

**EUCLID CITY COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 18, 2020**

The Euclid City Council meeting was held on Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the Euclid Municipal Center Council Chamber. President Mancuso presided.

Good evening and welcome to the Euclid City Council meeting, on this Tuesday, January (February) 18, 2020 if able please rise and join me in the pledge of allegiance.

Thank you.

Madame Clerk, would you call the roll?

Members Present: Caviness, Moore, Jarosz, McIntosh, Wojtila, Jukic, Gorshe, Mancuso

Thank you. Do we have any communications? Motion to excuse Councilman Epps, I'm sorry. So moved by Councilman Jarosz; 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, now do we have any Communications?

Clerk Allen – No, none at this time.

COUNCIL MINUTES

President Mancuso – And Council Minutes.

Councilwoman Caviness – Yes, Madame Chair. I moved to accept the following council minutes January the 6th, 2020, the Euclid City Council Organizational meeting and the Council meeting and January the 21st, 2020 and February the 3rd, 2020.

President Mancuso – Thank you. I'll take a, we have a motion, do I have a second? So moved my Councilman Moore.

All in favor.

Yeas: Unanimous

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Thank you. We will now move on to administrative reports and communications, Mayor Gail.....

Mayor Holzheimer Gail – Thank you Madame Chair, good evening, good evening members of council and those joining us or watching. I would like to start, I know that, we've heard from several residents, businesses and council members as well about an incident that happened, this past weekend at the Pla Mor Roller Skating Rink in downtown Euclid. We the Chief and I were able to talk to Mr. Sanders the business owner today, he shares our concerns about the safety of the youth, of our police officers,

of the businesses in our community, he has agreed and it actually is his, initiation to no longer host youth events at the Pla Mor, because we are not, he is not able to control the youth and the activity that's happening there. Just by way of background I know Pla Mor has been a topic of conversation in the past, I believe it was in June there was an initial incident that we, initiated after some safety issues downtown with our youth there we initiated nuisance proceedings with the Court of Common Pleas after that we had several meetings with Mr. Sanders, obviously the roller skating rink is an important community asset it's been here for a long time, we never want to shut down somebody's business so we did work with him. We visited the rink, we had several meetings and we put a memorandum of understanding in place with him about how to operate events particularly special events and youth activities, that included things like having off duty police officers, having parents bring their youth into the rink and pick them up from the rink, and other items, that worked for a little while that was signed in November, was work, worked for a little while. There has been a couple issues, the last couple of weeks, the business was declared a nuisance under our nuisance abatement laws and the owner was issued a fine for that in January, once the reports are complete from Friday's event we will likely be issuing another charge for the second nuisance event there, but I am happy to say Mr. Sanders agreed with us, he was disappointed with the behavior of the youth, he was, very appreciative of the police and their efforts Friday night to try to control the situation but he understands as well as the city and the administration that it's important to make sure we maintain the safety of the community, so we don't want to put the youth at risk, we don't want to put downtown shoppers, other businesses, or our police department at risk and so unless, we will continue obviously to work and talk with him, the other types of events or skating nights that happen there do not cause problems it seems to be primarily the youth events so I think we do have some work and some discussions that we can have about youth activities in general and how we can both have youth events but keep them safe for everybody. So I do want to thank Mr. Sanders for talking with us today for his concern for the community and his willingness to work with us to make sure that we can get this under control. So we will continue to work on that, I don't know if there's, we're certainly happy to answer questions during council members comments or after the meeting, but am, you know I guess it's sad to say that you know, we have to get to the point of not having youth events but he felt that was in the best interest at this time as well, so we will, and we will, we certainly appreciate that willingness to make, making sure we opt, that the business is operated successfully. I also want to make folks aware I think I reported this at the last meeting we are looking at reviving the Euclid Police Mini-Station on Euclid Avenue. Looking for new activities and programs, that the community would like to have happen there so we started by meeting with the Heritage Park Neighborhood Association two weeks ago got some feedback from them but want to get feedback from the broader community. So there is a very short survey, it's available on our website, on Facebook we can certainly make a paper copies available for those who don't have access through there but very short and brief. What type of activities and services would you use if they were located at that location? So we appreciate the involvement of Heritage Park Community Association, HGR and certainly want to hear from you. So, if you can't find the survey please feel free to call our office, or the Councilwoman and share the activities you'd like to see happen at the Mini-Station. The Folk Fest is happening this Friday and Saturday at Shore Cultural Centre, Friday starts with some school programming in the morning, and then some evening programs Saturday, doors open at one for free workshops, concerts and activities and then the evening concert starts at 7:30. The evening concert is a ticketed event, so you can get tickets either online or at Shore Cultural Centre. It is a wonderful event, lots of activities happening at, right at Shore Cultural Centre so I would encourage you if you have not attended in the past to at least stop in for the afternoon or attend the concert at night. And then once again Euclid Hospital is hosting the Euclid Collinwood Health Challenge. If you remember they did this last year for the first time, it is a six week health challenge. It includes workshops, educational events, and lots of fun activities to promote health in our community, there is a kickoff event Wednesday, March 4, from 5:30 to 8:30 at Euclid Hospital, and then there's six weeks of educational programs, exercise opportunities, screening events at various locations throughout the community so usually when you at the kickoff they'll have a little booklet and will share all of the activities and events happening throughout the six weeks, there are then some posts screening appointments at the end and an finally event on Wednesday, April 29th, so would encourage anyone to get involved and let's help let's everyone to do what they can to improve our health. With that a couple of announcements from directors, Director Stephens.....

Director Stephens – Thank you Mayor, Madame Chair to council and to those in the audience and those at home that maybe watching I just want to take a brief moment to recognize a number of people that have helped with our, our winter basketball league that came to a conclusion this past Saturday, Saturday, I counted roughly, 55 plus people that volunteered their time in the form of coaches, teen moms, scorekeepers, people who helped me clean up after words. It turned out to be another phenomenal session where we were able to impact a lot of young people in this community but you know, the Rec. Department and myself we get a lot of pats on the back for, for that particular program but ultimately without all of those volunteers giving up their time that program, would not operate in the manner in which it does so just wanted to publicly thank each and every person that, that spent time, giving of their time and practices and games and picking up kids, dropping off kids, buying kids food and just doing all the extra things that they do to make the program what it is. Thank you.

Mayor Holzheimer Gail – Thank you Director Stephens, Chief Meyer.....

Chief Meyer – Thank you Mayor, Council President, members of council, members of the audience. Just a quick announcement, we will be having “Coffee with a Cop”, that’s gonna be at Adams Place Restaurant, and that’s gonna be in March, it’s March 18th, that’s a Wednesday and it’s from 9 to 11 AM. So please join us with your questions and your concerns and for a cup of coffee, so thank you.

Mayor Holzheimer Gail – Thank you, that completes our announcements and reports this evening Madame Chair.

COMMITTEE DOCUMENTATION

President Mancuso – Thank you. Alright we will now go onto committee documentation and we have a few, the first being the Executive and Finance Committee on January 27th of 2020, which was our first budget hearing. That evening we heard from Law Department, Rec, Rec capital, Fire Department and the Mayor’s budget. Committee members were asked questions and were asked to provide any further questions to our Finance Director before the second meeting, on 1-29 of 2020 we had our second Executive and Finance or our second budget hearing, that evening we heard from the police department, the Service Department and all of its accompanying sources and responsibilities, Planning and Development and we had discussion about the CBDG funds and the current TIF funds. Again committee members asked questions and we’re asked to forward any further questions to the Finance Director before the third meeting. On 2-5-2020 we had our third budget meeting at the Executive and Finance at that time we discussed a little bit about forming a fourth budget hearing to hear about capital requests and to also hear from Shore and Briardale. We also heard from our courts through Judge Gallagher, the Mayor discussed Building and Housing budgetary needs and we also heard from Director Smith about the Finance Department, Tax Department and Vital Statistics program. Again questions were asked by the committee and Director Smith asked that any further questions be forwarded to him. On February 12th of 2020 we had another Executive and Finance Committee meeting, at which time we had four agenda items, the first two went into Executive Session to be discussed, went we came out of Executive Session we discussed the third agenda item which was presentation regarding bond reissuance where we had a guest Mr. Bob Franz who talked to us about what investment environment looked like today and how it would impact our bond reissuance. We also discussed ordinance changes to components of Chapter 121 of the council ordinances, and you will see the outcomes of those on tonight's agenda. And that’s it for the committee's so I’ll turn it over to Councilwoman Caviness.....

Councilwoman Caviness – Thank you Madame Chair. I moved to receive and accept the following committee documentations: the Board of Control dated February the 3rd and February the 10th, 2020, the Executive and Finance Committee budget hearings held on January the 27th, January the 29th and February the 5th, 2020 and the Executive and Finance Committee meeting held on February the 12th, 2020.

President Mancuso – Thank you do I have a second? So moved by Councilwoman Jukic.

All in favor
Yeas: Unanimous

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE FOR LEGISLATIVE MATTERS ONLY

President Mancuso - Thank you very much, we now go to our first committee of the whole for legislative matters only. To make the audience aware, there will be a motion to postpone the agenda item three, so if you have questions about that specific legislation, please hold them until the following council meeting. With that, if you have a question or comment about the legislation that is on the agenda tonight only, please come forward, state your name, address and please keep comments to five minutes. First speaker please.....

Mr. Beck – Jeffrey Beck, 25540 Chatworth. Item number 6, it's been reported in the newspaper that this suit is going to be settled for \$125,000. What I liked to know is obviously when the legislation is discussed is that money coming out of our general fund or is a portion coming out of our City of Euclid coffers or is it insurance money? For a city that says they're as broker as what we say we are, this kind of upsets me because it, it, it tells people that you can act like a fool, you can ignore police orders, you can fight, you can do whatever you want with police and then if you don't like the way you're treated you just get, you just hit the Euclid lottery, that's what some people are calling it now. So this is just going to encourage more of this if this gets passed. This isn't worth \$125,000, not a chance and if any portion of this is coming out of our funds, then I think that's wrong. Thank you.

President Mancuso – Thank you. Next speaker please, seeing none. We'll now move on to the Legislative portion of our agenda. Madame Clerk please read the first agenda item into the record.

LEGISLATION

1. Resolution 12-2020 (015-20) Shore structure in the submerged lands in Lake Erie at 21591 Edgecliff Drive, PPN 642-05-008

A resolution to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources and the Army Corps of Engineers for approval of a shore structure in the submerged lands in Lake Erie adjacent to the property located at 21591 Edgecliff Drive, Euclid OH 44123, bearing permanent parcel number 642-05-008.

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

All in favor
Yeas: Unanimous

Thank you and we'll go to Law Director Sweeney.....

Director Sweeney – Thank you Madame Chair to council. This is a resolution similar to ones that council has seen before. You've had about 10 of them before you. This is an application for a, to construct a shore structure to help the resident, try to prevent erosion at their property. This ones different because it was submitted directly from the property owner, Mr. O'Donnell and he is here in the audience if council needs to suspend the rules, that's up, that's up to you, but it is similar like the others. Mr. O'Donnell provided with drawings and schemes and photographs showing what he intends to do at this and as council is aware, council needs to approve the construction of the shore structure and to advise the Army Corp of Engineers that we do not need that lakefront property for any future reasons by the city, and I'm happy to answer any other questions that you might have.

President Mancuso – Thank you, does council want to suspend the rules to hear from Mr. O'Donnell? Yes/No we're good? Okay. Alright, other discussion by Councilman Moore.....

Councilman Moore – Thank you Madame Chair. To Director Sweeney, I know we've had quite a few of these in the last couple of years come before us, but just for the public to

understand, there is no financial outlay as far as the city is concerned, we are not paying for anything, is that correct?

Director Sweeney – That is correct.

Councilman Moore – Thank you Ma'am. That's all.

President Mancuso – Other discussion? Councilwoman Gorshe.....

Councilwoman Gorshe – Thank you Madame Chair. Director Holody, the last time one of these came in front of us I asked about the residents being able to apply through a local government through FEMA. Have we looked into that any further to give our residents who are not being protected, any kind of help? Some of them say this it is, what...\$1,000 or \$1,500 to \$2,000 a square foot. Some of our residents have paid upwards of \$250,000 just to protect their own properties so how can we help them as well as we've helped others?

Director Sweeney – Madame Chair. I can take this one if Director Holody wants to chime in as well to the councilwoman and all of council. I did meet with Mr. O'Donnell and an Attorney that was working to try to create a SID or to have us join in a SID that is going in Lake County right now. I would have to defer to Mr. O'Donnell, I'm not sure if he has gotten anywhere with the private counsel that was working with him on that project. We did put the attorney in touch with a number of different folks that were working in Lake County. I'm unable to do legal work for that because it is, it is a private property matter, matter but I've provided them with as much as I could you know so far. So I'm not sure if you do want to suspend the rules and ask Mr. O'Donnell if he's gotten anywhere with, with that Lake County SID. I would like to hear from, the resident if we could suspend the rules but I've recently seen an article about Michigan where a whole bluff just fell in the lake and of course the lakes is not frozen and so the waters are going to do what they're going to do and I'm worried about what our lakefront may be looking like there and of course even in Geneva losing 4 feet a day and they're, they're worried about that as well so, this is not only our problem in Euclid but I want to know what we're doing to help our residents that are not on the boardwalk area. So if we could do so, if we suspend, suspend the rules to hear from the resident.

President Mancuso – Motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Councilwoman Caviness.

All in favor.

Yeas: Unanimous

Councilwoman Gorshe – Thank you.

President Mancuso – Mr. O'Donnell, could you come to the main, just give us your name and address to make sure your little green light is on by the microphone.

Mr. O'Donnell - Christopher O'Donnell 21591 Edgecliff Drive. As Director Sweeney said the lakefront communities in Lake County have been working with a law firm to, to come up with the creation of the special improvement district which would allow for public financing of a shore structure and would allow the property owner to pay it back as an assessment on their property taxes over a period of as much as 30 years. They've, they've come up with the documentation to create the district but at this point they haven't identified a funding for us. So there's no money available is the problem right now.

Councilwoman Gorshe – Are you aware of applicants or residents who have already managed their erosion control can they have a look back or a claw back period?

Mr. O'Donnell – I was led to believe that that would be a possibility if they come up with funding source.

Director Sweeney – Madame Chair to the councilman and to assist Mr. O'Donnell with this, so the Lake County folks were looking at potential funding sources with Cuyahoga County Port Authority, Lake County Port Authority and I think they even said Summit County even know that's not on the lake, that they were likely, gonna maybe try to assist

with this, so somebody has to be the funding agent for the potentially millions of dollars that it would take to, to create the shore structures for everybody along the lake front Cuyahoga Lake and however far it would extend. So that's the problem so once a funding source is found they could create a SID and then Mr. O'Donnell and anybody else who's created the shore structures, they would enter into a payment arrangement the city would be agreeable to this that we could put on special assessments on anybody who's done this on the lake and they would pay it back in you know, 30 year installments, 20 year installments through their property taxes and that's how then the Port Authority or whatever the funding source would get paid back.

Councilwoman Gorshe – Thank you Director, can you let us know as this is ongoing to update us with what's going on with this?

Director Sweeney – Will do.

Councilwoman Gorshe – Thank you.

President Mancuso – Other questions for Mr. O'Donnell? No, thank you sir. Other discussion on the topic? Councilwoman Caviness.....

Councilwoman Caviness – Thank you. Thank you Madame Chair. I was gonna ask the same question as Councilwoman Gorshe about special assistance but my other question to Director Holody or, or Director Sweeney, do we know how many more homeowners will be coming forward with a request like this?

President Mancuso – Director Sweeney.....

Director Sweeney – Madame Chair to the Councilwoman I asked the engineer who has already submitted 8 to 10 to us, he has no idea, it's basically who's gonna be knocking on his door asking him for this and as I mentioned Mr. O'Donnell submitted this on his own and not through an engineer or through an architect so no idea who might come forward.

Councilwoman Caviness – Okay, thank you.

President Mancuso – Other questions, Councilman Epps.....

Councilman Epps – Thank you Madame Chair. Just a question does this mean that Mr. O'Donnell and other residents there they can't move forward even erecting this without Council's approval and does this and I'll just ask the second one real quick and then with approval of this, are the plans already in place he's moving forward with this as long as council gives the improvement like the funds and everything's in place to go head and move forward with this, those are my only questions, thank you.

Director Sweeney – Madame Chair to the councilman. Anybody could move forward if council approves. The Army Corp of Engineers will not issue their permits without council approval making sure we don't need that space. So anybody who's willing to front the bill and pay for it themselves, they can get started once council approves.

Councilman Epps – Madame Chair to Director Sweeney, thank you and then what would happen if we did need this space somebody was trying to get we just would be paying for it if we needed it then, correct? Or what does that look like.....

President Mancuso – Council or Director Sweeney.....

Director Sweeney – Madame Chair to the councilman, I talked to you know, Alison, who's handling the Lakefront Project, we aren't gonna need this space heading, heading west. So that is why and plus it's, it's you know, we just won't need that space, you know our plans are heading east for Lakefront Development so as of this point we don't need the spots west, now I can't, can't exactly answer your question because I'm not sure that I get it. But if you could ask that again please.

Councilman Epps – Thank you, just asking if we, if a resident came and wanted to do exactly what Mr. O'Donnell wants to do tonight but then we go back and look and well wait a minute there was something that we wanted to do, whether it's west, wherever it

is, what would happen under that circumstance they wouldn't be trying to do it themselves because we would then be paying for that erosion protection, correct?

President Mancuso –Director Sweeney.....

Director Sweeney – Well that is kind of what we're doing on the east side. So let's say for example we weren't going all the way east if I don't know exactly how to answer your question. We're heading east with our current project, let's say we stopped at at some point and somebody east of that wanted to may be put erosion control in we may say no because our plans are still extending east. So we would say no. Is that not answering the question?

Councilman Epps – I'll take that, thank you.

Director Sweeney – Okay, thank you. Happy to talk offline.

President Mancuso – There you go. Any other discussion? Councilman Wojtila.....

Councilman Wojtila – It's not a question, it was a comment that either the Corp of Engineer or the Army or the ODNR could choose even if we say no, they could choose to still grant the permit?

Director Sweeney – Correct.

Councilman Wojtila – They're just asking our thoughts on, kind of like the Liquor Control Board.

President Mancuso – Correct. Any other discussion? Councilwoman McIntosh.....

Councilwoman McIntosh – Thank you Madame Chair. Hoping for everybody's support to remain consistent with this. As we've approved these in the past, but also a comment regarding the tax assessment you know, taking the work on and putting it on the tax bill and specifically Summit County, they are, they have a PACE Program, I'm not sure what the acronym stands for at this point in time but it's to help fund high dollar amounts, home improvement especially green energy if you want to put solar panels on your home or any type of renewable upgrades they can help you, that you can finance it all through their PACE Program so that's probably where incomes in to place so maybe we want to talk to Summit County about that and see if Cuyahoga County or Port Authority can further connect those dots and see if we can get a program in place here for Lakefront erosion control. Thank you.

Director Sweeney – Madame Chair to that point, I believe the attorney's in Lake County who are handling this have talked to Summit, so they are one of the funding sources they were talking to.

President Mancuso – Other discussion? Seeing none, I'll take a motion to close debate. So moved by Councilwoman McIntosh; seconded by Councilman Wojtila.

All in favor
Yeas: Unanimous

Madame Clerk please call the role on the resolution.

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

Resolution Passes.

Madame Clerk please read the second agenda item into the record.

2. Resolution 13-2020 (014-20) Support of the Cuyahoga County Health and Human Services levy

A resolution of support for the Cuyahoga County Health and Human Services levy placed on the March 17, 2020 Primary Election Ballot.

President Mancuso – Thank you. I'll entertain a motion for passage to begin discussion. So moved by Councilman Epps; seconded by Councilwoman Jukic.

All in favor
Yeas: Unanimous

And you all should have an updated list from HHS with your packet tonight of all the different reasons why they believe this is important. I'll turn it over to the Mayor.....

Mayor Holzheimer Gail – Thank you Madame Chair, I would appreciate council's support of the resolution, to support the Cuyahoga County Health and Human Services Levy, those of you who are familiar with this know it serves many people in our community in Cuyahoga County as a whole, primarily in five, five different areas that face critical needs in our community and that's children who were at risk of abuse and neglect, people with mental illness or addiction, people with serious health issues, victims of crime, senior citizens and people with disabilities. So it really provides an important safety net to our community this is a small increase it is a replacement, what was at 3.9 MIL Levy they're asking for replacement of 4.7, so it does have a, and just in transparency it does have a small cost, roughly \$3 dollars and 50¢ (\$ 3.50) on a value of a \$100,000 home per month, it is important though, we pay in the long run if we don't provide the services, and why the increase is needed you'll see on your sheet it really talks about Cuyahoga County, has seen increased poverty, so there's increased need for service also the opioid epidemic has caused additional need for service, some of the changing demographics, we do have more people who are senior, infant mortality and rates have gone up, several other factors but in addition as we continue to hear State and Federal funding have been cut or they've made changes that have negatively impacted the county's ability to fund these programs. So I would ask for your consideration, it is an important levy that affects probably many people that we know. So, happy to try to answer any questions, you do have a fact sheet from the county and we can certainly have somebody help address the questions if I cannot.

President Mancuso – Thank you, and I would ask would every like to have their name put on this? Is there anybody apposed? Okay, so we'll add everyone's name. Further discussion. Seeing none. I'll entertain a motion to close debate. So moved by Councilman Moore; seconded by Councilman Epps.

All in favor
Yeas: Unanimous

I will ask that Madame Clerk call the role on the resolution.

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

Resolution Passes.

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

- 3. Resolution (113-19) Consent Judgement with Providence Baptist Church**
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 to begin discussion. So moved by Councilman Moore; seconded by Councilman Jarosz.

All in favor
Yeas: Unanimous

Law Director Sweeney.....

Director Sweeney – Thank you Madame Chair. It's my understanding this matters going to be postponed until the next council meeting. We have a joint, Special Meeting, joint meeting with the schools on February, Tuesday, February 25th here in Council Chambers where the TIF will be discussed, I'm sure some topics regarding the consent

judgement entry will be discussed and then hopefully we can vote on that on March 2nd. Happy to answer any questions you might have.

President Mancuso – Discussion, Councilman Wojtila, remember we can, oh go ahead.....

Councilman Wojtila – Thank you Madame Chair. Yeah, I was looking at this and comparing the previous consent judgment and the amended one, and the current zoning on the property is U7, which I think is probably what it was back in 2004 when the original consent judgment was entered into. The, Director Holody, what do you think is the correct zoning would be for the new property, for the new use that's proposed in the amended, I know we have campus institution, I don't think that would apply. I just was wondering what do you think, I know we don't have to determine the zoning of the property but just kind of in my own mind wondering what do you think would be the proper zoning classification for that, that use that's proposed?

President Mancuso – Director Holody.....

Director Holody – Yeah I think you know, I would think about a use that could likely happen at that location given the market conditions but also one that would be appropriate for that location.

Councilman Wojtila – I think, I think your misunderstanding my question. The, the proposal for Celebration Village has specific uses, what zoning classification would best suit that, those uses that are proposed?

Director Holody – Excellent question. You know I'd be happy to look into that and consult with our zoning commissioner I know we have a planned unit development section of a code that was recently enacted, I think off of the top of my head that might be the most appropriate to handle this as an overlay project. Campus Institutional, perhaps. You know it's also possible that within the larger developments site it could be appropriate to have multiple different zonings of that site in order to accommodate this type of project so off the top of my head that's, that's the best response I can give and if we really needed to dive into that with the zoning commissioner we could provide a more academic response if you'd like.

Councilman Wojtila – Yeah, I don't, he doesn't need to spend a lot of time he/she doesn't, but I was just curious based on the proposed uses and then could you also check what in 2004 this was initially submitted of rezoning, what was the requested rezoning classification at that time? Thank you.

President Mancuso – Okay, I would like to make motion to postpone any further discussion of this until the next council meeting. So I have a motion, I need a second. So moved by Councilwoman Gorshe. Do we have discussion? Now we can only discuss the motion. Any further discussion, Councilman Jarosz.....

Councilman Jarosz – Thank you Madame Chair. Just, kind of like to reiterate you know, what I was talking about last week or last council meeting. You know, for the folks at home this was brought to our attention, the initial meeting was in late August of 2019 were told there would be three items that council had to vote on, the first was a sale of a small parcel of land, second would be the Consent Decree and the third being the TIF. It's now you know, roughly six plus months in and you know as I think of all the issues facing the city I, I the sense of time continues to weigh on me and you know the, Celebration Village was the only thing on our plate then I think continuing to postpone a move things down the road may you know, may make more sense I guess but I think we can both work diligently and efficiently, with this, this is something that has gone to committee, it has come out of committee was recommendation for approval, it is something that has now gone through three readings and now we continue to postpone it even though I don't think we've ever postponed anything since I've been here. You know, I'll be voting no tonight frankly just because, I think it's something that you know, we as a council and in doing our work should be able to make a decision and move forward. So that's where I stand on this at this date. Thank you.

President Mancuso – Thank you. Other discussion? Councilman Epps.....

Councilman Epps – Thank you Madame Chair. I appreciate Councilman Jarosz's comments and I want to just thank everybody for being patient especially the folks at Celebration Village. We never want to send or give off the impression that as if we're trying to halt growth or halt development or halt progress, that's not the case here, but I think, I'd have to disagree with the one statement to say that if Celebration Village was the only thing on our plates then maybe then it'll be okay to continue to push it down, I think because it's not the only thing on our plates is why it's important that we get it right and I think that having multiple opportunities for residents to be able to come out and speak on a particular issue, something of this magnitude, because it's not only us that calls the shots and has decisions to make and votes to play in this, I think making sure that we stick with the importance or focus on the importance of Councilwoman Gorshe and Councilwoman Caviness who requested to have a joint meeting with the schools that meeting is coming up, so we're nearing the end of this, but I think that all of the pieces that are played out here throughout this process are important, and I just want to thank you guys, thanks to folks, some folks from Celebration Village, all the hard work that the administration is doing and putting into this, I understand this is something you support but you've been extremely patient with council as certain members of council want to see this process play out and just make sure that we're thinking of everything because it's not the only thing on our plates, this is a part time position for us as well and just I've seen in the past in the history of other administrations.....

President Mancuso – So sir, sir, you're, you're dealing with the motion correct, as you close this.

Councilman Epps – and not just you. This is still with the motion as the, in fact it's exactly what my colleague just did, I'm doing the same thing. I thank you all of doing that, it is important that we folks see us as moving things along, I get his point but it is also important that we get this right, this is a big project and I think that we're doing the right thing here and I thank my colleagues for agreeing with that in our Executive Session as well as tonight and postponing this one more time so we can have that joint meeting with the schools, everybody take some time to deliberate and make a careful decision on this in the end. So thank you everybody.

President Mancuso – Thank you, other discussion? Councilman Moore.....

Councilman Moore – Thank you Madame Chair. Can you reiterate the motion, where are we standing right now, cause we have a lot going on?

President Mancuso – The motion that is on the floor is to postpone it until the next council meeting. We have a first and we have a second, we are in discussion.

Councilman Moore – So I guess my question is why are we still postponing? That's the part that I don't understand. If it's just the Consent Decree, which allows them to move forward with the project, this is not the final project, this is, there's multiple opportunities for us to ask questions, change, to ask for beyond what we're talking about right now. I believe this piece of legislation merely says we're allowing them to allow them to purchase the property? If, if I'm not, is that correct?

President Mancuso – I will refer to the Law Director.....

Director Sweeney – Madame Chair to the councilman. It's not necessarily about purchasing the property it's because of a lawsuit that happened in all '04 we have to go back to the court for any future development agreements. So it is, it is a barebones development agreement basically I wouldn't, I wouldn't call it a development agreement but that's, it's a, it's a map of what they intend to do. If there's any material change in that either they will go back to the court or we would go back to the court. We still will in the future have a TIF agreement potentially, the schools have to pass the TIF agreement first then we would pass the TIF agreement or we still could pass the TIF agreement even if the schools does not and see what happens there and we would also have a development agreement that we would have to agree to with the parties and of course we still have any kind of ARB, zoning, anything like that would still have to go through that process.

Councilman Moore – Correct and again, so we have multiple chances to change and redirect the project as we as council sees fit. Is that correct in essence?

Director Sweeney – That is correct.

Councilman Moore – Okay, so in my opinion I don't believe we need to postpone it any further so I would not be supportive of postponing this any further than today, I think we should just vote on it and move forward. Thank you.

President Mancuso – Thank you. Other discussion? Councilwoman Gorshe.....

Councilwoman Gorshe – Thank you Madame Chair. We spent some inordinate amount of time trying to get the joint meeting with the schools together and the idea was to have the same people in the rom hearing the same message at the same time. We were told that if we didn't have the opportunity zone in the TIF by December 31st, that this would be a dead deal and here we are at the end of February. Waiting simply another two weeks to hear the school's TIF conversation that we have been asking for, finally we were heard the Law Director took the reins and made it happen for us. We went over whether we should have it at the school board whether we should have it here. I think it's putting the cart before the horse if we do this consent decree first, I really would appreciate my colleagues giving us two more weeks this is \$161 million dollar project or might have been shipped off a little bit, there is a lot to explore yes, things will be changing along the way, any type of large project has change in scenario, change in infrastructure, change orders in building materials so yeah there's gonna be changes along the way. I, I would like to not have the cart before the horse and I would like to hear that the meeting, joint meeting that we have all desired and want to be at and probably all will be at and I would like to see this go another reading so I will be supporting it to go, table it one more time, two more weeks for the benefit of the city for long after we are all gone. Thank you.

President Mancuso – So that's on postponing it. Correct. Okay. Councilwoman Caviness.....

Councilwoman Caviness – Thank you Madame Chair, I will be voting to postpone this legislation this piece of legislation this evening and as my colleagues stated we, we did work hard to get this joint agreement and or this joint meeting and I appreciate Director Sweeney working with us to do that, I think that it was voiced several times that if we went along and voted for this particular piece of legislation for the authorization to have them sell to the developers that in vote for prior to the joint meeting that it would give mixed messages to the schools and to persons about support or nonsupport of the entire project. So I think that postponing it at least will allow for people to actually walk into that joint meeting with a clear conscience to, to listen to everything without having voted for this yet, and then when we have that discussion we can bring this, can we not bring this into discussion when we have the joint meeting? Can that be something that we do Director Sweeney?

President Mancuso – Director Sweeney.....

Director Sweeney – Madame Chair to the Councilwoman, yes we can put that item on the agenda for that meeting.

Councilwoman Caviness – Okay, so we can have all three items, the TIF, the sale the Consent decree, the TIF and, and whatever else we'd need to discuss on the agenda during the joint meeting, is that correct?

Director Sweeney – Madame Chair to the councilwoman, there's really two pieces it would be the consent decree and the TIF.

Councilwoman Caviness – Okay, alright and I think at that point in time we can hear other people's opinions about it and I mean it's, it's, it has taken us a long time but this is a huge project, we really need to know that we're doing the best we can do for our city, for the residents and potential residents who will move in there if it goes through, so I think that if I'm in favor of postponing it for tonight. Thank you Madame Chair.

President Mancuso – Thank you, other discussion? Councilman Wojtila.....

Councilman Wojtila – Thank you Madame Chair. You know I certainly understand Councilman Jarosz's comments, you know my full time job that I'm in the roll of the developer and time is, is never your friend, it's always working against you cause time just means money and more money is not good especially if the projects not going to go forward, so I, I certainly understand that, that side of the argument. I guess does the folks at Celebration Village understand that this may not get voted on until March?

President Mancuso – Law Director Sweeney.....

Director Sweeney – Madame Chair to the councilman, yes, they do understand that.

Councilman Wojtila – Okay, I, I don't my, my thoughts on the mixed message, no offense councilwoman Caviness but if we vote and the vote is to not approve the amendment to the consent judgement there's no reason for a meeting next week, right. And I, I never I, I didn't support a joint meeting, I had all the information I went to the school board meeting, I asked my questions, I got my answers, so I, I'm not a, I wasn't' a proponent of the joint meeting, I have to be out of town for work but I won't be there anyway, but I guess indifference to the newer members I would vote to postpone this for two weeks.

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

Councilwoman McIntosh – Thank you Madame Chair, to Law Director Sweeney, you mentioned the discussion and my colleague Councilwoman Caviness mentioned the adding onto the agenda but I thought the point of the joint meeting was strictly the TIF.

Director Sweeney – Madame Chair to the councilwoman, it is, but if there are still questions we're happy to add an, you know, it's all one project, we're happy to add you know that agenda item, that item on to the agenda.

Councilwoman McIntosh – Right

Director Sweeney – It doesn't pertain to the school but we certainly can talk about that.

Councilwoman McIntosh – You said it does not pertain to the school

Director Sweeney – The school has absolutely nothing to do with the consent decree

Councilwoman McIntosh – Right, so I'm confused why we would talk about it with the schools. So I wouldn't be in favor of adding that on to the agenda, no offense Councilwoman Caviness, I do support the joint meeting I'm happy, I wasn't able to attend any previous board meetings, so I'm happy to, to be there and listen and have that discussion but it does seem like these two items are mutually exclusive of each other so I'm, I'm kind of, I'm with Councilman Wojtila on this I mean, what's another two weeks so I'll probably vote to also postpone. Thank you.

President Mancuso – Okay, Councilman Epps.....

Councilman Epps – Thank you Madame Chair. I just, I just, just want to say that this and you know and I'm continuing to learn but when and this is directly to the postponing of this I am, and I only going to make sure that I say this because I'm not sure if the votes are here to do it or not at this point, but we had a meeting in Executive Session we discussed this the majority of us agreed.....

President Mancuso – You cannot discuss Executive Session dialog.....

Councilman Epps – So there we go again, I'm learning this but I, I really, really, really want to reiterate that and thank you Councilwoman Caviness for saying that and again here tonight as well but I think it sends the wrong message to both our residents and to the schools before this joint meeting to already have made a decision on any piece. I would agree with Councilwoman McIntosh that the consent decree is separate if it does not have anything to do with the schools, I, I mean I understand what you mean some of this stuff is going to come up and be intertwined anyway, but I don't think it needs to be put on the agenda, we need to just deal with what is mutually exclusive and that

is the TIF and just like Councilwoman or Councilman Wojtila said, you know if we voted not to do this there wouldn't be a meeting on the flip side if the schools vote not to have a TIF then it doesn't matter what happen, we could still give them the permission with the consent decree to move forward the project but there won't be a project probably either. I think that though they are exclusive and they are separate projects it is extremely important that we wait and do not go into that meeting weakened in my opinion if we have already cast our vote and made a decision on our, the one thing that is exclusive to us. So I, I would hope that again with how long it's been at least we can do now is not mess up here in the final in the final stretch because it's been so long I would hope that folks would support to postpone. Thank you.

President Mancuso – Thank you. Any further discussion. Seeing none, I need a motion to close debate. So moved by Councilwoman Gorshe; seconded by Councilman Epps.

All in favor
Yeas: Unanimous

We need a, we still have a motion on the floor and a second we've had discussion, we've closed debate, so we need to call the roll on postponing this agenda item until the following, until the next council meeting.

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

Resolution postponed until the next meeting.

President Mancuso – Okay, so it will be postponed till I think it's March 2nd, is our next meeting, okay, 2nd, alright, thank you. Okay, Madame Clerk, would you please read the fourth agenda item into the record.

4. Ordinance 14-2020 (013-20) Euclid Police to purchase 1- 2019 Chevrolet Express Cargo Van

An emergency ordinance authorizing the Chief of Police of the City of Euclid to enter into contract with Tim Lally Chevrolet, 24999 Miles Road, Warrensville Heights, OH 44128, for the purchase of one (1) 2019 Chevrolet Express Cargo Van for use in the Euclid Police Department for jail transport at a cost not to exceed \$41,012.54.

President Mancuso – Thank you. I'll entertain a motion for passage to begin discussion. So moved by Councilwoman Gorshe; seconded by Councilwoman Jukic.

All in favor
Yeas: Unanimous

And we will go to Chief Meyer.....

Chief Meyer – Yes, thank you Council President. This van is required, due to our no longer having a jail at this point and it's necessary for the transport of individuals back and forth, from the county jail either for court or hearings or initial transport, after arrest. We do have a vehicle that, the city garage the city mechanics did a great job getting it going, it's 14 years old, we have been donated that by the City of Cleveland some years ago, and we make it work, but this, this will give us the ability to do so with a little bit more reliability something a little bit newer, that's better suited for our needs too and it was quite a challenge to try to find this van because of the jail design that we currently have. The overhead doors we had to be very specific, because they're not at all in modern code and what they would use in a facility they're short, they're not high enough so we had a difficult time but were able to find this, actually with great help from our, our Service Director, Dan Knecht so if you have any questions willing to answer them.

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

Councilwoman Gorshe – Thank you Madame Chair. Chief, how do we transport now?

President Mancuso – Chief Meyer.....

Chief Meyer – Well generally it's by vehicle but it's either gonna be in one of the marked cars or with this 14 year old van.

Councilwoman Gorshe – Okay, and how long for this van to be ready with the specifications that we put in the PO?

President Mancuso – Chief Meyer.....

Chief Meyer - It's my understanding that once ordered, it should take about four weeks, yeah, about a month, a month to have it outfitted for the required for the needs that we have. Most of the transporting still occurs after arrest via marked police cars cause we don't have anywhere else to keep them they need to go down to county this is heavily used for transport back and forth for court because now we have multiple parties that need to be transported.

Councilwoman Gorshe - And I do know that County Councilwoman Sunny Simon had put this in her budget so we're looking to have that budget item if passed reimbursed to us for the complete dollar amount or are we short or over? Do we know Mayor.....

President Mancuso – Mayor Gail.....

Mayor Holzheimer Gail – Correct, I've reached out to Councilwoman Simon today and she was gonna get an update and get back to me so my understanding is County Council approved it in their budget so we're trying to figure out I would and I believe there was more, it would cover the total cost, so we will follow up with her as you see and in the ordinance this is coming from General Fund, we would, but we would reimburse General Fund with the grant from the county.

Councilwoman Gorshe – And the dollar amount is in the general fund that we're looking to pass in a few short weeks. And then when we were reimbursed it would go back into the general fund then?

Mayor Holzheimer Gail – Correct?

Councilwoman Gorshe – Thank you for that.

President Mancuso – Thank you, other discussion. Councilman Moore.....

Councilman Moore – Thank you Madame Chair. To Chief Meyers, are female and male suspects allowed to be transported in the same vehicle?

President Mancuso – Chief Meyer.....

Chief Meyer – Yes, it's not advisable there's not a really I mean there are, are best practices so in a marked car where they're sitting side by side, it is not the best course of action so you may have two parties but especially if it's a domestic situation but regardless the males and females should not be so if you have an arrest with a male and female you're definitely going to be taking two cars off the road. In this vehicle, they're, they're kind of sectioned off, so you can separate physically, males and females.

Councilman Moore – Okay, thank you.

President Mancuso – Other discussion? Councilman Epps.....

Councilman Epps – Thank you Madame Chair. Director Smith, this I know you said out of the general fund, so just again for the newbie, if you could clarify would this be the same fund that the raises for the non-union employees would come out of as well?

President Mancuso – Director Smith.....

Director Smith – Madame Chair to the Councilman. That's correct the general fund is the same fund that those raises would come out of for the non-union workers that are paid out of the general fund. So yes.

Councilman Epps – Thank you, thank you and the reason I ask that is because I have in my freshmanism I'd say called for to use one thing to pay for something and then it's not in the same fund so that's the reason I ask that question. I just want to say that it's not something that's gonna be extremely popular with anybody, but I want to say as a matter of record, when discussed and mentioned about the raises for the non-union employee's, it just so happens to total \$41,000 and in that discussion what was said then was that it's not a lot looking at the budget \$41,000 is not a ton of money and I get that in respect to the budget, but then when I see something like this that is needed and we know and I don't want to get into the whole conversation we know there are a lot of moving parts when moving with our new situation when it comes to our prisoners and the jail but I, I would like to say that I mean \$41,000 that we could spend for this van and then just to follow-up to that, not saying that we need to do anything with that now and we can discuss it again tomorrow night, at E & F but Chief Meyer would you anticipate that this one additional van would be enough or would you see us needed two with the way they were transporting right now or the way that we're doing transportation right now?

President Mancuso – Chief Meyer.....

Chief Meyer – Councilman Epps, I, I anticipate this would, would work, that's again we're learning as we go I believe that this would give us what we need additionally we do have, I know it's 14 years old but we do have the other vehicle, and the garage is reconditioned it for us, so we do have it. It is an option to, to use additionally or as a backup and it's not the best way to do it or efficient but we do have the marked cars to that they can be transported in.

Councilman Epps – And we know, well we've talked about that already in committee that is not efficient to do it that way, this is already gonna cost us a ton of money, we've talked about how much money it's gonna cost that we do not have right now and we'll be discussing that moving forward throughout the year. But I would just say this is an example of my opinion where we gonna make some tough decisions and if we have union employee, union, union employees working for unions because they negotiate that kind of stuff, non-union employees not to say that it's any different but I would just say right now when things are so tight that \$41,000 does count for something in this case, a much needed van. Thank you.

President Mancuso – Thank you, could we can we talk again about the idea of the grant reimbursing the general fund? I'm not sure we all understand.

Mayor Holzheimer Gail – Yes, yeah, I don't know if Councilman Epps understands, this is, will be reimbursed by the county still will not be a cost to the general fund it comes out of the general fund with funding from the county goes back in, the county grant cannot be used for anything other than this the purpose of this van.

Councilman Epps – Which, and I appreciate that, I did hear that, thank you for clarifying though Madame President, but I did hear that but still the \$50,000 gonna pay for that, I'm using this more so as an example of how not doing those raises for \$41,000 can pay for stuff, no matter how small the number looks in respect to the budget. Thank you.

President Mancuso – Thank you, other discussion? Seeing none, I'll take a motion to close debate. So moved by Councilman Epps; seconded by Councilman Jarosz.

All in favor
Yeas: Unanimous

I'll entertain a motion to suspend the rules to forgo the second and third reading. So moved by Councilman Moore; seconded by Councilwoman McIntosh.

All in favor
Yeas: Unanimous
Any apposed?

Madame Clerk please call the roll on the merits of the ordinance.

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

Ordinance Passes.

Thank you, Madame Clerk please read the fifth agenda item into the record.

5. Ordinance 15-2020 (012-20) Contract with XL Catlin for police professional liability insurance

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of Euclid to enter into a one year contract with XL Catlin, 505 Eagleview Blvd, Ste. 100, Exton, PA 19341, for police professional liability insurance at a cost not to exceed ninety thousand three hundred and fifty-seven dollars and zero cents (\$90,357.00).

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

All in favor

Yeas: Unanimous

And Director Sweeney.....

Director Sweeney – Thank you Madame Chair to council. This will be our third insurance policy for police professional liability, we first got it in April 2018, we did use a broker, Director Smith and I met with a couple of different brokers and a multi city conglomerate to look at insurance either general liability and police liability, all the different potential insurances that would be helpful for the city, it didn't make sense to get a huge policy that includes everything or join the NORMA program that was gonna cost us about \$500,000 a year. So we opted not to do that and we decided just to get the police liability policy. Since this is our third year it's jumped up a little bit every year but our brokers said it's normal to see about a 3% increase in each year and that's what we're seeing so this is, this is for \$90,000 it will cover April of 2020 through March 31 of 2021. Happy to answer any other questions you might have.

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

Councilman Wojtila – Thank you Madame Chair to Director Sweeney. Is it possible to get a longer term than one year?

Director Sweeney – Madame Chair to the councilman. We did discuss that, because it's a different kind of insurance and it's specialized, they've only given us one year at a time, maybe for next year maybe after they see one more knocking on wood, good year of claims history with us because, because we're new customer, they wouldn't give us two years yet, knocking on wood again, you know we had a bad 2017 with a number of different lawsuits that were filed against us. We were successful in many of them, the one we will be speaking about next is not so successful in that one but I will be able to explain that one, but we've been very successful they're still some things pending we have some appeals going on in the sixth circuit because we were successful in the lower courts so we have had a good two years of claims history, they like to see at least one or two more good years of claims history before they'll extend our contract more than one year.

President Mancuso – Councilman Wojtila.....

Councilman Wojtila – And thank you and the actual underwriter is it a different company this time?

Director Sweeney – It's XL Catlin, is the name of the insurance company.

Councilman Wojtila – Is it, do you think that's different from the last term?

Director Sweeney – No, it's the same company, they have renewed us for three years.

Councilman Wojtila – Thank you.

President Mancuso – Other discussion? Councilman Epps.....

Councilman Epps – Thank you Madame Chair. Director Sweeney, if you could just for the record and for the matter of history, you said in 2018 was the first time we took this insurance out and I am happy to support the renewal of this policy tonight, but if you could just for myself and for the folks why wasn't this an insurance that we'd have prior to 2018?

Director Sweeney – Madame Chair to the councilman. The city has been self-insured with every single thing in every aspect except for the physical public buildings. General liability any kind of car accidents we might get into we've always been self-insured, when I got in the door in 2016 with the assistance of the Mayor and Director Smith, he was in another city that had insurance and was part of that multi-city conglomerate, I don't know that that's the right word consortium, we one of our first orders of business was to look into insurance. That even predated any of the lawsuits that were happening, it's a lot of data gathering every single claim that we've paid out whether it's a pothole claim, mailbox claim, a drowning, things like that we had to give 10 years of claims history and we went to besides that, that consortium we did check with a couple other brokers to do some shopping for us and this is where we landed.

Councilman Epps – Gotcha, well we appreciate the productivity on your part and in lieu of that incidents that did happen after that, obviously this is something I'm gonna support. Thank you.

President Mancuso – Thank you. Other discussion, Councilman Moore.....

Councilman Moore – Thank you Madame Chair. To Director Sweeney, can you tell us is there a cap dollar amount we can use this for is it \$5 Million, is it \$10 Million?

Director Sweeney – I'm pretty sure it's \$10 Million but I would have to get back to you with that exact dollar figure.

Councilman Moore – Okay, and generally speaking without going into too much detail how is it that we determine what we're gonna use the insurance for or what we're gonna fight in court?

President Mancuso – Director Sweeney.....

Director Sweeney – Madame Chair to the councilman. Knocking on wood, yet again, we have not had a claim since we've had insurance but the minute police liability claim would pop up we would contact our broker, contact XL Catlin and they take it from there, we can choose our law firm if we want to in the firm that we do use mostly for our Police liability matters they are on the list of preferred law firms, basically they take it from there it's not a decision whether we settle or council settles it would be an insurance company making that decision.

Councilman Moore – Interesting, okay, thank you.

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

All in favor
Yeas: Unanimous

I'll take a motion to suspend the rules to forgo the second and third reading. So moved by Councilwoman McIntosh; seconded by Councilman Jarosz.

All in favor
Yeas: Unanimous
Any apposed? Seeing none

Madame Clerk please call the role on the merits of the ordinance.

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

Ordinance Passes.

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

6. Ordinance 16-2020 (017-20) *Shajuan Gray v. City of Euclid, et al*, 1:18-cv-02418

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Law to settle the lawsuit *Shajuan Gray v. City of Euclid, et al*, 1:18-cv-02418, under terms and conditions discussed in Executive Session of the Euclid City Council.

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

All in favor
Yeas: Unanimous

Again to Director Sweeney.....

Director Sweeney – Thank you Madame Chair to council. This incident with Ms. Gray occurred March 27th of 2017. We were sued shortly after that, this lawsuit predates any of the insurance that I just talked about so any settlement is out of our pockets, we had executive session last Tuesday where we discuss some of the terms and conditions, it is my understanding Ms. Gray did go to the media so there are some items that are out in the public and we know that the settlement is \$125,000, we came up well we went to mediation, and that was the number that the parties had agreed to pending council approval I can only approve anything per our code up \$100,000 and anything over that council has to approve. Some things that I can share with the public is that this was a business decision, should we lose at trial even if the judgment is \$1.00 we would be subject to paying all the attorney's fees for Ms. Gray, doing the calculations on that and doing calculations what we would have to pay outside counsel to fight it all the way we were looking at potentially a 3 to 4 to \$500,000 case. So again this was a business decision to settle at this, this dollar figure and I think I answered the residents questions that it's insurance is not covering that since it has predated insurance. It is coming out of the general fund it has been budgeted in my budget, happy to answer any other questions that you might have.

President Mancuso – Thank you. Any further discussion by council.

Director Sweeney – Oh, I'm sorry Madame Chair. I did want to answer one more thing. That the resident brought up or somebody on council brought up. This same firm targeted the city and filed four law suits against us. We have been successful in two of them the judge dismissed those cases we have fought them they're now down at the court of appeals and we're waiting decisions on those appeals. One is pending right now, I intend to fight that one unless it gets to the point where I have to bring in counsel that there's potentially settlement dollars greater than \$100,000 and then the fourth one is this one. Thank you.

President Mancuso – Thank you, again any further discussion by council. Seeing none, I'll entertain a motion to close debate. So moved by Councilwoman Jukic; seconded by Councilwoman McIntosh.

All in favor
Yeas: Unanimous

I'll entertain a motion to suspend the rules and forgo the second and third reading. So moved by Councilman Moore; seconded by Councilman Epps.

All in favor
Yeas: Unanimous
Any apposed? Seeing none

Madame Clerk please call the role on the merits of the ordinance.

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

Ordinance Passes.

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

7. Ordinance 17-2020 (127b-19) Amending Chapter 121 Council

An ordinance amending Sections 121.07 “Order of Business,” 121.15 “Clerk,” ~~121.18 “Committee of the Whole,” 121.20 “Council Members’ Comments,”~~ 121.22 “Order,” 121.32 “Handbilling,” and enacting Sections 121.33 “Miscellaneous” ~~and 121.35 “Removal”~~ of Chapter 121 “Council” of the Administrative Code of the Codified Ordinances for the City of Euclid to amend and enact codes pertaining to the business of and matters before the Euclid City Council.

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

All in favor
Yeas: Unanimous

Director Sweeney do you want to do an overview.....

Director Sweeney – Thank you. Madame Chair to council, we had an Executive and Finance meeting last Wednesday where we discussed these items. We did pull three out of the original an amended piece that we will be discussing at another time so that’s where you see the red highlights and, strikeouts so what we have left is what I believe council agreed on, at last Wednesday’s meeting and recommended for passage and then the three pieces that were stricken I’m creating a new piece with a new temporary number and we will discuss that at the next E & F meeting that is scheduled.

President Mancuso – Thank you. Any further discussion on this piece? Seeing none, I’ll entertain a motion to close debate. So moved by Councilman Moore; seconded by Councilman Wojtila.

All in favor
Yeas: Unanimous

I’ll entertain a motion to suspend the rules to forgo the second and third reading. Are we on the third, Oh, I’m sorry this is the third, so never mind. So we’ve, we’ve first second, closed debate Madame Clerk please call the role on the ordinance.

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

Ordinance Passes.

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

8. Ordinance (016-20) Euclid Avenue TIF

An emergency ordinance declaring improvements to a parcel of real property to be a public purpose, describing the public improvements to be made that directly benefit such parcel, requiring the owner of the improvements thereon to make service payments in lieu of taxes, and establishing a Euclid Avenue TIF District #1 Public Improvement Tax Increment Equivalent Fund for the deposit of such service payments.

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

All in favor
Yeas: Unanimous

Director Holody to begin.....

Director Holody – Thank you Madame Chair. Members of council, as I think you are all aware a new Dollar General store has been constructed on Euclid Avenue in front of HGR, in fact some of us were able to attend the ribbon cutting event there about a week ago. This proposed ordinance will direct 75% of the new property taxes that will be generated from this development into a tax increment financing fund for a period of 10 years to support public improvements that directly benefit the property. The type of public improvements that would be funded are improvements along Euclid Avenue near the development site such as roadway, crosswalk, sidewalk, streetscape or landscaping upgrades. Public park improvements that directly benefit the property could also be funded. There was a 14 day public notice to the school boards that was required that notice was sent last week so this item does have to be a first reading this evening, council can vote to approve this at your next meeting. I'll be happy to answer any questions that you have and appreciate in advance your support of this item.

President Mancuso – Thank you. Discussion Councilwoman Caviness.....

Councilwoman Caviness – Thank you Madame Chair. I'd just like to thank Director Holody for working on this as most people know I was not in favor of the Dollar General coming because we did not need another dollar store and also it put our Mini-Station in jeopardy. With the agreement with many meetings with HGR and the city and representatives from Zaremba Realty and Dollar General, we did agree to move the area for them to park purchase another parcel of land that belonged to HGR so that we can, could keep our Mini-Station. So that was a good, that was a good idea but then to add to it to say that we could actually benefit from a TIF was exciting for me. Because then at that point in time as you stated Director Holody, just now that this will help to improve the landscape of that area and I'm excited about that, that's all I really actually have to say, but I want to thank you again for working on this. Thank you.

President Mancuso – Thank you. Other discussion? Seeing none, I'll entertain a motion to close debate. So moved by Councilwoman Caviness; seconded by Councilman Moore.

All in favor
Yeas: Unanimous

I need a motion to go to the second reading. So moved by Councilwoman Gorshe; seconded by Councilman Epps.

Madame Clerk, or any discussion on that motion. Seeing none.

Madame Clerk please call the role on sending this to the second reading.

Clerk Allen – Roll call –

Yes: Gorshe, Caviness, Moore, Epps, Jarosz, McIntosh, Jukic, Mancuso
Abstain: Wojtila

Ordinance Passes, I mean, I'm sorry it goes to a second reading.

President Mancuso - Thank you, it goes to a second reading, thank you. Alright Madame Clerk please read the ninth agenda item into the records.

9. Ordinance (011-20) Annual Appropriations through 12/31/20

An emergency ordinance which makes the annual appropriation for all expenditures for the City of Euclid for the period ending December 31, 2020.

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

All in favor
Yeas: Unanimous

And we will go to Director Smith.....

Director Smith – Thank you Madame Chair to council. This is the second reading of the 2020 appropriation ordinance. As council knows we will have a budget meeting tomorrow evening where we will have Shore Cultural Centre there, Briaredale Golf Course, the individuals from Billy Casper will be there. We'll go over the city's capital budget portion and then we will discuss all the, I'll go through all the changes that we've made throughout the budget process, after the meeting tomorrow night I will update the budget pages and send council all new budget pages, the ones that have been adjusted and then hopefully we can pass the budget at the next council meeting in, or the first council meeting in March. Thank you.

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

All in favor
Yeas: Unanimous

We'll need a motion to go to the third reading. So moved by Councilwoman Gorshe; seconded by Councilman Jarosz.

Madame Clerk please call the role on going to a third reading.

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

Ordinance sent to the third reading.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – PUBLIC PORTION

President Mancuso – Thank you. We now come to the portion where we have our second Committee of the Whole, where individuals may speak to anything to the good of the city. Please come to the center podium give us your name, address and limit your remarks to 5 minutes.

Ms. Hauck – Hi Regina Hauck, 116 East 197th Street. I'm glad to hear that you had a meeting today with Pla mor and I think you came to the right decision, I'd hate to see Pla mor have to close, but I think it's tragic but the teens can't be having their special nights there because they don't know how to behave. However, I'm very upset that it took until today to have that meeting. According to the Police Blotter, the, there was a disturbance on January 3rd that was just as bad as the one over this past weekend and I think we just put our police officers and the city at risk for lawsuits, injuries because we waited for six weeks to have a meeting that we should've had on January 4th or 5th, this second incident should never have happened. Brings me to the Police Blotter, on February 8th at 2:31 in the morning there says multiple car windows broken while parked all occupants were attending a late night skate party at the Pla Mor. Now I'm assuming because the occupants were driving that this was an adult skate night and obviously the people that were skating had nothing to do with the windows being broken so my questions on this are twofold do we have somebody arrested that's did this vandalism and does Pla Mor have since they are a nuisance property a nuisance business, do they have cameras and if not can we make them have cameras so if things like this happen or if there are incidents we can go to the cameras and saying we're gonna arrest these people and speaking of arresting you talked about buying a van, might want to get a school bus and just transport all of the, the people that are riding in the school bus. That's all I want to say about that topic. I did not see the last meeting so I don't know if this was talked about, I apologize if it was, the Shore bids, was there anything that happened with that? I'm anxious to see, I'm hoping for good things out of that for the city. So that, that's it I think for tonight for my comments, thank you.

President Mancuso – Chief Meyer, you want to respond? Oh you're going to do the Shore bid first. Okay, Director Holody.....

Director Holody – Madame Chair to the resident just briefly unfortunately we did not receive any responses to the request for proposals for Shore, we are meeting with the consultant tomorrow to debrief on the process and also hear from the consultant on possible recommendations on how we might go forwarding and we'll look forward for sharing that with all of council once and the public once we receive that information.

President Mancuso – Thank you and now, Chief Meyer.....

Chief Meyer – Alright Council President to the resident. Yeah, we've had, we have had other disturbances there some of them were at the adult skate but those are usually any given place when you get a lot of people together you there are times that you're gonna have calls for police service, those where relatively easy and minor in nature to handle, the car windows, I don't believe there has been an arrest made, in that particular incident they do not, I don't believe that they have any video surveillance, I don't even know that they do inside the place, but they I don't believe that they do outside, as far as making them that would have to be some sort of agreement not through the, not the police department can't make them do that. And then the incident I don't know if the incident you're speaking of we had one, that was real early in the morning were the problems were and that was where they had a and we had two of our officers working that security, it was more of a teen thing but it was an overnight event that they had I I'm not, that's the parents decision to let kids do that, but so they had an overnight event there and it was the relatively issue free but in the morning, when they released the, the, the kids out there were a lot of issues disturbances at the businesses, around the area so the officers had to show up and move the kids out of the businesses where they showed up the following morning and caused problems with the business and with the patrons, so that one, and that was we were able to move that one along pretty quickly, and we have had multiple meetings overtime with Mr. Sanders and we've really tried to work with him, we don't, we don't want to see it close either it's kind of I worked security there for probably from '97 to I don't know 2000 as a patrol officer and it's kind of a really neat, cool, iconic place I think there's it's getting older and probably some repairs that need to be done but it's you know, we, we, we'd like there could be some changes where we wouldn't have these issues but we continue to and there predominantly when they're youth events, so we try to work him and he really is to his credit is, is at times tried to work with us too, its just a matter of at the end of the day we can blame the police or we can blame Mr. Sanders or we can talk about parenting and the ability to for society to realize and the community and parents and social institutions, churches and others to realize that, this behavior is completely unacceptable and it won't be tolerated. So continuing to blame Mr. Sanders and the police is, is, is something I won't agree with and I think is, is counterproductive.

President Mancuso – Thank you. Before we get off the Shore bids, you said you're going to meet with the consultants tomorrow, would it be possible to have either if they're available Councilwoman McIntosh or Councilman Wojtila who were part of that group to begin with? So check with them afterwards.

Mayor Holzheimer Gail – I believe there was an e-mail that was sent out so that the date just got confirmed today if I'm not mistaken and there was an e-mail later in the day I think you were copied on it as well.

President Mancuso – Okay

Mayor Holzheimer Gail – So the three of you who were part of

President Mancuso – Okay

Mayor Holzheimer Gail – the earlier conversations have been invited.

President Mancuso – Okay

Mayor Holzheimer Gail – We know its short notice but we wanted to try to have them at least get some initial feedback before

President Mancuso – Okay, good

Mayor Holzheimer Gail – Shore presents their budget tomorrow evening.

President Mancuso – Alright, thank you. Okay, next speaker please.....

Ms. Sims – Kim Sims, 1671 East 276th Street. You have to just bear with me fighting something, so I might cough, I'm here.....

President Mancuso – Pull the microphone closer to you Ms. Sims, you might, no pull the microphone towards you a little bit.

Ms. Sims - It might be my voice too, council.

President Mancuso – It's okay there you go.

Ms. Sims - Okay, so I'm here as a concerned resident of Euclid Avenue, about I'm here to discuss the Mini-Station. I'm hearing a lot of talk that going on with the Mini-Station and I'm extremely concerned for you folks who don't remember why the Mini-Station is necessary, is that we had pockets on Euclid Avenue mainly the apartments, where they became a nuisance to Euclid. So it was drug infested, it was a lot of violence and with raids, I can go on and on I just don't have it in me today but one of the things that some residents took upon themselves to be creative was to pull together, to volunteer to have to, to buy that building okay, so you had a community effort of people, volunteering they were soliciting, they were doing donations, fundraisers and so forth to purchase that building for the Mini-Station. So a lot of residents that gave their life, their money, their time, their skillset, and they're no longer living put efforts into that Mini-Station. It's kind of like their legacy. As a gift they gifted it to the City of Euclid. Now with all of that being said, it is a, I'm baffled, I'm not angry anymore with you guys, I'm just baffled that you take so much concern with acting in ways that's destabilizing for the residents of the city and what I mean by that is if you do any type of research about deterring crime and I'm sure you speak on that, police presence or a simple symbols of police presence is absolutely necessary. Our friends in Willoughby Hills, on Chardon Hills, they having a lot of problems and they put up huge sign that say police substation. See what that says to any by stander that come by that Mini-Station it says that we are aware, we are watching and we're not playing. We are City of Laws and we intend on you following the law. Something like the Statue of Liberty, when people come off the water and see the Statue of Liberty standing there, it's sort of is sort of like a symbol of that, that's why you have the Mini-Station there. Now it's a lot I can't say an I, not, I'm just not feeling well, so I'm not ready for the fight that's gonna come with it, but here we go, you know your word is your bond Mayor, okay, and I just don't understand once again, why you follow the advice of people without a great track record. So you have, you put people in place to manage this Mini-Station and to work with the people in that area who really aren't the great components of keeping it up and volunteering and doing all of the necessary upkeeps for that Mini-Station, but then you bring somebody in who really doesn't have a good track record all over the city. Okay, so the person that you're bringing in there I mean that, that Mini-Station was earned and gifted to the city but it was also weed and seed money that was placed into that, to that building and Kristal you were over the weed and seed, you were over the Y, you were over the Fire station on 260th, and everything that you were a part of is crumbled. So why do you think it's necessary now

President Mancuso – Ms. Sims

Ms. Sims - to be over the Mini-Station?

President Mancuso – Ms. Sims we may not speak about anybody personally here.

Ms. Sims – My time is up now so it doesn't matter.

President Mancuso – Thank you.

Mayor Holzheimer Gail – Madame Chair, if I could.....

President Mancuso – Mayor Gail.....

Mayor Holzheimer Gail – respond. I think Ms. Sims was not here at the very beginning of the meeting when I talked about the Mini-Station, I'm not sure I understand where

the concern about the Mini-Station or the conspiracy that we're trying to do something we had a great meeting with the Neighborhood Association there as a starting point, we are committed to running the Mini-Station looking for ways to add programming, add services that benefit the community. So we've started, we're doing a survey to get, we got their input, we continue to want the residents neighbors input but we want the community at large's input, we want your input. What would you like to see there? The Mini-Station, you're correct was purchased through a grant through the weed and seed and we had a wonderful weed and seed program for many years that provided great programs, the funding went away but there were some wonderful programs that were created through that that helped strengthen community policing, I'm certainly happy to talk with you about the Mini-Station. My commitment as I said to the neighborhood group as I said last meeting as I've told the councilwoman is to find a way to use that in a way that better supports the community. Not sure I understand where the now the concern about the Mini-Station going away. I've said publicly, I've said personally that we are working for, to find a way to grow the Mini-Station, it may not be a Mini-Station the same way that it has been but it won't probably, I can't commit that the police are going to work out of that but we will do community policing activities out of that but we see it as a community resource center. We've talked about things with the neighborhood group of bringing City Hall to Euclid Avenue and having regular times where people can come in there and meet with city staff, we talked about going back to some programs like the library and with library programs there and senior programs there and youth programs there, so we've had, started that conversation with the group we're developing a plan to put, to work though how do we make this happen and the survey is one step and so the survey is the way we can get input from people that's all it is, there's no ulterior motive of trying to get other information and so I would certainly ask that anyone who is hearing things like that that don't match what I'm saying please call me because I will talk about it, and I will, and I want your input so we don't want, we want the input of certainly the people who use it, but we want also here somebody else who hasn't used it before, what, why, why would they use it, what other ideas do they have? And it will depend on we don't have unlimited resources, we have had a halftime person there in the past, she's retired with which has now provided us the opportunity to look at what do how do we make this better, that's all it is I'm happy if somebody has some other ideas that your other information you're hearing in other places please let me know and I can talk about it but you have my commitment the police are were part of that meeting we will work and the councilwoman, we will, we are working to strengthen the Mini-Station and figure out what it should be as it goes forward. So I'm really baffled by the concern that there's something other than that happening and happy to have that conversation with you after the council meeting, another day, tomorrow but, we are working to strengthen and make that a community resource center of some sort, but open to ideas for what the community wants to see there. Thank you Madame Chair.

President Mancuso – Okay, next speaker please.....

Ms. Kaplan-Goodman - Good evening I'm Audrey Kaplan-Goodman, 20201 Glen Russ Lane. And I too will make comments about the Mini-Station regarding the survey for the Mini-Station, you're asking the entire community to comment on a facility that most people don't use or for that matter even know exists. This is like asking the people who don't live near though, who, who do not live near the lake to comment on how they would a beach club, with all due respect the questions on the survey were ridiculous. Why do you need to know how many times I've used the facility in the past couple of years and why do you need to know my age? The Mini-Station really affects Wards 1, 2 and 3 and the council persons representing the Wards really should be polling on those residents to get their ideas and feedback along with you Mayor. I personally would like to see the Mini-Station stay in its place, let's put our heads together, let's get residents from all three Wards along with the administration people, let's put our heads together to come up with an idea for programming, for perhaps manning the station with possible volunteers and ways to keep the facility viable for the community. We now have a brand new Dollar General in the area, you're all aware of all the crimes that take place at Dollar Generals and Family Dollar Stores, it happens far too often. Having the Mini-Station where it's at right up the street from the Dollar General would definitely be a deterrent to possible future crime. So let's put our heads together, let's have a meeting of residents in the area along with the council people and let's come up with viable ideas to keep the Mini-Station going. Thank you.

President Mancuso – Thank you.

Mayor Holzheimer Gail – Thank you.

President Mancuso – Thank you, next speaker please.....

Ms. Taylor – Good Evening Pearletha Taylor, 95 East 193rd. I'm here also to talk about the Mini-Station, as the Mayor stated we have had several meetings, not only been meeting in February 3rd, we have been talking to the Mayor and meeting with the Mayor on several occasions talking about the Mini-Station and the meeting on February 3rd was just to find out what could we do as a homeowner association with \$2,900 dollars that was left from HGR gift. Also to find out would we be getting or would they be hiring someone else to take on the previous person place, but it came into altogether different. Where they was letting us know that it's for everybody, it always been for everyone, everyone have always been welcome, even if we had a, no one was turned away. But then we get to e-mail, we didn't receive it we received messages from people around the city they getting e-mails. Our survey, at our meeting nothing was talked about a survey only thing we was told was to come up with a name because the city no longer wanted to be the Euclid Police Mini-Station. We did not fuss about or argue about it, we'd come up with something and we was gonna compare those notes on the 18th of March. But then the survey come up some of the people find out I sent when I got a copy of it, I sent it out to several people in our Ward especially the one that was that attended that meeting. They was very upset, very disappointed and they feel that meeting with the city is waste of our time. Because this city has already made up their mind that this is gonna fail. It's gonna be whatever they want it to be not what the community want it to be cause for number one like the people have said before me, most of this survey are going to people that have never lived in that area, never been to the Mini-Station, never, don't even know what it consist of, so we feel that at this point that we shouldn't even meet with the city any more until after your survey you all make up your mind what you all want to do or going to do cause we feel we have no choice in it. When we look at the flyer now I always thought that community, the center was Senior Center, on Lakeshore, I see that it's Euclid Lakefront Community Center with senior programs in there. Well no one's sent our area survey asking us how do we feel about it. We didn't know about it. The Lakefront Development, no-one sent a survey to ask about that, but when it come to something that is so dear to our community and our people it really hurt. I have stacks of letters here and calls from people in the area they are very upset, they don't want to talk anymore. We've been talking for years. We've been fighting, trying to keep it up, everything we do in that community we do it for the people. The majority of us we don't have any kids there or grandkids anymore, but we do it for the kids in the community and Mayor you've been to several of our functions, you know we turn no one away, we don't care where they come from. We give out book bags, school supplies, hat, coats, glove, free lunches we even chartered a bus to take the young kids to the zoo. We pack lunches for them to take to the zoo when they came back to the Mini-Station we fed them, we had a big cake and we gave them a going back to school party and a goodie bag full of school supplies. That came out of our budget. And some of us donated those things, we do not come to the city for anything, we go out and we will talk, we are a non-profit, we make no money off whatever we do. We are non-profit, I was asked to read some of these letters, but there's so many and I don't want to read just one, and neglect someone else. I even have a text on my phone for someone who live off of 207, that come over to our affairs to bring her niece and nephews to get free hats and coats and gloves and school supplies. We are hurt, we did not know about this survey, we are very upset because these people a lot of people don't know about it and like they said all three councilman should be working together not against each other to bring that community together. Thank you.

President Mancuso – Thank you, next speaker please.....

Mr. Hilf – Bud Hilf, 305 East 214th Street, Euclid. Here again to talk about the School levy issue 27 that will be on the ballot early voting actually starts tomorrow, asking for the community support again, I just want to point out that the Euclid Schools are making progress you only hear the bad news when it comes to this city unfortunately we don't have the Sun Paper any more, you do get what you get from the Observer, but the Plain Dealer for the limited coverage it has doesn't really cover much when it comes to this city. The Euclid Schools are making progress, there's a third grade guarantee that every school district has to have. Euclid 93% passage, our High School Graduation rates are up 5%, Fiscally responsible, just recently received our, the Euclid City Schools

received a 32nd of State Auditors Award with distinction. The cost for the tax payers for this levy will be \$4.00 a week, on a \$75,000 house. We're asking that you give up a cup of coffee, so that support the you, of this city. They haven't had any new operating money in the Euclid Schools since 2008 and this levy won't even completely replace the money that's been lost since the renewal was overturned in 2018. Now we hear talk of you past issue 117 years ago and what happened with that money? And that money was spent for the new buildings so that you could have the addition on the High School, so you could have the new middle school we needed a new middle school. They had to close Forest Park for a reason it needed work, we were able to use money from that to turn that into the Early Learning Center for the younger children, but we needed the new buildings and there was a match with that so we added the funding that way. We need Issue 27 to continue progress and to strengthen the community and our neighborhoods, we have so many positive things going on in this city, we need to support our schools. Appreciate your support, I look forward to seeing you out there on March 17th, I appreciate all of you that came to fund raiser that we had last Thursday. So please vote for Issue 27 on March 17th. Thank you.

President Mancuso – Thank you, next speaker please, seeing none. We will now move on to Councilman's Comments and we start tonight with Councilman Jarosz.....

COUNCILMAN'S COMMENTS

Councilman Jarosz - Thank you Madame Chair. Couple times in the last month I've mentioned about the Euclid Boys League Baseball and their need for coaches and since registration has started I'd like to read something that was sent out by the Commissioner of the league to kind of give a folks update cause I have had several residents come up to me and say hey, what's going on? The Mission of the Euclid Boys League is to foster positive self-esteem good sportsmanship and team values through a family community oriented environment. We do this through the avenue of baseball. The success of our organization related to the engagement of our community as a volunteer like community organization it is important that we all understand what this means. First, the success of such an organization relies on us as parents being actively engaged in the experience for all persons involved and being cognizant of what our presence means to a team. This means helping out children understand the importance of team commitment by having your player present and on time regardless of ability. Second we must understand the importance of volunteers and the effort and time that goes into giving an experience to our children. Out of respect for them and what they have given is important to be responsive and at an event. Third, it is a privilege to play and coach for Euclid Boys League not a right. It is the responsibility of parents and coaches to conduct themselves in a manner that will promote an exceptional environment and help our players become outstanding young men and women in society. So here's the updates based upon that. For the 5 and 6 year old division we've decided not to host any teams due to lack of engage coaches and parents which are impacted the experiences of the remaining teammates who decided to play. 7 and 8 usually we have four to five teams, will host two teams in this decision this year based on the number of qualified coaches. 9 and 10 we will host three teams, usually around three to four, 11 and 12 we will host zero teams this year in this division due to lack of coaches. Our coaches last year's expressed great frustration with the lack of individual player commitment ruining their wanting to coach and the experience for those who showed in then in 13/14 they'll have one team. You know it's pretty depressing frankly that we, we had, in this in some ways ties into potential issues we talk about with schools and even the Pla Mor incident, is how is it that we can and it's well above, you know we're not going to solve it but what can we do to engage not only the youth of our community but also the parents. To show that this is what is important, that is you know, coaches bail because they have 12 – 13 kids on their team and now it's game time and 4 show up. And that was a continuing issue and I don't, I don't have an answer but I just think you know, it's no coincidence that then we have instances at Pla Mor or that we have instances at the Library because it's all interconnected by how you know we are taking care of our own, you know, what can we do to engage folks build that sense of community, have people find value in living in Euclid making it their home, taking pride in it, maybe there's something we can do as we move forward, I don't know, but but this is pretty bleak when we have no teams in certain age groups because not because there's not kids who want to play, but because there's no parents or no adults who want to help. So it's easy to say the youths, the youths, the youths well it's a little

bit on us too on multiple levels, so you know, just wanted to kind of put that out there cause I know I did have a lot of folks you know, asking where this was all going. So to end on a down note after such a nice meeting but I wanted to just get that out there because there's a lot of you know Euclid Baseball almost folded not too long ago but it was through the efforts of frankly a number of people you count on your hands who spent countless hours, countless time fundraised and did everything to make it a viable to where frankly just 3 or 4 years ago it seemed to be thriving and then all of a sudden it sort of just turned real quick, you know, a little frustrating. Thank you.

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

Councilwoman McIntosh – Thank you Madame Chair. Thanks to everybody who's in attendance this evening and watching I do want to address the Pla Mor incident from the Councilperson point of view it's been something that I've been monitoring since the incident occurred in over the summer in June and have been working with the administration and the business owner to work through those issues and find something that can work for the entire community. So I am grateful when I spoke to Mr. Sanders today that he came to that conclusion that teen events are unfortunately not the best idea at this point given all of the issues that we've had, unfortunately those situations have created a very volatile environment for our downtown. An area that we want to be thriving it's close to the lake front, it is close to commerce, there are area businesses, local businesses that are doing very well over there. We don't want anything to jeopardize that and I also want to quickly give thanks to our police department and the mutual aid departments, because they came out to assist when they might also be strapped for time & energy & resources, so I, I reached out to the owners of Paragon, because they are often in a situation because these things happen after most other businesses are closed in the downtown area, they're open till 2:00 AM normal bar hours and they have to go into lockdown so every single person who's in that business police officer comes to the door, tells them they're on lock down and they lock the doors and make sure that everybody is safe, from the crowd outside, so Jackie and Nick are the new owners of the Paragon, they expressed that the Euclid Police Department are absolutely amazing with how fast they reach out to us for our safety. I had an officer immediately come to Paragon and tell me to lock the doors. They consistently praise police, fire, council, the administration, the city overall for how much we care about businesses in this city. And I'll quote from her, her message to me said, "You, council, City Council, the police department and fire department in Euclid are amazing. I've never lived in a city where the businesses are cared about so much". And this is somebody who lived and I believe grew up in Parma. So a sister city, so I did want to just end on a lighter note, and a positive note sharing that people who, who care about the city do go above and beyond and do what they can to keep the community safe, I will consistently be moderate, monitoring what goes on there, that is my promise to Ward 5'ers and the community and to our administration, my colleagues and with that I will say, Oh, I will not say goodnight yet, because I need to remind everybody of a Ward meeting on March 7th, so please join the Ward 5 community meeting on March 7th, it's a Saturday at 10:00 AM, it will be at the Lakefront Community Center located at One Bliss Lane, we'll be talking about housing, and the law issues and, and just due process for violations for housing violations as well as getting a Census update and hearing from Mayor and council. So please join us then, and a final note that Sunday, March 1 at 3:00 PM the Euclid Symphony Orchestra will be playing a concert at Shore Cultural Centre auditorium and now I will say good night and thank you.

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

Councilman Wojtila – Thank you Madame Chair, to Police Chief Meyer, can you give us an idea of how things are going over the last couple weeks and then also when do you think with the jail closing I'm referring to, and with regards to the study that was being done, when, do we have a targeted date for when that study is expected to be received. Thank you.

President Mancuso - Chief Meyer.....

Chief Meyer – Thank you, Councilman Wojtila. Yes it's moving along we're trying to, we're figuring out as we go, there's multiple issues that, that are occurring so you know we have to transfer, transport folks down to the county and the county at intake has been, they've been pretty good, they've been pretty accommodating. We had those

relationships already because of, a large amount of those folks worked at the facility here, so that's and with the vehicles thanks to the garage for getting the, that van going for us, it's been some real challenges have been with our Municipal Court and, and us with the transports and the county trying to figure out who they need, when they need them, so we're, we're we've all three of us have tried to work together best we can to figure that out, and we're you know, slowly getting better at that. The consultants I had met Captain Roller's handling much of that but I've met with consultants too. They had a, now that the county's out this was, I guess this was early last week they had one of their folks in there who went through the facility, spent several hours there looking at the physical facility telling us what we would need to do based on a temporary which is 6 hours or under or a 12 hour facility. So they're looking at both of those I'm, preliminarily have talked with us a little bit but the full report should be, I'm hoping by the end of this month, very early, very early March, so we're hoping to get that and we kind of moved away from the 12 day, at this point, with concerns with cost.

President Mancuso – Anything else? Councilwoman Jukic.....

Councilwoman Jukic – Thank you Madame Chair, no comments.

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

Councilwoman Gorshe – Thank you Madame Chair. Director Sweeney, talking about the Pla Mor incident I have a couple emails from residents who I won't read but I did take some of what they had inside of there and thank you for sharing that memorandum of understanding there were 11 covenants in this memorandum of understanding that looks like the vast majority had not been used that evening am I correct in assuming that?

Director Sweeney – I would agree with you Madame Chair to the councilwoman.

Councilwoman Gorshe – So what is very sad to me is, it's tragic for the kids. Parenting or not doing right by them, not having a parent sign them in and not having a parent accompany them, getting up and letting them out on the streets, several businesses were affected, several mutual Aid Communities were engaged, taking our officers off the street and the collateral damage is a good value actually at \$500, cause I'm sure it cost us way more in not only negative PR etcetera, etcetera You know having a business locked down, I know for a fact for instance that Dave's Market is really sick of "the BS". And this is one of our obviously grocery stores, many us go to, so there is an owner of the building and there's a renter of the business so are both being charged the \$500?

Director Sweeney – Madame Chair to the councilwoman. We send one letter to both entities so we don't care who pays it.

Councilwoman Gorshe – Somebodies paying....

Director Sweeney – Somebody needs to.....

Councilwoman Gorshe – So it's not \$1,000, its \$100, excuse me \$500.00

Director Sweeney – I'm sorry the first incident was \$250, that was for the January incident the resident did mention that one, we did charge him for that one, and as soon as the reports are done and it makes it my way, there will be a \$500 fine for this February incident.

Councilwoman Gorshe – And how are we gonna be assured that no more youth events until this is met with a resolve happens?

President Mancuso – Director Sweeney.....

Director Sweeney - Madame Chair to the councilwoman. So you will recall I filed the nuisance action downtown in Common Pleas Court June, after the June incident, I was encouraged to work with Mr. Sanders to not shut the building down and to come up with this game plan and as Chief Meyer said and I think the Mayor said too, we had multiple meetings with Mr. Sanders and other members of the police department to try to get these terms and conditions in place and to a place where we all felt comfortable,

he did incidents after this MOU was in place and everything was fine, parents dropped off the kids, they signed them in, we,, we did a test run, I think maybe a Friday after the MOU was in place, everything was great. And then the wheels started falling off again in January with the incident with the, with the sleepover in January the sleep over was fine but then when the kids were released in the morning, parents weren't there to pick them up and that's when we had issues. So we kept an eye on it and Mr. Sanders I believe did get a permit for, he got a permit for the January incident. Don't know why he, it was a roller skating thing but yeah, oh the February event? So it didn't turn into wasn't intended to be one of his teens events that was set forth in the MOU, but that's what it turned into. So I'm hoping that he doesn't have any more of these, should it get to that point again where he just can't operate this business like we need him to, we may have to revisit filing the nuisance action and shutting him down.

Councilwoman Gorshe – It's such a tragedy that this is an iconic entity that's been here for decades I mean the floor is beautiful and well-seasoned it would be a shame to have that shutdown so hopefully we'll find some resolve I know that the Chair of the Safety Committee meeting is thinking of discussing this in committee and I'd like to explore it further because at the end of the day our youth are losing so. Thank you for that. In addition to that March 18th this will be our first Assets meeting with an agenda to be determined, many people are here tonight to talk about, the Mini-Station I remember when that Mini-Station opened Councilwoman Scarniench and I served punch and hot dogs and there was music and giveaways it was a really good time. We spent Community Block Grant funds to put the playground there, PAL used it, the police department, some of the officers would go there and get a hot cup of coffee or do a report before the computers and we really need to look at what we can do useful, useful adaptable reuse we say. But things that are still relevant today would be the backpacks, the homework help, the computers that I think I've heard are now gone and probably would've been updated any ways but, we really do need to look at that so with that being said being that it is a city asset, and I did speak with Mrs. Grida, we will be having an April a second assets meeting after the survey results to discuss the Mini-Station and I really hope that the Heritage Park neighborhood and the council on the south side of town does come out for that and, and give some really good, feedback and ideas because it is an asset and an south side does deserve something like that as well to continue to go on. And Director Smith, I have a question how many, how much money are left, how much money is left in the self, sale of the cell phone tower for the rec. how much money is left? Do we know?

Director Smith – Off hand Madame Chair to the Councilwoman I, I don't have that number, I can get it,

Councilwoman Gorshe – Oh, okay.

Director Smith – It's accounted for in the Rec Capital Fund. So the fund balance in there at the end of the year which is in your budget book, it's a part of that fund now.

Councilwoman Gorshe – Okay, thank you very much and I will bid you all a good night.

President Mancuso – Thank you. Councilwoman Caviness.....

Councilwoman Caviness – Thank you Madame Chair. I'd like to begin by thanking the residences for being here tonight to discuss the Mini-Station. I like to thank Councilwoman Gorshe for agreeing to have, how committed she is the Chair of the Community Assets Committee and she's agreed to have that committee meeting to discuss the future of the Mini-Station in April and as everyone knows and we've talked about this many times that the work is actually done in committee, it's not done in our council, full council meeting and so this is where we vet everything where we really make decisions in the committee so I appreciate that and we will work hard to make sure that everyone is here in attendance. I'd like to also state to the Mayor and to Kristal, we appreciate your coming to the meeting in February but the February the 3rd but I think what has thrown us off and I'm speaking for the residents of Heritage Park and myself was the fact that the survey was given citywide even though Heritage Park actually no it's the members of the Heritage Park Association know that it just does not belong to them, it was worded in such a way that, when the first question was how, how many times have you visited the Mini-Station in the past three years, and we know that most people beyond Heritage Park Association or in that little area, have really never attended

anything and possibly a handful of people may have in the past three years but citywide as it was stated by one of the residents a lot of people don't even know it exists. So in that regard it just seemed as though that was, a ploy to just kind of say that this Mini-Station does not need to exist. And that was the, the message that a lot of people received, and in that discussion that we had at that meeting and what was voiced here and also in the, some of the communication that I received from some of the residents we really would like to see a police presence even if we don't and we stated this before and even if we don't, call it a Police Mini-Station a police presence has been one to deter the crime in that area that did exist at one time and because that Mini-Station was created by the blood, sweat and tears of the residents then the crime went down but I'd like to Madame Chair if you don't mind in the few minutes I have left, I'd like to read just a snippet of three comments that people have made and I'd like to read into the records because I told them I would give their names. One is from Mr. James Williams 1471 East 196th, he said "I would like to express my opinion about the Mini-Station it is a very important asset in our community it has served as a deterrent for juvenile crime over the years. The Mini-Station provides a safe atmosphere for the kids who are either playing on the basketball court or in the playground." And from Diane Medlen, 1531 East 214th Street "I have seen the Mini-Station used for many beneficial activities, one keeping kids off the street with the basketball court and playground, two use of indoors for after school care and tutoring, three food giveaways for kids in the summer, four nice to see police presence who are able to relate to kids and community and five for Heritage Park Association for the regular meetings, a community picnics, the flea markets, the Easter Egg Hunt, the giveaways such as school supplies, book bags, hats and mittens we hope to see the Mini-Station used for this side of Euclid" and Linda Keith, 1446 East 204th Street "the Mini-Station has been an awesome asset to our neighborhood. It has been used for Fred's Club which is an after school tutoring, teaming with the Euclid Public's Library for books, the tech classes on iPads and iPhones, the summer camp programs for ages 9 to 11, the Youth Leadership project for teens, the free lunch program teamed with HGR, the distribution of free prom dresses to Euclid High young ladies and zoo trip for children" and you know it tells you a lot about what has transpired in the Mini-Station, it just is not something that just sits there and is not used, it has been used over the years and we would like to have that conversation. So I'm looking forward to it in April when that is scheduled and lastly we have a Public Safety meeting on March 11 at 6:30 to 6:30 pm to continue our discussion about the deer survey. Thank you and have a good evening.

President Mancuso – Thank you. Councilman Moore.....

Councilman Moore – Thank you Madame Chair. The Euclid Avenue Revitalization committee, now that we have budget hearings mostly done will be looking to have its first meeting sometime in March I believe, so I've sent out an email to my colleagues and hopefully will be able to get that done as soon as possible so I'm looking forward to that, and also I wanted to thank my colleague, Councilperson Caviness and to Director Holody, for working on the Euclid Avenue TIF for district one, which will serve or can serve as a catalyst for development along Euclid Avenue and with that I'll say goodnight. Thank you.

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

Councilman Epps – Thank you Madame Chair. I just before I've two separate comments prepared for tonight and I'd just like to ask the Mayor before I move forward with those, I sent an e-mail out after speaking with Mr. Sanders and looking at all this stuff online and concerning the Pla Mor incident and I through something out there about a meeting and I, and I specify specific people to be a part of that meeting that I thought would create a productive environment for the meeting including both yourself and Councilwoman McIntosh that being in her Ward as well and I also think there's a lot that she has to contribute to this meeting as well, most importantly Captain Houser who is in charge of the new Community Policing Division. I know everyone in this room received that e-mail and I did not get a response, so before I even while I decide which remarks I'm going to go with I would just like to ask, is, because I never got a response, is that something that you are open to or

President Mancuso – Mayor Gail.....

Mayor Holzheimer Gail – Absolutely.

Councilman Epps – Okay, would have been nice to have sent an e-mail to say that so that I wouldn't have had to prepare two comments. But I appreciate that, that's something I look forward to and I just say that because I think its extremely important to make sure that you have as many facts as possible when addressing some of these things. I know there are a lot of people and I want to make sure that I address the fact that a lot of folks on social media do want to the know what is it that Marcus Epps has to say on this particular issue because I was out front with my comments and my remarks on the incident that happened in June. The incident that happened in June was very, very different than this incident, most importantly, I wasn't there. The incident in June I was there, things that I was able to speak on where things that I saw first-hand not things that I heard from other people and because of that I was able to speak in the manner in which I did and I have no apologies or regrets for any of the comments that were made at that time because again I spoke to things that I witnessed myself personally. But I think in regards to this particular incident I have talked as I told you all the e-mail, I talked with Mr. Sanders on Sunday and kind of got his jist of this I sent, I in that e-mail I started that e-mail was actually directed to the Chief and in that e-mail I thanked the Chief for given such detailed information to all of council like he did on that day as well and it, it just helps to look at these things from all sides. I do think that this is not just an issue about as everyone has said it's not just about our officers, it's not just about you know us as a community as community leaders, it's not just about the actual operator of that establishment but parents do have a role to play in this as well and I appreciate the Chief being bold enough to say that, it's not the most popular thing to say and so I appreciate you saying that because it is a piece, a very important piece to the puzzle but I just want to make clear which I did in those, in my e-mail as well that you know, this rink has been here for decades and when I was growing up the race of the teenagers was the same, and the, we always had people from all over not just Euclid kids that were there, so it's not only about that either, and I just think that we've got to focus more so on making sure that we have as many opportunities for young people as we can and this is an opportunity to do that at that rink again a staple in our community but if Mr. Sanders is not the right person to operate that place than Mr. Sanders not need to be the appropriate person operate that place. I understand that not being supportive to someone who you feel is not being a complete partner in this particular case and I want to make sure folks understand that, three weeks prior to the event Mr. Sanders did reach out to the city, for both the permit as well as to get Euclid officers as many as he needed to have for the number of kids he had to get Euclid Officers to come and be security or to come and be security for that event. Growing up we had not only where we the same demographic but we also had fights all the time and as I told Mrs. Sanders and I put in that e-mail, and as I said back in June, the June incident our officers made the decision to close that event down with 500 kids at least there at or around 500 kids and as a result forced those kids onto the street, onto these business's. That was a poor decision on behalf of, of our officers to make that decision, they're on the spot, it was a horrible decision because as a result of it all of our neighboring businesses were affected.

Mrs. Sanders made the decision this time to close the event at 10:00 because of fights, you have to make sure you have a team in place there not only your staff but security, whether it's Euclid Officers or the Security Officers you had to hire to isolate the children who are being or causing a ruckus, get them out and you have a responsibility with minor children in the building to keep that even going. And so Mr. Sanders made the decision this time and that was a horrible decision on his part as well and our neighboring businesses felt it. So I think that you know coming up with MOU's and getting together with him, that is a step for this too but I would love to have some conversations about infrastructurally how do we addressed the process, and I know he tried to do some of this stuff and it didn't work out, and I appreciate it, I'll wrap up right now.....

President Mancuso – Thank you.

Councilman Epps – Madame President, I am you know but we gotta have serious discussions and conversations about this and it has to be people at the table who understand the culture of these kids who understand the coffer of even promoting events and all of that and so that's why I'm glad to hear that you're open to having that discussion I'd love to have that meeting as soon as possible obviously we can coordinate our schedules to do that, but it's just extremely important that we have a voice at that

table and that we are not and it seems that you're not doing that, we are not just shutting down.....

President Mancuso – Councilman.....

Councilman Epps – places that are places for our kids to behave and with that I will say goodnight, thank you Madame President.


President Mancuso – Thank you, and finally there will be an Executive and Finance Committee meeting tomorrow night where we will have our fourth budget hearing. You heard the detail earlier we will begin at 6:30 for all my council colleagues. I think you've received information about it, okay. If there is nothing else to come before council make a motion to adjourn. So moved by Councilman Caviness; seconded by Councilman Moore.


All in favor
Yeas: Unanimous

We are adjourned.

ADJOURNMENT

Attest:


Clerk of Council


President of Council