

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.

Swearing In Ceremony & Special Recognition

South Euclid Police Department Swearing-In:

- Officer Matthew Arko
- Officer Ryan Krizmanic

Recognition for Distinguished Service:

- Officer Dustin Smoot
- Officer Adam Singerman

Approval of Minutes: September 27, 2021

Action: Motion to Approve Meeting Minutes, **Moved by** Council President Frank
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 Ruth Gray, Councilwoman Susan Hardy, Councilman Justin Tisdale.

Abstain: Councilwoman Jane Goodman

The minutes have been approved.

Report of Mayor

- Poet Laureate Doc Janning recited the poem "Songs and Seasons of Time."
- Mayor Welo reported that all directors are in attendance.
- City Engineer Andy Blackley gave an update on road projects including Harwood Road, Oakmount and the South Green Road Project. Mr. Blackley discussed three resolutions on the agenda regarding 2022 road projects and bids for the 2022 road program.
- Mayor Welo thanked the residents for their continued support of the Road Levy and that next year will be the first year that all of the number one worst rated streets will be completed.
- Economic Development Director Mike Love gave an update on the Leopardo project and that the improvements are moving along as planned, including the replacement of the city hall rood and installation of new HVAC at the Community Center. The Mayor thanked Mr. Love for his work handling the project.
- Mayor Welo thanked residents for their continuing support of the Safety Levy and that our safety forces will be at full staff, which cuts down on overtime and allows officers to attend critical trainings. The Mayor reported on upcoming events and reported that the administration is working to present their proposed 2022 budgets to City Council.

Report of Law Director. Law Director Lograsso reported on the 2022 health insurance renewal and that the city is a part of the Ohio Government Co-op with several other cities to help reduce costs. Mr. Lograsso reported that it looks like the 2022 increase will be about a 9.3% increase as a result of several large claims, some associated with the Covid-19 pandemic.

School District Report none.

Public Hearings (Open Meeting) Related to Agenda Items

None.

Report of Committees**Committee of the Whole**

Council President Frank reported that the committee held its monthly budget update. Finance Director Wendt reported on current finances, which are looking good at this point of the year.

Legislation from the Planning Commission

Introduced by Frank

Ordinance 04-21

ORDINANCE

Amending Chapter 1107 "Automobile Sales" of Part Eleven "Business Regulation Code," of the Codified Ordinances of the City of South Euclid, Ohio. **Second Reading. To be placed on second reading pending a public hearing.**

The legislation was placed on second reading and referred to the Zoning and Planning Committee for a public hearing.

Introduced by Frank

Ordinance 22-21

ORDINANCE

Amending Section 731.03 "General Commercial Districts" of Chapter 731 "Permitted Uses in Commercial Districts" of Title Three "Commercial District Regulations;" Amending Section 741.02 "Limited Manufacturing (M-1) Districts," and Section 741.04 "Sale of Gasoline and/or Motor Vehicle Fuel from premises at which alcoholic beverages are sold or offered for sale; Penalty" of Chapter 741 "Permitted Uses In Manufacturing Districts" of Title Four "Manufacturing District Regulations" 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 the Zoning & Planning Committee.

Legislation Requested by the Mayor & Administration

Introduced by Frank

Resolution 49-21

RESOLUTION

Authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Member Community Infrastructure Grant Program (MCIP) Agreement with the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District for the Oakmount Road Phase 2 Infrastructure Improvement Project. First Reading.

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

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 Ruth Gray, Councilwoman Susan Hardy,

Absent: Councilman Justin Tisdale (technical issues).

The legislation has been approved.

Introduced by Frank

Resolution 50-21

RESOLUTION

Authorizing the City Engineer to Prepare the Necessary Plans, Specifications, and Advertise for bids for the Oakmount Road Phase 2 Infrastructure Improvement Project in the City of South Euclid, Ohio; and declaring an emergency. First Reading.

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

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 51-21

RESOLUTION

Authorizing the City Engineer to Prepare the Necessary Plans, Specifications, and Advertise for Bids for the 2022 Street Resurfacing Program in the City of South Euclid, Ohio; and declaring an emergency. First Reading.

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

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 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 reminded residents that Election Day is next Tuesday and remarked on the success of the OktoberFeast event.
- Councilwoman Goodman reported that she traveled to Columbus and met with ODNR representatives about funding for tree issues and future grants for Ohio EPA and sustainability efforts, including grants for EV Charging Stations. Ms. Goodman reported that the Tree Commission will be having their fall Tree Giveaway on November 6th at Bexley Park.
- Councilman Tisdale stated that the Oktoberfest event was a great experience and there was a large turnout. Mr. Tisdale asked that residents continue to be respectful and considerate to each other.
- Councilwoman Gray also reported on the success of the October Feast event and stated that it embodied the diversity of our community, and it was nice to see all of the family-oriented activities and congratulated Dan and staff on the event. Ms. Gray reported on the Ward One Meeting that was held last week and scheduled a Planning & Zoning Committee Public Hearing for December 13th at 6 pm.
- Councilwoman Continenza reported that she is working on the possibility of a Farmers Market in partnership with Cleveland Heights in 2022 and possibly at Quarry Park. Ms. Continenza reported on deer culling efforts and stated that ODNR reported 19 deer culled in the first week.
- Council President Frank stated that citizens have sacrificed their lives for our right to vote and encouraged residents to do so. Mr. Frank reported on the upcoming One South Euclid Mingle at the Mansion fundraiser.

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 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.

Absent:

Council adjourned to Executive Session at 9:03 pm

Adjourn

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

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

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

Absent: Susan Hardy (technical issues)

The Meeting Adjourned at 10:08 pm.

 Council President

Attest:

 Clerk of Council