

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

Absent: Councilwoman Chanell Elston

Approval of Minutes**June 13, 2022**

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

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

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

Absent: Councilwoman Chanell Elston,
The Minutes have been approved.

Report of Mayor & Department Heads

- South Euclid Poet Laureate Doc Janning recited the evening's poem "Layered Dreams". Mr. Janning reported that he attended the National Federation of State Poetry Society's Annual Conference in Columbus, Ohio and served on a panel of Poet Laureates. Mr. Janning discussed the potential of launching a Youth Poet Laureate Program with the School District.
- Mayor Welo reported that all directors are in attendance except Service Director Jim Anderson who is excused.
- Fire Chief Csire reported on several calls for aid including a fire in Cleveland Heights and a heating oil fire at 1791 Wrenford Road. Chief Csire reported that this year the Fire Department is celebrating its 100th Anniversary and will commemorate the anniversary with a new mural that will be painted on the outside wall of the Fire Station.
- City Engineer Anthony DiRenzo gave an update on several road projects including the Oakmount, Mayfield Road Concrete Repair Project and Green Road projects.
- Parks and Recreation Director Daniel Subwick gave an update on community events and thanked council members for their presence at many of the gatherings.
- Planning & Development Director Mike Love request support of Resolution 44-22, conveying property to One South Euclid and introduced Coral Troxell, the City's new Assistant Director of Planning and Development. Ms. Troxell introduced herself to members of council and public.
- Mayor Welo stated that South Euclid is a special place because of the dedication of our City Council and thanked Councilwoman Elston and Councilman Tisdale for their efforts planning the successful Juneteenth event. Ms. Welo thanked Councilman Fahsbender for holding the Ward 4 Community Meeting and thanked Donna Zachary and the South Euclid Garden Club for their efforts planning this year's GardenWalk. Mayor Welo discussed the efforts of the South Euclid Browns Barkers and their generosity in giving to local charities and thanked Councilwoman Continenza for her work planning the Hillcrest Heights Community Market.
- Mayor Welo reported that this weekend is Fourth of July Weekend and on Sunday at 7 pm the Akron Symphonic Winds will have a free band concert at Notre Dame College.
- Mayor Welo thanked City Council and stated that we have true leaders in the community and she is looking forward to all of the initiatives and contributions that are coming our way.

Report of Law Director. There was no report.

Public Hearings (Open Meeting) Related to Agenda Items

There were no public comments.

Report of Council Committees

Public Utilities Committee

Councilman Fahsbender reported that the committee met to discuss and hear a presentation from Power A Clean Future Ohio, an organization founded in 2020 to serve communities who would like to move toward renewable energy and climate neutral future, evaluating tree canopies, backing of a number of organizations to assist in sustainability and climate plans. Mr. Fahsbender reported that the committee recommended that the city join the organization at no cost to the city, and that Director Benjamin will prepare legislation for the next meeting of city council.

Committee of the Whole

Councilwoman Continenza reported that the monthly finance meeting was held, and Finance Director Wendt gave the monthly finance update. Councilman Frank reported that revenues are up slightly and remain consistent with last year and the General Fund has a balance of approximately \$4.6 million.

Legislation Requested by the Mayor & Administration

Introduced by Gray

Resolution 42-22

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** Councilman Frank, **Seconded by** Councilwoman Continenza.

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

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

Absent: Councilwoman Chanell Elston,
The legislation has been approved.

Public Hearings (Open Meeting) Related to Open Business:

None.

Communications of City Council

- Councilwoman Hardy reported that she is working on updated legislation regarding the City's sick leave policies and hopes to schedule a committee meeting in July.
- Councilman Frank wished everyone a safe and happy 4th of July weekend.
- Councilman Fahsbender thanked all those that came to his first Ward 4 Community Meeting and stated that he appreciated the support of Councilwoman Hardy, Mayor and members of the administration that helped make it a success. Mr. Fahsbender stated that the Juneteenth event was fabulous and thanked Councilpersons Elston and Tisdale for their efforts and that he was blessed to be able to see the poetry presentation of resident Raja Belle Freeman. Mr. Fahsbender thanked the Mayor for her leadership and efforts.
- Councilman Tisdale thanked everyone for coming out to Juneteenth and expressed his gratitude to Councilwoman Elston, Director Benjamin, Pastor Blevins, Artoria Ambers and Amber Quigly for their leadership in planning the event. Mr. Tisdale reported that he attended the Brush High School Athletic Boosters Golf Outing and was excited to see that South Euclid was the only city that supported the fundraiser by sponsoring a hole
- Councilwoman Continenza reported on the Hillcrest Heights Community Market and that there are great vendors and that SNAP benefits will soon be available at the Market. Ms. Continenza reported that the Annual Bexley Bash will be held on August 2nd at Bexley Park and will be combined with National Night Out festivities.
- Council President Gray stated that Mayor Welo and the city staff are doing a phenomenal job and expressed her appreciation. Ms. Gray reported that the events this year have been wonderful and it's great to see the diversity of residents coming out to the events. Council President Gray reported that she has been working with the Mayor on embracing our history and legacy and that the Mayor has some wonderful ideas to establish a commission to document our

history since the last book was released and publishing a book of Doc Janning's poems. Ms. Gray reported that we have a wonderful leader in Mayor Welo.

Adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the sale of real property.

Action: Motion to Adjourn to Executive Session, **Moved by** Councilman Fahsbender, **Seconded by** Councilwoman Continenza.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 6).
Councilwoman Sara Continenza, Councilman Fahsbender, Councilman Joe Frank,
Councilwoman Susan Hardy, Councilman Justin Tisdale, Council President Ruth Gray.

Absent: Councilwoman Chanell Elston.

The Meeting Adjourned to Executive Session at 8:56 pm.

Adjourn

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

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 6).
Councilwoman Sara Continenza, Councilman Fahsbender, Councilman Joe Frank,
Councilwoman Susan Hardy, Councilman Justin Tisdale, Council President Ruth Gray.

Absent: Councilwoman Chanell Elston.

The Meeting Adjourned at 9:31pm.

Attest:

Council President

Clerk of Council