

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

Swearing-In Ceremony

James Kalan was sworn-in as a new Firefighter/Paramedic

Minutes of Meetings

October 24, 2022

Action: Motion to Approve Minutes, **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, Council President Ruth Gray.

Abstain: Councilman Justin Tisdale.

The minutes have been approved.

Report of Mayor & Department Heads

- South Euclid Poet Laureate Doc Janning recited his poem "Winter Promises".
- Mayor Welo reported that all directors are present, except Finance Director Himmelein, who is excused.
- Parks and Recreation Director Subwick reported on the upcoming Holiday Lighting Ceremony on December 4th at 4:30 pm at City Hall.
- Planning & Development Director Love requested support for Ord. 11-22 regarding the parking of commercial vehicles in residential driveways. Mr. Love also reported that the former Lowden School property has transferred ownership from the School District to Sommers Development.
- City Engineer Blackley gave an update on the Oakmount Road Infrastructure Project.
- Police Chief Mays reported on the outstanding work of Officer Wright who found a resident unresponsive at a home on Stonehaven Road. The Officer administered CPR until the paramedics arrived. Chief Mays also reported on two teens that were apprehended for stealing cars in South Euclid.
- Mayor Welo reported that County Councilwoman Sunny Simon's mother passed away and we offer our condolences.

Report of Law Director – Law Director Lograsso reported that the City's will begin negotiations in 2023 with our Collective Bargaining Units.

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

Councilman Frank reported that the committee met to continue Budget Hearings and heard requests from the Service Department, Community Center, Building and Housing Department, Parks and Recreation, Planning & Development, Community Services/Development, Law Department and Mayor's Office. Mr. Frank stated that in total, this year's budget is not much of an increase over last year's budget and the committee heard a lot of information about robust plans, projects and improvements which are very exciting. Council President Gray thanked Mayor Welo and Department Heads for providing the detailed budget summaries which were very helpful.

Committee of the Whole

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. Second Reading.
The legislation placed on Second Reading.

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. Third Reading.

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

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 7)

Yes: Councilwoman 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:

- Charles Turner, 4549 Lilac Road, stated that the Mayor, Law Director and Prosecutor have denied that he was assaulted by former Police Chief Nietert. Lograsso and Cicero have denied that he was assaulted by Kevin Nietert and a councilperson also chose to deny that he is a Vietnam War Veteran. Mr. Turner said that he has been found not guilty seven times and that Prosecutor Cicero has a conflict of interest and that he was caught stealing evidence and lying in court.

Communications of City Council

- Councilwoman Continenza reported on Giving Tuesday and invited residents to support our area wonderful non-profits that provide services to our community.
- Councilwoman Elston reported that she participated in her first naturalization ceremony, and it gave her a deeper appreciation of what it means to be a United States citizen.
- Councilman Fahsbender urged residents and colleagues to purchase tickets for the upcoming Porcelain and Poetry event to benefit One South Euclid's senior grant program. Mr. Fahsbender reminded residents to please shovel the snow on their sidewalks and that it's the homeowner's obligation as a citizen and it's also the law.
- Councilman Tisdale had no report.
- Councilwoman Hardy had no report.
- Councilman Frank thanked the Service Department for their efficiency in clearing the snow off our roadways during our season's first snowfall. Mr. Frank thanked Fire Chief Csire and the City's paramedics who had to make two calls to his parent's home in the last week. Mr. Frank said the department's compassion toward his mom and dad was amazing.
- A Safety Committee scheduled for January 9, 2022, at 7pm.
- Council President Gray reported that the next Council Meeting is on December 12th and that Council will consider the 2023 budget appropriation on third reading and additional financial items to close out our books for 2022.

Adjourn

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

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 7)

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

The Meeting Adjourned at 9:05pm.

Attest:

Council President

Clerk of Council