

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, Councilwoman Chanell Elston, Council President Joe Frank, Councilwoman Jane Goodman, Councilwoman Ruth Gray, Councilwoman Susan Hardy, Councilman Justin Tisdale.

Approval of Minutes

June 14, 2021

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

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

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

The minutes have been approved.

June 28, 2021

Action: Motion to Approve Minutes **Moved by** Council President Gray, **Seconded by** Councilman Continenza.

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

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

The minutes have been approved.

Report of Mayor

- Poet Laureate Doc Janning recited the poem "Embrace of Day".
- Mayor Welo reported that all directors are in attendance except Housing Director Martin and Fire Chief Stefko who are excused.
- Economic Development Director Mike reported on upcoming events including the next Ray Rhode Concert Series Band Concert at Notre Dame College on July 25th featuring the Akron Symphonic Wind Band and that "bubble blower" Dr. U R Awesome will try a world record attempt for blowing the largest bubble. Mr. Love reported on the upcoming Rock the Block event.
- Economic Development Coordinator Subwick reported that the board of One South Euclid has hired Annette Iwamoto as their new Executive Director. Ms. Iwamoto introduced herself to members of city council.
- Police Chief Mays gave an update on the email he sent to city council regarding the disturbances caused by residents setting off fireworks over the July 4th holiday weekend and thanked Councilwoman Gray and Councilwoman Elston for working with him on potential updates to the city's code.
- Community Services Director Benjamin gave an update on the Victory Park project and legislation related to the CDBG project on Harwood Road.
- City Engineer Blackley reported that he plans on retiring at the end of 2022 and with Council's blessing, partner Anthony Dizenzo will be taking over. Mr., Blackley gave an update on several road repair projects including Oakmont Road, Green Road and also that the Harwood Road CDBG project is out to bid.
- Mayor Welo thanked Director Benjamin and City Engineer Blackley and the administrative team for their hard work on the Green Road project and that Mr., Benjamin has been watching over the project for the administration and that everything is in good hands.
- Mayor Welo reported on the efforts for the new Victory Park adult and senior playground project which came out of Councilwoman Gray's citizens recreation committee and is a big step for the city to provide new recreation. Ms., Welo also thanked the residents for their support of the road levy, which allows the city to match the grant funds for the CDBG project on Harwood Road.
- Mayor Welo reported that the special election to choose our new representative in congress is August 3rd and that only 10,000 vote by mail ballots have been requested to date in the district.
- Mayor Welo asked residents to visit the Farmers Market each Thursday and that Councilwoman Continenza has worked so hard to bring this to the community.

- Mayor Welo reported on the annual nuisance abatement ordinances that must be sent to the county.
- Mayor Welo acknowledged resident Carolyn Gordon who was in attendance at the virtual meeting and thanked her for all of the work she has done to provide scholarships to South Euclid students over the year.

Report of Law Director. None.

School District Report none.

Public Hearings (Open Meeting) Related to Agenda Items

None.

Report of Committees

Council President Frank reported that a Special Meeting was held earlier in the evening for the purposes of adjourning to executive session to discuss pending litigation.

Legislation Requested by the Mayor & Administration

Introduced by Frank

Resolution 36-21

RESOLUTION

Authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Brandstetter Carroll, Inc. for site analysis, engineering, design, bid and construction documents related to the Victory Park Improvement Project. First Reading.

Action: Motion to Approve Legislation, **Moved by** Council Continenza, **Seconded by** Gray.

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

Councilwoman Continenza and Director Benjamin reported on the upcoming project and that the project will hopefully be ready to bid in September.

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

The legislation has been approved.

Introduced by Frank

Resolution 37-21

RESOLUTION

Authorizing the appropriation of unappropriated funds in the General Fund in an amount not to exceed \$56,000 to the following fund: "Community Relations Fund #101-4440-52799" for professional services related to the Victory Park Project. First Reading.

Action: Motion to Approve Legislation, **Moved by** Council Continenza, **Seconded by** Gray.

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

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

The legislation has been approved.

Introduced by Frank

Resolution 38-21

RESOLUTION

Authorizing the appropriation of unappropriated funds in an amount not to exceed \$260,000 in the "Road Improvement Fund #425" for the Harwood Road Community Development Block Grant Fund Resurfacing Project. First Reading.

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

Correction of word Hinsdale.

The legislation has been approved.

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

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

The legislation has been approved.

Council President Frank cited the success the City has had in applying for CDBG funds over the years, especially since these are extremely competitive grants and cities rarely get them two years in a row and thanked Director Benjamin who writes the application.

Introduced by Frank

Ordinance 15-21

ORDINANCE

Assessing all unpaid costs of false alarm – nuisance abatements, as authorized by Chapter 531 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of South Euclid, Ohio, the Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court and the Ohio Revised Code; and declaring an emergency. First Reading.

Action: Motion to Approve Legislation, **Moved by** Council Elston, **Seconded by** Frank.

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

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

The legislation has been approved.

Introduced by Frank

Ordinance 16-21

ORDINANCE

Assessing unpaid costs of Service Department – Nuisance Abatement (yard clean-up, boarding charges, etc.) as authorized by Section 521.14 (D) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of South Euclid, Ohio; and declaring an emergency. First Reading.

Action: Motion to Approve Legislation, **Moved by** Council Elston, **Seconded by** Frank

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

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

The legislation has been approved.

Introduced by Frank

Ordinance 17-21

ORDINANCE

Assessing unpaid costs of Nuisance Abatement (high grass, weeds, etc.) as authorized by Section 521.14 (D), of the Codified Ordinances of the City of South Euclid, Ohio; and declaring an emergency. First Reading.

Action: Motion to Approve Legislation, **Moved by** Council Elston, **Seconded by** Gray

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

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

The legislation has been approved.

Introduced by Frank

Ordinance 18-21

ORDINANCE

Assessing all unpaid costs of Criminal Nuisance Abatements, as authorized by Chapter 531 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of South Euclid, Ohio, the Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court and the Ohio Revised Code; and declaring an emergency. First Reading.

Action: Motion to Approve Legislation, **Moved by** Council Elston, **Seconded by** Gray

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

Yes: Councilwoman Sara Continenza, Councilwoman Chanell Elston, Council President Joe Frank, 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: None

Communications of City Council

- Councilwoman Elston reported that she is planning a Breast Cancer Awareness Bike/Walk in October to benefit the Gathering Place.
- Councilwoman Gray scheduled a Zoning & Planning Committee meeting for July 19th at 5 pm and July 26th at 5 pm to discuss Ordinances 10-21, 11-21, 12 -21, & 13-21 concerning building department permits and fees. Ms. Gray addressed the issue of the abundance of fireworks over the 4th of July weekend and that a neighbor launched M80s and other dangerous fireworks off in the median of Princeton & Bridgeview. Ms. Gray stated that she enjoys fireworks when she knows that they are safe and being launched by professionals, but the neighborhood fireworks are dangerous and with dense housing and electrical lines could be damaging.
- Councilwoman Goodman stated that she spoke with patrons at Bexley Park who were there to play in league games and they discussed how much they liked playing in South Euclid. Ms. Goodman also discussed issues with litter and that she has seen some residents carrying trash bags and picking up litter as they

walk their neighborhood and it would be great to incentivize this to thank and encourage more people to help.

- Councilwoman Hardy echoed Councilwoman Gray's concerns about the fireworks and that there was fireworks debris everywhere at Bexley Park and at Adrian School.
- Councilwoman Continenza asked residents to support the farmers market and reported on the upcoming Bexley bash on August 27th.
- Councilman Tisdale concurred with Councilwomen Gray and Hardy that the fireworks being set off in neighborhoods this year was out of control and people should not be setting off commercial grade fireworks in the community.
- Council President Frank wished Councilman Tisdale a happy anniversary and Councilwomen Gray and Goodman happy birthdays.

Adjourn

With no further business to discuss, **Action:** Motion to Adjourn, **Moved by** Council Frank, **Seconded by** Councilwoman Goodman

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

Councilwoman Sara Continenza, Councilwoman Chanell Elston, Council President Joe Frank, 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