

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.

Special Presentation**2021 Firefighter of the Year: Geffry Turchon**

Introduced by Gray

Resolution 26-22

RESOLUTION

In appreciation to and recognition of Lieutenant Geffry Turchon for his outstanding service to the South Euclid Fire Department and the residents of South Euclid and having been nominated and elected Firefighter of the Year for 2021. First Reading.

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.

2021 Police Officer of the Year: William Lazor

Introduced by Gray

Resolution 27-22

RESOLUTION

In appreciation to and recognition of Patrol Officer William Lazor for his outstanding service to the South Euclid Police Department and the residents of the City of South Euclid and having been nominated and elected Officer of the Year for 2021. First Reading.

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

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.

Approval of Minutes**March 14, 2022**

Action: Motion to Approve Minutes, **Moved by** Councilman Frank, **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 minutes have been approved.

March 28, 2022

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

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 5)

Yes: Councilwoman Chanell Elston, Councilman John Fahsbender, Councilman Joe Frank, Councilwoman Susan Hardy, Council President Ruth Gray.

The legislation has been approved.

Abstain: Continenza, Tisdale

The minutes have been approved.

Report of Mayor & Department Heads

- South Euclid Poet Laureate Doc Janning recited the evening's poem called "Thrive" written by Beat Poet John Burroughs, a nationally recognized South Euclid poet.
- Mayor Welo reported that all directors are in attendance
- Planning & Development Director Love reported that the Leopardo Project is wrapping up at City Hall with work most likely completed in May, and that also the Community Center restoration work is underway and close to being completed. Mr. Love reported on Res. 30-22 allowing Afrika Taste to install a seasonal outdoor patio.
- City Engineer Blackley reported that the 2022 road program is moving along with work on Francis Ct., Whitehall, Lancaster and also Anderson Road by the War Memorial. Mr. Blackley gave updates on the Oakmount Road infrastructure improvement project, South Green Road and Cedar Road projects.
- Parks & Recreation Director Subwick thanked city council for their support of his new position and stated that he is grateful for the opportunity. Mr. Subwick reported on upcoming events including Arbor Day, CitySweep and plans for the Community Gardens.
- Fire Chief Csire reported on the upcoming regional fire exam to be held on May 24th and that 150 applications were returned. Chief Csire reported on a kitchen fire at a home at 4054 Princeton and reported the fire hydrant testing will begin on May 2nd and the department will post the testing schedule on Facebook each day.
- Mayor Welo recognized and thanked Councilwoman Hardy for representing the city at the annual Reaching Heights Spelling Bee and the team, which included University Heights Mayor Brennan and Cleveland Heights Mayor Seren placed second in the competition. Mayor Welo thanked the South Euclid Browns Barkers for hosting the Earth Day Clean-up event and that the Tree Commission's annual Arbor Day celebration will honor former councilwoman Jane Goodman.

Report of Law Director. No report.

School District Report. No report.

Public Hearings (Open Meeting) Related to Agenda Items

There were no public comments.

Report of Council Committees

Safety Committee

Chairwoman Elston reported that the committee met to discuss Ord. 06-22 regarding criminal nuisances and that another meeting has been scheduled for May 9th to continue discussions.

Recreation Committee

Chairwoman Continenza reported that the committee met to discuss and review the final site plan for the Victory Park project. Community Development Director Keith Benjamin gave updates on the project and upcoming bid information and also updated city council on additional recreation capital projects in the works for installation in the coming months.

Committee of the Whole

Finance Committee Chairman Frank reported that the committee held its monthly finance and budget review, and that expenses, revenue and general fund balance are about the same as last year at this time.

Safety Committee

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. Second Reading.

The legislation was placed on second reading.

Introduced by Gray

Resolution 28-22

RESOLUTION

Declaring the necessity to renew a tax levy outside of the ten-mill limitation for the purpose of providing funds for the general provision of police, fire, and other safety services in the city; and requesting Tax Valuation Certification from the County Fiscal Officer; and declaring an emergency. First Reading.

Action: Motion to Approve Legislation, **Moved by** Councilman Frank, **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 29-22

RESOLUTION

Submitting the question of renewing an existing tax levy for the purpose of providing funds for the general provision of police, fire and other safety services in the city, together with all necessary incidentals and appurtenances thereto, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.19, to the electors of the City of South Euclid, Ohio; and declaring an emergency. First reading.

The legislation was placed on first reading.

Legislation Requested by the Planning Commission

Introduced by Gray

Resolution 30-22

RESOLUTION

Granting a Conditional Use Permit for a seasonal outdoor patio to "Afrika Taste and Lounge," located at 4483 Mayfield Road in the City of South Euclid, Ohio. 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 = 7).

Yes: Councilwoman 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 31-22

RESOLUTION

Authorizing the Director of Community Services to prepare the necessary plans, specifications, and advertise for bids for the Victory Park & Community Center Improvement Project 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.

Public Hearings (Open Meeting) Related to Open Business:

There were no public comments.

Communications of City Council

- Councilwoman Hardy reported that the Earth Day project in coordination with Adrian Elementary, MyCom and Cuyahoga Soil and Water resulted in the collection of 25 pounds of trash in just 25 minutes. Ms. Hardy reported on the May 7th CitySweep event, Reaching Heights Spelling Bee and a tree planting by youth at Greenview Upper Elementary to honor a student and teacher that passed away.
- Councilman Tisdale reported that he represented the City, along with Council President Ruth Gray and Law Director Lograsso in the annual Community Partnership on Aging Fashion Show. Mr. Tisdale reported on the work of CPA to help seniors.
- Councilman Fahsbender expressed his sadness of the untimely death of the boy that passed way from a tragic accident and sated that as a father he can't

imagine the pain the family is going through, and expressed his thoughts and prayers.

- Councilwoman Elston reported that next Tuesday is the Primary Election Day in Ohio and reminded residents to vote. Councilwoman Elston reported that she recently enrolled her nephew at Greenview School and expressed how wonderful the principals and counselors have been in helping navigate the new school environment.
- Councilman Frank acknowledged the members of the Police and Fire Department that were voted "Officers of the Year" and stated that we have great safety forces because of the community's support of the Safety Levy, we have two officers of the year. Mr. Frank reported on Substitute HB 519 in the Ohio Legislature which is another attack on local government home rule and trying to mess with municipal finances.
- Councilwoman Continenza also responded to the tragic death of the boy, who was her neighbor and stated that she has started a fundraising page to help the family cover financial expenses. Ms. Continenza discusses the importance of gun safety and education about mental health issues. Ms. Continenza reported on the upcoming Farmers Market at Quarry Park and that she is beginning planning for the annual Bexley Bash to be held in conjunction with National Night Out on the first Tuesday in August.
- Council President Gray thanked Councilwoman Hardy and the PTA for nominating her for a Founders Day award and also reported on her participation in the Fashion Show to benefit the Community Partnership on Aging. Ms. Gray reported on how wonderful it is to see ambassadors out cleaning the streets in the Mayfield and Green District and thanked Mayor Welo. Director Love stated that the effort is the result of the City's participation with the Downtown Cleveland Alliance pilot project.

Adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation and personnel matters.

Action: Motion to Adjourn to Executive Session, **Moved by** Council Elston
Seconded by Councilman Continenza.

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.

Absent:

The Meeting Adjourned to Executive Session at 9:10 pm.

Adjourn

With no further business to discuss, **Action:** Motion to Adjourn, **Moved by** Council Frank,
Seconded by Councilman 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.

Absent:

The Meeting Adjourned at 11:19 pm

Council President

Attest:

Clerk of Council