

REGULAR MEETING OF SOUTH EUCLID CITY COUNCIL

Council President Joe Frank called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call

Present: Councilwoman Sara Continenza, Council President Joe Frank, Councilman Marty Gelfand, Councilwoman Jane Goodman, Councilwoman Ruth Gray, Councilwoman Susan Hardy, Councilman Justin Tisdale.

Report of Mayor

- Mayor Welo reported that all directors are in attendance except Housing Director Sally Martin.
- Economic Development Director Mike Love requested Council Support for Resolution 03-20 regarding the transfer of vacant properties to One South Euclid. Mr. Love also reported on the upcoming Rock the Block fundraiser on January 25th from 5 pm – 9 pm at the Black Forest.
- City Engineer Andy Blackley reported that the legal notice for the 2020 Road Program will be advertised this week and that Dominion East Ohio Gas will be moving forward in the coming weeks on three large valve replacement projects on South Belvoir and Mayfield Roads. Mr. Blackley requested Council consideration for Resolution 04-20 for the installation of additional storm sewer laterals for the Westdale Road project.
- Mayor Welo congratulated Councilpersons Gelfand, Tisdale and Hardy on their elections to City Council and reported on the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new Boiler 65 restaurant at Cedar Center.
- Doc Janning, South Euclid's Poet Laureate, recited the poem "Gateway to the Future" and invited residents to the next South Euclid Library Second Sunday Poets Series on February 9th.

Report of Law Director & Department Heads – No Report.

Public Hearings (Open Meeting) Related to Agenda Items – No Report.

Report of Committees

Committee of the Whole

Council President Frank reported that the committee met earlier in the evening to discuss the proposed Wage Enforcement legislation, which was moved to the Legislative Committee. Council also scheduled Budget Hearings for January 28, January 29, February 3 and February 5.

Legislation Requested by the Administration

Introduced by Frank

Resolution 01-20

RESOLUTION

Setting the dates for the City of South Euclid's regularly scheduled Council Meetings in 2020. First Reading.

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

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

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

The legislation has been approved.

Introduced by Frank

Resolution 02-20

RESOLUTION

Authorizing the Mayor to enter into an option and ground lease agreement between the City of South Euclid and Towerco 2013, LLC. First Reading.

The legislation was placed on First Reading and moved to Utilities Committee.

Introduced by Frank

Resolution 03-20

RESOLUTION

Authorizing the Mayor to convey real property of the City of South Euclid to One South Euclid. First Reading.

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

Councilwoman Gray asked if properties are transferred to another current owner-occupant, if any existing violations on the purchased property must be paid for by the new property owner, and is the City or One South Euclid responsible for remediating violations if it is in the City's Land Bank. Ms. Gray stated that she had been approached by a resident that had a sidewalk repair violation on the property she was looking to purchase and was told she must assume responsibility for the violations.

Economic Development Director Love stated that when One South Euclid sells the property to a new owner, including existing residents purchasing for side lot expansions, that the new owner becomes responsible for fixing any violations, but that the expense can be negotiated as part of the purchase price. Councilwoman Gray stated that she just wants to ensure that there is a policy and process in place and that there is fairness and equity across the board on these issues and would like additional clarification on the issue.

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

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

The legislation has been approved.

Introduced by Frank

Resolution 04-20

RESOLUTION

Authorizing the appropriation of unappropriated funds in the following fund: "Flood Control Fund #426" for expenditures related to the 2019 Westdale Road Infrastructure Improvement Project. First Reading.

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

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

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

The legislation has been approved.

Public Hearings (Open Meeting) Related to Open Business

- Charles Turner, 4549 Lilac Road stated that he would like to enlighten new council members on the beginning of the issues he has had with the corrupt administration and that his issues started out when he reported an alleged rape to the Police Chief, who then in retaliation, sent a South Euclid Police Officer to attempt to run him over in his car on Mayfield Road and that the Police Officer attacked him going 60 mph. Mr. Turner also stated that the rape victim was also arrested for an existing warrant and forced to sit in a jail cell for three days and as a result lost her job. Mr. Turner stated that the Mayor is the Safety Director and that the Police Chief should not be allowed to keep his job.

Communications of City Council

- Councilman Tisdale thanked the South Euclid Fire Department and neighboring police departments for their great work saving a home on Ardmore. Mr. Tisdale stated that the fire department was extremely responsive and that the Red Cross was there to help the family within 30 minutes.
- Councilman Gelfand stated he had no report.
- Councilwoman Gray scheduled a Planning & Zoning Committee Meeting for February 10 at 7 pm to discuss Ordinances 07-19, Ordinance 21-17 and other legislation that has been in the committee for a long time. Ms. Gray reported on a hit and run car accident last Friday in Bedford Heights that she attended to the victim who was hurt and taken to the hospital. Ms. Gray asked residents to be on the lookout for a black vehicle with no front bumper and to call the Bedford Heights Police Department if anyone sees a similar car with extensive damage.
- Councilwoman Continenza scheduled a Utilities Committee for January 27th at 6 pm to discuss the proposed TowerCo Cell Tower.
- Councilwoman Goodman stated that she went to the new Boiler 65 and the food and libations are great and that it is wonderful place.

- Councilwoman Hardy reported that there will be a Bluestone Neighborhood Meeting on January 23rd at 7pm at the Community Center and that residents will discuss proposed 2020 activities and beautification efforts.
- Councilwoman Continenza reported on a potential Girl Scout Project that would create benches and tables for teens to use at Bexley Park and that the idea has been discussed with Service Director Anderson and Police Chief Nietert. Ms. Continenza also reported that the Bexley Neighborhood Group meets every second Thursday at the library.
- Council President Frank also thanked the Fire Department for their quick response to the fire on Ardmore and discussed a Go Fund Me Page that is being set up to help the family. Mr. Frank reported that the 4Alec Foundation will be holding a fundraiser at LaVera Party Center on January 25th at 6 pm and that the Bel-Green Neighborhood Group will be holding their Chili Cook-off on February 1st.

Adjourn

There being no further business before City Council,

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

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

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

The Meeting Adjourned at 8:53 pm

Council President

Attest:

Clerk of Council