

EUCLID CITY COUNCIL MEETING APRIL 20, 2020

The Euclid City Council meeting was held on Monday, April 20, 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 Monday, April 20th, I would ask that all of us join in saying the pledge of allegiance.

Thank you.

Okay, Madame Clerk, would you please call the roll?

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

President Mancuso – Could I have a motion to excuse Councilman Jarosz?

So moved by Councilwoman Goshe, seconded by Councilwoman Caviness.

All in favor

Yeas: Unanimous

Any opposed? Seeing none we will move on. Alright. Before I go any farther I'd like to make a statement about our proceedings. The Euclid City Council meeting for this April 20th at 7:00 pm is being held electronically. This is permissive per the Ohio legislature's passage of H.B. 197, Amendment G-0351-2 which permits the use of electronic communications in lieu of in person meetings during the emergency declared by Governor DeWine's Executive Order. The decision to meet electronically takes into consideration the public information on the serious health risk posed by exposure to the virus and the ongoing formal orders of emergency management including the national state of emergency declared by the President of the United States. This Statewide national declaration of emergency declared by the Governor of Ohio, specific directives from the State of Ohio Department of Health and the Cuyahoga County Board of Health with their clear warnings and recommendations regarding gatherings and meetings, in compliance with these directives, city hall has been closed to the public, therefore the public will not be present in council chambers during this emergency situation for the safety of all involved. Further consideration and decisions about whether and how to schedule and how to conduct future Council and or Committee meetings will be ongoing. The public does have electronic access to our meetings, however. You may and can view the Council meeting live through the following venues: Spectrum channel 1020, U-Verse channel 99, and the Euclid Community Television channel on YouTube.com. There is currently a link on the cities website that will take you directly to the YouTube Channel. We have posted the following information to accompany the posting of our Council agendas. If the public has any questions or comments for the Committee of the Whole for Legislative Matters or for the Public Portion of the council meeting, they are to email our Clerk of Council Barbara Allen at ballen@cityofeuclid.com or they may fax their comments to (216) 289-2779. We ask that you include your name and address with your questions or commentary and in order for your commentary to be considered at the meeting, please submit it no later than 6:00 pm on the date of the meeting. I want to thank you all for your understanding during these

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challenging times. At this point we will then go to, do we have any Communications?

Others Present: Mayor Kirsten Holzheimer Gail, Law Director Sweeney, Planning and Development Director Holody, Service Director Knecht and Council Clerk Allen.

COMMUNICATIONS

President Mancuso – to my Council Clerk.

Clerk Allen – No, none at this time.

COUNCIL MINUTES

President Mancuso – Thank you, do we have any Council Minutes for approval?

Councilwoman Caviness – Yes Madame Chair, I moved to accept the following council minutes, March the 2nd, 2020 and March the 16th, 2020.

President Mancuso – Do I have a second? Seconded by Councilwoman Jukic.

All in favor.

Yeas: Unanimous.

Anybody opposed? Seeing none, we will move on.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

We will now go to Administration Reports and Communications, Mayor Gail, your muted.....

Mayor Holzheimer Gail – Unmute.

President Mancuso – There you go.

Mayor Holzheimer Gail – Sorry about that it was muted. Good evening everyone, it's good to see you electronically at least. I miss seeing everybody. We're working hard here at city hall to get through and manage through this pandemic. I want to start by thanking our employees who have done a phenomenal job being flexible, being creative. We'll be working hard to continue to provide our four services that our residence depend on while also trying to follow the Governors stay at home order. So we've been, so we have some employees working from home, we have some employee's working limited hours and I would hope you as residents and council have really not seen a drop in service. While residents can't come into City Hall we've been really able to keep most of our services going over the phone, through e-mail, faxing some things, using video conferencing, and I really appreciate all the hard work and also the flexibility and the understanding that our residents have, have towards us at this time. So I want to just, provide a couple of updates for you. As you know the tax date got moved from April 15th to July 15th, our tax department is in working. So you can either drop off a tax return to the drop box by City Hall doors, or you can call them and they can help you over the phone. The garbage as most of you hopefully have heard, we've done several robo-calls and sent out many announcements. Kimble has had to change our garbage collection service so they are only picking up for the time being what is in your wheeled cart. So the

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dark green, garbage container and the lighter green recycling container, so they will only be picking up what fits in the cart. This is temporary and it really is necessary so that they can protect and keep their employees safe and healthy during this time. We understand that people are wanting to clean out their house and cleaning up their yard. Please just hold on to it for the time being we hope this will not last long and we can get back to our regular garbage collection. As most, the primary election don't forget that you can vote by mail through April 28th. You can request a ballot through the Board of Elections. You can call (216) 443-VOTE which is 8683, or log onto their website 443VOTE.us. It's exciting to be doing our first Council meeting through Zoom, I appreciate the hard work and the understanding that City Council has had through this time as well. We've been working hard to try some new things as well and so I want to just highlight our Recreation Program who has started some virtual, virtual programs so you can log on, we have the link on the front of our website and they, they have some stay at home virtual fitness classes, so you can join their Running Club, there's a Fitness Club, a Basketball Clinic and a Family Trivia Night. So I want to thank Jamie from the Rec Department for all his hard work in putting those together. Our Seniors Programs Staff continue to deliver meals to the homebound and provide meal pick up for those who typically come to the center. Just many great opportunities and of our employees who have really stepped up to continue to provide service. Of course our first responders continue to provide the same exceptional service as always. So we thank you residents for doing your part and I also want to thank and acknowledge the residence's, the businesses, who have donated whether it cleaning products, hand sanitizers, some food that has been provided, little bit of PPE provided to both to city first responders as well as the hospital. As always our community has stepped up and really, the strong community spirit shines through and I thank you for that. This weekend we would have been celebrating Arbor Day on Friday as we do every year and we would be having our Big Clean on Saturday with Keep Euclid Beautiful unfortunately both of those had to be cancelled but we would ask you if you would you know keep the spirit of both of those in your hearts, work outside, plant a tree or some flowers if you can. The event will be rescheduled at a future date, the Big Clean while we're not an organized clean, if you can clean up around your yard or your street and then use a picker if possible or wear gloves if you can and make sure you wash your hands after and then lastly I just wanted to give a quick update on the Census, Ohio self-respond rate was about 54 percent as of today, Euclid's self-reporting respond rate is 48 percent. A little behind the state but we're doing pretty well. So thank you to all, all of those residents who have filled out your Census. You can fill it out online, you can fill it out over the phone, and you can mail it in. So there are three different ways and while you're home, nothing better to do but fill out that Census, it's really important so that we bring dollars back to our city and our state so that we make sure we have the right congressional representation for Ohio and really just important that we're all counted. So please do your part and make sure you fill out that Census and again just thank you for staying home, thank you for helping to protect our community, our staying, you're staying home, your washing your hands, your keep social distance is making a difference and it's saving lives. So thank you for your dedication to that, stick with it, we're not done. We are working and planning on what this will look like as we go forward, I think we may have some difficult decisions with the budget impacts that we will have to look at together, but I do look forward to getting to, being together with you sometime in the near future but in the meantime let us know if we can help in anyway and thank you to City Council for your support and helping us get the word out. Oh the last thing, I did want to say, you know from a communications standpoint we've been working hard to get regular updates out, we've used the robo-call several times and so a reminder to those who might be watching if you do not get a robo-call from the city or you do not get an e-mail from the city, you can log on to our city website cityofeuclid.com and on the left hand side there's a box that says "Euclid Connect" click here for one step

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notification, you can get regular updates on your phone, through e-mail, through text and you can get calls when we do those. So we also have been regularly updating the city website and have a special Corona, Coronavirus page, so if you, that's the place that we're putting all of the information and the links to some important resources, so, with that happy to get on with the council meeting, I want to thank the Directors and the Chiefs and all of Council and really again, all of our staff that are working so hard to make sure we get through this together and we will get through this together so thank you very much.

President Mancuso – Thank you.

COMMITTEE DOCUMENTATION

President Mancuso – And do we have any committee documentation to approve?

Councilwoman Caviness – Yes we do, Madame President. I moved to receive and accept the following committee documentations; the Board of Control dated March the 16th, 2020, March the 23rd, 2020 and April 6th, 2020 and April 13th, 2020.

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

All in favor

Yeah: Unanimous

Any opposed? Seeing none we will know go to our first Committee of the Whole for Legislative Matters Only and as I had said previously we had asked the public to put their questions and or commentary concerning legislative items on the agenda to either e-mail them or fax them to our Council Clerk, Barb Allen. At this time, our Council Clerk will read into the record the commentary, the comments and/or questions with the name and address of the person making them. All the legislative questions will be read into the record, all of the responses to those legislative questions will be made when we actually address that piece of legislation on the agenda. So we're able to give you the most complete response we can to the question so at this point I would ask my Council Clerk to begin with the first comment and/or question for legislation on the agenda tonight.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE FOR LEGISLATIVE MATTERS ONLY

Clerk Allen – Thank you Council President. Our first e-mail came in at 10:49 on April 17 from Pearletha Taylor, 1495 East 193rd Street. Are there an emergency water lines to be repaired? My community in Ward one has asked the City of Euclid to fixed the Water line in our area on East 193rd, 195th and 196th for years and has been denied because the city said they had no money? Where did this money come from? Resolution 2, or item two on the agenda Res. 035-20, The Flashing lights for Chardon Rd/East 232nd & Shoreview/East 250th Streets requested to be placed in these areas! Why are they needed in these locations? When my community and our Councilwoman Caviness, requested flashing lights for Euclid Ave. located by the Euclid Police Mini Station and other areas on Euclid Ave. we were told it was No Money. Many people have been killed on Euclid Ave. in those location. What's the need for the requested location????? Item number (3) Res. 036-20, why this Grant money being requested for Shore Cultural Center Bldg.? When HPCA requested help for The Euclid Police Mini Station on Euclid Ave. The

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City of Euclid Mayor Office requested a City Wide Survey? But the city are willing to continue keep taking grant money repairing Shore Cultural Bldg. and residents have to pay to use the building and pay to attend any activities at Shore Cultural Centre, why is this money going? The Euclid City Mini Station, I'm sorry the Euclid Police Mini Station, are being use for Community Group Meetings, Community Library, Community activities such as (Picnics, School Supplies Give Away, Easter Eggs Hunts, Coats, Hats, Gloves give away and Etc.) and most of all Police Officers are able to use the areas for their needs when on duty in the area and it help keep down crime.

President Mancuso – Thank you.

Clerk Allen – Again that was from Pearletha Taylor

President Mancuso – Next comment.....

Clerk Allen – The second comment that we received also on April 20th at 1:42 PM was from Roy Larick, 23745 Lake Shore Boulevard, Euclid, Ohio 44123 This for the Arbor Day Statement that he would like read into the record. The Euclid Shade Tree Commission for the Euclid City Council meeting of April 20, 2020. The Euclid Shade Tree Commission has celebrated Arbor Day for 25 years. It is the day to renew our twofold mission: to work with City officials to improve Euclid's urban forest; and to educate residents about the benefits of numerous and healthy trees. Euclid's trees are the most significant part of the city's green infrastructure. Asking very little of we human residents, our trees cleanse the air, absorb storm water, and beautify the landscape. Across the city, thousands of trees become an urban forest. This includes programmed street and residential trees as well as those that volunteer on open lots across the landscape. As part of Euclid's physical character, the urban forest plays into decisions about coming to Euclid: to shop, to live and to work. As we enhance the forest, Euclid's character grows as well. We may attract more shoppers, residents and business startups. The urban forest is our legacy. Our children and grandchildren will reap the benefits of the trees planted and maintained today. In 1991, Euclid counted more than ten thousand street trees and developed planting and management plans. It takes two decades from planting a street tree to being able to measure it as part of the forest canopy, but the work has reaped results. This past year, the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission found that throughout the county's 59 municipalities. Euclid was one of just two to register an increase in forest cover! The increase was small (2%) and Euclid's forest cover is relatively small (28%). Still, the result is gratifying. With this good news, the Shade Tree Commission is primed to assist the City and educate the public about maintaining and planting trees. We also look forward to sponsoring our annual Pond and Garden Tour in Mid-July. Stay tuned for final scheduling. In sum, the Shade Tree Commission salutes the forestry work of the Euclid Service Dept. We honor the dedication of retiring arborist Chris Grant and look forward to working with Andre Trapp as Mr. Grant's replacement. May we all look forward to living with Euclid's growing urban forest? Euclid Shade Tree Commission members: Greg Lawrence, The Chair, Anita Rajic, Vice Chair, Linda Beck, Secretary, Bob Evans, Brenda Hall, Taneika Hill, Roy Larick, Christine McIntosh, City Council Ward 5 and Andre Trapp, Arborist. And again that was from Roy Larick and that was all Madame Chair.

Council President - That was it, okay, with that we will now move into our legislative agenda and Madame Clerk if you would read the first agenda item into the record.

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LEGISLATION

1. **Ordinance 038-20**

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service of the City of Euclid to enter into a contract with Osborn Engineering, 1100 Superior Ave., Suite 300, Cleveland, Ohio 44114, for construction administration and field inspection services for the East 232nd Street and East 266th waterline replacement projects, for an amount not to exceed \$85,900.

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

All in favor

Yeas: Unanimous

Any opposed? Seeing none.

We'll turn this over to Director Knecht to begin the discussion.....

Director Knecht – Thank you Madame Chair. This contract would be for Osborn Engineering to oversee the construction work that's going to be done on those projects and administer the paperwork and which includes getting the reimbursement from Cleveland Water. These projects were applied for, four years ago through the Cleveland Water Replacement, Waterline Replacement program. As we do with many roads in the city that have frequent water breaks we submit those to Cleveland Water twice a year and during that process they are graded and then we are awarded money on those projects that score well enough during those two periods. These projects as I said were already designed, we were awarded the funding, they are being bid out now and Osborn would go ahead and oversee those two for the \$85,900 dollars. That money would be reimbursed by Cleveland Water at the end of the project. We have used Osborn Engineering previously on projects and they have always done a very good job for us, they are also one of Cleveland Waters preferred inspection and engineering firms and I would like to ask for support tonight to have this passed. I'd like to thank Councilwoman's, Councilpersons Gorshe, McIntosh and Wojtila for the questions they had on this legislation.

President Mancuso - Thank you, questions by council members? Councilwoman Caviness.....

Councilwoman Caviness – Thank you Madame President. Director Knecht, in the contract it states that after you have, we have the project description and the fee, the oversite hours, after that section it states it excludes, that fee excludes the material testing costs which are to be assumed by the contractor of the city. Are there any testing costs and how would it be determined who takes, assumes those?

President Mancuso – Director Knecht.....

Director Knecht – Madame Chair to the Councilwoman, those testing costs are the responsibility of the contractor. That is in the contract that is something that they have to provide on the project. That will be for any of the materials that they're using and they can't provide documentation for. If they're doing any concrete work or asphalt work that will have to be tested.

Councilwoman Caviness – Okay, thank you.

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

Councilwoman Gorshe – Thank you Madame Chair. I am definitely and am fully support of this project anytime we can get some waterlines replaced in the city

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is a plus, plus. I also see that it is not an emergency ordinance but I'd like to see if we can after everybody has their comments submit it for passage this evening so we can get it going. Thank you very much.

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

Councilman Wojtila – Thank you Madame Chair. I was just going to ask Director Knecht the timing of the work?

President Mancuso – Director Knecht.....

Director Knecht – Madame Chair to the Councilman. Once the bids are open and the contractor is chosen, we would expect somewhere in that 45 to 90 days until the work is started, and it would be wrapped up this construction season.

President Mancuso – Thank you. Anything else Councilman Wojtila?

Councilman Wojtila – Yes, thank you Madame Chair. When did he say the bid opening is going to be?

President Mancuso – Director Knecht.....

Director Knecht – Madame Chair to the Councilman. Bid opening will be next Monday, at 3:30 PM.

Councilman Wojtila – Thank you.

President Mancuso – I know you answered this a bit but we had Ms. Taylor ask about the waterlines on 193, 195 and 96th, I know you responded that this has to do with Cleveland Water and you put this in years ahead of time, do we have any kind of a timeline for those at all? Or are you going to get back to them about it?

Director Knecht – Madame Chair we have not submitted those in the last four years, the last time that they were submitted they did not score well. So they can, can be submitted again and we can see but there, you know, unfortunately it's up to Cleveland Water and it's up to the competition in each round as to how well a project scores and what is awarded with the money that they upheld.

President Mancuso – So it isn't actually Euclid making that decision, it's Cleveland Water.

Director Knecht – That is correct.

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

Councilwoman McIntosh – Thank you Madame Chair. Director Knecht, are you able to distribute what the guidelines are that Cleveland Water uses to the rest of council so when residents inevitably ask about street projects on their streets when it comes to waterline replacement we can have that criteria just to better explain? Is that an option?

President Mancuso – Director Knecht.....

Director Knecht – Madame Chair to the Councilwoman. I can provide you with the application that we are sent, while it doesn't go into depth of how Cleveland Water scores, that is something internally that they handle and they are not willing to share but I can share the application with you so that you can take a look at it.

Councilwoman McIntosh – Okay, thank you I think that would be a helpful or at least for me, I've never seen the application so that would be a nice resource to

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have and unfortunately they're not sharing the ratings that would help with other street projects but I guess they'll keep that proprietary for now. Thank you very much, that's all.

President Mancuso – Any other discussion? Councilman Epps, unmute Councilman, unmute, there you go.....

Councilman Epps – Thank you, Director Knecht you said next Monday at 3:30 the bids will open for the project, do we need to do what Councilwoman Gorshe is suggesting to actually have it be an emergency ordinance to pass now for that to happen? Or.....

President Mancuso – Director Knecht.....

Director Knecht – Madame Chair to the Councilman, it does not have to be an emergency, while I'm, while I would be excited if you did pass it tonight, to get them on board, it is by no means an emergency.

President Mancuso – Okay, any other questions?

Councilman Epps – And that's kind of what I wanted to know, would it help you, I support that as well.

President Mancuso – Thank you, seeing no other comments, I'll take a motion to close debate. So moved by Councilwoman Gorshe; seconded by Councilman Moore.

All in favor.

Yeas: Unanimous

Any opposed? Seeing none, I'll also take a motion to suspend the rules to forgo the second and third reading. So moved by Councilwoman Gorshe; seconded by Councilwoman McIntosh.

All in favor.

Yeas: Unanimous

Any opposed? Seeing none, Madame Clerk would you please call the role on the merits of the ordinance?

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

Ordinance Passes.

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

2. **Resolution 035-20**

A resolution authorizing the Mayor of the City of Euclid to enter and execute a contract with the State of Ohio Department of Transportation for improvements of crosswalks through the installation of Rapid Flashing Beacon signals at Chardon Road/East 232nd Street and Shoreview Avenue/East250th Street

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

All in favor

Yeas: Unanimous

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Any opposed? Seeing none.

We'll begin discussion with Director Holody.....

Director Holody – Thank you Council President Mancuso and members of council. This will allow us to proceed with ODOT on the construction of our Safe Routes to School Crosswalk Improvement project which will install rapid flashing beacons at these two intersections. The reason these two intersections were eligible for this funding is because of their proximity to Elementary Schools and because of the large number of students that use these intersections in order to get to school. The Safe Routes to School Committee is comprised of members from the city, the school and also the police department. Based on the engineers estimate, for the cost of this project, ODOT will be paying 100% of the project, so we do not anticipate there being any cost to the city. Council may recall that preliminary legislation for this project was passed by council back on January 6th of 2020 so we appreciated your support for that and look forward to your support this evening. If this item passes ODOT will finalize the bidding for this project, award a contract and we would expect to see construction to begin this summer. I appreciate your consideration and your support and I'll be happy to answer any questions that you may have.

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

Councilwoman Caviness – Thank you Madame Chair. Director Holody, do we know whether they're going to be solar powered or are they going to be run by electricity? Have they decided that yet?

President Mancuso – Director Holody.....

Director Holody – Yes, the current plans that were prepared by GPD call for direct wire rapid flashing beacons so these would not be solar powered.

Councilwoman Caviness – Okay and Director Holody, Madame Chair to the Director, how will these be maintained and how often do you have to check them, etc.?

President Mancuso – Director Holody.....

Director Holody – Well I can say that part of rationale for going with direct wire was so that the beacons would operate with expected less amount of maintenance than the solar powered versions. So that is, that's our expectation for our, our piece.

Councilwoman Caviness – Okay, thank you.

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

Councilman Epps – Thank you Madame Chair, just to kind of follow up off of Ms. Taylors comments, there, how do we go, what do these funds technically come from for this just to kind of address her concerns as to how is it that we didn't have the money to do it in one place but we do it in another? Director Holody or if someone could add to that for Ms. Taylor I would appreciate it.

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

Director Holody – I believe the Safe Routes to School Grant is typically offered each year, by ODOT and so we review those grant requirements every time the grant comes out, certainly if that an area or intersection in an area is eligible we can take a look it, but I can tell you when we apply for this round of grant funding

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that was awarded the intersection had to be, I believe it was within a ½ a mile of an elementary school so, again that's why these intersections were selected.

Councilman Epps – I think that's great clarity, appreciate it. Thank you Director Holody.

Director Holody – Your welcome.

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

Councilman Moore – Thank you Madame Chair. To Director Knecht and I guess to everyone listening, the crosswalk specifically on Chardon/232nd replaced a crosswalk that used to be there, what I believe when the school was changed from Glenville to Chardon Hills, for a short time there was no crosswalk so currently there is a crosswalk but it does not have curb cuts, but I do appreciate the fact that we're moving forward to make use of curb cuts, in fact I do have residents in the area that are in need of curb cuts because of access specifically a wheelchair. So that will be _____ coming.

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

Councilwoman Caviness – Thank you Madame Chair, I'd just like to make a comment. I know that it is very important for us to have something like that on Euclid Avenue as we know that we've had two deaths in one years' time and that was a few years back but I understand the purpose and I'm very much in support of this ordinance, this resolution because in looking at the area and understanding how the kids have to cross over and the traffic is going back and forth, I imagine it is very difficult for a school crossing guard even to get the traffic to stop let alone you know the kids not having a guard and having to cross themselves so this would hopefully get the, the drivers to understand that they need to heed those warnings because right now you do as you said Councilman Moore, just have a sign, a school crossing sign and a crosswalk and to add this would even add to the safety of the children attending Chardon Hill so I'm very much in favor of this resolution. Thank you.

President Mancuso – Thank you. Any other discussion? Seeing none. Oh, Councilwoman Gorshe.....

Councilwoman Gorshe – Yes, I just wanted to make mention, thank you Madame Chair. I think we might be confused being safe routes to school grants with the Lakeshore Boulevard crossing Apartments, back and forth and perhaps Director Knecht could just give us a moment of to explain that and the difference between the two maybe we're confusing the two, just, just as a thought.

President Mancuso – Thank you. Director Knecht.....

Director Knecht – Madame Chair to the councilwoman. Yes, while Lakeshore Boulevard was initially proposed as a Safe Routes to School crossing, ODOT did not feel that that program was a good fit for that crossing and instead decided to fund it under a safety program instead. Which allowed that to be able to get done and then also opened up then the funding on the Safe Routes to School side for these two projects.

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

All in favor

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Yeas: Unanimous
Any opposed? Seeing none.

Madame Clerk would you please call the roll on the resolution.

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

Resolution passes.

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

3. Resolution 036-20

A resolution authorizing the Mayor of the City of Euclid, or her designee, to accept and expend a grant in the amount of Three Hundred Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$325,000.00) from the State of Ohio for the replacement of windows at the Shore Cultural Centre building.

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

All in favor
Yeas: Unanimous
Any opposed? Seeing none.

We will go to Director Holody to begin discussion.....

Director Holody – Thank you Chairwoman Mancuso. As council members may recall the most recently passed state operating bi-annual budget included this grant in the amount of Three Hundred Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$325,000.00) for the City of Euclid for the replacement of windows at Shore and that was in large part due to the great work of our State Senator Kenny Yuko and his advocacy for us at the state. So we have been working with Shore and also the State of Ohio to draft a grant agreement and we are seeking council's authorization to proceed with this project. Based on some preliminary bids that Laura Kidder has received, we anticipate that this grant will allow for the full replacement of all of the windows on the North side of the building, which is approximately 153 windows. There's no match required but Laura Kidder has done a great job, raising additional funding which will also go to support window replacement and repair at Shore Cultural Centre. If council approves this this evening, work with the Service Department also Laura Kidder to finalize the bid specifications, then we'll go out to bid, award a contract for this window replacement through our Board of Control. I believe Laura Kidder maybe on the line to answer any questions that you may have and I'm also available to answer any questions and I appreciate your support for this item this evening.

President Mancuso – Thank you, before we go to Ms. Kidder, I just want to make a statement that this process asking for capital funding quite honestly, for one of our assets began over a year and a half ago, and it started after a great deal of conversation and discussion about what needed to be done with the windows in Shore, what we lacked by not taking care of the windows at Shore, and then what an investment would mean to actually replace or repair the windows at Shore and it was a pretty big number for our asset. I did ask Ms. Kidder to put together what it would cost us per window, and then how many windows and what the overall cost would be along with some of the value added that Shore has as our asset at that point in time. And then asked Senator Yuko if he'd be willing to meet with the Administration, myself and Ms. Kidder, to at least look

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at this idea as see if we could make it part of the State Budget. Like I said that was a year and a half ago, and along the way we have had people who have said at council meetings you know, you're not going to get anything from the state, you know it's taking too long, what are they doing? I will say that our Senator has not stopped working on it and he, every time he needed information we made sure he had what he needed. But it does go to show that you know, factual information, consistent work, constructive dialog does help you get you what you need so this is one, you know whatever Shore becomes going forward, we would have had to do something with the windows in order to make it the best it can possibly be but whatever its future is, so with that I totally support us going forward on this but I will also ask would you like to suspend the rules so that you can ask questions of Ms. Kidder? Councilwoman Caviness and do I have a second? Councilwoman Goshe. All in favor of suspending the rules.

Yeas: Unanimous

Opposed: no opposed

Ms. Kidder.....

Ms. Kidder – Hello.

President Mancuso – Hello darlin'. Who has questions for Ms. Kidder?
Councilwoman Gorshe.....

Councilwoman Gorshe – Hi, thank you Madame Chair. Laura thank you for all your hard work and what you do for Shore Cultural Centre, we've enjoyed very many programs there and you've been talking about the need for windows year over year over year. I also want to thank Council President and Kenney Yuko our Senator as well for their diligence and hard work and the committee and administration. Here we are at last. So, Mrs. Kidder can you tell us along the way before this wonderful gift of this funding how many angels we had to put money aside and programs that you've put in place to try to raise money on your own?

President Mancuso – Ms. Kidder.....

Ms. Kidder – Thank you, we've put a lot of programs in place, we've raised a lot of money. On angel in particular has given us over \$48,000. Every year from back in 2014 and that's just one person, we've had multiple people give \$2,000, \$1,000 here and there because they believe in what we're doing. They believe that what comes out of Shore is essential to the Euclid community, we know the benefit of it we see it every day and we keep pushing forward we've been, I've been at this since 2009 and the fact that Senator Yuko was able to get us this money over all the people that are asking in Ohio, says a lot about Euclid and about Shore. So we're going to continue to raise as much as we can but it would be great to have all the front windows in the front replaced with screens opening and closing it will be awesome.

Councilwoman Gorshe – Thank you and Madame Chair. I'd also as the Assets Committee Chair like to put my name on this legislation and if my colleagues would like to that would be great as well. Thank you.

President Mancuso – Can I have a show of hands as to who would like their names on the legislation. Everybody, I got everyone. Okay, alright. Okay any other discussion? Councilman Moore.....

Councilman Moore – I'm sorry Madame Chair, in my packet number 4 speaks to the Lakefront Community Center and windows for \$100,000 but I believe and it's Ordinance 039-20, I believe in my packet I have 036-20 which speaks to

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Shore, so I have a disconnect here and I'm not sure if anybody else had that same issue or not.

President Mancuso – One, the zero, 036-20 which is number 3 on our agenda are the windows for Shore, 4 is the windows for the Lakefront Senior Center.

Councilman Moore – I, I thank you Madame Chair. I do apologize I believe when I printed it on letter instead of legal, I'm missing one, so I, thank you I do apologize.

President Mancuso – Okay, okay, that's okay, that's alright. Any other discussion? Councilman Wojtila.....

Councilman Wojtila – Thank you Madame Chair. Question on the actual replacement of the windows and the management of that work, is that going to be Shore Cultural Centre staff or is that going to be city staff?

President Mancuso – Who would like to take that, Director Holody.....

Director Holody – Council, Council President to the Councilman. The contract will be issued by the city but certainly we are working very closely with Ms. Kidder and also Service Director Knecht to make sure that the approach is appropriate and also that the work is done properly. So this is really going to be a collaborative effort but ultimately it will be the city that hires the contractor and is responsible for overseeing the work and administrating the grant funds but we will certainly continue to work closely with Ms. Kidder throughout the entire process.

Councilman Wojtila – And will we do as many windows as the money allows?

Director Holody – Yes

Councilman Wojtila – Thank you.

President Mancuso – Every penny, councilman, every penny.

Ms. Kidder – Every penny.

President Mancuso – Yes, other discussion? Councilman Epps.....

Councilman Epps – Thank you Madame Chair. Obviously, hello Ms. Kidder, you've already been mentioned by Councilwoman Gorshe that you do a great job with _____ over at Shore, I just want to kind of piggy back off of the comment that Ms. Taylor e-mailed in just making sure that we, as we move forward I'm always going to support an investment into this particular asset but making sure that we're going to try to do more as a community _____, even if we try to do some programing _____ with Ms. Kidder. I think that this is the right investment, I'm finally glad to see this happen I just want to make sure that we're getting the best bang for the buck out of Shore that folks could _____ that would be more appropriate in the right stuff rather than partner with Ms. Kidder, just want to make sure as we continue to invest more and more into Shore that we're thinking about the program inside it and the usage of the building. Thank you.

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

All in favor

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Yeas: Unanimous
Any opposed? Seeing none.

Madame Clerk would you please call the roll on the resolution.

Clerk Allen – Roll call –

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

Resolution Passes.

President Mancuso – Thank you.

Ms. Kidder – Yeah!

President Mancuso – Good seeing you Laura.

Ms. Kidder – You too.

President Mancuso - Madame Clerk, please read the fourth agenda item into the record.

4. **Ordinance 039-20**

An emergency ordinance authorizing the Director of Planning and Development to advertise for bids and enter into a contract for labor and materials for the replacement of windows at the Lakefront Community Center at 1 Bliss Lane, Euclid, Ohio in the amount not to exceed \$100,000.00.

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

All in favor

Yeas: Unanimous

Any opposed? Seeing none.

Director Holody would you begin discussion.....

Director Holody – Thank you Council President Mancuso. We have another critical window replacement project and that is at our Lakefront Community Center where the windows on the North side of the building facing the lake have become badly deteriorated and in many cases are allowing water to damage the building. So fortunately we had determined that the Block Grant Funding can be used for this important project given the use of the building primarily to service our seniors throughout the community, we can, working with the Service Department to prepare a bid specification and are confident that with the dollar amount that's been included in this legislation, we expect to be able to replace all of the North facing windows at the Community Center. If this item is approved this evening we will finalize the bid documents, issue those, advertise for those bids award a contract before Board of Control and expect to see those windows replaced this year. We will coordinate with the senior programs so there's no disruption or minimal disruption if any to their programming but we do appreciate your support this evening so that we can proceed with this important community improvement project. I'll be happy to answer any questions you might have.

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

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Councilwoman Gorshe – Thank you Madame Chair. Director Holody, because of these, the beauty of these windows, the arched windows, will we see special order and it just seems like we, and maybe it's been a while, but we just put those windows in, is that the lake and the winters and such and the weather is deteriorating them? And are we going to look for a better fitting project, product for longevity on the windows?

President Mancuso – Director Holody.....

Director Holody – Yes, Chairwoman to the councilwoman, the windows that are there have been in place for 10 years, and they're condition is probably a result of the weather but perhaps also the original quality of the product. So we are working closely with the Service Department and also an architect to design a specification to bid this out so that we can feel comfortable that we are getting a better product that will last longer. We're also seeking an energy star rated window, so we expect to see an improvement in terms of energy efficiency with the building. So that, that is what's, what's driving the project.

Councilwoman Gorshe – So we're looking to replace the windows with a, with a liked arched product but a better product because the quality of the product initially wasn't the best, do I hear you correctly?

Director Holody – Correct.

Councilwoman Gorshe – Thank you.

Director Holody – We think the original product may not be as good as what we'll be able to get now and then also the weather of course is a factor as well.

Councilwoman Gorshe – Thank you.

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

Councilman Epps – Thank you Madame Chair. I just want to ask for the sake of the clarity is this separate from the grant dollars coming from Shore, all that money will go towards those windows and none of this money will go toward the Lakefront Community Center, correct?

President Mancuso – Director Holody.....

Director Holody – Correct, these two projects ae being funded from different funds so the windows are Shore will be fully funded from the State Grant those dollars have to be only used at Shore and the Lakefront Community Center windows will be funded from the Block Grant which it will fund the windows at the Lakefront Center because of its use in serving our seniors.

President Mancuso – Councilman Wojtila.....

Councilman Epps – Okay thank you and Madame Chair if I could.....

President Mancuso – We lost you Councilman, do you want to try to repeat.....

Councilman Epps – Can you hear me know?

President Mancuso – Yes, there you go. Go ahead.

Councilman Epps – I just wanted to pause so we could talk about quality of the windows that we had, now 10 years is not seem like a long life for windows but

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I do understand with them being so close to the lake that that might be a reason is there any way that we can hold off on the actual vote for this pending the actual products that we get submitted so that we can make sure we don't make the same mistake again, for a \$100,000?

President Mancuso – Councilman or Director Holody, I'm sorry....

Director Holody – Yes, Madame Chair to the councilman, we have hired an architect who will, who is working very hard and we think will help us ensure that we get a better product this time around. What I can offer is that we can certainly update council before the award is made at Board of Control and if there are any questions or concerns be sure to address those at that time.

Councilman Epps – Thank you.

President Mancuso – Councilman Wojtila.....

Councilman Wojtila – Thank you Madame Chair. Director Holody, how confident, \$100,000 is a lot of money, how confident are you that \$100,000 will cover the cost and is there a chance that it would be less than that and we could put it into the repair of the existing because I think we're all hearing that 10 years is kind of a short life for a product like that.

President Mancuso –Director Holody.....

Director Holody – Yes, I agree. Repair was not found to be an option so we are confident that the \$100,000 is sufficient we actually had gone with somewhat conservative number knowing that we don't want to come back to council so we're, we're very comfortable with that number and again having looked at this policy with the Service Department and preliminarily with the architect that we have on board I think that you know unfortunately even though it's only been 10 years that replacement is the approach that is necessary at this time.

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

All in favor

Yeas: Unanimous

Any opposed? Seeing none.

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

All in favor. To be identified by Yeas.

Yeas: Unanimous

Any opposed? Seeing none.

Madame Clerk would you call the role on the merits of the ordinance.

Clerk Allen – Roll call –

Yes: Wojtila, Jukic, Gorshe, Caviness, Moore, McIntosh, Mancuso

No: Epps

Ordinance Passes.

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

5. Ordinance 040-20

An ordinance amending Section 333.01 “Driving or Physical Control While Under the Influence” of Chapter 333 of the Traffic Code of the Codified Ordinances for the City of Euclid to include specific penalties for OVI based on prior convictions and to extend the look back period for OVI and OVI-related offenses from six to ten years.

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

All in favor
Yeas: Unanimous
Any opposed? Seeing none.

We will go to Law Director Sweeney

Director Sweeney –Thank you Madame Chair to all of council, hello. This piece is pretty much just administrative in nature. The state legislature changed some parts of the State OVI code pertaining to look back periods, license suspensions, penalties and interlock systems and we just want our city code to match that of state code. I’m happy to answer any other questions you might have.

President Mancuso – Discussion? Seeing none, I’ll entertain a motion to close debate. So moved by Councilwoman McIntosh; seconded by Councilman Wojtila.

All in favor
Yeas: Unanimous
Any opposed? Seeing none.

Okay, I will also entertain a motion to suspend the rules to forgo the second and third reading. So moved by Councilman Moore; seconded by Councilwoman Caviness.

All in favor
Yeas: Unanimous
Any opposed? Seeing none.

Madame Clerk would you call the role on the merits of the ordinance.

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

Ordinance Passes.

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

6. Resolution 037-20

A resolution celebrating Arbor Day on Friday, April 24, 2020 in the City of Euclid, and encouraging all residents throughout our community to appreciate the beauty, value, benefit and significance of trees to our City.

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

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All in favor
Yeas: Unanimous
Any opposed? Seeing none.

We will go to Mayor Gail.....

Mayor Holzheimer Gail – Thank you Madame Chair. Each year we recognize the last Friday in April as Arbor Day, we are very fortunate to have a Shade Tree Commission that oversees the work that we're doing to plant trees and take care of our tree canopy. Dr. Laricks letter that was read into the record at the beginning I think spoke a little bit more eloquently than I will, but I just wanted to, wanted to bring this resolution forward even though Arbor Day, our ceremony that's held every year has been postponed due to the Coronavirus and our inability to get together as a public group. We will plan one for a future date and as you know each year we honor somebody by planting a tree in their honor, so we look forward to doing that later in the year. I take just a minute to acknowledge the hard work of the Shade Tree Commission and our Parks and Service Department who works very hard to plant our trees. We were fortunate over the last four years to be able to plant 1,230 trees. We recently received an urban tree canopy grant through Cuyahoga County to, that will enable us to take care of some of the trees that we have and in their study we were recognized as one of the cities that actually saw an increase in their tree canopy, and that's really due to the hard work of the Service Department and the Parks Department to take care of and really shows their commitment to including the planting of new trees in all of the projects that we do. So I had, I think it was somebody from Cleveland Magazine call and ask well what is Euclid, why, almost every other city has declined the number of trees in their tree canopy what did Euclid do and I said it really is a testament over the last really decade of the Service Department of the City Administration to really show their commitment to planting trees, so when we do street projects we replace trees. We have applied for grants, we designated funds through Block Grant, other sources, do tree planting really made it a priority not only for the beautification that it provides as a community but also the storm water that it helps with, the air, helping to clean the air and just really adds to the value of our homes and our property. So I want to thank Service Director Knecht and his whole team, particularly Chris Grant, Andre Trapp, and Joe O'Donnell and I also want to acknowledge and thank the Shade Tree Commission, Greg Lawrence is serving as the Chair right now, Brenda Hall, Roy Laric, _____ Rajec, Andrea Peters, Bob Evans, Taneika Hill and Councilwoman Christine McIntosh and I also want to thank and acknowledge Linda Beck who serves as the staff representative to the Shade Tree Commission. So while we won't be celebrating in person this Friday, we do want to designate, and celebrate and recognize Arbor Day for its importance. I would appreciate councils support in declaring this Friday, April 24th as Arbor Day.

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

All in favor
Yeas: Unanimous
Any opposed? Seeing none

Madame Clerk would you please call the roll on the resolution.

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

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Resolution Passes.

President Mancuso – Thank you.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – PUBLIC PORTION

President Mancuso – We now come to the Committee of the Whole, our public portion. Where we will again read into the record commentary in connection with the commenters name and address and there will be appropriate response and we will begin with Ms. Barbara Allen reading the first comment.

Clerk Allen – Thank you Council President. The first one arrived here April 20th at 10:48 AM, This is from Karen Murray. Hello, my name is Karen Murray. I live at 1520 East 195th Street, between Euclid Avenue and Roseland Avenue. The City of Euclid will look different after COVID 19. However, there are some basic changes and or adjustments that can be made to enhance the area I live in. 1. Rethinking or repurposing Shore Cultural Center to provide a more inviting environment to promote diversity. 2. Provide flashing lights on Euclid between East 193rd Street to East 195th Street. Safety should always be a priority for families and their school she children. 3. Develop a plan to better serve our community utilizing our Administration. Sincerely and Thank you for your service. And that was from Karen Murray.

President Mancuso – Thank you.

Clerk Allen – Next one arrived today, April 20th at 11:00 AM this is from Jacquelyn Adams 1490 East 204th Street, Euclid, Ohio 44117. As a Euclid resident, I'd like to address a few initiatives for consideration via grant or city economic appropriation:

1. The return of the Weed and Seed Bike Patrol
2. Flashing Lights needed on Euclid Avenue, between E. 193rd and E. 204th Streets
3. Continued plans for the Mini Station on Euclid Avenue

Each item has the opportunity to enhance long-term safety, sustainability and community residential support. Thank you for your attention to this matter.
Regards, Jacquelyn Adams

President Mancuso – Next one.....

Clerk Allen – The next came in from Rose M. Allen arrived today, April 20th at 5:56 PM. Rose M. Allen, 26241 Lake Shore Blvd

First, I want to send kudos to Euclid Fire Chief Chris Haddock, for his exceptional leadership of the Euclid Fire Department. Because of his forethought, knowledge, training and continuing education, the Euclid Fire Department is probably the best prepared fire department anywhere. Chief Haddock's tremendous effort to make sure that his team is beyond prepared, is to be commended. He is also making sure that they have necessary protective equipment, to keep them as safe as possible. To our elected officials, when he requests funding for the department, you can be very confident that the funds will be well spent. Euclid residents can be assured that the Euclid Fire Department is MORE than prepared for any type of emergency situations that may develop. My opinion is that they are prepared for what most people could not imagine happening in Euclid. His entire team is a true asset to Euclid. To television producers, I say, maybe it is time for a show called "Euclid Fire"!!! Now on to my other items. I read recently that since recycling pick up is now limited to what can fit into the containers, the Mayor is considering locating an

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alternate drop off location for the excess items. Has such a location been identified? Also will there be a location for Euclid residents, who do not have the recycling containers, to be able to drop off recycling? Is there any effort toward creating a crosswalk on Lake Shore Blvd between East 260th and East 266th? I am hoping that Governor DeWine will NOT have to visit Euclid because of a resident's death, due to the lack of a crosswalk. The death of an East Cleveland's resident caused him to visit East Cleveland. Good night to you all and stay safe.

Clerk Allen – And the last e-mail that came in or communication that came in really, arrived today, April 20th at 6:01 P.M This came from Allisa Boles, her address is 35 E 202. Good afternoon, please share the following at tonight's meeting: During this time of crisis, I wanted to make sure everyone is aware of a few resources that are available.

Legal Aid

The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland has a variety of resources on its web site. While they are not presently doing in-person intakes, you can still call during normal business hours and online intake is available 24/7. In addition to their Tenant Information Line, they now have a Worker Information Line. People with questions about employment rights, benefits or unemployment assistance should call 216-861-5899 in Cuyahoga County or 440-210-4532 from Ashtabula, Geauga, Lake or Lorain Counties. The Tenant Information Line helps answer questions about housing rights for tenants. Tenants should call 216-861-5955 in Cuyahoga County or 440-210-4533 from Ashtabula, Geauga, Lake or Lorain Counties.

Wellness

Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Resources offers a few ways to access services.

Ohio Crisis Text Line

Text keyword "4HOPE" to 741 741

OhioMHAS Help Line

1-877-275-6364

Disaster Distress Helpline.

1-800-985-5990. You can also text "TalkWithUs" to 66746.

You can find **Find Substance Use Disorder and Mental Health Treatment at:** <https://findtreatment.gov>

AA has always had phone and online meetings. To find a meeting, go to: AAMeetingFinder.org .

Home-Schooling

The Great Lakes Science Center is streaming Curiosity Corner LIVE! To provide STEM learning opportunities every day. It is free and streams on the Great Lakes Science Center YouTube channel every day at 10:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. Previous episodes are available as well.

Arts & Culture

The Cleveland International Film Festival is now streaming online. To purchase a ticket to enjoy a film from home, visit ClevelandFilm.org.

Hang in there everyone!
Thank You, Allisa Boles

President Mancuso – Thank you.

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Clerk Allen – And that will be all.

President Mancuso – Mayor Gail.....

Mayor Holzheimer Gail – Thank you, I can address a couple of those items first the two first comments, thank you for your suggestions we will certainly consider those as we put together plans going forward. Ms. Allen’s question of about additional recycling drop off, we do not have plans to add additional recycling drop off with the change in Kimble we were exploring whether it made sense to bring in a roll off dumpster or some other avenue for additional garbage or yard waste or the large item. Unfortunately for the same reasons that Kimble is not doing that we don’t want to put our workers at risk and there’s also in terms of touching and picking up additional things and it’s also very difficult to get roll off dumpsters at this time and to get them picked up. So our hope really is that residents hold onto that stuff, keep it in your garage or in your house if you can so it doesn’t blow around, this is not going to be long term so we will have the opportunity, you will have the opportunity to put that type of material out again, I don’t know if Director Knecht has anything to add to that but there are, there are some opportunities that we do have either construction debris, there’s a company in Valley View, Boyas Excavating that is taking construction debris, for furniture/appliances and move-outs Harbor Road Transfer Station on Harbor Road in Newburg Height will take it, and then residents can always call 1-800-GOT-JUNK for a pick up, of course there is a cost to that. So we know, I think until we all, when we have something we don’t realize how fortunate we are. Euclid is I think one of the few cities that does still allow you to put out all that stuff with your regular garbage collection. This is again as I said a temporary change in service due to the Coronavirus, both to keep Kimble’s employees safe but also to make sure that they can continue to provide and preform the service of garbage collection and recycling and so we really ask the residents to work with us on this hold off on any materials that will not fit into your carts so that we can get through this and their employees can stay healthy and safe and get back to work regular services as soon as possible. I think Director Holody and Director Knecht addressed the other question about the crosswalks on Euclid Avenue or on Lakeshore earlier in the comment. So appreciation the comments the residents provided.

President Mancuso – Thank you, we will now move on to Councilman’s Comments and we begin with Councilwoman Jukic tonight.....

COUNCILMAN’S COMMENTS

Councilwoman Jukic – Hello everyone. I just want to acknowledge this ride that we’ve all been on for the last month. The last time we saw each other was more than a month ago and when I think of what we’ve all been through since then, it’s just... I, I just want to acknowledge that the challenge that we’ve all been under the last month or so and it sounds like we’re going to continue to have a challenge as we slowly and carefully kind of re-enter society. So I want to give encouragement to the people of the city and also hope that we can get through this together with just individual actions of following the suggestions and helping each other and doing all that and one step at a time, we’ll get through this. That’s all I wanted to say.

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

Councilman Wojtila – We’re going out of order.

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President Mancuso – Oh am I, oh no, oh no, who's next? Christine, I'm sorry, Councilwoman Gorshe, sorry, sorry I'm lookin' like what, what, what, what, putting them in order would have been helpful.....

Councilwoman Gorshe – You have some of us going what, if that was a test that we were listening we are, so yes it's good to be together again although strangely odd. I guess that we can say that these times are strangely odd. But really the Mayor said it well when she opened up this meeting that there's been acts of kindness of coming together, and learning new things and cleaning stuff out and being kind, it's, it's just incredible when the chips are down like some of the big things that we though really matter doesn't and the things that we now know matter hopefully going forward and coming out of this we will all be better for it. I just really want to thank our first responders our city workers who are still do it all essential, I too am essential, I've been called a lot of things in my life but never essential so I'm essential. And I'm fortunate to be so. I want to thank the neighbors who have drawn hearts and brightened sidewalks with chalk, yard signs or put stuffed animals in their windows, thank you to the businesses that are really stepping up and, and giving back to the community. Greg Lawrence at the Lakeshore Coffee House is giving back by donating coffee daily to nurses, doctors and hospitals and food banks and taking that around. That's just being kind and generous. Also would like to thank Nager, Romaine and Schneiberg for donating 200 meals to the ones in our community that are most in need and I would love to thank my colleagues Epps and Caviness who helped carry that torch out there. I've met some really nice people as we're dropping and flying these gift certificates off so most in need get a meal and they can pick off the menu which is very generous, so thank you. Just want to mention the Mini-Station has been brought up a few times this evening and before all of this came to be I was think safe and staying at home the Assets Committee meeting had a pretty good thing going until it was stopped in its tracks so we are going to be talking about the mini-station once we get back to whatever the new normal is. Mrs. Grida and I will be talking about the survey that went out that it seems like a year ago although it was probably only 6 weeks or more, so stay tuned for that, we have not forgotten that. Again we're, we're all here for you, if you need anything please reach out, it will be our pleasure to assist you and with that Madame Chair I will bid everybody a safe and healthy goodnight.

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

Councilwoman Caviness – Yes Madame Chair. Good evening to everyone, it's so great to see everyone. It has, it seems like it's been months, at least 6 months since I've seen you guys, but it's only been a while. I'd like to thank everyone in the community who is reached out and, and given a hand to someone in need. I mean during this unprecedented time, I have seen so much generosity in our city and in this, this virus that seems to have separated us actually has seemed too brought, it has brought us together more and I really wanted to thank everyone. I want to echo what Councilwoman Gorshe said about our first responders, Service Department you know we don't appreciate them enough until now. And to realize that they're running to problems and getting into situations that we're trying to stay away from so I'd like to thank them tremendously for that and also for some of the business's that have helped out in showing their appreciation. I'd like to thank George Lipsis from Gyro George who donated Gyro's to our Euclid Fire Department and Euclid Police Department and may I mention that I had totally enjoyed watching our police department with "Coffee with a Cop" online, it has been so much fun watching them become celebrities especially Officer George and his hair and what it will look like the next week and I think it's, it's airing every Tuesday at 10 o'clock online so if you can watch it please do, you learn a lot about our police department and what our city is going through right now. With that I'd like to say thank you again and Oh, when our orders are lifted please don't forget your masks it reminds me

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of the movie scene where one of the dads said “Johnny, where’s your mask?” So I always try to remember my mask but stay safe everyone, stay healthy goodnight.

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

Councilman Moore – Thank you Madame Chair. To all of Euclid, although the idea of stay home and stay safe seems so simple it is truly very complicated we are in historic times right now but the good news is that we have the ability in this season to defeat the Covid-19 but I’d also like to say to those of us who includes me who would be graduating here in 2020 just remember we still appreciate all of these students whether in College, Elementary, High School the accomplishments that you made are still great we will celebrate you as soon as we get together but right now know regardless of the fact that we’re not going back to class this year, you are still loved, you’re still appreciated, you still did a wonderful job in your classes and for any of us that are introverts this maybe a okay time but those that are extroverts this is probably a very difficult time so just remember all of us to reach out to somebody you have not heard from, not seen, we have to stay connected and if it’s by the phone, by zoom, any other medium please let’s try to remember everybody and stay connected as we can as best we can. And with that I’ll say goodnight. Thank you.

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

Councilman Epps – Thank you Madame Chair. I to would like to say just for all the residents in our community I’ve seen in every part of Euclid so many different acts of kindness and generosity I agree with my colleagues that say that these times seem to have brought folks closer together which is pretty ironic considering the distancing and restraints that we’re all under right now so just want to commend everybody for continuing to do what you can you know I saw individuals on social media who have been telling nurses and medical personnel folks who are essential workers to drop their Cash App underneath their, in their comments below and Cash App and dollars to try to help those folks with, just show their appreciation with all that they’re doing during this time so I definitely want to encourage folks to do that if you have a little extra to give now’s definitely the time to show your neighbor that you care about them and that you care about your community overall. These are unprecedented times and I think that as others have said it’s a time to reflect if nothing else, on what’s important in life and then just being safe as well and so I think we all need to be taken this opportunity and just re, re-evaluate life, faith and our values and things that are important to us and some of those things that we are willing to give to our neighbors and give to our fellow community leaders and fellow residents a way to do that. I also want to make sure I let folks know that Dave Nagar who is an attorney here in, Ward 3, has his firm here in Euclid he is being cherished and _____ throughout this community for many, many, many years for what he has done, Councilwoman Gorshe began to elaborate I just want to take it a step further and say that providing thousands of dollars of worth of meals but the way it’s been done is that folks that have been given the opportunity to actually look at that _____ it’s just \$10.00 per person they’re actually been fed it’s a good for folks to diversify their meals during this time, that’s been awesome. And I just want to commend him, not only with the turkeys that he gives during Thanksgiving time, but stepping up during this time as well and reaching out to Councilwoman Gorshe and making it clear that he wants to be assisting. I think that this is a way if you know business owners, colleagues if you know folks who want that part identify small business right here in the community that they’re willing to donate the money to pay the tab, give folks the vouchers, so that they can actually go and in support the business, it supports and helps families diversify meals and it’s really, really been great and working together with Councilwoman Caviness and Councilwoman Gorshe and just criss cross and the

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community with people and trying to distribute these things, having some fun and folks are really appreciative so I just want to make sure that David Nager and, and his staff get their _____ they deserve for what they've done during this time because it's really been great. A couple of things I want to address to the real quick, I'm not sure Mayor Gail if there's something the Service Department or if there's a way, my colleagues may be able to be more creative but we have concerns from residence in apartment complexes in my ward, with the parks being closed and kids being out of school and people also letting their animals out and even if they're pooping scooping there's still feces in the grass and with the kids increasing, they're play increase there all in the grass I'm not sure they're something temporarily if this is going to move past May 1st, as far as a park enclosed to try to make sure that we, I guess one way, is to let folks at home now know that if there's a way for you to take your dog off to a park or where kids aren't congregating or off somewhere else where kids aren't playing to actually allow your dogs to relieve themselves especially during this time it's extremely important because they're families who are so concerned about their kids playing outside make sure that come about so I wanted to make and get that addressed tonight and then I also wanted.....

President Mancuso – Councilman, you got. Did you see? Councilman, Councilman Epps.

Councilman Epps - that the Administration

President Mancuso – Councilman Epps

Councilman Epps – about updating with information that is there or opportunities and resources that are out there are available for use if you don't and those of you who aren't if you go to cityofeuclid.com they are doing a great job keeping that information updated, so if you're looking for information you can use that also to folks here in ward 3 (216) 200-0249 if there is something that you need or if there is something I can help you with definitely reach out to me. Myself, my family and my chapter is here to help you as well. I also wanted to let folks know about taxes and the announcement that was made, an extension has been put into place and although city hall is closed, get yourself to city hall and you can drop those returns right outside the city hall door. This is great, that that's the system that's in place and I want to make sure that folks know that that system is in place as well.

President Mancuso – Councilman, Councilman, Councilman

Councilman Epps – I also want to thank Allisa Boles

President Mancuso – Councilman, Councilman, Councilman

Councilman Epps - for great information,

President Mancuso – Councilman, Councilman

Councilman Epps - she's been great during the pandemic with information for our residents as well as tonight at tonight's meeting with her remarks and comments that's something that's awesome as well and we appreciate your commitment to Euclid, I think that's all.....

President Mancuso – Councilman, Councilman

Councilman Epps – I have at that point. I also want to say congratulations to

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Councilman Epps – The Mayor and the Administration, 1,233 that’s awesome, yes.....

President Mancuso – Our Council Clerk was giving you your 5 minute thing like 3 minutes ago, are, are you finished? I don’t wanta, I don’t wanta rush you but, now I can’t hear you, are you done can we move on?

Councilman Epps – I keep getting muted and unmuted by the host

President Mancuso – I know, alright, it’s alright, we’ll get it figured out. Can I move on to your colleague? Good Okay, Councilwoman McIntosh.....

Councilman Epps – I was just gonna say, I stopped talking about 3 minutes ago but I’m being muted by the host

President Mancuso – It’s okay, it’s okay.

Councilman Epps – Yes you can, whoever the host is who keeps muting me, I’m trying to tell.....

Councilwoman McIntosh – Okay, thank you to everybody who’s joined us this evening it is really good to see everyone, everyone’s filling their faces I know I am getting a little case of cabin fever while I’m in here, so really important to get outside and enjoy the sunshine while it’s out. Huge thanks to all essential workers, public service workers, everybody at City Hall, Fire Department, Police Department, medical professionals, everybody who’s doing their part to, and residents to keep everyone safe and healthy during this time. I do just want to just quickly mention a few things going on in the month of April, April is, this April this year is Ohio’s First Annual Native Plant Month, so when you are out gardening consider planting some native species in your garden _____ you can visit some sites like Cuyahoga Soil, Soil and Water Conservation District or the Chagrin River Watershed Partners for more info on what a native species would be a suitable one for your garden. Also Earth Day is this Wednesday, April 22nd and there is always a theme and this year it is Climate Action so you know Climate Change represents and is a tremendous challenge to the future of humanity and so we all need to do our part to make the world a more habitable place and just be more conscious with sustainability. On Friday, go out and enjoy a hike, a socially distanced hike, perhaps in Euclid Creek or around SIMS Park, the Waterfront Project and then finally I just want to recognize the city of Community Projects Manager Alison Lukacsy Love, she was featured in the April edition of Cleveland Magazine as a female architect that is shaping Cleveland. So the article focuses on her work here in Euclid and mostly the Waterfront Improvement Project but also noted is numerous community organizing activities, she does live in Collinwood and she does a lot of community organizing and we are very lucky to have her here working on our project. So thanks to Alison and thanks to everybody at City Hall, Council, residents and everyone and anyone who is helping amidst this public health crisis, so thank you take care of each other and be well.

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

Councilman Wojtila – Thank you Madame Chair, I heard mentioned earlier in the meeting about a new Arborist, Chris Grant retiring is that effective already or is that coming soon, can you give us the name of the new Arborist or not yet.

President Mancuso – Mayor Gail.....

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Mayor Holzheimer Gail – Chris is still with us but Andre Trapp has been filling in with that role when Chris is out.

Councilman Wojtila – So for now keep going to Chris then?

Mayor Holzheimer Gail – I would go, Dan, Director Knecht should people, council go to Andre now or still Chris?

Director Knecht – Chris will be here until the middle of May so he is available until then and then we will switch over to Andre.

Councilman Wojtila – Thank you and will we be having a budget, new budget information or reports?

President Mancuso – You stole my thunder there Councilman Wojtila. Yeah, and I and the Mayor will also speak to it we, we have been through some pretty tight times here so while we have passed the budget we will have to go back and re-look at it once things have started to move going down the line so we will probably be doing budget hearings again, we don't have any dates set yet but its, it's almost inevitable that we have to look at what the city is going forward.

Councilman Wojtila – Do we get first

President Mancuso – Mayor Gail.....

Mayor Holzheimer Gail – So Director Smith and all of the Directors and Chiefs really have been looking at our budgets we will be putting together a task force or a work group to really look at the budget long term, it's a little bit early through March we're actually ahead of projections in terms of income tax but as every call I'm on you know Mayor's Groups and Ohio Municipal League, I think Director Smith was on with the Finance Directors today, you know there's going to be cuts to potentially State Funding to Federal Funding to the gas tax to our income tax, we don't have, we're looking at trends this, you know month-to-month, you know again through March we were in decent shape, we'll have to wait and see how April but a big piece of April is typically the income tax that, that will certainly be down this month but we hope to see a bump up in July that we don't typically see, so we're going to have to watch over the next couple of months you know just so that the residents know and council we've shared this with you we did make difficult decisions to layoff our part, some of our part-time employees and at least where we do not have work any longer, many of our employees are working but working reduced hours so utilizing some of their accrued time to make up for that, we you know we'll certainly be instituting a hiring freeze and only making essential purchases until we see what the, what the impact of this is going to be. The other piece that we're watching is, you know the, the aid packets that are being passed at the Federal level and State level the advocacy push right now is to provide some direct support to local governments and smaller communities, one of the first phases included some funding to the larger cities 500,000 in population and above, for the counties there's really been no guidance yet on the state money and will pass some down to local government. There is some funding available we were awarded some extra funding through Block Grant, the Community Block Grant and I'm still waiting on some guidance on what that can be spent for. So there's, you know we've been watching and beginning to make some plans but we anticipate you know with Council we having probably starting next Executive Finance Work Session really we'll be able to provide you with some data on where we are, what some of the projections that we're seeing and you know what we're proposing to do to make up for that.

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Councilman Wojtila – Thank you, and then my last question is for Director Sweeney, can you give us an update on Celebration Village on Hillandale, what have you heard, if the School Board is planning to vote on that and when it will come to us, is there any update on that I'd appreciate it?

Director Sweeney – Madame Chair to the Councilman. The school treasurer did ask for an extension so that letter I believe that's May 15th if that's that Friday, so they have an extension until May 15th you know they're in the same boat as us I think they've had at least one zoom meeting, I don't know if they've had more than one, they do want to vote I hope that it happens in May if we have to extend from May 15th for another month that could happen but they are hoping to maybe vote in May. They Mayor did talk to Mr. LoPresti with the development team I don't know if she has anything to add about her conversation but they, they understand that we're all in this boat and their being patient and waiting, waiting for the process to take its part.

President Mancuso – Mayor Gail.....

Mayor Holzheimer Gail – The only thing I'd add Madame Chair to Councilman Wojtila and the team, I did talk to Michael Barret, you know the team is still committed to do the project, they certainly understand with the Covid Pandemic and the health crisis that, that's not the top of anyone's priority at the moment so they you know have no problem giving time to get through this and then make a decision later than you know end of May, you know May to June.

Councilman Wojtila – Thank you. I'll say goodnight.

President Mancuso – Thank you as I mentioned you know don't be surprised if we see in May some dates popping up to do an Executive Session or Executive and Finance meeting to go over budget. I want to say bravo, to all of my colleagues you're all stellar, administration, council you all did this very well I think you got the point across to everybody we're still here, we're still working, it might look a little different, it might feel a little different but I, I'm really proud to be part of this group that has individuals that 1. Committed to learning the skill that didn't know it before and 2. In sharing it with all of the public so they can see that work is continuing on. So with that, I will ask if there's any other issues to come before council, if not I'll take a motion to adjourn. So moved by Councilman Epps; seconded by Councilwoman Gorshe.

All in favor
Yeas: Unanimous

We are adjourned.

ADJOURNMENT

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