

**REGULAR MEETING OF SOUTH EUCLID CITY COUNCIL**

Council President Dennis Fiorelli called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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**Roll Call**

**Present:** Councilwoman Sara Continenza, Council President Dennis Fiorelli, Councilman Joe Frank, Councilman Marty Gelfand, Councilwoman Jane Goodman, Councilwoman Ruth Gray.

**Action:** Amend Agenda to include Ordinance 06-19, **Moved by** Councilwoman Jane Goodman, **Seconded by** Councilman Marty Gelfand.

**Vote:** Motion passed (**summary:** Yes = 5, No = 1, Abstain = 0).

**Yes:** Councilwoman Sara Continenza, Councilman Joe Frank, Councilman Marty Gelfand, Councilwoman Jane Goodman, Councilwoman Ruth Gray.

**No:** Council President Dennis Fiorelli.

The Agenda has been amended.

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**Minutes of Meetings** April 8, 2019

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

**Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 6).

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

The minutes have been approved.

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**Report of Mayor & Department Heads**

- The Mayor reported that all directors are in attendance.
- Poet Laureate Doc Janning recited a poem titled "Clouds & Rain"
- Housing Director Sally Martin reported that the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Real Estate Professionals Day will be held May 29, 2019 and real estate professionals can qualify for two CE credits.
- Economic Development Director Mike Love reported on Res. 16-19 conveying properties to One South Euclid.
- Community Services Director Benjamin reported on two pieces of legislation, one to apply for a grant from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources NatureWorks Program for the proposed Victory Park project, and another appropriating \$3,000 for a Landscape Architect to assist in design of the proposed project at Victory Park.
- Building Commissioner Laura Heilman reported that one of our Building Inspectors passed his State of Ohio Electrical Inspection Exam, which means the city no longer must pay an outside professional to review electrical work in the community. Ms. Heilman also reported on a Housing and Building Department employee challenge to see how much trash could be collected by inspectors while they were on their rounds. The challenge resulted in the department collecting 228 pounds of trash off the public streets and right of ways.
- Mayor Welo stated that she is encouraging building department officials to obtain as many certifications as possible, as it will save the city funds that have to go to outside consultants.
- City Engineer Blackley updated city council on the summer road and infrastructure projects and discussed Resolution 19-19 requesting additional funds for the Westdale project, which was discussed at the last Committee of the Whole meeting.
- Mayor Welo reported on the many events happening in the City including the first Diversity Forum regarding connecting our generations at the library, Councilwoman Gray's spring Ward One meeting, the South Euclid Tree Commission's Arbor Day celebration and a meeting regarding the 2020 Census and the importance of counting every citizen. Mayor Welo also reported on the Democracy Day event chaired by resident Madelon Watts and that our Police Department was honored at the Littlest Hero's function. The Mayor also discussed the upcoming Community Garage Sale at the Community Center, Memorial Day Parade and that the Bexley Pool and Quarry Splash Park open on June 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Report of Law Director – No Report****Public Hearings (Open Meeting) Related to Agenda Items**

- Susan Stone, 1976 Templethurst, spoke in favor of the amendment and passage of Ordinance 06-19 and the issue regarding the temporary parking of her husband's boat in their parking lot for a maximum of 72 hours. Ms. Stone stated that the way the law is currently written it is discriminatory in a sense depending on how one's home is situated and the size of the driveway. Ms. Stone stated that the issue had been through the South Euclid Court and the Judge gave a ruling that the boat could be allowed for up to 72 hours and the issue has gone through the Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals and three of her neighbors submitted letters supporting her request.

**Report of Committees**

## Committee of the Whole

Councilman Fiorelli reported that the Committee of the Whole met earlier in the evening regarding Ordinance 06=19 and efforts to accommodate Ms. Stone's request.

## Safety Committee

Councilman Gelfand reported that a committee meeting was held to discuss Ordinance 09-19 regarding allowing the consumption of alcohol at city-sponsored events in parks and that Councilwoman Continenza requested the legislation. Mr. Gelfand stated that the committee members have additional questions that need answering and that another safety committee meeting will be scheduled to discuss the ordinance.

**Legislation Requested by Mayor and Administration**

Introduced by Fiorelli

Resolution 16-19

## 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** Councilwoman Jane Goodman.

**Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 6).

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

The legislation has been approved.

Introduced by Fiorelli

Resolution 17-19

## RESOLUTION

PROVIDING FOR THE APPROPRIATION OF UNAPPROPRIATED FUNDS IN THE GENERAL FUND TO THE "COMMUNITY RELATIONS/MISCELLANEOUS FUND #101.4440.52799" IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$3,000 FOR CONSULTING SERVICES RELATED TO THE PROPOSED VICTORY PARK RECREATIONAL AREA. FIRST READING.

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

**Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 6).

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

The legislation has been approved.

Introduced by Fiorelli

Resolution 18-19

## RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES TO PREPARE AND FILE A GRANT APPLICATION WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES – DIVISION OF REAL ESTATE AND LAND MANAGEMENT UNDER THE NATUREWORKS PROGRAM FOR THE PURPOSE OF REIMBURSEMENT ASSISTANCE FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECTS RELATED TO NATURAL RESOURCES. FIRST READING.

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

**Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 6).

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

The legislation has been approved.

Introduced by Fiorelli

Resolution 19-19

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF UNAPPROPRIATED FUNDS IN THE FOLLOWING FUND: "FLOOD CONTROL FUND #426" EXPENDITURES RELATED TO THE 2019 WESTDALE ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT. FIRST READING.

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

Councilman Frank stated that the funding comes from the Flood Control Fund.

**Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 6).

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

The legislation has been approved.

Introduced by Fiorelli

Ordinance 06-19

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. THIRD READING.

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

- Councilwoman Goodman stated that not all properties in South Euclid are created equally and not all homes have the ability to store recreational vehicles and those homeowners should not be treated as lesser or different. Ms. Goodman stated that the legislation is not perfect, but it's the best we have for now to allow the storing of recreational vehicles for a maximum of 72 hours at a time and recognize that there are other issues regarding enforcement that need to still be discussed. Ms. Goodman stated that she would like to see the ordinance approved and then work on better legislation over the summer.
- Councilman Frank stated that the ordinance doesn't meet everything the city needs, but it does allow a recreation vehicle a short time to load, unload and work on their vehicles. Mr. Frank stated that council needs to work on language in the ordinance that all council members can agree with, but that he will support the ordinance as a middle ground solution because it allows our residents to move forward with taking care of their recreational vehicles.
- Council President Fiorelli stated that he supports the residents that want to temporarily load or unload their vehicles, but that the current legislation is not good legislation and that both the Police Chief and Law Director have concerns with it. Mr. Fiorelli stated that city council is not supposed to make legislation just for one person and requested that the legislation be tabled and not voted on.
- Councilman Gelfand stated that this particular family has tried a number of ways to have their needs met for what is a relatively small boat, and that he did go to the site and took a picture of the boat in the driveway and submitted the photo to the Clerk of Council for the record. Mr. Gelfand stated that there are many worse examples of recreational vehicles sitting in driveways and that it's his job as a Councilman to look at the problems we have right now and those passed long ago that don't seem to be working now. Mr. Gelfand stated that while the legislation may not be perfect, it does what it needs to do for today.

**Vote:** Motion passed (**summary:** Yes = 5, No = 1, Abstain = 0).

**Yes:** Councilwoman Sara Continenza, Councilman Joe Frank, Councilman Marty Gelfand, Councilwoman Jane Goodman, Councilwoman Ruth Gray.

**No:** Council President Dennis Fiorelli.

The legislation has been approved.

### Public Hearings (Open Meeting) Related to Open Business

- Charles Turner, 4549 Lilac Road, stated that thoughts and prayers are with his sister who passed away earlier in the day. Mr. Turner stated that this is the week that is dedicated to law enforcement and armed forces month and that the Mayor will not recognize his service on the War Memorial and left him out. Mr. Turner stated that the Chief of Police sent Officer McCann to chase him going 60 mph and almost killed him and then totaled a police vehicle by choosing to park a police vehicle with all four wheels in the air nearly killing her and others. Mr. Turner stated that the Officer couldn't help being the first officer on the scene recently when he was removed from having his sign at the community center.
- Roberta Siegal, 4070 Bayard Road stated that she recently saw two wonderful productions by Brush students at the High School of the musical Grease and the Choral Music program. Ms. Siegal stated that the choral performance wasn't well attended with maybe 70 people, but the performances by the students were fantastic and stated that she had not seen any elected officials at the performances and asked that council attend and invite their friends.

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### Communications of City Council

- Councilwoman Gray thanked all who attended the Ward One Meeting and the representatives from the building, housing and police departments who attended. Ms. Gray said that one issue regarding the panhandler who lived at the group home was immediately addressed and that the residents are happy. Ms. Gray discussed the Deer Survey and that residents can still go online to take the survey.
- Councilman Gelfand reported on several events including the Heights Hillcrest Chamber of Commerce annual EXPO held in Mayfield Heights, the community Garage Sale and a public officials breakfast hosted by the Jewish Federation of Greater Cleveland. Mr. Gelfand reported on the Cleveland Heights University Heights Spelling Bee Team that he was on with Mayor Brennan from University Heights and Mayor Roe from Cleveland Heights. The Spelling Bee is an event sponsored by educational non-profit Reaching Heights.
- Councilwoman Continenza discussed planning efforts for this year's Bexley Bash events and that resident Christopher Latham is the new chair of the event and that she has yard signs if anyone needs them.
- Councilman Frank reported that he attended the Senior Awards Night at Brush High School and two South Euclid students were honored: Kareem King who received \$2.3 million in scholarship offers and has chosen to go to Harvard; and Rebecca Rossi, who received over 2 million in scholarship offers and will be attending Vanderbilt.
- Councilwoman Goodman reported on the Tree Commission's Arbor Day event and that the commission received the Tree City USA designation for the 23<sup>rd</sup> year.
- Council President Fiorelli reported on an issue of Kimble not picking up a couch that was put out and not picked up and that the Service Department responded immediately to take care of the issue. Mr. Fiorelli reported that City Council is meeting to interview candidates for the Council vacancy and that 10 residents applied. A Planning & Zoning Committee Meeting was scheduled for June 10 at 7 pm to continue discussion of the recreational vehicles code and a Safety Committee Meeting was scheduled for May 28 at 5:30 pm to discuss the legislation allowing for alcohol in parks at city sponsored events.

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### Adjourn

**Action:** Adjourn Meeting **Moved by** Councilwoman Jane Goodman, **Seconded by** Councilwoman Sara Continenza.

**Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 6).

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

The Meeting Adjourned at 9:11 pm.

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Council President

Attest:

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Clerk of Council