

**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, Councilman John Fahsbender, Councilwoman Chanell Elston, Councilman Joe Frank, Councilwoman Susan Hardy, Councilman Justin Tisdale, Council President Ruth Gray.

**Swearing-In Ceremony**

- Fire Chief Dave Csire
- Assistant Fire Chief Larry Gaspar
- Firefighter Brandon Hall-Carstarphen

**Report of Mayor**

- South Euclid Poet Laureate Doc Janning recited the evening's poem titled The All of Being and Song of Love.
- Mayor Welo reported that all directors are present except Finance Director Wendt, Service Director Jim Anderson and Fire Chief Chief Dave Csire who are excused from the meeting.
- Economic Development Director Love asked for consideration of Reolution 09-22 regarding the conditional use permit for Source Holding Medical Marijuana Dispensary.
- City Engineer Blackley reported that bid openings were held for the Oakmont Project Phase II, and the lowest bid came in about 13.5% higher than estimated as a result of inflation and increased costs.
- Mayor Welo requested support for Resolution 09-22 declaring February National African American History Month.

**Report of Law Director.** No report.

**School District Report** Cassandra Jones.

School Board member Cassandra Jones gave the following report:

- Students and teachers have resumed in-person learning and continuing to follow safety protocols.
- Superintendent Dr. Linda Reid is working to update the reopening, recovery and revitalization plan, which will serve as an addendum to Destination 2023 plan.
- Ms. Jones reported that the School District has received a clean audit.
- Ms. Jones reported on the district's opposition to proposed Ohio HB126 and the danger of the new law to prevent property tax valuation challenges by the School District.
- The next School Board Meeting will be tomorrow at 5:30 pm and will be open for in-person attendance and also streamed on YouTube.

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

There were no public comments concerning agenda items.

**Report of Council Committees**Public Utilities Committee

Councilman Fahsbender reported that the Committee met to discuss the NOPEC Green Community Choice Program and Resolution 04-22 which authorizes the City to establish green energy as the default option for those utilizing NOPEC. Mr. Fahsbender stated that residents will be able to opt-out of the green community choice program, which will begin in 2023.

**Legislation Requested by the Planning Commission**

Introduced by Gray

Resolution 08-22

## RESOLUTION

Granting a Conditional Use Permit to "The Source Holding Ohio LLC, DBA The Source" Medical Marijuana Dispensary, located at 14481 Cedar Road in the City of South Euclid, Ohio. First Reading.

**Action:** Motion to Approve Legislation, **Moved by** Council President Gray, **Seconded by** Councilman Tisdale.

Representatives from Source Holdings LLC including Simon Nankervis CEO of Source presented their plan for the new business in South Euclid. The business is committed to offering charitable support to the community, and plans to open in late 2022 or early 2023 with 23 initial employees and potential expansion of up to 50 employees.

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

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

The legislation has been approved.

### **Legislation Requested by the Mayor & Administration**

Introduced by Gray

Resolution 09-22

#### RESOLUTION

A resolution recognizing February 2022 as *National African American History Month*. First Reading.

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

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

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

The legislation has been approved.

### **Public Hearings (Open Meeting) Related to Open Business:**

No comments.

### **Communications of City Council**

- Councilwoman Elston congratulated our new Fire Chief, Asst. Fire Chief and Firefighter on their departmental promotions and urged residents to support local businesses during the NBA All Star Weekend.
- Councilman Frank offered congratulations to the Fire Chief, Asst. Fire Chief and new Firefighter. Mr. Frank reported that he attended the St. John's spaghetti dinner and Rock the Block fundraiser which were both great successes and thanked the Service Department on the great job they have done with the recent storms. Mr. Frank wished everyone a wonderful Valentine's Day.
- Councilman Tisdale also congratulated the Fire Department on their promotions and reminded residents to be mindful of our community's youth and acknowledge them and be welcoming.
- Councilman Fahsbender offered his congratulations to the Fire Department on their promotions and reported on the importance of recognizing African American History Month.
- Councilwoman Hardy reminded residents to please shovel their sidewalks to allow residents, especially our seniors and youth to be able to safely walk. Ms. Hardy thanked Councilwoman Elston for her educational posts on social media regarding African American History Month.
- Council President Gray: Reported that City Council is scheduling Budget Hearings with directors in preparation for the 2022 Budget and congratulated Mayor Welo and the Service Department for their excellent work clearing the snow during the recent storms.

### **Adjourn**

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

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

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

The Meeting Adjourned at 9:20 pm.

Attest:

Council President

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Clerk of Council