

**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.

**Minutes of Meetings:** January 4, 2020 Special Meeting & January 13, 2020.

January 4, 2020

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

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

**Yes:** Council President Joe Frank, Councilman Marty Gelfand, Councilwoman Ruth Gray, Councilwoman Susan Hardy, Councilman Justin Tisdale.

**Abstain:** Councilwoman Sara Continenza,

**Silent:** Councilwoman Jane Goodman.

The minutes have been approved.

January 13, 2020

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

The minutes have been approved.

**Report of Mayor & Department Heads**

- Mayor Welo reported that all directors are present except housing director Martin, engineer Blackley and service director Anderson.
- Community Services Director Benjamin discussed the NOPEC grant which allowed for the installation of a mobile device charging station at City Hall.
- Mayor Welo reported on the South Euclid Lyndhurst Teachers Association event that was held recently and reported that Councilwoman Continenza, Hardy and Councilman Tisdale also attended. The Mayor thanked Tony Caroscio and the Rock the Block Committee for the fundraiser at Black Forest to raise funds for this summer's events and also reported that the City has received a supply of 500 reusable tote bags from Cuyahoga County.

**Report of Law Director** No report.

**Report of School District**

No Report

**Public Hearings (Open Meeting) Related to Agenda Items**

No members of the public spoke.

**Report of Committees**

Public Utilities Committee

Councilman Tisdale reported that the committee met to discuss legislation to allow a cell phone tower at Oakwood Green. The tower would be masked to look like a tree. The legislation remains in committee for additional review and discussion.

Committee of the Whole

Council President Frank reported that the Committee of the Whole held their monthly finance meeting. At the Meeting, Mayor Welo presented her budget priorities for the year and discussed them with City Council. Mr. Frank reported that Budget Hearings have been scheduled and will be held on February 29, February 30, March 3 and March 5 at 6 pm at City Hall.

**Legislation Requested by the Administration**

Introduced by Frank

Resolution 05-20

## RESOLUTION

Authorizing the Mayor to execute a revised agreement with the Community Partnership on Aging Council of Governments. First Reading.

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

Mayor Welo stated that the Community Partnership on Aging started out with three communities: South Euclid, Lyndhurst and Highland Heights and in recent years added Mayfield Heights. The legislation on the agenda would add Richmond Heights as a member community and also help reduce costs to South Euclid. Ms. Welo stated that with the loss of federal funding for the SNAP program, seniors on fixed incomes will need additional assistance.

 **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

- Gerri Gleason, 642 Trebisky Road, stated that there have been many water main breaks in the Ammon & Trebisky Neighborhood over the last several years and it has become quite challenging, especially with two water main breaks in the last 30 days. The breaks have caused issues in her home where the pressure valve started leaking and it needed to be replaced. Ms. Gleason stated that she understands this is an issue with Cleveland Water, but hopes they can get some relief.
- Director Benjamin gave an update about the situation and that he had spoken to Ms. Gleason about her concerns last week and reached out to Cleveland Water Department for assistance. In addition, Mr. Benjamin spoke with Engineer Blackley and reported that the City requests permanent repairs for this stretch on an annual basis.
- Mayor Welo stated that she is sorry about the issue and gave a history of constant repairs in the neighborhood on Anderson and Monticello. Mayor Welo reminded residents that the City does not own the water mains and that Cleveland Water owns them.
- Councilwoman Gray stated that she did not get any calls about this issue and wasn't aware of it and asked that she be kept in the loop about these issues in her ward.
- Darryl Pront, 4652 Ammon Road, also reported on the water main breaks and that it has become a nuisance and his drive apron is sinking as a result and asked for some solutions.
- Jason Panik, 4648 Ammon Road, also discussed the issues with water main breaks and stated that even in strong rains his sub pump goes off and that South Euclid and his neighborhood are desirable places to live and he wants to remain here, but needs relief from these problems.
- Mayor Welo stated that as far maintenance is concerned, the swales and laterals are the homeowners' responsibility, but she understands residents' frustration with the issue and will work with the Service Department to take care of what the City can and will contact Cleveland Water to see when they can make permanent repairs.
- Rachel Panik, 4648 Ammon Road also spoke about the water main breaks and said that the city was responsive recently and came out and snaked the sewer and that seemed to help with some of the issues.
- Madora Jones, 4604 Ammon, reported on the water main issues and that in 2013 when a water main broke, she lost everything in her basement.
- Council President Frank stated that City Council, Mayor and Administration are here to represent the residents and please don't be shy about calling them about issues.
- Councilwoman Gray stated that she felt bad that she was not aware of the issue and asked residents to call her at 216.926.4960.
- Mayor Welo stated that the residents coming out will hopefully help us get a resolution to this issue from Cleveland Water.

- Charles Turner, 4549 Lilac Road, stated that on this day in 1973 there was the signing of the Paris Peace Accord bringing an end to the Vietnam War. Mr. Turner stated that he hopes that City Council got to watch our national government in action with the recent impeachment proceedings and stated that people lie, cheat and hide the facts. Mr. Turner stated that he has submitted several records requests with the Police Department and that somehow it got lost and that the City does not have the extra money to resolve it through the courts.

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### Communications of City Council

- Councilwoman Gray: no report.
- Councilman Gelfand reported on a meeting held in support of the upcoming Cleveland Heights University Heights School Levy and that Board Member Pasch will be at an upcoming City Council Meeting to discuss the levy. Mr. Gelfand reminded residents that a portion of South Euclid attends the Cleveland Heights School District.
- Councilman Tisdale reported on the successful fundraiser held by the 4Alec Foundation as well as a Brush Basketball Tournament held on Sunday.
- Councilwoman Goodman reported that the South Euclid Recycling Committee is planning a "Bag-a-Thon" on September 13<sup>th</sup> at the Community Center. Residents will be able to bring old t-shirts and fabric and have them sewn into reusable tote bags.
- Councilwoman Hardy reported that she attended a meeting for new councilmembers held by Cuyahoga County on January 16<sup>th</sup> and also reported on the upcoming County Health and Human Service Levy on the March Ballot.
- Councilwoman Continenza reported that this Saturday is the Bel-Green Neighborhood Group's Chili Cook-off event supporting the neighborhood organization and efforts of the Team Couture Youth Center. Ms. Continenza also reported that this year's Bexley Bash will take place on August 4 from 5-8 pm.
- Council President Frank reported on the upcoming Bel-Green Neighborhood Chili Cook-off and that he will be participating. Mr. Frank also reported on the 4Alec Foundation Fundraiser and that the Fire Department is available to teach CPR to residents and groups.
- Councilwoman Hardy scheduled a Legislative Committee Meeting for February 10 at 6 pm to discuss the Wage Enforcement legislation.

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

**Action:** Motion to Adjourn to Executive Session, **Moved by** Councilwoman Sara Continenza, **Seconded by** Councilman Justin Tisdale.

**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.

City Council Adjourned to Executive Session at 9 pm.

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### Adjourn

With no further business before City Council, **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, Council President Joe Frank, Councilman Marty Gelfand, Councilwoman Jane Goodman, Councilwoman Ruth Gray, Councilman Justin Tisdale.

**Absent:** Councilwoman Susan Hardy.

The Meeting Adjourned at 9:34 pm.

Attest:

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Council President

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Clerk of Council