

Euclid City Council Meeting

Minutes from April 4, 2022

This regular Council Meeting was held on Monday, April 4, 2022 at 7:00pm in the Euclid Municipal Center Council Chambers. President Mancuso presided.

Council President Mancuso

0:09

Welcome to the city council meeting, April 4 2022. If able, please rise and join me in the Pledge of Allegiance.

All Within Council Chambers

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Council President Mancuso

Thank you. Madam Clerk, would you call the roll?

Clerk Laboda

Caviness, here. Tolton, here. Epps, here. Jarosz, here. McIntosh, here. Wojtila, here. Jukic, - -. Steele, - -, Mancuso, here.

Council President Mancuso

Can I have a motion to excuse Councilwomen Jukic and Steele, please? So moved by Councilman Jarosz. Second by Councilman Epps. All in favor? "Aye." Thank you very much. We will now go to, Are there any **Communications**? And I think **there are none at this time? Council Minutes**. There's also **none at this time**. So, we're gonna go right to the Administration Reports and Communications, Mayor Gail.

ADMISTRATIVE REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Gail

1:33

Thank you, Madam Chair, You both seem very light, umm, your vocals. So, I don't know whether make sure everything's on or move the microphones closer to your mouth, potentially. And while you were doing that, I will, umm. I have a few announcements for folks. I would like to start by thanking and sharing this with City Council. The Euclid Chamber of Commerce awarded the city of Euclid their 2022 going green and Euclid award for our work towards sustainability. So Councilwoman McIntosh and I were able to accept that on behalf of the city and I do know it takes everybody working in that direction and being committed to the efforts to increase our sustainability. So just wanted to thank the chamber and make sure everyone knew that we did receive this award and we will continue working hard to work towards our sustainability goals. A couple of thank you's. I had the chance last week to go to the Learn to Skate Showcase, if anyone has not been there, that's the end of the year program for the ice skating program. And I want to thank Hannah Zavorick and all the people who helped put it together. They

have not done that for a number of years. And the ice rink has really seen an increase in use both from the hockey side, but also from the ice-skating side. So, congratulations to all the skaters and the families who came it was a really nice event. The Big Show is Back at Euclid High School. It was last weekend and it will be this weekend coming up, Friday, the eighth, Saturday, the ninth or Sunday the 10th. The Friday shows are at 7pm and Sunday is at 1pm. You can get tickets online at BigShow.live or check the Euclid Schools website for more information. They are doing the Hunchback of Notre Dame. Euclid Recreation is, along with Living Waters Church will be hosting an Easter egg hunt on Saturday, April 16th. This will be at 10:30 at Sims Park and it's free and it's open to kids. I believe up to the age of 10. The big clean is also coming up April 23. You can register to be a part of that at the Euclid website or call Linda Beck in our, my office for assistance or more information about that. If you're not able to do it on Saturday the 23rd there are other opportunities to do it with you, know your neighborhood or with friends, kids group anyone who would like to. We're encouraging everyone to take part in helping to clean up our community. Tax Day is April 18. That is Monday, that's a few days later than normal. So just a reminder that you can file a number of ways. You can file electronically through Rita at Ritaohio.com. You can find forms or processes to file online there. You can come into the Euclid Tax Department and our tax employees can assist you. We ask they, encourage you to make an appointment but you can also stop in and they will help you when if they're able. And just a reminder while Tax Day is the 18th, they will not be taking appointments on the 18th you can only drop off. So plan ahead get your taxes done before the 18th so that you can drop them off. Arbor Day is April 29. We will be recognizing former Zoning Commissioner Paul Beno. I'm sorry, the Shade Tree Commission will be recognizing former Zoning Commissioner Paul Beno for his work and legacy he left here in the city. So again, Arbor Day is April 29th, 6pm, and that will take place here at Euclid City Hall. Folk Fest is coming up at Shore Cultural Center, that's April 30th. There are workshops during the day and then an evening concert at night. The daytime program is free, and includes lots of different types of music. It's always fun to stop in and see the many different activities there. And then the concert in the evening is in the auditorium and there are tickets required for that. City Hall will be closed on April 15. For Good Friday, in observance of Good Friday. Everyone is also invited to join us at Our Lady of the Lake, the faith and the city will be hosting, once again, the Community Stations of the Cross that will be at noon on April 15.

And just one last reminder that we have a primary election coming up May 3rd, we have the races in the primary include the US Senate seat our Congress person, statewide offices, county judicial races, it will not include our State House or Senate races as those maps have not been finalized. But there is a primary election. Early voting starts tomorrow, either at the Board of Elections or you can sign up for early voting, mail in voting. So again, you have about a month to do that May 3 is the primary. And with that, I don't think there were any other announcements from Directors. So that completes our report this evening, Madam Chair. Thank you.

President Mancuso

7:02

Thank you. We're now going to go to **Committee Documentation**. And before we begin, I'm going to motion that we include the Administrative Committee meeting that was held before this council meeting. So, I'm making a motion. I need a second. So moved by Councilwoman Caviness. And would you please take the roll

Clerk Laboda

7:22

Caviness, Yes. Tolson, Yes. Epps, Yes. Jarosz, Yes. McIntosh, Yes. Wojtila, Yes. Mancuso, Yes.

COMMITTEE DOCUMENTATION

President Mancuso

7:35

Okay, we will now go to the Council Work Session that was conducted on March 21st of 2022. During that session, we discussed some of the budget changes, as we were looking at our final budget numbers to be determined at the council meeting that evening. We talked about some specific changes that all of council needed to know before we went into the council meeting. We also had Director Smith give us our year-to-date 2022 for the receipt, the receipts and disbursements and we also saw the comparisons between 22 and 21. We also did the Law Director and the Mayor spoke to us about a completed salary study that was done and we are having another committee meeting about that coming up. And as this was just an informational session, there was no decisions that needed to be made. We will now go to the Administrative Committee and the Chairman. Councilwoman Caviness.

Councilwoman Caviness

8:44

Thank you, Madam Chair. The Administrative Committee met on March 30th, 2022. The media agenda item was ordinance 53-2021. The committee members present were Council President Mancuso, Councilwoman McIntosh, Councilman Jarosz and Wojtila. The guest was the outside legal counsel attorney Jeremy Iosue from Stefanik, Iosue and Associates. The items discussed were the introduction and discussion of administrative committee process and procedure as it pertains to ordinance number 53-2021. The ordinance enacting 121.35 removal of Chapter 121 Council, of the administrative code of the codified ordinances for the city of Euclid to enact a process concerning the removal of a councilperson. To trigger 121.35, a written sworn and signed affidavit must be filed by any council person and submitted to the Chair of the committee. The chair is then obligated to review the sworn complaint, inform the council and named council person and turn over the complaint to the administration or, and law department within 15 days of receipt of the complaint. Pardon me. The complaint is also sent to the council person in question via certified mail. The administration is then responsible for the process of investigation. Once the investigation is completed, the results of the findings are turned over to the Chair and Administrative Committee. The committee will then review the report and make a written report and recommendation to the whole of the council. With the exception of the person in question. The recommendation cell, shall be approved by two thirds of the members of city council. The matter can be, per ordinance, dismissed due to lack of merit, scheduled for a hearing before you go City Council, referred for further action to the appropriate governmental or law enforcement agency. Attorney Iosue's responsibility in this process is only to act as legal counsel to the Committee should a complaint be filed and no action was taken at this time, Madam Chair.

President Mancuso

11:18

Thank you. And I will turn it over to you.

Councilwoman Caviness

11:22

Okay. And I move to receive and accept the committee documentations from the Board of Control dated March 7th through March 28th, 2022. Executive and Finance Committee meeting held March 21st, 2022. And the Administrative Committee held March 30th, 2022.

President Mancuso

11:44

We have a motion on the floor. Do I have a second? So moved by Councilman Jarosz. All in favor? "Aye."

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE FOR LEGISLATIVE MATTERS ONLY

We will now move on to our first **Committee of the Whole** for legislative matters only. If anyone wishes to speak, please come to the podium and give us your name and address. And your comments should be less than five minutes and only to the legislative items on our agenda this evening. Anybody wish to speak? **Seeing none.**

LEGISLATION

We will move to our legislative agenda. Madam Clerk, would you please read the first agenda item into the record?

Clerk Laboda

12:22

Ordinance 039-22, an ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service of the City of Euclid to enter into a contract extension with Cargill Salt, 24950 Country Club Boulevard, Suite 450, North Olmsted, Ohio, 44070, for the city's requirements for salt for the 2022-2023 winter season. Covering the period from November 1st, 2022 through April 30th, 2023.

President Mancuso

12:58

Thank you. I'll entertain a motion for passage to begin discussion. So moved by Councilman Tolton. Second by Councilman Wojtila. All in favor. "Aye." And we will begin with law, law director, Director Knecht.

Director Knecht

13:11

Thank you. Thank you, Madam Chair. This is the annual contract for salt. Cargill has been our supplier the last few years, we've been using the Clear Lane product. Since we stopped using salt brine a few years back, there is a 9% increase in cost this year. From what I've been able to see, I think the 9% is very fair at this point. We're trying to pass this contract earlier than normal so that we can hold to that

9%. So, because as we're seeing things are escalating quickly in the supply industry, I would be happy to answer any questions anyone has on this contract.

President Mancuso

13:51

Thank you. Discussion? Councilman Wojtila.

Councilman Wojtila

13:55

Thank you, Madam Chair. And thank you for the responses in the email Director Knecht. So, they will hold these prices for all of next Christmas, ah, next winter season?

Director Knecht

14:05

Madam chair to the Councilman. Yes, they would hold this for a one year period.

Councilman Wojtila

14:09

And they have no escalation for fuel surcharges?

Director Knecht

14:12

No, they do not.

Councilman Wojtila

Ok, Thank you.

President Mancuso

14:15

Other discussion? Seeing none, I'll entertain a motion to close debate. So moved by Councilman Wojtila. Second by Councilman Jarosz. All in favor, "Aye."

Thank you. We will now, I will now entertain a motion to suspend the rules and forego the second and third reading. So moved by Councilwoman Caviness.

Second by Councilwoman McIntosh. All in favor, "Aye."

Thank you. Those opposed, one.

Madam Clerk, would you please call the roll on the merits of the ordinance?

Clerk Laboda

14:45

Tolton, yes. Epps, yes. Jarosz, yes. McIntosh, yes. Wojtila, yes. Caviness, yes. Mancuso, yes.

Motion passes, Ordinance passes.

President Mancuso

15:03

Thank you. Madam Clerk, please read the second agenda item into the record.

Clerk Laboda

15:08

Ordinance 041-22. An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service of the City of Euclid to enter into a professional services agreement with GPD group for

the design work and bidding for the East 220th and East 221st streets sewer and water line replacement project at an amount not to exceed \$254,720.

President Mancuso

15:36

Thank you. I'll entertain a motion for passage to begin discussion. So moved by Councilwoman Macintosh. Second by Councilman Wojtila. All in favor, "Aye." And we will go, once again, to Director Knecht.

Director Knecht

15:47

Thank you, Madam Chair. This approximately \$3 million construction cost on this project includes a new sanitary sewer, new storm sewer, new water lines, a new pavement on east 220th and East 221st Street, north of Lakeshore Boulevard. As the residents of that area who all know we have spent a lot of time the last three years in that system trying to do what we can to correct it to keep it flowing, removing a lot of debris that had been in that system and fixing what we can. After review of the information from that system has been determined by our city engineer that, that those streets are due for replacement. And we look to have design work done on that. Our anticipation is to build that next spring, if, as long as material costs and availability remain well. I'd be happy to answer any questions anyone has on this tonight.

President Mancuso

16:51

Discussion. Councilwoman McIntosh.

Councilwoman McIntosh

16:54

Thank you, Madam Chair. Thanks to the Public Service Department sewer crew for diligently working on these two streets. They are often there's often city trucks all over those streets throughout the summer months, if not beyond and I know the residents of this neighborhood would be very appreciative of the attention. I do have a question just because we have well, due to the law director, do we need to note that this is north of Lakeshore Boulevard just to specify because it does not really reference anywhere and 220 to 221st also extends through other areas of the city. So, I don't know if it needs to be that specific

President Mancuso

17:44

Assistant Law Director

Assistant Law Director Laura Rubadue

17:48

I had not, you know, noticed that it wasn't it was referenced actually earlier that where it was it's the one closest to Lakeshore Boulevard, if I recall. However, I think that this satisfies it. But it would not hurt for us to amend the legislation on the floor to allow for that specificity. If the if the Director Kinect does not object to it, we could add that language to it.

Councilwoman McIntosh

18:19

So, I think just to be clear, yeah.

Assistant Director Rubadue

18:22

Go ahead. It's the near, the east 220th. The street on East 220th, because there's two separate parts of that street. Is that what we're suggesting?

Councilwoman McIntosh

18:36

Well, the two streets are north of Lakeshore Boulevard. That's this specific area, but there's also 220th and 221st, I believe, off of like Chardon Road.

Asst Director Rubadue

18:48

So, we could just add the language project, after the word project in the very last sentence, "north of Lakeshore Boulevard?" Where are you at? Right, which whichever would...

Councilwoman McIntosh

That works for me.

President Mancuso

19:12

Where are you at?

Read back to us what you think the amendment should be.

Director Sweeney

19:15

So, we'll read the whole, because the street goes with the sewer, right? Okay. So that the Director of Public Service of the City of Euclid is, asar, authorized to enter into a professional services agreement with GDP, GPD group for the design work and bidding for the East 220th and East 221st., north of Lake Shore Boulevard streets, sewer, waterline replacement project and amount not to exceed \$254,720

President Mancuso

19:51

Okay, we have an amendment and we have a motion is there a second? So moved by Councilman Wojtila. Discussion on the amendment only. Seeing none, I'll entertain a motion to close debate. So moved by Councilwoman McIntosh. Seconded by Councilman Wojtila. All in favor, "Aye."

And Madam Clerk, would you please call the roll on the amendment only?

Clerk Laboda

20:13

Epps, yes. Jarosz, yes. Macintosh, yes. Wojtila, yes. Caviness, yes. Mancuso, yes. Amendment passes.

Councilman Tolton

Skipped. You skipped.

Clerk Laboda

Oh.. I'm so sorry, Tolton, yes. It's because I wrote amendment in there. I apologize.

President Mancuso

20:34

Okay. Is there any further discussion on the ordinance, amended ordinance? Seeing none, I'll entertain a motion to close debate. So moved by Councilman Caviness. Second by Councilwoman Macintosh. All in favor, "Aye." I will entertain a motion to suspend the rules to forego the second and third reading. So moved by Councilman Jarosz. Second by Councilwoman Caviness. All in favor, "Aye." Those opposed, One.
Madam Clerk, please call the roll on the merits of the ordinance.

Clerk Laboda

21:11

Epps, yes. Jarosz, yes. McIntosh, yes. Wojtila, yes. Caviness, yes. Tolton, yes. Mancuso, yes. Ordinance passes.

President Mancuso

21:22

Amended ordinance passes.

Clerk Laboda

Amended ordinance passes. Sorry.

President Mancuso

It's okay. Madam Clerk, please read the third agenda item into the record.

Clerk Laboda

21:30

Ordinance 042-22. An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service of the City of Euclid to enter into a professional services agreement with GPD group for the construction, administration and inspection services for the Lakeshore Boulevard Water Line and beautification project in the amount not to exceed \$165,104.

President Mancuso

21:58

Thank you, I'll entertain a motion for passage to begin the discussion. So moved by Councilman Tolton. Seconded by Councilwoman McIntosh. All in favor, "Aye." We will go once again to Director Knecht.

Director Knecht

22:10

Thank you, Madam Chair. This \$1.9 million project is out to bid right now. This would allow GPD group to be our onsite inspector and do construction administration on this project. We expect this to start in the late spring, early summer and conclude in November of this year. We have used GPD group in this capacity on projects previously and have been very pleased with the work they have done. I would be happy to answer any questions that anyone has.

President Mancuso

Thank you, discussion. Councilman Tolton.

Councilman Tolton

22:47

Thank you, Madam Chair to Direct Knecht. A couple of questions then. Okay, so this is, well, let me go, let me go back. Let me go back. So how do we evaluate the streets that the sewer lines or the street? How do we evaluate that?

Director Knecht

23:06

Madam, Madam Chair to the Councilman, what we do is when we're out doing maintenance on sewer lines, we collect information, that information is looked at to determine what the condition of the lines are, if there is any problem spots is then graded from there to see if the areas of concern can be fixed by city crews, need to be contracted out, or if the system itself is to a point where it is deemed that it should be replaced. Water lines are graded by Cleveland water. What we do is when we have streets that have a high number of breaks, when a funding cycle comes up that we believe that a street would be eligible, we submit that they score that against other communities up to 56 other communities at one time, and then it is determined what they will fund. Some streets we, his, we've seen have been on numerous times before they finally do get funded. The funding is provided by Cleveland water to do this. This is an agreement that we entered into them with numerous years back when we agreed not to poach businesses from the city of Cleveland, Cleveland water opened up the opportunity for us to be in this water line replacement program.

Councilman Tolton

24:33

And the reason why I asked you, because, and I'm sure you're, you're aware of like Coulter, that water line, you know, I think that they probably got like 20 something different holes in it. They had to keep opening up and keep going back there. And you know, a lot of residents are complaining has been supposed to be on the list. It hasn't been done yet, you know, so is that somewhere on your list in the next year or two or something?

Director Knecht

24:59

It's on, It's on the list it continues to be submitted at this point, it has not received funding. Okay. When it receives funding, I will surely let you know.

Councilman Tolton

25:08

Okay, great. Um, couple more questions... Okay, so again, so this funding is and this might be a question now for, for the Mayor or the Law Director, could some of that recovery fund, and I know some of that, you know, one of the criteria used for infrastructure replacement. Could we use some of those funds, as opposed to waiting for, you know, the bidding, the process to hit so many streets such as Coulter? Some of these, you know, streets that Director Knecht, you know, deemed, you know, really bad? Could we use some of those recovery funds for that purpose?

President Mancuso

Mayor Gail.

Mayor Gail

25:49

Thank you. Water infrastructure is an eligible expense, and specifically water line water or sewer lines and broadband. So yes, we could choose to use some of those funds towards water lines or sewer projects. There is some, some parameters of what's eligible and what isn't. So, but I think generally water line and sewer lines are.

Councilman Tolton

Okay. All right. Thank you.

President Mancuso

26:22

Any other discussion? Seeing none, I'll entertain a motion to close debate. So moved by Councilman Jarosz. Seconded by Councilman Caviness. All in favor, "Aye."

Thank you. I'll entertain a motion to suspend the rules to forego the second and third reading. So moved by Councilman McIntosh. Second by Councilman Wojtila. All in favor, "Aye."

Those opposed? One.

Madam Clerk, please call the roll on the merits of the ordinance.

Clerk Laboda

26:52

Jarosz, yes. McIntosh, yes. Wojtila, yes. Caviness, yes. Tolton, yes. Epps, yes. Mancuso, yes. Ordinance passes.

President Mancuso

27:06

Thank you. Madam Clerk, please read the fourth agenda item into the record.

Clerk Laboda

27:11

Resolution 038-22. A resolution recognizing April 22, April 2022, as Fair Housing Month in Euclid.

President Mancuso

27:23

Thank you. I'll entertain a motion for passage to begin the discussion. So moved by Councilman Epps, seconded by Councilman Jarosz. All in favor, aye. And we will go to Director Grogan-Meyers.

Planning & Zoning Director Grogan-Meyers

27:39

Thank you, Madam Chair. Every April, Fair Housing Month is recognized. First and foremost, for several reasons. The first the passage of the Fair Housing Act, which occurred on April 10, of 54 years ago, on April 11, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the Act into law. The act was passed. And I think this is appropriately fitting as we look at the 54th anniversary in response to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr's assassination 54 years ago today. So that act, first and foremost was the final piece of civil rights legislation, landmark civil rights legislation, prohibiting discrimination in housing. And since then, the Fair Housing Act has

been modified several times, recognizing that more and more protections need to be provided to more groups of people, but also more needs to be done when we talk about what fair housing is and how it is implemented. Particularly the firming, Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing, that is a duty to proactively root out and address systematic residential segregation, systematic historical segregation, to proactively and verbally and inaction, make sure that fair housing is a true option and choice for everyone regardless of the various factors race, ethnicity, ethnicity, military status, sexual orientation, whatever the case may be, to make sure that fair housing is truly a choice for any and all people. But finally, also to foster an inclusive community, a community with open arms welcoming to anyone who seeks to join its ranks. So, I think that it's fitting tonight as we look at recognizing April 2022, as Fair Housing Month in the city of Euclid, but also across the country. It's a moment for us to reflect on the year past, what was accomplished in Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing. Acknowledging frankly, opportunities that we as a country we as a city can do better, but also use that reflection in the year ahead, to make plans to do better and to truly affirmatively further fair housing. Thank you.

President Mancuso

Thank you, discussion. Councilman Epps.

Councilman Epps

30:00

Thank you. I just want to mention, it should be no shocker to anyone, about two years ago, I introduced legislation here in this body to address some issues with housing as well. That legislation still sits inside committee right now, umm, because it was not voted out of committee back to full council. Umm, so, this is something that is very, very, very important to me. I am proud to be, join all of my colleagues in sponsoring this legislation. Umm, I think that there is a lot that still can be done. A lot of times these landmark pieces of legislation are passed, and they come about and it's great. And it does make strides toward getting us to a better place at the end of the day, but we're still not there yet. Umm, and so, I'm very proud to see this on the agenda and to support this tonight and to urge my colleagues to dig a little deeper and look further into the legislation that I feel like we could pass here to give a little more oversight, umm, when it comes to our apartment complexes and folks who live in some of our more poverished areas of our community. So, but happy to support this tonight. Thank you.

President Mancuso

31:12

Thank you. Any other discussion? Seeing none, I'll entertain a motion to close debate. So moved by Councilman Epps. Seconded by Councilman Tolton. All in favor, "Aye."

Madam Clerk, please call the roll on the resolution.

Clerk Laboda

31:27

Macintosh, yes. Wojtila, yes. Caviness, yes. Tolton, yes. Epps, yes. Jarosz, yes. Mancuso, yes. Resolution passes.

President Mancuso

31:41

Madam Clerk, please read the fifth agenda item into the record.

Clerk Laboda

31:44

An ordinance authorizing, I'm sorry, ordinance 040-22. An ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of Euclid to enter into a two year contract with an option for a two year renewal with Flock Safety, 1170 Howell Mill Road, Northwest, Suite 210, Atlanta, GA 30318, for the purchase of license plate recognition cameras, and corresponding relevant software for use by the Euclid Police Department in an amount not to exceed \$110,000.

President Mancuso

32:24

Thank you. I'll entertain a motion for passage to begin the discussion. So moved by Councilman Tolton. Second by Councilman Jarosz. All in favor, "Aye."

Thank you. We will now go to Mayor Gail to begin the discussion.

Mayor Gail

32:37

Thank you, Madam Chair. This ordinance would authorize us to bring in 20 Flock cameras and flock is a well-known company that provides license plate recognition cameras. This is a way that we can better use technology to reduce crime. We have met with this company several times. They've provided some background information and data. Director Sweeney did provide you today with some fact sheets, but the rep is local. So, he would be happy to come in and provide a whole presentation to council should you like to go that route. But, basically the license plate reader cameras, and you may be familiar with them. We do have a few that the county has installed at major intersections what they do, they serve both a proactive measure to both reduce and solve crime. These are real time alerts that come when there's a stolen car or a car of interest if you know a known, you know, a known license plate that has a felony or is, you know, causing problems in the community. And it also can be used for investigative purposes. So, communities, many communities use them to solve crime because you can track when cars are in an area or not in an area. So, a lot of benefit. Many communities around us are using them and have found them very successful. Police Department are very interested in having these both, again for the proactive measures but also the investigative purposes. So, I'm happy to answer questions. But I think if council would like this to go to committee, we could certainly save that and have Mr. Lombardo from Flock come in and make a full presentation.

President Mancuso

34:29

Okay. Discussion. So moved by Councilman Epps. Sorry, Councilman Epps.

Councilman Epps

34:32

Thank you. Umm, I, just wanted to mention that I'm happy that we're going to discuss this further in committee. But when I originally introduced the

legislation for the body cameras, we had companies that came to present us and this was one of the products that they, we got in our presentation, in which they explain then how beneficial this was and all the things that you talk about tonight, Mayor Gayle and obviously for that reason, I definitely will support this. I supported it when they mentioned it in committee before. And happy to see it come back up. And I guess somewhere down the process we'll get me added as a sponsor. Thank you.

President Mancuso

35:07

Other discussion? Councilwoman Caviness.

Councilwoman Caviness

35:10

Thank you, Madam Chair. I too am very happy to receive this into the Public Safety Committee. Umm, I know that there are quite a number of cities, suburbs surrounding us who are already using them. And I know that Cody, Mayor Blackwell of Maple Heights, and they anticipated in instituting them in December of last year. Her hope was multi-pronged. One was to deter crime, the other to help officers investigate more efficiently to improve the quality of life for residents and business, business owners, and hopefully, to boost economic development. So, there are many reasons as to why we need to use this. And we need to look further into it. I know that there are some people who have an idea that this is like big brother watching me. Ahh, because they'll say that, you know, wherever you drive, wherever it is, then they will pick up your license plate. Well, I mean, you go to BMV, you have one anyway. But it's more or less, like we used to say in the old, I'm old school, you know, big brother's watching you. Let's stop this and everything. And now, I know that the ACLU is not much in favor of it. But I say that, I think that we should look further into it. And that it would be a benefit to our city, and to our residents to have them. Thank you, Madam Chair.

President Mancuso

36:48

So, are you making a motion?

Councilwoman Caviness

36:49

I'm making a motion to send it to Public Safety Committee. Thank you.

Councilman Epps

I'll second.

President Mancuso

36:54

Mayor Gail

Mayor Gail

It's been moved and seconded. But I just wanted to follow up quickly. Councilman Epps, you did want it be your name added as a sponsor?

Councilman Epps

I'll wait till committee.

Mayor Gail

Wait till committee. Okay. And just regarding the privacy just so that we don't get a lot of misinformation before we have the meeting. It is, there's some information in the packet that got sent to you. This is it has no facial recognition software, it is not used for traffic enforcement. It is in some ways, takes the bias out of it, because it's responding to actual vehicles, actual license plates. It's not, you know, doing any kind of proactive so we can have lots of discussion. I would encourage council members to review the information prior to that if they would like and we can certainly send out a PowerPoint ahead of time and make sure, but Mr. Lombardo was happy to come in. And we look forward to those conversations.

President Mancuso

37:51

Thank you. I had a motion. Were you a second?

Councilman Epps

37:54

Yes, I was a second. But I just want to respond to Mayor Gail said, as well. It's always beneficial when we can get the PowerPoint ahead of time. A lot of times it's said and then we still we get to it, we didn't do it. Please, if you can send that over so that we can have more information. I'd appreciate it.

President Mancuso

38:10

Thank you. Any other discussion? Seeing none. Do I have a motion to close debate? So moved by Councilwoman Caviness. Second by Councilman Epps. All in favor, "Aye." Do I have a second on Councilwoman Caviness' motion? Seconded. Okay. I want to make sure. All right. Madam Clerk, please call the roll. Call the roll on sending this to committee.

Clerk Laboda

38:42

Wojtila, yes. Caviness, yes. Tolton, yes. Epps, yes. Jarosz, yes. McIntosh, yes. And Mancuso, yes.

Motion passes to go to committee.

President Mancuso

38:59

Thank you.

We are now at the second **Committee of the Whole** where you may speak to anything for the good of the city. If you choose to speak, please come to the podium. Give us your name and address. And let's keep our comments to less than five minutes.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – PUBLIC PORTION

Resident – Lou Milner

39:14

My name is Lou Melner. I live at 19711 Edgecliff Drive. I noticed in the newspaper in the last week or two that there were, there was either a suit filed against the city or going to be filed against the city in relation to some police activity that took place prior to this year. And my question is we have insurance now for this year, if the activity took place when we were self-insured, self insurance this year because it's filed this year. Thank you.

President Mancuso

Thank you. Mayor Gail

Mayor Gail

39:54

Thank you, Madam Chair. Yes. So, the insurance does not cover something that happened before we had insurance. So, the incident that was in the newspaper was an old incident that would not be covered under our current insurance. I believe the insurance started was it January of 19, or January of 18. It would only be from that date forward, I will say and it's, you know, a legal matter, so, I can't speak, but the articles in the newspaper were very misleading. The city has won several of those cases at multiple levels. And this was allowing a hearing at the state level. And I won't put Director Rubadue on the spot to answer that, but I certainly can have Director Sweeney contact Mr. Milner if he would like to learn a little bit more about where we are at this particular point.

President Mancuso

40:54

Thank you. Next speaker please. The green light at the bottom.

Resident Jeffrey Beck

41:09

Jeffrey Beck, 25540 Chatworth. I haven't been able to attend many meetings lately, actually since October, but I have been viewing them on TV. A few meetings back I watched and I was pretty disturbed by what I viewed. The outrageous, unprofessional behavior of our Council President, who allowed a city council person that'd be verbally attack that even one point, encourage the attack. This, after she has ruled others out of order for even starting to engage in the same. The Council President owes this councilperson and all residents an apology for her over the top behavior. Turning the council meeting into a circus. I'm sure we won't get it, but rules for thee, but not for me. is no way to behave as a public servant. And you do yourself a favor to remember that you are a public servant. As for the resident, speaker in this pre-planned charade, I can only say people in glass houses shouldn't throw stones. Thank you.

President Mancuso

42:16

Thank you. Next speaker please.

Resident – Daniel Burns

42:26

Hello, everyone, I'm Daniel Burns, 869 East 260th Street. I just wanted to say I'm really excited about the license plate camera legislation. I, I think it's a really good example of how Euclid is, does actually do things, it can move fairly quickly. Right Mentor got this these cameras up in March of last year. Willoughby Hills did in November of last year. And here we are sending it to committee, yeah, sure. But you know, in the grand scheme of things, what's an extra two weeks to a month. So well done, everyone.

President Mancuso

43:00

Thank you. Next speaker please.

Resident – Dwayne Mierzejewski

43:07

Good evening. My name is Dwayne Mierzejewski. I reside at 312 Buckner Drive. I was here four weeks ago. And tonight, I also witnessed what went on here. And it got heated between you know, a few parties in the room and a lot of us were here, we saw it live. And at the end of that meeting, most people were in a state of shock. They didn't know how to respond. It was pretty quiet. And then two weeks ago, another resident came in and had harsh words for council. Why they didn't do anything. And I'd like to back that up by saying, I think you guys did what you could at the time, it was a tough spot to be in. I remember the Council President did try to put order to both the resident at this podium and someone up here. A couple of people were like stop, you had enough. But it just kept going on and well into this woman's five minutes. And at that time, I think they did the best they could. And at the end of the meeting, everybody was still in a state of shock, didn't know how to respond. And prior to that meeting, I was hoping maybe somebody would make an opening statement like let's have a nice calm meeting keep it to this and no personal attacks and names and all that. That didn't happen. But a number of people said afterwards, you know, we'll try to do better. And um, I guess my pointed opinion is like, umm, why can't we all just exist like a box of crayons. All in this little room and just get along together and behave and be nice. And it just got a little carried away. And I didn't think there was a whole lot of attacking going on. The resident just asked a couple questions. And when they got out of line, the Council President did say that's enough. And, umm, we all, we all go through tough times in our lives, you know, with, with personal stuff going on. Could be a divorce, job loss, death. And if you're just asked the question, can you, Can someone just say answer like, hey, I'm struggling, but I'll try to fix this down row, just start to ignore it. It's just the right behavioral commonsense thing to do. And, umm, I just hope we can see more of that in the future, just, umm, just give some kind of honest response, you know. So, I just wanted to bring that up. And hope you have a really good year here. Thank you.

President Mancuso

Thank you. Next speaker, please.

Resident – Richard Fiorelli

45:28

Richard Fiorelli, 758 E. 232nd Street. So, I want to thank the mayor for replacing the two signs with the correct spelling of Babbitt. In the grand scheme of things doesn't mean anything, but it means a lot to me. And my absolute pet peeve was the orange barrel, is gone as of today. So, thank you for doing that. And which leads us to the last remaining small little thing that does make a difference. And it's graffiti on the historical sign, which I'm going to give you a waive because of the weather. So, thank you for seriously for doing that taking care of it.

President Mancuso

46:05

Thank you. Next speaker please. Seeing none, we will then go on to our Councilman's comments and I believe tonight we were going to start with Councilman Jukic. So, Jukic is not here, we will go to Councilwoman Caviness.

COUNCILMAN'S COMMENTS

Councilwoman Caviness

46:25

Thank you, Madam Chair. I'd like to just read a poem by Mark Lyon and dedication of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

"In the name of love, he had a dream, a man a voice a patron to the movement of equality, the courage to sacrifice his blood poured on a fateful day in April in the south to empower a revolution. The Wanderers became the leaders and soon one voice became many. With his heart, Dr. King felt the power of a future erased of hatred. With the nation crippled, he brought a million to its feet. silenced by history of division. He screamed from the towers, cut by knives of racial intolerance he helped to heal the wounds. burdened by books of ignorance he began to educate, united as one a celebration of virtue, a message of love. It is often said no one man can move a mountain. But inspiration can build cathedrals. One day with the faith of the Bible, a man, a simple man said No more. No more hate, no more violence, no more judging righteousness, no more blood. One day, a man had a dream to see his children live in a unified nation. A world of acceptance, guided by the principles of love, touched by the tenderness of the Lord in the voice of 1000 horses. words came to life inspired and profound, deep and enriching, harmonious to the angels above. His presence lives on. But his fight remains."

Thank you, Madam Chair. Good evening, everyone.

President Mancuso

48:22

Councilman Tolton.

Councilman Tolton

48:24

Just real quick. The mayor had mentioned this earlier, just wanted to reiterate the Big Show this weekend and just remind people, you know, let's, let's support our schools. Let's let our children know that we've got their back and we support them. The city is the schools and school is the city.

President Mancuso

Thank you, Councilman.

Councilman Epps

48:46

Thank you, um, to Councilman Tolton for the reminder about Big Show. Those of you know, I always make sure that I mentioned that as well, as someone who has been a part of Big Show in the past or through my upbringing here in Euclid. So, I'm excited to see that they're doing Hunchback this year. I'm very excited to see what that production looks like. Umm, we've, the talent that we have at the high school and these programs now, to me goes so much far beyond the talent that we had when we were in those programs having fun back in the day. So, umm, very excited to see that. Umm, I also would like to, and Madam Chair, oh, you already did. The clock wasn't running when my colleagues were talking. So, I wanted to make sure that it was running when I started talking. Just because I want to take the rest of my time tonight. I think that Councilman Caviness said it correctly. Dr. Martin Luther King is spirit still lives on but the fight still continues. There's quite a bit of legislation that happens right here inside these chambers, in which, umm, and the actions that happen right here inside these chambers, that reiterate that fight still does continue. So, I would like to if we could take a moment of silence just out of respect for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. as the remainder of my time winds down. Thank you

Councilman Epps

53:36

Thank you all for honoring that moment. And during that time for a lot of folks that just those few minutes, it seemed like such a long time, but hopefully everyone took the opportunity to reflect on Dr. King and civil rights in general. Thank you. Goodnight.

President Mancuso

53:48

Thank you, sir. Councilman Jarosz.

Councilman Jarosz

53:52

Thank you, Madam Chair. Just want to send condolences to the Finotti family. Mr. Rich Finotti passed away about a week or so ago father of Assistant Public Service, Nick Finotti, and somebody who I grew up with, Rick Finotti, Nick's older brother, so longtime Ward 4 residents over on Priday before moving to ward, Ward 4 residents on probably before moving over to Ward 5, and just, just a great guy and, and true loss for our community. So, I want to give the Finotti family and condolences. Thank you.

President Mancuso

54:21

Thank you. Councilwoman McIntosh.

Councilwoman McIntosh

54:23

Thank you, Madam Chair. And thanks to everyone this evening for joining us and I will second Councilman Jarosz with condolences to the Finotti family. Finotti's are phenomenal people and it's very sad that they have to go through that. So, I also want to thank the Euclid Chamber of Commerce for the going green award. Very honored to have participated in accepting that and thank everyone who has played some role in that past, present and future. And I also want to thank the Kiwanis Club of Greater Euclid. On March 23, The Key Club, the newly established Key Club, or I guess reestablished Key Club is at the high school. And Tiffany Wilson is leading that effort. And there's a really amazing group of students who are involved in Key Club and are planning events and programs and just things that they can be doing to continue to instill civic leadership within themselves and in their community. And just want to congratulate them for establishing that officially. And thank you, Mayor for allowing me to be a part of it. I also have just gonna to close on a question. Because the primary is upcoming, I received notice that my precinct changed in 5C. So, we're no longer voting at the Early Learning Center, which is now where the urban ad program is on Fox Avenue. We are now going to the library, I believe. So just curious if there are any other precincts that may have been changed that people should be aware of? Thank you.

Mayor Gail

56:18

Thank you. That's a good reminder. Yes, so the Early Learning Center is under construction. So, they were not able to host, the old Early Learning Center, Memorial, old Memorial School, so they are not able to host the precincts there. So, the precincts that typically vote there are at other places, and I believe they, there's a couple of different so we can make sure we get information on our website to show that precincts that have changed. I don't believe there were others from the last general election, other than Memorial changing the old Memorial School.

President Mancuso

56:52

Councilman Wojtila.

Councilman Wojtila

56:55

Thank you, Madam Chair. Well, this group well Council has two more meetings. Our next city council meeting is after Easter. So, I'd like to wish everybody a blessed and happy Easter. Thank you. Goodnight.

President Mancuso

57:07

Thank you. And I just want to make some announcements about committee meetings coming up. On the sixth, which is this coming Wednesday, there will be an Executive Finance Committee meeting, where we're going to go over some amendments to our ordinances and discuss once again, our salary survey that was done. So, you've all received that information, so bring it with you on Wednesday evening, because we'll be doing both of those. Okay. On the 12th of April, the Historical Society is going to do a slide presentation.

Remember when they've been going through some of the old slides that they have. And we have some very young and passionate people that are now part of the historical society, we want to begin showing some of this. So, at four o'clock at the Historical Society, their regular meeting will be at 630. So, feel free to attend that also. But I know they'd really enjoy to have some people coming to the first slide presentation that they're doing. And then on the 18th, we also will have a work session before that council meeting, where council should bring their final ideas for our goals that we're going to do for the next term. And with that, if there's nothing else to come before us, I'll take a motion to adjourn. So moved by Councilman Wojtila. Second by Councilwoman McIntosh. All in favor, "Aye."
We are adjourned.

ADJOURNMENT



Clerk of Council



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