

**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, Councilman Joe Frank, Councilman Marty Gelfand, Councilwoman Jane Goodman, Councilwoman Ruth Gray, Councilman Justin Tisdale, Council President Dennis Fiorelli.

**Minutes of Meetings:** September 9, 2019 & September 23, 2019

September 9, 2019

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

**Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 7).

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

The Minutes have been approved.

September 23, 2019

**Action:** Motion to Approve Minutes, **Moved by** Councilwoman Ruth Gray, **Seconded by** Councilwoman Sara Continenza.

**Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 7).

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

The Minutes have been approved.

**Report of Mayor**

- Poet Laureate Doc Janning recited two poems "I am Halloween" & "Halloween"
- Mayor Welo reported that all directors are present except Police Chief Kevin Nietert and Fire Chief Doug Stefko. The Mayor reported that Asst. Fire Chief Csire is present.
- Economic Development Director Mike Love gave an update on several storefront renovation projects being funded by One South Euclid Community Development Corporation including the Buckeye Medical Building, Bella Stone and a new Art Gallery at 4060 Mayfield Road. Mr. Love stated that the build-out of the new Boiler 65 restaurant at Cedar Center is moving forward.
- City Engineer Andy Blackley reported that the Shirley-Biltamy and Westdale Road projects are nearing completion in the next few weeks and reported on a pre-existing stormwater connection issue at 4505 Shirley Drive. Mr. Blackley reported that Dominion has a gas line replacement project ongoing at South Green and Rushton Roads.
- Mayor Welo discussed several community events including the annual Euclid Creek Mayor's Breakfast and that the Community Garage Sale was a big success. Ms. Welo stated that she met with Service Director Anderson and City Engineer Blackley to discuss proposed 2020 Road Program Projects. Mayor Welo discussed several other events in the community including the upcoming Community Partnership on Aging Chili Cookoff to help seniors and thanked One South Euclid for the Pumpkins in the Park events. Ms. Welo discussed a Government Day event at Adrian Elementary school and that the Cleveland Heights University Heights Schools is having a production of Damn Yankees at the high school.

**Report of Law Director** none

**Report of School District** none

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

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## Report of Committees

### Recreation Committee

Councilwoman Gray reported that the committee met to discuss the results of the deer survey and detailed the timeline for additional meetings between now and January including the upcoming Public Hearing on November 25, 2019.

### Committee of the Whole

Council President Fiorelli reported that the monthly finance update meeting was held and that the City's current General Fund balance is approximately \$3.6 million.

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## Legislation Requested by the Administration

Introduced by Fiorelli

Resolution 53-19

### RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, OR HER DESIGNEE, TO ACCEPT DONATION OF THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4021 LANCASTER ROAD IN THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO.

FIRST READING.

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

Following discussion, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 7).

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

The legislation has been approved.

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Introduced by Fiorelli

Resolution 54-19

### RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF UNAPPROPRIATED FUNDS IN THE "ROAD IMPROVEMENT AND RESURFACING FUND #425-6630-52326". FIRST READING.

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

**Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 7).

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

The legislation has been approved.

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Introduced by Fiorelli

Resolution 55-19

### RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A SOFTWARE LICENSING AGREEMENT WITH SOFTWARE SOLUTIONS TO UPGRADE THE CITY'S FINANCE, PURCHASING AND PAYROLL PROGRAM. FIRST READING.

The legislation was placed on first reading and referred to the Finance Committee for discussion and review.

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

- Ross Brancatelli, 3830 Moreland Hills, stated that his associate Kevin Ramsay was supposed to be at the meeting and that they have a parcel review company that takes distressed homes and returns them to tax producing properties.
- Charles Turner, 4549 Lilac Road, stated that he couldn't help but notice the article in the Plain Dealer that proclaimed Mayor Welo as the chosen one, but they forgot to mention the complaint filed by Mr. Schoenewald at the Board of Elections that the Mayor is not eligible to run for office and that at the Board of Elections hearing, Law Director Lograsso gave his opinion on the matter and did so because if the Mayor loses, he is out of a job. Mr. Turner said that this issue is similar to Trump's issue with the emoluments clause and that the Mayor can't make money off of her job and own a hardware store. Law Director Lograsso responded that the issue Mr. Turner is talking about regarding the complaint filed at the Board of Elections was dismissed unanimously by the Board and that the Board of Elections requested that the City provide a legal opinion on the matter based on the City's charter provisions. Mr.

Lograsso stated that the Cuyahoga County prosecutor agreed with the opinion and that the issue is done and over with.

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#### Communications of City Council

- Councilwoman Goodman reported on a conference she attended regarding trees and sidewalks and how trees can be maintained and creative financing options to help residents repair sidewalks, Ms. Goodman thanked the South Euclid Fire Department for their amazing response to an emergency regarding her sister and that they saved her sister's life.
- Councilman Frank reported on the Memorial Middle School PTA Bonfire which was a great event and the upcoming Community Partnership on Aging Chili Cookoff on November 16<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Frank also thanked the South Euclid Fire Department EMS for a recent situation involving his father and discussed a fundraiser for a resident who had a stroke while travelling in Italy and needs funds to get her back to the States.
- Councilwoman Continenza reported that the Ward 3 Community Meeting will take place tomorrow in the Community Room and discussed how residents should first talk to their neighbors to resolve issues before escalating the issue. Ms. Continenza stated that the Bexley Neighborhood group will be meeting concerning recreation issues and that the Recreation Committee and Councilwoman Gray should be part of the discussions.
- Councilman Tisdale asked residents to have a safe Halloween and be vigilant in protecting children.
- Councilman Gelfand also wished everyone a happy Halloween and advised to keep cats inside. Mr. Gelfand thanked the Mayor for mentioning the theatre event at Cleveland Heights High School and that his precinct in South Euclid attends the CH-UH schools and that there's a lot of misinformation going around about the issue of paying taxes to the CH-UH school district and that the money doesn't take anything away from the City.
- Councilwoman Gray reported that the next Ward One Meeting will be on November 20<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at the Community Center and the Recreation Committee will hold a public hearing regarding the deer management issue on November 25<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm at City Hall. Ms. Gray discussed that she is working with a resident on putting together educational workshops to support the South Euclid community and the first workshop will be a housing symposium relating to rental properties and landlord-tenant law, which will be held sometime in December.
- Council President Fiorelli reported on the One South Euclid Fundraiser "Mingle at the Mansion" and the opportunity to see the new Museum of American Porcelain Art at the former Telling Mansion.

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

**Action:** Motion to Adjourn to Executive Session, **Moved by** Councilman Marty Gelfand, **Seconded by** Councilwoman Jane Goodman.

**Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 7).

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

City Council adjourned to Executive Session at 8:44 pm

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#### **Adjourn from Executive Session**

City Council Adjourned from Executive Session at 9:55 pm.

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#### **Amend Agenda**

**Action:** Motion to Amend Agenda to add Resolution 56-19, **Moved by** Councilman Joe Frank, **Seconded by** Council President Dennis Fiorelli.

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

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

**Absent:** Councilwoman Jane Goodman

The Agenda has been amended to add Resolution 56-19 to the agenda for consideration.

Introduced by Fiorelli

Resolution 56-19

RESOLUTION

PROVIDING FOR THE APPROPRIATION OF UNAPPROPRIATED FUNDS IN THE GENERAL FUND TO SOUTH EUCLID MUNICIPAL COURT "PERSONAL SERVICES" IN THE AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$90,866.00. FIRST READING.

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

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

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

**Absent:** Councilwoman Jane Goodman,  
The legislation has been approved.

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**Adjourn**

With no further business before City Council, **Action:** Motion to Adjourn, **Moved by** Councilman Joe Frank, **Seconded by** Councilwoman Sara Continenza.

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

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

**Absent:** Councilwoman Jane Goodman,

The Meeting Adjourned at 10:02 pm.

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Council President

Attest:

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Clerk of Council