

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

**Absent:** Councilman John Fahsbender

**Special Presentation****Police Department**

Swearing-In: Brandon Wright & Kenan Senel.

Promotions: Sergeant Michael O'Connor to Lieutenant.  
Corporal William Lazor will be promoted to Sergeant.

**Approval of Minutes****April 11, 2022**

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

**Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 6)

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

**Absent:** Councilman John Fahsbender,  
The minutes have been approved.

**Report of Mayor & Department Heads**

- South Euclid Poet Laureate Doc Janning recited the evening's poem titled "Tapestry.
- Mayor Welo thanked Doc Janning for the wonderful poem he prepared for the Arbor Day celebration honoring Jane Goodman. Mr. Janning recited the poem.
- Mayor Welo reported that all directors are in attendance except Director Subwick who is excused.
- Planning & Development Director Love requested council consideration of Resolution 34-22 conveying two vacant lots to One South Euclid. Mr. Love reported that Chef Eric Rogers is returning to South Euclid and reopening his restaurant NEVAEH at Glengate Plaza.
- City Engineer Blackley gave an update on road construction projects and stated that work on the 2022 road program should wrap up by the end of the month.
- Police Chief Mays reported that the Police Department recently completed the mandated state recertification process through the Ohio Collaborative, which establishes standards and model policies every three to four years that the Police must meet including policies regarding use of force and body worn cameras. Chief Mays thanked the Mayor and City Council for their support and also Lt. O'Connor for his leadership spearheading the recertification. Council President Gray stated that this is no small accomplishment and thanked the Police for their efforts.
- Fire Chief Csire reported that there was a fire at a home on Monticello Blvd on April 28<sup>th</sup> and that a mattress caught fire. The residents were alerted by the smoke alarms and there were no injuries. Mr. Csire requested consideration of Ordinance 07-22 amending the fireworks ordinance to prohibit the sale in South Euclid.
- Mayor Welo thanked Director Subwick for coordinating this year's Arbor Day Celebration and Councilman Frank for attending.
- Mayor Welo thanked Councilwoman Hardy and Community Center Director Meg Martines for their efforts coordinating the CitySweep Community Clean Up Day.
- Mayor Welo congratulated Police Chief Mays and the Police Department for attaining the re-certification and thanked the residents for their support of the Safety Levy.

- Mayor Welo reported that the latest edition of South Euclid Magazine is at the post office and includes the new Good Neighbor Guide that was first introduced by Council President Gray. The Mayor reported on pending legislation and upcoming events, including the return of the Memorial Day Parade.

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

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**School District Report**

Benjamin read. See email from Ashley King.

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

None.

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**Report of Council Committees**

Safety Committee

Committee Chairwoman Elston reported that the committee met to discuss Ordinance 06-22 and it was recommended for passage at the next council meeting.

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Introduced by Gray

Resolution 32-22

RESOLUTION

A Resolution in opposition of Ohio HB519 known as the Municipal Income Tax Preemption Bill. 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 = 6)

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

**Absent:** Councilman John Fahsbender.

The legislation has been approved.

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**Legislation Requested by the Mayor & Administration**

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Introduced by Gray

Resolution 33-22

RESOLUTION

Authorizing the Finance Director to close certain financial accounts of the City of South Euclid no longer being utilized. 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 = 6)

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

**Absent:** Councilman John Fahsbender,

The legislation has been approved.

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Introduced by Gray

Resolution 34-22

RESOLUTION

Authorizing the Mayor to convey certain real property of the City of South Euclid, Ohio to One South Euclid. First Reading.

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

**Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 6)

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

**Absent:** Councilman John Fahsbender,

The legislation has been approved.

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Introduced by Gray

Ordinance 07-22

ORDINANCE

Amending Section 1540.06 "Possession, Sale or Discharge of Fireworks Prohibited" of Chapter 1540 "Fireworks" of Part Fifteen "Fire Prevention Code," of the Codified Ordinances of the City of South Euclid, Ohio. 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 = 6)

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

**Absent:** Councilman John Fahsbender,  
The legislation has been approved.

Introduced by Gray

Ordinance 08-22

#### ORDINANCE

Amending Section 933.07, Fees for Use, as contained in Chapter 933, Municipal Swimming Pools of Part Nine Streets and Public Services Code of the City of South Euclid; setting admission fees, season passes, special programs, and reciprocity for the use of the municipal swimming pools and splash park by residents of the city. 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 = 6)

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

**Absent:** Councilman John Fahsbender,  
The legislation has been approved.

**Public Hearings (Open Meeting) Related to Open Business:** There were no comments.

#### Communications of City Council

- Councilwoman Elston congratulated the new police officers and congratulated those that received promotions and thanked the police for their recertification efforts.
- Councilwoman Hardy reported that the CitySweep event has been ongoing for a couple of weeks beginning with the Browns Barkers event and Greenview School clean-up and Belvoir Blvd clean-up. Ms. Hardy stated that over 75 people participated. Ms. Hardy reported on the efforts of students at Adrian to clean-up litter and also the creation of posters and yard sign ideas to clean up litter, and that yard signs reminding residents to clean up their litter will be available at the community center for residents to put in their yards.
- Councilman Frank congratulated the four police officers that received promotions and were sworn-in earlier in the evening and wished all moms a happy belated Mother's Day.
- Councilwoman Continenza reported that the Hillcrest-Heights Community Market will begin the second Thursday in June and run through October at Quarry Park North. The market is sponsored by South Euclid and Cleveland Heights and will feature food vendors and other craft vendors.
- Council President Gray congratulated the Police Department, Mayor and Chief on the recertification of the police department and stated that it's a testament to the commitment to training and making sure our officers have the tools and resources they need.

#### **Motion to Amend Agenda to include Executive Session for the purposes of discussing pending litigation.**

**Action:** Motion to Amend Agenda, **Moved by** Councilwoman Continenza, **Seconded by** Councilwoman Elston.

**Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 6)

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

**Absent:** Councilman John Fahsbender,  
The agenda has been amended.

**Adjourn to Executive Session** for the purpose of discussing pending litigation.

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

**Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 6).

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

**Absent** Councilman Fahsbender.  
Council Adjourned to Executive Session at 9:03 pm.

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**Adjourn**

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

**Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 6).

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

**Absent:** Councilman Fahsbender.

The Meeting Adjourned at 9:34 pm.

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Council President

Attest:

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Clerk of Council