

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.

Report of Mayor

- Mayor Welo reported that all directors are present and that Asst. Fire Chief Csire is in attendance for Chief Stefko.
- Economic Development Director Michael Love requested Council consideration of Resolution 63-18 transferring a problem property to One South Euclid. Mr. Love stated that the owner of the closed Steak n Shake is in negotiations to be replaced by another national food tenant and that the proposed Season's Grocery building is in negotiations with another potential grocery operator.
- City Engineer Andy Blackley requested Council consideration of Resolutions 70-18 & 71-18 related to the South Green Road signal project at the County Library and Notre Dame College. Mr. Blackley state that a resolution is before city council regarding the engineer's contract for 2019. Mr. Blackley stated that he understands the city's financial condition and that there are no increases in rates or retainer for 2019. Councilman Frank asked about the construction on South Belvoir near Ardmore Road. Mr. Blackley stated that it is a Cleveland Sewer repair project.
- Mayor Welo reported on a One South Euclid presentation she attended along with Councilman Russell regarding a plan for the Mayfield and Green Business District and discussed upcoming events including the Humane Society's fundraiser Pets Light Up Our Lives on December 2nd at 2 pm and the City's Holiday Lighting Ceremony also on December 2nd at 4:30 pm which is paid for and sponsored by One South Euclid. The Mayor discussed the importance of the humane society fundraiser which provides funds to help take care of our community's lost and sheltered pets. The Mayor asked for Council's support of the City Engineer contract and thanked Engineer Blackley for his great service to the community.

Report of Law Director: no report.

Public Hearings (Open Meeting) Related to Agenda Items: No public hearings.

Report of CommitteesSafety Committee

Councilman Gelfand reported that the committee met to discuss Ordinance 30-18 which is an update to the Fire Code addressing the issue of open burning and restrictions. Mr. Gelfand stated that Asst. Chief Csire and Fire Inspector Sebastian were at the meeting to present their recommendations and that another meeting will be scheduled to continue discussing the issue.

Service Committee

Councilwoman Goodman reported that the committee met to discuss legislation to allow the city to bid for cleaning services at City Hall and what should be included in the contract. The committee also discussed Ordinance 32-18 regarding the potential for privatizing the payment of trash and recycling collection. Ms. Goodman stated that the discussions are very preliminary and that they will hold more meetings to discuss the issue.

Committee of the Whole

Council President Fiorelli reported that the committee met to discuss Ordinance 25-18 entering into a contract for 2019 and 2020 with the Cuyahoga County Department of Health for health related services. At the meeting, County Health Commissioner Terry Allen and staff presented to council an overview of services and the need to increase the city's contribution by \$15,000 each year. Mr. Fiorelli also reported that Finance Director Wendt gave an overview of monthly finances and that the receipts are ahead of disbursements and the city has a current general fund balance of around \$5.4

million. Council President Fiorelli stated that Ordinance 31-18 regarding the Income Tax Credit would continue to be discussed in committee.

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.

THIRD READING.

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

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

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. **THIRD READING.**

Action: Motion to Approve Legislation, **Moved by** Council President Dennis Fiorelli, **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 legislation has been approved.

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. **SECOND READING.**

The legislation was placed on Second Reading and two more committee meetings will take place prior to consideration.

Introduced by Fiorelli

Ordinance 32-18

ORDINANCE

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

SECONDDREADING.

The legislation was placed on Second Reading for further discussion and review.

Legislation Requested by the Administration

Introduced by Fiorelli

Resolution 63-18

RESOLUTION

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

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

Councilwoman Gray reported that the property is near the corner of Greenvale and has been a problem property for some time.

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 70-18

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF UNAPPROPRIATED FUNDS IN THE "ROAD IMPROVEMENT AND RESURFACING FUND #425-6630-52326". 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 71-18

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF UNAPPROPRIATED FUNDS IN THE "ROAD IMPROVEMENT AND RESURFACING FUND #425-6630-52328". 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

Ordinance 33-18

ORDINANCE

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT EXTENDING THE ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR STEPHEN HOVANCSEK & ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR A PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2019 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2019. FIRST READING.

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

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

Council President Pro-Tem discussed the contract and recommended passage on First Reading. **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.

Public Hearings (Open Meeting) Related to Open Business

- Charles Turner, 4549 Lilac Road, stated that many of his public records have not been fulfilled and are somewhat non-existent. Mr. Turner stated that Police Chief Nietert sent a police officer to attempt to run him over at 60 mph, and since the incident he has submitted several records request and has been lied to by the Police Chief, Law Director and Prosecutor. Mr. Turner stated that he had asked for the public survey that was done regarding the levy and stated that the mayor used it for personal purposes. Director Benjamin stated that he responded to Mr. Turner via email that a link to the survey was provided to him and has been publically available for many weeks on the city's website. Mr. Turner acknowledged that, but stated that he would like a printed copy. Mr. Turner reiterated that there is a police cover up and that the Law Director, Mayor and Chief of Police destroyed evidence, and that if he was wrong then someone would have sued him by now.

Communications of City Council

- Councilwoman Gray apologized for having to miss the last council meeting and reported on the Community Partnership on Aging's wonderful Chili Cook-Off Fundraiser that was a competition for best chili by the region's Fire Departments, and that South Euclid's was the best. Ms. Gray commended the five Fire Departments for coming together for a good cause.
- Councilman Gelfand reported on the upcoming Pets Light Up Our Lives Humane Society Fundraiser on December 2 at 2 pm, Holiday Lighting Ceremony on December 2 at 4:30 pm and the Planet Fitness grand opening on December 4th. Mr. Gelfand wished those who celebrate a happy Hanukkah and scheduled a Safety Committee Meeting for December 27 at 6:30 pm to discuss the fire code legislation.

- Councilman Russell reported on the One South Euclid meeting he attended which gave an overview of the Mayfield and Green YARD planning study.
- Councilwoman Continenza asked that residents remember what the holiday season is about and it's not about consuming and buying people's love. Ms. Continenza reported on opportunities to buy local for the holiday season and think about making gifts and breaking away from the consumerist culture. Councilwoman Gray stated that residents can consider giving gifts like pool passes and Mayor Welo suggested season tickets to South Euclid's Mercury Theatre Company. Councilwoman Continenza discussed a recent criminal incident where a woman was rear-ended at Cedar Center and then carjacked on a side street, and that residents should remain vigilant, lock their doors and call the police if they encounter a similar situation.
- Councilman Frank stated that this past Saturday was Small Business Saturday and encouraged residents to continue to support local businesses. Mr. Frank reported on the upcoming Finance Committee Meetings to discuss the income tax rollback on December 10 and December 27.
- Councilwoman Goodman stated that in the spirit of shopping locally, residents should visit the Sanctuary on Green, a wonderful locally owned gift shop on South Green Road. Ms. Goodman discussed that the city is in several watersheds and that there is a need to equitably fund efforts to maintain Euclid Creek, Nine Mile Creek and Dugway Brook.
- Council President Fiorelli reported that the Notre Dame College Football Team is playing for the Division 2 National Championship and encourage residents to attend the game this Saturday at Notre Dame College.

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 = 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 8:45 pm.

Council President

Attest:

Clerk of Council