

REGULAR MEETING OF SOUTH EUCLID CITY COUNCIL

Council President Pro Tem Ruth Gray called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call

Present: Councilwoman Sara Continenza, Councilwoman Chanell Elston, Councilwoman Jane Goodman, Councilwoman Ruth Gray, Councilwoman Susan Hardy, Councilman Justin Tisdale.

Absent: Council President Joe Frank,

Minutes of Meetings

May 10, 2021

Action: Motion to Approve Minutes, **Moved by** Council President Goodman, **Seconded by** Councilwoman Elston.

Vote: Motion passed (**summary:** Yes = 6, No = 0, Abstain = 0).

Yes: Councilwoman Sara Continenza, Councilwoman Jane Goodman, Councilwoman Chanell Elston, Councilwoman Ruth Gray, Councilwoman Susan Hardy, Councilman Justin Tisdale.

The minutes have been approved.

Report of Mayor

- Mayor Welo reported that all directors are in attendance and that Asst. Police Chief Abele is at the meeting for Chief Mays.
- Economic Development Director Love reported on Resolution 32-21 approving a conditional use permit for an adult day care at South Euclid United Church of Christ.
- City Engineer Blackley gave an update on 2021 road repair and infrastructure projects including that a pre-construction meeting will be held this Wednesday for the Mayfield Road concrete joint repair program and Res. 34-21 to bid the Harwood Road project.
- Poet Laureate Doc Janning recited the poem "Earthsong Moments".
- Mayor Welo reported that former Community Relations Director Penny Chapman passed away last week.
- Mayor Welo reported that the Pool and Splash Park opened last Saturday and thanked Pool Director Pete Titus and Community Center Director Meg Martines for their efforts.
- The Mayor congratulated Councilwoman Ruth Gray on a wonderful Ward One Community Meeting at Quarry Park and for contributing family pool passes as raffle prizes at the meeting.
- Mayor Welo thanked Councilwoman Continenza for her hard work in launching the weekly Farmers Market at the corner of Mayfield and Green and also thanked intern Lauren Lanham for her efforts in helping to coordinate the market.
- The Mayor thanked the Rock the Block Committee for their successful fundraiser last Friday to benefit the Rock the Block community festival.
- Mayor Welo reported on Resolution 32-21 regarding the conditional use permit for an adult daycare at South Euclid United Church of Christ. Ms. Welo thanked Pastor Jenkins and Church Leadership and congregation for recognizing the many needs of not only seniors, but their additional outreach to the community to help meet the needs of our youth populations and those in need of food security.
- Lauren Lanham, health coordinator, gave an update on the Farmer's Market and thanked Councilwoman Continenza and stated it's been a great team effort.
- The Mayor reported on upcoming events including the Juneteenth Celebration on June 19, Garden Walk on June 26 & 27 and band concert at Notre Dame College on June 27th.

Report of Law Director no report.

Report of School Board

Kathryn Falkenberg from the Board of Education attended the meeting and gave the following update:

- The district will be launching a Summer Academy program to assist students in making up for what was lost during the pandemic and prepare for in-school sessions this fall and a hopeful return to normalcy. The program will feature fun, interactive opportunities in addition to academic learning.
- The last day of classes was June 9th, which was also graduation day for seniors. The Graduation Ceremony was held in the Brush High School gym.
- Members of the Senior Class earned more than \$7.5 million in scholarships this year to college and two students were honored at the regional Stop the Hate Essay contest.
- Coach Mason has launched the Little Arcs Basketball Academy to assist youth with the fundamentals of basketball. The program will also focus on conscious discipline including yoga, etc.
- A new interactive virtual learning program is being launched at Greenview this summer called LU and will feature a 3D camera and light and audio systems.

Public Hearings (Open Meeting) Related to Agenda Items

None.

Report of Committees

Legislative Committee

Chairwoman Hardy reported that the committee met to discuss Ord. 01-21 regarding enacting pay-to-stay requirements for landlords and tenants. Ms. Hardy stated that while she has concerns with the ordinance, she respects other council members concerns that the legislation may be necessary as we emerge from the pandemic. As a result the legislation was amended to include a sunset date of June 1, 2022 and a late fee provision was removed.

Public Utilities Committee

Councilman Tisdale reported that the Committee met to discuss Ordinances 14-20 and 15-20 to approve the NOPEC opt-in gas aggregation program and that this was the second of two public hearings held on the matter. The legislation has been recommended to City Council for approval at the next meeting.

Ord. 12-19 Party Centers

Introduced by Fiorelli (2019)

Ordinance 12-19

ORDINANCE

An ordinance amending Section 1137.03 "Prohibitions" of Chapter 1137 "Party Centers" of Part Eleven "Business Regulation Code" of The Codified Ordinances of the City of South Euclid, Ohio and declaring an emergency.

Action: Motion to Approve Legislation, **Moved by** Councilwoman Elston, **Seconded by** Councilwoman Goodman.

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

Yes: Councilwoman Sara Continenza, Councilwoman Chanell Elston, Councilwoman Jane Goodman, Councilwoman Ruth Gray, Councilwoman Susan Hardy, Councilman Justin Tisdale.

Absent: Council President Joe Frank.

The legislation has been approved.

Legislation Requested by City Council

Introduced by Gray

Resolution 30-21

RESOLUTION

Recognizing June 19, 2021 and every June 19th thereafter, as "Juneteenth Independence Day" in recognition of June 19, 1865, the date on which slavery legally came to end in the United States. First Reading.

- Councilwoman Goodman asked for the legislation to be revised to add the word "General".
- Councilman Tisdale spoke on the achievements of enslaved Africans and this country would not be where it is today without their achievements.
- Councilwoman Gray thanked the Mayor and Councilpersons Elston and Tisdale for their efforts to launch a Juneteenth celebration and stated that when she was in school, she did not learn about the history of her ancestors, and as a community we can get their together.

Action: Motion to Approve Legislation, **Moved by** Councilman Elston, **Seconded by** Councilwoman Goodman.

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

Yes: Councilwoman Sara Continenza, Councilwoman Chanell Elston, Councilwoman Jane Goodman, Councilwoman Ruth Gray, Councilwoman Susan Hardy, Councilman Justin Tisdale.

Absent: Council President Joe Frank.
The legislation has been approved.

Introduced by Gray

Resolution 31-21

RESOLUTION

Declaring June 2021 as LGBTQ Pride Month in the City of South Euclid, Ohio. First Reading.

Action: Motion to Approve Legislation, **Moved by** Councilwoman Elston, **Seconded by** Councilwoman Goodman.

Councilwoman Elston stated that these resolutions speak to our greatest strength in South Euclid – our diversity – and that everyone should feel safe and welcome. Councilman Tisdale stated that it is important that we make sure to recognize all as equal.

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

Yes: Councilwoman Sara Continenza, Councilwoman Chanell Elston, Councilwoman Jane Goodman, Councilwoman Ruth Gray, Councilwoman Susan Hardy, Councilman Justin Tisdale.

Absent: Council President Joe Frank.
The legislation has been approved.

Introduced by Gray

Ordinance 14-21

ORDINANCE

Amending Section 111.01 "Regular Meetings" of Chapter 111 "Council/Council Rules" of Title Three "Legislative" of Part One "Administrative Code" of The Codified Ordinances of the City of South Euclid, Ohio. First Reading.

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

Legislation Requested by the Planning Commission

Introduced by Gray

Resolution 32-21

RESOLUTION

Granting a Conditional Use Permit to the "South Euclid United Church of Christ" to operate an Adult Day Program at their facility, located at 4217 Bluestone Road in the City of South Euclid, Ohio. First Reading.

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

Pastor Valarie Wimms and Jeffrey Chaney from South Euclid United Church of Christ reported on the program for special needs young adults, which will also focus on workforce development, life skills and other training programs.

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

Yes: Councilwoman Sara Continenza, Councilwoman Chanell Elston, Councilwoman Jane Goodman, Councilwoman Ruth Gray, Councilwoman Susan Hardy, Councilman Justin Tisdale.

Absent: Council President Joe Frank.
The legislation has been approved.

Legislation Requested by the Administration

Introduced by Gray

Resolution 33-21

RESOLUTION

Authorizing the Mayor to take all actions necessary to accept Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council (NOPEC) 2021 Energized Community Grant (NEC) Funds For The Victory Park Improvement Project. First Reading.

Action: Motion to Approve Legislation, **Moved by** Councilwoman Continenza, **Seconded by** Council President Pro Tem Gray.

Councilwoman Goodman stated that she hopes that there is an energy component and at least LED lighting as part of the project.

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

Yes: Councilwoman Sara Continenza, Councilwoman Chanell Elston, Councilwoman Jane Goodman, Councilwoman Ruth Gray, Councilwoman Susan Hardy, Councilman Justin Tisdale.

Absent: Council President Joe Frank.
The legislation has been approved.

Introduced by Frank

Resolution 34-21

RESOLUTION

Authorizing the city engineer to prepare the necessary plans, specifications, and advertise for bids for the 2021 Harwood Road Resurfacing Program in the City of South Euclid, Ohio; and declaring an emergency. First Reading.

Councilwoman Goodman applauded the administration for their successful efforts in obtaining two CDBG grants consecutively.

Action: Motion to Approve Legislation, **Moved by** Councilwoman Goodman, **Seconded by** Councilman Tisdale.

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

Yes: Councilwoman Sara Continenza, Councilwoman Chanell Elston, Councilwoman Jane Goodman, Councilwoman Ruth Gray, Councilwoman Susan Hardy, Councilman Justin Tisdale.

Absent: Council President Joe Frank.

The legislation has been approved.

Introduced by Gray

Ordinance 10-21

ORDINANCE

Amending Section 1607.05 "Fees; Changes in Business Occupancy" of Chapter 1607 "Certificate of Business Occupancy" of Part Sixteen "Business Maintenance Code" of The Codified Ordinances of The City of South Euclid, Ohio. First Reading.

The legislation was placed on first reading and referred to the Zoning & Planning Committee.

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Introduced by Gray

Ordinance 11-21

ORDINANCE

Amending Section 1510.10 "Permits and Fees" of Chapter 1510 "City of South Euclid Fire Prevention Code" of Part Fifteen "Fire Prevention Code" of the Codified Ordinances of The City of South Euclid, Ohio. First Reading.

The legislation was placed on first reading and referred to Zoning & Planning Committee.

Introduced by Gray

Ordinance 12-21

ORDINANCE

Amending Chapter 1305 "Deposits and Fees" of Title One "General Provisions" of Part Thirteen "Building Code" of the Codified Ordinances of The City Of South Euclid, Ohio. First Reading.

The legislation was placed on first reading and referred to the Zoning & Planning Committee.

Introduced by Gray

Ordinance 13-21

ORDINANCE

Amending Section 765.01 "Fees for Applications, Certificates and Permits" of Chapter 765 "Schedule of Fees" of Title Six "Administrative Provisions" of Part Seven "Planning and Zoning Code" of the Codified Ordinances of The City of South Euclid, Ohio. First Reading.

The legislation was placed on first reading and referred to Zoning & Planning Committee.

Public Hearings (Open Meeting) Related to Open Business

None.

Communications of City Council

- Councilman Tisdale asked that residents continue to follow covid protocols in public and to respect one another as we reopen.
- Councilwoman Goodman reported that the South Euclid Garden Walk will be June 26 and 27. Ms. Goodman reminded residents of the important contributions of Ray Rhode, who passed away from Covid recently and his longtime efforts in planning our summer band concerts.
- Councilwoman Continenza reported that the Farmers Market will be running throughout the summer and is great for the city and our downtown district. Ms. Continenza reported on the upcoming Bexley Bash on August 27th and efforts to engage youth voice in future park improvements.
- Councilwoman Hardy thanked the pool staff and everyone responsible for opening the pool season.

- Councilwoman Elston reported on the upcoming Juneteenth event and the efforts being planned in coordination with Pastor Blevins at Garfield Memorial Church and Director Benjamin. Ms. Elston reported on the Community Partnership on Aging's Step Up To The Plate fundraiser to provide more funds for seniors in need of food assistance.
- Councilwoman Gray wished all fathers a happy Father's Day and thanked Mayor Welo, staff and Councilmembers that attended the Ward One Meeting. Ms. Gray reported on issues with speeding on Greenvale Blvd and Asst. Chief Abele stated that he will post a speed truck at the location.

Adjourn to Executive Session for the purposes of discussing collective bargaining agreements.

With no further business to discuss, **Action:** Motion to Adjourn to Executive Session, **Moved by** Council Ruth , **Seconded by** Councilwoman Goodman.

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

Councilwoman Sara Continenza, Councilwoman Chanell Elston, Councilwoman Jane Goodman, Councilwoman Ruth Gray, Councilwoman Susan Hardy, Councilman Justin Tisdale.

Absent: Council President Joe Frank

City Council adjourned to Executive Session at 9:11 pm.

Adjourn

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

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

Councilwoman Sara Continenza, Councilwoman Chanell Elston, Councilwoman Jane Goodman, Councilwoman Ruth Gray, Councilwoman Susan Hardy, Councilman Justin Tisdale.

Absent: Council President Joe Frank

The Meeting Adjourned at 9:34 pm.

Council President

Attest:

Clerk of Council