

REGULAR MEETING OF SOUTH EUCLID CITY COUNCIL

Council President Dennis Fiorelli called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. *In commemoration of Veterans Day and in appreciation of the service of South Euclid Veterans, past and present, the South Euclid Fire Department Honor Guard will be presenting colors during the Pledge of Allegiance.*

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.

Amend Agenda

Action: Motion to Amend Agenda to add Resolution 55-19, **Moved by** Councilman Joe Frank, **Seconded by** Councilwoman Ruth Gray.

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 Agenda has been amended.

Minutes of Meetings October 15, 2019 & October 28, 2019October 15, 2019

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

Vote: Motion passed (**summary:** Yes = 5, No = 0, Abstain = 2).

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

Abstain: Councilwoman Jane Goodman, Councilwoman Ruth Gray.

The minutes have been approved.

October 28, 2019

Action: Motion to Approve Minutes, **Moved by** Councilman Marty Gelfand, **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

- Doc Janning, South Euclid's Poet Laureate, recited a poem in honor of our military and Veteran's Day.
 - Mayor Welo thanked the residents for their overwhelming support of the Safety Levy and reported that all directors are present except for Directors Heilman, Martin and Engineer Blackley.
 - Economic Development Director Love reported on Resolution 57-19 regarding the Walgreens Conditional Use Permit for a drive-thru at their new location at the site of the closed LoanMax on Mayfield Road. A new car wash will be located where the current Mayfield Road Walgreens is located.
 - Community Services Director Benjamin reported on MyCom initiatives and legislation appropriating funding.
 - Mayor Welo reported on road projects and community meetings including the Ward 3 Meeting organized by Councilwoman Continenza and congratulated Councilman Gelfand, Councilman Tisdale on the re-election to City Council and Susan Hardy on our election to Council and stated that she looks forward to working with each council member in and being proactive to ensure a better future for the community and residents so we can all come together and thrive. Mayor Welo stated that she is honored to serve with such a great City Council.
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Report of Law Director & Department Heads

Law Director Lograsso gave an update on the issue affecting a Shirley Drive resident who had flooding in her home this summer as a result of the road construction. Mr. Lograsso stated that he spoke with Ms. Koenig's attorney Ken Fisher and that they

agreed on a settlement with the construction company's insurance provider. Mr. Lograsso also reported on next year's health insurance plan as part of the government consortium which is being renewed at a good rate with only a 3.6% increase.

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

Report of Committees

Finance Committee

Councilman Frank reported that the committee met earlier in the evening with a representative from Rochling Glastic Corporation about their planned expansion in the city.

Safety Committee

Councilman Gelfand reported that the committee met to discuss two pieces of pending legislation regarding food trucks and party centers. The committee is still working on the legislation and will schedule another meeting to continue discussions.

Finance Committee

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. **SECOND 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.

Legislation Requested by the Planning Commission

Introduced by Fiorelli

Resolution 57-19

RESOLUTION

GRANTING A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR A DRIVE-THRU FOR WALGREEN'S LOCATED AT 4546 MAYFIELD ROAD IN THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO. **FIRST READING.**

Action: Motion to Approve Legislation, **Moved by** Council President Dennis Fiorelli, **Seconded by** Councilman Justin Tisdale.

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.

Legislation Requested by the Administration

Introduced by Fiorelli

Ordinance 21-19

ORDINANCE

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT OF COOPERATION BETWEEN THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID AND CUYAHOGA COUNTY FOR THE RESURFACING OF MONTICELLO BOULEVARD FROM BELVOIR BOULEVARD TO CORPORATION LINE. **FIRST READING.**

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

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.

Introduced by Fiorelli

Resolution 58-19

RESOLUTION

PROVIDING FOR THE APPROPRIATION OF UNAPPROPRIATED FUNDS IN THE GENERAL FUND TO THE "OUTSIDE LEGAL FEES" IN THE AMOUNT OF \$34,343.23. FIRST READING.

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

- Councilman Gelfand asked if the legislation requires a finance committee meeting and more discussion regarding the legal fees related to the South Euclid Municipal Court's lawsuit against the city.
- Councilwoman Gray stated that these are legal fees for the firm representing the city and that we have to pay because Judge Gayle Williams-Byers sued the City and took us to court and sued the City and the legal fees must be paid.
- Councilman Frank concurred that the expense is directly related to our defense of the lawsuit and what its cost additionally to citizens of South Euclid.
- Councilwoman Goodman stated that the City has to have outside counsel for this issue and that the amount of work the law firm has done already is unbelievable.
- Councilman Gelfand stated that he is prepared to vote for the legislation and that the law firm has been doing a great job, he just wants to be transparent and open and honest and sometimes holding a committee meeting helps to inform the public.
- Councilman Frank agreed with Councilman Gelfand and stated that the agenda is published early enough for residents to review and also these discussions can be part of the monthly finance meetings.
- Council President Fiorelli stated that it is a bill and the city must pay it.
- Law Director Lograsso stated that the legal fees reflect over 1,000 pages of documents that have been filed as a brief with the Ohio Supreme Court and that the mediation with the court cost over \$20,000.

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.

Introduced by Fiorelli

Resolution 59-19

RESOLUTION

ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY FISCAL OFFICER. FIRST READING.

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

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.

Introduced by Fiorelli

Resolution 60-19

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF UNAPPROPRIATED FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000 IN THE FOLLOWING FUND: "YOUTH PROGRAMS #101-4460-52799" FOR A GRANT RECEIVED FROM THE NEIGHBORHOOD LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE. FIRST READING.

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

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.

Public Hearings (Open Meeting) Related to Open Business

- Erin Tisdale, 4321 Ardmore Road, stated that she is an employee of the South Euclid Lyndhurst School District and a representative of the South Euclid Lyndhurst Teachers Association. Ms. Tisdale stated that the union has been getting more involved in educational efforts to provide programs and support for students and

discussed several programs including working with NOPEC on an energy project with Memorial School 8th graders and working with the district on writing a STEM grant for science projects. Ms. Tisdale thanked the Mayor and Council for all that they do for the city and community and said that it is appreciated.

Communications of City Council

- Councilwoman Continenza thanked all who participated in the Ward Three Community Meeting, reported on collecting signatures for the CDBG grant for Hinsdale Road and reported on an upcoming meeting with Rust Belt Riders regarding a composting program. Ms. Continenza discussed issues with college students and how neighbors can more effectively manage conflict and discussed a NOPEC renewable energy program.
- Councilman Frank reported on the upcoming Community Partnership on Aging Five Alarm Chili Cook-off, Brush Baseball Fundraiser and Small Business Saturday.
- Councilwoman Goodman thanked residents that initiated and took part in a cash mob for Cedar Center Hardware after they were victims of a robbery a few weeks ago and reported on an upcoming meeting of the Municipal Arborists Association.
- Councilwoman Gray reported that the annual Ward One Meeting will be held next week on November 20th and that on November 14 she is attending a Wildlife Conference in Columbus regarding deer management and other wildlife issues.
- Councilman Gelfand congratulated Councilman Tisdale and Councilwoman-Elect Susan Hardy on their victories and stated that City Council is now has a majority of females and left-handers on council.
- Councilman Tisdale thanked the residents for passage of the Safety Levy and congratulated Councilman Gelfand, Councilwoman-Elect Hardy and Mayor Welo on winning their elections and stated that he and others serve because they want to give back to the community and move South Euclid in a better direction.
- Council President Fiorelli thanked all who attended the meeting.

Adjourn

Action: Motion to Adjourn, **Moved by** Councilman Marty Gelfand, **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 Meeting Adjourned at 9:15 pm

Attest:

Council President

Clerk of Council