

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, Councilman Justin Tisdale

Absent: Councilwoman Sara Continenza

Minutes of Meetings**October 11, 2022**

Action: Motion to Approve Minutes, **Moved by** Councilwoman Elston, **Seconded by** Councilwoman Tisdale

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

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

Absent: Councilwoman Sara Continenza

The minutes have been approved.

Report of Mayor & Department Heads

- South Euclid Poet Laureate Doc Janning recited his poem "Words".
- Mayor Welo reported that all directors in attendance.
- Planning & Development Director Love reported on the opening of two new restaurants The Rib Cage and Hibachi Place.
- Asst. City Engineer DiRenzo gave an update on the Oakmount Phase II project which will hopefully be completed in the next few weeks. Mr. DiRenzo addressed several pieces of legislation to go out to bid for several road and parking lot projects, along with the renewal of the engineer's contract for 2023.
- Fire Chief Csire reported on several calls, including mutual aid the fire department has provided in the last month.
- Parks & Recreation Director Subwick reported on the OctoberFeast event and the upcoming Holiday Lighting Ceremony at City Hall on December 4th.
- Mayor Welo thanked South Euclid voters for their overwhelming support and passage of the Safety Levy, which will allow our police, fire and EMS to remain strong. Mayor Welo reported on the work of our City Engineers and requested support for the renewal of their contract for 2023.

Report of Law Director: There was no report

Report of School District: There was no report

Public Hearings (Open Meeting) Related to Agenda Items

There were no public comments.

Reports of Council Committees**Zoning & Planning Public Hearing**

Council President Gray reported that the committee held a public hearing earlier in the evening regarding Ord. 11-22 which would allow certain commercial vehicles to park in residential driveways. The legislation was recommended for consideration at the next council meeting.

Committee of the Whole Meeting

Finance Chair Frank reported that the Committee met to begin Budget Hearings and reported that the Police Department, Fire Department and Finance Department presented their requests for 2023 appropriations. Mr. Frank also reported that the South Euclid Municipal Court Judge Harry Field and Clerk of Court Szironey presented the Court's requested 2023 budget appropriation.

Legislation Requested by City Council

Introduced by Gray

Ordinance 19-22

ORDINANCE

An Ordinance to make appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the City of South Euclid, State of Ohio, during the Fiscal Year ending December 31, 2023; and declaring an emergency. First Reading.

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

Legislation Requested by the Mayor & Administration

Introduced by Gray

Ordinance 20-22

ORDINANCE

An ordinance establishing and regulating the "Miscellaneous Federal Grant Fund #230"; and declaring an emergency. 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 = 6)

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

Absent: Councilwoman Sara Continenza

The legislation has been approved.

Introduced by Gray

Resolution 65-22

RESOLUTION

Authorizing the City of South Euclid to apply for a grant from the Cuyahoga County Community Development Supplemental Grant Fund; and declaring an emergency. First Reading.

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

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

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

Absent: Councilwoman Sara Continenza

The legislation has been approved.

Introduced by Gray

Resolution 66-22

RESOLUTION

Authorizing the City of South Euclid to apply for a grant under the Cuyahoga County "Competitive Municipal Program": 2022-2023 Community Development Block Grant Fund; and declaring an emergency. First Reading.

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

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

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

Absent: Councilwoman Sara Continenza

The legislation has been approved.

Introduced by Gray

Resolution 67-22

RESOLUTION

Authorizing the city engineer to prepare the necessary plans, specifications, and advertise for bids for the 2023 Combined Street Resurfacing And Watermain Replacement Projects in City of South Euclid, Ohio; and declaring an emergency. First Reading.

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

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

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

Absent: Councilwoman Sara Continenza

The legislation has been approved.

Introduced by Gray

Resolution 68-22

RESOLUTION

Authorizing the city engineer to prepare the necessary plans, specifications, and advertise for bids for the 2023 Maywood Road Infrastructure Improvement Project, Phase 2, in the City of South Euclid, Ohio; and declaring an emergency. First Reading.

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

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

Yes: Councilwoman Chanell Elston, Councilman Joe

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

Absent: Councilwoman Sara Continenza

The legislation has been approved.

Introduced by Gray

Resolution 69-22

RESOLUTION

Authorizing the city engineer to prepare the necessary plans, specifications, and advertise for bids for the 2023 Victory Park Stormwater Improvement Project in the City of South Euclid, Ohio; and declaring an emergency.

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

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

Yes: Councilwoman Chanell Elston, Councilman Joe

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

Absent: Councilwoman Sara Continenza

The legislation has been approved.

Introduced by Gray

Resolution 70-22

RESOLUTION

Authorizing the mayor to enter into an agreement with Cuyahoga County for a "County Road 2023-2024 50/50 Funding Program" grant for the resurfacing of South Belvoir Blvd. from Mayfield Road to Bluestone 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 = 6)

Yes: Councilwoman Chanell Elston, Councilman Joe

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

Absent: Councilwoman Sara Continenza

The legislation has been approved.

Introduced by Gray

Resolution 71-22

RESOLUTION

Authorizing the mayor to enter into a Community Cost-Share Agreement with the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District to provide funding for the Victory Park Stormwater Improvement Project in the City of South Euclid, Ohio. First Reading.

Action: Motion to Approve Legislation, **Moved by** Councilman Tisdale, **Seconded by** Councilwoman Gray

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

Yes: Councilwoman Chanell Elston, Councilman Joe

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

Absent: Councilwoman Sara Continenza

The legislation has been approved.

Introduced by Gray

Resolution 72-22

RESOLUTION

Authorizing the mayor to enter into a contract extending the engineering services for Stephen Hovancsek & Associates, Inc. for a period of January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023. 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 Chanell Elston, Councilman Joe

Frank, Councilman John Fahsbender, Councilwoman Susan Hardy, Councilman Justin

Tisdale, Council President Ruth Gray.

Absent: Councilwoman Sara Continenza
The legislation has been approved.

Introduced by Gray

Resolution 73-22

RESOLUTION

Accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Fiscal Officer. First Reading.

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

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

Yes: Councilwoman Chanell Elston, Councilman Joe

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

Absent: Councilwoman Sara Continenza
The legislation has been approved.

Public Hearings (Open Meeting) Related to Open Business:

No comments.

Communications of City Council

- Councilwoman Elston reported that she was at the polling location at Notre Dame College on election day and she heard from a lot of residents who are appreciative of our safety forces. Ms., Elston thanked residents for their support of the Safety Levy.
- Councilman Fahsbender reported on the upcoming "Porcelain and Poetry" fundraiser to benefit One South Euclid's senior grant programs and thanked residents for renewing the Safety Levy. Mr. Fahsbender stated that there is a constitutional crisis in Ohio as a result of the State Legislature's inability to approve the legislative redistricting map and ignoring the Ohio Supreme Court's opinions on the matter.
- Councilman Tisdale also thanked resident for passing the Safety Levy and thanked Director Subwick for his work in planning the OctoberFeast event.
- Councilwoman Hardy reported on a play that will be performed this weekend by Michael Anderson, a South Euclid residents and a 2021 Brush High School graduate.
- Councilman Frank thanked residents of South Euclid for supporting the Safety Levy and thanked the Mayor and Council for providing the resources our safety forces need. Councilman Frank reported on the success of OctoberFeast and the Community Garden Potluck and thanked Director Subwick for his work. Councilman Frank wished residents a happy Thanksgiving.
- Council President Gray reported on Veterans Day and how much we appreciate their service to our country. Ms. Gray reported that the National Congress of Black Women's "And Justice For All" Conference was held in Cleveland this past weekend and reported that Director Benjamin presented on fair housing issues in Northeast Ohio and did a phenomenal job.

Adjourn

With no further business to discuss, **Action:** Motion to adjourn meeting, **Moved by** Fahsbender, **Seconded by** Councilwoman Frank.

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

Yes: Councilwoman Chanell Elston, Councilman Joe

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

Absent: Councilwoman Sara Continenza

The Meeting Adjourned at 9:01 pm.

Council President

Attest:

Clerk of Council