

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 Marty Gelfand, Councilwoman Ruth Gray.

Absent: Councilman Joe Frank, Councilwoman Jane Goodman.

Report of Mayor & Department Heads

- Mayor Welo reported that all are in attendance except Housing Director Martin, Service Director Anderson and Fire Chief Stefko. Asst. Fire Chief Csire is in attendance.
- South Euclid Poet Laureate Doc Janning read a poem he wrote called "Scion of Time".
- Economic Development Director Mike Love discussed the success of the Rock the Block event and reported on Res. 27-19 from the planning commission approving a drive thru and other conditions for the Popeyes Restaurant opening where Steak n Shake used to be at Oakwood Commons.
- City Engineer Blackley gave an update on road construction projects and stated that the Monticello Blvd. repaving should begin in the next week and that the traffic light on South Green Road by the Library and Notre Dame College should be energized by First Energy in the coming days. Councilman Gelfand inquired about the 2019 Street Ratings and Mayor Welo and Engineer Blackley reported that the Service Director and Engineer are currently updating the ratings which follow ODOT standards for review.
- Mayor Welo reported that Don Lisy from the Commission on Aging is at the meeting and Mr. Lisy reported on the upcoming Taste of Cedar Center fundraiser on July 25th from 5-7 pm and all proceeds go to help South Euclid seniors in need.
- Mayor Welo thanked One South Euclid, Councilwoman Continenza and all of the volunteers and residents that have donated their time to making this year's Rock the Block and Bexley Bash so successful and that the only event the City financially pays for in full is the Memorial Day Parade and City Hall Open House and all other events are sponsored financially through outside support. Mayor Welo wished everyone a happy July 4th.

Report of Law Director none**Report of Committees**

Safety Committee

Councilman Gelfand reported that the committee met to discuss two items, Ordinance 12-19 regarding operations at party centers and Res. 30-19 requesting a hearing with the Ohio Liquor Control Board related to a change in ownership and nuisance issues at Tinos Lounge. Mr. Gelfand reported that the committee ran out of time and a meeting will be rescheduled to discuss the party center legislation.

Committee of the Whole

Council President Fiorelli reported that committee held its monthly financial update and the city has a general fund balance of approximately \$1.2 million dollars.

Legislation Requested by the Planning Commission

Introduced by Fiorelli

Resolution 27-19

RESOLUTION

GRANTING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR A DRIVE-THRU AND OUTDOOR DINING FOR "POPEYE'S RESTAURANT" LOCATED AT 1878 WARRENSVILLE CENTER ROAD IN THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO. FIRST READING.

Following discussion, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Council President Dennis Fiorelli, **Seconded by** Councilman Marty Gelfand.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 4).

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

Absent: Councilman Joe Frank, Councilwoman Jane Goodman.

The legislation has been approved.

Legislation Requested by the Mayor & Administration

Introduced by Fiorelli

Resolution 28-19

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION AND TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM THE "CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND #408" TO THE "GENERAL FUND #101" DUE TO A RECLASSIFICATION NECESSARY TO BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH RESOLUTION 05-19. FIRST READING.

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

Following discussion, **Vote:** motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** yes = 4).

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

Absent: Councilman Joe Frank, Councilwoman Jane Goodman.

The legislation has been approved.

Introduced by Fiorelli

Resolution 29-19

RESOLUTION

DECLARING THE NECESSITY TO CONTINUE TO LEVY A REPLACEMENT TAX OUTSIDE OF THE TEN MILL LIMITATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDS FOR THE GENERAL PROVISION OF POLICE, FIRE AND OTHER SAFETY SERVICES IN THE CITY; AND REQUESTING TAX VALUATION CERTIFICATION FROM THE COUNTY FISCAL OFFICER; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. FIRST READING.

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

Vote: Motion Carried by Unanimous Roll Call Vote (**Summary:** Yes = 4).

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

Absent: Councilman Joe Frank, Councilwoman Jane Goodman.

The legislation has been approved.

Introduced by Fiorelli

Resolution 30-19

RESOLUTION

REQUESTING A HEARING BY THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE DIVISION OF LIQUOR CONTROL REGARDING THE APPLICATION FOR PARTIAL TRANSFER OF LIQUOR PERMIT FOR "CMG AND TAM INC; DBA TINO'S LOUNGE" IN THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO. FIRST READING.

Amend Legislation

Councilman Gelfand reported that an amendment was discussed to in the Safety Committee meeting adding a new Whereas Clause regarding the number of incidents at Tino's in the last five years.

Action: Amend, **Moved by** Councilman Marty Gelfand, **Seconded by** Council President Dennis Fiorelli.

Vote: Motion Carried by Unanimous Roll Call Vote (**Summary:** Yes = 4).

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

Absent: Councilman Joe Frank, Councilwoman Jane Goodman.

The legislation has been amended.

Approve

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

Vote: Motion Carried by Unanimous Roll Call Vote (**Summary:** Yes = 4).

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

Absent: Councilman Joe Frank, Councilwoman Jane Goodman.

The legislation has been approved as amended.

Public Hearings (Open Meeting) Related to Open Business

- Chad Statler, 1557 Westdale Road, reported on issues with youth behavior on the street, mostly coming from Bexley Park and that issues seem to have escalated. Issues have included menacing and vandalism of new concrete as part of the road reconstruction, which the city repaired. Police Chief Nietert reported that there have been several incidents with teens and that the incident which

occurred on June 17th resulted in three juveniles being charged. Chief Nietert reported that one of the juveniles causing disruptions has only lived in the city for 60 days and has been arrested seven times and discussed the issues with the time it takes for the County Juvenile Court to hear cases. Mr. Statler submitted a photo to the clerk of the concrete vandalism. Councilwoman Gray thanked Mr. Statler for coming to the meeting and stated that there are community standards for behavior in the city and that we are not going to lower our standards. Councilwoman Continenza discussed some of the issues in the neighborhood and invited residents to get involved with the Bexley neighborhood group. Mayor Welo stated that residents should continue to call the police and never hesitate to report any issues.

- William McLaughlin, 4286 Elmwood, discussed recent rainy weather and potential flooding issues that may be caused by a blocked catch basin on Elmwood. Mayor Welo stated that the Service Department will investigate.
- Charles Turner, 4549 Lilac Road stated that speaking of juvenile behavior, he has discussed at least five times about former Council President David Miller's remarks about his mother's genitalia last year and that at this year's Rock the Block event, Mayor Welo's husband and former Councilman Caroscio had him ejected from the event and that everyone should know by now that not everyone likes the Mayor. Council President Fiorelli asked the Police Chief why Mr. Turner was ejected and Chief Nietert responded that the event is held on private property and the property owner did not want him on the property.
- Linda Pagon, 684 Parkside, stated that she really doesn't understand why the city is considering allowing the new Burger King and that it doesn't generate sufficient economic development revenue and is damaging and wastes money and that there are zoning laws that don't allow drive thrus in the district. Ms. Pagon stated that she likes the services the city provides.
- Kim Scott, 1500 Westdale Road, also discussed the issues with youth on Westdale and once the weather got nice, some youth started walking in the middle of the streets and wouldn't move out of the way for vehicles, along with throwing rocks and debris. Ms. Scott stated that she hasn't seen the kids in the last several days.

Communications of City Council

- Councilwoman Gray reported on a complement regarding the South Euclid Police Department for their assistance with a criminal matter in Bedford Heights.
- Councilman Gelfand reported that the recent Bexley Bash was a great event and a lot of fun and reported that this Friday is the first Intersection Happy Hour event at Mayfield Green from 5 – 8 pm. Mr. Gelfand discussed the Cleveland Heights Bike Coalition's new South Euclid group and that he participated this past Sunday in their first South Euclid bike ride. Councilman Gelfand scheduled a Safety Committee meeting for July 8 at 7:30 pm to discuss the party center ordinance.
- Councilwoman Continenza discussed how great Rock the Block was this year and reported on the next Belxey Bash on July 9.
- Council President Fiorelli scheduled a public hearing on the Burger King conditional use legislation for July 29 at 7 pm.
- Mayor Welo thanked One South Euclid for their sponsorship and financial support of these events and that the community development corporation has grants available for residents who need funding for block parties.

Adjourn

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

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 4).

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

Absent: Councilman Joe Frank, Councilwoman Jane Goodman.

The Meeting Adjourned at 9:02 pm.

Attest:

Council President

Clerk of Council