

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 John Fahsbender, Councilman Joe Frank, Councilwoman Susan Hardy, Councilman Justin Tisdale, Council President Ruth Gray.

Report of Mayor & Department Heads

- South Euclid Poet Laureate Doc Janning recited the evening's poem.
- Council President Gray reported that Mayor Welo is absent and reported that all directors are in attendance except Fire Chief Csire (Asst. Chief Gaspar is in attendance in his place) and Finance Director Wendt, who is excused.
- Planning & Development Director Love reported that the Starbucks at Mayfield and Green is scheduled to open on May 30th. Mr. Love gave an update on the Leopardo Project, and that the City Hall roof will be completed by June 7th and renovations at the Community Center is approximately 95
- Asst. Fire Chief Gaspar reported that the regional fire exam will be held tomorrow and that there are 102 applicants sitting for the test. Asst. Chief Gaspar also reported on a kitchen fire on Farnhurst Road that caused about \$45,000 in damage and also reported that Fire Hydrant testing has been completed in all neighborhoods south of Mayfield and will continue on the north side.
- Service Director Anderson reported that the Bexley pool has been filled and the slide replaced and is ready for summer use.
- City Engineer Blackley reported that the 2022 road program is wrapping up and finishing final asphalt layers on Whitehall, Colony and Genesee. Mr. Blackley reported that the traffic signals on South Green Road have been energized and permeant striping has begun. Mr. Blackley discussed the upcoming Mayfield Road concrete joint repair program that will begin in June.
- Council President Gray gave the Mayor's Report and reported that Thursday May 26th the Community Partnership on Aging will celebrate Older Americans Month at the newly renovated Richmond Heights Kiwanis Lodge at 3pm and on Monday May 30th we will once again honor our Men and Women with a parade kicking off at 9am from Notre Dame College and conclude with a Memorial Day Ceremony at our War Memorial.

Report of Law Director. No report.

School District Report**Public Hearings (Open Meeting) Related to Agenda Items**

There were no public comments.

Report of Council Committees**Committee of the Whole**

Council President Gray reported that the committee met with Municipal Court and Judge Williams-Byers to discuss the reconciliation of bank accounts and request for an additional \$42,000 for software licensing fees for a case management program. Ms. Gray stated that City Council will continue to mee quarterly with the court regarding the financial reconciliation process and also that Judge Williams-Byers will get back to City Council within a week regarding the use of funds proposed by city council for the software program.

Safety Committee

Introduced by Gray

Ordinance 06-22

ORDINANCE

An Ordinance creating New Section 531.10 "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.

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

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

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

Abstain: Councilwoman Susan Hardy,
The legislation has been approved.

Introduced by Gray

Resolution 36-22

RESOLUTION

Providing for the appropriation of unappropriated funds in the General Fund to South Euclid Municipal Court #7750 in an amount not to exceed \$42,000 for software licensing fees. First Reading.

The legislation was placed on First Reading and referred to Committee of the Whole.

Legislation Requested by the Mayor & Administration

Introduced by Gray

Resolution 35-22

RESOLUTION

Declaring it necessary to improve certain described public streets, roads, and places in the City of South Euclid, Ohio by providing street lighting; and declaring an emergency. First Reading.

City Engineer Blackley gave an overview of the legislation regarding the history of the street lighting assessments and that the rates remain essentially the same as they have been.

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

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 09-22

ORDINANCE

Determining to proceed with the improvement of certain described public streets, roads, and places in the City of South Euclid, Ohio by providing street lighting; and declaring an emergency. 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

Ordinance 10-22

ORDINANCE

Approving the editing and inclusion of certain ordinances as parts of the various component codes of the codified ordinances; providing for the adoption and publication of new matter in the updated and revised codified ordinances; repealing ordinances and resolutions in conflict therewith; and declaring an emergency. 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.

Public Hearings (Open Meeting) Related to Open Business:

There were no public comments.

Communications of City Council

- Councilman Tisdale had no report.
- Councilwoman Elston reminded residents that the Memorial Day Parade this Monday and she is looking forward to being a part of it.
- Councilman Fahsbender stated that he received a couple of phone calls from seniors who were not selected this year by One South Euclid for the grass cutting and snow removal grant and that he has reached out to One South Euclid's Executive Director Annette Iwamoto to find out why the applicants were not selected this year and potentially explore other funding sources.
- Councilwoman Hardy reported that she attended Brush High School's Senior Scholarship Night and that it was great to see so many students receiving thousands of dollars in scholarships from various associations and individuals including a scholarship fund set up by resident and retired Brush teacher Carolyn Gordon.
- Councilman Frank stated that he is excited about the Memorial Day Parade, which will be the first since 2019 because of the pandemic. Mr. Frank also gave the monthly financial update from Finance Director Wendt and reported that the general fund balance is at approximately \$3.6 million.
- Councilwoman Continenza reported that the Hillcrest-Heights Community Market will be on Thursday, June 9th at 5 pm at Quarry Park North. The Market will operate every Thursday through October and is a collaboration with Food Strong and the City of Cleveland Heights.
- Council President Gray stated that the City has not been able to hold the Memorial Day Parade in over two years and she is looking forward to it and saluted and thanked all of the Veterans for their service.

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 8:37 pm.

Attest:

Council President

Clerk of Council