

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.

Motion to amend agenda to add the adjournment to Executive Session for the purposes of discussing pending litigation.

Action: Motion to Amend Agenda, **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.

The motion to amend the agenda has been approved.

Report of Mayor & Department Heads

- Yvonne Sanderson, past president of One South Euclid spoke about the work of One South Euclid over the past several years and the many programs that have been implement including the Build, Grow and Thrive Program, which takes vacant properties and sells them to private developers to build new owner-occupied housing. The profits from the sale of the properties have gone into funding several community grant programs with over \$100,000 granted to South Euclid residents in the last three years, including grants to help residents fix exterior code violations and a program to help seniors with grass cutting and snowplowing. Ms. Sanderson also discussed a new storefront renovation program that has resulted in the beautification of four storefronts. Ms. Sanderson introduced One South Euclid's new President Lisa Mack who discussed many upcoming community projects and support grants to help the Food Bank, Mercury Theatre and more. Ms. Mack stated that the Community Development Corporation is following its master plan and is currently interviewing to hire their first full-time employee who will serve as the Director of Programming and Development and work on the several projects, including the implementation of the new Mayfield-Green Plan. Ms. Mack thanked City Council and Mayor Welo for all of their support and work to creating a vibrant South Euclid.
- South Euclid's Poet Laureate Doc Janning read a poem titled "Pity the Nation"
- Mayor Welo reported that all Directors are in attendance and reported on the work of the Building Department under new commissioner Laura Heilman and her work to help building inspectors get certifications so that many inspections can be completed in-house and save money.
- Mayor Welo reported on several events, including that she served on a panel at Cleveland State University's Levin College on "Manage the City" through innovation, an event at Notre Dame College with the Ohio National Guard and a delegation of Chaplains from Serbia and Cuyahoga County's State of the City presentation.

Report of Law Director - None

Public Hearings (Open Meeting) Related to Agenda Items – none.

Report of Committees

Finance Committee

Councilman Frank reported that the committee met to discuss the capital improvement process and proposals received from two consulting firms. At the meeting, the committee removed the city hall roof estimate and the city will bid that project separately to find more accurate costs.

Committee of the Whole

Council President Fiorelli reported that the committee held it's monthly meeting to review finances and that the General Fund is currently at around \$1 million. Mr. Fiorelli

stated that city council had voted to in March to rescind the tax credit and would follow up to get information out. Mr. Fiorelli also reported that the City Engineer discussed that the estimate for the Westdale Road project came in over budget and additional monies would have to be allocated from the road fund.

Legislation from the Planning Commission

Introduced by Fiorelli

Ordinance 07-18

ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 772.09 "PARKING OR STORAGE OF RECREATIONAL VEHICLES" OF TITLE SEVEN "SIGN REGULATIONS, LANDSCAPING AND PARKING" OF PART SEVEN "PLANNING AND ZONING CODE" OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. **SECOND READING AS AMENDED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION.**

Legislation Requested of City Council

Introduced by Fiorelli

Ordinance 09-19

ORDINANCE

AMENDING SECTION 529.11 "CONSUMPTION IN PARKS" OF CHAPTER 529 "LIQUOR CONTROL" OF PART FIVE "GENERAL OFFENSES 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.

Legislation Requested by the Mayor & Administration

Introduced by Fiorelli

Resolution 14-19

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF UNAPPROPRIATED FUNDS IN THE FOLLOWING FUND: "FINANCE DEPARTMENT #101-7730" IN AN AMOUNT OF \$50,000.00 FOR PERSONAL SERVICES AND MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES. FIRST READING.

Placed on first reading and referred to the Finance Committee for discussion and review.

Public Hearings (Open Meeting) Related to Open Business

- Charles Turner, discussed an issue that he had last summer at the Rock the Block event where he claimed that One South Euclid board member and former Council President David Miller made disparaging comments about his mother. Mr. Turner requested an apology from City Council and One South Euclid and stated that Councilmembers Frank, Continenza and Russell were not on Council when the Police Chief sent a police car to try to run him over.
- Paul Weiner, 2081 Templethurst, spoke about the legislation allowing recreational vehicles and stated that there are different sections of the codes that contradict themselves. Mr. Weiner discussed the city's financial issues and how the city took away the income tax credit, which he agrees with, but now will have to spend money defending litigation regarding the Lyceum lawsuit. Mr. Weiner stated that he didn't appreciate the tone of the poem read at the council meeting.

Communications of City Council

- Councilwoman Gray reported that the Ward One Meeting is scheduled for this Thursday at the Community Center at 6:30 pm and that the Deer Survey would be online later this week.
- Councilwoman Goodman reported on the upcoming River Day on May 28th and that the Annual Arbor Day celebration is this Friday at the greenspace overlooking the Langerdale Marsh.
- Councilman Gelfand commended Councilwoman Continenza regarding the proposed ordinance to allow for alcohol in parks at city events and scheduled a Safety Committee Meeting for May 13 at 7 pm to discuss the issue. Mr. Gelfand discussed several events including a tour of the renovated Roxboro Middle School in Cleveland Heights, the upcoming Reaching Heights Spelling Bee and the Heights Hillcrest Chamber of Commerce Expo.

- Councilwoman Continenza reported on the upcoming Democracy Day next Thursday at 6:30 pm to discuss corporatocracy and discussed planning for the upcoming Bexley Bash events this summer.
- Councilman Frank discussed the Chamber of Commerce monthly meeting and the May 11th "Stop the Bleed" event sponsored by the South Euclid Fire Department. Mr. Frank reported that the 4Alec Foundation is looking to donate and place AED units at the Baseball Fields this summer and scheduled a Finance Committee Meeting for May 13 at 6 pm to discuss Finance Department personnel.
- Council President Fiorelli requested that Council look at the Committee Docket and look to see if we can move legislation forward or remove from the docket if it is no longer needed.
- Councilman Russell reported that there will be a Planning Commission Public Hearing on Thursday regarding the proposed Burger King at 7 pm at the Community Center.

Special Presentation

Introduced by Fiorelli

Resolution 15-19

RESOLUTION

IN APPRECIATION TO JASON RUSSELL FOR HIS YEARS OF DILIGENT SERVICE ON SOUTH EUCLID'S CITY COUNCIL AND TO THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO. FIRST READING.

Action: Approve, **Moved by** Council President Dennis Fiorelli, **Seconded by** Councilwoman Ruth Gray.

- Councilwoman Goodman thanked Councilwoman Russell for bringing a professional planning perspective to the Planning Commission and then to City Council and stated that she hopes the city continues moving forward and be courageous about what we really want our city to be.
- Councilman Frank thanked Councilman Russell for his service and for being a friend. Mr. Frank stated that he found a bond with Mr. Russell and became a sounding board for him and that he is admired and that the city has big shoes to fill.
- Councilwoman Continenza stated that she has known Councilman Russell for about seven years and that it has been awesome to work with him and that Shaker Heights is lucky to have you.
- Councilman Gelfand stated that he has always been impressed with how prepared Councilman Russell has been and that while he hasn't been on council that long, he hates to see him go and wished Mr. Russell continued success.
- Councilwoman Gray stated that Councilman Russell's decision to step down has been difficult for her and stated that he came on to council during a very tumultuous time for the city and that Mr. Russell was a balancer and took some hits that were probably meant for her. Ms. Gray stated that Mr. Russell is visionary, a bridge builder, advocate, champion, planner and courageous, but most importantly he is a gentleman and thanked him for all of the contributions he has made to the great city of South Euclid and that the city will not be the same without him.
- Council President Fiorelli shared a story about when they were walking together collecting signatures a few years ago and a funny incident that happened, Mr. Fiorelli stated that it has been a pleasure to work with him and wished Mr. Russell the best in his personal and professional career.

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.

Adjourn to Executive Session for the purposes of discussing pending litigation

Action: 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.

Council adjourned to executive session at 9:13 pm.

Adjourn

Action: Adjourn, **Moved by** Councilwoman Continenza, **Seconded by** Council President Dennis Fiorelli.

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 10:04 pm.

Council President

Attest:

Clerk of Council