

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 Joe Frank, Councilwoman Chanell Elston, Councilman John Fahsbender, Councilwoman Susan Hardy, Council President Ruth Gray.

Absent: Councilman Justin Tisdale

Minutes of Meetings**Minutes September 12th**

Action: Motion to Approve Minutes, **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, Councilman John Fahsbender, Councilwoman Susan Hardy, Council President Ruth Gray.

Absent: Councilman Justin Tisdale,
The minutes have been approved.

Minutes September 27th

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

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

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

Absent: Councilman Justin Tisdale,
The minutes have been approved.

Report of Mayor & Department Heads

- South Euclid Poet Laureate Doc Janning recited his poem Carpet.
- Mayor Welo reported that all directors are in attendance except Service Director Jim Anderson, who is excused.
- City Engineer DiRenzo provided an update on the Oakmount Phase II project.
- Parks & Recreation Director Subwick reported that OctoberFeast will be held this Saturday from 12 pm – 5 pm at Bexley Park.
- Mayor Welo reported that former city receptionist and retired schoolteacher Jan Watson sadly passed away this past Saturday.
- Mayor Welo thanked the police and service departments for another successful community shred day event and reported on the increase in recycling in the community.
- Mayor Welo congratulated One South Euclid Community Development Corporation for their successful Mingle at Mayfield Fundraiser,
- Mayor Welo reminded residents to please vote on Mayor: thanked police and service department for Community Shred event.

Report of Law Director – no report.

Report of School District – no report.

Public Hearings (Open Meeting) Related to Agenda Items

There were no public comments.

Reports of Council Committees**Recreation Committee**

Councilwoman Continenza reported that the committee met to discuss the 2022-2023 Deer Management Plan and strategy which will be similar to last year with culling and sterilization as part of a pilot project. Ms. Continenza also reported that the city discussed recreation planning and capital parks projects with Directors Benjamin and Subwick.

Committee of the Whole

Councilman Frank reported that the committee held its monthly budget meeting and that receipts are up about \$1.3 million over last year and the general fund as of September is about \$6.5 million. Council President Gray reported that Budget Hearings will be held on November 14 and November 28 with the budget approved on three readings on December 12th. Council President Gray reported that the Committee of the Whole also met with One South Euclid to hear an update on their initiatives and plans for the coming year.

Legislation Requested by City Council

Amend Ordinance 17-22 to remove the words "12(a)" from the Ordinance.

Action: Motion to Amend Legislation, **Moved by** Councilwoman Hardy, **Seconded by** Councilwoman Continenza.

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

Absent: Councilman Justin Tisdale,
The Ordinance has been amended.

Introduced by Gray

Ordinance 17-22

ORDINANCE

Fixing the salary range, compensation and rates of pay for various offices, boards, commissions and departments of the municipal government, repealing Ordinance No. 16-22 adopted July 25, 2022, and all other ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith; and declaring an emergency. First Reading

Action: Motion to Approve Legislation, **Moved by** Councilwoman Hardy, **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, Councilman John Fahsbender, Councilwoman Susan Hardy, Council President Ruth Gray.

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

Legislation Requested by the Mayor & Administration

Introduced by Gray

Resolution 61-22

RESOLUTION

Authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Member Community Infrastructure Grant Program (MCIP) Agreement with the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District for the Maywood Road Infrastructure Improvement Project, Phase 2. First Reading.

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

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

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

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

Introduced by Gray

Resolution 62-22

RESOLUTION

Approving the adoption of the Countywide 2022-2027 All Hazards Mitigation Plan For Cuyahoga County. First Reading.

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

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

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

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

Introduced by Gray

Resolution 63-22

RESOLUTION

Authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding With Chagrin River Watershed Partners (CRWP), Cuyahoga Soil And Water Conservation District (CSWCD) and the Central Lake Erie Basin Collaborative Partners (CLEB) to implement the Lake Erie Stormwater Rebate 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 = 6)

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

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

Introduced by Gray

Resolution 64-22

RESOLUTION

Requesting from the County Fiscal Officer a tax advance from the proceeds of the 2022 tax year collection; and declaring an emergency. First Reading.

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

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

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

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

Public Hearings (Open Meeting) Related to Open Business:

No comments.

Communications of City Council

- Councilwoman Continenza has no report this evening.
- Councilwoman Elston reported on a Halloween event sponsored by Team Couture Youth Center.
- Councilman Fahsbender reported that he is honored to introduce to council tonight resident Laurie Frey, whose son went through our schools. Ms. Frey has worked in arts management for decades and has represented David Copperfield, Donnie and Marie and more. Mr. Fahsbender stated that she is a tremendous talents.
- Councilman Frank stated that he is looking forward to OctoberFeast and that this is our last meeting before election day and encouraged all residents to exercise their right to vote.
- Councilwoman Hardy reported on work to re-plant plants from Pam's Park to Adrian School and reported on school district harvest day events. Ms. Hardy recognized Ensemble Theatre which has moved into South Euclid at Notre Dame College from Cleveland Heights.
- Council President Gray reported that she is organizing the National Congress of Black Women conference in November and Director Benjamin will be presenting on Fair Housing initiatives. Ms. Gray stated that Congresswoman Brown will be hosting an SBA Forum for Veterans at Tri-C on November 10th.

Adjourn to Executive Session For the purposes of discussing pending litigation.

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

Absent: Councilman Justin Tisdale,

The Meeting Adjourned at 9:15 pm

Adjourn

Prior to adjournment, Councilman Fahsbender requested that City Council requests the presence of the Municipal Court Judge Field and Clerk of Court to appear at their November 14th Committee of the Whole Meeting to present their 2023 budget and be prepared to discuss the status of the reconciliation and other financial matters that have arisen the last few months.

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

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

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

Absent: Councilman Joe Frank

The Meeting Adjourned at 10:17 pm.

Attest:

Council President

Clerk of Council