

REGULAR MEETING OF SOUTH EUCLID CITY COUNCIL

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

Roll Call

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

Report of Mayor

- South Euclid Poet Laureate Doc Janning recited the evening's poem "Mono No Aware".
- Mayor Welo reported that all directors are present.
- Housing Director Sally Martin reported on legislation to convey vacant and foreclosed properties to One South Euclid.
- City Engineer Andy Blackley asked for support of Resolution 03-22 for Phase II stormwater services and that it is an EPA requirement.
- Mayor Welo reported that staff are working on preparing their budgets for 2022 and reported that tonight is Fire Chief Stefko's last official City Council meeting prior to his retirement, but we will honor him at the last meeting in January. Mayor Welo stated that she is interviewing candidates for the Chief's position, as well as Asst. Chief and Lieutenant.

Report of Law Director. No report.

School District Report No report.

Public Hearings (Open Meeting) Related to Agenda Items

There were no public comments concerning agenda items.

Legislation Requested by the Mayor & Administration

Introduced by Frank

Resolution 01-22

RESOLUTION

Setting the dates for the City of South Euclid's Regularly Scheduled Council Meetings in 2022. First Reading.

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

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

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

The legislation has been approved.

Introduced by Frank

Resolution 02-22

RESOLUTION

Authorizing the Mayor to convey certain real property of the City of South Euclid, Ohio to One South Euclid. First Reading.

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

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

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

The legislation has been approved.

Introduced by Frank

Resolution 03-22

RESOLUTION

Authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with the Cuyahoga County Board of Health for Phase II Stormwater Services for Fiscal Years 2022 & 2023; and declaring an emergency. First Reading.

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

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

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

The legislation has been approved.

Introduced by Frank

Resolution 04-22

RESOLUTION

Approving the City of South Euclid's notice to the Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council ("NOPEC") to elect NOPEC's Green Community Choice Program for the City's Electricity Aggregation Program starting in January 2023. First Reading.

The legislation was placed on first reading and referred to Utilities Committee for discussion and review.

Public Hearings (Open Meeting) Related to Open Business:

- Carlean Alford, 1355 Belvoir Mews, congratulated Councilwoman Gray and those re-elected and also welcomed the newer members and stated that she appreciates all of the efforts by the city. Ms. Alford stated that she has read council's articles in the magazine and that her expectation is that each councilperson will write about what they are doing for the city and what has been accomplished.
- Carolyn Gordon, 4616 Monticello Blvd., stated that she called the Service Department regarding new potholes on Monticello Blvd. and that there has been tremendous truck traffic, but is happy that the process has started.

Communications of City Council

- Councilwoman Elston reported that the Community Partnership on Aging (CPA) will be having their monthly Produce Plus event next Thursday and that CPA will also begin providing transportation through STC to take seniors to the grocery store and for medical appointments.
- Councilman Frank wished everyone a happy new year and stated that he is looking forward to this year's budget process. Mr. Frank thanked Sally Martin for her service and wished her best of luck in her new position with Cleveland.
- Councilman Tisdale asked that residents continue to mask up and do what we can to stop the spread of the very contagious Covid-19 variant.
- Councilwoman Hardy stated that she had no update this evening.
- Councilwoman Continenza echoed Councilman Frank's comments about Housing Director Martin and her new position with Cleveland. Ms. Continenza stated that one of the other tools to fight illness is through eating healthy foods.
- Council President Gray stated that there is a lot happening this year in the city and that the Mayor will be keeping City Council busy with major projects and she is looking to move forward and get things done. Ms. Gray stated that she has met with most directors in the last two weeks and is impressed in hearing their goals, passion and commitment to the community. Council President Gray thanked Sally Martin for her efforts and doing trailblazing things on behalf of the community.

Adjourn

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

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

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

The Meeting Adjourned at 8:32 pm.

Council President

Attest:

Clerk of Council