

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.

Approval of Minutes**April 25, 2022**

Action: Motion to Approve Minutes, **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 Minutes have been approved.

May 9, 2022

Action: Motion to Approve Minutes, **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.

Abstain: Councilman John Fahsbender

The Minutes have been approved.

May 23, 2022

Action: Motion to Approve Minutes, **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 Minutes have been approved.

Report of Mayor & Department Heads

- South Euclid Poet Laureate Doc Janning recited the evening's poem music for a summer's eve in dedication to the Ray Rhode Concert Series.
 - Mayor Welo reported that all directors are in attendance except Police Chief Mays, who is excused, and Asst. Chief Abele is in attendance.
 - Planning & Development Director Love reported on Resolution 38-22 approving a conditional use permit for the Growing Youth Development Day Care at 1440 South Green Road. Mr. Love also reported that the new Starbucks at Mayfield and Green Roads is now open.
 - Asst. Police Chief Abele reported that the police department has hired a security company to patrol the parks and are doing a good job. Mr. Abele also discussed an incident that occurred the morning of Memorial Day that resulted in the death of one male by his stepson.
 - Parks and Recreation Director Daniel Subwick provided a recap of summer events and also discussed upcoming community events.
 - City Engineer Andy Blackley reported on 2022 road and infrastructure projects and that the 2022 road program is wrapping up and the Oakmount Phase 2 project is on schedule. Other projects including Cedar Road and Mayfield Road are progressing.
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- Fire Chief Csire reported on three recent rescues that the South Euclid Fire provided mutual aid including incidents in Garfield Heights and Mayfield Village.

Mr. Csire reported that seven firefighters were honored last week on the Department's Wall of Saves for saving the life of a woman who had gone into full cardiac arrest. The woman has fully recovered. Chief Csire reported on the department's support of the upcoming Safety Levy.

- Mayor Welo thanked Richmond Heights and Mayor Thomas for hosting the Community Partnership on Aging's event and also thanked all those that came out for the Memorial Day Parade and thanked Community Center Director Meg Martines for her efforts organizing the parade, and residents Doc Janning and Frank King for their moving comments at the Memorial Service.
- Mayor Welo thanked Directors Keith Benjamin and Daniel Subwick for their work planning the MyCom Movie Night at Bexley and congratulated Councilwoman Continenza and Daniel Subwick for their work organizing the Hillcrest Heights Community Market.
- Mayor Welo reported on upcoming events and thanked Pool Director Pete Titus for having all of our facilities open, when many other cities are experiencing staffing shortages resulting in pool closures.
- Council President Gray stated that all of the events have been phenomenal and expressed her appreciation to all staff.

Report of Law Director. No report.

School District Report

School Board Member Kathryn Falkenberg provided an update on school district activities and reported that the school year ended on June 2nd and because of inclement weather, graduation took place indoors this year. Ms. Falkenberg also reported on several student recognitions and achievements including that the senior class attained \$9.4 million in scholarships.

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 to discuss the municipal court budget resolution that was requested by Judge Williams Byers and the South Euclid Municipal Court for \$42,000 to pay for software licensing fees, as well as their request to establish a line-item for legal fees. Ms. Gray stated that Council received an email from the Clerk of Court this morning that the Court has withdrawn their legislative requests, would not be present as agreed to at the committee meeting, and that it appears that the City will be going back into litigation with the Court. Council President Gray stated that City Council has done what it needed to do and expressed her appreciation to councilmembers for their work to resolve ongoing issues and that the matter is in the Court's hands.

Safety Committee

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. **Second Reading.**

Councilwoman Elston provided an overview of the legislation and moved for passage. Director Benjamin provided council with an update regarding the County Fiscal Officer's certification of funds related to Resolution 28-22.

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.

Legislation Requested by City Council

Introduced by Gray

Resolution 37-22

RESOLUTION

Establishing a Fair and Affordable Housing Citizens Commission for the purpose of assisting City Council and the Administration in the development, recommendations and implementation of fair and affordable housing programs for the City of South Euclid, Ohio. First Reading.

Action: Motion to Approve Legislation, **Moved by** Council President Gray, **Seconded by** Councilman Tisdale.

Council President Gray gave an overview of the purpose of the establishment of the committee to look at opportunities to prevent discrimination and provide opportunities for homeownership.

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 the Planning Commission

Introduced by Gray

Resolution 38-22

RESOLUTION

Granting a conditional use permit to "Growing Youth Development II" to operate a daycare facility at 1440 South Green 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 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 11-22

ORDINANCE

Amending Section 772.08 "Parking or Storage of Commercial or Construction Vehicles and Equipment" of Chapter 772 "Parking" of Title Seven "Sign Regulations, Landscaping and Parking" of Part Seven "Planning and Zoning Code," of the Codified Ordinances of The City of South Euclid, Ohio. First Reading.

The legislation was placed on first reading and referred to the Planning Commission for their review and recommendation back to City Council.

Legislation Requested by the Mayor & Administration

Introduced by Gray

Resolution 39-22

RESOLUTION

Authorizing the appropriation of unappropriated funds in the amount of \$22,500.00 in the following fund: "Youth Programs #101-4460-52799" for a grant received from the Famicos Foundation for South Euclid's MyCom Youth Programs. 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 40-22

RESOLUTION

Authorizing the appropriation of unappropriated funds in the amount of \$2,085,667.50 in the "Road Improvement Fund #425" as proceeds from 2022 note issuance for road and infrastructure improvement projects in the City of South Euclid. 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 41-22

RESOLUTION

Adopting the fiscal budget for the year beginning January 1, 2023. 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.

Public Hearings (Open Meeting) Related to Open Business:

- Carlean Alford, 1355 Belvoir Mews, stated that she is concerned about some of the backyards in her neighborhood that are overgrown with weeds and that they can potentially become a nuisance and harbor rats and other animals. Ms. Alford also reported that some cars in backyard driveways haven't been moved in a long time. Ms. Alford stated that she has reported her concerns to the building and housing department, but wants to let council know of some of the code enforcement challenges in the community. Ms. Alford thanked staff for doing an amazing job and knows that it's been challenging as a result of the pandemic.

Communications of City Council

- Councilman Frank reported on community events including the Pop Tarts Concert, Movie Night and Intersection and stated that we're off to a wonderful start to summer.
- Councilwoman Continenza thanked those that came out to the Community Market last week and stated that they are looking at adding music and more in the coming weeks.
- Councilman Fahsbender reported on the upcoming Ward 4 Community Meeting scheduled for June 22nd and that it will be held in person and virtually. Mr. Fahsbender offered his appreciation to Director Benjamin for his assistance as a new council member.
- Councilwoman Elston stated that the Memorial Day Parade was a lot of fun and reported on the upcoming Juneteenth Freedom Celebration this Sunday.
- Councilman Tisdale also stated that the Memorial Day Parade was great and encouraged residents to continue to be involved in the community and attend community events.
- Councilwoman Hardy reported on her efforts to overhaul and simplify the displays at the South Euclid Lyndhurst Historical Society and that there will be a soft re-opening in the coming weeks where council, mayor and staff can tour the updated offices.
- Council President Gray stated that coming out of the pandemic, it has been refreshing to get outside and see neighbors, families and new faces at events and throughout our community. Ms. Gray stated her appreciation for Parks and Recreation Director Subwick and what he has been able to do and also congratulated Councilwoman Continenza for planning the Community market.
- Council President Gray reported on the upcoming Safety Levy and that it's a renewal levy and that our city is only as good as our safety forces. Ms. Gray provided more details about the establishment of the Affordable Housing Committee.

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

With no further business to discuss, **Action:** Motion to Adjourn, **Moved by** Councilman Fahsbender, **Seconded by** Councilwoman 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 to Executive Session at 9:04 pm.

Adjourn

With no further business to discuss, **Action:** Motion to Adjourn, **Moved by** Councilman Fahsbender **Seconded by** Councilwoman 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 9:44 pm.

Attest:

Council President

Clerk of Council