

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.

Report of Mayor

- South Euclid Poet Laureate Doc Janning recited a poem in celebration of St. Patrick's Day.
- Mayor Welo reported that all directors are in attendance except Director Michael Love who is excused.
- Fire Chief Csire reported on two fires in Richmond Heights that required mutual aid and also regional special rescues in Chagrin Falls, South Russell and Richmond Heights. Chief Csire reported on the upcoming regional fire exam.
- City Engineer Blackley reported that the Oakmount Phase II was awarded by Board of Control and a pre-construction meeting will be held with the project scheduled to begin at the end of the month. Mr. Blackley also reported that a pre-construction meeting was also held regarding the 2022 Road Program, which was awarded to Agresta Company, and that work will begin by the end of the month. Engineer Blackley reported that construction on South Green Road will resume this spring to finish the work that was paused over the winter.
- Mayor Welo gave an overview of the legislation on the agenda and thanked Brenda Wendt, City Council and department heads for their work implementing the new VIP financial system. Ms. Welo also thanked City Council President Gray, Finance Chair Frank and members of council for their due diligence in reviewing the budget and monthly meetings to monitor finances and taxpayer dollars.
- Mayor Welo reported that Arbor Day will be Friday, April 29th is Arbor Day, and the Tree Commission will honor retired Councilwoman Jane Goodman at this year's event.

Report of Law Director. No report.

Public Hearings (Open Meeting) Related to Agenda Items

There were no public comments concerning agenda items.

Report of Council CommitteesCommittee of the Whole

Councilwoman Hardy reported that the committee met to review the updated salary ordinance with the two biggest changes being some job title changes, adding Juneteenth as an observed holiday and revisions to the Court's section. Ms. Hardy stated that council has requested some additional information to review and will meet again next Monday. Councilman Frank reported that the committee also held a Budget Hearing on March 8th to continue the budget review process.

Zoning & Planning Committee

Introduced by Gray

Ordinance 20-21

ORDINANCE

Amending the Zoning Map of The City of South Euclid, Ohio, so as to change the thereafter described Permanent Parcel Numbers from its Existing Class R-50 "One and Two Family District" or C-1 "Limited Commercial District" to M-G "Mayfield Green District." Third Reading.

Councilwoman Gray reported that the legislation aligns our zoning map and reflects our ability to move in the right direction.

Action: Motion to Approve Legislation, **Moved by** Council President Gray, **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 02-22

ORDINANCE

To make appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the City of South Euclid, State of Ohio, during the Fiscal Year ending December 31, 2022; and declaring an emergency. First Reading.

Councilman Frank stated that the Mayor has always prudently managed the city's revenue and expenditures and that he expects that to continue this year. Council President Gray thanked the Mayor who has done a phenomenal job managing expenses to revenue and that her actions have helped the City management past financial storms, and she will continue to do that.

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.

Councilwoman Gray stated that City Council's goal is to begin working on the budget later this year with the goal of passing the next fiscal year budget before the end of the year.

Legislation Requested by the Mayor & Administration

Introduced by Gray

Ordinance 03-22

ORDINANCE

An ordinance to provide for the issuance and sale of notes, in anticipation of the issuance of bonds, in the principal amount not to exceed \$1,638,000 for the purpose of retiring outstanding bond anticipation notes of the city issued to pay for all or a portion of the costs of constructing, reconstructing, resurfacing and otherwise improving various streets in the city, together with all necessary appurtenances, and declaring an emergency. 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

Ordinance 04-22

ORDINANCE

An ordinance to provide for the issuance of notes, in anticipation of the issuance of bonds, in the principal amount not to exceed \$2,100,000 to pay for all or a portion of the costs of resurfacing, constructing and otherwise improving various streets, parks and parking lots in the city, together with all necessary appurtenances, and declaring an emergency. First Reading.

Frank: green road,

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.

Public Hearings (Open Meeting) Related to Open Business:

No comments.

Communications of City Council

- Councilman Fahsbender discussed the budget review process and thanked Mr. Benjamin for meeting with him to review the background on the road and park improvement projects. Mr. Fahsbender reported that he attended a Fair Lending

panel discussion regarding the negative impacts of out of state investors and rental properties and that he'd like to focus on some of the best practices that we have not already done and is appreciative of everything the administration has done.

- Councilwoman Continenza reported that she is co-hosting a neighborhood meeting with Notre Dame College this Wednesday in NDC's Great Room and looking forward to working with residents and the college to improve relationships. Ms. Continenza reported that the Farmers Market will be moving to Quarry Park this summer and that she has invited Cleveland Heights to potentially partner and regionalize and provide more opportunities for residents.
- Councilwoman Hardy stated that she has no report this evening.
- Councilman Frank thanked City Council for their hard work on this year's budget and that we will continue to provide the services that our residents have become accustomed.
- Councilwoman Elston reported that she attended the successful City's business mixer last week at Notre Dame College and congratulated student Elmore James at being named the Brush High School Student Athlete of the Year.
- Councilman Tisdale reported on the dangers of gun violence and that Governor DeWine recently signed a bill into law allowing people to carry concealed firearms without needing a permit or training on how to operate a gun.
- Council President Gray thanked everyone for working so hard to get through the budget process and that by having department director's present their department's accomplishments and plans for the future, it allowed for a more comprehensive look as well as the ability to see challenges and work towards the future. Council President Gray thanked Finance Director Wendt and Councilman Frank for their work on the budget and the new financial reporting system and thanked Council for their hard work and support.

Adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of discussion of pending litigation.

Action: Motion to Adjourn to Executive Session, **Moved by** Councilwoman Continenza **Seconded by** Council Hardy.

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.

Council Adjourned to Executive Session at 8:48 pm.

Adjourn

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

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 pm.

Council President

Attest:

Clerk of Council