

**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****September 13, 2021**

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

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

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

**Absent:** Councilwoman Ruth Gray (due to technical difficulties).

The minutes have been approved.

**Report of Mayor**

- South Euclid Poet Laureate Doc Janning recited the evening's poem.
- Mayor Welo reported that all directors are in attendance, except Housing Director Martin, Service Director Anderson and Finance Director Wendt.
- Community Services Director Benjamin reported on the ODNR tree canopy grant resolution and a submission to be one of the cities to participate in the First Energy Light Up Holiday Smiles opportunity.
- Police Chief Mays reported that the Heights Hillcrest Dispatch and Chagrin Valley Dispatch have officially moved forward with the emergency dispatch center merger.
- City Engineer Blackley gave an update on 2021 road projects and reported that Oakmount Road reconstruction is moving along according to schedule and that construction has begun to resurface Harwood Road and will be completed by the end of October. Mr. Blackley also reported that the back parking lot is being repaved as part of the Leopardo Project and construction will begin next week. Councilwoman Goodman congratulated Mr. Blackley on winning the 2021 CNO Naval History Essay Contest from the US Chief of Naval Operations.
- Economic Development Director Love reported on upcoming events including the October 23<sup>rd</sup> OktoberFeast at Quarry Park North and reported on new business openings including Jersey Mike's Subs and Sprinkles and Milk at Cedar Center and Afrika Taste and Lounge at Mayfield & Green.
- Mayor Welo thanked Councilwoman Elston for her vision and efforts in planning the first Heights Move-a-Thon Bike & Run event to benefit The Gathering Place; and also thanked Meg Martines and Lisa Mack for their efforts in planning the Junk-in-the-Trunk event. Mayor Welo reported on legislative items on the agenda including the new agreement with the Cuyahoga County Board of Health and also highlighted upcoming events including the Community Shred Day, Mingle at the Mansion and the Free Tree Giveaway sponsored by the Tree Commission.

**Report of Law Director.** Law Director Logrosso reported that he is waiting to hear back from the City's regional health insurance consortium on bids for 2022 health insurance rates and will report back when he has more information.

**School District Report** none.

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

No comments.

Report of Council Committees

**Public Utilities Committee Meetings**

Councilman Tisdale reported that the committee met to discuss the options for enrolling the City in NOPEC's renewable energy program and another meeting will be scheduled to discuss options and moving forward.

**Zoning & Planning Committee**

Councilwoman Gray reported that the committee met to discuss Ordinances 12-21 and 13-21 regarding Building Department permits and fees. Ord. 12-21 is ready for consideration at an upcoming council meeting and the committee will meet again to continue discussions regarding Ord. 13-21.

**Legislation Requested by the Mayor & Administration**

Introduced by Frank

Ordinance 21-21

## ORDINANCE

Repealing Section 531.09 "Abatement of Criminal Nuisances" of Chapter 531 "Nuisances" of Part Five "General Offenses Code" of the Codified Ordinances of the City of South Euclid, Ohio. First Reading.

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

Council President Frank stated that the ordinance is being repealed and the City will be exploring other remedies and alternatives to effectively remedy criminal nuisances in the community and continue to protect the health, safety and welfare of our residents.

**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 46-21

## RESOLUTION

Authorizing the Director of Community Services to prepare and file a grant application for the Ohio Department of Natural Resources "Urban Canopy Restoration Grant Program". First Reading.

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

**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 47-21

## RESOLUTION

Providing a date and time limits for the Halloween observance upon the streets and out of doors for the year 2021. First Reading.

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

Councilwoman Goodman discussed the long history of the resolution and how former Councilman Rosenfield historically voted against it when he was on Council. **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 48-21

## RESOLUTION

Authorizing the Mayor of the City of South Euclid, Ohio to enter into an agreement with the Cuyahoga County Board of Health for Public Health Services for Fiscal Years 2022 & 2023. First Reading.

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

**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

- Doc Janning, 2092 Campus Road, stated that he's noticed that residents and landscapers are blowing grass clippings and leaves into the street and asked if

the city can take additional steps to educate newer residents about the rules for disposing of outdoor waste.

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### Communications of City Council

- Councilwoman Elston thanked everyone that helped organize and support the Heights Move-a-Thon Bike/Walk to benefit The Gathering Place and reported that at least \$700 was collected to support the charitable organization.
- Councilwoman Goodman reported that the South Euclid Green Energy Working Group had its meeting last week and that Director Benjamin and Councilwoman Gray are working on locations map for potential EV Charging Stations and the Building, Housing, Service and Safety Departments are providing an inventory of vehicles to begin discussing a plan for their eventual replacement with EV or Hybrid vehicles. Ms. Goodman reported that the Tree Commission's Tree Giveaway Day will be November 6<sup>th</sup> and there will be 500 trees to distribute. Councilwoman Goodman also reported on an Ohio EPA Recycling Grant she is working on with Director Benjamin.
- Councilwoman Continenza had no report.
- Councilman Tisdale urged residents to get out and vote in the upcoming election and also stated that as businesses cope with reopening from the pandemic shutdown to please be patient with employees.
- Councilwoman Gray reported that the next Ward One meeting will be held on October 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm at the Community Center.
- Councilwoman Hardy reported that the South Euclid Lyndhurst PTA Council is co-hosting a Meet & Greet and Debate with the League of Women Voters on October 20<sup>th</sup> at Brush High School for the upcoming Board of Education election.
- Council President Frank reminded residents that if they would like their voice heard to speak on the record and that sending anonymous emails makes it very difficult for council members to effectively respond to concerns.

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

**Action:** Motion to Adjourn to executive session, **Moved by** Council President 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.

Council adjourned to Executive Session at 8:48 pm.

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### Adjourn

With no further business to discuss, **Action:** Motion to Adjourn, **Moved by** Council President 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 9:25 pm.

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Council President

Attest:

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Clerk of Council