

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.
Councilman Fahsbender joined at 8:03 pm.

Swearing-In Ceremony

- Greg Duy, Captain, Fire Department
- Jamie Moroney, Lieutenant, Fire Department

Approval of Minutes

January 10, 2022

Action: Motion to Approve Minutes of Meeting, **Moved by** Councilwoman Elston, **Seconded by** Councilman Frank.

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

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

Abstain: Councilman John Fahsbender,
The minutes have been approved.

January 24, 2022

Action: Motion to Approve Minutes of Meeting, **Moved by** Councilman Tisdale **Seconded by** Councilwoman Elston.

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

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

Abstain: John Fashbender
The minutes have been approved.

Report of Mayor

- South Euclid Poet Laureate Doc Janning introduced Raja Belle Freeman who recited the evening's poem in observance of African American History Month. Read Crisis Writing #19.
- Mayor: All in attendance.
- Csire: two house fires, one at 4511 Wilburn kitchen fire, alerted by fire alarm. Don't leave cooking unattended, especially cooking oil. Also, once you leave a fire, never go back in. Mutual Aid came in. February 21st -3770 Fair Oaks. It was a vacant home. A roofer was repairing the roof and fire coming out from back of the house. One FF injury, it was UH firefighter injured knee, first day on job after knee replacement. Fire due to hot torch used on roof, Building Department looking to see if permit was pulled. Fire Applications for May 24th test went out February 25th. Deadline for applications is April 14th.
- Mayor. This was 3rd fire this year, the first one was on Bryan. Csire: four dogs perished in fire.
- Love: Leopardo project. Later this week hopefully roof project will resume, the other project is the police department elevator. Renovations of community center underway, and will hopefully be completed by mid-April. Hoping all projects be substantially complete by May.
- Mayor: roof is not leaking and been a wonderful experience and to see Love be the project manager. Being a team and always have a team leader. Gives him the experience when economic development moves forward Mike had to handle quite a few situations.
- Andy Blackley: Anthony is on the call for our meetings, as Andy is retiring at the end of the year. Council has three items Res. 10, 11, & 12-22 for Oakmount

Project Phase 2. The lowest and best bid exceeded the bid by 13%. Asking for additional authorization to award the project. Critical to have contractor under agreement as soon as possible to ensure we can get materials. If we wait too long, we'll lose suppliers or rebid the job again. Approached by Water Department about installing large valve at Trebisky road, so undertaking that work now and hopefully it will be complete in next two weeks. Oakmount should begin by end of the month.

- Mayor asked council's support. We are struggling across the board on our roads and their costs. Board of Control will award the project tomorrow. Hoping everyone will mark their calendar for Arbor Day on April 29th. Active tree commission and assist in any way they can. Our tree canopy is constantly struggling with trees going down in storms, and insects.
- Gray – saw the benefits of our mutual aid for the fire on Fair Oaks and my neighbors were impressed because they saw Lyndhurst, Beachwood, Mayfield and Richmond. The firemen did a fantastic job.

Report of Law Director. No report.

School District Report

Public Hearings (Open Meeting) Related to Agenda Items

There were no public comments concerning agenda items.

Debbie Wright: 4474 Dorshwood spoke in favor of the NOPEC Green Community Choice Program. Every resident will have the option to opt-out if they don't want to be a part of the program. Using non fossil fuels for our electricity is one step we can take to protect the environment. According to NOPEC it will cost around \$45 a year. I encourage NOPEC and SE to consider creating a 100% heatshare program to help those who can't afford it. As I've said if you need help explaining just let me know.

Report of Council Committees

Safety Committee

Elston committee met to discuss the fireworks ordinance and presented tonight for passage.

Zoning & Planning Committee

Gray we had a public hearing to discuss Ord. 20-21 amending zoning map for May Green Business district, Mike Love spoke that most of the area would not impact the residential properties and allow us to provide more walkable spaces and use within the area.

Committee of the Whole

Councilman Frank reported that the committee met and Brenda Wendt. "One month does not a trend make" have receipts of 1 million and disbursement of 1.8 million. Disbursements very similar to 2021. Too early to tell what may be causing. \$4.5 million general fund balance.

Public Utilities Committee

Introduced by Gray

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 January 2023. **Second Reading.**

Fahsbender gave an overview. Needs to be passed this evening last day for NOPEC.

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

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 City Council

Introduced by Gray

Ordinance 01-22

ORDINANCE

Amending Chapter 1540 "Fireworks" of Part Fifteen "Fire Prevention Code," of the Codified Ordinances of The City of South Euclid, Ohio. First Reading.

Elston reported on meetings and educational efforts.

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, 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 10-22

RESOLUTION

Authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Trax Construction Company for the Oakmount Road Infrastructure Improvement Project, Phase 2. First Reading.

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

Introduced by Gray

Resolution 11-22

RESOLUTION

Authorizing the appropriation of unappropriated funds in the following fund: "Flood Control Fund #426" for expenditures related to the Oakmount Road Infrastructure Improvement Project, Phase 2. First Reading.

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

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.

Introduced by Gray

Resolution 12-22

RESOLUTION

Authorizing the appropriation of unappropriated funds in the following fund: "Water Distribution Infrastructure #424" for expenditures related to the Oakmount Road Infrastructure Improvement Project, Phase 2. First Reading.

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

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 Continenza: Thank you Raja for sharing awesome poem and came to our High School entrepreneurship program. Proud to be mentoring her and Mayor thank you for your kind words. There are so many good things happening that give us hope and pride. Met with Mayor Seren and recreation department, Councilwoman Russell and Dan about Farmers Market at Quarry Park and take to another level with the collaboration with CH and do more for our residents. We also have the business mixer on March 9th and NDC doing a meet and greet with residents. Great opportunity to get together.
- Councilman Fahsbender: good to see snow melt away and sidewalks clear. Whether we can do something about sidewalk snow removal when its heavy and thinking about ways through volunteerism and try to get more sidewalks shoveled. With older people and people with dogs, so people can still get around. You see people walking in the street, its not good. 800 afghan refugees in area and there may be ways that the SE community can help.
- Councilwoman Hardy: working on updates to the salary ordinance, there's a lot of things that coincide. Sally Martin testified before congress on South Euclid and absentee landlords. There were five witnesses and Sally was in the top two. Mayor: Sally and I have been working with Senator Brown's office on foreclosure and banking. I've done it in the past and this was Sally's first time. We continue to work with Brown's office on issues. Our experiences and what we brought to the table. Love and Daniel have stepped up. We hope Sally does great things for Cleveland.
- Councilwoman ELston: Memorial having PTA fundraiser at Boston Market next Tuesday. Tomorrow is the first week of the Month and its Social Worker Month.
- Councilman Frank: thanked councilperson ELston for social media spotlights on black business owners. Also, Jim Anderson wasn;t here last time. Thank you and service department for snow removal efforts. Some unusal snowfall and kudos to our safety forces fires two days in a row.
- Councilman Tisdale: two local teams still playing. Brush plays on Wednesday against Bordeman and then Thursday Mayfield Plays Mentor. If all goes will Brush will play Mayfield.
- Council President Gray: asked for a moment of silence and pray for those citizens of Ukraine. Can't imagine what they are going throught and asked for a silent moment of prayer for peace. Earlier today the building department and economic development department met with the auto business owners. We want to be inviting and create an attractive and inviting business districts. Based upon those that were there it was well rececied. Tomorrow, the school district is entertaining a sale of the lowden property. They want to have a community meeting to discuss proposed plan and have a discussion that's tomorrow. This meeting is for the residents of lowden to ask questions and get feedback. UCC at 6:30 pm. Budget Hearings on Wedneaday March 2nd. And at end of month, quarterly meetings at SE municipal court on March 28th to discuss bank reconciliations.
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Adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of discussion of pending litigation.

Action: Motion to Adjourn to Executive Session, **Moved by** Councilwoman Elston, **Seconded by** Council Tisdale

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

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Council Adjourned to Executive Session at 9:11 pm.

Adjourn

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

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 10:24 pm.

Council President

Attest:

Clerk of Council

Budget Hearing Dates

February 21, from 6- 9 pm

February 22 from 6 – 9 pm

Wednesday, March 2 from 6 – 9 pm

Monday, March 7 from 6 - 9 pm

Wednesday, March 8 from 6 – 9 pm.