

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.

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Action: Approve, **Moved by** Councilwoman Jane Goodman, **Seconded by** Councilman Frank.

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 Minutes have been approved.

Report of Mayor & Department Heads

- Council President Fiorelli reported that Mayor Welo is absent due to the birth of her grandchild.
- South Euclid Poet Laureate Doc Janning read a poem titled "Holy Writs"
- Council President Fiorelli reported that all directors are present at the meeting with the exception of Fire Chief Stefko and Service Director Anderson.
- Housing Director Martin asked council's consideration regarding Ord. 08-19, which is a housekeeping matter, related to housing.
- Economic Development Director Love reported on Res. 10-19 regarding the transfer of vacant property to One South Euclid and Res. 13-19 regarding a Bond Issuance for Notre Dame College.
- Community Services Director Benjamin also spoke regarding the Notre Dame College Bond Issuance and reiterated that the details of the issuance, which do not impact the city in any way, are in his memo to Council.
- City Engineer Blackley gave an update on the 2019 summer road repair and restoration projects including projects on Westdale, Shriley-Biltamy and the new traffic signal and crosswalk on South Green Road across from the Library and Notre Dame College.

Report of Law Director-None**Report of School District**

Neil Blumberg from the South Euclid Lyndhurst Board of Education gave an update on School District activities including many college scholarships received by senior Brush Students. Board Member Blumberg reported on a heart screening courtesy of the 4Alec Foundation that will provide students with heart screenings. Mr. Blumberg encouraged council and members of the public to visit the schools to see the excellent work of both faculty and students and see their commitment to success.

Public Hearings (Open Meeting) Related to Agenda Items - None**Report of Committees**

Finance Committee

Councilman Frank reported that the Finance Committee met to discuss legislation for Notre Dame College's issuing of tax-exempt notes, which must be approved by City Council as the public process, along with having a public hearing on the matter. The committee recommended the legislation for passage.

Zoning & Planning Committee

Councilman Russell reported that the committee met to discuss Ord. 07-19, which legislates building standards for appeals and discussed best options to expand the powers of the Architectural Review Board. New legislation will be created and brought back to city council for review.

Introduced by Fiorelli

Resolution 04-19

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT. **SECOND READING.**

Action: Approve, **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 legislation has been approved.

Legislation Requested by the Mayor & Administration

Introduced by Fiorelli

Resolution 10-19

RESOLUTION

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

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

Councilman Russell thanked Mr. Love for providing the written memo outlining the properties proposed for transfer and their condition.

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.

Introduced by Fiorelli

Resolution 11-19

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ODOT) TO PROVIDE 4,500 TONS OF SODIUM CHLORIDE (BULK ROCK SALT) TO THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, PER OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 5513.01(B); FOR THE 2019-2020 WINTER SEASON. FIRST READING.

Action: Approve, **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 legislation has been approved.

Introduced by Fiorelli

Resolution 12-19

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF UNAPPROPRIATED FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,000 IN THE FOLLOWING FUND: "YOUTHPROGRAMS/MISCELLANEOUS #101-4460-52799" FOR A GRANT RECEIVED FROM THE NEIGHBORHOOD LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE. FIRST READING.

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

Councilwoman Gray voiced her support for the City's MyCom programs and the letter included by Director Benjamin explaining the grant.

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.

Introduced by Fiorelli

Resolution 13-19

RESOLUTION

APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF REVENUE BONDS BY THE PUBLIC FINANCE AUTHORITY, THE PROCEEDS OF WHICH SHALL BE LOANED TO, AND USED BY, THE NOTRE DAME COLLEGE TO FINANCE AND REFINANCE VARIOUS CAPITAL COSTS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. FIRST READING.

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

Councilman Franked once again explained the legislation approving the sale of notes by Notre Dame College, which do not impact the city in any way. Council President Fiorelli thanked Director Benjamin, Director Love and Law Director Lograsso for their work on the issue.

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.

Introduced by Fiorelli

Ordinance 08-19

ORDINANCE

AMENDING SECTION 1411.081 "WASTE CONTAINER LOCATION AND PICK UP" OF CHAPTER 1411 "COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT" OF PART FOURTEEN "HOUSING CODE" OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO. FIRST READING.

Following discussion, **Action:** Approve, **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, 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 two weeks ago their was a safety committee meeting regarding smoking and vaping and at the meeting he was invited to give his two cents worth and he was rudely interrupted by the Police Chief who wished to make light of the fact that he nearly had a heart attach after the Chief assigned two police officers to chase him down Mayfield Road and he was attacked by a police car going 60 MPH.
- Doc Janning, 2092 Campus Road, stated that he is proud to serve as the City's Poet Laureate, however there are costs involved in printing, purchase of ink and paper and asked city council to consider a small stipend to cover some of these costs.

Communications of City Council

- Council President Fiorelli read an affidavit from Key Bank regarding the employment of Councilman Joe Frank, and that Mr. Frank would be abstaining from any votes regarding potential interests that may conflict with his work as Manager of the South Euclid Branch. *Clerk Note: A copy of the affidavit is attached to these minutes as a matter of record.*
- Councilwoman Goodman reported on the upcoming Arbor Day celebration to take place on April 26 at Noon. The event will also include the dedication of a new park. Ms. Goodman reported on the Board of Health Contract and stated that residents get their money's work from the work done by the County Board. Councilwoman Goodman also stated that there are residents on Cedar Road that can't get in their driveways as part of the road reconstruction and asked where they are parking. Police Chief Nietert stated that they have permission to park on the side streets.
- Councilman Frank thanked the Police Chief and members of the department for communicating what was happening regarding a recent traffic accident on Cedar Road. Mr. Frank also reported that resident James Malatesta, a World War II Veteran turned 100 years old and a proclamation from the city was presented in his honor.
- Councilwoman Continenza thanked Poet Laureate for reading poems at the council meetings and reported on the upcoming Bexley Bash events this summer and planning meetings and stated that all members of the public are invited to participate and get involved.
- Councilwoman Gray reported that the spring Ward One Community Meeting would be held on April 25 at 6:30 pm at the community center. Ms. Gray also discussed the upcoming community deer survey that Director Benjamin is completing. Ms. Gray discussed the need for residents to learn more about the

deer population through educational initiatives and discuss potential options for controlling the deer population. Mr. Benjamin stated that the survey would be ready and online by the end of the week.

- Councilman Gelfand reported on the Kiwanis pancake breakfast held at the Kiwanis Lodge in Richmond Heights and upcoming network activities of the Heights Hillcrest Chamber of Commerce including the upcoming Business Breakfast this Thursday at 700 Beta and the Chamber EXPO on May 9 also at 700 Beta. Mr. Gelfand wished everyone a happy Easter and Passover to those that observe the holidays.
- Councilman Russell announced his resignation as a member of city council effective at the end of April. Mr. Russell stated that he is stepping down for a number of personal reasons, including that his professional job is taking up a lot more of his time, and that he is recently engaged and that he needs to take the time to plan the wedding. Mr. Russell said that he will be at the meeting on April 22nd and thanked everyone in South Euclid and those he has worked with to pass 14 pieces of legislation over the last three years and the celebration of diversity throughout the community.

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

Action: Adjourn to Executive Session for the purposes of discussing pending litigation, **Moved by** Councilman Jason Russell, **Seconded by** Councilwoman Sara Continenza.

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 8:54 pm.

Adjourn

Action: 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, 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 9:50 pm.

Council President

Attest:

Clerk of Council