenewald, 4426 Bayard, spoke in reference to Ordinance 31-19 regarding the income tax credit and that the city is looking for additional money because the income tax levy failed. Mr. Schoenewald stated that the city could save about \$1.2 million if the city revised its health insurance plan to only cover employees and not spouses, and that the solution is simple and council should seriously consider it before contract negotiations are completed and negotiated by the Law Director. Mr. Schoenewald stated that Law Director Lograsso is a former police officer and he wonders where his loyalties are. Mr. Lograsso responded.
- Linda Pagon, 684 Parkside, stated that the attempt to pass the income tax increase was weak and was not at all what the city did for the Safety Levy and it took too long for City Council to decide what to do to go on the ballot as they have been discussing the issues for a long time. Ms. Pagon stated that she voted for the levy, but there was not enough information distributed discussing the need for money and the potential to get rid of the safety levy. Ms. Pagon stated

that the voters already voted and stated they did not want to pay for trash pickup.

Report of Committees

- **Finance Committee:** Councilman Frank reported that a meeting was held to discuss the energy efficiency capital plan and two companies attended to give an overview of their proposals.
- **Committee of the Whole:** President Fiorelli reported that the committee met to discuss Ordinances 27-18 and 28-18 regarding housing code violations and discussed budgetary issues and potential revenue enhancement efforts as a result of the income tax levy loss.

Introduced by Fiorelli

Resolution 62-18

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO PREPARE THE NECESSARY PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, AND ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR "CLEANING SERVICES FOR THE SOUTH EUCLID CITY HALL COMPLEX" IN THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

SECOND READING.

The legislation was placed on Second Reading.

Introduced by Fiorelli

Ordinance 24-18

ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 311.05 "OPERATION OF MOTORIZED SCOOTERS" OF CHAPTER 311 "STREET OBSTRUCTIONS AND SPECIAL USES" OF PART THREE "TRAFFIC CODE" OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO. **SECOND READING.**

The legislation was placed on Second Reading.

Introduced by Fiorelli

Ordinance 25-18

ORDINANCE

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH FOR PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES FOR FISCAL YEARS 2019-2020. **SECOND READING.**

The legislation was placed on Second Reading.

Introduced by Fiorelli

Ordinance 27-18

ORDINANCE

AMENDING SECTION 1411.99, "PENALTY" OF CHAPTER 1411 "COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT" OF PART "HOUSING CODE" OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO. **SECOND READING.**

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

Following discussion, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (summary: Yes = 6).

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

Absent: Councilwoman Ruth Gray.

The legislation has been approved.

Introduced by Fiorelli

Ordinance 28-18

ORDINANCE

AMENDING SECTION 1414.04, "CERTIFICATE OF INSPECTION APPLICATION; AND ISSUANCE" OF CHAPTER 1414 "REGISTRATION OF VACANT BUILDINGS AND CERTIFICATES OF COMPLIANCE FOR VACANT BUILDINGS" OF PART FOURTEEN "HOUSING CODE" OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO. **SECOND READING.**

Motion: Action: Motion to Approve Legislation, Moved by Council President Dennis Fiorelli, Seconded by Councilwoman Jane Goodman.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (summary: Yes = 6).

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

Absent: Councilwoman Ruth Gray.

The legislation has been approved.

Legislation Requested by City Council

Introduced by Fiorelli

Ordinance 31-18

ORDINANCE

AMENDING SECTION 172.06 "SOUTH EUCLID RESIDENT SUBJECT TO INCOME TAX IN OTHER MUNICIPALITY" OF SECTION 172, "MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2016" OF PART ONE "ADMINISTRATIVE CODE" OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. FIRST READING.

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

Introduced by Fiorelli

Ordinance 32-18

ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE CREATING NEW CHAPTER 918 "GARBAGE, RUBBISH, REFUSE AND RECYCLING COLLECTION" OF TITLE THREE "PUBLIC SERVICES" OF PART NINE "STREETS AND PUBLIC SERVICES CODE" OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO. FIRST READING.

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

Legislation Requested by the Administration

Introduced by Fiorelli

Resolution 64-18

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF UNAPPROPRIATED FUNDS IN THE GENERAL FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$900.00 TO THE FOLLOWING FUND: CURBSIDE RECYCLING SERVICE DEPARTMENT #101-5520-52161 FOR EXPENDITURES RELATED TO AFSCME SERVICE DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES. FIRST READING.

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

Councilman Frank reported that Resolutions 64-18 through 68-18 were discussed in committee and are housekeeping matters related to the approved service union contracts.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 6).

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

Absent: Councilwoman Ruth Gray.

The legislation has been approved.

Introduced by Fiorelli

Resolution 65-18

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF UNAPPROPRIATED FUNDS IN "STREET CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE FUND #202" IN AN AMOUNT OF \$6,100.00 FOR EXPENDITURES RELATED TO AFSCME SERVICE DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES. FIRST READING.

Action: Motion to Approve Legislation, **Moved by** Councilwoman Sara Continenza, **None seconded.**

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 6).

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

Absent: Councilwoman Ruth Gray.

The legislation has been approved.

Introduced by Fiorelli

Resolution 66-18

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF UNAPPROPRIATED FUNDS IN "SEWER MAINTENANCE #516" IN AN AMOUNT OF \$1,300.00 FOR EXPENDITURES RELATED TO AFSCME SERVICE DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES. FIRST 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 = 6).

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

Absent: Councilwoman Ruth Gray.

The legislation has been approved.

Introduced by Fiorelli

Resolution 67-18

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF UNAPPROPRIATED FUNDS IN THE GENERAL FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,600.00 TO THE FOLLOWING FUND: TRANSPORTATION-SERVICE DEPARTMENT #101-6610-52161" FOR EXPENDITURES RELATED TO AFSCME SERVICE DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES. FIRST 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 = 6).

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

Absent: Councilwoman Ruth Gray.
The legislation has been approved.

Introduced by Fiorelli

Resolution 68-18

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF UNAPPROPRIATED FUNDS IN THE GENERAL FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,800.00 TO THE FOLLOWING FUND: TRANSPORTATION GARAGE - SERVICE DEPARTMENT #101-6620-52161 FOR EXPENDITURES RELATED TO AFSCME SERVICE DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES. FIRST 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 = 6).

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

Absent: Councilwoman Ruth Gray.
The legislation has been approved.

Introduced by Fiorelli

Resolution 69-18

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND FIRE CHIEF TO PREPARE THE NECESSARY PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, AND ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF "SELF CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS (SCBA) EQUIPMENT" AS SPECIFIED IN THE FEMA FY2017 ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT. FIRST READING.

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

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 6).

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

Absent: Councilwoman Ruth Gray.
The legislation has been approved.

Introduced by Fiorelli

Ordinance 30-18

ORDINANCE

AMENDING SECTION 1510.01, "ADOPTION OF OHIO FIRE CODE" OF CHAPTER 1510 "CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID FIRE PREVENTION CODE" AND SECTION 1530.04 "(RESERVED)" OF CHAPTER 1530 "OPEN BURNING" OF PART FIFTEEN "FIRE PREVENTION CODE" OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO. FIRST READING.

The legislation was placed on First Reading and referred to the Safety Committee for discussion and review.

Communications of City Council

- Councilwoman Goodman reported on the tree giveaway that took place over the weekend and stated that 160 trees were distributed to residents to help restore the city's tree canopy and fill in gaps from the loss of ash and oak trees to disease. A Service Committee meeting was scheduled for November 26th at 6 pm to discuss the city hall cleaning contract.

- Councilman Frank scheduled three Finance Committee Meetings to discuss Ordinance 31-18 regarding an income tax credit rollback and solicit additional public input. The meetings were scheduled for on: November 26 at 7 pm, December 10 at 7 pm and December 27 at 6 pm.
- Councilwoman Continenza stated that during the holiday season overeating can have negative impacts and suggested that residents consider eating healthier and getting exercise, especially since it is getting dark early and that can impact mental health.
- Councilman Russell scheduled a Planning and Zoning Meeting for December 10 at 6 pm to discuss the Master Plan and Architectural Review Board legislation.
- Councilman Gelfand scheduled a Safety Committee Meeting for November 26 at 5:30 pm to discuss Ordinance 30-18 regarding the Fire Code update. Mr. Gelfand thanked all residents for participating in Halloween and Trick or Treat efforts and stated that he attended a wonderful celebration by the Verona Road Neighbors. Mr. Gelfand reported on upcoming events including the Heights Hillcrest Chamber's networking breakfast this Thursday and the Planet Fitness opening on December 4 and wished residents a happy Thanksgiving.
- Council President Fiorelli asked Clerk Benjamin to ascertain council's availability for budget hearings and wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

Public Hearings (Open Meeting) Related to Open Business

- Charles Turner, 4549 Lilac Road, stated that he will be brief since the Mayor decided to cut the open sessions for citizens from 5 minutes to 3 minutes. Councilwoman Goodman stated that she changed the time format when she was Council President and not the Mayor. Mr. Turner said that tonight council spoke without asking residents about the failed income tax levy and that the Sun Messenger reporter should recall an article he wrote and that part of the problem is not listening to the residents. Mr. Turner stated that each member of council, and the reporter, received an email from him and that he is the one that talks to people and goes out and protests in front of the Mayor's hardware store. Mr. Turner stated that he recommends that the city listen to what the residents are saying and as long as the current Police Chief is in office the city won't pass another levy anytime soon.
- Linda Pagon, 684 Parkside, stated that she is extremely happy with all of the services in South Euclid and reported on an issue with the trash bins where the covers are loose and they can flip over because they are not tightly closed.

Adjourn

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

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 6).

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

Absent: Councilwoman Ruth Gray.

The Meeting Adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Council President

Attest:

Clerk of Council