

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, Councilwoman Susan Hardy, Council President Ruth Gray.

Absent: Councilman Joe Frank, Councilman Justin Tisdale.

Motion to Amend the Agenda to Remove Resolution 44-22

Action: Motion to Amend Agenda to remove Resolution 44-22, **Moved by** Councilman Fahsbender, **Seconded by** Councilwoman Continenza.

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

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

Absent: Councilman Joe Frank, Councilman Justin Tisdale.

The Agenda has been amended.

Report of Mayor & Department Heads

- South Euclid Poet Laureate Doc Janning recited the evening's poem "Magik".
- Mayor Welo reported that all directors are in attendance except Police Chief Mays who is excused.
- Planning & Development Director Love gave an update on the Leopardo Project and reported that work is substantially completed, and that City Council will tour the project and that all projects should be completed in time for the September 10th Community Open House.
- Building Commissioner Heilman reported that this morning the City's two Dollar General stores were closed by the City due to substantial violations and hazards and they will be allowed to reopen when violations have been addressed. Council President Gray gave an overview of the history of issues with the stores and how filthy they have been for over a year.
- City Engineer Blackley reported that the Oakmount project is moving along with the installation of new watermains and connections for the storm sewers. Mr. Blackley gave updates on the Mayfield Road Concrete Repair and Green Road projects and reported that the City will bid next week for the resurfacing of parking lots in City Parks and resurfacing of South Belvoir Blvd. Mr. Blackley stated that the Cuyahoga County did award a grant for the Belvoir project and Director Benjamin is working to secure additional funding.
- Fire Chief Csire reported on some concerns with traffic blocking the Fire Department driveway and potential solutions. Mr. Csire thanked Dr. Shelly Senders for donating a property so that the fire department can conduct invaluable training.
- Community Development Director Benjamin gave an update on the Victory Park project and requested City Council consideration of Resolution 46-22 to enter into an agreement with F. Buddie Contracting for construction of the new Victory Park.
- Mayor Welo thanked Community Center Director Martines for her work planning the successful band concerts at Notre Dame College.
- Mayor Welo reported that Finance Director Brenda Wendt has accepted a new job with the Cleveland Municipal School District and while we're sad to see her leave the city, it's a great career opportunity for Ms. Wendt who will be an executive with the School District. Mayor Welo reported that Ms. Wendt will continue to provide financial oversight until we find a new Finance Director and thanked her for her public service.

Public Hearings (Open Meeting) Related to Agenda Items

There were no public comments.

Legislation Requested by City Council

Introduced by Gray

Resolution 43-22

RESOLUTION

A Resolution of South Euclid City Council in support of abortion rights and other reproductive rights, in opposition to the U.S. Supreme Court's majority decision to overturn Roe V. Wade, urging federal and state elected officials to codify abortion rights and other reproductive rights. First Reading.

Councilwoman Elston placed the legislation on First reading and will be on the next council meeting agenda for consideration.

Introduced by Gray

Resolution 45-22

RESOLUTION

Authorizing the City of South Euclid to become a Power A Clean Future Ohio community and to adopt a goal to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the city. 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 = 5)

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

Absent: Councilman Joe Frank, Councilman Justin Tisdale.
The legislation has been approved.

Legislation Requested by the Mayor & Administration

Introduced by Gray

Resolution 46-22

RESOLUTION

Authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with F. Buddie Contracting, LTD., for the construction of Victory Park and associated improvements at the South Euclid Community Center located at 1370 Victory Drive in the City of South Euclid, Ohio. 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 = 5)

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

Absent: Councilman Joe Frank, Councilman Justin Tisdale.
The legislation has been approved.

Introduced by Gray

Resolution 47-22

RESOLUTION

Authorizing the appropriation of unappropriated funds in the following fund: "General Fund-Service Department-Animal Control #101-6610-52362" in the amount of \$75,000 for services related to the 2021-2022 Deer Control Sterilization Program. 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 = 5)

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

Absent: Councilman Joe Frank, Councilman Justin Tisdale.
The legislation has been approved.

Public Hearings (Open Meeting) Related to Open Business:

There were no public comments.

Communications of City Council

- Councilman Fahsbender wished Finance Director Wendt well in her new job and stated that Cleveland Schools are getting someone who is very talented, and she will be missed in South Euclid.
- Councilwoman Hardy expressed her gratitude to Finance Director Wendt and her willingness to answer questions and teach all of us.
- Councilwoman Elston stated her appreciation to Finance Director Wendt for helping her better understand city finances. Ms. Elston reported that Garfield

Memorial Church will be having their Summer Soak Fest this Sunday from Noon- 2 pm.

- Councilwoman Continenza echoed everyone's words for Finance Director Wendt and wished her much success. Ms. Continenza reported on the Hillcrest Heights Community Market held every Thursday from 4 pm – 8 pm at Quarry Park North and the upcoming Bexley Bash and National Night Out event scheduled for August 2nd at Bexley Park.
- Council President Gray also expressed her appreciation to Finance Director Wendt and stated that she brought a skillset of integrity to the position and that the City is going to miss her talents. Ms. Gray reported that she has requested that the administration work to schedule tours for City Council to see the facility improvements made as a result of the Leopardo project.
- Finance Director Wendt thanked City Council, Mayor Welo and members of the administration and stated that she has enjoyed her time in South Euclid, and she will continue to work to make sure that the upcoming transition goes smoothly.

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 = 5).

Councilwoman Sara Continenza, Councilwoman Chanell Elston, Councilman Fahsbender, Councilwoman Susan Hardy, Council President Ruth Gray.

Absent: Councilman Joe Frank, Councilman Justin Tisdale.

The Meeting Adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Council President

Attest:

Clerk of Council