

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

Minutes of Meetings December 27, 2018

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

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

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

Report of Mayor & Department Heads

- Mayor Welo introduced Laura Heilman, the City's new Building Commissioner. Ms. Heilman spent 28 years om Russell Township and has nearly every major building certification. The Mayor thanked One South Euclid, Yvonne Sanderson, Mike Love, Dan Subwick, and Keith Benjamin for their work on YARD Mayfield and Green Planning Meeting.
- Poet Laureate Mike "Doc" Janning read a poem called "Winter Robes"
- Mayor Welo reported that the following directors are in attendance: Director Benjamin, Director Heilman, Director Anderson, Director Lograsso, and Director Love.
- Economic Development Director Love reported on an upcoming Open House of a home that has been restored from foreclosure this Saturday at 1327 Dorsh Road.
- Community Services Director Benjamin reported on the Fair Housing Landlord Training that was held last week in partnership with the Fair Housing Center for Rights & Research and Legal Aid Society. Mr. Benjamin stated that additional fair housing and civil rights programs will be presented this year.

Report of Law Director No Report

Report of School District

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

Report of Committees

Service Committee

Councilwoman Goodman reported that the Committee met to discuss Ordinance 32-18 regarding Rubbish and Recycling and potential changes in the way trash collection could be billed. A representative from the city's current provider, Kimble, was in attendance. The committee will meet again to continue discussions.

Zoning & Planning Committee

Councilman Russell reported that the committee met to discuss Ord. 05-18 regarding regulating "dark big box stores" to prevent vacant buildings from serving as community blight. Mr. Russell stated that the committee is looking to expand the ordinance to include large buildings that are not just retail, but also commercial, industrial and institutional use. As a result, the committee recommended that the ordinance be removed from the docket and new legislation be proposed by the Planning Commission to look at these issues.

Legislation Requested by the Administration

Introduced by Fiorelli

Ordinance 34-18

ORDINANCE

AMENDING SECTION 172.06 "CREDIT FOR TAX PAID TO OTHER MUNICIPALITIES" OF CHAPTER 172 "MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX EFFECTIVE BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2016" OF TITLE IX "TAXATION" OF PART ONE "ADMINISTRATIVE CODE" OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO. **SECOND READING.**

The legislation was placed on second reading.

Introduced by Fiorelli

Resolution 01-19

RESOLUTION

SETTING THE DATES FOR THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID'S REGULARLY SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETINGS IN 2019. FIRST READING.

Councilman Gelfand made a motion to strike the following from the legislation determining the dates of city council meetings:

- The word "Shavuot" was removed from the June 10, 2019 meeting.
- The proposed meeting for Wednesday, October 16, 2019 was struck and scheduled for Tuesday, October 15, 2019 with the word "Sukkot" removed.
- The Monday, December 30, 2019 meeting was struck and scheduled for Monday, December 16, 2019 with the word "if necessary" removed.

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

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

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

The motion to amend has been approved.

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

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

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

The legislation has been approved as amended.

Public Hearings (Open Meeting) Related to Open Business

- Charles Turner, 4549 Lilac Road, stated that another anniversary has passed since the Police Chief failed to investigate an alleged rape and abduction that occurred several years ago. Mr. Turner discussed the Future of Mayfield and Green Public Meeting that was held last week at the Library and the work of the "three musketeers" and stated that the Mayor did a heck of a job packing the room with 150 people. Mr. Turner stated that he didn't appreciate some residents referring to him as an idiot with a white car and a gentleman that stated that the Mayor and Chief said he was mentally ill. Mr. Turner stated that the Mayor has been lying about an affair for a long time and that the Chief has lied and never investigated the fact that he had several police officers attack his car going 60 mph.

Communications of City Council

- Council President Fiorelli rescheduled that committee meetings for January 28th with the Safety Committee Meeting moved to 6 pm and Committee of the Whole to discuss Ordinances 31-18 and 34-18 along with the monthly financial update starting at 6:30 pm and going until 8 pm.
- Councilwoman Gray scheduled a Recreation Committee meeting for February 11 at 7 pm to discuss the YMCA contract in reference to the previous SELREC division. Ms. Gray congratulated Mike Love, Keith Benjamin and Dan Subwick on the wonderful Mayfield and Green Presentation and said it was fantastic and she is excited about the potential for growth in the area and maybe the city can look at Ward One as well for creating unique community spaces.
- Councilman Gelfand wished everyone a happy new year and discussed three judicial swearing-in ceremonies for Judge Sheehan, Judge O'Malley and Judge Turner and that each Judge has impressive backgrounds. Mr. Gelfand reported

on an upcoming Heights Hillcrest Chamber of Commerce Breakfast Marketing Meeting scheduled for this Thursday at 8 am.

- Councilman Russell scheduled a Planning and Zoning Committee Meeting for February 11th at 6 pm to discuss the abandoned shopping cart ordinance and also congratulated the city and One South Euclid for their work on the Future of Mayfield and Green Plan and stated that the room was packed and left us all excited about the future of South Euclid and how we can get there and now is the time to turn the vision into action.
- Councilwoman Continenza stated that the One South Euclid Future of Mayfield and Green meeting was awesome and that she can envision the plans happening. Ms. Continenza stated that this Thursday at 6 pm will be the first planning meeting for this summer's Bexley Bash with additional meetings scheduled for February 7 and March 14 and encouraged any interested residents to join in and get involved. Ms. Continenza stated that she will be providing testimony at the Cleveland Heights Democracy Day on January 17. Mayor Welo stated that South Euclid will have our Democracy Day on May 2nd.
- Councilman Frank reported on the Brush Baseball Fundraiser he attended last Saturday and that it was a great event with a lot of alumni in attendance. Mr. Frank discussed the upcoming public meetings on January 23, January 24, and January 27, as well as Budget Hearings on January 15th, 30th and February 12th.
- Councilwoman Goodman asked Director Benjamin for an update on the town hall postcard mailing. Mr. Benjamin stated that the postcards have been printed and were delivered to the mail house. Ms. Goodman discussed a meeting that was held with the Mayor and NOPEC to promote to residents that they can request 100% fixed renewable energy from their NOPEC energy provider and that it costs only \$6 or \$7 more a year to use 100% renewable energy.
- Council President Fiorelli commented on the Future of Mayfield and Green Meeting and stated that Mike Love, Dan Subwick and Keith Benjamin did a great job, and that he needs to do a better job communicating the great work staff performs. Mr. Fiorelli gave the yearly recap on recycling and reported that it dropped down a bit from the prior year by 58 tons. President Fiorelli discussed the upcoming community meetings and asked that residents inform their friends about the meetings.

Adjourn

Action: Adjourn, **Moved by** Councilwoman Sara Continenza, **Seconded by** Councilman Marty Gelfand.

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

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

The Meeting Adjourned at 8:46 pm.

Council President

Attest:

Clerk of Council