

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.

Report of Mayor

- South Euclid Poet Laureate Doc Janning recited a poem and Mayor Welo reported that Fire Chief Stefko, Service Director Anderson and Housing Director Martin have been excused from the meeting. Mayor Welo stated that Law Director Lograsso is not at the meeting and prosecutor Mike Cicero is serving as Assistant Law Director at the meeting.
- Economic Development Director Love reported on upcoming events including the Holiday Lighting Ceremony at City Hall on Sunday, December 1st.
- City Engineer Blackley reported that the Westdale Road infrastructure project is substantially complete and that he will be bringing forward legislation for the 2020 road program at upcoming meetings.
- Mayor Welo stated that additional restoration work needs to be done on Shirley and Biltamy and a letter will be sent to residents regarding work that will resume in the spring.
- Fire Chief Stefko reported on the Fill the Squad food drive at Cedar Center and that the Fire Department is taking possession of its new squad vehicle.
- Mayor Welo discussed several events including the One South Euclid Garden Potluck and thanked Dan Subwick for organizing the event. Ms. Welo also thanked Councilwoman Gray for her wonderful Ward One Meeting and discussed the South Euclid Humane Society's upcoming Pets Light Up Our Lives fundraiser on December 1st.
- Mayor Welo wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving holiday.

Report of Law Director - No report.

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

Report of CommitteesFinance Committee

Councilman Frank reported that the Committee met on November 18 to discuss potential incentives to maintain Rochling Glastic in the community and their proposed expansion plans.

Recreation Committee

Councilwoman Gray reported that the Committee held a public hearing earlier in the evening to hear public testimony regarding deer issues and that 27 individuals spoke at the meeting. Ms. Gray stated that a committee meeting will be held on December 2nd to discuss the deer issue and impact on city and department services.

Committee of the Whole

Council President Fiorelli reported that the committee held their monthly financial update meeting and the October month-end general fund balance was approximately \$4.6 million.

Legislation Requested by City Council

Introduced by Fiorelli

Resolution 61-19

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A GOAL OF ONE HUNDRED PERCENT CLEAN ENERGY FOR THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID FACILITIES BY 2025 AND FOR THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE 2035. FIRST READING.

The legislation was placed on first reading and referred to the Utilities Committee.

Legislation Requested by the Administration

Introduced by Fiorelli

Resolution 51-19

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES TO APPLY FOR A GRANT UNDER THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY "COMPETITIVE MUNICIPAL GRANT PROGRAM" 2019 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUND; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

SECOND READING.

Action: Motion to Approve Legislation, **Moved by** Councilwoman Sara Continenza, **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.

Introduced by Fiorelli

Resolution 62-19

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID TO CONTINUE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE HEIGHTS-HILLCREST REGIONAL FIRE INVESTIGATION STRIKE FORCE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. FIRST READING.

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

Introduced by Fiorelli

Resolution 63-19

RESOLUTION

PROVIDING FOR THE APPROPRIATION OF UNAPPROPRIATED FUNDS IN THE GENERAL FUND TO THE "OUTSIDE LEGAL FEES" IN THE AMOUNT OF \$37,288.67. FIRST READING.

Action: Motion to Approve Legislation, **Moved by** Councilman Joe Frank, **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.

Introduced by Fiorelli

Resolution 64-19

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF UNAPPROPRIATED FUNDS IN THE LAND ACQUISITION FUND. 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 65-19

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF UNAPPROPRIATED FUNDS IN THE LAND ACQUISITION FUND RELATED TO THE REFUNDING OF 2012 BONDS REALIZING A SAVINGS TO THE CITY OF \$1,649,476.00. 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.

 Introduced by Fiorelli

Resolution 66-19

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION 67-09 "AUTHORIZING THE ADVANCE OF APPROPRIATED FUNDS IN THE GENERAL FUND TO THE "LAND ACQUISITION FUND;" AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY." TO READ AS FOLLOWS: "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATED FUNDS IN THE GENERAL FUND TO THE LAND ACQUISITION FUND; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY." FIRST READING.

Action: Motion to Approve Legislation, **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 legislation has been approved.

Introduced by Fiorelli

Resolution 67-19

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION 63-10 "AUTHORIZING THE ADVANCE OF FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE LAND ACQUISITION FUND." TO READ AS FOLLOWS: "AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE LAND ACQUISITION FUND; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY." 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.

Introduced by Fiorelli

Resolution 68-19

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION 31-11 "AUTHORIZING THE ADVANCE OF APPROPRIATED FUNDS IN THE GENERAL FUND TO THE LAND ACQUISITION FUND." TO READ AS FOLLOWS: "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATED FUNDS IN THE GENERAL FUND TO THE LAND ACQUISITION FUND; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY." FIRST READING.

Action: Motion to Approve Legislation, **Moved by** Councilman Joe Frank, **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.

Introduced by Fiorelli

Ordinance 22-19

ORDINANCE

TO MAKE TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, STATE OF OHIO DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. 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.

Public Hearings (Open Meeting) Related to Open Business

- Jim Matejka, a resident of Broadview Heights stated that he has been a South Euclid Building Inspector for the last two years and is leaving the city to take a job closer to his home. Mr. Matejka stated that in his many years of experience in the field he has worked with many city departments and that the South Euclid Building and Housing Departments function very well and that permits are handled quickly and the staff are professionals and do a great job.

- Charles Turner, 4549 Lilac Road, spoke about the Mayor's newly revised rules and regulations for conduct at city hall which has just been posted and stated that he has been cited six times by the police for speaking his first amendment rights and that Mr. Cicero was the prosecutor for all of the court cases and that his rights have been violated and the Judge ruled against the city. Mr. Turner wished everyone a great Thanksgiving and said that he will be spending it in prison.
- Assistant Law Director Cicero responded to Mr. Turner's comments and stated that the Judge wrongly dismissed the court case and the city took the matter to the Court of Appeals. Mr. Cicero stated that the Mayor's rules are constitutional and he represents many other communities and no other community has issues regarding free speech and stated that cities can determine time, place and areas for protest and that Mr. Turner is free to protest all he wants on the sidewalk, but not blocking parking spots or driveways.

Communications of City Council

- Councilwoman Goodman discussed a tour she conducted with the municipal arborist association at Oakwood Commons and the Oakwood Green and also gave a presentation to the Alliance for Community Trees on the importance of the tree canopy.
- Councilman Frank stated that this Saturday is Small Business Saturday and emphasized the importance of shopping local year-round. Mr. Frank discussed fundraisers for residents in need and the Brush Baseball Fundraiser and wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.
- Councilwoman Continenza scheduled a Utilities Committee Meeting for December 16 at 6 pm to discuss Resolution 61-19 and reported on a meeting with Rust Belt Riders with city staff regarding a potential composing program. Ms. Continenza discussed conversations with youth regarding recreation initiatives.
- Councilman Frank scheduled a Finance Committee Meeting for December 2nd at 7 pm regarding Rochling Glastic's request for financial incentives for their proposed expansion project.
- Councilman Tisdale thanked all of the residents that attended the South Euclid K9 Foundation's Pancake Breakfast and wished everyone a happy thanksgiving.
- Councilman Gelfand reported on a meeting he attended with Director Benjamin in Lakewood regarding the utilization of 100% Clean Energy which is resulted in the Resolution being placed on the agenda. Mr. Gelfand discussed upcoming Mercury Theatre Company productions and read a letter that he wrote to Senator Portman asking him to follow his conscience and do what is right for the country with regards to how President Trump is seemingly using the office of the presidency to pursue his own personal agenda to the detriment of the country and its interests. Mr. Gelfand asked that the letter be made a part of the record of the minutes of the meeting.
- Councilwoman Gray reported on the Ward One Meeting and thanked those that attended. Ms. Gray reported on an upcoming Housing and Tenants Seminar that she has organized with resident and attorney Tyessa Howard. The meeting is scheduled for December 4th at 7 pm at the community center. Councilwoman Gray discussed the importance of the upcoming 2020 Census and need to be aggressive in making sure that all residents participate and are counted. Mayor Welo concurred with Councilwoman Gray and stated that this issue is critical for the upcoming year.
- County Councilwoman Simon reported that County Council will be voting on a financial incentive to help keep Rochling Glastic in South Euclid and also discussed additional County programs including extending the tree grant program through County Planning Commission.
- Community Services Director and Clerk of Council Benjamin reminded City Council that earlier this year, City Council decided to hold only one Regular Council Meeting in December, which will be on the 16th.
- Council President Fiorelli thanked the residents for coming to the council meeting and attending the deer public hearing.

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 = 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 (Ms. Goodman left at 8:52 pm).

The Meeting Adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Council President

Attest:

Clerk of Council