

EUCLID CITY COUNCIL MEETING
January 21, 2020

The Euclid City Council meeting was held on Tuesday, January 21, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the Euclid Municipal Center Council Chamber. President Mancuso presided.

Good evening and welcome to the January 21st, 2020 City Council meeting, if able please rise and join me for the pledge of allegiance.

Thank you.

Madame Clerk, would you call the roll?

Members Present: Moore, Epps, Jarosz, McIntosh, Wojtila, Gorshe, Mancuso

Could I have a motion to excuse Councilwomen Caviness and Jukic? So moved by Councilwoman Gorshe; seconded by Councilwoman McIntosh

All in favor

Yeas: Unanimous

Others Present: Mayor Kirsten Holzheimer Gail, Recreation Director Stephens, Assistant to the Mayor Grida, Finance Director Smith, Law Director Sweeney, Planning and Development Director Holody, Chief Meyer, Chief Haddock, Service Director Knecht and Council Clerk Allen.

COMMUNICATIONS

President Mancuso – Thank you, do we have any Communications?

Clerk Allen – No, none at this time.

COUNCIL MINUTES

President Mancuso – Council minutes?

Clerk Allen – The December 2nd, 2019

President Mancuso – Okay I will make a motion to approve, I need a second; so moved by Councilman Moore.

All in favor

Yeas: Unanimous

Thank you very much. We will now go to Administrative Reports and Communications, Mayor Gail.....

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Holzheimer Gail – Thank you good evening Madame Chair, members of council, and those joining us or watching us. Good evening I would like to start by thanking, Councilman Moore. Lakeshore Christian Church, Faith in the City, and all those who attended the unity and community event commemorating and celebrating Martin Luther King Day. It really was a wonderful event, many of us had the opportunity to attend several of us also were able to attend Cleveland Clinic’s Martin Luther King event on Friday, which had a great speaker who happens to be the son of a Euclid resident, so it was really a great opportunity to reflect on the vision of Dr. King, the work that we have done, the work we have to do and really recommitting ourselves to being a community that, is welcoming and open to all. And I think we oftentimes we, we, we’ve made some great and we see, we see that in a lot of little ways so at the

Senior Center having lunch and everybody eating and enjoying each other's company, at on the soccer field or the basketball court through the Rec. Department, kids playing together on the school yard, worshipping together at our neighborhood level, we've really made some great progress, certainly we have continued work to do but it was, nice to get to remember that vision and kind of recommit ourselves to working together to make a unified community. So I appreciated the opportunity to attend those and thank you to the, to Reverend Moore and his wife and their church for hosting that. I also would like to thank Sunny Simon and County Council passed the plastic ban bag, they did a bag giveaway program at the Euclid Senior Center last week the county has 25,000 of these bags to give away I have one for each of council members and I have a few for those in the audience who would like them at the end of the meeting, I will pass those out, so the county passed the ban bag and really it's easy, it's an easy thing we can do to use a reusable bag instead of a plastic bag it helps, keep our waterways clean, it helps reduce the pollution, in so many different ways and there's some information available on the web site, I think it was pretty amazing the average time a plastic bag is used is 12 minutes, the average time it takes to decompose is a 1,000 years, and 319,000,000 plastic bags became waste in Cuyahoga County last year. So a little thing we each can do, we talked about partnerships and what we can do, one of the speakers talked about, partnerships and reminded us that part P A R T is the start of partnership, we each can do our part and I think using a reusable bag is one small step we all can take so we also Linda Beck from Keep Euclid Beautiful applied to the county to get a stack of bags so we have about 200 bags, she's willing to come to Ward meetings, neighborhood meetings if you would like to invite her, or perhaps have bags yourself to share with the community we do want to try to get these out so that people can use them. While the bag band did go into effect January 1st I don't believe the county is enforcing it there was a more, a, a kind of a flag a stay till July 1st, I believe but do your part. I'll give you your bag at the end of the Council meeting. Fresh Water Cleveland, Fresh Water Cleveland the E news magazine that had a on the ground series on Euclid will be holding their finale event, It's a story telling event that will be this Thursday at Euclid Public Library, Thursday, January 23rd 6:30 to 8:30 residents and business owners will share their experience and memories that have helped shape their experience here in Euclid and will allow and hopefully encourage others to share their story as well, so if you haven't had a chance to see those articles they really were wonderful, stories about Euclid and some of the things happening we do have a link to Freshwater on the front of our web site, and please take a chance to read those stories they really were very good, another reminder we are doing the Hometown Hero banners again those are the banners honoring our veterans that lined 222 and part of Lakeshore last year, this is being administered through Keep Euclid Beautiful and the Euclid Joint Veterans Council, we have fliers and the lobby, were working towards March, the beginning of March, March 8th for anyone who would like to do a new banner, if you had a banner last year it will be going up again, unless you requested it back but we would certainly love to add to that and honor more of our Euclid Veterans or active members of service. So if you have any questions you can call them, my office 289-2751, or ask one of your veterans organizations and again we do have information on our web site. We will be holding budget hearings starting next week January 27th Monday, Wednesday, January 29th and then Wednesday, February 5th so we'll look forward to talking with council about the budget and things going forward. With that I will turn to Director Stephens.....

Director Stephens - Thank you Mayor, Madame Chair to council and to the residence, just want to take a quick moment to quickly reflect on Martin Luther King Day because I think it's synonymous with what I see many volunteers in the city do on a daily basis within the confines of the Recreation, the Euclid Recreation Department. Dr. King once said everyone can be great because everyone can serve, I like this quote because although the Recreation Department did not have an MLK special event this year like we've had in past years, our volunteers continue to embody the vision that I believe Dr. King, wanted by leaving an imprint on the lives of young people on a daily basis by serving not only through coaching but through mentoring, teaching, feeding, helping with homework, encouraging and listening to these young people while they participate in cheerleading, in football, soccer, basketball, softball, swimming, track, cheer boot camp and many other activities. It is an awesome responsibility to see young people start out at three or four years old in a City of Euclid program and be entrusted with the visions set forth in the programs that we offer. Because many people in this city decided to give of themselves it has produced young men like them Omari Spellman who currently plays for the Golden State Warriors who got his start in

the Euclid Recreation Department in Panther Hoops. Linden Stephens, my son, who got his start playing flag football in the Euclid Recreation Department under the guides of other, other volunteers that now plays with the Miami Dolphins, many other successful men and women in various fields who are now currently volunteering themselves in the same programs that they participated in growing up in Euclid. I share this with you because in the spirit of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, although it was yesterday it's important that we as a community must continue to serve, if we're going to make Euclid a great city to live in. Thank you.

Mayor Holzheimer Gail – Thank you Director Stephens, Director Holody.....

Director Holody – Thank you Mayor, Madame Chair, members of council and those watching. This time of year some of us start to prepare to do our taxes, which means that some people will be receiving a tax return and start thinking about purchasing a home, and now is really a great time to be buying a home in Euclid. The Plain Dealer reported that we just saw our eighth consecutive year of average home prices increasing here in Euclid and yet there's still many affordable houses in Euclid so now's a great time to buy and we have an organization EDCOR, I want to make an announcement that everyone should could should take a look at their down payment assistance program it's available to help support first time, homebuyers that are income eligible to purchase a home here in the City of Euclid. Council may recall that last year we allocated over \$0.5 million of Federal Home dollars, to EDCOR to administer, and make available for the down payment assistance program and this is, this is really a great program, the program offers up to 17% of a purchase, of a home buyers purchase price, with a maximum of \$10,000 in the form of an interest free, deferred loan which means that home buyers don't have to pay, make any payments on that loan and after they live in the house for five years, this is the best part half of the loan is forgiven. So this is a great program to support homeownership here in the City of Euclid, I want to encourage any interested potential home buyer to contact Karen Tomsic at (216) 289-4625 or visit the www.cityofeuclid.com website under the resident information, look for EDCOR to learn more about the down payment assistance program. Thank you.

Mayor Holzheimer Gail – Thank you and Chief Meyer.....

Chief Meyer – Thank you Mayor, Council President, members of council, members of the audience. Couple of quick announcements, Wednesday, January 22nd, this Wednesday “Coffee with a Cop” and that will be held at the Euclid Public Library and that is from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM, additionally too, the Highway Patrol, has asked the Euclid Police Department to partner with them so I want to make an announcement, various days throughout the month of February, members of OSP, the Ohio State Highway Patrol and the Euclid Police Department will be out enforcing with strict enforcement for crash related violations. Let me kind of read their, these operations of typically included strict traffic enforcement of crash causing violations as well as impaired driver interdiction efforts ending near zero tolerance to seat belt and child passenger safety violations. These upcoming special efforts will focus on known areas were unbelted crashes, crashes are occurring. Again these are gonna be, let you know ahead of time, throughout the month of February, and again the purpose of the detail is to increase public awareness and the impact seatbelt use in an area that is statistically been a hot spot for unbelted crash victims. Last year Euclid was number two behind Cleveland with unbelted fatalities. So I wanted to give everybody kind of that notice a head of time, so we'll be partnering with the Highway Patrol so you're gonna see I mean, I know you see their presents anyways particularly on the highway but I think you'll even see that increased throughout the month of February and our officers will be participating in that also. Again it's related for everybody's safety, so just please wear your seat belts, slow down and have a designated driver or use other means such as Uber or any number of those, those, those outlets if you are going to consuming alcohol. Thank you.

Mayor Holzheimer Gail – Thank you Chief. Madame Chair that completes administration reports. Thank you.

COMMITTEE DOCUMENTATION

President Mancuso – Thank you very much, we now go to Committee Documentation, and we had a council organizational meeting held on January 6, 2020 just prior to our first meeting, council meeting of the year. We do this in compliance with ordinance 121.16 which compels city council to have reviewed and proposed their standing committees for 2020. The organizational meeting included the standing committee’s for 2020, the chair people and the committee roster, it was voted on to unanimously to take it forward to the entire city council for a vote which was done on that same night. The other thing that we have is the Board of Control dated January 13th, 2020 and I would ask for a motion to approve both of these. So moved by Councilman Epps; seconded by Councilman Jarosz.

All in favor
Yes: Unanimous

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE FOR LEGISLATIVE MATTERS ONLY

Thank you. We now go to the Committee of the Whole for Legislative Matters Only. I will ask that if anybody has questions pertaining to agenda item one, this item will probably be postponed by motion so hold your questions until our next council meeting where it'll appear one more time. Okay, if you care to ask questions or comment on any of the legislative items on the agenda tonight, please come to the center podium, give us your name, address and keep your remarks to 5 minutes. Seeing none, we will move on with our agenda for this evening. Madame Clerk please read the first agenda item into the record.

LEGISLATION

1. Resolution (113-19) Authorizing the amendment of the Consent Judgement for Celebration Village

A resolution authorizing the amendment of the consent judgment with Providence Baptist Church to allow for a new development project called Celebration Village at Providence Park.

President Mancuso – Thank you. I'll entertain a motion for passage. So moved by Councilman Moore; seconded by Councilwoman McIntosh.

All in favor
Yeas: Unanimous

Director Sweeney.....

Director Sweeney – Madame Chair to council, as you said earlier it sounds like we’re just gonna pass this on and postpone this to the next meeting, I am working to try to get a joint meeting with the schools and you folks some dates have been passed around we thought we had settled on a date but now it’s not good with the school's so tentatively one of the last two Wednesdays in February so if you can just kind of clear your calendars. Those two Wednesday's I'm hoping it will be one of those Wednesday's it's good with the schools, it, it appears to be good with City Council, just making sure we can get the developers up here from Atlanta. Happy to answer any other questions you might have or we will discuss this at another time.

President Mancuso - Thank you, I will move that that we postpone this piece of legislation to our next city council meeting.

Director Sweeney – Madame Chair, Councilman Moore has a face, so I’m not sure if he has a question about one of those two Wednesdays?

Councilman Moore – I’m, I’m sorry, Madame Chair, February 26th I believe is Ash Wednesday.

President Mancuso – It is.

Councilman Moore – So it may be difficult for those of us who observe certain calendars to be here, so.....

Director Sweeney – Then I will try to aim, is it the 19th?

Councilman Moore – Yes

Director Sweeney – Okay, thank you.

President Mancuso – Thank you, Okay. I am making a motion to postpone until the next council meeting. I need a second, so moved by Councilwoman McIntosh. Any discussion, and discussion must be limited to the motion only. Seeing none, motion to close debate. So moved by Councilman Moore; seconded by Councilman Epps.

All in favor
Yeas: Unanimous

Madame Clerk please call the roll on the motion to postpone.

Clerk Allen – Roll call – Yes: Moore, Epps, Jarosz, McIntosh, Wojtila, Gorshe, Mancuso

Resolution postponed until February 3, 2020.

President Mancuso - Thank you, Madame Clerk please read the second agenda item into the record.

2. Ordinance 6-2020 (005-20) Authorizing the City to participate in the Heritage Home Program through December 31, 2020

An emergency ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of Euclid to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Cleveland Restoration Society to participate in the Heritage Home Program for the period of January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 at a cost not to exceed Fifteen Thousand and Three Hundred and Sixty Dollars (\$15,360.00).

President Mancuso – Thank you. Alright, you all should have a corrected versions so that you all have the correct number. Alright, I'll entertain a motion for passage to begin discussion. So moved by Councilman Epps; seconded by Councilman Jarosz.

All in favor
Yeas: Unanimous

Thank you Mayor Gail.....

Mayor Holzheimer Gail – Thank you Madame Chair. This ordinance would renew our contract with Heritage Home Loan Program, this is a program that Cleveland Restoration Society provides, it is available to cities who opt into the program, what it does is, it's a great tool for our residents who want to do home improvements, is only available to homes that are 50 years or older, so it is, they are working towards the historic nature of homes but it does provide both site visits and technical assistance for anyone who would like to undertake a home repair. It also includes a loan program that is available. The loan program is not widely used but, the technical assistance and site visits are used and so I did provide council with the data from the last two years, you should have seen that we have seen an increase both in the inquiries and in the site visits and technical assistance. I did ask Tom Jorgensen who is, the staff person that we work with if they follow-up on how many people they do site visits or technical assistance actually go through with the work and their estimate is 70% of people who they go out and do the site visits actually undertake some type of work and so often people say well were not getting a ton of loans from it, it maybe this isn't worth it but I think if 70% of the people who have them come out, or if it's spurs them even not that year but in future years, it helps, it is a resource a great resource for our residents, too undertake home improvement. So we would like to continue , this program make it available to our residents, if council passes it tonight we will work with them it includes two communications to our residents, one would be a letter from the Mayor which they find gets a better response, we will also then have a

postcard later in the years so two opportunities to share information about the program, as well as any other opportunity we take on ourselves, we would also as part of that first communication plan a date for a community meeting on the program so that people can come out and hear directly from the staff members of the Heritage Home Program, what's available at that time we typically invite other Housing Resources like EDCOR and other our other programs we have available or have tables or to provide information as well. So it's a resource our residents can use to further improve their homes. So happy to answer any questions but would appreciate your support in continuing this resource for our residents.

President Mancuso – Thank you. Discussion, Councilman Epps.....

Councilman Epps – Madame Chair, I definitely support this and I would ask if I could have my name added to it?

President Mancuso – Sure

Mayor Holzheimer Gail – Absolutely

President Mancuso – Would all of council like their names added to it? I'm seeing nods, okay, thank you. Any other discussion, Councilwoman Gorshe.....

Councilwoman Gorshe – Thank you Madame Chair. Mayor thank you for that extra people going through the funding who may self-fund or get their own home equity lines because then they really don't want to have the money kept in escrow as we had discussed in 2019. Is the payment for the program coming out of the general fund different than in prior years?

Mayor Holzheimer Gail - It is.

Councilwoman Gorshe - And can you explain that please

Mayor Holzheimer Gail - Yes, yes. So in the last year we the first year we did this we had a six month trial the last two I believe we've used block grant funds. Dan Petrelli is new in his position and reached out to HUD for some guidance on whether we could use it for this program and they advised that in order to do that we should take it through our Citizens Advisory Committee, also this is not income eligible, so the fact that Block Grant is supposed to serve people who are low to moderate income or removing some blights or it would be and eligible expense if we go a certain way it would most likely mean we would have to reduce either the Senior Programs or the Youth Programming that the Citizens Advisory Committee has advocated for. So we opted instead to take this from the general fund, it would come under the General Services category of other professional services.

Councilwoman Gorshe – Thank you for the clarification, I'm in full support of this.

President Mancuso – Thank you, other discussion? Councilwoman McIntosh.....

Councilwoman McIntosh – Thank you Madame Chair. I'd just a simple request to ensure that we have enough brochures, for all members of council, I don't know if Heritage Home Program can give us a large quantity of them? I like having them at Ward meeting and

President Mancuso – Okay

Councilwoman McIntosh – be able to distribute them as needed. Thank you.

Mayor Holzheimer Gail – Sure

President Mancuso – Thank you, any other discussion? Seeing none, I'll entertain a motion to close debate. So moved by Councilwoman McIntosh; seconded by Councilman Wojtila.

All in favor
Yeas: Unanimous

President Mancuso –Madame Clerk please call the roll on the merits of the ordinance.

Clerk Allen – Roll call – Yes: Epps, Jarosz, McIntosh, Wojtila, Gorshe, Moore, Mancuso
Ordinance Passes.

President Mancuso – Thank you, Madame Clerk please read the third agenda item into the record.

3. Resolution 7-2020 (006-20) National Fish and Wildlife grant for Phase II of the Euclid Waterfront Improvements Plan

A resolution authorizing the Mayor of the City of Euclid or her designee to request, accept and expend a grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF)'s 2020 Five Star and Urban Waters Restoration program for up to Fifty Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$50,000) for construction of the eastern portion of Phase II of the Euclid Waterfront Improvements Plan.

President Mancuso – Thank you. I'll entertain a motion for passage. So moved by Councilman McIntosh; seconded by Councilman Jarosz.

All in favor
Yeas: Unanimous

Director Holody, would you begin.....

Director Holody – Yes, thank you Madame Chair, members of council. This piece and the next piece are part of our ongoing effort to raise funds for the next phase of construction, under phase two of the Waterfront Improvement Plan. As most are aware we had to break phase two up into two sections, we are just finishing construction on the western portion of phase two which included the shoreline stabilization and multipurpose trail. That was about \$6.8 million dollars' worth of construction. The eastern phase is currently estimated to cost \$6.5 million of which we have \$3.1 in hand. We're working hard to close that gap and have identified these two small grant opportunities to cover specific pieces of the next phase of construction. Specifically this particular grant opportunity through the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, would be targeted towards some rain garden infrastructure that is being planned for the eastern portion of the project area, there is a match required however, we have of those matching funds in hand and plan to use them for the project. I know there were some questions that came out from a number of council members and I tried my best to answer those although I think my response came out late today. So I'm happy to repeat the responses to any of those questions, if anyone has any, if anyone would like for me to explain any of the pieces of that I be happy to. But in, in, in general, we think that these two grants are, are great for our Waterfront project and we appreciate your support tonight in allowing us to go forward and apply for these to raise the additional funding that we need for the Waterfront project.

President Mancuso – Thank you. Discussion by council? Councilman Epps.....

Councilman Epps – Is it true that the Metro Parks are supposed to be taking lead on this?

President Mancuso – Director Holody.....

Director Holody – Madame Chair to the Councilman. Thank you for the questions, the Metro Parks are taking the lead on a Waterfront Trail designation effort. We were in front of council late last year to bring that opportunity forward, we have been consulting with the Metro Parks about our construction project but Euclid is taking the lead on the construction project. The waterfront trail designation really, just seeks to identify and promote existing paddle craft infrastructure. Our project will very much complement that effort once the designation is placed, is in place. We expect the paddle craft beach at the eastern end of our project area will be added to their map and their brochures and their marketing information to point out to kayakers and, and canoers and the like that there's just another amenity. So the Metro Parks is taking the lead on the waterfront, or the water trail designation, but we are taking the lead on the construction project.

Councilman Epps – Madame Chair to Director Holody, so would that on item 4 then, on the agenda would be what the Metro Parks are taking the lead on, am I, I'm just trying to understand it.

Director Holody – Madame Chair to the councilman, no we'll be taking the lead on item 4, this is a grant that we'll be requesting to help pay for the construction that will be hopefully undertaking later this year.

Mayor Holzheimer Gail – Madame Chair, if I could just, maybe this will help clarify, I, there two separate projects, so the Metro Parks and what council supported in September was the Metro Parks was taking the lead to apply to the State to designate to create a water paddle craft trail or a water front trail, I forget the right, exact words which just means they would create a, there would be a trail designated along the water with certain spots identified along the way at places to kind of stop on the shore and pull your that make it accessible to paddle craft so whether it's a kayak or paddle board, a canoe something without a motor. That designation is just kind of like a trail like a bike map along the water that has nothing to do with our waterfront improvement project. They feed in nicely, they complement each other but the construction the two grants that we're applying for are for our waterfront improvement plan that has already been approved. So it's the plan that's in place we're not changing what we're building this is just funds that are available, we've identified a appreciate the hard work of the Planning and Development Department and Smith Group JJR for seeking to continue to identify new sources to help supplement this, the funding that we've already received. As you know the TIF funds that are designated just for Harbor Town are paying back most of what we've had to contribute from a local side, those can only be used in that area. The paddle craft designation or the waterfront trail designation brings further attention to our project because it's the eastern end of the trail, and has allowed us the opportunity to talk about and bring publicity to our project. But two separate projects.

Councilman Epps – Okay, thank you.

President Mancuso – Other discussion? Oh you weren't finished, I'm sorry.

Councilman Epps – That's okay, Madame Chair to the Mayor, then so I would assume then, it's a much larger and much more expensive project this is to assist us with what we're spending so it's not a matter of if the project exceeds the grant dollars we would be the ones that would be covering that shortfall. Correct? Or is that not.....

Mayor Holzheimer Gail – The Metro Parks trail? Is that what you're asking about?

Councilman Epps – No I'm talking about

Mayor Holzheimer Gail – Ours

Councilman Epps – Our project that we're asking for here

Mayor Holzheimer Gail – Yeah we're still, oh yeah that's just a piece, so we have our total budget for the project this would be part of the that.....

Councilman Epps – Just to assist us

Mayor Holzheimer Gail – So we're continue to

Councilman Epps – Gotcha

Mayor Holzheimer Gail - Identify, but yes it's our responsibility that we continue to work with partners so that we can get as many outside resources to help fund this as possible

Councilman Epps – Gotcha, thank you.

President Mancuso – Any other discussion? Seeing none, I'll entertain a motion to close debate. So moved by Councilman Epps; seconded by Councilman Moore.

All in favor
Yeas: Unanimous

President Mancuso – Madame Clerk would you call the roll on the resolution?

Clerk Allen – Roll call –
Yes: Jarosz, McIntosh, Wojtila, Moore, Mancuso
No: Gorshe, Epps
Resolution Passes.

President Mancuso – Thank you. Madame Clerk would you please read the fourth agenda item into the records.

4. Resolution 8-2020 (007-20) Ohio Department of Natural Resources Paddling and Enhancement grant for Phase II of the Euclid Waterfront Improvements Plan.

A resolution authorizing the Mayor of the City of Euclid or her designee to request, accept and expend a grant from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR)'s Paddling Enhancement Grant (PEG) program for up to Seventy Five Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$75,000) for construction of the eastern portion of Phase II of the Euclid Waterfront Improvements Plan.

President Mancuso – Thank you. I'll entertain a motion for passage to begin the discussion. So moved by Councilman Wojtila; seconded by Councilman Moore.

All in favor
Yeas: Unanimous

Director Holody.....

Director Holody – Thank you Madame Chair, members of council. Similarly, this grant will if received go towards Phase II, east of the Waterfront Improvement Plan, specifically this would fund a portion of the paddle craft beach that's planned for the eastern end of the project area, we think it's a great fit for this, grant opportunity. I should've mentions last time, but for council's benefit we will certainly be coming back to council for approval before we enter into a construction contractor and go out for bid for this next phase, so at that time we will have a better sense of the total funding picture for the estimated \$6.5 million project, but this would be a small piece and again we think it's a good fit so we appreciate your support and letting us go after this to try to fill that section of the of funding gap for this next phase of construction.

President Mancuso – Thank you. Discussion, Councilwoman Gorshe.....

Councilwoman Gorshe – Thank you Madame Chair, Director Holody, I truly appreciate, you answering my 10 questions plus today because as I was looking through it and watching the meeting from the 16th of September, it kind of implied that the \$75,000 would be for the paddle craft portion and I'm thinking to myself with everything the grant entailed which came from you know the grant application to my questions that that the scope of the project super exceeded \$75,000 it seems like a lot of money but I don't think it's gonna cover the entire project for the paddle craft portion of it with all the ADA compliance and having some opportunity to have somebody with disabilities enjoy the lake as well. Was looking into it further so in the questions that I asked, that you answered late this afternoon and again I thank you for that, when I asked about what it was said that are no city monies would, would be involved in this, and it was implied that the Metro Parks would be doing this at no costly, so I think there was some confusion about the waterfront trail designation and what the actual costs for the paddle craft launch area would be, so when I asked in question one, what was, what would, there will be no city monies required for the project itself, correct? And what about Smith Group JJR you told me about? You think it's gonna be about \$150,000 for the paddle craft, is that what I read here in your answers to my long e-mail of questions to this afternoon?

President Mancuso – Director Holody.....

Director Holody – Madame Chair, let me clarifying. The council, in I believe in December of last year authorized us to engage Smith Group JJR for roughly \$150,000 and that's for them to provide the final, planning design and engineering for the next phase of Waterfront Improvements which is the full \$6.5 million estimated construction cost for the second half of the project. So that includes not only the paddle craft beach but the shoreline stabilization, the trail, the park improvements, really the whole second phase that, that we hope to undertake.

Councilwoman Gorshe – Okay, so with that being said then if you look back through my questions they were specific to the costs associated with the paddle craft beach. So with that being in mind are you able to answer what the cost would be over and above the \$75,000, if we're fortune which I hope we are to get.

President Mancuso – Director Holody.....

Councilwoman Gorshe – Any idea?

Director Holody – Yeah, thank you, I don't have the break down here with me right now we can certainly provide that and as part of the final design and engineering Smith Group will be providing a much more detailed engineers cost estimate, that provides that type of specific, information, I can certainly provide you tomorrow with the breakdown that we have from the earlier conceptual, designs and the earlier cost estimates but I don't have, I don't have that here off the top of my head.

Councilwoman Gorshe – So thank you, I understand the eastern portion is what we're looking at as a project of the whole of the paddle area being a part of that, if we can partition that out and look at these questions again and answer please specifically to that project. I'd like to know if it exceeds the \$75,000.

Director Holody – Madame Chair to councilman, I can definitely tell you that the paddle craft beach will exceed \$75,000 it's, it's a substantial piece of the overall project, I do have the, the map here that I can show if anyone would like to see it, but the paddle craft beach is a substantial portion of this next phase the, the eastern phase. So it's gonna far exceed \$75,000, however we, we've found that these grant agencies when there's a fit, even if their just a small piece, they will want to make their contribution and be part of this project as the Mayor mentioned, it really is a project that's gaining a lot of attention, not only locally but even nationally, so even though it's just a, the \$75,000 is just a small piece of what that paddle craft beach is going to cost, we think that, it's definitely worth submitting.

Councilwoman Gorshe - I agree with you so, would we be able to hold in escrow the \$75,000 and apply again the second year because apparently it says you could apply again the next year to get more funds for that project, are we able to do that to get the monies.....

President Mancuso – Director Holody.....

Councilwoman Gorshe – Or will it not be done by the next grant application deadline?

President Mancuso – Director Holody.....

Director Holody – That's a great question we can certainly look into that and we definitely get as created as possible to go after grants as often as possible. You know we have to make sure that it's worth our time and that, and that the granting agencies not going to, to see that you know that we're being to creative, but we'll certainly take a look at that and see if, if we have a chance at applying in, in future years and continuing to keep them involved with the project.

Councilwoman Gorshe - Because the number four on their about the ADA compliance and access roads and all that has to do with components that the grant would be interested in seeing, so if you can get those answers to me tomorrow I'd greatly appreciate that and copy all of my colleagues as well. Thank you for your time on that.

President Mancuso – Thank you. Any other discussion? Seeing none, I'll entertain a motion to close debate so moved by Councilwoman Gorshe; seconded by Councilman Wojtila.

All in favor
Yeas: Unanimous

President Mancuso – Thank you Madame Clerk please call the role on the resolution?

Clerk Allen – Roll call –
Yes: McIntosh, Wojtila, Gorshe, Moore, Jarosz, Mancuso
No: Epps

Resolution Passes.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – PUBLIC PORTION

President Mancuso – Thank you we now move on to the Committee of the Whole, our second portion for the public. You may speak to any for the good of the city anyone wishing to comment please come to the podium, give us your name and address, limit your remarks to 5 minutes, once you have finished asking all your questions and done speaking we'll then respond. Thank you.

Mr. Milner – Lou Milner, 19711 Edgecliff Drive. I was just wondering if we still have any workman's comp claims that are still an appeal involving any Fireman.

President Mancuso – Okay, anything else? Any other questions sir.

Mr. Milner – No, that's it.

President Mancuso – No, only one, okay. Let's see, Law Director Sweeney.....

Director Sweeney – Yes, Madame Chair to, to the resident. One of the matters that was before us has been, the hearing was last week so a decision has been rendered, I'm not available to publicly comment on that yet, but a decision was rendered on that.

President Mancuso – Thank you. Next speaker please.....

Ms. Hauck – Good evening Regina Hauck, 116 East 197th Street, Happy New Year to everyone. Welcome to the new council member, it's nice to see different faces up here, I've got a couple things to say one, I had to call the council office today for a very stupid question and Barbara was just so nice and so helpful I just have to mention it, I mean, it was a question that she could have just said, I don't know and left it at that, and I would have been fine with that, but she was no, no, no, had to put me on hold, she was gonna find that answer for me and I do appreciate it you went above and beyond and I can only imagine how you must tell people who have really serious questions. The other thing I wanted to say as I was glad to see the police promotions that happened earlier in the, in the month, I was especially happy to see Officer Brook's get promoted, I did have an encounter of my own with Officer Brooks not by my might choice he pulled me over, and it was about a year ago and I told the Chief about this when it happened, I, I was just unbelievable I went to work, I was on my way to work in the morning when I got to work I said I just had the nicest experience with a police officer everything was by the book, the first thing he did after I pulled over was said, good morning I'm Officer Brooks with the Euclid Police Department and just went on from there he was absolutely wonderful. So I was very happy to see him get promoted and my last question the reason I want, I really came up here, the Shore RFP's if somebody can share, were we are in that process I'm hoping we got several back and, if you can share the next steps, how we're gonna decide where we go from here I'd appreciate it. Thank you.

President Mancuso – Thank you. Director Holody.....

Director Holody – Thank you Madame Chair to the resident. In working with our consulting GBX and Silver Load and based on some feedback we've been receiving

from interested developers, we extended the deadline, for submission of the RFP's to the end of this month. So the developers have until the end of this month to submit their proposals, we've been actively reaching out to developers, we've been providing tours or Shore and answering questions for interested developers. So I'm also hopeful that we have a few proposals in hand at the end of the month to look over, once the deadline passes and assuming that we do have responses we will be assembling a small review team, to look at those responses and if necessary create, one or multiple short listed developers that could then be invited to make their proposals to council, ultimately, it would take an action of council to accept any proposals and move forward with the developer but that's the, the process that we envision right now though, the focus is on trying to get some of those proposals back in here.

President Mancuso – And what's our deadline?

Director Holody - The deadline is the end of the month, I believe that would be the 31st, January 31, 4:00 PM.

President Mancuso – Okay, thank you. Other speakers, this is for general sir.

Mr. Jrososky - Yes, Roger Jrososky, 634 East 261st Street. My, just recently a situation arose and I just wanted to bring it to council's attention. Our city has a garbage can ordinance which on the basic instilled, installation of is, nobody can disagree that we need something like that, the short version is that you need to take your garbage cans back in a timely fashion after garbage pickup. What I recently found out though is that it's open-ended meaning if you ever were to get a warning and there's no time period of when your second warning would come about, even people on probation have a time frame. Like I'll use my own particular instance, 14 months went by there was a situation that came the cans were not taken back in a timely manner and 14 months later it happened again which I course I receive a violation that says I have to owe the city \$75.00 to pay and when I called and I said wow, that seems a little harsh okay, something happened because otherwise I'm very diligent in making sure cans are taken back in a timely manner and you know in a city this size you have to have something like that and I just wanted to bring it to council's attention because I really don't think and, and, and I've been on other township meetings and council's before, we react to something when we have to fix a problem but then we don't think of all the other aspects that could come about from that, meaning in this case you know if somebody is not compliant with taking the garbage cans all the time I certainly understand the warnings and then the fines, but I thought 14 months was pretty excessive that and when I asked the, when I called and talked to them about it they said yeah, I'm looking at the ordinance, there is no timeframe and I go so like if I've got one warning and then 10 years later I didn't take my can up I'd get a fine and they go yup, take it council because there's nothing we can do about it and bring this to their attention because they're the only ones that can actually change that ordinance, to put a timeframe involved in it. So that's what I'm doing. That's why I'm here.

President Mancuso – If I can clarify, you're talking about a timeframe between the first time you were cited in the next time you were cited?

Mr. Jrososky – Yes, the very first time you get a warning, there's no fine, no anything, and then any time after that and that, I, I just found shocking that there is no literally no timeframe that you know, years could go by and if it happened again you actually get a fine.

President Mancuso – Thank you, we will take a look at that ordinance.

Mr. Jrososky – Thank you.

COUNCILMAN'S COMMENTS

President Mancuso – Thank you, any other speakers? Seeing none, we will now go to Councilman's Comments, and we will begin with Councilman Moore.....

Councilman Moore – Thank you Madame Chair. First I would like to say, publicly thank you to two of our outstanding Directors at the city, on Thursday January 16th, I received an e-mail, from a resident in which the Illuminating Company had cut branches and left them in front of his driveway, he got nowhere with calling the Illuminating Company, I called Assistant Director, excuse me, I e-mailed Director Knecht who was in a training, Assistant Director Finotti gave me a call, call the Illuminating Company handled the situation and then personally went and checked on resident to make sure that the branches were removed because I was on the other side of town so I want to say thank you to the Service Department for that and then on Saturday, January 18th during our winter storm Sherwood Hill became impassable for a short time it was fine, one moment ten minutes later it was not, again I called the Assistant Director Finotti, he got it taken care of so our Service Department does a wonderful job as does the rest of our employees at the city but at this moment I just want to thank the Service Department for all that they do. Secondly the Martin Luther King celebration unity and the committee was this past Sunday, I want to thank everybody who participated, and everybody who was a part of that especially Dana Heil who did a lot of work on that as well. And then lastly, on Thursday, January 23rd I will be having a Ward II meeting at Arbor Elementary School at 7:00 PM. I'm going to have my hero, Public Service Director Dan Knecht there, thank you, it's gonna change later, but right now you know how it is, so I want to, I'm gonna have Dan Knecht there, we're gonna have a representative from the Census there as well so hope to see everybody, Thursday, this coming Thursday at 7:00 PM and I want to close with a quote from Dr. King, that's one of my favorites and it says "People fail to get along because they fear each other, they fear each other because they don't know each other, they don't know each other because they have not communicated with each other". So that I would like to say let's make sure we talk, so we can get rid of some of the fear and get to know each other and with that I'll say goodnight, thank you.

President Mancuso – Thank you, Councilman Epps.....

Councilman Epps – I too would actually like to start tonight by saying thank you to Director Knecht and the Service Department for the work that you guys did over this past weekend. It was slow start, but I frequently rid the Ward and was able to see progress as the weekend moved forward and so I would like to thank you guys publically. I'd also like to add, I'd imagine that we've probably saved quite a bit of money this winter so far, on both materials and manpower and with that being said, as we move forward with some of this if we could if possible try to address some of the side streets especially I'm speaking on behalf of my Ward on the hill we have a lot of seniors up there and I spend a lot of time up there myself with my son this past weekend and it's one thing for them to try to get out of their driveways but then it's another thing when they then have to brave the streets. So though the main streets the actually hill was done and beautifully we still had some issues on the side streets so, I'm not sure how that works with materials, maybe we can respond to that one when I'm done as well, but I do want to thank you because as I road through the Ward people were pleased and things did look good. My sons and I were also out shoveling snow for seniors and helping them get out of their driveways, I want to publically both my son Togg and Tristen who are out and also late at night shoveling snow for folks I appreciate them and we got calls back from seniors who appreciate it as well. Which brings me to another point, I'd like to and this is something obviously I don't, we can go into discussion that we can have but as senior, our senior youth partnerships first initiative we have a lot of seniors in my Ward as well as Ward, I mean as well as our community in general who don't have the strength or in other cases don't have the means to pay someone who has the strength to get their yards cleared, when we have mass amounts of snow fall like we did this weekend, I also want to say that we have young people who could use a few bucks and they're out trying to make a few bucks during this time so what I want to try to do is put these folks together, seniors who are in need of being shoveled out, one woman we pulled up on, we were just automatically doing the yard because I knew she was a senior and her response was she came out and she's like I had no idea how I was going to get to the doctor tomorrow, that was on Sunday night when that happened and so there is a great need and folks don't

necessarily know who to call or, or don't call for whatever reasons there are and so what I want to try to do is if we can bring the seniors and the young people together as opposed to young people knocking on doors and talking to folks and begging them to let them do their yard, why don't we create a data base or a list of seniors who have the need and a list of those young people who want to do that and try to pare these folks together. I've seen someone do that in the past on social media and I want to make sure that we institute this in my Ward and if my colleagues would like to know some of the things that we're doing the working parts of it, I would be happy to share. But I definitely want to try to put that together, I want to reach out to or let seniors in my Ward know, in Ward 3, my phone number is 216-200-0249 please call so that we can get your name on that list, I have a ton of young people who want to come out and do this, this will be free of charge for you at no cost to you the only thing we ask that if you would like them to salt afterwards buy some salt have some salt there until we can kind of get this into committee and talk about it and actually get some resources from the city to help us do this. But I think this is a great way to put some money in some of these young people's pockets as well as again provide the need to our seniors. We have secured a venue for our first Ward 3 meeting, it will be, I'm very excited about this, it will be Thursday, February 6th at 7:00 PM at Bluestone Elementary, a flier should be finalized in the next day or so and we'll begin distributing them throughout the Ward as well as electronically, I want to echo the residents comments to Barb Allen, who is amazing she absolutely amazing with this stuff, sometimes on a daily basis even a huge help to me and I appreciate her as well. But she will in conjunction with Matt getting out that information to the folks as well, all are welcome, it will be in conjunction with Councilman Moore as well as Councilwoman Caviness, we invite Wards 1 and 2 residents to come out where the city will be there to give an update on the Lake Erie Lodge project as well as other projects going on in that area, light refreshments will be provided so come out and say hello again that's Thursday, February 6th at 7:00 at Bluestone Elementary in the cafeteria. Director Holody if you could after I'm done share with us how your walk through today went at the YMCA with potential bidders and I had it on my schedule to show up for that and we had a, my wife had a loss and so we had to go out of town so I was not able to attend so if you could give us an update on how that went today or if anybody showed up? And then lastly, something I noticed when I was coming in Director Knecht, the sign that alerts drivers to the new pattern change on 260th when you're going southbound right before you get to the freeway, it is flipped over and it is upside down. With that I will bid you all a goodnight. Stay warm and enjoy the rest of your evening.

President Mancuso – Let's have Director Knecht start first, since he has two parts of this, one is the side streets and then the sign being upside down and then we'll go to Director Holody.....

Director Knecht – Madame Chair to the councilman. When a storm stops typically we, the goal is to have the entire city plowed within 24 hours after the storm stops. This recent storm, we were able to get it done in little over 9 hours, now because we had back to back storms we did run out people so we were using every available body we could find to finish out there on Sunday to get the last of the streets plowed but the unfortunately when we get in situations when we have storms like that, manpower becomes a big issue, because we do have to follow the rules and make sure that the guys are, are safe and well alert when they're in those vehicles.

Councilman Epps – Overall great job, I appreciate it.

President Mancuso – And the upside down sign?

Director Knecht – The upside down sign, will be addressed by the contractor.

Councilman Epps – Right, right

President Mancuso – Okay, great

Director Knecht – Thank you

President Mancuso – Director Holody.....

Director Holody – Yes, Madame Chair to the councilman. Marty Castelletti from my staff did host a mandatory contractor walkthrough of the former YMCA building today,

the report that I received said that the walk through went very well, we had over a dozen contractors attend. There's a lot of interest, I think the timing is right contractors are starting to think about what they're year's gonna look like so I expect that we will have quite a few responses to the, the bid that we have out. Those bids are due back the first week of February. So we should have a sense within the next few weeks on the costs and timeline, that we're looking at for the, the next step with the YMCA property, so, thank you for the question and anyone has any more, questions or needs any more information on that project they're welcome to contact myself or either or Marty Castelletti from my staff.

President Mancuso – And Councilman Jarosz.....

Councilman Jarosz – Thank you Madame Chair. Want to thank the resident for coming on and you know, giving us update on the garbage can ordinance, that's one, that's something we can fix I'm sure and it's probably an oversight that's been on the books for decades or for quite a long time but thank you for bringing that to our attention so that we can address it because you're right, that's 14 months, that's longer than you'd be a nuisance according to our books, so you know, we really need to deal with it. Don't make a face. Mentioned this at the last council meeting, but I want to mention it again because it is a last call, I mentioned that every year Euclid Baseball turns, turns away dozens of kids for lack of adults willing to essentially serve as coaches and managers and to echo Director Stephens, you know, earlier call for service, if anybody is interested in, essentially helping coach some of the youth who I know were essentially looking at getting rid of an entire t-ball league this year simply because we do not have enough people willing to dedicate their time to help, help these little kids and you know frankly t-ball is the easiest one, if you getting them running in the right direction by the end of the year, your fine. So you don't have to know anything about the game. Residents be on the lookout for a Ward 4 meeting, no date set, but we want to give an update on the Monterey project as well as other things that are going on in the city we had quite a few you know, water mains breaking recently and just a lot of stuff's that going on in Ward 4 so we want to get everybody updated. And also too Director Holody and I will be getting together and putting a figure to look at the calendar and we need to get a public meeting for the 185th Street project to, I want to get some public input on some things that are going there regarding the streetscape and last, just want to reiterate to Heritage Home Program, I think it's really important that we do everything we can to get the word out on this, if you think about the structure of our community, for, for all intents and purposes we are an older, built out community. We don't have tons of space for new developments, we don't have you know, frankly we were just already built out with older homes and if we're looking to add value and attract folks, why not, I think we need tools like this available for existing homeowners but it's also nice for potential homeowners to look at hey what is, you know hey, what can I do in the community, what services are available and you know it's really through renovation and some remodeling, that we're gonna continue to kind of keep the housing stock strong and this is a great program to provide not only the technical assistance but the loans if, if that is what makes most financial sense. So you know, we're gonna do 2 mailings but I think the more we kind of have that on our website, the more we promote to have enough fliers so when we do whole Ward meetings, the more we can get the word out that they, the better, the better it is for all of us. With that.....

President Mancuso – Thank you, Councilwoman McIntosh.....

Councilwoman McIntosh – Thank you Madame Chair and thanks to everyone who's joined us this evening either in person or watching on TV or in the future. I do want to first thank the organizers of the Unity and Community event at Lakeshore Christian Church, thank you Reverend Moore for your work as well as your wife. I was honored to be asked to participate in the event, so very humbling to be able to do that, and I as the Mayor mentioned at the start of the meeting you know, we've come a long way but we have a long way to go. So, I do look forward to, trying to do my part to create more unity in our community, I want to also remind residents council, directors, anyone involving the city that the Greater Euclid Kiwanis Club is actively looking for members, and we do have an upcoming, excuse me an upcoming meeting next Tuesday the 28th, it's a lunchtime meeting, it should be at 12:00 PM at Momma Catena's so some delicious food, and perhaps do a little bit more good in this city. And also want to just give an early heads up that Ward 5 meeting is in the works date

is not yet set but that should probably be end of February, early March so stay tuned for that and with that I will say goodnight.

President Mancuso – Thank you. Councilman Wojtila.....

Councilman Wojtila – Nothing from me.

President Mancuso – Thank you, Councilwoman Gorshe.....

Councilwoman Gorshe – Thank you Madame Chair. Well at long last Councilwoman Sunny Simon's hard work has become to a BYOBE, which is Bring Your Own Bags so I'm excited about it, I'm glad that the launch came here. I was not able to make it due to work commitment but was wildly popular so it's fun that she decided to have it right here and looking at protecting our lake and protecting our environment. So I would like to have a bag but if you would like to give a bag to a, a person in the audience or with us this evening, I will forgo my bag for another time. But I'm glad to see that this is happening. The residence mentioned Barb, she's absolutely fantastic, she's a mind reader, she anticipates things, she knows what I'm thinking beforehand and you know a long with her partner Matt who always gets me some things and helps us all, those are the unsung heroes so I'm glad when one of our resident really truly knows the great people we have working for us here in the city. March 17th of this year will not only be Saint Patrick's Day but will be a primary election, so right now you can order your absentee ballot if you wanna miss any Irish festivities cause everyone's Irish on Saint Patrick's Day. You can fill out a request for a ballot to be mailed to your home or you can visit residents in action that will be at the Lakeshore Coffeehouse starting this Saturday from 9:00 until noon, and for the next four Saturday's, so for January 25th, February 1th, February 8th, and February 15th from 9:00 to noon at Lakeshore Coffeehouse, you can get your ballot here locally, your ballot order locally. And with that Madame Chair, I will say goodnight.

President Mancuso – Thank you and finally just to remind everyone again our budget hearings are on January 27th, 29th, and February 5th at this point, and if there's no other business to come before us, I'll take a motion to adjourn. So moved by Councilwoman Gorshe; seconded by Councilman Jarosz.

All in favor
Yeas: Unanimous

We are adjourned.

ADJOURNMENT

Attest:


Clerk of Council


Council President