

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 Jane Goodman, Councilwoman Ruth Gray, Councilman Justin Tisdale.

Absent: Councilman Joe Frank.

Report of Mayor & Department Heads

- Mayor Welo reported that all directors are present except for Police Chief Nietert and City Engineer Blackley.
- Housing Director Martin stated that the City is walking door-to-door and visiting homeowners who are tax delinquent and at risk of foreclosure. The city is distributing information and working to assist homeowners to help prevent foreclosure. Ms. Martin stated that this is a regional issue and that she and Director Benjamin are on a regional committee presenting a brown bag at Cleveland State University's Levin College on August 7th.
- Mayor Welo gave City Engineer Andy Blackley's update on 2019 road projects.
- Economic Development Director Love reported on Res. 30-19 transferring vacant properties to One South Euclid and gave an update on city events including Taste of Cedar Center, Intersection and the City Hall Open House.
- Community Services Director Benjamin reported on the Safety Levy Legislation, Urban Tree Canopy Grant Application, appropriation of grant funds for youth programs and annual nuisance abatement ordinances.
- South Euclid Poet Laureate recited a poem that he read at the recent Hillcrest Concert Band event.
- Mayor Welo reported on the successful Sumer Youth Initiative Program, Bexley Bash, Mercury Theatre Company and the many black parties coming up.

Report of Law Director

Law Director Lograsso reported that he has been working on the issues on behalf of residents of Shirley Drive who lost property as a result of flooding due to contractor error. Mr. Lograsso stated that he is going to keep pressure on the construction contractor and their insurance company to make sure the residents are fairly compensated for their losses.

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

Report of Committees

Zoning & Planning Committee

Council President Fiorelli reported that the committee met to discuss Ord. 13-19, the Dark Store Ordinance and that the legislation will continue to be revised and discussed.

Committee of the Whole

Council President Fiorelli reported that the committee held its monthly finance update and that the city has a current general fund balance of approximately \$2.2 million.

Legislation Requested by the Planning Commission

Introduced by Fiorelli

Resolution 31-19

RESOLUTION

GRANTING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR "NEW DESTINY CHURCH" LOCATED AT 4278 MONTICELLO BLVD. IN THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO. FIRST READING.

Action: Approve, **Moved by** Councilwoman Ruth Gray, **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 Marty Gelfand, Councilwoman Jane Goodman, Councilwoman Ruth Gray, Councilman Justin Tisdale.

Absent: Councilman Joe Frank

The legislation has been approved.

Legislation Requested by the Mayor & Administration

Introduced by Fiorelli

Resolution 30-19

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 Marty Gelfand, Councilwoman Jane Goodman, Councilwoman Ruth Gray, Councilman Justin Tisdale.

Absent: Councilman Joe Frank

The legislation has been approved.

Introduced by Fiorelli

Resolution 32-19

RESOLUTION

DECLARING THE NECESSITY TO RENEW A TAX LEVY 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 AN EMERGENCY. FIRST **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Council President Dennis Fiorelli, **Seconded by** Councilman Marty Gelfand.

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

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

Absent: Councilman Joe Frank

The legislation has been approved.

Introduced by Fiorelli

Resolution 33-19

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES TO PREPARE AND FILE A GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY HEALTHY URBAN TREE CANOPY GRANT PROGRAM. FIRST READING.

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

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

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

Absent: Councilman Joe Frank

The legislation has been approved.

Introduced by Fiorelli

Resolution 34-19

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF UNAPPROPRIATED FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000.00 IN THE FOLLOWING FUND: "YOUTH PROGRAMS #101-4460-52799" FOR A GRANT RECEIVED FROM THE MOUNT PLEASANT NOW DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION MYCOM PROGRAM. FIRST READING.

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

Vote: Motion Carried by Unanimous Roll Call Vote (**Summary:** Yes = 6).

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

Absent: Councilman Joe Frank

The legislation has been approved.

Introduced by Fiorelli

Ordinance 14-19

ORDINANCE

ASSESSING UNPAID COSTS OF NUISANCE ABATEMENT (HIGH GRASS, WEEDS, ETC.) AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 521.14 (d), OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. FIRST READING.

Action: Approve, **Moved by** Councilman Marty Gelfand, **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 Marty Gelfand, Councilwoman Jane Goodman, Councilwoman Ruth Gray, Councilman Justin Tisdale.

Absent: Councilman Joe Frank

The legislation has been approved.

Introduced by Fiorelli

Ordinance 15-19

ORDINANCE

ASSESSING UNPAID COSTS OF SERVICE DEPARTMENT NUISANCE ABATEMENT (YARD CLEAN-UP, BOARDING CHARGES, ETC.) AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 521.14 (d) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. 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 Marty Gelfand, Councilwoman Jane Goodman, Councilwoman Ruth Gray, Councilman Justin Tisdale.

Absent: Councilman Joe Frank

The legislation has been approved.

Introduced by Fiorelli

Ordinance 16-19

ORDINANCE

ASSESSING ALL UNPAID COSTS OF FALSE ALARM NUISANCE ABATEMENTS, AS AUTHORIZED BY CHAPTER 531 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO, THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY COMMON PLEAS COURT AND THE OHIO REVISED CODE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. FIRST READING.

Action: Approve, **Moved by** Councilman Justin Tisdale, **Seconded by** Councilman Marty Gelfand.

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

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

Absent: Councilman Joe Frank

The legislation has been approved.

Introduced by Fiorelli

Ordinance 17-19

ORDINANCE

ASSESSING ALL UNPAID COSTS OF CRIMINAL NUISANCE ABATEMENTS, AS AUTHORIZED BY CHAPTER 531 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO, THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY COMMON PLEAS COURT AND THE OHIO REVISED CODE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. FIRST READING.

Action: Approve, **Moved by** Councilman Marty Gelfand, **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 Marty Gelfand, Councilwoman Jane Goodman, Councilwoman Ruth Gray, Councilman Justin Tisdale.

Absent: Councilman Joe Frank

The legislation has been approved.

Public Hearings (Open Meeting) Related to Open Business

- Vera Bretz, 4505 Shirley Drive, gave an update on the construction issues on the roadway and stated that they do appreciate the help that Mayor Welo has given. Ms. Bretz also submitted to city council photos and evaluation of structural damage from a professional contractor.

- Chuck Turner, 4549 Lilac Road, stated that he was recently reminded by a city administrator that he is sometimes not the most positive person and stated that he would like to vocalize how wonderful it was to have a dance with Carter Welo at the Intersection event and that he even gave him a spin. Mr. Turner stated that he was asked to leave Rock the Block by an old friend of his from the South Euclid Police Department, Officer Friedl, who said that Mr. Turner was a disgrace to police officers. Mr. Turner stated that his rights are being violated and that the city can keep on believing that nobody supports him and told council to have a wonderful summer vacation.

Communications of City Council

- Councilwoman Continenza: Reported that the final Bexley Bash is coming up in August.
- Councilwoman Goodman stated that she stopped by the last Intersection event and that it was wonderful.
- Councilwoman Gray congratulated Mayor Welo, Director Keith Benjamin and Dr. Chambers on a wonderful youth program and stated she was very impressed with the group and had an opportunity to discuss with the youth their vision for the community and future. Councilwoman Gray thanked Service Director Anderson for taking care of issues residents have been having with trash pickup buy Kimble. Director Benjamin thanked Councilwoman Gray for her vision in establishing the first youth program several years ago.
- Councilman Gelfand stated that there are wonderful things happening in the community and discussed upcoming events including National Night Out, Taste of Cedar Center, Bexley Bash, Intersection and additional events.
- Councilman Tisdale stated that he has been to the Intersection events and several block parties and that it is great to see the community coming together and getting to know their neighbors.
- Council President Fiorelli thanked the residents for coming to the council meetings and taking the time to care about their community.

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

Action: Adjourn to Executive Session, **Moved by** Council President Fiorelli, **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 Marty Gelfand, Councilwoman Jane Goodman, Councilwoman Ruth Gray, Councilman Justin Tisdale.

Absent: Councilman Joe Frank

Council adjourned to Executive Session at 9:10 pm.

Adjourn

Action: Adjourn, **Moved by** Councilman Gelfand, **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 Marty Gelfand, Councilwoman Jane Goodman, Councilwoman Ruth Gray, Councilman Justin Tisdale.

Absent: Councilman Joe Frank

The Meeting Adjourned at 10:21 pm.

Council President

Attest:

Clerk of Council