

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

Amend Agenda to include Ordinance 05-19 to the Agenda.

Action: Amend Agenda, **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, Council President Dennis Fiorelli, Councilman Joe Frank, Councilman Marty Gelfand, Councilwoman Jane Goodman, Councilwoman Ruth Gray, Council President Pro Tem Jason Russell.

The Agenda has been amended.

Minutes of Meetings February 11, 2019

Action: Approve Minutes, **Moved by** Councilman Marty Gelfand, **Seconded by** Councilwoman Ruth Gray.

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

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

Swearing In Ceremony: James Jones. South Euclid Auxiliary Police was sworn-in.

Report of Mayor & Department Heads

- Mike "Doc" Janning, the City's Poet Laureate, reported on the Second Sunday Poets Readings beginning at the South Euclid Lyndhurst Library and invited anyone that would like to be a part of the readings to the events. Mr. Janning read a poem titled "And Then".
- Mayor Welo reported that all directors were in attendance except Housing Director Martin, Police Chief Nietert and City Engineer Blackley.
- Economic Development Director Love reported that One South Euclid has received a grant from the Cuyahoga County Supplemental Grant Program for \$50,000 to help fund the Storefront Renovation Program and the City received a grant from the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste Management District for \$5,000 for recycling education and purchase of containers. Mr. Love reported that One South Euclid has received a \$50,000 grant from the Cleveland Foundation to use towards capacity building to hire a staff person. Housing Director Martin worked to secure the grant for the CDC.
- Mayor Welo reported on a Board of Control Meeting held to approve construction contractors for the Shirley Road Reconstruction Project and stated that she attended Founder's Day for the SEL Schools PTA. Mayor Welo congratulated resident Lisa Mack who is the new President of One South Euclid.

Report of Law Director Law Director Lograsso reported that he attended the Auditor of State Public Records and Sunshine Law Training and represented council and the mayor at the training.

Public Hearings (Open Meeting) Related to Agenda Items There were no speakers related to agenda items.

Report of CommitteesRecreation Committee

Councilwoman Gray reported that the committee met to discuss the contractual agreement with the YMCA regarding the scheduling of ballfields at city parks and stated that there are some challenges in making sure that South Euclid organizations get first priority with scheduling. Director Benjamin will be scheduling a meeting with Councilwoman Gray and the YMCA to discuss the issues.

Councilwoman Gray also reported that the Committee discussed the culling of deer and issues related to the deer population. Ms. Gray stated that the committee came to a consensus that more public education needs to be done on the issue and work on ways that residents can coexist with the deer.

Committee of the Whole

Council President Fiorelli reported that the committee held its monthly financial update meeting. At the meeting Council reviewed financial information and discussed the 2019 Budget, Ordinance 31-18 regarding the income tax credit reduction and Resolution 05-19 appropriating a percentage of general fund dollars to the Capital Improvement Fund.

Zoning & Planning 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. **THIRD READING.**

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

Councilman Russell reported that the committee met and recommended passage of the ordinance and stated that, in addition to contributing to blight, abandoned shopping carts can be dangerous and a safety issue, especially with the recent windstorm. Councilwoman Continenza agreed and stated that the legislation is important to the overall wellbeing of the community.

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

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

The legislation has been approved.

Legislation Requested of City Council

Introduced by Fiorelli

Resolution 05-19

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE FINANCE DIRECTOR TO TRANSFER AT THE LAST COUNCIL MEETING IN NOVEMBER 7.5% OF ALL PERSONAL INCOME TAX COLLECTED TO DATE (AFTER FEES HAVE BEEN DEDUCTED) WHICH SHALL INCLUDE ALL PRIOR TRANSFERS BUT NOT TO INCLUDE NET PROFIT TAX ON BUSINESSES TO THE "GENERAL IMPROVEMENT AND REPAIR FUND #408." **FIRST READING.**

Councilman Russell stated that the legislation was discussed at the committee of the whole meeting earlier in the evening and the Resolution was placed on First Reading.

Legislation Requested by the Mayor & Administration

Introduced by Fiorelli

Ordinance 04-19

ORDINANCE

TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2019; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **FIRST READING.**

The legislation was placed on first reading.

Introduced by Fiorelli

Ordinance 05-19

ORDINANCE

TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS IN A PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$500,000 TO PAY THE COSTS OF THE ACQUISITION, AND ANY NECESSARY CLEARANCE AND PREPARATION, OF REAL PROPERTY FOR URBAN REDEVELOPMENT, PAYING COSTS OF ISSUANCE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **FIRST READING.**

Action: Approve, **Moved by** Councilman Joe Frank, **Seconded by** Councilwoman Ruth Gray.

Councilman Frank reported that this is the annual note issuance related to the Cedar Center redevelopment project and that the Ordinance was discussed earlier in the evening at the Committee of the Whole Meeting.

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

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

The legislation has been approved.

Public Hearings (Open Meeting) Related to Open Business

- Charles Turner, 4549 Lilac Road, stated that City Council held three meetings at the Community Center regarding the city's desperate need for finances and discussed the need for a new dump truck because the current truck is from the 1970s. Mr. Turner stated that the current truck is only used to pick up leaves and is only used two to three months out of the year. Mr. Turner stated that the Police Chief is not in attendance, but that he gets to drive a city vehicle back and forth from his home in Aurora because he's scared to live in South Euclid and that it's a \$50,000 vehicle. Mr. Turner stated that there was an attempt to pass an ordinance to prevent his freedom of speech and city council wisely decided not to pass it and the Mayor issued rules and regulations and took him to the court of appeals and the Ohio Supreme Court at the expense of the city.

Communications of City Council

- Councilwoman Continenza reported on this summer's Bexley Bash events and the upcoming planning meeting on March 14 at 6 pm at the Community Center.
- Councilman Frank reported on the South Euclid Lyndhurst Youth Baseball and Softball registration efforts and the value of sponsorships for teams that help pay for uniforms, hats, umpires and field maintenance.
- Councilwoman Goodman reported on the SELYBSA sponsorships and the plaque and photos of the teams that are given to sponsors. Ms. Goodman reported on efforts of the local watershed and that she spoke at the Bratenahl Council Meeting where Director Benjamin is a member of council, as well as University Heights City Council to provide education regarding watershed issues.
- Director Benjamin reported on branding and revitalization efforts and stated that if imitation is the sincerest form of flattery, one can look at University Heights, who in the last year has implemented many South Euclid model programs including a branding and marketing campaign, magazine, storefront renovation program and forming a community development corporation like One South Euclid. Mr. Benjamin stated that Cleveland Heights and Future Heights have also begun implementation of South Euclid's model program for vacant and abandoned properties.
- Councilwoman Gray reported that the Greater Cleveland Chapter of the National Congress of Black Women will be providing two scholarships to young ladies that are college bound and reported that her husband will be retiring after a career of 50 years and announced a special event.
- Councilman Gelfand reported that the Cleveland Heights school organization Reaching Heights will be having an event at Severance Hall and that his daughter is participating with one of the choirs. Councilman Gelfand reported on a grant that he was made aware of by Beyond Pesticides that provides \$5,000 for trial projects and that Director Benjamin submitted the application which would provide funds for a demonstration project that utilizes pesticide free techniques. Mr. Benjamin stated that the grant is from the StoneyFIELDS organization.
- Councilman Russell reported that March 1st is the deadline for signing up for plots for the Community Garden program run through One South Euclid.
- Council President Fiorelli reported that Council will hold a Special Meeting on March 4, 2109 to consider the 2019 budget and Res. 05-19 appropriating funds for capital improvements. Mr. Fiorelli reported on an event he attended where youth told stories about the dangers of gun violence and that the youth articulated the message well.

Adjourn to Executive Session for the purposes of discussing pending litigation.

Action: Motion to Adjourn to Executive Session, **Moved by** Council President Dennis Fiorelli, **Seconded by** Councilwoman Jane Goodman.

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

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

City Council Adjourned to Executive Session at 8:48 pm.

Adjourn

Action: Adjourn, **Moved by** Councilwoman Jane Goodman, **Seconded by** Councilwoman Ruth Gray.

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

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

The Meeting Adjourned at 9:11 pm.

Council President

Attest:

Clerk of Council