

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 Department: Lieutenant Ben Ovelgonne

Report of Mayor

- South Euclid Poet Laureate Doc Janning recited the evening's poem "Sonnet of Spring".
- Mayor Welo reported that all directors are in attendance.
- Economic Development Director Love reported that the new EV Charging Stations, funded through a grant from Ohio EPA have been installed at Quarry Park. Mr. Love reported on Resolution 19-22 regarding an easement at the corner of Mayfield & Green.
- City Engineer Blackley reported that the 2022 road program is underway, and the contractor is working diligently beginning on Whitehall Road and that the Phase II of the Oakmount restoration project is underway. Mr. Blackley gave an update on the pre-construction meeting held for Cedar Road and ongoing work for the South Green Road project.
- Community Services Director Benjamin reported on the various pieces of legislation for consideration for the Mayfield Road Improvement Project and bid specifications for the resurfacing of community park parking lots, South Belvoir Blvd., and the appropriation of funds for the 2022 road note ordinances.
- Building Commissioner Heilman and Housing Manager Murray reported on Ordinance 06-22 regarding criminal nuisance abatements.
- Fire Chief Csire reported that the 2021 Fire Department Annual Report has been released and is on the Department's webpage. Chief Csire also reported on the upcoming Regional Fire Exam deadline of April 14th and a meeting held with Sacred Heart of Jesus congregants to discuss fire safety programs.
- Mayor Welo reported on the 2022 City Business Appreciation Mixer at Notre Dame College and thanked Director Love for his work planning the event.
- Mayor Welo discussed the upcoming Tree Commission Arbor Day commemoration honoring former Councilwoman Jane Goodman.
- Mayor Welo welcomed resident Carolyn Gordon who is in attendance and thanked her for her work with our students and youth.

Report of Law Director. No report.

School District Report

School Board Member Cassandra Jones reported on the following:

- The District is working on wrapping up the school year with the last day of classes scheduled for June 2nd and that the students are gearing up for prom and other activities.
- Students are still struggling to get back to full force from the pandemic and there have been behavioral issues, not just at the schools, but with youth at shopping malls and in the community.
- The School District's annual audit is on nearing completion and on track for a clean audit.
- Brush High School will have a new principal next year and Superintendent Reid is completing the last round of interviews.

Public Hearings (Open Meeting) Related to Agenda Items

Doc Janning, 2092 Campus Road, discussed National Poetry Month and several of to represent the city at in the coming weeks.

Legislation Requested by the Mayor & Administration

Introduced by Gray

Ordinance 06-22

ORDINANCE

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

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

Introduced by Gray

Resolution 16-22

RESOLUTION

Proclaiming April 2022 to be National Poetry Month in the City of South Euclid, Ohio. First Reading.

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.

Introduced by Gray

Resolution 17-22

RESOLUTION

Proclaiming April 2022 to be Fair Housing Month in the City of South Euclid, Ohio. First Reading.

Action: Motion to Approve Legislation, **Moved by** Councilwoman Hardy, **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 18-22

RESOLUTION

Authorizing the Mayor to take all actions necessary to accept Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council (NOPEC) 2022 Energized Community Grant(S) (NEC) Funds for the Victory Park Improvement Project. First Reading.

Action: Motion to Approve Legislation, **Moved by** Councilwoman Continenza, **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.

Introduced by Gray

Resolution 19-22

RESOLUTION

Authorizing the Mayor to accept an easement from the City of South Euclid, owner of Parcel #703-03-055, aka 4451 Mayfield Road, within the City of South Euclid, Ohio for the purposes of facilitating the South Green Road Infrastructure Improvement Project. First Reading.

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.

Introduced by Gray

Resolution 20-22

RESOLUTION

Authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Adoption Agreement with Ohio Deferred Compensation to add the Roth 457 option to the current Ohio Public Employees Deferred Compensation Plan. First Reading.

Action: Motion to Approve Legislation, **Moved by** Councilwoman Hardy, **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 21-22

RESOLUTION

Authorizing the City Engineer to prepare the necessary plans, specifications, and advertise for bids for the 2022 Community Parks and Parking Lots Resurfacing Program in the City of South Euclid, Ohio; and declaring an emergency. First Reading.

Action: Motion to Approve Legislation, **Moved by** Councilwoman Continenza, **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 22-22

RESOLUTION

Authorizing the City Engineer to prepare the necessary plans, specifications, and advertise for bids for the South Belvoir Boulevard Resurfacing Project in the City of South Euclid, Ohio; 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 = 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 23-22

RESOLUTION

Authorizing the appropriation of unappropriated funds in the following fund: "Road Improvement and Resurfacing Fund #425" in the amount of \$17,456.50 for issuance fees related to the sale of general obligation bond anticipation notes related to 2022 Road and Infrastructure Improvement Projects. First Reading.

Action: Motion to Approve Legislation, **Moved by** Councilman Frank, **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 24-22

RESOLUTION

Authorizing the appropriation of unappropriated funds in the following fund: "Road Improvement and Resurfacing Fund #425" in the amount of \$1,652,332.50 to retire the 2021 note issuance and fees related to 2021 Road and Infrastructure Improvement Projects. First Reading.

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

Introduced by Gray

Resolution 25-22

RESOLUTION

A Resolution condemning the Russian Federation's military invasion of Ukraine and expressing support for Ukraine. First Reading.

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

Mayor addressed issue.

Doc Janning wrote a poem on the subject and recited "Fleeing Ukraine, Losing Home". The legislation has been approved.

Public Hearings (Open Meeting) Related to Open Business:

There were no comments related to Open Business.

Communications of City Council

- Councilwoman Elston reported on the upcoming Juneteenth Celebration on Sunday, June 19th from 1 – 5 pm at Garfield Memorial Church.
- Councilman Frank addressed the many infrastructure investments underway, and that the City is following through on the commitment it made to the residents when the RITA credit was eliminated and has resulted in major improvements to our streets and public properties. Councilman Frank wished all those who celebrate a Happy Passover and Easter.
- Councilman Fahsbender reported that he attended the One South Euclid Board Meeting last Thursday and one of the topics was the community grants for senior landscaping and snowplowing and there was discussion around ways to increase funding and working with the Community Partnership on Aging. Mr. Fahsbender stated that he is looking forward to One South Euclid present more information at our Council Meetings.
- Councilman Tisdale discussed the importance welcoming new residents into the community and that the housing in South Euclid is going fast and for high prices.
- Councilwoman Continenza reported on the upcoming Farmers Market to be held this year at Quarry Park North and in partnership with Cleveland Heights starting the second week in June. Ms. Continenza discussed the wonderful Ward 3 community meeting held at Notre Dame College.
- Councilwoman Hardy reported on the upcoming May 7th CitySweep event as well as the Memorial Day Parade.
- Councilwoman Elston scheduled a Safety Committee Meeting for April 25th at 5:30 pm to discuss Ordinance 06-22 regarding criminal nuisance abatements.
- Council President Gray reported on upcoming efforts to review our Master Plan and Zoning updates and identifying new challenges to move the community forward.

Adjourn

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

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 9:23 pm.

Council President

Attest:

Clerk of Council