

## **EUCLID CITY COUNCIL MEETING JUNE 1, 2020**

The Euclid City Council meeting was held on Monday, June 1, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. using virtual meeting abilities via Zoom. President Mancuso presided.

Good evening and welcome to the Euclid City Council meeting, on this Monday, June 1 2020. We are going to ask Councilwoman McIntosh to lead us in the pledge of allegiance.

Thank you.

Madame Clerk, would you please call the roll of the members? Would you call the roll of the members?

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

Thank you. For any of the folks that are joining us.....

Director Sweeney – Madame Chair, can you please excuse Councilman Epps. Thank you.

President Mancuso – Oh, I’m sorry. Alright, thank you. Can I have a motion to excuse Councilman Epps? So moved by Councilwoman McIntosh, seconded by Councilwoman Jukic.

All in favor  
Yeah: Unanimous

Others Present: Assistant to the Mayor Grida, Law Director Sweeney, Planning and Development Director Holody, Chief Meyer, Service Director Knecht and Council Clerk Allen.

Council President – Thank you, now we will move on to a statement for those of you who may not have joined us before for our electronic meeting. This meeting is being held electronically which is permissive per the Ohio State legislator’s passage of House Bill 197 Amendment G 0351-2. The public does have electronic access to such meetings and may view our Council meetings live through the following Spectrum channel 1020, U-verse channel 99 and the Euclid Community Television channel on YouTube.com. If as a public you have any questions or comments for the Committee of the Whole for legislative Matters please e-mail the Clerk of Council, Barbara Allen at [BAllen@cityofeuclid.com](mailto:BAllen@cityofeuclid.com) or fax her at 216-289-2779, no later than 6:00 p.m. the evening of the meeting. Please include your name and address on any questions or comments, if the name and address is not included your questions or comments cannot be read. Questions and comments are limited to 5 minutes, questions raised about legislative matters will be answered when that subject is being specifically addressed, if you have questions or comments before the Committee of the Whole for the Public Portion of the council meeting, please e-mail again our Council Clerk, Barbara Allen at [ballen@cityofeuclid.com](mailto:ballen@cityofeuclid.com) or fax 216-289-2779 no later than the beginning of the discussion of the last item on the agenda. Please include your name and

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address again with questions or comments so that the questions or the comments can be read. All questions and comments are limited to 5 minutes per our code 121.18 and with that I am now going to ask if there are any communications. Please unmute, unmute. Please unmute.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

Clerk Allen – No, none at this time.

### **COUNCIL MINUTES**

President Mancuso – Thank you, and we will go to Councilwoman Caviness for Council Minutes?

Councilwoman Caviness – Alright, thank you Madame Chair, I move to accept the following Council Minutes and that's from May the 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

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

All in favor

Yeas: Unanimous

Any opposed? Seeing none.

We will move on to Administration Reports and Communications, Mayor Gail.....

### **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Mayor Holzheimer Gail - Thank you Madame Chair, good evening members of council, and those watching us, I just have one statement that I'd like to share with all of you tonight. This past week's events have been difficult to watch and painful the horrible and graphic killing of George Floyd in Minneapolis and the subsequent riots across the nation have shaken the foundation our country. Racial intolerance and institutional mistrust are widespread critical problems and many locations around the country clearly have reached their tipping points. Fortunately this weekend was a peaceful one in Euclid and there were no incidents of civil unrest, understandably there is pain, anger and frustration across the country and right here at home. It is imperative that as a community we affirm our commitment to equity and justice for all people. It is imperative that we reaffirm that Euclid is one community that we value all of our residents and that we are committed to strengthening our neighborhoods and our institutions. It is important for our community to be aware of the steps that have been taken within the Euclid Police Department to ensure fairness and equity in our law enforcement and to build a stronger bond with our community. Our police department is committed to maintaining the safety and security of our residents, our businesses and our visitors, their mission is to serve without cultural bias, social intolerance and with a deep respect for our inalienable rights. This mission is reflected and reinforced in their ongoing annual training among other topics all officers are trained in recognizing their own culturally inherent bias, respecting cultural diversity, ethics and professionalism. They train in verbal de-escalating tense situations and they apply that de-escalating, those de-escalation skills in scenario based training. In situations where

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physical force is unavoidable they are trained in techniques that minimize the risk of harm to both suspects and themselves. Our training programs strive to equip officers with the skills they need to successfully and conscientiously police our city. In Euclid, all our uses of forces by police regardless of how minor are documented and reviewed at multiple levels to assure that these incidents are conducted within the boundaries of the law and within Department policies. The police department is committed to diversity and creating and maintaining an open dialogue with all members of the community regardless of race, gender, religion, economic status, sexual orientation or culture. In January the new Euclid Police Community Services Division was created. This division brings several resources under one umbrella in order to maximize the benefit of maintaining community partnerships, providing department transparency and respecting the many voices throughout our city. The department has increased its community outreach activities to build stronger relationships and trust across the community. From the beginning of my career in Euclid I have worked to bring residents of Euclid together, we see great examples of this in our neighborhoods in our schools at the senior center, in our recreations programs, at our community events and in our faith communities. The everyday relationships, conversations and interactions of kindness and respect make a difference. The foundation that we have built and continue to fortify of a strong, united, diverse community is there, but certainly we have more to do. Euclid can be a shining light and set an example for the rest of the nation of how a city of such wonderful diversity can live together with a shared sense of community and love. As Mayor and as Safety Director I reaffirm my commitment to working for a better Euclid and a more just and equitable society and I ask that you all do the same. Thank you Madame Chair that's all the announcements this evening.

President Mancuso – Thank you. We now have Councilman Epps on board with us. We will next go to Committee Documentation and we did have an Executive and Finance Committee meeting held on May 20<sup>th</sup> where we discussed the financial update as the city has been impacted by Covid-19. We were given budgetary and tax presentations by Director Smith and our Tax Administrator Caplick concerning our current state of affairs. The Committee members were repeatedly told and made very clear that we will not have a true picture of our financial outlook until the third or fourth quarter of 2020 and Director Smith and Mayor Gail discussed several steps that the administration is taking to reduce any of the potential deficits we might have. We also, the Tax Administrator also talked about delinquencies this year vs 2019 and the Mayor talked about putting some of the road resurfacing projects on hold for now. One other topic that was discussed is that Mayor Smith and, Director Smith and Mayor Gail discussed the potential to raise the trash fee as we are still paying \$798,242 from the General Fund in addition to the current household fee that is being collected. Committee members were made aware any adjustments to the trash fee would need to be legislated and sent to the county by September 2020 and that is the jest of the, the summary of the report. I will turn it over to Councilwoman Caviness.....

Councilwoman Caviness – Thank you Madame Chair. I move to receive and accept the following committee documentations: The Board of Control held on May the 18th and May the 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020 and the Executive and Finance committee meeting held on May 20, 2020.

President Mancuso – Thank you, do I have a second? So moved by, seconded by Councilman Epps.

All in favor

Yeas: Unanimous

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Thank you, any apposed? Seeing none.

### **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE FOR LEGISLATIVE MATTERS ONLY**

We are now going to go on to the Committee of the Whole for Legislative Matters, where our Council Clerk will read into the record those items as I mentioned earlier that were presented before 6PM tonight. All will have name and address and they will be 5 minutes in length. And I will turn it over to our Council Clerk, Barb Allen.....

Clerk Allen – Thank you Council President. Our first item came in June the first, today at 12:08 I received a letter from Debra Williams in regards to item number 8 on the agenda today. She says "Good evening everyone, my name is, everybody, my name is Debra Williams and I live at 1501 East 256" Street. I am here to speak on Item #8. I've been a homeowner in the City of Euclid for over 30 years. I have always lived in Ward 3. I have been living on East 256" Street for the past 25 years. I can say it has really been a horrible change. I have had to deal with the people in Richmond Gardens and it has been, it hasn't been pleasant. Before they tore the garages down, the kids would climb on the garage, jump on my garage, jump on the roof of my back room and run back and forth, knocking on my bedroom and bathroom windows and even trying to open my windows. I had to take the air conditioner out of the window because they were trying to take it out and installed alarms on them. I told the police if they fall through my roof, I'm going to kill them for coming in my house. I said if they fall through my garage they will surely die because I don't go in there because I'm afraid. I have young people smoking weed in the back of my garage and they actually had put some old stairs there so they can sit there and smoke and drink and leave the empty liquid and beer bottles. So they tear the garages down, now I have them cutting through the back yard all day and night, shooting out in the parking lot and running from the police through the openings and yes I have witnessed this with my own eyes. My neighbor had, has had guns pulled on her for walking out her back door and telling them to get out her yard. I am PETRIFIED, I, to use my back door because I don't know what, who or what is hiding behind my garage. I had someone jump out from behind my garage once and I will not let that happen to me again. I don't go in the back yard unless I must, which mean I keep my garage cans closer to the front to avoid the back. I go out one morning to get in my car only to notice a big black garage bag in the back yard. I waited until I got back home to check it out because it was 6 am. Someone had thrown their trash in my backyard instead of putting it in their dumpster. This has happened on several occasion and I have to be the one to get out there and clean it up. IT IS NOT FAIR TO ME...My neighbor was in the back of the garage and told me to come here, I go back there and what I see, that they have not only thrown all this garbage behind my garage but old tires and everything else. I was sitting in the house and heard some noise in the back, I went back there and there was someone with a chair looking through my back window. My neighbor asked me have I seen anyone putting trash in her garbage can because her can is always full too, I said no. A couple weeks later I heard someone putting trash in the can not a big deal only to find out that they are now putting trash in my garbage can (which is in the front) and walking on down the street. Why can't they use the dumpster that is provided to them instead of using our trash cans? Now where does my trash belong? I need to know who is going to clean up the back of my garage because I am not, who is going to keep us safe when is something going to be done, it's always something going on but NOTHING is being done. That playground is horrible and not safe for the kids to play in. They over their smoking weed, crack, fighting, drinking, but this is where my grandkids supposed to play, I don't think so. I have to leave my horrible neighbor

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to take my grandkids someplace else to place. This has been going on for YEEEAARRS! Section 8 has taken over that apartment complex and no I am not knocking Section 8 because there are people that really need it especially older and disabled but come on. Will it ever end I will, will I ever feel safe again, this is something going to be done. My question is now, is, what is supposed to propose of those big bright lights on the back of the building, nothing has changed but now they have lights to see what they are doing. Now what's happening on East 256" Street. There was a time I could sit with my door and windows open while I sit downstairs watching tv until about 2 or 3 in the morning with no problem. That was a thing of the past. The drug houses and deals has taken over, especially on the higher.....

President Mancuso – Council Clerk, Council Clerk, I'm sorry to interrupt you, but we've surpassed our 5 minutes what I would say to the resident as she knew that it would be 5 minutes that we may be able to entertain some of this after we have gone through the actual legislation but at this point and time I would ask you to move on to the next one and we'll discuss this with her if we don't have another opportunity.

Clerk Allen – Alright.

President Mancuso – Thank you.

Clerk Allen – The next item comes, came in today at 3:00 this is from Christina Gable who resides at 1557 Knuth Avenue, Euclid, Ohio 44132 Also wants to speak regarding item agenda 8 on the agenda, she says "Good afternoon councilman. I just gonna give you a running list for the sake of time. I live at Parkside Gardens Apartments in Ward 3. 1. Unsecured Mailboxes for the last 4 yrs. Addressed issue, NO results. Financial Hazard for residents and now for people who are working from home with business mail and income checks coming in (Serious Problem specially now due to Covid 19). 2. Parking lots unpaved. Housing agency has stated that they will no longer pay rent for people in housing due to parking lots condition. Parking lot is considered in the rent. 3. Bad Pluming inside apartments and surrounding grounds. 4. Lack of maintenance workers to handle resident's issues in dwellings. EVEN BEFORE COVID19). 5. Drug Trafficking, squatters, people partying in laundry rooms and sleeping in hallways. 6. Timely snow shoveling for people who need to get out for work in mornings and no considerations in place for people in wheel chairs and walkers. These problems have been constantly talked about but little action to rectify the problems considering its been more than two yrs. with same issues. The response has been in last few yrs. "We are new management. Give us time" Now the reasoning is We can't do anything until Covid19 is resolved. Parkside Garden Apts. have been on television because of the bad conditions. I'm hoping that change is really possible.

President Mancuso – Thank you, next.

Clerk Allen – Our next item came in today, it's actually timed at 1:37 it was forwarded to me on item number 8, tonight's agenda as well. I am Leiajuana Gordon, I hope I pronounced that correctly, of 25820 Tungsten Rd. Euclid, Ohio and I am submitting this letter texting it to you Our Councilman to be read at the next Council meeting, the next meeting please. Good evening, this is my letter to whom it my concern. I am writing this letter to inform you of what is going on in our community and around our community and also our

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complex here where I live. I have been here for several years now since 2016 it's been a lot going on here as far as breaking, having squatters, to many complaints from myself and a lot of other tenant's complaints. Also from not having enough maintenance workers for repairs or cleaning or in general not having the supplies that they need to have to do the repairs. To me for the last three years having tenants over my head who are so disrespectful and not wanting to respect themselves or others who may live around or under them they have only lived here 6 to 8 months and have aged ranging from 18 to 20 for each year including now with the tenant above me now I have to paint since day one to the leasing office the police also speaking to the Councilman for help this has been hell for me each year. I am 54 and disabled I have multiple sclerosis epilepsy and asthma also fibromyalgia living with me for the last two years I have a companion / Therapy dog for also this has been kind of hard on him because now when he hears all the bumping in door slamming he looks at me as if he knows not, not now how he should really respond because I have stopped him from barking which we've never had a complaint about him not one time he only barks when it is necessary now he looks confused. I have submitted letters to each set of people who have been in that office about my health I was told it is not their choice who moves in the apartments I don't understand why I go through this every year this year I had a break for 2 1/2 months and now I have another disrespectful turn above me I have complained several times about to the leasing office police and Councilman Epps. And for my last choice I also try to get in contact with the Friedman who I thought was the ones who were owning our property now I have had no one returned the call I don't have many choices don't have a Lot of money can't just pack up and leave. When I moved here it was security enough maintenance enough cleaning people to take care of what I thought was going to be a short-term stay but has turned into a long term only because I can't get out I don't always feel safe here I do believe it is affecting my health. This that the people's councilman is trying to do for us here tonight is a step in the right direction in helping me. Please don't ignore us. We need your help, help us. Thank you.

President Mancuso – Thank you, next.

Clerk Allen – Next item came in at 2:39, this came from Audrey and Victor Goodman, of 20201 Glen Russ Lane, Euclid, Ohio 44117. This is in regards to Agenda #7. We both strongly feel that there has to be some way for real time citizen participation on both agenda items as well as the general Committee of the Whole. Situations and thoughts change as Euclid citizens are watching the Zoom meetings; and yet, as currently required, citizens must pre-write comments. This totally eliminates reacting to statements and items discussed by council. This could possibly be resolved by a citizen requesting a Zoom slot that they would be informed by a text or email when their approximate 5 minute allotted time would be. This would be their only time that they would be allowed to participate thus, live; thus eliminating multiple people talking out of turn. If the citizen would have questions during their time, they should be allowed to remain live in the event they have follow up questions or comments. President Mancuso – Thank you, next. Is there another one.

Clerk Allen – Council President that is the last one I have in regards to legislative matters.

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## LEGISLATION

President Mancuso – Okay, thank you very much, so with that we will go to our Legislative agenda and I would ask our Council Clerk to read into the record our first agenda item.

**1. Ordinance 50-2020 (052-20) Sale of PPN 641-10-062; 18900 Meredith Avenue to Valerie Gamble**

An ordinance authorizing the sale of Permanent Parcel Number 641-10-062, vacant land at 18900 Meredith Avenue, from the Euclid Land Bank, to Valerie Gamble for the amount of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) as authorized by Ordinance Nos. 98-2010 and 101-2011

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

All in favor

Yeas: Unanimous

Any apposed, seeing none, we will go to Director Holody to begin the discussion.....

Director Holody – Thank you Madame Chair, members of council. This proposed sale was reviewed and recommended for approval through the planning and zoning commission at its meeting on May 12<sup>th</sup>. The prospective buyer lives in the house immediately east of this lot, she would like to purchase the land bank lot for yard expansion, the lot was transferred to the City of Euclid's land bank in December of 2018 through the foreclosure process. The lot is 6,800 square feet in size. So in accordance with the council adopted, sales perimeters the purchase price is \$1,000 in addition to transferring funds into our general fund through the sales price the sale will also alleviate the city of the burden to maintain the lot and will put the property back into productive use and in a taxable position with the county. So for those reasons I am recommending approval of this sale and I'm happy answer any questions that you may have.

President Mancuso – Thank you, council discussion. Councilman Jarosz.....

Councilman Jarosz – Thank you Madame Chair, just being a Ward 4, checked it out, etc. Don't see any issue have no objection to this land bank purchase.

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

Councilwoman Caviness – Thank you Madame Chair. I just wanted to mention that I did watch the P and Z meeting when this resident appeared before the P and Z Committee and what I liked about her comment was, when they asked her why she wanted the property, she said that it beautiful and it was peaceful over there and she just likes it so I think that it's something, just to hear the idea that it's peaceful made me feel good and that she wants to be a part of our, our community and it's showing that by actually buying another property next to her. So I'm definitely in favor of it.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ordinance Passes.

President Mancuso – Thank you, Madame Clerk, would you read the second agenda item into the record.

**2. Resolution 51-2020 (053-20) Approval of Conditional Use Permit for Chamere Crawford, Mini Miracles 22630 Shore Center Drive**

A resolution granting a modified conditional use approval based on a change in “the range and characteristic of the use” of a previously approved Conditional Use Permit pursuant to Section 1359.03(d)(4) and Section 1368.09 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Euclid, to applicant Chamere Crawford, Mini Miracles, to operate a daycare center expanded into an adjacent vacant retail space located at 22630 Shore Center Drive, Permanent Parcel 644-28-081, a U4 – Local Retail or Wholesale Store District and part of the Downtown Overlay District.

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

All in favor  
Yeas: Unanimous  
Any apposed? Seeing none. We'll go to Director Holody to begin.....

Director Holody – Thank you Madame Chair, members of council. This item was also reviewed and recommended for approval by the Planning and Zoning Commission on May 12<sup>th</sup>. This expansion will add an additional 1647 square feet to the Mini-Miracles Daycare Center on Shore Center Drive. Basically the center is expanding into the adjacent existing, vacant retail space which was previously occupied by a mobile cell phone store. The item does come with the two conditions that were approved for the last expansion of Mini-Miracles, specifically that children be escorted into the building from the parking lot and that cars dropping children off not use the fire lane outside of the plaza. This will bring the total amount of square footage for Mini-Miracles to over 5,000 square feet, it will allow for the addition of about 40 more children at the center

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but also four more employees. So this is an expansion of an existing successful business within the downtown, I do believe that Mrs., Ms. Crawford maybe available to participate in this Zoom call tonight if there are any questions for her but I'm happy to answer any questions you may have and appreciate your support for this item this evening.

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

Councilwoman McIntosh – Thank you Madame Chair. Thanks to Ms. Crawford for joining us, I did meet with her to check out the new space that she's hoping to acquire, seems like a perfect fit for a seamless, almost seamless transition from her current space which is a previous expansion of her business. Ms. Crawford is a Euclid resident, she's obviously a successful businesswoman and in today's climate you know we're doing all we can to encourage small business growth and help those in need and Ms. Crawford is an example of someone who is thriving in this, in this climate so I'm hoping that my colleagues support her in this endeavor and I, if you'd like to suspend the rules, to allow her to speak, I'll make that motion. Thank you.

President Mancuso – Thank you. Do we have a second? Thank you so we'll suspend the rules Ms. Davis or Ms. Crawford, welcome.

Ms. Crawford – Hi, thank you Hi.

President Mancuso – We were actually you were the first business person, quite honestly that Councilwoman McIntosh as she first filled my role as Ward 5 person, when I became Council President. So you are the first business she had the opportunity to come see. See how it was done, so it's just fitting that again you are here again to further expand a good business. So if you have some commentary for us.

Ms. Crawford – Yes, so we are looking, I spoke with a few people today and initially when we started looking into this project we were looking to service more children but with the Covid pandemic there has been some new temporary rule which the expanded space will actually help us to service the children we are currently already have rather than have to dis-enroll them the center. So we'll be separating out the children we currently have into this expanded space so that we can be in compliance with the new rules set by the state.

President Mancuso – Thank you. Any questions for Ms. Crawford, Ms. Davis, Ms. Davis Crawford? Councilwoman Caviness.....

Councilwoman Caviness –Thank you Madame Chair and thank you Ms. Crawford for joining us this evening. I d d speak with Miss Crawford earlier today because I'm aware of the state mandatory best practices and mandatory practice which is part of their guideline for child care. I know that Ms. Crawford runs a premier childcare facility, she's a five star childcare facility and she is well aware of the mandates that the state has set forth concerning Covid and she did mention to me in our conversation that she had originally planned on 43 more children and, and more staff but considering Covid she will use this spaces as she stated to provide social distancing. The one thing that she also mentioned because I was somewhat concerned about the parents or guardians brining their children into the building themselves because they cannot park at the fire lane, but she said that they have a lobby right there so that's right there so that it's , it's right at the door so that the parents can drop the child off in the lobby and that they would not have contact with any other children she also stated to me and I'm just saying this because it maybe something, she may have forgotten

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some of the questions that I asked her, that in order to create some barriers she said that they have cloak rooms or lockers rather, I should say that are about 4 feet or so and that those, she is going to create a two more feet of plexi-glass that will be attached to the lockers and they will be used as dividers to, to create that, that division for the children and she does have staggered times for the children to go out to the playground . There will be no nature walks or field trips for the kids rights now while Covid exists and the mandates are in and also I asked what her timeline is, because I don't think that she was aware that she had to come before council with this and she already had the architect come in, and she said that the timeline actually right now would be six weeks before she could even open that space, from the approval here if we approve it tonight, to the architect to the building and everything, so it's going to be six weeks before she can even open and expand to the area. Thank you.

President Mancuso – Thank you. Other discuss, questions Councilwoman Gorshe.....

Councilwoman Gorshe – Thank you Madame Chair, Ms. Davis it's good to see you again and congratulations on your expansion over the years I watched you grow and I'm so very proud of your efforts and will always support everything you do. You take care of our little people and for that I'm very thankful. I'm definitely in support of this, I can't wait for another grand opening to see the new space if we get through this Covid or maybe we just look through the windows, but congratulation again and so very good to see you my friend.

Ms. Davis – Thank you, thank you, I appreciate it.

President Mancuso – Councilman Wojtila.....

Councilman Wojtila – Thank you Madame Chair. To Director Holody, is the expansion space that's already adjacent to the daycare, in other words I'm hoping there's not an existing space or current retail space and then the expansion space, so can you address that question?

President Mancuso – Director Holody.....

Director Holody – Yes, Councilwoman to the Councilman. The expansion space is immediately adjacent to one of Ms. Crawford's existing spaces she currently occupies two spaces within the building which are separated by a number of commercial spaces so she'll be expanding the western location to the east into the adjacent vacant space.

President Mancuso – Any further questions, Councilman Wojtila, any other discussion? Seeing none, I'll entertain, Councilman Epps, did you have a question?

Councilman Epps – Yes, thank you Madame Chair. I just want to say I have not had the pleasure to Ms., Is it Ms. Davis or Ms. Crawford?

Ms. Davis – Either is fine.

Councilman Epps – I don't want to address you wrong.

Ms. Davis – It's Ms. Davis

Councilman Epps – Okay I'll address you as you call yourself Ms. Davis, I, nice to meet you I do remember when you first came originally opened your center I have not always been someone who's always been in support of daycares and

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using prime real, retail or prime real estate in repro bases for daycare centers. But I listen to not only your councilperson, Councilwoman McIntosh who I do respect for someone who thinks very well of you and is excited about this expansion, and you know Councilwoman Gorshe as well who I have a lot of respect for as well as well as Councilwoman Caviness, people who have spoke with you and been dealing with you and understand that you run and operate a great business and also when I hear Director Holody speak about it being a successful business it means that you're paying your taxes and all that good stuff and being a positive and contributing business and so I appreciate that I just want to, for those reasons I will be supporting your expansion tonight but I want to make sure that I go on the record with the fact that you know this prime retail space right in our downtown, right where, you know there are other retail stores, I don't necessarily agree that it's most conducive for a daycare center in that lot, and nor do I think that we should be using our prime retail space for this particular business, I'd love to see you purchase some real estate and expand even larger than that and you know it can turn into a school, people that are doing this thing right need to be the folks that are educating our kids so I applaud you for what you are doing right and for that reason I don't want to halt your growth and I will be supporting this tonight but I, I, I would just like to hear if possible from Director Holody or Mayor Gail to the point of us you know, this was a retail store, and rather than that owner marketing to somebody else and bringing in another retail business the idea that we are expanding a daycare there and what your thoughts are around it, or how you make this make sense if you don't mind. Thank you. Congratulations Ms. Davis.

Ms. Davis – Thank you.

President Mancuso – Director Holody.....

Director Holody – Yes, Madame Chair to the Councilman. This proposed use is a conditionally permitted use within the U4 retail district, so there are a number of factors that are looked at very closely when these come forward, council also, I believe it was about a year or two ago amended the section of code to require council confirmation. I do think that we have to look closely at locations where daycares are proposing, primary consideration is the safety of the children and impacts on surrounding property owners, in this case I think Ms. Crawford has demonstrated that in this location she can operate safely and I know that was the position that the planning and zoning commission took but we do look at these on a case by case basis and you know want to make sure that daycares are going in the right locations.

President Mancuso – Thank you. Mayor Gail did you have anything to add?

Mayor Holzheimer Gail – I would just congratulate Mr. Davis-Crawford, Crawford-Davis on her continued expansion. You know I think for those of us who have you know, or those who have to use daycare, they look for a place that's convenient, I would think they also this would benefit the plaza that they're in because as parents are dropping off children they are hopefully are also stopping at the stores around there. So you know their twice now council and planning and zoning have approved this, so I certainly congratulate Ms. Davis on her success and look forward to her continued growth.

Ms. Davis – Thank you.

President Mancuso – Thank you.

Councilman Epps – Thank you Mayor Gail.

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

All in favor  
Yeas: Unanimous  
Any apposed. Seeing none.

Madame Clerk would you call the roll on the resolution.

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

Resolution Passes.

President Mancuso – Thank you, and Congratulations Ms. Davis to your continued success.

Ms. Davis – Thank you, have a good night, thank you.

President Mancuso - Thank you very much. Alright Madame Chair would you read the third agenda item into the record.

**3. Ordinance 52-2020 (054a-20) 2020 Neighborhood Association Grant**

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of Euclid to issue the 2020 Neighborhood Association Grant.

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

All in favor  
Yeas: Unanimous  
Those opposed? Seeing none, Mayor Gail if you want to begin discussion.....

Mayor Holzheimer Gail – Yes, thank you Madame Chair and members of council this is our annual renewal of the Neighborhood Association Grant. This was started many years ago as a way to support and encourage our local resident on neighborhood associations. There's a couple of guidelines that they have to meet and that's holding two neighborhood meeting, having one activity the year before and having a bank statement. This year obviously we're in a little bit of a different place because of Covid 19 so the grant application really is based on activities and involvement that happened last year but we will in the application and in our communication to the neighborhood associations remind them that we are currently not, providing special event permits and we encourage all neighborhood associations to follow the Governor and the Department of Health's guidelines in terms of public mass gatherings. We do however want to continue to encourage our neighborhood associations to do things that bring the neighbors together. Many of our association's depend on this money it is a small amount but it does help whether it's an event, whether it's meeting expenses, whether it's flyers and I know you all share, you know our desire to continue to support and grow our neighborhood association. So I would also just add as a reminder that we are available to help people who would like to create a new association, this funding is not available for new associations you have, but if you start this year you would be eligible next year so certainly we will do all we

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can to encourage and to help a group get started. In my opinion it really does help to strengthen our neighborhoods by bringing people together, building the relationships neighbor to neighbor, also you know there's great examples not only social events but really neighborhood associations that have taken on important community projects within their neighborhood and really made a difference. So I would ask for your support and anyone, I guess would also we will send out a list of the current neighborhood associations but if council members are aware of a new one that may, that maybe we don't have on our list, I don't think that's likely, but in the case that it is let us know we'll make sure everybody, that's eligible is be able to get this grant.

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

Councilwoman Gorshe – Thank you Madame Chair, and thank you Mayor I will always support this program because I think a lot of good comes out of it and the neighbors are able to do something in their specific space to make their lives a little better or peaceful as Councilwoman Stephana Caviness had mentioned earlier. And Mayor you said you were going to send out a list but do you know off hand how many organizations and associations we have currently, have they declined or increased over the last year?

Mayor Holzheimer Gail – So in the fact sheet we had, and you know, last years I believed we mailed to 32 groups and I think only 14 ended up applying so there is an application processing and you do have to fill out those, you know fill out meet the qualifications. But I believe we, you know 32 we still have on the list and some you know maybe less active than others, so we want to make sure we have both good contact information and also and encouragement to anyone out there that was part of a group that maybe hasn't been active, it's a great time to reactivate. Again following social distance but hopefully you know as we get a little later in the summer and as, or as even into the fall you know there's never a bad time to get together with your neighbors and.....

Councilwoman Gorshe – Thank you very much, so I would look forward to list if you can send that out to us, thank you.

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

Councilman Epps - Thank you Madame Chair, to Mayor Gail I, I agree with my colleague Councilwoman Gorshe that this is always something that I'll support for we need to be trying to encourage to organizations and residents together and do outreach for other residents pretty exciting being a part of that, and people feel good after being out after a day corresponding and fellowship and with their fellow neighbors. I the only thing that I would say is that it seems like the amount that was allocated is substantially more than the amount that we actually use, and so is there any type of way if I am correct about that is there any type of way for us to raise that amount from \$200 is that what it is raise it from \$200 to a larger amount? And then also I would wonder what my colleagues and with yourself Mayor Gail being involved in this for many years, what you think about you know opening this up to new associations as well. I, all of the other qualifications about having a bank account and two signers on it, these are things that are gonna you know ensure checks and balances, I think those things make sense, the idea that you have to have already invested your own personal money if you're excited and your fired up and you want to get an association together, you gotta invest your own money and, and, and so you know, to put on a successful event and all these things before you can actually get dollars and if there was some type of way and if that means pushing us off one more reading if there's some type of way for us to do that as well as push this particular deadline back in lieu of us allowing new associations to form and

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get those dollars could we, is that something that we could do or that you would be open to Mayor Gail?

President Mancuso – Mayor Gail.....

Mayor Gail – Thank you. Certainly open to it, so I will remind council and I don't know if your aware councilman, Councilman Epps, we did in the past two years do a separate grant so we have this neighbor association grant that's more designed or targeted toward existing agencies we did have the competitive challenge grant that was really open to anyone you don't even have to be a formal association but groups of people that would be ideal for an existing, newer organization to get some money if they provide us with a proposal for here's what we'd like to do, here's what it will cost. We have done those grants as a secondary so what we've done in the past is the money that was left over from this account we then offered as a challenge grant, but I, certainly open to council's suggestions if they wanted to raise the \$200, it has been \$200 for quite some time so that might be and I think we typically have budgeted based on the numbers in case everybody wanted one, that's what we budget for and then the money that is not applied for we've made available to and that's things like we've supported the, just for example ideas the Wednesday's on the Porch, a event that brought neighborhood associations from across the city together for one kind of unifying event, there was some improvements to physical space that was done through a neighborhood project, so if your familiar with the Cleveland Foundation and Neighborhood Connections Program that secondary fund or application was modeled after that.

Councilman Epps – Right, right, I appreciate it, I'm not.....

Mayor Gail – The challenge, I'm sorry to, the Challenge Grant actually makes more money available so that \$500 but that's again by an application.

Councilman Epps – And a new neighborhood association would be able to apply for the Challenge grant under what's the criteria for that, just for the folks at home thinking about this.

President Mancuso – Mayor Gail.....

Mayor Holzheimer Gail – So there were of goals last year, I don't have them in front of me I could send it to you but if off the top of my head we really were trying to go a little bit beyond, just the basic block party or event so we really wanted to see some connection between communities so ideally either a physical improvement project that neighbors or a group of people came together to propose, it could be a series of events or dialogs you know the Wednesday's on the Porch, is an example they provided here's what we want to do, they actually applied for the signs, so we had the signs and I think a kickoff event that was proposed, so that is those grants are available up to \$500 and that there were three main criteria, strength and connections among the community, improve the community through a physical you know a volunteer base project, and we wanted there to be some sustainability to it so more than a onetime thing, but we really were open to wanted to leave it fairly open so people could be as creative as they could and we could support those type of activities.

Councilman Epps – Thank you, thank you Madame Chair, to Mayor Gail just my last point, so there's not, there's no way for new association if there's a group of residents or a street or apartment complex with their issues about crime, they want to get together put the association together so they can start forming crime watch organization amongst themselves but there's no avenue for them to get any funds, and they're start up then, because even with the criteria with the

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challenge it doesn't sound like they will fall under that either, so I would be open to if you or my colleagues are interested I would like it if we could amend this in a way that \_\_\_\_\_ criteria that says that they still have a bank account with multiple users, and some of those other things that help with checks and balances but allows for a new association to be formed and use this money to help them in their new flower, flyers and outreach or whatever the case there may be as well as if we can amend to raise this amount. We have left, less than half of the folks and your probably smart planning on your part to plan for everybody to make sure the money is there incase everyone applies but so far as with many other things dollars go to waste because folks aren't applying so what can we do to try to help and, and make these folks that are very active now be even more vibrant than they are by putting some extra dollars in their pockets as I'm sure I know as being a former member of a neighborhood association in Euclid in my Ward as well, that a lot of times we spend a lot of our own dollars within this and folks are okay with that but if there's a way and the monies sitting there and they have been allocated let's try to help the folks little more than what we are so I'm not sure what I need to do, Madame President if you give some guidance I'd like to make whatever motion to amend the amount from \$200 to \$350 dollars in lieu of the fact that it's been that way so long and in light of inflation, ext.

Council President – Councilman Epps what I would ask is because we have allocated funds for this year perhaps having a discussion with the Mayor and going through the different applications we have you might want to amend an application and then associate the money with that amendment that you make, this has been, this has been allocated, I would leave it, I would leave this particular piece of legislation but work on building something for your groups as you said, that you want to start, that might be different than this. Don't forget where you might put more startup money.

Councilman Epps – I appreciate, I appreciate that, that's second to the actual motion that I just made was just to make the increase for those who are applying now the startup thing I agree with you is something that probably needs to have further discussion and I'm open to doing that, I'd like to make a motion to increase the \$200 amount for applicants to \$350.

President Mancuso – For this particular year, for this particular type of grant?

Councilman Epps – Yes

President Mancuso– I want to be clear, alright, is there any other discussion? Seeing none. I'll entertain a motion, Councilman Wojtila.....

Councilman Wojtila – Thank you Madame Chair. I might have missed it but if we do bump it up to \$350 do we have enough money in the block grant money to cover that?

President Mancuso – Mayor Gail.....

Mayor Holzheimer Gail – Thank you I do want to be clear this does not come from block grant this does come from the general fund and we allocated we anticipated \$6,400 in the category for Neighborhood Grants and so I, I think we would have enough at whose, we would not if every Association on our list applied but again last year we awarded 14 groups that used these funds, so there would be, assuming those 14 reapply and all of the others don't we would it would reduce the amount that would be available for that challenge grant.

President Mancuso – Councilman Wojtila.....

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Councilman Wojtila – Thank you Madame Chair. No thank you Madame Chair, I do like the idea of use the money to help Neighborhood Associations get started. Councilman Epp’s commentary, I would probably rather keep it at \$200 or maybe bump it up to \$250 recognizing that maybe that extra money we would use that in the future legislation to allow seed money or whatever you’d like to call it for other, for new associations. Cause I think that Associations are important and that you know, helping new associations get formed I think is a great idea so I would support that.

President Mancuso – Okay, alright, so, just so I get us straight, so we have a motion on the floor per your discussion then is to maybe to bump it to \$250 from \$200, so let me get other discussion before we go any farther. Councilwoman Caviness.....

Councilwoman Caviness – Thank you Madame Chair. I also like the idea of increasing the funds for our Neighborhood Associations, but at this time if we’ve allocated \$200 I’d like to stay there unless we can word it in such a way the motion and the amendment can be worded in such a way that it’s dependent upon the number of applications that we receive for this year if we receive just the 14 then we can say either we would like two bump it up to 250 or 350 however we agreed to look at it, but I would not, I would hesitate to do it right now because we don't know what we would receive considering the fact of Covid, we may not have received applications before from some of the other organizations but because so many people are in need now, it maybe, we may be flooded with applications and I would hate to say that we're going to change it now and not have enough money for everyone. Thank you.

President Mancuso - Thank you, other discussion, Councilwoman Gorshe.....

Councilwoman Gorshe – Thank you Madame Chair. Mayor can you tell me over the last couple of years how many and I think the challenge grant has been around may be 3 or 4, how many Neighborhood Associations have applied for it, and used the Challenge Grant and do you recall any dollar amounts?

President Mancuso – Mayor Gail.....

Mayor Holzheimer Gail – Thank you, I can get that for you. I, in the last three or four years I think the most we had one year was four, and they typically apply for the full \$500.00 in most cases there might be a small exception to that. I don't believe we had any last year, the year before we don't have, I want to say two or three but I'll get you those numbers. I you know, one compromise I might throughout is maybe increase it to \$250, we have not had any increase in quite some time and I don't think this has to be part of the legislation but then we would then, maybe if councils interested we would have some seed money to help new associations and so we want to be a little careful of that because we have not provided this grant to other new associations in the past, but we could that is the neighborhood grant, you know category so you know if council is interested we could you know create a small program maybe there's a \$100 to help support new associations based on but I will say we also are able to help new associations and so we always, you know, many of you who are on council and have worked with Kristal to help start associations in Neighborhoods know, you know we're with, you know we'll meet with them, we'll provide fliers, we'll find meeting space. So there is not, there should not be a lot of startup costs, the challenge Grant really is the place where a new group of people and you don't have to be a formal association yet can ask for some, you know, apply for some funds to do activities. So I think that there's probably a happy medium we can

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increase it a little bit and I, and I think it makes sense if council you know to do the application going out has the dollar amount so I would, I would hesitate to say let's wait and see how many we have because people apply based on the dollar amount so I just think it's cleaner that we say, you know, here's the amount make that open for application we can, you know, if there's areas that are new and there's funds left over in here then we can perhaps create a small new association support category that we, you know, we'll be happy to work with you to develop.

Councilwoman Gorshe – So with that being said then Mayor, thank you for that insight, there's a lot of good ideas in all that you just told us, this could be really a first reading cause it really, it's not an emergency so, so when is the, just refresh my memory, when is the mailing out of these and return do we have some time to make it work so that we can maybe perfect the legislation so that we can maybe increase it a little bit and yes Kristal's been fantastic with organizing new organizations and neighborhood places with the three meetings and kind of bows out and kind of lets them take over then flier or not, maybe we need more work on this to maybe add a component for maybe getting, and I'm just kind of thinking off the top of my head here, getting new people interested in forming neighborhood associations because as you know, as people kind of move it kind of goes on the wayside and somebody wants to say hey whatever happened to and resurrect it maybe we can help somebody new and in a new neighborhood so maybe we need some more work on this legislation before we really pass it and look at maybe look at \$250, just saying my thoughts, so I would be willing to have this as a first reading and then have our work cut out for us to perfect the, the legislation in the timeframe that it needs to for success for this year.

President Mancuso – And currently if it were wrote it on this evening it would go out six and twelve and have to come back on 7/3. So we would just have to move those dates if you have a second reading, that's all. Councilman Moore.....

Councilman Moore – Thank you Madame Chair. I just have a comment, I do support the idea of Neighborhood Associations and also increasingly the dollar amount that would be provided to neighborhood associations seeing that it has been \$200 for such a long time, but I would caution us in two large of an amount if that amount then is, is reducing the amount of the special grants that are available later because I think those challenge grants, those special grants are really sort of where the excitement comes from, where any idea is out there and something that's very different can be funded. So I would support some kind of an increase I would support a first reading I just don't want to do too much so that we don't have everything go out the quick math that I did is if we have 14 people or 14 neighborhood associations at 350 a piece we would only have 1500 left for the special grant later, so that's my 2¢. Thank you Madame.....

President Mancuso – Thank you. Councilwoman Jukic.....

Councilwoman Jukic – Thank you Madame Chair, I had a question just related to whether they're neighborhood associations who are counting on this money in the short term especially with the summer coming up, if someone is aware of that whether people are kind of waiting to have this little bit of money so they can do some activities in nice weather?

President Mancuso – Mayor Gail.....

Mayor Holzheimer Gail – You know I can't, I don't know that any of them are holding off activities because were actually not encouraging you know, group activities at the moment, I do know you know I would imagine groups are

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planning based on a budget and I think the longer, you know the longer we wait with this the more it pushes everything back so at the hen right now is you know these letters would be mailed out by the end of next week and we're hoping to have them back by July 3<sup>rd</sup> and why that's important is because then July 3<sup>rd</sup> we know how much money we have enough available to open up for the challenge grant, it would be my suggestion but obviously it's council's decision if to move forward with this particular part but then come back with you know if you have a special program for new associations. I would hate anyone to hold up we're actually probably meeting later than we typically are with this grant.

President Mancuso – Continue Councilwoman Jukic.....

Councilwoman Jukic – Thank you for that information and that's where I was kind of was headed whether an option might be too approve this as is and then we would have flexibility especially after those letters went out to see how much is left and then maybe open it up for something else and/or have more money for the challenge grant. I just wanted to share that, the reason for my question was that very just trying to understand what your associations are waiting for this money so they could do things. Thank you.

President Mancuso – We're going to Councilman Moore next and then Councilwoman McIntosh.....

Councilman Moore – Thank you Madame Chair to Mayor Gail. Just adding onto Councilwoman Jukic's idea in a way, is there a way for us to move forward with the current legislation for the \$200 and then later in the year maybe a month or so in add an additional \$50.00 to everyone who was granted the \$200? And that way we can more understand the budget that we have and how we're going to move forward in that way, is that a possibility?

President Mancuso – Mayor Gail.....

Mayor Holzheimer Gail – It certainly is a possibility, again if you want my recommendation I would, I'm perfectly comfortable if, you know, council wants to raise this to \$250 I think that's perfectly appropriate and I think also provides us then with enough money to both work with existing new, new organizations potentially or and then have a challenge grant. So it would be my recommendation to amend this to \$250 leave it as is, and then I'm happy to work with any council member, Kristal or/and myself to figure out how we can better support new associations, again realizing this is probably not the time were going to get a ton of people wanting to work in groups for the next month or so maybe later in the year we will and so we'll have some funding available we have a little time to work that out.

Councilman Moore – Thank you Mayor.....

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

Councilwoman McIntosh- Thank you Madame Chair. I was just gonna echo both Councilman Moore and Councilwoman Jukic and the Mayors suggestion that thanks to Councilman Epps for brining that, the newest associations up because I think that's part of maybe the reason why we don't have new neighborhood associations popping up is because they're not really sure where to start and so if, if that program which I'm happy to work with the administration and any of our, any of my colleagues to, to get that other or that third kind of bucket that program to do start up for neighborhood associations because you know even not necessarily financial resources the outreach, the marketing but you know if, if there's residents who are kind of aging out of managing the neighborhood

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association, you know, how do they identify somebody who can take it over and you know do they have the ware with all and the know how to get the e-mail list going and you know just work through some of the techy kind of stuff and you know if they want to meet virtually rather than get together for their planning, those types of things, almost like a webinar of sorts of how to, so \_\_\_\_\_ a great idea and I'm happy to go along with either of keeping it that at \$200 and seeing who applies this year, and then taking those extra funds to the startup or increasing it to the \$250 and also adding that little that third bucket, so I just wanted to chime in and say that. Thank you.

President Mancuso – Thank you, any other discussion? Aight Councilman Epps, and then Councilwoman Gorshe.....

Councilman Epps – Thank you Madame Chair. I, I and I definitely this is why I bring this kind of things up, we have a great bunch of diverse folks here that can chime in and give your opinions and kind of come up with, with something that make sense, I agree that at \$350.00 if there's only going to be \$1,500 left for the Challenge Grant or for any secondary phase for new startups, we should not go that high, so I am definitely excited and happy to be able to support an increase of at least the \$50.00 suggested by Councilman Wojtila, right now so that we can move forward with this now and the continuity of everything with those groups who apply can move forward in that process as well and then that way we have enough money left over we've increased for our active folks now in lieu of everything going on and then we have enough money on the back end to develop a new program for startups and even have this Challenge Grant opportunity for folks with special events and things like that as well so I guess I will amend my original motion, make a motion if you would ask for a second please Madame Chair, for to increase the \$200 allocation for individual associations who apply to \$250 under the same \$6,400 allocation we have currently.

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

Councilwoman Gorshe – Yes, thank you Madame Chair. I will definitely second my colleague Mr. Epps motion there and I also would like to be involved in crafting that other leg of this because it's really important to have neighborhood associations and, and in Ward 8 there's been Ebbs and Lowes really strong one, one guy moves out the other guy doesn't take over or doesn't do it right people get frustrated and you know still an association but not active so I'd like to definitely be involved in that as well so again I second that motion and I'm excited about the increase. Thank you.

President Mancuso – Thank you. Doctor, doctor, Councilman Wojtila did you have a question? I thought I saw your hand, no, you're good. Okay, any other discussion? Seeing none, I'll entertain a motion to close debate. So moved by Councilwoman Gorshe; seconded by Councilwoman Jukic.

All in favor

Yeas: Unanimous

Any apposed? Alright we have a motion and a second on the floor to increase the amount from \$200 to \$250 so we will amend, that's an amendment. Is there any further discussion on the amendment to increase it to \$200 to \$250?

Seeing none, I will ask our Council Clerk to call the roll on amending it, this legislation from \$200 to \$250.

Clerk Allen – Roll call –

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

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The amendment passes.

President Mancuso – Okay, we will now go to, I would like to entertain a motion to suspend the rules to forgo the second and third reading. We need a motion, so moved by Councilwoman McIntosh; seconded by Councilman Moore.

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

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

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

Ordinance Passes as amended.

President Mancuso – Thank you very much and I look forward to what the group of individuals come, coming together to do the new grant applications, the new assistance for our new homeowners associations what they come up with, I’m excited to hear about it. Madame Clerk, would you please read into the record the fourth agenda item.

**4. Ordinance 53-2020 (051a-20) Authorization to enter contracts for asbestos assessment, abatement and demolition for various properties**

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Planning and Development of the City of Euclid to enter into contracts for asbestos assessment, abatement and demolition for various properties due to them being vacant, abandoned, uninhabitable, nuisances, unsightly and/or health and safety risks to the neighbors and surrounding community.

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

All in favor  
Yeas: Unanimous

And we will begin with Director Sweeney.....

Director Sweeney – Thank you Madame Chair. I had sent council earlier the updated demo spreadsheet, we already have 8 properties down and the contractors are working on the site cleanup and finishing those jobs, so we are now working on our second batch and I’m very happy we’re, we’re going along here swimmingly besides the YMCA we have good service on 8 properties, or we have received consent to demolition on 3 which is very exciting, we don’t have to go through and jump through all the hoops that we would normally have to do, you know when somebody potentially is fighting a demolition so we do have consent on 3 and I provided those to council earlier, we are just waiting on service on 1 house, 22401 Seabrook, it’s an unfortunate situation where everybody who had title on that house is all deceased. So we are trying to obtain service on the last remaining heir of this house, his surviving spouse, so we’re just waiting on service on that one. Then we will potentially have 8 houses and the YMCA in this next batch. We are likely removing one from the list, 90 E. 217, we are still contemplating that one, the house is in good shape

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but the garage is in shambles, there's a car there and that's another one of these houses, where unfortunately everybody associated with the house is deceased and nobody is stepping up to claim this house, so the house is in good shape, garage is not but we can't use demo money just for the garage so we're going to make the internal decision here shortly whether we're taking both down or we find another type of monies to just take the garage down. So you have legislation today of the 8 that I was just referencing, council has already approved 4 of those 8 with various pieces of legislation from the past at the end of 2019. So there are 4 here on the list, 675 E 240<sup>th</sup>, we do have consent from that property owner on that one, 21600 Ball Ave., we also have consent from the property owner on that one, 90 E 217, that's the one I just referenced we're still not sure quite yet about that one, and 22401 Seabrook and that's the one where everybody's deceased and we're still working on service on that one. So happy to answer any other questions any questions council might have.

President Mancuso – Thank you. Discussion? Councilman Jarosz.....

Councilman Jarosz – Thank you Madame Chair. Director Sweeney and thank you for your work on this I know the residents who have kind of benefited from some of the demos in Ward 4, it really is important especially as we kind of have this older housing stock and we're transitioning and now we're starting to see new homes being built on these old vacant lots, you know I think this is definitely a good trend and we want to do as much of this as possible, quick questions though since you were speaking I'm just curious a lot of times in the past these have sort of been foreclosures that had gone through the process and then get demoed and go to the land bank, if somebody still owns the property do they, does it revert back to them or how does that all work because it seems like to have an owner who essentially let a structure become completely dilapidated and then get the property back, can you explain that a little bit more.

Director Sweeney – Sure, Madame Chair to the Councilman, so in all of these cases whatever our cost of demolition are asbestos assessment, abatement any administrative costs we put that as a lien on the property so the homeowner is supposed to pay us back, if they don't it will go into tax foreclosure and that is how we end up getting most of these properties into the land bank. Now in the one particular case 675 E. 240, they are giving us the property, so we will have another property in the land bank after demolition is done and clear. So it just kind of depends, nothing, none of these situations that you have on the agenda for today, they are all owned free and clear which is interesting, none of them are foreclosure situations.

Councilman Jarosz – Yeah, okay, thank you just curious.

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

Councilman Moore – Thank you Madame Chair. To Director Sweeney, two questions. First is do you have an estimated cost of what it would be to demolish just the garage on 90 E 217<sup>th</sup> Street and the second question is since there's a vehicle in the garage are we responsible for the vehicle gas, oil all that stuff, is that our responsibility if we're demolishing it and if we just demolishing the garage?

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President Mancuso – Director Sweeney.....

Director Sweeney – Madame Chair to the Councilman. We will try to salvage the car out of there have it tagged and towed, we will probably I don't know the extent of the damage because the garage roof caved in on the car so I don't know the extent of the damage it might be one where we try to get title for it if it's still in good working shape and we can use that potentially as undercover narcotics car or an extra car in building and housing or something along those lines. If it is not salvageable we can turn that over to 3 S Towing who holds our cars the tow lot that you know has our, does our towing and holds our cars and they can take it and scrap it and do with it what they want. It, the garage on 217 it might cost us, I'm gonna say maybe \$2,000 since most of it's down already I don't think it's gonna be a heck of a lot hopefully maybe we can find some monies in nuisance abatement as possible funding to take that down if we were making a decision not to also take the house down.

Councilman Moore – So, just a follow up.

President Mancuso – Go ahead.

Councilman Moore – Thank you, that house appears to be north of the boulevard, and if it's just the garage that's the issue and the house is not, it may be worth just doing the garage saving the house either city taking ownership and selling the house the city renovating the house, or something, it seems easier quicker and a better investment to just take the garage down in my opinion. Thank you.

Director Sweeney – Madame Chair to the councilman. We agree, that's the conversation, exact conversation Marty Castelletti and I had today because it is a nice house north of the boulevard the problem is the city's not gonna own it, because the cost of the demolition of the garage are only a couple thousand dollars and they are not really behind in taxes it's gonna take a long time to get it to tax foreclosure, Marty or Johnathan, I think Johnathan contacted the Cuyahoga County Land Bank last week to see if they can hasten the you know the process and try to get it in our hands or the County Land Banks hands sooner rather than later.

President Mancuso – Director Holody you have any additional comment?

Director Holody – No, Marty may have contacted the land bank if not we'll make sure that that happens tomorrow. I think it is a particularly challenging though when there is no private mortgage on and if for whatever reason the property is not behind on its taxes, that creates a challenging situation but we'll continue to work with Director Sweeney and internally here to do everything we can to move this along in the most responsible way possible.

Councilman Moore – Thank you.

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

Councilman Wojtila – Thank you Madame Chair. I have two questions, on the fact sheet Director Sweeney said the demolition cost not to exceed \$22,000 is that per property or is that total?

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Director Sweeney – Madame Chair to the councilman that’s per property.

Councilman Wojtila – Thank you. My follow up question or second question extending off of Councilman Jarosz’s comments, I’d like to see the legislation at least be amended if not this one but for future one to put in the legislation that a lien would be filed on the properties for the cost of the demolition.

Director Sweeney – I can do that. If council wants to amend it we can include that in this or I can just do that going forward. That’s up to council.

President Mancuso – Which would you rather, Councilman Wojtila?

Councilman Wojtila - I’d prefer it to be added, thank you.

President Mancuso – Alright, where would you like to add it?

Councilman Wojtila – I’ll leave that up to the Director.

President Mancuso – Director Sweeney where would you like to amend this?

Director Sweeney – We can probably through that in section 3, I think that would be okay, because we’re talking about where the funds are coming from and we can add language that all of these properties, the lien, let’s see the cost for asbestos assessment, abatement and demolition will be assessed on the property.

President Mancuso – Is that in the second, no third whereas?

Director Sweeney – No

President Mancuso – So everybody’s on the same page here.

Director Sweeney – No, Section 3 at the bottom, funds to pay for the expenditure...

President Mancuso – Okay, okay.

Director Sweeney – The cost, I was gonna suggest the cost for asbestos assessment, abatement and demolition will be assessed to the property. And council will recall we do that at every September so the batch of 8 that have already come down that I gave to you earlier today, those will for sure be assessed in September and I’m hoping, fingers crossed, because we have, we are very far along with this list of 8 potentially we might be able to get this, this list of 8 on as assessments in September as well.

President Mancuso – Thank you, Director Holody you had comment?

Director Holody – Yes, I would add that the placement of a lien on a property is a requirement of the County Demolition Fund Program, so that has to happen regardless of the amendment certainly I don’t have any objection to it but just wanted you all to know that the county requires that so, that will absolutely be happening as Director Sweeney indicated.

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President Mancuso – Okay, so we have a proposed amendment to section 2 demolition of listed parcels will.....

Director Sweeney – Section 3 Madame Chair, I think.

President – Section 3 will be assessed to the property. Doctor, doctor, Councilman Wojtila are you okay with that language? Okay. Who else, I saw somebody else's hand, Councilwoman Gorshe.....

Councilwoman Gorshe – Thank you Madame Chair, I will second that for my colleague Wojtila, in addition I'd like to ask Director Sweeney the e-mail that you sent out this afternoon, I'm very interested on the property on Bruce Avenue in Ward 8, it is become a terrible nuisance as you're well aware for the neighbor and they've been asking me almost weekly, it looks like the last service was in 2019, October if I'm not mistaken, can you kind of give me an update and how soon can we get this remedied?

President Mancuso – Director Sweeney.....

Director Sweeney – Sure, Madame Chair to the Councilwoman, the property owners on Bruce appealed the demolition so that went to P & Z, P & Z denied the appeal, you then have to give 30 days for them to possibly appeal to common please course downtown, unfortunately with the timing of things we had a batch ready to go, and the timing of their appeal didn't co-inside with the batch that was ready to go out, so it was ready, it was ready to go approximately November but we had already started the last batch of demolitions so again as soon as we can get good service on 22401 Seabrook, I'm hoping to get this next batch going to Marty, I gave the folder back to Marc Malinowski on Friday so hopefully he will get to the Certified Mail on Seabrook this week, hopefully we get the green card back from the, the heir the last remaining wife of the last remaining heir and we can get these down. So, I just, soon as we get Seabrook I give Marty the go-ahead, I give him the list, these are all ready to go then he goes out for bids.

Councilwoman Gorshe – Okay and follow up Madame Chair to the Director, Law Director, so if everything's in a perfect world how soon do you think we could have these in the next batch?

Director Sweeney – I'm going to have to ask Johnathan I mean I don't want to be too aggressive again we are just waiting on Seabrook, if I had service back from Seabrook today, I would tell Marty tomorrow but we just don't have that back yet. I'm hoping to get service back within two weeks, three weeks they're in Pennsylvania is the problem, they're not local they're in Aliquippa, Pennsylvania, I'm hoping Marty might be able to go out for bids because there's 8 he'll probably split it up 4 and 4, that's what we did with the last batch but that's not necessarily going to happen but we gave, we gave a couple demolition contractors a batch of 4 and a batch of 4 so we may do the same thing again who knows. So I'm hoping you know like I mentioned earlier, I would really love to get these, all of these assessments can in September so we're going to operate pretty quickly, so I'm hoping these will be done you know end of August.

Councilwoman Gorshe – I'm hoping as well, thank you for your work on that.

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Director Sweeney – Thank you.

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

Councilman Epps – Thank you Madame Chair, I just want to say it's always exciting to see these nuisance and eye sores taken down, I want to point out a couple of things and ask a question as well. I of course would like to see there are a lot of nuisance properties here in my Ward, I'd like to see more of those on this list, if you could talk a little bit about the process and how we go about I think I might have heard that before being a part of council the process, but if you could for the sake of folks too for who are wondering why aren't they getting torn down in our neighborhood, how you go about deciding which properties those are and then also has the final payment been made for the properties that are in, that you said are in the last phase or they're going to go back to the, has final payment been made to these guys?

President Mancuso – Director Sweeney.....

Director Sweeney – Madame Chair to the Councilman. I'm going to have to defer on Johnathan about the payment, I don't handle any of you know getting in the weeds about the demolition as far as the back end, I'm at the front end and as far as anybody wanting particular houses on the demolition list, I, I ask all of council, drive through your Ward if there's something that's really an eye sore let me know, let Marty know, let Jim Quirarte know, Marc Malinowski but feel free give me a buzz, like this one's bad, then I do my research and you can see on my columns that I gave you guys in the spread sheet earlier, I get a title search done I look to see are there any lien holders, we have to notify every single lien holder by certified mail and the lien holders are the actual property owners, any banks, any liens that somebody might have. We then then get all the green cards back, make sure there's good service sometimes, it's very easy to do, and there's one particular house on here I won't give the address, I have tried to find these owners and they have been evading me for a couple of years now, so I gave Councilman Langman that good news that I finally have good service on this particular one and that should be coming down soon. So yeah, I, I welcome council please let me know you know if there's any you want us to pay special attention to and unfortunately we have to spend this demo money by the end of the year, so I don't know if we'll get a third batch but we can certainly start working on the first batch for 2021.

Councilman Epps – Thank you.

President Mancuso – Director Holody, did you have anything to add?

Director Holody – Yes, we have not yet issued any payment to the two contractors that are doing the first batch of 8 houses. We are going to wait to issue payment until they finish up their responsibilities and close out their permits and then we'll issue a payment and keep back a retainage. So no payment has been issued yet.

Councilman Epps – Okay, thank you Madame Chair. If I could just follow up real quick. Thank you Director Holody they, I appreciate you bringing that up, the reason that I asked, I rode around to a couple of properties on this list and I didn't make it to all of them but I rode around to a couple of them and it's a little more than just clean up that's still needs to be done on some of these

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properties. In particular the 1516 Babbitt Road property which is right in my Ward, there's quite a bit of concrete work and a lot of stuff that still needs to go on right there at that site. It's still roped off and the site very much so still looks like an active construction site, so I asked that question for that reason to make sure they haven't been paid and to make sure that we're not going to now allocate more money to them if they have not completed the last projects so I guess the final question then would be if you could just shed a little light on the process. You do give a portion of that money upfront and then final payment at the end, is that true and if so I just want to make sure that we're not given payment for the next project if they haven't completed the last and listening to your response to my first question I'm assuming that's probably not the case, but if you could just explain that process so we find out when their getting what. I just don't want to be folks walk off with stuff all the time, I don't want to be giving more money and they're gonna move forward right to that next project if they have those funds and the other stuff is not complete yet so, thank you.

President Mancuso – Director Holody.....

Director Holody – Madame Chair to the councilman, currently on demolition projects we are not issuing payment until they're completed with their work and they've closed out their permits and in that case we're still holding back retainage to give some time to make sure that the work was in fact done properly. You know there's a number of factors we take into consideration when we're considering an awarding a new contract and, and one of course is past performance, capacity, so those are all things that we take into consideration when we go out for bid and consider who to award a new contract to.

President Mancuso – Thank you.

Councilman Epps – Thank you.

President Mancuso - Any other discussion? Alright we have an amendment on the floor, it's been motioned and seconded. Any further discussion on the amendment where we will add that it will be, the lien will be assed to the property, and that is as Director Sweeney said that's in section 3, correct?

Director Sweeney – Madame Chair I would recommend the last sentence of section 3, being the cost for asbestos assessment, abatement and demolition will be assessed to the property.

President Mancuso – Thank you. And we have a first and a second, any further discussion on that amendment? Councilman Epps.....

Councilman Epps – Thank you Madame Chair, just real quick, Director Sweeney, the one property that you said that we are going, they are giving to us, do we need to do something different for this to make sure that we're covered for that or because it's gonna be gifted to us, this will be okay, I just want to make sure.

President Mancuso – Director Sweeney.....

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Director Sweeney – Madame Chair to the Councilman, thank you. I don't think we need to do anything different because no matter whether they're giving it to us or they consent or whatever they're still is the code that says that council has to give approval so we didn't carve out anything from that general approval that council doesn't have to approve ones that are given to us so I don't think we need to do anything different. Thank you.

Councilman Epps – I mean, thank you, I mean more so though for the money that we're talking about assessing.

Director Sweeney – Madame Chair to the Councilman. I appreciate that, I already got a quick claim deed from the past owner so we're all, we're in business.

Councilman Epps – Alright thank you.

President Mancuso – We're good, okay. Any further discussion on the amendment? Seeing none, Madame Clerk would you please call the roll on the amendment only?

Clerk Allen – Roll call –

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

President Mancuso – Okay, we will now go back is there any further discussion on the ordinance itself as amended? Seeing none, I'll entertain a motion to close debate. So moved by Councilman Epps; seconded by Councilwoman McIntosh.

All in favor

Yeas: Unanimous

President Mancuso - I'll entertain a motion to suspend the rules to forgo the second and third reading. So moved by Councilwoman Caviness; seconded by Councilwoman Gorshe.

All in favor

Yeas: Unanimous

Any apposed? Seeing none.

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

Clerk Allen – Roll call –

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

Ordinance Passes as amended.

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

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**5. Ordinance 042a-20 Repealing Section 545.19 Panhandling**

An ordinance repealing Section 545.19 Panhandling, of Chapter 545 Peace Disturbances, of the General Offenses Code of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Euclid, due to potential constitutional violations and lack of necessity.

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

All in favor  
Yeas: Unanimous

And we’ll go again to Director Sweeney.....

Director Sweeney – Thank you. So we have talked about this panhandling piece the last couple of meetings as I’ve said before we have to repeal it as it stands now. There are constitutional implications with it and I’ve provided you letter from the ACLU and we need to get rid of those unconstitutional provisions. So based on the comments from the last two meetings, and some other comments from residents, we went back to the drawing board again and I made another amended piece and I provided that to council like, last week. So the items that were added from the last amended piece that you had and nothings been introduced to council you’ve only just had drafts, I changed to solicitation instead of distribution, I added a section about blocking pedestrians and/or vehicular traffic and I added a section about soliciting on private property without permission of the owner, that’s also covered in our trespassing code but I wanted to add it here as well. Also regarding ATM privacy, I extended the, the footage from 3 feet to 20 feet, also at the last meeting Councilwoman McIntosh asked about any tickets issued by the police department in the recent past, so I did go back to 2014 and there have been 4 cases. I did provide those police reports to council, 2 of the cases would be valid lawful panhandling as it sits today, they were in public property asking for monies based on you know, what I’ve discussed about the constitution and their first amendment rights they would be allowed to do that. In the other two cases, they were on private property and the private property owners asked these folks to leave and they didn’t. So they were issued tickets there, now in those two cases they would probably be considered trespassing or under our new solicitation code it would be appropriate because they’re soliciting from private property without permission of the owners. So, I hope that I have incorporated all of the suggestions, questions, comments, issues that council has brought up and the residents have brought up over the past two meetings and happy to answer any more questions if council still is a little hesitant I would still recommend repealing the piece as it stands now and then let’s go back to the drawing board, let’s have a committee meeting and let’s discuss making a new piece. But I do think it’s important we repeal what we have on the books if we’re not comfortable amending at this time.

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

Councilman Epps - Thank you Madame Chair. I just want to thank you Director Sweeney as well as my colleagues who have been active in the communication in trying to clean this thing up. I, I would like to move forward if possible on passing this as amended or as drafted tonight and, and I say that just because my, in the original meeting when it was introduced you know I was the individual who said that I don’t think that we need to repeal this without writing new law or something to have in place and so I think that I, I just don’t feel comfortable doing that so rather than to delay this any further, I, I am happy to support this tonight and again I thank you Director Sweeney and my colleagues who are open

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to the idea of lets write the new law now before we repeal the old on. So thanks a lot.

President Mancuso – So Councilman Epps, are you making a motion to amend the current legislation to the draft that Director Sweeney has revised with the additions in it? Is that what you're saying?

Councilman Epps – As long as I make it clear and I think you did say it. The panhandling on private property it's not just solicitation that we've changed it to on private property it's still panhandling on private property correct?

Director Sweeney – Madame Chair to the councilman, no the title is now solicitation. So we have gotten rid of the word panhandling throughout, we're calling it solicitation.

Councilman Epps – Okay, so even if a person because I know when and for example in a political campaigns you know technically to knock on someone's door and advocate for a candidate is not technically solicitation because you're not selling anything and so if we.....

Director Sweeney – That, yeah, yeah Madame Chair to the councilman, those wouldn't apply because their you know, you could go to a door for a candidate issue, a religious organization, things along those lines and do specificity have in here, hang on let me find it, I thought I had something, this is exchanging I have the, I have the definition that it is the exchange of a physical item so in those cases that you're referencing their not exchanging an item. You know they're going door to door, you know there's absolutely first amendment rights and implications with you know you knocking on a door to get petitions signed or your religious organization girl scouts, things along those lines, this does not apply to that.

Councilman Epps – Gotcha, thank you I'm an old fashioned door knocker and so I wanted to make sure that's clear and I often hear from people that you know, you're soliciting, you see the sign that says no soliciting and obviously you don't go into trying to explain, you just get off someone's property but I just wanted to make sure that we weren't blurring the lines between those two and again thank you for all your work in changing this to make it work and make sure there's still something on the books to protect our residents who have done something about this. So thank you.

Director Sweeney – Thank you.

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

Councilman Wojtila – I'm not sure if Councilman Epps made a motion to amend the ordinance based on what Director Sweeney sent us after the agenda was issued.

President Mancuso – I think he did, we were just kind of clarifying that he was indeed making a motion to amend.

Councilman Wojtila – Then I will second the motion.

President Mancuso – Thank you. Other discussion? Seeing none, we have a motion and a second on accepting the amended version. Madame Clerk, nope. Is there any additional discussion on the amendment only?

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Seeing none. Madame Clerk would you please call the roll on accepting the amended ordinance as described this evening.

Clerk Allen – Roll call –

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

Amendment accepted.

President Mancuso – Alright so to be correct Director Sweeney, this will be assigned a number can we now take this amended ordinance and pass it as is.

Director Sweeney – Correct, unless there’s any amendments to the amendment.

President Mancuso – Okay, heavens let’s hope not. Okay, now is there any discussion on the amended ordinance? Councilman Wojtila, unmute sir.....

Councilman Wojtila – Thought I did, are we going to voting on this as an emergency?

Director Sweeney – We’re not, no we’re not.

President Mancuso – I mean I will ask, I will ask if people want to forgo the second and third reading of it because this is an amended version so it’s not, we’re on the third reading of the original one, so we can go back to being on the first reading. You can ask for it to a first reading if you’re not ready to vote tonight but I will if nobodies says that I’m going to go ahead and ask if you want to suspend the rules, forgo the second and third reading and then you just vote yes or no.

Councilman Wojtila – Thank you Madame Chair, I’m happy to vote as an emergency.

President Mancuso – Okay, thank you any other discussion? Hang on, any of your other colleagues? Okay, Councilman Epps.....

Councilman Epps – Thank you Madame Chair, I just would, if possible in light of the fact that things are a little different and we don’t have the adequate participation from the public and residents if there was a way, I’m, two more weeks I don’t think would hurt us if there was a way we make this a first reading with anticipation that we are just now in waiting to find out if there’s anything that that comes to light and then I would be happy to vote on this at the second reading time if that’s something that Council President or you Director Sweeney were comfortable with.

Director Sweeney – Madame Chair.

President Mancuso – So you’re making a motion to take this to a second reading? Is that what you’re saying?

Councilman Epps – Yes, Madame Chair

President Mancuso – So there’s a motion on the floor any other discussion about the ordinance as it stands? Director Sweeney.....

Director Sweeney – Thank you my only just advice to council I am not going to be at the next council meeting, my assistant Law Director Laura Rubadue will

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be handling for me so if you have any questions for me in between now and the 15<sup>th</sup> please give me a call. Thank you.

President Mancuso – Okay, great information, alright, Councilman Moore.....

Councilman Moore – I’m sorry Madame Chair, I wasn’t sure if Councilman Wojtila made a motion to make this an emergency so can I get some clarity on that, please.

President Mancuso – Did you want it to be a motion Councilman Wojtila to go to an emergency ordinance?

Councilman Wojtila – Thank you Madame Chair, based on Councilman Epps comments I withdraw my motion.

President Mancuso – Thank you, okay so we any other discussion on the ordinance? Seeing none, I’ll take a motion to close debate. So moved by Councilman Epps; seconded by Councilwoman Jukic.

All in favor

Yeas: Unanimous

Any opposed? Seeing none, we have a motion on the floor to take it to a second reading. Do I have a second, so moved by Councilwoman Gorshe. Madame Clerk would you please call the roll on sending this amended ordinance to second reading.

Clerk Allen – Roll call –

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

Ordinance as amended being sent to a second reading.

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

**6. Resolution 056-20 Request to hold Special Council Meetings**

A resolution to hold special council meetings in July and August 2020 with specific dates to be determined in order to continue to conduct the business of the Euclid City Council during the Covid-19 pandemic

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

All in favor

Yeas: Unanimous

Councilman Epps this is your legislation would you like to begin.....

Councilman Epps – Thank you Madame Chair, I, I, this is to me and I don’t want to take a lot of time I think this is clean cut it’s a no brainer for all of us, I introduced this legislation in lieu of the where at Executive Finance Committee meeting and I believe it might have been the meeting before last for city council, and Director Smith he mentioned and this was what first gave me the idea, he mentioned that thought the, as we move forward in the months to come that’s not seeing any real hits right now to the budget that he would keep council abreast of what’s going on at our regular finance briefing meeting in Executive Session at the second meeting and seeing that we don’t have that second meeting

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in these two months I thought it would be fitting that we make sure that there is, that council does meet throughout the summer so that we can stay on top of the finance, the fiscal issues that we may face and I don't think that we're really know that until after July 15<sup>th</sup> were we exactly are, after our last meeting and on top of that the fact that given the fact that we are having these meetings via zoom and as you all may have noticed that my lighting has changed because I'm sitting right here on our beautiful lakefront and the sun has gone down and so whether we're on a beach, whether we're on a balcony or we're in Nantucket we can participate in this particular, in these particular meeting to make sure that we're just keeping with the people's business. I also think that who knows with some of the issues that we have going on as well and we some of the protests unrest and frustration in cities all across our country right now we don't know what we may have to meet to address so I think just in lieu of the Covid-19 crisis it will not only to make insure that we're here to take care of the people's business but also to send a strong message to folks that we are not vacationing and, and, and taken off while some folks are dealing with such grave issues, so I don't think this is a, really problematic I've spoken with the Law Director and she has expressed to me that we can set the dates for these as well so it doesn't have to be our typical third Monday for that second meeting and rather than to be what we've been accused of and I know I've accused Administration this Administration, Administrations of the past in being as reactive as opposed to proactive let's be proactive and make sure we've taken the steps necessary to make sure that we have everything in place to deal with the people's business in spite of this Covid-19 crisis as well as some of the other uproar around the country. So I would obviously would love to hear if my colleagues have any suggestions or you know other ideas or something I may have not thought of I'm always open to that, but I think this is very important during this time.

President Mancuso – Thank you, Councilwoman Gorshe, your muted, unmute, there you go.....

Councilwoman Gorshe - Thank you, Thank you Madame Chair. At first look at this legislation I remember when we were on a hiatus through the summer months and then we put legislation in to have the meetings through the summer months, and now so we're here as Covid-19 new, new reality and think it makes sense especially since our other commissions and boards are meeting on a monthly basis that we to follow suite to keep them business of the city going, especially with what's going on with Covid and who knows what's coming down next to be prudent and make sure that we kind of go along the processes through the summer months and hopefully emerge from this crisis on a strong foundation. I'm really concerned about the budgets and I know everything looks good right now but as we go through this there are things to come that we may not know and to ensure the outcome is something that we had our finger on the poles on I think that this is a good idea for this crisis so thank you very much Madame Chair.

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

Councilman Jarosz – Thank you Madame Chair. I appreciate the sentiments in this you know however we have this already kind of established in our Charter, right, I mean Euclid City Council can call a meeting at any time we can call Executive and Finance meetings at any time I think to sort of mandate a meeting without any agenda when should something arise we could call that meeting immediately, you know I to me I rather just stick with kind of the existing situation that we have only because everything that wants to be accomplished with this is already in our ordinances. There is you know this is simply a mandates a meeting you know which frankly we may not need if we want to get

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a finance update we can have an Executive and Finance meeting, if we want to have agenda items that need to be voted on, we can call a special council meeting, I just, to me it just seems duplicative of kind, of existing structure of our charter and of council.

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

Councilman Wojtila – Thank you Madame Chair. So the way it's, the way we're currently operating and I'm looking at my calendar, we would be meeting June 15<sup>th</sup>, and then our next meeting as scheduled after June 15<sup>th</sup> cause that's a regular scheduled meeting, our next meeting would be the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of July, and then the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of August.

President Mancuso – Correct.

Councilman Wojtila – Okay thank you. And then I guess could maybe somebody speak to how we schedule special meetings should they be needed?

President Mancuso – Thank you. The special meetings can be done by three council people, it's in our ordinances that three council people can call a special meeting, I believe the Mayor can call a Special Council meeting and we have done that so if we, that wasn't already in our ordinances, if that clarifies it at all for you? Was it, was it, do you have another question, did I miss something, okay, who else had their hand up. Councilwoman McIntosh.....

Councilwoman McIntosh – Thank you Madame Chair. I agree with Councilman Jarosz on this issue, I mean, I think that council has demonstrated in the past that when there's business to be discussed that we meet for it, we meet quite often and you know our calendars quickly fill up with those meetings to discuss important city business. I trust that my colleagues would call a special meeting if their concerns as well as the administration and because the charter specifies the one meeting per month, I don't know how that works for us to do this resolution where it kind of goes against the Charter. But I'm happy to go, you know, I mean I kind of feel like we're going to be meeting anyways, so you know, I either weigh I suppose but I, I just, the Charter part is what gets me you know, if we're going against the Charter, I, I'm not sure if I'm completely sold on that aspect of it, but again you've demonstrated in the past that we'll meet to talk about important business and obviously there's going to be a lot of that upcoming, so, thank you.

President Mancuso – Thank you. Law Director Sweeney, do you want to chime in on this? .....

Director Sweeney – Sure, so as a, as Councilman Epps mentioned well I don't know if he mentioned specifically but we previously had summer breaks in July and August when Council didn't have any meetings, when we felt like oh my goodness we are going to have a lot of legislation in September we asked for meetings in August or July just to get some, you know housekeeping items off so you didn't have an agenda of 30 items in September. So we have had meetings when we weren't required to have meetings. So then Charter Review met in 2015, maybe 2014 and 15 and they came back with a recommending the change to make meetings in July and August, one meeting each. So those are scheduled for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of July and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of August per Charter and the admin code we still can hold meetings. The reason I made these special meetings instead of regular because I didn't want to run into potentially Charter violation making regular meetings so that's why we call them special, the other issue I talked to Councilman Epps about if we were to schedule particular dates like the first Monday in July and the first Monday in August I have issues with those

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particular dates, July 6<sup>th</sup> is just too close to that holiday weekend and on August 3<sup>rd</sup>, pretty much everybody that I'm looking at right now has a trial scheduled except for Maria and Councilman Epps, I'm sorry Councilman, Councilwoman Jukic and Councilman Epps, everybody who's I'm looking at has a trial scheduled August 3<sup>rd</sup> so we, we picked that trial date because there was not a council meeting. So that was the other reason why Councilman Epps and I did not put particular dates into this agenda item, so kind of my opinion if it's worth anything is you know schedule a meeting if you need to have a meeting, I wouldn't necessarily legislate mandating having two meetings.

President Mancuso – Thank you. Other discussion? Hang on, let's see if, Councilman Moore.....

Councilman Moore – Thank you Madame Chair. While I support the heart of the legislation in making sure that we're it's transparent as possible and having meetings as regular as possible I'm not sure if we need to mandate them as such at this time. My other concern is the fact that we're just getting back into committee meetings and the Euclid Avenue meeting for instants may not be meeting until July 1<sup>st</sup> or July 8<sup>th</sup>, so a lot of our committee meetings are going to happen in July and August and two more meetings of council just to have them on the books, I'm not sure if I'm necessarily in favor of that but I do believe can schedule a meeting if we need to especially if it's Executive and Finance to make sure that we get that done. So I like the heart of the legislation but I don't know that I can support it right now. Thank you.

President Mancuso – Thank you. Any other Councilwoman Caviness? Thank you Madame Chair, I agree with Councilman Moore, I do like the heart of the and the purpose of the resolution I agree with Councilman Epps that we need to make sure that we are transparent and we're available for our residents, but after Councilman Moore as I said I agreed with him in regards to our committee meetings, because now we're scheduled quite a number of committee meetings at this time because we have had a pause in committee meetings and we will probably be bombarded by meetings since the summer and I would hesitate to say that we should specify a date for regular council meeting or special council meeting when we're not sure if that might take over or take up the time we would need to have for a committee meeting. But I do agree with the purpose I just don't think it's good at this time and when we can call a meeting at any time I think that, and we've done it in the past we did it last summer. So it's very easy to do and it's easier now since we have the ability, the availability of virtual meetings and so we can be anywhere and, and meet so that's even better for us this year than it was last year. Thank you, that's just my two cents as well, thanks.

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

Councilwoman Jukic – I just wanted to share some of my thinking around this, when I first read it I thought that sounds like a good idea, we can call in from anywhere, I was not aware, I will again blame my freshman status on the Charter and all the different ways we can call Special meetings, I also did not have a perspective although my calendar is filling up with committee meetings, so I also agree with the idea and the intent of it but I'm also okay and prepared Councilman Epps if we need to call, a Special meeting, I think I heard that three council people, three council people can call a Special meeting so I just wanted to share that I was open to the suggestion I was not aware of the Charter that described our meetings, but now that I know that and that we have a lot of meetings scheduled and can call a special meeting at any time, then I'm not sure that it's necessary but I support it, the idea Thank you.

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President Mancuso – Thank you. And one other person and then we'll close out with you Councilman Epps, did someone else have their hand up that hadn't spoken before, Councilwoman McIntosh.....

Councilwoman McIntosh – I was, thank you Madame Chair. I was Councilman Moore brought up that, a good point about the, the committee meetings and catching up on, on that you know the kind of niche, work, you know the stuff that's, that everybody can really dig into when and can inspire legislation or is surrounded by legislation planning on Euclid Avenue is a perfect example and I know you guys you haven't been able to meet, Sustainability Committee next week but there's you know probably a laundry list for all of us as Chair People or just Councilmembers that have ideas that they want to bring forward that aren't necessarily you know ready for the council meeting so in that regard I would again support the heart of it, behind it, for sure, but I don't think I would support it tonight because it is a little, it is unnecessary at this stage and then I trust that everybody would call a meeting if they need to. Thank you.

President Mancuso – Okay, thank you, so I think you've heard from all your colleagues, so we will wrap up with you Councilman Epps.....

Councilman Epps – Thank you Madame Chair. I just, I appreciate the comments from my colleagues surrounding this, I received a few phone calls this morning and the fact I'm getting bombarded with text messages from a couple of those folks who called this morning as well, and there's a group of residents inspired by and who are trying to get pretty active a resident of Ward 2 actually involved in taking the leadership and taking the rains on this and they're thinking of filing some sort of injunction I don't know how this works but to force council back into council chambers, I don't think that Councilwoman Caviness, should be forced back in Council Chambers, Madame President you being up in age as well, I don't so think that you should be forced back into Council Chambers right now, I just don't, I, I just don't think that that's something that we should have to do right now, and if our residents are gonna, if everybody's comfortable with leaving open this idea that we're not willing to even get on and have a, or be mandated to have a meeting to conduct peoples business, in the midst of the summer when I remember when this legislation was first before you know, part of the reason was about you know vacationing and those opportunities but also so that folks can be more visible in the community well with all these community events and stuff being cancelled right now that's not an issue and with the fact that we're via Zoom right now, that's not an issue, and as I am again bombarded right now with text messages from folks around the city in Wards of folks who are advocating and saying that we don't necessarily need to do this I just caution you from doing that I don't want to be forced into Council Chambers right now, I don't think that we know that we have active residents who will get involved and they have their way of making us to do what they want us to do anyway, when we appear that we are not listening to what their concerns are I'm sorry, I have a senior, grandmother that I'm taking care of in my home, I'm not comfortable with being forced to come back into Council Chambers right now, with the Mayor still having City Hall, City Hall closed which I think still right now isn't a good decision I just want to make sure that we have been, if we get in front of some of these things again everything you guys are talking about I understand but much of it is reactive, you talk about committee meetings okay, well thank we're gonna have all these committee meetings and then we'll have to wait till the end of August to be able to pass legislation, like you said Councilwoman McIntosh, what if something great comes about within that Committee meeting and it's something that needs to be done to address anything on Euclid Avenue or anywhere else, in Sustainability, Assets, with some of the issues that we have that we're dealing with in making sure that we can see OGC moved in at Shore, which is something I still support, these are things that we

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didn't have an actual council meeting to be able to afford it, and I'd rather know now rather than it being what we do and we've always done in the past and being so reactive that hey look, we need to have this aired, we need to know that there's going to be a meeting scheduled you need to have that time blocked off rather than now we need to call a Special Council meeting we didn't have all these e-mails, back and forth about availability and whatever the case may be I'd rather know right now, we're going to have to deal with the people's business so in the light at the end of, compromising with the idea that it just seems like everyone doesn't want to be mandated to have a meeting even though that's what we do as city councilmembers, you know I if we did it and we made sure, that we did it for the month of August, so that all the good work that goes on in these committee meetings in July, the July 15<sup>th</sup> tax deadline we know that we're going to have a meeting in early August rather than late August to address the business in which we've been working so hard on through all these meetings that folks are frustrated about having throughout the month of July, so I, I just want to, and I would close by saying by all means I will because I am a member of this council support and whatever it is this council decides but you know again this a proactive measure we can take that might, that might and those folks said, one of them in particular activist in Ward 2 in particular made the comment that we're gonna wait and see you know she passed along to people, let's wait and see if their able to be folks included in the process via the next piece of legislation we're gonna talk about as well and I just think that this is us being proactive and this is us making sure people understand that this is important to us and what is the point of all these committee meetings and then we still have a stacked agenda at the end of August, so whatever you guys are gonna do, your vote is your vote, I understand, I respect that and though my vote is my vote, quite often you know it's part of the process I think we may compromise and concessions for one another and not only for one another but we should be, just as willing to make those compromises and concessions for our residents. And that's the reason why this piece of legislation and the next piece of legislation are, I introduced and sponsored that legislation is to make sure that our residents know that we have not forgotten you throughout this process and right now that's the perception of all of our constituents and if you all are comfortable with moving forward with this regardless of that then, you know that's on you but I am not comfortable with waiting for a special meeting to be called in order to address the peoples business which could dramatically, drastically change come July 15<sup>th</sup>. Thank you.

President Mancuso – Thank you. Law Director Sweeney.....

Director Sweeney – Thank you Madame Chair. I just wanted to remind council there is a meeting scheduled for July 20<sup>th</sup>, that's 5 days after the tax deadline and I'm presuming Director Smith can give an update 5 days after the tax deadline. So we aren't going from June 15<sup>th</sup> to August 17<sup>th</sup> we do have a meeting in July and we have a meeting in August, just wanted to remind council.

President Mancuso – Thank you. Mayor Gail.....

Mayor Holzheimer Gail – Thank you Madame Chair, I just want to, you know, I've heard all of council say they're willing to meet, we will call a meeting when we, if there's important business that has to happen, we will absolutely call a meeting, we have in the past, we have you know through the years when there were no meetings scheduled, we often had meetings, and so other thing I will remind you, a Special Council meeting has a specific purpose and agenda and so I don't know, not knowing what that is it's hard to call a Special Council meeting. So we stand ready to have them as many meetings that council requires and as council desires, not requires, desires because we're all here and so I, I think it's I don't think that I've heard from any councilmember there not willing

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to meet they certainly have shown they're willing to meet whenever we have important business. So I think, I appreciate that.

President Mancuso – Thank you. Councilwoman Jukic.....

Councilwoman Jukic – I have another question please again it's my freshman status and learning about the Charter and other things I mean is there a way to vote on this in two weeks, is that some kind of option? So I can do a little bit of research on this whole question?

President Mancuso – It's a resolution, it is a resolution so you can, you can postpone it, you can take it to a second reading it doesn't usually go to readings, you can do them that same night but if you want to send this to a second reading, is that what you're asking for, so you have time?

Councilwoman Jukic – I'm not asking for anything specifically, I'm just trying to learn procedurally because it is a resolution as opposed to an Ordinance. So I was just asking what's, what the options are.

President Mancuso – Unlike an ordinance, an ordinance can go 1, 2 or 3 readings a resolution is usually something that could be voted on that meeting but if you have things that you need to do or that you want to investigate you don't feel comfortable you can send it to a second reading.

Councilwoman Jukic – Is that something I would be motioning at this time?

President Mancuso – Yes. You would make a motion to send it to a second reading. Doesn't usually occur but you can do that.

Councilwoman Jukic – Well you know that's something that would be helpful to me.

President Mancuso – Okay.

Councilwoman Jukic – But I might be in the minority because I'm not as familiar with the Charter and the existing ordinances and the procedure that we usually follow.

President Mancuso – So do you want to make a motion to send it to a second reading or no. That's up to you.

Councilwoman Jukic – That is a good questions, okay that's a good question okay, we're sitting here it's June 1<sup>st</sup>, so if we waited until the 15<sup>th</sup> to make a decision that would still allow some time if we decided to do it for July and August. So yes, I think I am.

President Mancuso - So you're making a motion to send it to a second reading, just to clarify.

Councilwoman Jukic – Yes, yes.

President Mancuso – Okay, alright. Any other discussion? Councilman Epps.....

Councilman Epps – Thank you Madame Chair, and I promise I'll be quick this time.

President Mancuso – Thank you.

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Councilman Epps - My colleagues have been, your welcome, my colleagues have been referenced to me on several occasions to give us a time to research or feel more comfortable with legislation so for that reason I will second my colleague, Councilwoman Jukic's motion tonight but I, I just want to again say and the reason being there is another meeting here in June and we can get this done and still for the folks moving forward, I don't know if this is going to stop this potential injunction, this talk about an injunction or whatever the case may be but I am open to allowing this to go to a second reading for that reason. But I just want to also address the concerns made by Councilwoman McIntosh and I think Councilman Jarosz as well, and Councilwoman Jukic who have concerns about this, the Charter a factor of this, that's the reason it's a resolution you know this isn't a permanent change to the Charter, Charter, this is temporary this is just for this year during this Covid-19 crisis and I'm sorry as a resident of this community as well I'm, I'm a little frustrated with the fact that you know my colleagues are, everybody's willing to meet but nobody wants to be told that they have to and, and to me it just makes as some of the residents are texting right now, it gives off the impression as if there's another agenda here or the ultimate goal is really not to do this or the ultimate goal is just because it's something that I'm suggesting doing this, these are the questions that I'm getting right now on both phones which I have open here right now and, and I just don't think that it's, I don't think it's any of that and so in support of my colleagues, all of you, this is the reason why I'm like this to something we can do proactive so I am open and I will second the motion to move this to a second reading to give all of you some time to think more carefully of this as I think it's extremely important during this time. Thank you.

President Mancuso - Thank you. Any other discussion? Councilwoman Caviness.....

Councilwoman Caviness – Thank you Madame Chair. I agree with Councilman, Councilwoman Jukic that and I would like to see this as a second reading, I was initially in favor of this until I heard the conversations and recalling the meetings that we've had in the past in the summer after the Charter changed, I know that it was very easy for us to meet when we decided to have a council meeting besides just on the third Monday in July and August, I really am offended though if someone would think that I would not be available to meet whether it's in chambers or anything else because I am available at all times. I social distance, I wear my mask, I make myself, I avail myself wherever is needed and as a matter of fact I don't even take vacations so while other people are taking vacations in the summer and they're questioning whether or not they're available I'm usually here. So I take offence to that and I'm sorry that I do but I cannot help but express my feelings regards to that so if anyone else has an impression of me other than that then I can't help it. Thank you.

President Mancuso – Thank you, any other, I'd like to close this debate because we're just going to go on and on and on, we have a motion and second on the floor. Is there any further discussion. Motion to close debate. So moved by Councilman Jarosz; seconded by Councilman Epps.

All in favor  
Yeas: Unanimous

President Mancuso – Alright we have a motion and a second on the floor to move this to a second reading. Any other discussion on that? Seeing none. Madame Clerk please call the roll on sending, on sending this to a second reading.

Clerk Allen – Roll call –

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

President Mancuso – Yes, this old lady will let it go to the second motion sir. Thank you, alright so it passes, correct, to go to a second reading.

Clerk Allen – Yes, Madame Chair.

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

**7. Ordinance 055-20 Authorization to meet via video conference**

An emergency ordinance to authorize public bodies within the City of Euclid to meet via video conference during a public health state of emergency as declared by the Governor and to ensure that all other laws governing public meetings remain in full force and effect to the extent they are not clearly inapplicable during any period for which there has been an official declaration by the Governor of the State of Ohio that a public health state of emergency exists

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

All in favor

Yeas: Unanimous

Any opposed: seeing none

Councilman Epps would you begin the discussion.....

Councilman Epps – Thank you Madame Chair. I'm hoping that there is a constructive conversation amongst my colleagues on this particular issue as well. Derived from the same, you know the same passion in making sure that residents are involved, we have residents for example the, the best example I have been using is Mr. Lou Milner, who when he came before council at an early meeting this year and he basically, you know there where things that he pointed out that the Law Director missed that all of us on council missed that, that the Mayor missed as well and we were able to change out legislation and make it more fitting, he was praised by all members of council in order to do so, that's an example as well as the example of a Alisa Boles, who Attorney Alisa Boles who is constantly trying to her, she uses her comments to just give aid information to our residents. And all of have, you know the city's doing a great job of keeping those 8 options on the website I'm doing a great job to the best of my ability I would say and all of my colleagues I believe are working very hard as well to make sure that we get aid and information to our residents but to have that done and inject into the conversation via these council meetings was something that she choose to do that we have not yet necessarily taken up our 5 minutes to because we have so much other stuff to work on so that's another example of a very active, and I'm a very active and involved resident that we have here. I think that right now the perception again is that we're hiding behind this process to keep folks out of the process and, and I know that is not the case. So once again try to be proactive and send a strong message before lawsuits start flying and folks get fired up which we know our folks do so well, and being proactive and making sure that we make previsions for folks to be involved, another example I want to bring up is that you know, Kristal Grida, she does a great job of, of hosting these meetings, and I say that to say that to the extent that even when a council member does not mute themselves, she jumps in and she unmutes

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them for them, and so much to the extent that if the councilperson catches themselves and they try to unmute themselves she's trying to unmute them as well and what she's done is muted them back again, because she's so diligent and paying attention to what's going on in the conversation so I want to commend her for all her hard work and making sure that she kind of keeps these things together but I also want to use that as an example to say that some of the issues that we see in other meetings and other communities then, and that are happening you know if someone's gonna jump up and, and, and, and brandish they're private parts for a lack of a better words we, we, she can click a button and delete and, attached to this when this legislation was submitted it was a all the rules surrounding these Zoom meetings and the process and the way these Zoom meetings work and it, it's extremely easy for, for, for the host of the meeting to boot someone out if they're doing something disrespectful just as we do in council chambers if someone is out of line or out of order. We had tonight a resident who, who's fed up, a homeowner who's been in our city for over 30 years and at least 25 years of that time in Ward 3 and she, her comments were cut off tonight, her comments were cut off tonight by the Council President as comments from other residents have been before because they were read by someone who didn't write them and obviously even if I read the comments I would not read them as smoothly as Ms. Williams would have been able to read hers, and so that's another example as we are, we're violating the peoples right and opportunity to speak at these meetings, 5 minutes of my comments being read by one person and being read by me even are gonna be completely different because I may speak faster and I think you guys get the point. Not only that but there were conversations that I've had and I think our council clerk, she does a great job of everything she does, I have no complaints with her work this is not about that, if anything this is about making sure that she, we're not putting undue hardship on her as well, and putting more responsibilities on her during these meetings and she should have to, to try to figure out how to advocate for a resident that's not in her job duty. To try to help a resident out with this or that and the other, that's a different story, but in submitting, there was someone who dropped a letter off to me at my house to have read in, in fact it's Ms. Williams comments and I reached out to the council clerk about if I could drop those remarks off, she doesn't have the internet access to be able to send them over which also I get that that she would not be able to get involved in this meeting via Zoom either, from her home but I plan on setting up some type of, some type of system in place for folks who do want to speak and still show up and they can speak from in my office space or speak from my dining room or we're right here on the Lakefront like I am now. You know we need to make sure that folks see us getting inclusive to them I mean this is what public servants, we serve the public and this is what our residents are saying that they want right now which should not be a surprise to any of us. I also would like to if I can I received the help in the writing of this legislation and the research behind this legislation and the laws as many of you know from Attorney Alisa Boles, a very active resident here in our ward, I'd like to suspend the rules and allow her to be a part of the conversation as we did for Ms. Davis Crawford earlier and as we've done for others just so she can be here available to give some of the more factual points and speak a little more eloquently than I am as to the legal ramifications surrounding this whereas for me it's mostly passion.

President Mancuso – Thank you. We have I would like first to hear from our Law Director and I don't know if Ms. Boles is in the green room or anything like that, I'll have to ask our host. And we'd have to get permission to suspend the rules so I'd first like to hear from our Law Director.....

Director Sweeney – Thank you. Madame Chair, I believe Councilman Epps is at Ms. Boles house so I.....

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Councilman Epps – No I am not, I am not.

Director Sweeney – But, because I.....

Councilman Epps - No I am not. No. I'm sorry I'm going to stop that right now.....

Council President – Please don't interrupt.

Councilman Epps – I'm not at Ms. Boles house

Council President – Councilman please, let's focus on the decorum.

Director Sweeney - I don't know how else we would be suspending the rules because she shouldn't have the zoom call in, because that would not have been given out to members of the public. So I do.....

Council President – Okay

Director Sweeney - have issues with and as Councilman Epps did say, I did not draft this piece of legislation, Ms. Boles did. I have issues with sections 6, this section provides that we would allow public access and participation in the video meeting and I've previously express concerns before making Zoom access available to the public I think we need to limit who is on the zoom meeting, Councilman Epps gave the example of you know somebody brandishing their private parts and Ms. Grida then exiting out the video but the damage is already done at that point. There was an issue of child pornography shown at another city's school board meeting, that damage is already done, by allowing somebody else on the Zoom, the Zoom meeting. There have been other city's issues with the disruptions when members of the public have been given Zoom access. We are currently in compliance with House Bill 197 as we currently hold our meetings, and I sent a memo to council on April 2<sup>nd</sup> and nothing has changed since then. The way we currently hold our meetings we're providing notice to the public about the council meetings, nothing has changed with this and we are getting the agenda out and publishing as usual. How we are currently holding our meetings, we're providing public access to the meetings and I'm quoting House Bill 197, the public body shall insure that the public can observe and the discussion and deliberations of all members of the public body, we are doing that, the public is able to watch on two different cable stations and through ECTV channel on Youtube and how we are currently holding our meetings we are providing the public a means to communicate to council by e-mailing council clerk, faxing council clerk any questions or comments they have for the committee of the whole legislative portion or the public portion. We also extend the time in which the public may submit questions or comments to the end of the agenda and I appreciate the council clerk for being flexible with this. This is currently not required under House Bill 197 but we are still doing it. We may only have one more zoom council meeting on June 15<sup>th</sup>, I can't say exactly how things with the Governor will go but he did allow 300 person weddings so I anticipate we're going to be meeting in person very soon. Potentially for the next council meeting, regular council meeting July 20<sup>th</sup>. So I would ask that you keep the status quo on how we are currently handling our Zoom meetings. Thank you.

President Mancuso – Thank you. And I'm told by the host that the other Attorney is not on Zoom, does not have access to it at the moment, so I will ask for other councilman's discussion at this point in time on this proposed ordinance. Councilman Wojtila.....

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Councilman Wojtila – Thank you Madame Chair. To Councilman Epps, I did want to call you this weekend but I ended up working a lot my regular job, but in section 3 what is the intent of that section specifically? It says through the use of electronic equipment that is widely available to the general public, I took that to mean that and correct me if I'm wrong that you would have Zoom set up at City Hall so that they could come to City Hall and then be a part of the Zoom meeting or able to speak at the end of the meeting through Zoom, is that what your thinking was?

President Mancuso – Councilman Epps, do you want to respond?

Councilman Epps – Thank you Madame Chair. Yes, I mean that, that's an option. That doesn't necessarily have to go that way and I that maybe especially with what Law Director Sweeney is saying everything it would take to implement that if we are going to be, if there's potentially just one more meeting then maybe that's not necessary but I, I, that is an option. I, I happen to, you know if there's an, if, because the reason for that is there's an undo heart ship on people then we're providing an opportunity for anybody to come in and do so and I'm prepared to do that on my own end, to provide a location, a space so that we're not spending additional money or additional set up to do this and so I am prepared to do that if, if council I've spoken to some folks who think that is the portion that goes a little far, I'm not necessarily looking for that, but I do, I do want to address the point of you know, we we're this might be the last meeting okay then if that's the case then why not pass this legislation and make sure just in case folks are included I also want to address the fact that you know the damage is already done when something is posted well that happens in council chambers, who's to stop somebody from walking in council chambers and completely naked and then they would still have to escorted out, they could walk up to the podium and drop their pants and shirt right then and I think that's some of the, the issues that are, are out there for any public meeting. These things can happen and when they happen we address them I think that via Zoom meeting we can address it a lot faster than we can address it in council chambers in fact in council chambers you have to come, the police chief has to come down and escort the person out all of this and so again this all feels to the folks and, and I happen to agree with them it just seems like we're just purposely wanting to x folks out especially considering that we do, especially considering that we do have you know Attorney Alisa Boles trying to get in on this call and the idea that she's not being on Zoom is not able to give the opportunity to be able to get in this conversation on legislation that she as a resident and active resident and an Attorney wrote and as the council president, I mean as the Law Director said yes she has her qualms with pieces of it but she's not the one who wrote it. So you know open it up and given the opportunity for this Attorney who wrote this legislation to get involved this is again another example and I also want to address the point of, the fact that I'm at Alisa Boles house, if I was at Alisa Boles house I'd scoot over and I'd allow her to get into the conversation and she could do it that way, I'm actually at a little more space that I have and I've had for years this is where I do ever since council meeting from as you see my background hasn't changed.

President Mancuso – Councilman, Councilman Epps, can I interject, I'd like to continue the discussion pertaining to the question Councilman Wojtila had and he, do you have a follow up Councilman Wojtila, thank you.....

Councilman Wojtila – Thank you Madame Chair. Councilman Epps, I'm just I really wasn't trying to direct you one way, I'm just really more asking what was the intent behind the legislation, was it to have something at city council or was it to have everybody have access through Zoom, Zoom meeting?

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Councilman Epps – I am hoping as for me Madame Chair to, to my colleague I'm comfortable with that either way, I want to make sure that folks have an opportunity whether we set up the space for them or whether, whether it be some individual members on council have the opportunity for folks to meet them where they are I think that's also something that would be extremely inclusive and could be an exciting environment for our active residents you know I just I'm comfortable with that either way, it's not so much as that my intention was one way or the other, I just want to make sure that if that was the concern that folks still would not have the opportunity that we, that was out there, there was something out there that we could do to accommodate folks here at city hall as well. So just need more public assess and this is something that doesn't have to go on forever as a compromise to this also you know rather than keeping it being in that way so that folks can hop in any meeting via Zoom moving forward, I even would suggest that we you know, we make this where it ends on December as we've done with other legislation and other concessions that we've made given this Covid crisis so that's something else we can do, it doesn't have to be permanent I can be something over this December and that way if these meetings go forward for months to come then folks are included and if they're not then it's over.

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

Councilwoman Caviness – Thank you Madame President. Do you have the input that, that came from Victor and Audrey Goodman in the very beginning regarding this particular legislation?

President Mancuso – I think I do, Madame Clerk you have it don't you? Did you want her to read it again?

Councilwoman Caviness – Yes please.

President Mancuso – Okay. The legislative input from the Goodman's.

Clerk Allen – Yes, Madame President. This is in regards to Agenda item number 7. We both strongly feel that there has to be some way for real time citizen participation on both agenda items as well as the general Committee of the Whole. Situations and thoughts change as Euclid citizens are watching the Zoom meetings; and yet, as currently required, citizens must pre-write comments. This totally eliminates reacting to statements and items discussed by council. This could possibly be resolved by a citizen requesting a Zoom slot that they would be informed by a text or email when their approximate 5 minute allotted time would be. This would be their only time that they would be allowed to participate live; thus eliminating multiple people talking out of turn. If the citizen would have questions during their time, they should be allowed to remain live in the event they have follow up questions or comments.

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

Councilwoman Caviness – Thank you. I just wanted to make sure that they were heard again I know it was read at the beginning but it applies to this particular ordinance. I do agree with Councilman Epps in that we are missing a good portion of our meeting by not having the participation of our residents, they have made in the past I have found that they have made a special impact in my life and in my decisions in listening to them and the input that they give regarding legislation and even after when it's for the good of the city, however, we do know as Law Director Sweeney stated this maybe our last council

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meeting on zoom, maybe, we're not sure. I don't know how affective it would be to have this legislation pass this legislation now and then have a meeting in our chambers later, what, what would that do if we passed it now Director Sweeney and then we all of a sudden just it, the rules changed and we were able to then meet again in chambers?

President Mancuso – Director Sweeney.....

Director Sweeney – Madame Chair to the councilwoman. It currently states that it's in effect during the time that there's been an official declaration by the Governor that there's a public health state of emergency. So it's only valid during that time.

Councilwoman Caviness – Good. Okay and so what also would it entail then, how much work would it entail and how much of an investment would it entail to put this into effect?

Director Sweeney – Madame Chair to the councilwoman. I don't know the monetary, I don't know if there's a monetary amount there, we pay for a zoom license, it's called a license what I'm not sure about that the Goodman's are requesting I don't know that there's individual zoom ID's for separate people, everybody here has one Zoom ID that we all login on. I don't know that we can give the Goodman's an ID if they request one, Ms. Boles and ID if she requests one, it's one Zoom ID and that has been the problem when that Zoom ID has gotten out to the people if I may, I would like to talk about what Councilman Epps said about somebody coming and pulling their pants down in a council meeting, that's comparing apples to oranges. In a council meeting we can identify who that person is, we have the Police Chief there, we have witness's there we can say that was you know Joe Shmoe who did that and bring criminal charges against that person. If this Zoom ID gets out there's anonymity here, we don't know who the person is who's potentially showing kiddy porn or their privates on our Zoom meeting and I don't want to take that chance, when we may just have one more meeting on Zoom.

Councilwoman Caviness – Thank you Director.

President Mancuso – Councilman Moore.....

Councilman Moore – Thank you Madame Chair, again I, I agree with the heart of the matter of what Councilman Epps is trying to do. I want to make a couple points though. The Goodman's make an excellent point about a time slot, the only issue I have with that is now we're giving people with computer access or tech savviness priority over those who do not have that sort of access. If we were for instance to allow people to send in voice mails or record something and send that in that could be a possibility and then also do we have and this is a question, do we have the ability for somebody to call in at the end of a meeting with someone's phone, maybe the council clerks phone, and, and be active in that way? So the heart of getting everybody in participation I understand I think logistically on Zoom it's going to be extremely difficult and I think the way that we're handling it is you know not perfect, but I think we should be able to make some accommodations. So, so, sorry, let me add, the one question is about the telephone but the other question also is if someone is making a comment at the beginning of the meeting we have the option of saying hey, Council President can we allow this person to finish their comment, I mean, I believe we have that option, don't we?

Council President – We do.

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Councilman Moore – Okay, thank you so the other question about the telephone call, do we have anyway of being able to allow somebody to call in and have their voice live so they can interact using one person’s phone is that possible?

Council President – I am not the expert on that, I couldn’t, I couldn’t answer that.

Councilman Moore – Okay, if there’s some way for us to figure that out, I think that would be helpful. I think the legislation as it stands probably needs a lot more work also, again the heart of it is, is good, but it’s gonna take a lot more thinking through all of the processes in order for this work effectively and clean and that’s just my opinion. Thank you.

Council President – Thank you. Other discussion? Councilwoman Jukic.....

Councilwoman Jukic – Thank you Madame Chair. Just a couple things and then I have a question. I feel like all of us because of the Covid situation and I was actually counting how many meetings we’ve had are still catching our breath on Zoom calls, Skype calls, and Microsoft meetings nothing ever seems to work, still getting the hang of issues I think in our whole society including tonight I had two computers, I couldn’t get either of them to work again I was almost late to the meeting, I couldn’t tell you why. So it’s only been a few meetings that we’ve had to do this and I feel in my other job, in my personal life and here that it’s still like something that we’re figuring out. I also appreciate that technology challenges for various members of our community, if I have a hard time getting on Zoom I’m sure that that those kind of issues exist for people. I also second what Councilman Moore said about the legislation might need some work, when I read through it the first time I did have several questions so I wrote them down and so it feels like it, it could use some work and you know I have a tendency of offering to work on legislation if I’m not comfortable with what’s being talked about any given day. The other thing is yeah, I’d like to compare it, again, I don’t know what we have in our ordinances already related to these kind of unusual circumstances so I had wanted to compare it ours or someone else’s so that will be my question and then the emergency nature of it because I’d like to educate myself and learn about things, that makes me a little bit nervous the emergency nature of it. So my question is, and I saw the 89 pages of documents that Law Director that you sent to us related to this so I’m still going through that but is there something that we could compare this proposed legislation to that’s in another city or something that’s currently in our books?

President Mancuso – Law Director Sweeney.....

Director Sweeney – Madame Chair to the councilwoman. We have nothing on the books because this is a new piece and it’s a new phenomenon with this pandemic. Again, I did not draft this piece so I will defer to the Councilman on that.

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

Councilman Epps – Madame Chair. Thank you, I would again I made a motion to suspend the rules to allow Ms. Boles into the conversation, I would like to suspend the rules so that the writer of the legislation could chime in and answer some of these questions. I also, you know, we do emergency legislation all the time and this is an emergency and it’s emergency because of for example the next meeting might be the last meeting or it may not be the last

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meeting but whatever the case maybe the next meeting our residents need to be included. We cannot continue to just keep doing this. Law Director Sweeney, I have a question before the motion, Madame Chair if you please will acknowledge my motion, the as Ms. Boles is awaiting right now, Ms. Grida has said that she is sitting there waiting as well and we're just waiting on council to give the permission for her to chime in but I, I want to ask when Planning and Zoning currently does this right now. Did you go to Planning and Zoning and give your opinion that we should not be doing this in Planning and Zoning?

Director Sweeney – Madame Chair to the councilman. There are different rules for hearings.....

Councilman Epps – I understand rules, but some of your concerns don't necessarily go, your concerns are things that are you know these people still could do exactly what your suggesting here I just want to know if, and I'm not asking it's not a gottcha moment, I'm just asking did go to Planning and Zoning and express these concerns to Planning and Zoning when then considered doing this same thing that I'm suggesting.

President Mancuso – Councilman Epps, I'm going to ask if you're going to ask a question please let the speaker speak without interrupting and they won't interrupt you. So you've asked the question, Director Sweeney please respond and then we'll get back to Councilwoman Jukic questions.

Director Sweeney – Thank you. Madame Chair, Assistant Law Director Rubadue and I met with Planning and Zoning Secretary Scott Muscatello we did have this conversation, I still have concerns, but he is sending the, he is sending the zoom ID to just the applicants, how we had Ms. Crawford on earlier, we sent her the Zoom ID to that particular applicant we are not including a Zoom ID on our, on our Council legislation that is going literally to thousands of folks, that is not a good idea. Our agenda is published to thousands of people anybody who gets the News Herald, it's on our website and I don't know the exact number but Barb, Ms. Allen has an e-mail distribution group well into the hundreds.

Councilman Epps – And I, thank you for, thank you for answering, Madame Chair thank you Director Sweeney for answering that, and, and that's the reason why I wanted to know is this a conversation was this some information that you passed onto them as well.

Director Sweeney – Yes.

Councilman Epps – Important and did that anyway and you know just as we allow people right now to e-mail I even think that folks maybe open to if your concern is about sending it out to everyone, if you want to get in there's a time deadline just as for your e-mail, and you'll be sent the meeting ID and information right then on the spot so only the folks who chime in via e-mail to Barb and say hey this is what I, you know this is what I want to do, will be, will be allowed into the meeting but again, if we can suspend the rules to allow the author of the legislation to chime in the writer of the legislation to chime in I would appreciate it.

President Mancuso – I'm told that she is not, the host has told me she is not here, and quite honestly I don't know who would have given her the, I would not, I don't know who would have given her the confidential meeting ID and password? Because I know we're not supposed to be distributing those.

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Councilman Epps – Ms. Grida just text me and said that I just need to have the permission and she will allow her into the conversation.

President Mancuso – Is that true?

Councilman Epps – Regardless of the fact, I made a motion, the law says you have to acknowledge my motion. You just.....

President Mancuso – Please sir, decorum. I know its difficult decorum.

Councilman Epps – It is with you, it is.

President Mancuso – I understand please don't, don't, just.....

Councilman Epps – No, it sucks

President Mancuso – Alright so

Councilman Epps – And if you relax

President Mancuso – Until I can get a confirmation from Ms. Grida we're going to consider, we're going to continue with Councils discussion. People want to move on.....

Councilman Epps – Now I want to ask my colleagues, is she allowed to do that when I make a motion, I'm confused.

President Mancuso – You're not the only, a motion alone does not make something happen.....

Councilman Epps – I know but if you could open it up to my colleagues

President Mancuso – You need a motion and a second, stop interrupting.

Councilwoman McIntosh – Point of Order!

President Mancuso – Did you put her in the green room? So I'm told she is in the green room, we have a motion on the floor to suspend the rules to hear from her if you want to ask questions. So we need a second in order to suspend the rules to bring her in. So moved by Councilwoman Gorshe and we need a vote.

All in favor

Yeas: Unanimous

Opposed: McIntosh and Jarosz

Councilman Epps – Shame on you

President Mancuso – Yes, alright, the motion passes. And we will put her in the green room for specific questions as we would our other speakers. And we will wait for Ms. Grida to do that. You are now part of us, if anybody has specific questions for Ms. Boles, feel free to ask and she will respond as best she can. Councilwoman Jukic.....

Councilwoman Jukic – Hello, I had a question earlier about whether there's comparable legislation that we could take a look at or if other cities have this kind of legislation, I like to look at other ordinance's that compare and do some research on it, I'm wondering if someone else has something similar? And I do have the, the documents that I got via e-mail.

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President Mancuso – Ms. Boles.

Ms. Boles – Thank you everyone, can you hear me?

President Mancuso – Yes. We hear you. We can hear you.

Ms. Boles – I feel like there might be a timing issue.

President Mancuso – There is, there is. There's a pause. Did you hear the question?

Ms. Boles – I heard Council.....

President Mancuso – Ms. Boles did you hear the question?

Ms. Boles – I did can you hear me now?

President Mancuso – Yes

Ms. Boles – I've heard from Councilwoman Jukic's question about 3 times, I heard the original question and I've been standing by and then I heard it again because of this delay. Yes so as the Law Director said we don't presently have anything like this ..... I did, I did.

President Mancuso – Ms. Boles, do you have a response for us? Mayor Gail, Mayor Gail.....

Mayor Holzheimer Gail – Madame Chair I think this is why we test and why we do things in, in a process. I would encourage council there's been questions about this legislation, this isn't a committee meeting. You know we've been here it's now 9:50, if something like this needs discussion there's so much in this legislation I don't know if everyone read the fact sheet, this and I'm not sure what, what explicitly contemplates compensation, it talks about payment, it talks about many things, there's more to this than we're going to get through tonight, we're obviously having technical issues that's why we set these things up a head of time, if, you know I would encourage council send this to committee, have a discussion, I hear the intent of allowing people to participate we will continue to look at that, I was on a call with the East Side Mayors today and I've learned about what they're doing, how everybody's in this learning together. There's possibly ways we can call in, we need to work on that and I think we're gonna be here tonight continuing to talk about this for 45 more minutes and there's still a lot of questions. I'd like the sanction doesn't even call on a specific ordinance in our code so where, I mean there's so many things I would encourage you send it committee or you know vote on it and move it on but you know, this is why we, we have a process for how we do this.

President Mancuso – And how we, while we made an effort to accommodate and we are obviously trying to accommodate tonight, I think this discussion needs to be with the council members on what you want to do with this proposed piece of legislation tonight and, and I apologies to Councilwoman Jukic that we're having the technical difficulties that maybe another reason why you want to get the information that makes you comfortable about what anybody else might have. So I will apologies to Ms. Boles that we are having the technical difficulty and if we can get this working we can do this at another

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time. But right now, I agree with the Mayor, we need to move this forward, either put it into committee or vote on it one way or the other.

Ms. Boles – Can you guys hear me better now.

President Mancuso – We're gonna, we can hear you but what I think we are going to do Ms. Boles is have council decide perhaps put this into committee.

Ms. Boles – Well I'd like to answer Ms. Councilwoman Jukic's question, I think I figured out the delay issue.

Councilman Epps – Thank you.

President Mancuso – Can we make it brief, can we make it brief.

Ms. Boles – I'll make it brief.

President Mancuso – Thank you.

Ms. Boles – Councilwoman Jukic, am I saying your name right?

Councilwoman Jukic – Yes, yes.

Ms. Boles – Yeah to answer your question, no we don't have anything like this on the books but the State Legislature did pass the House Bill that gives a temporary emergency allowance for you to meet in Zoom, like you're doing now, but what it did not do was void any of our current rules regarding meetings, and we enforce some of the and we don't enforce some of the others. There's a 5 minute rule for example that gets enforced sometimes but it's kind of like spitting up square peg in a round whole when you're trying to put a 5 minute limit on words usually you get a word limit for those, as you noticed I did put together that 80 something page packet, I wanted it to be through but one of the reasons I wanted to be here is to help you digest it. It does have all of our Euclid Laws that I did find that do regulate council meetings, it does have the House Bill, I did make that an emergency exception for you all to meet in person, I'm sorry for you all to meet via Zoom, because the law on the books specifically requires that you do meet in person so they did make that exception but in Ohio under Home Rule, State, Local law trumps State law when it comes to matters of self-government and we have a lot of unique rules in Euclid when it comes to public participation in City Council meetings, we have a right to speak 5 minutes before legislation, 5 minutes after legislation for example. And on another thing that some of the council people have touched on is that we actually have an opportunity here to accommodate people even further, there are people that are probably suited for indirect access like this, say they're homebound, maybe in the further we could have all of these options for people to write a letter that will be read on the record but for many people it is much better for them to use their own voices much more powerful, we can control our time better like we used to in person, and so it's all there, did you have another specific question about the law or is there anything else I could answer for you?

Councilwoman Jukic – No thank you answered about what existed in Euclid, kind of body of laws. I was wondering if any other municipalities or had

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something similar yet because as I mentioned earlier it's all just, all of it is so new, I'm wondering if you have any.....

Ms. Boles – I haven't seen one for municipality yet, I, I what I did see was the state has two separate things going on they have the emergency action that a look up for this meeting here the, the Zoom meetings but then they have a separate legislation working its way through the process for future emergencies, so Councilman Epps had suggested, I had originally had this to be, written to be handling the current emergency and future emergencies and Councilman Epps suggested that we do make it more temporary so I added similar language to what they have in the state code that House Bill where it is going to expire in December or at the end of the emergency whichever one comes sooner. Because as the Law Director said yes this might be the last one, but it might not be the last one so it's nice to have something in place we don't want, we want public participation obviously from people it makes more interesting, no offence to the council clerk. She's doing a good job but you know it's nice to see our fellow residents speak their own words.  
Councilwoman Jukic –Thank you

President Mancuso – Thank you. Other council members, discussion? Seeing none, nobody, Councilman Wojtila.....

Councilman Wojtila – Thank you Madame Chair, I, I don't know if there's the consensus to take this to committee but the way it's written I really have a hard time understanding if we did pass it how would it even be enacted? That was the point of my original comment and again I apologies for not calling Councilman Epps this weekend but I don't understand what would be approving with regard to number 3 and number 4 or section 4 I should say, just says that we'll do everything that we say we're going to do so I'm not sure why that is even a section, section 2 I'd like the Law Director to comment on that, if that's not something that we need to do, why would section 2 be written there, it's almost like it's a whereas, and same thing with the first section, section 3 that sounds to me like a whereas, not an action item that we'd be approving and then the telephone I think number 6 we talked about that so like a little clarity on if we are gonna vote on that, what does that mean and how does that happen so that, so if it does get approved, the implementers know what to implement. I think you know, lacking that you know and I'm okay spending the time, probably have to take a restroom break but spending the time going through each section of the proposed ordinance.

President Mancuso – Alright, I, I am taking your comments what I'm looking for is there any other direct questions for Ms. Boles? Before we can, if we don't have any further questions for her, then we can go on and discuss what, how you would like to proceed. Because what we've heard is there is numerous issues that people want to discuss and don't quite see all of the definition or relevance of, so are there any other questions for Ms. Boles? Hang on. No, Marcus, oh hang on, hang on Councilman we have another person who hasn't spoken yet. Councilman Moore do you have question for Ms. Epps, or Ms. Boles?

Councilman Moore – So I'm sorry Madame Chair, I don't have a specific question for Ms. Boles right now but we're going to continue to discuss the legislation I think it might be prudent that she stay, or can we send it to

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committee where we can do some real discussion because I think it warrants real you know a fine tooth comb cause there's a lot that we need to go through.

President Mancuso – I tend to agree with you, there's a lot here and rather than doing it at a council meeting, which you know my philosophy is you're going to be working on something the work should go on in committees and at that point you can go on and bring in your experts to discuss it. Councilman Epps.....

Councilman Epps – Thank you Charlene, I, you know I will say we've had again emergency legislation introduced all the time then ever reaches any committee, and so that's a point that your making because it makes sense for this particular piece and I get that, but I also want to point out earlier in this meeting Councilman Jarosz and Councilwoman McIntosh as well who you know their concerns and Councilwoman Jukic has concerns as well with deviating from our Charter, here we are again picking when we want to follow the law and when we want to obey our Charter and when our Charter is important and when it's not, I think Ms. Boles made a good point and if she would like an opportunity to spot on it some more I'd appreciate that just for clarity and I also appreciate Councilman Wojtila in saying hey, look it's people business don't have time this is an emergency, we need to do this now, we have a meeting in two weeks, we don't have time in everybody's talking about all the other committee meetings that have, we don't have time nor do we have the system and process in place for our residents who are fired up and concerned about this to be a part of whatever committee meeting there is, so if, if Councilman Wojtila understands the magnitude of this if, if not at the point where he supports and agrees with this right now but enough to say let's go through and let's fix it, right now, we can go through the pieces yes, no one, you know in a perfect world don't want to sit here until mid-night but we've done it before so you know, the idea that this is an emergency and something important and we all what to say we agree with the intent and the passion behind it well then if there's an opportunity to fix this, I think I've thrown out a couple suggestions already and again I want Ms. Boles to spar more upon the fact that you know the legalities surrounding this the fact that yes they permitted us to not meet in person but they did not say that you can't cancel everything within our Charter that right now we are not following. We're breaking the law and not following that and so I want her to explain more about that but I also want to again just make clear people we can have, we can have people email if that's the case, or reach out via phone whatever the case maybe to say that they want the ID information because they indent to chime in, that satisfies the concerns about sending that information all out to any and everyone it does not necessarily satisfy the concerns of peoples civil liberties and I'll leave that to Ms. Boles to explain more about that, but it does give some concession and it's a compromise where folks maybe they don't care via, via, via video but they do have the opportunity to be able to call in which other organizations, other committees, other you know municipalities are using those tools right now and I think that we're just gonna keep hammering in what gets the most discussion, what about getting folks in, why don't we just give some suggestions right now as to how we make this conducive to work for our residents and I think by giving the meeting ID to folks who request the meeting ID and by making sure that and maybe they appear without video you know what I mean and if that's something that makes it more concerning than once then, but I believe that the host has the opportunity to see that it's something valid and who the person is before she lets them in and if that's not

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the case then they go in without video and then bam she can go back and retract that, you know we can make this work to include folks and kicken the can down the road and especially with at the same times saying this might be the last one, it feels real like no we don't want to do this and we're willing to get us back at meeting regular just to keep from doing it and I just don't think that it sits well with folks, so Ms. Boles if you could just go on a little more about, and I do have a direct question for you. If you could explain a little more the details surrounding the legal ramifications surrounding this as well as any other comments you want to add to this conversation, I'd appreciate it.

President Mancuso – I going to, before I have you continue, if we have you continue, there is a lot of discussion that is gone on and you all know my philosophy is when you come to council you should be well prepared to vote, I don't believe this council is well prepared to vote and if we're going to have these detailed discussions, we're going to do it in a committee meeting. At which I will, I will make the motion that this goes into a committee meeting so that all these different ramifications and all your experts at your committee meeting. We are not going to be here at a council meeting trying to word smorth a document, that's not what council meetings are for.

Councilman Epps – We did it with the panhandling

President Mancuso – That's what committee meetings are for, please do not interrupt, that's what council meetings are for so I'm going to make that motion and then I'm gonna, I think Councilman Jarosz had his hands up and I don't know if there is anybody else who had a comment.

Councilman Epps – Wait a minute I asked a question to Ms. Boles.

President Mancuso – I understand sir

Councilman Epps – Ask her any other questions, I haven't.

President Mancuso – I understand sir, please don't interrupt anymore. Please. The best place for Ms. Boles to give us the best information she has is where she can share it with all of the council people here and it is the only thing we're discussing. So out of respect for her time and ours I'm making the motion that this go to a committee meeting where it can be fully vetted so all the different options can be looked at and council has the time to ask the questions of all of our experts and with that I'm going to go to Councilman Jarosz.....

Councilman Jarosz – Thank you Madame Chair, I will second that motion. But first you said actually that's the motion I wanted to make as well, we have an extensive document largely legal, which our Law Director has several concerns about, it's the sponsor or the, the author of it spent 80 plus pages of documentation behind that and we have to balance a couple of things too, I mean there's the legal aspect but you know as we say recently I mean, there's just the technical logical capabilities are we even enacting laws that we can actually technically do? You know and, and then what are the ramifications if we have a you know a snaff fu within our technology at a point of a council meeting, I'm really intrigued about the idea of getting this committee so we could set up ways for our residents post Covid to join us via Zoom or join us via other mediums I think that would be great for those who are homebound, who may not have a more difficult time getting to council meetings you know I,

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I think this is something that is very worthwhile and, and digging into with technology experts, I mean heck to be honest I didn't even know Zoom existed in December of 2019 and you know here we are in 2020 and now it's running our lives. So you know and we're still working out glitches as you can tell here internally so I would really you know I, we're not going to get it right, right now, I think this is something that is important enough to go to committee and really dig through understanding the technology, understanding our limitations, what we can and can't do and look technology's gonna change a year from now too, I mean, so this is something that's gonna keep on going but to think that we're going to go line by line with so many concerns that our Law Director has when it's our Law Director's opinion that we are already in compliance, with Ohio Law, and you know I that's you know, we are in compliance, we are trying to make it better let's do that in committee where we can really make or benefit, you know make our residents benefit not for the next meeting but really indefinitely and in perpetuity will have this access and we'll have these policies and procedures to give our residents a better look into what we're doing, easier way to communicate but just to rush this through right now because it's Covid, nah, I think this is something worthwhile indefinitely you know, you know I think this is something that is good for hopefully figuring out a way for our residents to communicate with us and participate in these meetings who may not able to make it to council meetings on a regular basis so I would like to second your motion to send it to committee, and then hopefully you know we'll be meeting in person and we all can participate and we can really dig through it cause it might take several committee meetings to get it right. So that's my thought on this process.

President Mancuso – Thank you. Any other comments? Briefly Councilman Epps please.....

Councilman Epps – With all due respect Charlene, I, I resent the fact that being asked to make my remarks brief. If I think the law requires that I have at least 5 minutes when I have the floor to speak so.....

President Mancuso – Really sir, you should have 5 minutes total, and we have relaxed that on the Zoom meetings because we want people to be able to talk but if you look at the ordinance,

Councilman Epps – And that, and that.....

President Mancuso - please don't interrupt.....

Councilman Epps – You just interrupted me I was in the middle of talking.....

President Mancuso – Please you have 5 minutes total according to our ordinances and we have relaxed that during the, or during these Zoom meetings.

Councilman Epps – Thank you.

President Mancuso – That's why I'm asking for you to make it brief.

Councilman Epps – Thank you. Again I say to Law Director Sweeney can you speak to the legal issues surrounding the fact that I was asked by the Council President to if we were all asked if there were any more questions to be asked of Ms. Boles, I asked a direct question to Ms. Boles and that's just being

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ignored and moved on if I have no legal right here then I'll shut up and leave it alone and let the folks at home who are watching this circus decide what's best and what's not. But can you please address those legal ramifications as well as to the point of when a motion is made on the floor, can my motion just be ignored, I understand that there's some legal ramifications that cause me to interrupt and make a motion as well to override, whatever it is Council President says can you speak to that please.

Director Sweeney – Let me make sure I caught everything, so if there's a motion to suspend the rules to have someone else speak, there has to be a vote on that and that has to be accepted, and just because you then ask to have her again speak, Council President is running the meeting she still has to call on folks.....

Councilman Epps – She called on folks.

Director Sweeney – to be able to have them speak. Did I catch all the questions?

Councilman Epps – Yes, I just want to get back to the point, you said she has to call on them to speak, she asked if there were any more questions for Ms. Boles, I raised my hand, she called on me to speak I asked the question and she went on to say her option is that, that question should not be asked of Ms. Boles and so we're going to move on to Councilman Jarosz. Is that legal?

Director Sweeney – I don't know if there was necessarily a motion that was left so there would have to be a motion.

Councilman Epps – a motion

Director Sweeney- You just said I, you said, you are asking Ms. Boles to speak, you would have to make a motion there would have to be a second, a vote and then she's called upon.

Councilman Epps – Even though the Council President is the one that requested for any questions for Ms. Boles I asked the question to Ms. Boles after the Council President directed me to do that, I did what I was told to do by her and then that can just be ignored?

President Mancuso – Sir, we're not ignoring you, we trying.....

Councilman Epps – I was speaking to Director Sweeney.

President Mancuso - to be the best use of everybody's.....

Councilman Epps – Right....

President Mancuso - time to get this legislation where you would like it to be so that it is helping the residents and council make good decisions. I don't want to be argumentative here, this is not the place to be vetting line by line and asking any of our experts to go through and do this. So I am, I am asking you again, we have, we have a motion and a second, we will close debate, we will get it into committee where you can get all your expertise you need to get your

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legislation where it needs to be to be passed. I don't want to argue with you tonight.

Councilman Epps – So can you allow her to answer the question you told me to ask her. What's so hard about that?

President Mancuso – I think that question would be best answered in probably greater detail at a committee meeting.

Councilman Epps – Okay, so I would like to make a motion to override that decision and allow Ms. Boles like at as mentioned at Councilman Jarosz who has put so much work into this the opportunity to be able to address the questions that were asked of her by me as a sponsor of this legislation and some other questions that may come up from my colleagues as well.

President Mancuso – I need a second on it and I will tell you we're going to limit it to 5 minutes.

Councilman Wojtila – I'll second.

President Mancuso – That's my, that's my decision. We are going to limit those answers to 5 minutes.

Councilman Epps – permission to get rid of you today.

President Mancuso – because I think, I think when we get the second and if we say yes, fine, if we say no we're just going to move on.

Councilman Epps – We got the second.

President Mancuso – Who's the second?

Councilman Epps – Councilman Wojtila

President Mancuso – Councilman Wojtila, okay.

All in favor

Yeas: Unanimous

Opposed: Alright, 5 minutes to answer Councilman Epps questions to you Ms. Boles.

Ms. Boles – I also have an answer to, for Councilman Wojtila, if I'm keeping track of this right, you had a question about section 2, that language is very similar to what's already in House Bill, House Bill, the State Code, it's important to limit it we thought when we were writing it to the end of the emergency or December 31<sup>st</sup> the House Bill is written like that as well. You're going to have to do another Bill if, if hopefully not you know we're still in this situation by then, but that's what the state's gonna do. When it comes to Section 3, the presumption was that you would just make it happen the way you made Zoom meetings happen originally and also P & Z has been doing this seamlessly I get multiple, I've gotten multiple e-mails from them asking for any member of the public to request either the meeting via Zoom to phone in or to you know send an e-mail and I'm assuming that maybe you could ask them how they're doing it. I also do what to speak to a question about how I was

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invited to this meeting, I was invited by a councilperson, I did get the information that way. Marcus is not at my house, but that's neither here nor there, I also wanted to, I had a question for the Law Director Sweeney actually when I proposed this section 4 had subparts, what you have is section 5, section 6 and section 7 where intended to be subordinate section 4 because that's the three ways, also I wanted to through in Section 8 because what if there is somebody with a disability and have a unique way they'd like to participate and I would want council to be able to offer more ways to participate. And in response to Councilman Epps, question when it comes to limiting someone's first amendment rights you have a compelling government interest to do so and you have do so with the least restrictive needs, it doesn't feel that way as a resident of Euclid that this is the least restrictive. Is that, does that answer everyone's questions or are there more?

Councilman Epps – The one last thing just to follow up if I could, I want you to speak to the issues you know, we have folks that have and both in this conversation tonight, in this meeting period about our Charter, and trying to be sold and committed to our Charter, if you could address the fact that the state bills gives us the permission to do this via Zoom but the fact that we're still breaking the law about not following our own Charter issues, if you could address that.

Ms. Boles – Yes, but this definitely my, this is definitely my legal opinion. Under, in Ohio we have Home Rule, and where we have a Charter, like we do in Euclid, matters of self-government very specifically this council, we're governing ourselves right now, you guys are doing it on our behalf, local rule trumps state rule and we have many local rules that provide for the public speaking for themselves at meetings like I've said before twice, at each meeting as you're all fully aware, and there is this section, section 10 when you do have laws that in a way, fit in a way that don't fit you have language like this in section 10, nothing in this section shall be construed to negate any provision of state or local law that is not in conflict with this section, it's kind of a catch all, you know if there's a, if the law says that someone can come stand at the podium for 5 minutes, well obviously that's not going to be applicable here in a Zoom meeting, there's not podium but there's no reason why the 5 minutes can't apply. There's a similar example with the rules of civil procedure on the books like criminal procedure, one adopts the other to the extent they're clearly and applicable that's, that's normal language in law and it's just a way to like one of these sections here says construe these laws in favor of openness which is currently how are, what our Charter requires and also state law.

President Mancuso – Thank you.

Councilman Epps – Thank you.

President Mancuso – Alright, I would like to have a motion to close debate so we can move on. So moved by Councilwoman Caviness; seconded by Councilwoman McIntosh.

All in favor

Yeas: Unanimous

Any opposed: Councilman Epps

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President Mancuso – Thank you, two, two against. Alright we thank, thank you Ms. Boles for being with us tonight and I’m sure you’ll be called upon when they get to the committee meeting. Thank you very much, alright, we have a motion and second on the floor to take this to committee. What committee would you like to put it in?

Councilman Epps – Safety Committee, since there are issues, the whole purpose for this is around safety and around.....

President Mancuso – Okay, thank you Councilman Epps. Councilwoman Caviness would you be willing to take this into the Safety Committee?

Councilwoman Caviness – Yes, ma’am I would be willing to take it in we do have a Safety Committee meeting to discuss the deer at the end of this month, and if we could fit this in there we could do that because it will be a Zoom meeting.

President Mancuso – Okay, thank you. Councilman Moore, something about the Public Safety Committee?.....

Councilman Moore - Well, yes and no, I guess my question would be would it be better suited to create an adhoc committee just to this one issue to around Zoom and Zoom meetings as opposed to putting it somewhere else so we could strictly focus on this that would be you know the soul focus of the meetings?

Councilman Epps – I’d be.....

President Mancuso – Councilwoman Caviness, response.....

Councilwoman Caviness – Madame Chair, instead of Safety, what about E & F? I know that because everyone is present at E & F, and I think everyone, we need to get everyone’s input and I think it would behoove us to have it there.

President Mancuso – Okay, alright, how do we feel about E & F? Councilwoman McIntosh.....

Councilwoman McIntosh – Thank you Madame Chair. While I understand we’re in this current situation because of a public health crisis, I don’t necessarily see how Public Safety fits, and, and would prefer E & F because of all members being present.

President Mancuso – Okay, Councilman Moore.....

Councilman Moore – I’m sorry, while Public Safety is not the one I’m not sure that E & F is either, I think it might, it’s my opinion you might want to have Councilman Epps create an adhoc committee since it’s his legislation, there’s 80 plus pages of documentation that he’s more familiar with and have him manage the committee as he sees fit. That’s my suggestion.

President Mancuso – Okay

Councilman Moore – If he so says

President Mancuso – So we would, we will put forward to put this in an adhoc committee to be developed because we won’t do that tonight. You can decide, people can decide if they want to be on the adhoc committee and get in touch with Councilman Epps since it is his legislation and then you can decide on how you want to be part of that adhoc group. Being, having an adhoc committee is that acceptable to you Councilman Epps?

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Councilman Epps – Thank you, I, that is acceptable to me if in lieu of the fact that, the fact that we would be able to get this done and have this on the agenda for the next meeting if we’re going to go that route, thank you for the suggestion Councilman Moore, then I don’t see a reason why making this a second reading at this point and whatever comes out of that adhoc be the, be what the alterations or whatever the case may be, be the final draft for the legislation, so I am open to that and just so you know anybody who’s interested in doing it this is a meeting I’m going to want to get scheduled as soon as possible so that again we can get this done at the next council meeting.

President Mancuso – Great, thank you. So we have a motion and a second to send this to an adhoc committee that will be developed, those interested will get in touch with Councilman Epps and you will get your meeting together so that you can bring this back as a second reading. So Madame, yes, any further discussion on.....

Councilman Epps – Do I need to make a motion?

President Mancuso– sending it to committee? Councilwoman McIntosh.....

Councilman Epps – to send it, I’m sorry, I’m sorry.

Councilwoman McIntosh – Thank you Madame Chair, I don’t think I’ve ever witnessed this type of like sending it to an adhoc committee, can Law Director Sweeney can you go over if, you know are council members involved with this, is it the public, how does this work? I don’t, I’m not familiar with that process.

Director Sweeney – Thank you, Madame Chair to the Councilwoman, I’ve never heard of this myself, so I cannot comment at this time, it’s always been to an already established committee?

President Mancuso – Correct

Director Sweeney – We then had legislation creating adhoc committees,

President Mancuso – Right

Director Sweeney - we’ve had that but we’ve never sent something to a made up committee. I’m not aware of that.

President Mancuso – Councilwoman Caviness.....

Councilwoman Caviness – Thank you Madame Chair, the other reason why I think it would be important to go to E & F in my opinion is because we’re also talking about compensation, according to our, our fact sheet, it, it discusses software, it computers, cell phones, hardware, anything that we might be able to provide and the city might be able to provide, those are things that we would have to discuss in Finance anyway, so I would think that there are factors involved in that respect that would warrant going to E & F and also the fact that everyone belongs to E & F. Everyone’s a member of that committee, that’s still my, I would like to make a motion to send it to E & F.

President Mancuso – Alright so we, Councilwoman McIntosh.....

Councilwoman McIntosh – I second

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President Mancuso – Your seconding that. Alright well there is a motion on the floor and a second to send it to an adhoc committee, so we first need to vote on that. Before we go to our second motion. So the motion and second on the floor, Councilman Moore.....

Councilman Moore – I’m sorry, is it appropriate that I withdraw the motion for the adhoc committee or is that too late, now that it’s on a second.....

President Mancuso – No, you can do it, you can do it.

Councilman Moore – Okay, well I’d like to make a motion to withdraw my suggestion for an adhoc committee.

President Mancuso – Thank you so the only motion and second on the floor now is to go to E & F. We all agreed? Alright, Madame Clerk will you please call the roll on sending this to the E & F committee.

Clerk Allen – Roll call –

Yes: Jarosz, McIntosh, Jukic, Caviness, Moore, Mancuso

No: Epps, Wojtila, Gorshe

This will go to Executive and Finance.

President Mancuso – This will go to E & F correct? Alright now remember we have side note, we have an E & F meeting not this Wednesday, next Wednesday to go over the discussions we had with Shore. So don’t be confused that won’t be the meeting that this is at, because we need to make some decisions at that committee meeting. So it will be the very next time I can possibly schedule an E & F meeting. Alright, we are now onto our last piece of agenda. Madame Clerk, please read it into the record.

**8. Ordinance 057-20 Enacting Chapter 1707 “Registration of Property Mangers”**

An ordinance enacting Chapter 1707 “Registration of Property Managers” of the Building and Housing Code of the Codified Ordinances for the City of Euclid to require the registration of rental property managers who do business in the city of Euclid.

President Mancuso – Thank you. I’m, I’ll entertain a motion for passage to begin discussion. So moved by Councilman Epps; seconded by Councilwoman McIntosh. And this is your legislation also, Councilman, please start the discussion.....

Councilman Epps – Thank you. I, I would like to start if I could follow suite with Councilwoman Caviness and in an earlier piece of legislation, if I’d ask the council clerk, if you could please read, this is the peoples legislation, this is about quality of life issues our residents are dealing with all over our community and when I originally sponsored it, it was supposed to be about the complex’s here in our city the larger apartment complex’s but after getting more information from additional residents and residents input, which is something that I value, I think that we, that this is something that we need to look into a little further and something that we need to expand to folks who manage rental property throughout the city as well. I, I noticed just a couple of people if, there’s some ECT, the City of Euclid page, Law Director Sweeney thank you for muting yourself but those pages are not muted to the host and we’re getting a lot of feedback because of it, but any who, I will so I would like to get those comments from the residents and used that opportunity if you all could just listen carefully

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again to some of the quality of life issues that our residents are facing, right here in my ward, I'd appreciate that if you could do so Council Clerk. The people who were speaking to item 8 tonight and then I'll respond afterwards.

President Mancuso – Let me clarify, you want her to re-read what they had stated.

Councilman Epps – Yes, ma'am.

President Mancuso – Council Clerk would you please re-read the comments, just specific to item, agenda, agenda item 8. Is there a specific purpose to this councilman? You need to unmute, thank you.

Councilman Epps- I explained the purpose just now.

President Mancuso – Maybe clarify for me again.

Councilman Epps – For the purpose of making clear this is not about me, this is legislation that is about quality of life issues for our residents something that we don't always know that you care extremely about but that is the purpose of this.

President Mancuso – I appreciate the clarity without the sarcasm, sir. Thank you.

Councilman Epps – That wasn't sarcasm but, thank you.

President Mancuso – I believe it was, Council Clerk please read those comments that pertain only to this particular agenda item.

Councilman Epps – Can you unmute yourself, please Barb?

President Mancuso – You need to unmute Barb. Thank you.

Council Clerk - We have three of them this evening, "Good evening everyone, my name is, everybody, my name is Debra Williams and I live at 1501 East 256" Street. I am here to speak on Item #8. I've been a homeowner in the City of Euclid for over 30 years. I have always lived in Ward 3. I have been living on East 256th Street for the past 25 years. I can say it has really been a horrible change. I have had to deal with the people in Richmond Gardens and it hasn't been pleasant. Before they tore the garages down, the kids would climb on the garage, jump on my garage, jump on the roof of my back room and run back and forth, knocking on my bedroom and bathroom windows and even trying to open my windows. I had to take the air conditioner out of the window because they were trying to take it out and installed alarms on them. I told the police if they fall through my roof, I'm going to kill them for coming in my house. I said if they fall through my garage they will surely die because I don't go in there because I'm afraid. I have young people smoking weed in the back of my garage and they actually had put some old stairs there so they can sit there and smoke and drink and leave the empty liquid and beer bottles. So they tear the garages down, now I have them cutting through the back yard all day and night, shooting out in the parking lot and running from the police through the openings and yes I have witnessed this with my own eyes. My neighbor had a gun pulled on her for walking out her back door and telling them to get out her yard. I am PETRIFIED, to use my back door because I don't know who or what is hiding behind my garage. I had someone jump out from behind my garage once and I will not let that happen to me again. I don't go in the back yard unless I must, which mean I keep my garage cans closer to the front to avoid the back. I go out one morning to get in my car only to notice a big black garage bag in the back yard. I waited until I got back home

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to check it out because it was 6 am. Someone had thrown their trash in my backyard instead of putting it in their dumpster. This has happened on several occasion and I have to be the one to get out there and clean it up. IT IS NOT FAIR TO ME...My neighbor was in the back of the garage and told me to come here, I go back there and what I see, they have not only thrown all this garbage behind my garage but old tires and everything else. I was sitting in the house and heard some noise in the back, I went back there and there was someone with a chair looking through my back window. My neighbor asked me have I seen anyone putting trash in her garbage can because her can is always full too, I said no. A couple weeks later I heard someone putting trash in the can not a big deal only to find out that they are now putting trash in my garbage can (which is in the front) and walking on down the street. Why can't they use the dumpster that is provided to them instead of using our trash cans? Now where does my trash belong? I need to know who is going to clean up the back of my garage because I am not, who is going to keep us safe when is something going to be done, it's always something going on but NOTHING is being done. That playground is horrible and not safe for the kids to play in. They over their smoking weed, crack, fighting, drinking, but this is where my grandkids supposed to play, I don't think so. I have to leave my horrible neighbor to take my grandkids someplace else to place. This has been going on for YEEEAARRS! Section 8 has taken over that apartment complex and no I am not knocking Section 8 because there are people that really need it especially older and disabled but come on. Will it ever end I will ever feel safe again, this is something going to be done. My question is now, is, what is supposed to propose of those big bright lights on the back of the building, nothing has changed but now they have lights to see what they are doing. Now what's happening on East 256<sup>th</sup>. There was a time I could sit with my door and windows open while I sit downstairs watching tv until about 2 or 3 in the morning with no problem. That was a thing of the past. The drug houses and deals has taken over, especially on the higher and closer end closer to Babbitt, I don't go down that way for fear of being caught in crossfire. They sell drug day in and day out now it's to the point where they have the cars coming on my end, sit in front of my house or in front of ' h the empty field across for the Caswell Ct and wait for the drop off. They pull up to t e the transaction and leave. I sit here and watch them. I was sitting here about 2 weeks ago and I noticed a black car pull up to Caswell Ct, it backs up a little to my neighbor's driveway, gets out of the car and goes to the back door of the car, pull his penis out and pee in her driveway, who should have to deal with this? The street is like a race track, they speed up and down all day all night. Drug deals going bad and when the shoot starts, I was looking out the front door about 8 pm and suddenly somebody get to shooting and you see a car flying down the street. People moving on the street having wild parties have the night again smoking what can you do? What are YOU going to do? I have been here in my house since 1996, some of my neighbors longer, tell me what are we supposed to do? Do what we have been doing, dealing with it, until somebody shoot up our house, attack us outside in the back yard, or move? Some are on fix incomes and really can't afford. Who's really here to help us? Everybody here can talk a good game but who's here to really help. Now you want me to vote for a Levi to help build the community, to make Euclid great again, to help the schools but honestly what are you giving me in return. I'll tell you higher mortgage payment and taxes, and being fearful of the community I live in. Garbage thrown in my yard, drug dealers making deals in front of my house, and people running from the police through my yard and driveway. I have tried on many occasions to contact my Councilwomen Tamika when this stuff started and I'm still waiting on her to contact me and she's out of office. But during the elections, at the pole then she wants to talk about all she can help me with, no I don't think so. At least now I have a councilman that comes out in the neighborhood, talking to the people and willing to listen to want we have to go there, and trying to get things done. When you call Mr. Epps, he does return the calls within a 24-hour period, if not

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right away. Maybe there is hope at the end of the tunnel, but I also know he is only one person and I need help. Thank You for listening.

Council Clerk – The next one came from Christina Gamble who resided at 1557 Knuth Avenue, Euclid Avenue, 44132. Good afternoon councilman. I'm just gonna give you a running list for the sake of time. I live at Parkside Gardens apartments in Ward 3. 1. Unsecured Mailboxes for the last 4 yrs. Addressed issue, NO results. Financial Hazard for residents and now for people who are Working from home with business mail and income checks coming in.(Serious Problem especially now due to Covid 19 2. Parking lots unpaved. Housing agency has stated they will no longer pay rent for people in housing due to parking lots condition. Parking lot is considered in the rent. 3. Bad Plumbing inside apartments and surrounding grounds. 4. Lack of maintenance workers to handle resident's issues in dwellings. EVEN BEFORE COVID19 5. Drug Trafficking, Squatters, people partying in laundry rooms and sleeping in hallways. 6. Timely snow shoveling for people who need to get out for work in mornings and no considerations in place for people in wheel chairs and walkers. These problems have been constantly talked about but little action to rectify the problems considering its been more than two yrs with same issues.. The response has been in last few yrs. "we are new management. Give us time" Now the reasoning is we can't do anything until Covid19 is resolved. Parkside Garden Apts have been on television because of the bad conditions. I'm hoping that change is really possible.

Clerk Allen - And the last one comes from Leiajuana Gordon,25820 Tungsten Rd. Euclid, Ohio. I am submitting this letter texting it to you or Councilman to be read at the next meeting, please. Good evening, this is my letter to whom it my concern. I am writing this letter to inform you of what is going on in our community and around our community and also our complex where I live. I have been here for several years now since 2016 it's been a lot going on here as far as breaking, having squatters, to many complaints from myself and a lot of other tenant's complaints. Also from not having enough maintenance workers for repairs or cleaning or in general not having the supplies that they need to do the repairs. To me for the last three years having tenants over my head who are so disrespectful and not wanting to respect themselves or others who may live around or under them they have only lived here 6 to 8 months and have aged ranging from 18 to 20 for each year including now with the tenant above me now I have to paint since day one to the leasing office the police also speaking to the Councilman for help this has been hell for me each year. I am 54 and disabled I have multiple sclerosis epilepsy and asthma also fibromyalgia living with me for the last two years I have a companion / Therapy dog for also this has been kind of hard on him because now when he hears all the bumping in door slamming he looks at me as if he knows not, not now how he should really respond because I have stopped him from barking which we've never had a complaint about him not one time he only barks when it is necessary now he looks confused. I have submitted letters to each set of people who have been in that office about my health I was told it is not their choice who moves in the apartments I don't understand why I go through this every year this year I had a break for 2 1/2 months and now I have another disrespectful turn above me I have complained several times about to the leasing office police and Councilman Epps. And for my last choice I also try to get in contact with the Friedman who I thought was the ones who were owning our property now I have had no one returned the call I don't have many choices don't have a Lot of money can't just pack up and leave. When I moved here it was security enough maintenance enough cleaning people to take care of what I thought was going to be a short-term stay but has turned into a long term only because

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I can't get out I don't always feel safe here I do believe it is affecting my health. This that the people's councilman is trying to do for us here tonight is a step in the right direction in helping me. Please don't ignore us. We need your help, we need you to help us. Thank you.

President Mancuso – Thank you Madame.

Clerk Allen – Thank you.

Councilman Epps – Thank you. Thank you Madame Clerk for that, I and so with that said, the reason I wanted that read again was one because some of the comments were cut off at the beginning due to time and the other reason is because I think the more us spending 99% of my time listening to people who live in Euclid Apartments, people who live in Parkside Gardens or the homeowners who and even renters who live adjacent to the Parkside Gardens property, it, it's a circus, it's a disaster, we, and, and the reason the what this legislation is supposed to do is we all know you don't really affect big business or change anything until you affect their pockets, and I think that we have a system in place that governs the property owners, we have system in place that governs tenants, but we don't have system in place that governs these property managers and they're the ones on the front lines the forefront of all these issues, they're the ones that are designated to solve these problems for, for their resident instead of doing routine maintenance and, and instead of responding in a timely manner to service call and to service requests instead all their entire staff is focused on is turning other units and so the entire maintenance staff is focused on turning the other unit in part, with the purpose of increasing their profits and renting these places out to people but there's no focus on retaining the residents they have there on the property and so instead when they call and call and they can't get anything done they call me. 2, 3, 4 am, 3:00 in the morning where I'm getting out of my bed at home with my family to go over to the property to listen to some of the issues that residents are having with their neighbors or just to be there to be an extra voice of support for them when police show up because they're calling the police and sometimes on dispatch even being told we're not going to send police, you know when they're complaining about noise. I mean we I understand that for some of these folks and called so many times, but you know this is, this is the process and we don't need to put this undue burden on our police department to be responding to a lot of these things when we as a council and as a government and as a city can make sure that we have the necessary laws on the books that govern these folks and I think that this is a step in the right direction, my original intention is for this to go to committee because I, I have faith in my colleagues and a lot of people here have more experience at this as well as who have more expertise than I do with some of these issues and so I'm excited to see what information will, was, what information would be provided or be added to make this right, make it fit for all folks across our city. After tonight's meeting I'm not so confident in, in that anymore if I'm being honest, but I would hope that you know, residents and resident outreach no matter whether they're our own residents but the residents' concerns across our entire community are still at the forefront of our minds as we all sought out to be in public service. So I also the Buffalo Law which was, which was forwarded to everyone as well I don't think it goes far enough, I think it's mainly focused and yes this is another source of revenue as we talk about ideas and being more creative that's something I've always done and so as opposed to raising the trash and lighting fees on residents, on the backs of our residents in the middle of a crisis with unemployment skyrocketing this is another way to raise revenue on big business. Folks who take away hundreds of thousands of dollars in profits and have absolutely no invested interest in our community at all. And I'll leave you with this as I open up for my colleagues to

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chime in if that's what you want to do, I made a phone call to this company Friedman, who actually manages the property at Parkside Gardens right now, and when I first initially made the phone call the person who answered the phone, her name was Joyce, she had no idea that this property was a property that they managed and in fact it took multiple transfers and it took a long time holding for somebody to even confirm that Parkside Gardens was even a property that they managed. This is unacceptable. And the idea that we forest plumbers, electricians and all these folks are going to do business within our community to go before the city and be registered with the city, these property managers who are contributing to the process and allowing our city to go down the, down the toilet ought to be held, they're feet ought to be head to the fire, so what I'm thinking are things along the lines that they have to register every year and if they have not met and we layout a criteria of some sort that we were put together as a council and it would help the administration and the housing department in particular and we put down a certain level of criteria what you have to meet, standards that you have to meet at the property in order to continue managing that property. We just throw on fines to the tax duplicate for the property owner and when we throw that on the property owner, they, they the profits are astronomical they pay them or they don't pay them at all and there's still no enforcement. So we need to do is find a way to reach the people on the ground so if they don't meet those standards they are failing inspections, multiple inspections throughout that year, then guess what, when they come up for their registration the next year, they're going to lose that opportunity to register and they'll have to come before a hearing with our Judge witch I think is a conversation that needs to be had with him as well as about this process, so this is something that I, I intended to go to committee and something I think we should work on, I think Councilman Jarosz is a lot of times, has a lot of inside when it comes to housing as well as the former Chair, Councilwoman Gorshe of that particular, that particular committee as well and I, I think that this is a conversation that needs to be had in his committee, I think he can provide a lot of insight make sure that we have balance, let the, allow the Law Director to do some additional research and come and help us craft this in a way in which we know we are in line with the laws and we're not violating anything but these property managers, they're not invested and they act as if they're not. I mean they just flat out just don't answer peoples calls, I've called several times and tried to reach out and I don't get my calls answered and then they tell the residents the Councilman is trying to call you right now and they'll walk in their office and tell them that and say he's a liar, never tried to call and no I'm not going to talk on your phone because it's Covid 19. So you know, it's, its kick the can down the road and we gotta do something about this. I think this is a very innovative way and creative way to change the landscape of not just these large complexes but folks who are managing property which have been, or issues that we hear from our residents' complaints all the time.

President Mancuso – Would you like to hear from your colleagues now, are you done, are you finished? Okay.

Councilman Epps – I \_\_\_\_\_, myself and I said that, thank you.

President Mancuso – Okay, thank you. Discussion by Council. Councilman Jarosz.....

Councilman Jarosz – Thank you Madame Chair. Yeah, I would welcome this in my committee, absolutely, you know you hear letters from the residents and the frustrations and you know I think it's definitely worth discussing it out you know what can we legislate, what can't we, you know I just off the top of my head I'm wondering can we even legally tell a private business who can manage properties, I don't know. You know I think these are things that you know we'll definitely

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work through in committee actually have a committee meeting Wednesday but we will set up another one very soon to discuss this and we're going to pour through it and, and, and see what we can but also we definitely gotta bring in housing and, and the housing department and housing management and really get a sense of everything here, because again, this is another really big piece of legislation, right and we just gotta what are we specifically looking to accomplish and what's the best method of measure progress and what's the best way to kind of make sure we, we're able to achieve an outcome that we're looking for you know, some kind of you know you just gotta be a little concerned about the law the unintended consequences too so when we make this legislation so absolutely, welcome it into committee and look forward to working with everybody to see what we can do. Thank you.

President Mancuso – So Councilman Epps, did you make a motion to put it into his committee or would you clarify your making a motion?

Councilman Epps – No, I was not making a motion for that and I also would to hear from other colleagues as well as you know our, I think our, these properties should be considered assets maybe this is something that can even be heard in the Assets Committee, cause I'm not sure of where exactly that part again, I was hoping that my experience.....

President Mancuso – Okay, yeah, we'll hear from your colleagues and then decide since you're not making the motion. Councilman Wojtila, did you have a comment?

Councilman Wojtila – Thank you Madame Chair, I support it going to committee, I'll defer to the sponsor to see what committee he would like us to vote on as far as where we send it, but a quick question on the actual legislation is this patterned off of another communities or was it drawn up from scratch?

President Mancuso – Councilman Epps.....

Councilman Epps – It was actually patterned off of Buffalo, this is a law that Buffalo has in place, but in my opinion Buffalo is doing this as a revenues source they're more focused on their registration component whereas I want to go a step further, a few steps further and actually focus more on behavioral practices of these property managers which I think goes to the heart of a lot of issues that we deal with here in our city. But this is on the books in Buffalo right now, currently, yes.

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

Councilwoman Caviness – Thank you Madame Chair. I totally agree to I'll send this to committee, I think that it warrants discussion and I know for a fact that the problems that are being discussed with some of the apartment complexes in Ward 3, I experience specifically at Indian Hills Apartments. Not necessarily with the management company but just the mind set of some of the persons who reside there and it is a big issue in regards to trying to handle and deal with the drug activity with the violent behaviors that go on there and it causes this, this is a complex where seniors are living and they've chosen that complex to live out the rest of their lives. But unfortunately, they don't feel safe within that complex and it has been a tremendous and you know, Madame President and Mayor you know for a fact that we've been meeting there for a couple of years now with the residents but there has to be an answer to resolving the issues that they're facing right now and I would like to have that as part of the discussion of this ordinance. So I agree to send it to committee so that we can send some, spend some time and discussing the issues that exist there. Thank you.

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

Councilman Moore – Thank you Madame Chair. I do appreciate Councilman Epps and his \_\_\_\_\_ for this legislation with Wards 1, 2 and 3 specifically we have multiple apartment buildings on Euclid Avenue but I would second the, this legislation going to Kris Jarosz’s committee so that we can delve into more fully and get it on the books as quickly as we can. Thank you.

President Mancuso – Okay, thank you. Other discussion? Councilwoman Jukic.....

Councilwoman Jukic – I just wanted to share that I agree with a lot of what was said I think that Councilman Epps that, you’ve identified a real serious problem in general and in Euclid in particular related to apartments and property management and better maintenance of the facilities, I also was going to ask you if this legislation was based on another one, because that’s always interesting to me. I also thought it was very big like almost overwhelming so I also support it going into committee, so I just wanted to share those things, that I support your, the observation of those problems and effort to do something about it, that it’s based on another municipalities legislation and going into committee. Thank you.

President Mancuso – Thank you, other discussion. Any other discussion? Seeing none, Councilman Epps.....

Councilman Epps – Thank you I just want to go back off of something that Councilman \_\_\_\_\_ said and it was about the lifestyle of some of the folks that live at these properties, and I think you’re right but the only person that has any control over who you rent to and who you don’t are these property management companies and so again, if they’re and, and other communities are doing it, if we can put certain things in place that ties their hands we have to do that, because once the owners realize that this property management company if they’re not taking care of business they’re gonna be booted out cause owners don’t want to come back here from Nantucket or from London or wherever it is they are to do every year to get new property management company, they’re going to do what needs to be done and vet the process and get the folks in who are going to be the best possible job the first time and as a result of it all of our residents will be serviced better. I also point out in closing that a lot of the issues that we are dealing with now we’ve allowed property management companies to come and destroy, destroy a beautiful asset right here on the lake with the North Pointe Apartments which are now the Vista, those issues if we had something like this on the books could, we could have stopped that way ahead of time before it got out of hand and so again we’ve got to be, we’ve got to stop so reactive and we’ve got to be proactive about some of these things and this is still reactive but better late than never. Folks in my Ward in particular and that’s what I’ll speak to in particular but folks are really getting shafted by these companies and then what they do is then they use other tools at their disposal to try to force people out who are compliant who are on \_\_\_\_\_ in their eyes and, and as a result of it we’re losing good residents and folks as Councilwoman Caviness mentioned have chosen Euclid here as seniors to live in our complex’s to live out the rest of their lives and so I, I appreciate hearing from my colleagues tonight if this is something you’d like to work on it probably is best in Housing, and, and I just would hope that as many residents are watching our council meeting tonight for the very first time in lieu of this particular legislation being on the agenda I would hope that we can discuss something that we can kick down the road and not get a addressed and we actually can dig in our heals to get it done for folks. So

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thanks again for listening and I appreciate you guys and support and at least discussing this further.

President Mancuso – Thank you and with that I will ask for a motion to close debate, so moved by Councilman Epps; seconded by Councilman Moore.

All in favor  
Yeas: Unanimous

President Mancuso – We have a first and a second motion to send this to the Business Development, City Planning and Housing Committee, the longest name committee we have, is there any further discussion on that? Seeing none, Madame Clerk would you please call the roll on sending this proposed ordinance to the Business Development, City Planning and Housing Committee?

Councilman Epps – What?

Clerk Allen – Roll call –  
Yes: Jarosz, McIntosh, Wojtila, Jukic, Gorshe

Councilwoman Caviness – Point of order, may I ask what Madame President since we're sending it?

President Mancuso – We're sending it to the very long named committee. Business Development, City Planning and Housing Committee

Councilwoman Caviness – Oh, okay, yes

President Mancuso – You're good. Alright.

Clerk Allen – Roll Call –  
Yes: Caviness, Moore

Councilman Epps – I just want to make clear as well for clarification Madame Chair, we're voting to send this to the City Planning and Housing Committee.

President Mancuso – Correct

Councilman Epps – Correct, I just wanted to clear that up, thank you. Yes.

Clerk Allen – Roll Call –  
Yes: Epps, Mancuso

Ordinance sent to the Business Development, City Planning and Housing Committee

President Mancuso – Thank you. We are now to the public portion of the Committee of the Whole, where we will have our Council Clerk read in to the, into the report those e-mails and/or faxes that have come in to her, all will have had their name and address included we will maintain our 5 minute limit and we can begin.

### **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – PUBLIC PORTION**

Clerk Allen – Thank you again Council President. First comment comes from Janell Aikens resides at 25500 Chatworth Dr. 44117. I have reached out to the

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sewer department for 3 yrs regarding a drain that is in my grass. I have been told differently every time they come out (but the supervisor said they have never come out, I recorded all of this on my camera). I now have a sink hole in my grass. I was told years ago there was a orphanage or a building that was in the back of my yard and that this is probably a bypass. The supervisor from the sewer department seems to not care and wants me to reach out to housing to get some kind of record which I feel is not my job. His worker implied it could be a old sewer line, if that's the case Euclid treats my sewer, service worker wanted to make sure my valves were open (GUESS WHAT THEY COULDN'T FIND MY T-VAALVE). I was also told I need to call housing to find out where my t-valve is. I called got transferred 3 times and what do you know back to the service department where the lady already knew what I was calling for on Tuesday May 26. I was promised a call back, guess what nothing as usual what a waste of my tax dollars. I want answers and if I have to get my drains snake I want the sewer department to do their job. Regards, Janell Aikens

President Mancuso – Well, Mayor do you want to take this, I think this probably needs to have some follow up by our Director of Service.

Mayor Holzheimer-Gail – Sure, yeah, I will get the name and address from Barb tomorrow and we will reach out and see just I'm sure there's a different things that I heard in there the city does clean out sewer drains from the street to the house but if it is her private property then it is her responsibility. But I will, we will call her tomorrow and get the details of what the issue is. Thank you.

President Mancuso – Thank you – next comment, we ready for the next one Barb, you need to unmute.....

Clerk Allen - Thank you. Our next one comes from Victor and Audrey Goodman, 20201 Glenn Russ Lane, Euclid Ohio. We recently caught the Executive Meeting in which you were discussing the possible increase of garbage fees to property owners. Although we both understand that City finances, like county and state finances are now suffering the effects of the Corona virus and the economic shutdown, this is certainly not the time to add economic burden to the citizens no matter what the amount. The property owners of the City of Euclid are currently paying for a stiff increase in our water bills per month due to the EPA requirement. We are not sure in what year that burden would be eliminated and maybe someone tonight could tell us when these bills will return to a more reasonable amount. Everybody from the schools to the County to this administration to anyone seeking a donation, the term they always use is "IT WILL ONLY COST YOU "X" AMOUNT OF DOLLARS A YEAR." Well, you keep adding \$5 here, \$10 there, etc. Before you know it, people will start losing their homes or moving. Home and property owners mow their lawns and maintain their property. Abandoned homes become the burden of the City and as you are aware, the money spent on property maintenance, even though it is assessed as a lien, is money spent that is not returned in any timely fashion. The last thing Euclid can afford today and into the future is renters and not homeowners. Homeowners generally do pay their taxes. I know you think that adding a dollar or 2 dollars is a minor amount of money per month; but to a senior citizen living on a fixed income that becomes a decision that they may not be able to afford to make.

President Mancuso – Thank you Mayor. Do you want to talk about the, we talked a little bit about the in the summary, the trash.....

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Mayor Holzheimer-Gail – Yes, certainly. We presented to council the history of our garbage and lighting fees as council knows and as we've discussed in the Executive Finance meeting this isn't so much as a factor of Covid and were we are with that, it's based on the fact that our budget was in a 2 million dollar deficit at the beginning of the year, so you know certainly we brought it up at this point just for discussion and that discussion will continue. We do need to act on at least in my opinion renewing the garbage and lighting fee as if you remember from the chart it represents I believe it was 6% of our budget between the two of them. So it is funds that we depend on and we brought it up for discussion with council, but no decision has been made and that decision will come you know at a future council meeting.

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

Clerk Allen – Thank you Council President. The next one comes from Mr. Richard Tolton, of 1408 East 221<sup>st</sup>. This question is for the Mayor. In light of recent events occurring in cities all across America including Cleveland and the fact that we've had multiple complaints of police misconduct here in Euclid. I would like to know what type of process does the city have in place to address citizens' complaints against a member of the EPD? Is it just the old fill out a complaint form at the police station or something more robust? Is it my understanding that the city has a type of civilian review board, and if not why not? If we don't have one has the administration or council looked into establishing a civilian review board with teeth? One that is independent from law enforcement which is necessary to ensure unbiased reviews of cases and can recommend disciplinary actions against an officer in addition to recommending policy changes?

President Mancuso – Mayor Gail.....

Mayor Holzheimer Gail – Thank you, I appreciate the residents question and concerns about our community. At the beginning of the meeting I shared a statement and touched on briefly some of the changes that we've made in our police department really that help to hopefully give our residents greater confidence in our police department and what we've been doing. Specifically the process to address concerns we do have a process any resident any one, you know anyone can come into the police department and file a complaint they are taken very seriously anyone who has filed one knows that you get a very detailed response back and most likely a call from the Chief himself, each complaint you know, no matter what it is, is thoroughly reviewed, thoroughly investigated and a decision is rendered based on that. We've had discussions in the Safety Committee in the past on the Civilian Review Board, we don't, we do not currently have an official Civilian Review Board, we do have many citizens that are active and engaged in our police department, we do have a review process in place to review all use of force and in addition to the regular process one that also entails police officer, police officers of all levels as well as prosecutors office, law department and a member of council who has participated in that in the past, so that is something we've discussed, it's not something that we currently have in place.

President Mancuso – Thank you, next comment.....

Clerk Allen – Thank you, the next one comes from Ms. Boles at 35 East 202 Street. Good evening, tonight I have some reminders regarding Legal and Wellness resources I have mentioned at previous meetings.

### **Legal Assistance**

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The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland has a variety of resources on its web site: [lasclev.org](http://lasclev.org) . In addition to their Tenant Information Line, they now have a Worker Information Line.

\* The Tenant Information Line helps answer questions about housing rights for tenants. Tenants in Cuyahoga County should call 216-861-5955.

\* People in Cuyahoga County with questions about employment rights, benefits or unemployment assistance should call the Worker Information line at 216-861-5899.

### **ONLINE LEGAL INFORMATION FOR OHIOANS**

Ohio Legal Help is an additional resource. It was founded in 2018 to help all Ohioans access the civil justice system. On its web site, it provides plain language legal information, interactive self-help tools and connections to local legal and community resources that can help people resolve their legal issues. The site is: [ohiolegalhelp.org](http://ohiolegalhelp.org) .

They have a page dedicated to COVID-19 as well: [ohiolegalhelp.org/detail/covid19](http://ohiolegalhelp.org/detail/covid19) . The page is updated regularly and includes topics such as: the Stay-at-Home order, the election, the Census, the legal system, stimulus money, unemployment, tax-filing extension, paid sick leave, student loans, other public benefits, small business assistance, immigration, evictions & foreclosures, utilities and scams.

### **Wellness HOTLINE**

Coronavirus has many people feeling distressed, which is normal in times of crisis. Throughout Ohio, any person - of age - who desires help coping with these stressful times can text the keyword "4hope" to 741 741 to be connected to a trained Crisis Counselor 24/7. Data usage while texting Crisis Text Line is free and the number will not appear on a mobile phone bill.

### **BICYCLING -**

A great socially distant activity is a good old fashioned bike ride. Of course, when travelling by bicycle, you always want to stay safe and in compliance with traffic laws. You can refresh yourself by reviewing articles I wrote for the Euclid Observer a couple years ago. Bike Cleveland has links to the entire series as well. If you search "Ohio Bike Laws" and "Alisa Boles" (A-L-I-S-A B-O-L-E-S) and either "Euclid Observer" or "Bike Cleveland", the 4 articles should come up. The Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association published the series in the January 2019 issue, too.

### **ADA ACCESSIBLE ACCESS TO NATURE -**

Many parks have ADA accessible features. For Cleveland Metroparks Accessibility information, visit: [clevelandmetroparks.com/accessibility](http://clevelandmetroparks.com/accessibility) . Don't forget that, right here in Euclid, the Sims Park fishing pier and the new Boardwalk were designed to be ADA accessible as well! Enjoy whatever you do to make the most of these unusual times. With every crisis, comes an opportunity. Take Care, Alisa Boles

Clerk Allen – And Council President the last one I should continue?

President Mancuso – Please.....

Clerk Allen – Is from Taryn Lindsey 25580 Tungsten Rd. as she writes, “Hello my name is Taryn Lisdsey of 25580 Tungsten Road, and I just wanted to take a minute to speak on a situation that occurred this morning on my street. This morning, two young boys, approximately 1 and 4 years old wandered into my neighbors' yard and one was in their car. Our neighbors took the little boys in and contacted the police to help to try to locate the boys' family. After examining the lost boys, it was evident that they were not homeless or

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neglected. The officers went from home to home down Tungsten trying to locate the family as well as asking if neighbors seen anything or recognized the boys. Councilman Epps, my husband, was focused on and great with the children and helping identify the family also. After knocking on a few doors, the grandmother was located. It turns out Mom went to work and did not wake Grandma before leaving. The boys were able to unlock the door and got out. Thank God that the incident was solved pretty quickly and there was not more to the story than that. I just want to commend the officers who arrived at the scene and all of our neighbors on Tungsten Rd. this morning. Everyone was very patient, understanding, and caring with the children. We all worked together diligently to solve the issue and get the boys home safely. I'm very proud to live on a street where all neighbors were able to come together for a great cause. Thank you to the officers that responded and to our awesome neighbors on Tungsten Rd. Thank you, Taryn Lindsey

Clerk Allen - Council President that is all I had. Let me check my e-mail, no I do not have anything new coming in.

President Mancuso – Thank you very much so we will now go to Councilman's Comments and do we begin with Councilman Moore? Councilman Moore, you're up first this evening sir.

### **COUNCILMAN'S COMMENTS**

Councilman Moore – Thank you Madame Chair. To all watching look forward to a Euclid Avenue Revitalization Committee meeting coming up in the beginning of June I believe, I'm finally excited that we can start moving forward with Euclid Avenue in a public way making it the forefront with Wards 1, 2 and 3 by my side. Also unfortunately, recently our country went through a pretty major tragedy all I can say I'll simply say this we as human beings must care for human beings. We're all humankind in this world together we need to treat each other with love and respect. And with that I'll say goodnight. Thank you.

President Mancuso – Thank you very much. Councilman Epps.....

Councilman Epps – Thank you I, I just want to first thank the residents who are not typically engaged in our process at all, who dug in their heels and took my advice and hey look if we want to get something done on this issue, you have to petition your government to get to do something so I want to commend those residents who stepped outside of their comfort zone to get in involved in the process, get involved, watch the meeting messengering me throughout the meeting, I just want to thank them for that focus, this is about getting new people engaged and involved and sometimes it sucks, but sometimes it's when something effects them is what it takes to fire folks up and get them involved and so, I'm again was happy tonight to see that my colleagues want to engage further in this discussion. I, I wanted, two things I want to hit really quick in my comments tonight, one is that the resident Richard Tolton from Ward 2, he made a comment and if, Mayor you did address it a little bit and I appreciate that but you said that we don't have a citizens advisory board or a Citizens Review Board when it comes to the police department and with all the things that you have done, other communities have this in place, all the things that you have done we appreciate those efforts but I just don't think they go far enough. It doesn't go far enough and folks right now or right in our all of our country and protest and I should say in all of country because folks feel like they're not heard and Martin Luther King was great in his remarks to say a riot

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is the voice of the unheard, and I think for some folks and watching our council meeting tonight that sense of, of confidence was not instilled in our residents tonight, that they are being heard and I think this how these things begin to breed and get out of hand is when we ignore residents and we ignore the folks. I want to send a strong message tonight that I support the protests that are taking place all over our country, I think that as my colleague Councilman Moore addressed us as human beings we need to treat each of the like human beings, and again watching this council meeting folks don't feel confident that that's what this council is doing and, and, and that saddens me and it makes me frustrated because I know we have a lot of great people that really care about people in Euclid and sometimes as Councilwoman McIntosh mentions, mentioned in the past sometimes you know, we don't know how to address an issue because we never encountered it, you know but people face panhandling and people you know aggressively panhandling all over this city all the time, and because it wasn't an experience of hers it wasn't something that she was familiar with and I think that that happens a lot with other issues too, and so we need to think and try to think outside the box and try to think more about our neighbors and more about folks that are from different parts of town and from different backgrounds than we are and listen to their issue. Our job as public servants is not to protect the folks that supported us to be here, but to make sure that we advocate on behalf of everyone. And there are people who I have been working with the last, for months, actually who we're not people that were supportive of me but their needs still matter to me and at least it means something to me to know that they felt I was still somebody who would listen to their needs in spite of there being outspoken people against me in the past, so I think we need to take heed to that and, and focus on these things, but I want to make sure that I send a strong message to everyone who's protesting we have to do this peacefully, I support these protests, I, I, I do not support the other groups who are joining these other protests and making these things more violent than they are, but I do support the protest and when I challenge you all to do who are protesting is not going to do it peacefully because that's the way we get things done but put together an agenda, as other people have asked for and make sure that you use this moment to not back off from these protests but continue on with the protest. Don't let this stuff fall apart, we closed downtown for a couple of days and so you stopped, no, you reconvene you get back organize, you protest again, but you do it in a peaceful manner, and you make sure that you hold their feet to the fire on this, I'm going to do my part that I can with every, with everything that I said I would do as an elected official I hope that I pleased you all and have been doing that but I need you to do your part just as residents got together for issues that matter to them in this legislation tonight, you cannot stop protesting because now feelings and emotions are over, you have dig in your heels and continue to do that and change does come about when you do that but you just have to makes sure you do it peacefully. So I charge and challenge everyone, everyone to continue with your protesting, to continue to do this in a peaceful manner and I also challenge which I've passed on to our Mayor here as well us as a government to be different than communities around us have been and be inclusive and made clear to residents that they know that we're listening and I think that your comments tonight Mayor go, are a step in that direction but they don't go far enough. There were specific suggestions that I thought I suggested to you none of those things have happened as of yet and, and I'm not saying that your intentions are not to make those things happen but there are clear things that we can do to send strong messages that here in Euclid we hear you, we hear and we understand the errors of the past and so with the

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fact that I'm probably over my comments I'll be respectful of that cause I see Barb's hand and, and go ahead and close my remarks tonight, and again a riot is a voice of the unheard, we have to stop not listening to people. Thank you.

President Mancuso – Thank you. Councilman Jarosz.....

Councilman Jarosz – Thank you Madame Chair, just a real brief update there will be a committee meeting on Wednesday for the Economic Development, City Planning and Housing, this will be housing related essentially these are two pieces of legislation that were sent to committee for further review we're going to have Kristal Grida and the folks from Housing as well as a couple realtor experts addressing two ordinances that maybe a little bit obsolete or outdated that would potentially improve housing sales, you know remove a little red tape and you know just essentially grease up the wheels a little bit for housing turnover or homeownership hopefully in Euclid so that meeting is tomorrow the agenda is on, or I'm sorry not tomorrow, Wednesday the agenda is online and look forward to you know holding that meeting hopefully moving some of the legislation out of committee back to council. Thank you.

President Mancuso – Thank you. That is, that meeting will be held 6:30 on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of June.

Councilman Jarosz – Yes

President Mancuso – Okay, next we go to Councilwoman McIntosh.....

Councilwoman McIntosh – Thank you Madame Chair. Just to start as a reminder on June 8<sup>th</sup> the agenda's forthcoming at 6:30 we will be having our first Sustainability Committee meeting were we'll be discussing the grass clippings ordinance in depth so I invite public participation, email me or council clerk to comment on anything pertaining to that, and obviously welcome my colleagues to join in that conversation. I did want to I sent it to the Council Clerk but I did receive a message from a resident who didn't get the her comments in on time, so she sent them to me I forwarded them onto Barbara so I will, I will yield the rest of my time to Barbara to address those but before I do that I did want to you know address just the current state of the world period, at this point it feels like everything's falling apart and there are a lot of reasons why, and there are things that we need to address now cause we're at the tipping point and we cannot continue to, to cast these major, major systemic issues aside and take this moment to be in perspective as to who we are as a Country and a culture and especially for white people, myself included, we really need to have some greater self-awareness and figure out how in daily life our white privilege real comes into play here and that's part of that, that ignorance is part of why things are so chaotic because these issues and people will not set themselves aside to look inward and see if they're part of the problem. So I vow to everyone to consistently do that constantly do that, I try I'm human, I might make mistakes but it's a, it's a major issue and I think we all need to consider that moving forward, so apologize I did run a little long on that and I will look to Council Clerk to read that statement. Thank you.

President Mancuso – Thank you Councilwoman. Council Clerk.....

Clerk Allen – Yes, Council President. This comes from Susan McGinn, 141 Sunnyclyff Drive. Madame President, I want to address the unprofessional and disrespectful behavior I have witnessed at this evenings City Council meeting by Councilman Epps. I am appalled at the snide remarks, interruptions and \_\_\_\_\_ comments mostly directed at Council President Mancuso. I hope in the future he behaves in a more professional manner or will be called out of

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order. As a representative of the City, his hostile conduct thus far is a disappointment. Thank you.

President Mancuso – Was that just the one comment.

Clerk Allen – Yes, ma'am.

President Mancuso – Okay, thank you. Alright we will move on to Councilman Wojtila.....

Councilman Wojtila – Thank you Madame Chair. I just have a brief comment, I'd really like to thank the Mayor for starting off the meeting in the way she did with her comments and really as the comments from all of the administration now, I really appreciate you talking about it that means a lot to me. You know there's been a lot of reporting and discussions and commentary about the events following the death of George Floyd. In my opinion as the City and the council folks at least be on the actions by police which lead to his death. We need to constantly and incessantly work to fight for equality, fight racism, fight disrespect and fight criminal and unnecessary use of force by the police. There is a problem and the problem needs attention by all of us. Thank you Madame Chair.

President Mancuso – Thank you sir. Councilwoman Jukic.....

Councilwoman Jukic – Thank you Madame Chair. The last 10 weeks since we had our last in-person City Council meeting I have struggled like many of you to remain calm and carry on as the whole country and even the world walked through the storm of Coronavirus, and all the uncertainty and devastation that comes with it. But last week I was brought to my knees in outrage and despair and helplessness over the death of George Floyd in Minneapolis at the hands of police. My soul has been traumatized by witnessing a man die in front of my eyes, another black life taken. I can only imagine how my black brothers and sisters, neighbors and friends, residents of the City of Euclid and fellow children of God feel and what you are experiencing, I can only imagine. I have read many words from you from black men and black women, I have heard my friends who are mothers and sisters and wives of black men tell me how they feel, I have read the words of my friends who are black men, I hear you and my heart aches for you. I will never be able to understand what you are going through, and what you feel, I sit firmly and easily in a place of white privilege and I am with you. I'm also with all the law enforcement officers who are also outraged and disgusted by the behavior of those officers in Minneapolis. I cannot imagine what the many good police officers in the City of Euclid are feeling either. I'm sure this is not what you signed up for, this is not what you were called to do when you decided to serve your community. So where do we go from here? We do what we can with what we're given, we do what we can where we are. I sit on this City Council, I sit on the Public Safety Committee, I'm a proud resident of the City of Euclid, I'm part of our larger community and the nation and the world and I will try to do my part. I feel blessed and lucky to live in our city, let us take our strengths and our love for one another and let us channel them together towards change. Thank you.

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

Councilwoman Gorshe – Thank you Madame Chair. Of course I too have to talk about my feelings and sentiments and it was set off by the Mayor's wonderful comments this evening and I thank her for that as well. But I have to say that I am really angry but the damages and destruction that broke out during the peaceful protests on Saturday in Cleveland. A protests that's in,

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was disturbed by a radical few, the news media alone talked about all of the devastation and cars burning and all that and missed the whole total point that I, I have a lot to say and there's not enough time but the events that happened really overshadowed what the peaceful protest was about that Americans, black, white, yellow, green or purple say that enough is enough. This is terribly disturbing that Mr. Floyd had to lose his life. I had family members that were down at the protest, we had residents that were down at the protest, if you've heard their stories through their eyes of living it down there was totally disturbed and the intent of the protest was on, on an upended because of the radical few. So I'm absolutely for equity and justice for all people and I'm affirming this now. I stand here against injustice and as the words of our beloved Martin Luther King, there comes a time when silence is betrayal. And as a while woman again we talked about the white privilege I reach out to my African-American brothers and sisters to get and gain understanding of where they're coming from and walk in their shoes and see what they're feeling and let's hope that in 2020 as we're in this Covid - 19, where on one hand we're helping our fellow mankind by making mass and feeding our children and giving of our citizens to then turn to this have we not gone back when we thought we were going forward of, of where there was a colorless, colorless nation where we are holding hands with people to help each of us through this Covid-19 is terribly disturbing. So Madame Chair, I just wanted to make those comments this, this evening and I thank you very much.

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

Councilwoman Caviness – Thank you Madame Chair. I do have to ask the Mayor Gail a question because there was a question that the Goodman's did not have answered and that was when will the water bills be reduced?

President Mancuso – Mayor Gail.....

Mayor Holzheimer Gail – I guess there's a two part question to that. Water bills are made up of two parts, one is your water which is Cleveland Water, we have no control over that, and that seems to continue to go up, our sewer bill the component of that, is scheduled out, I believe through 2025 and council sets those rates. So I would not and to be, you know, completely honest, I would not expect a drop in that after 2025 because the work that is being done there will continue to be paid off for many years so I believe council has set those rates through 2025 I will get those and send those out to council and can provide that to the Goodman's as well.

Councilwoman Caviness – Alright, thank you and my last comment is about the horrific murder of Mr. Floyd and just as everyone else I was horrified but what, in observing the death and the last breath of this gentle giant as they described him. But I'd like to say that you know in my 67 years, I don't know if I've ever anticipated any change, I don't see that it's going to happen in my lifetime. I grew up in the Glenville area, up until I was in my early teens, I saw the riots, I experienced, I experienced systemic racism in many ways my roots are in Alabama where my family was raised and you know, I, I thought that when I raised my sons maybe it would be different but I quickly learned that as black men in this society in America, their lives were still at stake, no matter what I did as a parent to raise them to be the helicopter mom to make sure that they were where they said they were going to be, to put them through good schools to make sure that they felt secure about who they are, the education that they got it still didn't matter as much as making sure that they came home alive. As they began to drive, and they were out there on their own, you

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know I had to teach them what all moms have taught their sons and that is how to react if stopped by the police and that was something that had to be taught no matter what. No one else has to experience that, but at least we did, and I taught them that and they remember that to this day and they have to because at any moment in time they could be Mr. Floyd and that's the problem, this is not something that we witnessed this because of technology but it happens often and you know for a person to say that we should see a colorless word, or colorless society I don't necessarily agree with that because I value the differences of people, I value the differences of colors and, and histories and ethnic groups and ethnic foods and just the stories that you can provide me with. I don't see that. I see that there's a field of flowers full of different colors and different aromas and everything and appreciating everything so I would not want to become a colorless society but I would like to see a society that appreciates the differences and all, and we respect one another for those differences. So with that I will close, have a good evening.

President Mancuso – Thank you. And I will try to make this brief, we don't have a Executive and Finance Committee meeting on the 10 of June, were will be once again discussing some questions that we wanted investigated for Shore, we will also be looking for dates for another E & F so we can get some legislation vetted, I thank all my colleagues for being committed to the length of this meeting, I think following this meeting I will be putting out, and e-mail to all of you about how we are going to proceed going forward. We have been on Zoom and we have all tried to adopt to it and we have been laxed in some ways. We haven't been perfect, we have been for ever trying and ever adopting. I think we need to get back to business the way business should be done, always, always giving a little leeway, but we have to get back to business. So I will be crafting an e-mail to each of you, so that we can get back in the swing of things and do them constructively and get back to the philosophy of we do our committee work in committees and we come to council ready to vote with most of our questions answered. And with that I will say goodnight and if there is nothing else to come before this august group, I'll take a motion to adjourn. So moved by absolutely inappropriate and out of order Mr. Epps. May I have a motion to adjourn please? Thank you Councilman Jarosz; thank you Councilwoman Jukic.

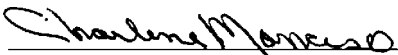
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We are adjourned.

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