

EUCLID CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES FROM MAY 2, 2022

This regular Council Meeting was held on Monday, May 2, 2022 at 7:00pm in the Euclid Municipal Center Council Chambers. President Charlene Mancuso, presided.

President Mancuso

0:09

Good evening and welcome to the Euclid City Council meeting on this May 2, if able, please rise and join me for the Pledge of Allegiance.

All Within 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 justice for all.

President Mancuso

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

Clerk Laboda

0:37

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

President Mancuso

0:51

Thank you. Do we have any **Communications**?

Clerk Laboda

0:54

Not at this time.

President Mancuso

0:57

Council Minutes?

Clerk Laboda

None at this time.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

President Mancuso

We will then go to Administration Reports and Communications. Mayor Gale.

Mayor Gail

1:07

Sorry, I was distracted. Good evening, everyone. Thank you. And I will start by... we have an exciting guest here today. Alexa Geosano. If you would like to come forward.

As we are preparing for Memorial Day, we have our annual visit from Miss Poppy. And for those who don't know, the poppy is an important, an important, and she's looking at herself there, thing to help support our veterans as we prepare for Memorial Day. So, I, Alexa has been preparing for this for two years. She was supposed to be Miss Poppy, prior to the pandemic and we had two Memorial Day parades canceled. So, we're very happy to have you here today. And we are very happy to announce that we will be holding our Memorial Day Parade and all the traditions that we normally do. But tonight we are here to celebrate and recognize Alexa Geosano as the 2022 Euclid American Legion Auxiliary Unit 343 Miss Poppy. Whereas the poppy is a memorial flower. It's a tradition which began in the years following the First World War when veterans returning to their homes remember the wild poppies which lined the devastated battlefields of France and Flanders Field. Today that symbolic flower continues to pay tribute to those who have answered the call to arms and made the ultimate sacrifice. Whereas the poppy is a source of hope and aid for many in our nation, as disabled veterans receive financial assistance for making poppies by hand as part of their therapy. The Poppy Day Program is designed exclusively for assistance to veterans and their families. Alexa is the proud, is the daughter of proud parents Carmen and Mara, Mara Geosano, sister to younger brother Josh and family's two dogs, granddaughter to Bob and Mary Geosano who are members of the American Legion Unit 343. She enjoys going to the Legion, especially the breakfast with Santa. Alexis' grandfather, Bob is a Navy veteran and Alexa has two great-grandfather's who served in the Navy during World War II. She is thankful for their service and all who have served to protect our freedom and is honored to be Miss Poppy. Alexa is 10 years old, currently in the fourth grade at Ledgeview Elementary in Macedonia. She enjoys basketball, soccer, skiing, reading and playing outside with her friends. Alexa wants to be a talk show host when she grows up and she would call it, Alexa is Extraordinary. Alexis extraordinary. So, on behalf of the council and the administration, we hereby recognize Alexa Geosano on being named the 2022 Euclid American Legion Auxiliary Unit 343 Miss Poppy and we will look for you in the parade.

And I am gonna start, I'm gonna give you, let's see if we can get that in there. Sorry. We'll let you do that. Thank you very much. You want to say anything? Good, start your talk show.

Alexis Geosano

Thank you for having me. (Mayor: You're very welcome)

Grandma Geosano

4:55

Thank you, Mayor. It's wonderful to be back in council again with Miss Poppy. I know she's been thinking that her grandma was fibbing to her because we kept saying you want to be Miss Poppy this year, no it's canceled. The donations that we receive from this distribution are earmarked as restricted funds. That means we can only use them for

Veterans Aide. And I just went to a meeting a couple of weeks ago, and finally after two years, Wade Park is finally working on protocols for us to come back and see our veterans. We had ladies that went down twice a week for coffee and cookies in the lobby, which doesn't sound like a whole lot, but if you're on that veteran, that comes up on the bus from Youngstown, and you have to fast for bloodwork, you don't want to go to a buy a coffee shop for five or \$6 when we were there giving him coffee and cookies. So hopefully by the middle of summer, we'll be back. Our ladies will be back distributing poppies, I think we have permission at Dave's and Drug Mart and I know we have one of the factories in town. We greatly, greatly appreciate the community and supporting our efforts to help our Veterans and I'd like to thank the Mayor and Council for having us here tonight. Thank you.

Mayor Gail

6:18

And I'm gonna ask Alexa if she would like to walk around and I'm sure you'll have a few more dollars to have for your poppies. (Collection of donations for Miss Poppy.) We will all look forward to seeing Miss Poppy wave in the parade. While she's finishing up Madam Chair, I'll go ahead with just a couple other announcements. And speaking of Memorial Day, we will be holding a cemetery cleanup for anyone who would like to help us make sure the cemetery is in top shape. On May 14, that's a Saturday from 9 to 12 at the Euclid Cemetery. This Thursday we will be having a, our, recognizing the National Day of Prayer. Again, that's this Thursday, May 5, beginning at 12 o'clock right here in city council chambers. The Chamber of Commerce will be holding a Minority Business Pre-certification and Chamber Membership Workshop. This workshop is specially designed for minority owned businesses. It will be held at Moore Counseling on Friday, May 20 at 10am. You can register, businesses can register at Euclidchamber.com. Election day is tomorrow. It is a primary election. There are judicial races, primary for statewide offices, as well as our Congress and Senate races. The polls open at 6:30, open till 7:30pm. There is information on our website if you need to find your polling location. And Madam Chair I'd like to say a special thank you to everyone who helped with the Big Clean two Saturdays ago. Keep Euclid Beautiful and Collinwood together sponsored the big clean, and there was, the day of the event 250 bags of garbage collected plus later, afterwards another 85 to 100. So, the official count was close to 350 bags of garbage. We had more than 200, 207 volunteers from Euclid. Collinwood had 110 they collected all of that trash in about three hours time. Really amazing. I do want to thank Linda Beck and the Keep Euclid Beautiful team for all of their hard work putting it together as well as thanking the sponsors keep Euclid Beautiful Greater Collinwood Development Corporation, Villa Angela St. Joseph High School, Cleveland Water Department, Ohio EPA, Cleveland Plogs, Pulp of Euclid, Guys Pizza of Euclid, Lakeshore Coffee House and Chili Peppers, as well as really a personal thank you to all of those residents, families, businesses, community groups, church groups who came out and helped help clean

up. Still more to do. I hope everyone takes it upon themselves to help keep our community clean every day, so, really thank you to everyone who helped make that such a successful event. I also would like to thank the Shade Tree Commission and the Service Department for putting on a really nice Arbor Day program last Friday. They planted a tree to recognize Paul Beno, our former Zoning Commissioner, for his hard work and his really, his dedication to conservation and using vacant land and green space here in the City of Euclid. So really nice event, thank you to the Shade Tree Commission for putting that together. That, with that, Madam Chair, I will say Happy Mother's Day to the mothers and grandmothers. I hope you have an enjoyable Sunday. Oh, and Chief Haddock had an announcement.

Fire Chief Haddock

10:52

Thank you, Mayor, Madam Chair, Members of Council and those watching. On Monday, May 16, Euclid Fire Department will commence its annual hydrant maintenance program. This consists of us flushing the hydrants and lubricating the hydrants, all the public hydrants within the city. So, I do ask that you exercise extreme care when you see our crews out there, please watch your speed. And when passing the crews. We will be posting signs in the areas before we do it. We do not flush on the weekends. And if you happen to have any discolored water, please run your cold water until it clears. So, thank you very much.

Mayor Gail

11:27

Thank you, Chief. And with that, Madam Chair. That completes our reports this evening.

COMMITTEE DOCUMENTATION

President Mancuso

11:30

Thank you. We will next go to **Committee Documentation**. And we held an **Executive and Finance Committee** meeting on April 13. The agenda items at that time were an overview of the purpose and goals of the safety facilities assessment, where we discussed the overview of the process used. There were recommendations reported. We had the actual consultants that we had we the city used, who did a presentation showed us in depth, the amount of detail they went to as they looked at both our police station, all of our fire stations and our current jail facility. We looked at the costs, we were given recommendations. There were questions asked by the committee members and the actions taken that, is that now, our decisions will include prioritizing projects, developing a funding source and timeline possible use the American Rescue Funds and hiring a design consultant team to begin the development plans. With that I will turn it over to the chairman of the **Public Safety Committee**.

12:39

Thank you, Madam Chair. On April 20 There was a public safety meeting held to discuss ordinance number 040-2022. IT staff present where Mayor Holzheimer-Gail, Captain Jeff Cutright from the Euclid PD. The committee members present were Councilwoman Steele, Councilman Epps and Tolton and a motion to excuse Councilman Jarosz. Council persons present not on the committee are Council President Mancuso, Councilwoman McIntosh, and Councilman Wojtila. Guests present were Rick Lombardo, Law Enforcement Territory Manager for Flock, F-l-o-c-k Safety. Ordinance 040-2022 authorizing the Mayor of Euclid to enter into a two year contract with the option for two year renewal for the purchase of license plate recognition cameras and relevant software for the use by the Euclid PD for an amount not to exceed \$110,000. Mr. Lombardo shared facts about recent events leading up to the arrest of suspects using the Flock camera. Flock works with approximately 1500 Police Departments nationwide, as well as at least 50 cities in Ohio. It is an integrated system that assists in providing information to our police department when a vehicle is used in a suspected crime or suspicious activity such as carjacking Amber and Silver alerts, etc. The mechanism can be stationary and as mentioned briefly can also be, okay, which was mentioned briefly, I'm sorry. When installed the cameras are situated to capture the license plate, the color make and model any, any unique feature of a vehicle. The cameras are working 24/7 maintenance of the cameras is performed by FLOCK. EPD will monitor the information and the city owns the data. storage of the data is for 30 days unless Council chooses to extend that. If purchase the information received can also be linked to Chagrin Valley dispatch. We're currently approximately 60% of the cities that are joined with their own flag cameras, several concerns recited by committee members who chose to keep the legislation in Committee until they could be addressed such as privacy, possibility of racial profiling, accuracy, effectiveness, incidents of possible human error, question of private entities having the ability to purchase the cameras, etc. So, the action taken at that time was by majority vote of the Committee members to keep the legislation in committee. So, we then scheduled a meeting for April 25. And, to discuss this particular legislation, and the, the people present were Mayor Holzeimeimer-Gail, Law Director Sweeney, Euclid Police Chief Meyer and Captain Cutright. Councilpersons present were, Councilwoman Steele, Councilmen Tolton, Epps and Jarosz, Rick Lombardo joined us from Flock cameras via zoom. There was a continued discussion of the purchase of Flock cameras for the city from the April 20, 2022 meeting. I'm sorry for my... I'm getting ready to cough, I'm so sorry. The Mayor shared that the city was just awarded \$174,771 from the Governor's Initiative to target gun reduction and violent grant and violence. And that was in a form of a grant. The EPD was responsible for applying for that grant. Director Sweeney addressed the previous concerns that committees had, the committee members had. The privacy issue, and she stated that there's no facial recognition involved in these cameras. They are positioned to identify

the license plate and type of vehicle. This takes the human bias out of the equation. This is passive data collection only. Two; profiling. The cameras read plates, make and model of a vehicle. When a report comes in that information is provided and assist in narrowing down the suspected vehicle involved in the criminal activity. Three; public records. Data does not become a part of public records unless the case goes to trial. Additionally, the cameras are not hitting on misdemeanor, misdemeanor warrants. But on felonies for example. Flock cameras along with PD's were responsible for capturing the suspects involved in the most recent incident where the two suspects were seen pointing guns at Cleveland Police Officer sitting in his cruiser. Four; privacy. Concern that individual entities can purchase, use and share Flock cameras data. The information gathered by an individual an HOA or business is primarily shared with the police department where they are located. Five; the efficiency of the cameras. 99% effective during the day, and 92% at night. Six; the cost. The cameras are \$2,500 per camera, per year. The city is looking at purchasing 20 cameras and placing them at entry points into our city. The contract is for two years with the possibility of an extension for additional two years. Shall we find that the cameras have been successful in the reduction in crime. We can look toward future funding from the general fund. A request by Councilman Tolton was made to look at a study about their effectiveness in a year should the ordinance be approved. There are many cities that have been substantial has seen substantial reduction in crime, by using this system. Many municipalities around us have been equipped with Flock cameras. This is just another way of providing our PD with tools necessary to handle the crime in our city. And so, the action taken was to move the issue back to council with recommendation for approval by the majority of the committee members. And that concludes my comments for both summaries, Madam Chair, and I will then, I apologize, move to approve the following committee documentations; the Board of Control dated April 18, 2022 and April 25, 2022. The Executive and Finance Committee held April 13 of 2022 and the Public Safety Committee meetings held April 20, 2022, and April 25, 2022.

President Mancuso

20:10

Thank you. I have a motion on the floor. Do I have a second? So Moved by Councilwoman Jukic.

All in favor? "Aye."

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – LEGISLATION MATTERS ONLY

Thank you very much. We will now move on to the **Committee of the Whole** for legislative matters only on the agenda. Anyone wishing to speak to an agenda item, please come to the podium. Please state your name and address for us in keep your comments to five minutes.

Resident – Lou Melnor

20:38

My name is Lou Melnor. I live at 19711 Edgecliff Drive. I am thoroughly in support of item number six with those license plate readers. But I'd like to make a comment in regards items four and five. Four is the Waterfront Project, phase three and five is the Top of the Tank. I went to the presentation I believe that was last week, or possibly the week before. Just some ideas on what might be at those places. If we develop those areas. I certainly think they should become part of the master plan and look forward to those coming to fruition. Obviously, the Waterfront Project is a tremendous project in Euclid. But people don't know it's there unless you go to it. But once you go to it, it really is impressive. Not so much what the city does, but because the lakes there. While the Top of the Tank is in a position that there are just gobs of people every day driving past that. And I would hope whatever plan we come up with, and I know there's great limitations because of the structure's underneath it, but I would hope there could be some kind of items there that would attract people to see that wonder park at that light. And I, I think you know, I need to stop there for some time or have some impression that that looks great. I know you're going to see a big area of open grass. You can't probably get around that. But hopefully there can be some "wow factor" developed into that. Thank you.

President Mancuso

22:21

Thank you, sir. Next speaker please.

Resident – Audrey Kaplan-Goodman

22:26

Good evening, everyone. I'm Audrey Kaplan Goodman. 20201 Glenn Russ Lane. Regarding first item, number one, welcome Miss Laboda to the City of Euclid. It's nice to see someone sitting next to, sitting in that spot again. So welcome. Good luck to you. Regarding item number six. This is a no brainer, guys, we have beetle, I would hope that this would not go to a third reading and that you suspend the rules and pass it this evening. Let's not belabor this anymore. You have all the data, all the proof that you need, that these cameras are a tool to help keep the police safe and keep the citizens safe. So, let's get a pass tonight. Thank you.

President Mancuso

23:08

Thank you. Next speaker please. Seeing none.

LEGISLATION

We will go ahead and start our **Legislative** agenda. Madam Clerk, please read the first agenda item into the record.

Clerk Laboda

23:24

Resolution 046-22. A resolution appointing Cheryl Laboda as Clerk of Council.

President Mancuso

23:31

I'll entertain a motion for passage. So moved by Councilman Wojtila. Second by Councilwoman Jukic.

All in favor, "Aye."

As I begin the discussion, I would first like to thank the council people who were on the interview team as we went through this process, Councilwoman Caviness, Councilman Tolton, and Councilwoman Jukic. I think we made a good choice. And it seems strange that we have to do this yourself. So, I'm very pleased with the outcome. I will look to any discussion my colleagues may have concerning our appointment of Miss Laboda. Councilman Epps.

Councilman Epps

24:13

Thank you just want to say obviously, we're, I spoke with Cheryl today. And you're very, very, very optimistic about the work that we can do together, big shoes to fill in the absence of Barb Allen, who was our former clerk. And I was happy to hear tonight that the Council President even mentioning, my three colleagues who were a part of the interview process, did not know that there was a process that played out like that, but I'm happy to see that there were members of council that were part of that, and happy to welcome you. Thank you.

President Mancuso

24:45

Any other comments by council members? Seeing none, I'll entertain a motion to close debate. So moved by Councilman Caviness. Second by Councilman Tolton.

All in favor, "Aye."

Thank you, Madam Clerk, please call the roll on the resolution.

Clerk Laboda

24:58

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

Resolution passes.

President Mancuso

25:12

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

Clerk Laboda

25:16

Ordinance 050-22. An emergency ordinance authorizing the sale of permanent parcel 643-32-017 and 643-32-018, vacant land at 675 East 240th Street, from the land bank to Lisa Louise Green for the amount of \$1 per parcel as authorized by ordinance numbers 98-2010 and 101-2011.

President Mancuso

25:55

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

And we will go to Director Grogan-Myers to begin the discussion.

Planning & Zoning Director Grogan-Meyers

26:07

Thank you, Madam Chair. Before you this evening, as the Clerk read, is the consideration of authorizing the sale of two parcels to Miss Lisa Louise Green for the construction of a new single-family home. A ranch style home. And thankfully, this is a full circle moment where we're building a home on parcels that previously had a home. So that is a great thing to see some investment coming back into the community. Currently Miss Green lives in the City of Cleveland, and is seeking to construct a ranch style home, great agent place opportunity for Miss Green. As the Clerk read, both parcels will be sold for \$1 each. And once this is approved, pending your approval tonight, we will begin the planning and zoning and building plan review processes. Included in this will be consolidation of the parcels as part of the new development. Thank you.

President Mancuso

26:58

Thank you. Questions? Councilman Epps.

Councilman Epps

27:01

Thank you. Umm, Director Grogan-Meyers, umm, for the sake of the regular, the record and the public at home, can you remind folks when is the deadline for construction begin on these parcels when they're purchased for \$1. For new construction, I believe there is a deadline in place.

Planning & Zoning Director Grogan-Meyers

27:19

There is, so, construction has to begin within one year of sale.

Councilman Epps

27:23

And the construction just has to begin within a year of sale the lot. Correct?

Planning & Zoning Director Grogan-Meyers

27:30

I'll defer to the law department... on that construction...

Assistant Law Director Rubadue

27:36

Yes, to the councilperson, this is, that is correct. It begins within a year. But there are benchmarks to make the significant progress under the permit application process. So obviously, if there are delays to the process, then they will, the delays will cause like the cancellation of those permits that they may pull. So, when you pull a permit, you must commence that work and be making active progress within six months. So obviously, this is the first step. And then there's the permit process. And it's, and so on. So, there are definitely benchmarks in the process.

Councilman Epps

28:12

So, for the sake of folks knowing as well, what happens when an individual purchases a Land Bank lot for reconstruction, umm, for \$1, and they do not start that process or it just is a matter of, you know, dragging their feet on back on the part of the applicant or the purchaser, what happens when that deadline is not met?

President Mancuso

Assistant Director Rubadue?

Assistant Law Director Rubadue

28:37

Thank you. To the councilman, there is a process. I'm not familiar with all the details, because I don't recall that happening in the most recent past. But there is a process that there would be an opportunity for the city to take that, that asset, that parcel back and then go through a due process. But I don't frankly know the exact timeline. But we do have a mechanism to get that property back.

Councilman Epps

29:05

All right. Appreciate it. And I'll leave that and if you could send us an email or at least me specifically, I'd like to know what happens in that case. A lot of times, and my reason for asking, a lot of times we have things on the books and these are the rules, but what's the consequence? So that's why I'm asking.

Assistant Law Director Rubadue

29:18

I'd be happy to. Thank you.

President Mancuso

29:21

Thank you. Other discussion? Seeing none, I'll entertain a motion to close the debate. So moved by Councilman Epps. Second by Councilman Tolton.

All in favor, "Aye."

Thank you. I'll also entertain a motion to suspend the rules and forego the second and third reading. So moved by Councilwoman McIntosh. Second by Councilwoman Jukic.

All in favor, "Aye."

Those opposed – One.

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

Cheryl Laboda

29:49

Tolton. Yes. Epps, Yes. Jarosczyk Yes. McIntosh. Yes. Wojtila, Yes, Jukic, Yes. Steele, Yes. Caviness, Yes. Mancuso, Yes.
Ordinance 050-22 passes.

President Mancuso

30:07

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

Clerk Laboda

30:11

Ordinance 051-22. An emergency ordinance authorizing the sale of permanent parcel numbers 648-25-083, vacant land at 1423 East 263rd from the Euclid Land Bank, to Ronald and Lillian Thigpen for the amount of \$1,000 as authorized by ordinance number 98-2010 and 101-2011.

President Mancuso

30:46

Thank you. I'll entertain a motion for passage to begin discussion. So moved by Councilwoman Caviness. Seconded by Councilman Epps.

All in favor, "Aye."

Thank you. We will now go again to Director Grogan-Meyers.

Director Grogan-Meyers

30:56

Thank you, Madam Chair, the legislation before you authorizes the transfer of one parcel to Ron and Lillian and Thigpen for the expansion of their yard. As mentioned in the Planning and Zoning Commission, this is the opportunity for them to expand their yard for their grandchildren. So, it's a great opportunity to make sure that families can grow and thrive in Euclid. And because this is a yard expansion, following the

pricing guidelines, this is a sale that involves the transfer for \$1,000. And to that end, I want to make sure to note there is one typo in the legislation that I would ask you to consider in section one of the legislation. The, the note says that it is being sold in the amount of \$1. That should be corrected to be \$1,000, as is referenced twice previously in the legislation.

President Mancuso

31:48

And I will make a motion to add that amendment. Second by Councilwoman McIntosh. Any discussion on the amendment only? Seeing none, I'll entertain a motion to close debate on that. So moved by Councilman Epps. Second by Councilwoman Caviness.

All in favor, "Aye."

We will now go back to the entire piece of amended legislation. Any discussion on the amended legislation as a whole? Seeing none, I'll entertain a motion to close debate. So moved by Councilwoman Jukic. Second by Councilwoman Steele.

All in favor, "Aye."

Thank you. I will also entertain a motion to suspend the rules and forego the second and third reading. So moved by Councilman Jarosz. Second by Councilwoman Caviness.

All in favor, "Aye."

Those opposed? Councilman Epps.

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

Clerk Laboda

32:43

Epps, Yes. Jarosz, Yes. McIntosh, Yes. Wojtila, Yes. Jukic, Yes. Steele, Yes. Caviness, Yes. Tolton, Yes. Mancuso, Yes.

Amended ordinance. Amended ordinance passes.

President Mancuso

32:58

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

Clerk Laboda

33:02

Resolution 048-22. A resolution approving and accepting the Waterfront Project Phase Three plan, as approved by the City of Euclid Planning and Zoning Commission as an official addendum to the city's 2018 Master Plan.

President Mancuso

33:22

Thank you. I'll entertain a motion for passage to begin discussion. So moved by Councilwoman Jukic. Second by Councilwoman McIntosh.

All in favor, "Aye."

Thank you and we will go, once again, to Director Grogan Meyers.

Director Grogan-Meyers

33:33

Thank you, Madam Chair. The legislation discusses and contemplates the adoption of the waterfront, Waterfront Project phase three plan that was developed in consultation with Bialosky Architects through a public process throughout 2021. Reimagining what we can do at the eastern end of the lakefront trail, roughly 5.4 acres owned by the city at the eastern end of the lakefront trail. So, throughout the public process, there was a lot of feedback, including Mr. Milner who you heard tonight, and certainly one thing I want to highlight for all those at home and for council, that this is similar to the larger comprehensive master plan for the city. So, this gives us a framework. This is not the end of public discussion. This is the start of a new set of public discussions. When we talk about re envisioning the eastern end of the lakefront water, or lakefront trails, excuse me. So just wanted to put that out there. Included in your packet should have been the presentation before the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Architectural Review Board, highlighting the process, highlighting some of the architectural renderings for the building. Again, as they say that this is an ongoing public discussion. Certainly, we heard from some members of the Architectural Review Board on some feedback on the plan. And so that's something that we will continue to work on as we look towards the future of this plan and bringing it into fruition.

President Mancuso

34:58

Thank you. Discussion? Councilman Epps.

Councilman Epps

35:07

Thank you, Madam Chair. This particular one, item number four is the Top of the Tank one and not the one further down, correct?

President Mancuso

35:15

No. It's the Waterfront Project Phase III plan.

Councilman Epps

35:20

Okay, I actually had the pleasure along with Councilwoman, my colleague, Councilman McIntosh of actually be present at that meeting. Quite a presentation. Quite a plan as well. Big part of the reason why and I like to explain to people when I am voting "no" on particular legislation, or "yes" and the reason even for voting for it, a big part of that reason was in trying to leverage more investment on the South side of town, where the, which is more African Americans, where African, more African Americans live on the Euclid Avenue side of town. And I think

that over the course of my time here on City Council, there has been movement on quite a few projects that have been talked about for many years on Euclid Avenue that have come to fruition. And quite a few things going on. And when I get to see something that I think actually has more impact rather than just erosion protection. For certain folks who live along the lake, then it gets me excited. This particular project has potential for a restaurant there, I mean, all of the different development and ideas for watercraft, sports for folks and the way it's designed. I mean, all of these things are very exciting. And actually, again, put a project before me that I am excited to be able to get behind and support. And so, people will see me for the very first time tonight, vote for lakefront development legislation. And by way of this particular legislation, and again, because it has the potential of some real meat and to have real teeth and actually cause a real impact and bring people to our lakefront and so for that reason, I will be voting in support this legislation night.

President Mancuso

37:04

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

Madam Clerk, please call the roll on the resolution.

Clerk Laboda

37:23

Jarosz, Yes. McIntosh, Yes. Wojtila, Yes. Jukic, Yes. Steele, Yes. Caviness, No. Tolton, Yes. Epps, Yes.

Resolution passes.

President Mancuso

37:35

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

Clerk Laboda

37:39

Resolution 049- 22. A resolution approving and accepting the Top of the Tank site plan as approved by the City of Euclid Planning and Zoning Commission as an official addendum to the city's 2018 Master Plan.

President Mancuso

Thank you.

Councilwoman McIntosh

37:56

Madam Chair point of order. I think we may have missed your vote on the last piece of legislation.

Clerk Laboda

38:04

Ah, yes, Mancuso (yes). I apologize.

President Mancuso

38:10

Alright. And now where were we? I'll entertain a motion for passage to begin discussion. All right. So moved by Councilman Jarosz. Second by Councilman Tolton. We went to our Director. There wasn't any further discussion. Correct? It was Councilman Epps.

I'll take a motion to close debate. I don't think we closed debate last time. Yeah, I think we're at close debate. No, we did the Director. Didn't we do him? I'm sorry. Okay.

Mayor Gail

38:51

We interrupted you partway through? So, I would...

President Mancuso

38:56

We're still at Patrick. We're still going to the Director first...

Mayor Gail

for...yes, we just looked at item number 5. We just choose the Top of the Tank.

President Mancuso

Top of the Tank. Goodness, I'm so sorry, where are we?
Director Grogan-Meyers, please.

Director Grogan-Meyers

39:10

Thank you, Madam Chair. So, this final piece of legislation that I have the pleasure of speaking on tonight is accepting the Top of the Tank site plan. This is the half acre parcel at the northeast corner of Lakeshore Boulevard and Bliss Lane. And I think in response to Mr. Milner's comment earlier, certainly, I think that the design of the park is something that will certainly catch people's attention as they're driving down Lakeshore Boulevard. So, the site plan includes some interesting futuristic looking lights and then contemplates an event space and some, you know, opportunity for maybe a bandstand or some sort of stage concept, as well as a splash pad and a restaurant, as well as a walking path around the exterior of the event space. So, certainly a wonderful opportunity to create a community gathering space in the heart of downtown Euclid, and certainly create a sense of place, a sense of you have arrived in a unique space in the City of Euclid. And certainly, I think that that's something that we continue to thrive at doing is making sure that we are creating a sense of place in Euclid, wherever you're at within the city. So, this plan seeks to build off of that notion. So as highlighted

earlier, we worked through a contractor or consultant to help guide us through a public process for this half acre site. There were three public meetings held throughout last year, including one on site, which, while I didn't have the pleasure of attending or being here, as part of the team, I heard was quite a great public meeting, I heard there was even ice cream, which always makes a public meeting a great time. So, the final plan, as I highlighted, includes various elements around community gathering and event space, which certainly, as we come out of COVID, is a great opportunity for us to come together as a community. And so, with an approximate cost of \$7.2 million to construct, this is something that again, will involve ongoing community conversation about the final executable points of the plan. But this gives us a starting point to move forward from.

President Mancuso

41:14

Thank you. Discussion? Seeing none. I'll entertain a motion to close debate. So moved by Councilwoman McIntosh. Second by Councilman Jarosz.

All in favor, "Aye."

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

Clerk Laboda

41:36

Macintosh, Yes. Wojtila, Yes. Jukic, Yes. Steele, Yes. Caviness, Yes. Tolton, Yes. Epps, No. Jarosz, Yes. Mancuso, Yes.
Resolution passes.

President Mancuso

41:53

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

Clerk Laboda

41:57

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, Georgia, 30318, for the purchase of license plate recognition cameras and corresponding and relevant software for use by the Euclid Police Department in an amount not to exceed \$110,000.

President Mancuso

42:35

Thank you. I'll entertain a motion for passage to begin discussion. So moved by Councilwoman Caviness. Second by Councilwoman Jukic.

All in favor, "Aye."

We will go to Mayor Gail to begin discussion.

Mayor Gail

42:47

Thank you, Madam Chair. I'd like to thank the chairwoman of the safety committee for holding the, and the whole safety committee and council members who participated for the two committee meetings we held to discuss this topic. We all share the commitment that safety is a top priority. We don't like the direction that we're seeing in terms of violent crime and gun activity and want to give the police the tools they need to do their job and to help us reduce crime. The Flock Safety cameras are license plate reader cameras. They kept, they capture computer readable images of license plates and vehicles which allow officers to use that, use those images to solve crimes. They are both proactive. They, the devices provide alerts when cars that are either stolen or associated with the known suspect is detected so coming into the city or leaving the city and they also provide investigative benefit as detectives can use them to help you find out if cars were at a scene or left a scene. We would appreciate Council's support so we can move forward with this. We did work with all of the captains and some detectives to look at where they would best be located along with the flock staff and so we are proposing 20 cameras they are all over the city primarily at main entrance and exit points. The other feature is they do interact and read other community's cameras so many of our neighbors are also using these cameras Cleveland, Richmond Heights, Wickliffe is in the process. And so, where they have cameras, we don't have to duplicate so it's a great system. There, Mr. Rick Lombardo, who was here from Flock with us in person at the first meeting and available to us through zoom on the second meeting provide many examples of cases that these license plate reader cameras specifically helped to solve a crime so we are happy to answer any questions that you may have? One thing I would like to add and ask for an amendment? I don't know whether it will be needed or not. But we have the funds to pay for this coming from our American Rescue Plan Act funds. The police have applied for a grant to the State. So, if we can amend section two to read, to also make it available if should we get the funding through the, a State grant? So, it would "funds to pay for this expenditure are to be derived from the American Rescue Plan Act, ARPA or State grant funds." Would be the amendment I would request.

President Mancuso

45:40

Thank you. I will make that motion on do we have a second? So moved by Councilwoman Caviness. Discussion on the amendment only? Councilman Tolton. On the amendment only. You ok? Discussion on the amendment only? Seeing none. I'll entertain a motion to close debate. So moved by Councilman Jarosz. Second by Councilwoman Caviness. All in favor, "Aye."
Madam Clerk, please call the roll on the amendment only

Clerk Laboda

46:20

Wojtila, Yes. Jukic, Yes. Steele, Yes. Caviness, Yes. Tolton. Yes. Epps, Yes. Jarosz, Yes. McIntosh, Yes. Mancuso, Yes.

Ordinance passes, no. Amended ordinance passes. Amendment passes. Sorry.

President Mancuso

46:40

Thank you. Okay, now we're back to the full amended piece of legislation. Discussion. Councilman Tolton.

Councilman Tolton

46:50

Thank you, Madam Chair. Couple of, as we got a couple of quick questions, questions and a comment at first. At the safety committee meeting, and I brought up several concerns about privacy issues. You know, how this would be used, if it's, if it's, if it's used illegal, things like that, you know, disciplinary actions by the administration towards officers. So, I was always in favor of the Flock cameras, never, you know, question about their, some of their effectiveness. But there were questions that, that was asked of me about the Fourth Amendment. I read some things about that. And again, we've got to be careful. I think, when we implement these types of technologies, that we don't open it up, we don't go on down a slippery slope, to where now you've got big brother coming in what what's going to stop them from doing something further? And, you know, the gentleman from Flock, you know, was able to answer some of those questions which, which and administration, which I appreciated. But I wanted to read one thing that I also found just this this this week. Right now, this year, it is 230 people suing Hertz for false arrests, the claimants spent a total of 2700 days in jail or prison because of false arrest. The lawsuits against Hertz claimed a pattern of miss, missing inventory, which Hertz will immediately file police reports when inventory is missing. Rather than conduct an internal investigation to locate late or missing vehicles, or correct error in the records, even when the errors are reported to the company. The files are often not updated. And the past seven years, according to USA Today, theft charges have been leveled against more than 23,000 individuals. So again, that was just one example as I brought, when we have these cameras, that we're making sure that the information that's in the system is accurate. You when you're talking about technology, garbage in, garbage out. So, I want to make sure that our police and our citizens are not having undue interactions, because information is not correct. So that was my biggest concern with the Flock cameras, that we were making sure, again, that it's privacy issues, that we're making sure that it's the information is accurate, so that we're not pulling over citizens that should not be pulled over. Granted. You know, we want make sure we want all the tools that our police can use in order to fight crime. I'm with it. We want to make sure that these tools are being used appropriately and not hindering their efforts. So, if anyone thought that I was against the Flock cameras,

or anything like that. No. It's just the case that I think we have an obligation to ask these questions. And if I'm up here as a council person, that's my job to ask these tough questions, whether people agree with or not. Mayor, this quick question. Well, actually just one question; with this, when, if this has passed tonight, where would the cameras be installed?

Mayor Gail

49:45

When it's passed, we will execute the contract with flock. There is an order time, I believe he said 8 to 10 weeks in order to actually get the cameras and get them installed. But I can confirm that once it's passed.

Councilman Tolton

50:04

And that was read into the record earlier. Is there a possibility customers that we can amend this because I do want to see a study. So, after a year of study just with the Flock cameras, I know the Chief had brought some information study about crime numbers, but that was kind of based on the Flock cameras with what we do now. But if we can have something just for the Flock cameras, in this after year, we can see exactly, you know, because most of these, because these, license plate reader so you're talking about crime scale, stolen cars, you know, kidnapped, kidnapped children or something like that. So, we can do a study after year to see the effectiveness of the cameras. Is that possible? Assistant Law Director?

President Mancuso

50:45

Assistant Law Director? I'm sure we can amend it to conduct a study following the first 12 months of Flock camera use. Is that agreeable?

Councilman Tolton

Correct. Correct.

Councilman Epps

I second, the amendment

President Mancuso

Where would be the best place to put that here?

Assistant Law Director Rubadue

50:59

I think we would add a section four and then move our current section four down to a five.

President Mancuso

Alright, so the amendment would be section four now?

Assistant Law Director Rubadue

Correct. And then Section five would be the current pair of antennas. That would be section four. And did you want to repeat what you said?

President Mancuso

51:29

I think what we're, what we are, what the Councilman would like is a study to be conducted after the first 12 months of Flock camera use. Are you alright with that wording Councilman?

Councilman Tolton

Correct.

President Mancuso

Okay. Does everybody understand the wording? Okay. I'll take a motion to make that amendment. Make a motion to, to make that amendment. I need a second. So moved by Councilman Jarosz. Any discussion on the amendment only? Councilman Epps.

Councilman Epps

52:02

Thank you. I just want to be clear, because obviously, I mentioned multiple times to that I second the motion to amend this legislation. But so how exactly does this is this study incorporated? So, we're going to do a study at the end of the 12 months to assess the last 12 months. And then what? Because once again, same thing, we're gonna do this study, but then if the study shows x,y and z, then you know what, what happens, then does it mean that we do not move forward with our second year, and we got to make sure there's an out in the contract that we have with this company, to make sure that we can pull out if our assessment has not worked, if we've had all of these undue interactions, is one of the concerns that I shared with my colleagues in the committee meeting, about the fact that we don't have control over the data, all the data, you have all of these communities all over Ohio, who are contributing to the data, and that will cause some and has caused as 23,000 different times with encounters with the public that are false, based off of misinformation or data in here. So yeah, we're gonna do a study. And that's a great amendment by my colleague, and I appreciate it. But then what so I would like to vote be able to support this, I'd like to know what happens if, I mean, the amendment should cover that, in my opinion.

President Mancuso

53:27

Let's first address the question. I will take it to you Mayor Gail, but I would think if we're going to do a study those results, whatever they are, will then lead to an action. They won't just continue on the way it is.

Mayor Gail

53:42

Right? Well, I will remind Council this is a two-year contract. So, we are, we will be entering into a contract for two years. Just about everything we do we review and evaluate. But in this case, if council will, I have no problem with this, incorporate that there will be a study after one year that will take some time to put together it will be presented back to council and then Council will have to advise what they would like to do.

Councilman Epps

So, I so I guess...

Mayor Gail

...License plate reader cameras is two years because we don't actually own the cameras. They're installing the cameras. And there's, you know, time and money and effort that it is a two year contract. I don't believe a one year contract was possible.

Councilman Epps

54:32

I'd like to if you don't mind, Madam Chair. I'd like to hear from the Assistant Law Director. She keeps trying to chime in.

Assistant Law Director Rubadue

54:37

Well. I was frankly gonna say exactly what the Mayor said is, it is a two year contract. So presumably we enter into the contract. If this passes in the next few weeks, we would do, and I assume the intent would be this do the study 12 months after the cameras are implemented. Well, that could be several months into the two year contract that things start get, get implemented and get going. So, the data that would be provided once we received it and shared that with council would be approximately if a few months before we would be in the position, as in the council, would be in a position to renew for another two years or decide to go in a different direction.

Councilman Epps

So, the renewal would, would come back to council anyway, at the end of the two years for the renewal of the contract, and at that time, we can say, Hey, where's the study?

Assistant Law Director Rubadue

55:28

Right, and because we've written it in here, that you're gonna get it 12 months after we implement, you will have that prior to the expiration of the two year contract.

Councilman Epps

Okay, thank you.

President Mancuso

Thank you. Oh, go ahead...

Assistant Law Director Rubadue

Did we want to turn to the concern with regard to the private lawsuits against a private company, versus what this Flock system is, and I think what we're comparing is apples to oranges and the data that, and I believe we're talking about Hertz Rental Car, is what you're suggesting. That is different from this system. This is a government camera system that is different than a private organization, extracting data, maybe utilizing names because they entered into a contract to rent their car, and maybe didn't update their systems accurately, that is different than this system. And I think the Mayor or Captain Cutright could speak to exactly that piece, but arguably, Hertz is different than Flock. And they're just totally different. Obviously, they have information and data and their computer system, but it's, it's much different animal that we're dealing with.

President Mancuso

56:42

Thank you. Umm.

Mayor Gail

56:46

I think Captain Cutright would like to say something.

Captain Cutright

56:49

Yeah. And this, I can't tell you that mistake, mistakes would never be made. Every system has its faults. I can tell you that in April 26, 2007. We did not have the flat camera system in the city of Euclid. And with me here in counsel today is the family of a homicide victim, Jermaine Mitchell. His life was taken. The case, 15 years later, remains unsolved. I believe if we had the system in place, we may have caught the suspect vehicle leaving the city, it may have led to leads and had some peace come to this family. The Flock system is a tool, it's not a perfect tool. And we took keep talking about the misuse, we're missing the use of it. The use that could have benefited this family who lost a loved one. Tomorrow morning, I'm going to begin a fresh look into this case. It hasn't been solved. And it's time to take a second look. Had we had the system in place, I would be much more confident that I could bring peace to this family. This is a tool to law enforcement. There's those in council that may not like this tool, and I urge you not to vote for it. But should it pass, I believe that this tool will bring a lot of peace to a lot of families. And any study conducted a year later. It's impossible to quantify crimes that did not occur because we got an alert on the license plate. And we stopped somebody from murdering a family member. I can't quantify that. All I can tell you is the sense of security that our citizens and the visitors to

the city will have, knowing that there's 20 cameras, helping us solve crimes, preventing people with warrants stolen cars, guns from entering our city, we get an alert, we stop them. We stop the crime before it occurs. I believe this tool is a necessary and modern progression of police services to our community. And I really urge you on behalf of the Mitchell family, Kimberly Brown, Reverend Mitchell and his wife, Vivian Mitchell. Don't let this happen to other families. Where homicides are unsolved for 15 years. Our detectives are out there they do a good job. This tool in the hands of a detective doing a follow up investigation can and does lead to arrests. It's proactiveness in stopping people as they enter our city, we at least know they're there. And even if we don't make an arrest when it alerts even if they flee, and we can't pursue them, they're out of the city and our citizens are safe. Thank you.

President Mancuso

59:59

Thank you, sir. Any further discussion? I think Councilman Tolton want to make a final comment. Councilwoman Jukic.

Councilwoman Jukic

1:00:07

Thank you, Madam Chair. To me, it sounds like a reasonable course of action to enter into the two year contract with the one year evaluation, and then see what we think after a year. I support this for many reasons, but also as part of our goals to focus on safety for the city. So, I am in support of giving this an opportunity for a couple of years and evaluating the use and how it's all going after a year. Thank you.

President Mancuso

Thank you. Councilwoman Steele.

Councilwoman Steele

1:00:38

As I said before, and I'll say it again, the, the end justifies the means. If your child gets abducted, or your family member, a friend, a minute seems like three hours, three hours seems like three days. To know we're looking at semantics, but I will support this. Because I know when you lose someone for a senseless crime, and you can't find that person, it's like a part of you has died. So please think about this. Think about the end. How the end justifies the means. That's it. Thank you.

President Mancuso

Any other discussion? Ma'am? Councilwoman McIntosh.

Councilwoman McIntosh

1:01:33

Thank you. Just a question. This is not an emergency ordinance. Would there be any benefit to adding an emergency in order to like, hurry the contract along?

Mayor Gail

1:01:44

I could, we could sign it and enter into the contract tomorrow rather than wait 30 days. Yes.

President Mancuso

1:01:52

Would you like to make an amendment?

Councilwoman McIntosh

1:01:53

I would like to make a motion to amend ordinance 040-22, to make this an emergency.

President Mancuso

We have an amendment on the floor. Do we have a second?

Councilman Tolton

We're in the middle of an Amendment now...

President Mancuso

We do that first. Right. And then you go back to the whole thing.

Councilman Jarosz

1:02:13

We're still amending his amendment about the one year contract. The one year review...

President Mancuso

1:02:16

The one year review. You're absolutely right. We have to vote on that first. Sorry, sorry. Sorry, then we will. Thank you,

Councilman Tolton

Madam Chair. Thank you, oh.

President Mancuso

Your amendment. We'll wait till we're done. Okay. All right. Sorry. Go ahead, sir.

Councilman Tolton

1:02:27

That's okay. That's okay. That's okay. I'm getting old. My thought just got in my head. Jesus Christ. It's in there, somebody grab it. Oh, this study? When we talked about? You talked about the two year commitment. And my colleague was talking about, you know, what happens after the study? What I would think, propose to the amendment is not is that after the study that if I don't know, if numbers didn't look, right, we don't agree with the numbers or something like that, where we don't get rid of the program, but we don't expand the program, can that be amendable? To where we just don't expand the program beyond? So, I'm throwing this out. So, my colleagues.

President Mancuso

1:03:10

I just think, if you say council will evaluate the study. Because it's gonna come back to us anyway, we're gonna like it or we're not gonna like it and we're gonna make recommendations then. Rather than, I don't think we can lock ourselves in yet because we don't know what we'll find. Okay.

Councilman Tolton

Okay. Okay. That's fine.

President Mancuso

All right. So, I have a motion to close debate on the amendment. So moved by Councilman Epps. Seconded by Councilman Jarosz.

All in favor, "Aye."

Madam Clerk? Call the roll on the amendment.

Clerk Laboda

1:03:41

Jukic, Yes. Steele, Yes. Caviness, Yes. Tolton, Yes. Epps, Yes. Jarosz, Yes. McIntosh, Yes. Wojtila, Yes. Mancuso, Yes.
Amendment passes.

President Mancuso

1:03:58

Thank you. We will now go to the motion on the floor for the second amendment to make it an emergency ordinance amendment by Councilman McIntosh. Do I have a second? Councilman Jarosz, second. I have discussion on this second amendment only to make it an emergency ordinance. Any discussion?

Assistant Law Director Rubadue

1:04:18

If I may interject. I think this is the third amendment because the Mayor amended, then...Councilman Tolton. This is the third amendment to this.

President Mancuso

1:04:27

It is the third amendment, you're absolutely right, thank you so much. That's why we have the Law Directors here. Okay, so we have a, we have a first we have a second discussion on the third amendment. Seeing none. I'll entertain a motion to close debate. So moved by Councilman Tolton. Second by Councilman Jarosz.

All in favor, "Aye."

Madam Clerk, please call the roll on the third amendment

Clerk Laboda

1:04:51

Steele, Yes. Caviness, Yes. Tolton, Yes. Epps, No. Jarosz, Yes. McIntosh, Yes. Wojtila, Yes. Jukic, Yes. Mancuso, Yes.

Third amendment passes.

President Mancuso

1:05:08

Okay, we're now going to the full amended document. Any further discussion? Councilman Epps.

Councilman Epps

1:05:23

Thank you. Umm, I just wanted to make sure that I also, now that we have the full amended version, and this is an emergency ordinance that is going to move on. We all everyone in this room administration and every member on council is are committed to doing whatever it is possible that we can to try and deal with the increases in safety within our community. I did not, I was a no vote, which should not surprise folks. But I was the one no vote out of Safety Committee, I did not vote this out of Safety Committee. It had a recommendation for passage, I would have liked to see it not come out of safety with the recommendation for passage from the committee. And that was one of the reasons why I voted no. Another reason why I voted no was because though I am committed and I've introduced legislation in these chambers to be sure that we protect our officers. I'm also trying to make sure that we protect the public. And I think that with uncertainties and trying to, as my colleague described, AVOID UNDUE interactions with residents and police, that it was important that we mandate our officers to wear body cameras as well. And that was something that I wanted to see happen. Before we move forward with something like this. We have purchased body cameras, but we have no mandate to mandate our officers to wear them. And I think that we should be committed to protecting the, our officers but also protecting the public. And so the reason why I did not support this committee coming out of committee, is because I wanted the discussion to be had on this mandate protecting the public. While we are giving another tool...

President Mancuso

1:07:00

I need to stop you. We're not talking about the mandate. you can talk about the mandate at another point in time, this is about the flak camera purchase only. And that

Councilman Epps

I'm not either.

President Mancuso

1:07:09

You can talk about the mandate at another point in time, this is about the Flock camera purchase only.

Councilman Epps

That is what I'm... and that's what I'm talking about. So, So, So, So, I'll tailor my words a little more for you, Madam Chair. Again, I think the importance is that sometimes everything that's a good tool, sometimes we need to do things to make sure that we protect everyone in that process. And that was something that I have been committed to. That's something I'm still committed to. And I want to make sure that folks know that that was the reason why I did not vote this out of the safety committee. And my vote tonight will be my vote tonight on this legislation as well. And though my colleague and as my colleague mentioned, it is important for us to ask the tough questions, and to make sure that we put the prerequisites in place to protect our public when it comes to our police and protect our police officers as well. I do think this is a great tool, I said this committee, I think this is something that we all want to get the results that these cameras will bring us. But there are going to be some hiccups along the road. And I want to make sure that our public is always protected in that process. And that is something I've been committed to and I will continue to be committed to regardless of my vote tonight. Thank you.

President Mancuso

1:08:13

Thank you. Any further comments? Seeing none, I'll entertain a motion. I'm sorry. Councilwoman Caviness.

Councilwoman Caviness

1:08:20

Thank you, Madam Chair. I'd like to add to that. I want people to understand that when we have conversations about safety and about any issue with the city, that the work is actually done in committee. It's not done on the council floor. And this evening, the work is done in committee. And that's why it was so important to continue the conversation in committee to vet as much as possible, all of the parameters and all of the questions that we have about the Flock cameras, and from what I could find, and what you heard from what I've

read, that is a no brainer. As one of our residents stated. We know from Captain Cutright's comments, that it's something that, had we had it at the time that Jermaine Mitchell was murdered. Maybe we would have been able to solve his murder much easier than what we're going to have to do now. And what is it has been for 15 years. So far, the agony that his family has gone through and I applaud the Mayor. I applaud the police department for bringing this forward to council and for I guess Councilman Epps sent it to safety committee to discuss and I appreciate the fact that we do have that tool as a council to, to discuss the major issues that we have in our city before we make decisions. So, I just wanted people to know that committee, yes, Councilman, Council meetings are important, but committee meetings are very important when it comes to discussions such as the Flock cameras, when it comes to the fact that we have so many questions that need to be answered. And we will continue to do so as a council to send those types of issues to committee. So, thank you, Madam Chair.

President Mancuso

1:10:39

Thank you. Any other discussion? Seeing none. I'll entertain a motion to close debate. So moved by Councilwoman McIntosh. Second by Councilwoman Steele.

All in favor, "Aye."

Thank you. I would also like to have a motion to suspend the rules to forego the third reading. So moved by Councilwoman McIntosh. Second by Councilwoman, Councilman Wojtila.

All in favor, "Aye."

Opposed? One.

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

Clerk Laboda

1:11:11

Caviness, Yes. Tolton, Yes. Epps, Yes. Jarosz, Yes. McIntosh, Yes. Wojtila, Yes. Jukic, Yes. Steele, Yes. Mancuso, Yes.

Full amendment. Full amended ordinance passes.

President Mancuso

Thank you. Madam Clerk. Would you read the seventh agenda item into the record?

Clerk Laboda

1:11:36

Resolution 047-22. A resolution of recognition for Alexa Geosano. 2022 Euclid American Legion Auxiliary unit number 343. Miss Poppy.

President Mancuso

1:11:53

Thank you entertain a motion for passage. So moved by Councilman Jarosz. Seconded by Councilman Jukic.

All in favor, "aye."

Any discussion? Seeing none, I'll entertain a motion to close debate. So moved by Councilwoman Steele. Seconded by Councilman Epps.

All in favor, "Aye."

Madam Clerk, please call the roll on the resolution.

Clerk Laboda

1:12:15

Tolton, Yes. Epps, Yes. Jarosz, Yes. McIntosh, Yes. Wojtila, Yes. Jukic, Yes. Steele, Yes. Caviness, Yes. Mancuso, Yes.

Resolution passes.

President Mancuso

1:12:29

Thank you. We will now go to our second Committee of the Whole, which is the public portion for the good of the city. Anyone wishing to speak please come to the podium. Give us your name, address and keep your comments to five minutes, please.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – PUBLIC PORTION

Resident – Deborah Cray-Meyer.

1:12:50

Good evening. I'm Deborah Cray Myers. I live it 217... No, 27190 Gary Avenue. I'm not good with numbers.

President Mancuso

1:13:02

It's in the air tonight.

Resident – Deborah Cray-Meyer.

1:13:06

Okay, I appreciate this opportunity to address the council and hardworking officials. As an active member of this community. I've been involved in learning about and promoting conservation efforts. So, understand that way. My goal here tonight is to show what I think is our civic responsibility to review our local wildlife as part of our community population. Last week, because we are a Tree City, we celebrated the 100 and 50th anniversary of Arbor Day. It was after that ceremony, a group of us were taken on a tour of the oak trees that the city has protected on park property. Thank you for that. That's when I noticed the grass had been freshly mowed under the trees because of awareness of conservation practices being promoted in May like National Gardening for Wildlife month, and no mo May. A number of us were appalled. Let me quickly explain. We are aware that traditional gardening practices are largely to blame for the fact that 1/3 of the North American bird population has disappeared since 1970. Since time is running out, I will simply say, birds nest in spring and need to feed their young Caterpillar

pillars. The caterpillars hatch from eggs laid on the tree leaves. The caterpillars then fall to the ground to continue their life cycle. Therefore, they need a soft landing. Since the oak trees no longer have a native plant floor beneath them. The grass around them should not be cut during nesting season. I acknowledge that protecting the ecosystem is very complex. Yet we can lead by example, one space at a time. Thank you.

President Mancuso

1:15:11

Thank you. Next speaker please.

Resident - David Leighty

1:15:19

Hello, my name is David Leighty. I live at 18931 Pasnow Avenue over by 185th Street. The lot next to our house to the east used to have a home on it. It was torn down a number of years ago at this point. The city leveled it and took no care of it. Our family took care of the property for a number of years. And after maintaining it personally at our own expense and time, the city or my family tried to purchase a lot and was blocked twice by Council. The property was then sold to a developer who took an extreme period of time to begin work on the property, which goes to Councilman Epps point about properties being sold from the land bank and the timeframe in which things can be done on them. At that point, work began very slowly, they leveled it, whatever. About six to nine months ago, they put in a foundation, no work was completed, since then. The developer lost their permits, and was conducting work on Sundays off permit. Reported to the city by me to no action. And with the current rainfall and snowmelt that we have, we now have an open construction site with a fully exposed basement full of water. That is disgusting. It will be a breeding ground for mosquitoes. On Friday night, an animal fell into the pit. I called the city they started a police officer who is unable to help the animal. Now we have an open pit next to our house that is unsecured, full of disgusting water and dead rotting animals in it. My family tried to assume this property to take care of it. The city blocked them and the person developing it has either lost their contract or permits and it is a huge issue. It's going to be a breeding ground for mosquitoes. It is a health hazard. And is it a safety hazard. I have contacted multiple parties in the city about this, gotten flippant return emails, and today, a return email that told me basically not to worry about it when I responded nothing. So, you guys are selling properties, asking what's going to happen to them if they don't get worked on or maintained within a certain period of time. Nothing is happening. It's unfair. It's unreasonable. And it's careless, you have to do something. Thank you.

President Mancuso

Thank you, sir.

Mayor Gail, did you want to respond to that?

Mayor Gail

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I will have to look at that. I don't know if either Kristal or Patrick know off the top of their head. I certainly will look at that tomorrow and make sure we get back to Mr. Lighty if he wants to leave his, stay till the end. We can talk with him or, or reach out tomorrow.

President Mancuso

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Thank you. Next speaker please.

Resident - Lou Melnor

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My name is Lou Melnor. I live at 19711 Edgecliff Drive. I'm confused. I remember being at Council when council passed the purchase of the body cameras for the police officers and there was discussion about should Council make it mandatory that they wear them. And the discussion took place and said that those body cameras will be listed as part of their regular uniform, and that police officers are required to wear their regular uniform, and thus would be required to wear the body cameras, because it's part of the uniform. And I'm just not sure but the comments from Councilman Epps, are policemen required to wear the body cameras. There seemed to be some hint that it wasn't mandatory in that in the discussion today. Thank you.

President Mancuso

Mayor?

Mayor Gail

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Thank you, Madam Chair. Yes, I've corrected Councilman Epps in previous meetings. The policy is that it is a require... body cameras are a required part of the uniform, which means they are required to be worn. If they are not worn, they, there will be discipline. So yes, they are it's in my opinion, a matter of semantics. They are a required part of the uniform. Thank you.

President Mancuso

Next speaker please

Speaker - Kimberly F Brown

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Thank you very much. My name is Kimberly F Brown, and I am not a resident of the City of Euclid. I am the president of the Black Women Commission of Cuyahoga County. Today, I'm here with the Mitchell family. Their son was killed on April 26, 2007. And I think there's a reason why we were here tonight, because I'm glad that we had the opportunity to hear this city, talk about safety. Because safety matters, everybody, life matters. And when people are going in and out of any

community, the city has a responsibility to protect every single visitor, resident, business and stake holder. You guys are responsible for protecting civil liberties and civil rights. When Jermaine Mitchell's case was not taken care of, the family civil rights were violated due to the fact that civil rights calls for every single individual to have access to government services. What his case was no longer a priority of this here, city. Their civil rights were violated. It is very important from now until whatever that this city, the Mayor, the Safety Director, the Police Chief and Council, take safety very serious, just not to city, but also to every single city in this here United States of America. I will say this, and I will have my seat. If you look behind me, you see a man his name is Henry Mitchell. But there's something about Henry Mitchell see, because Harry Mitchell is a Pastor. So, Jermaine Mitchell wasn't a thug. He was not a punk. He wasn't anybody who was in this city, messing around messing up the city. He was a productive member of society. So, who do we lose? We may have lost the next Mayor of Euclid, Council person Epps, perhaps we may have lost another council person. Maybe he was going to be the next Law Director. Well, we don't know this. I'm telling you today. Safety matters. Before I came here today, I was extremely angry. I was extremely angry out there talking to the media. But let me tell you something about this city. There's a guy who came out and he spoke with us. His name is Captain I believe. Is it Cutright? Is it Cutright? Well, Captain Cutright was the only person in this city who made me feel of comfort. I had the opportunity briefly to speak with Councilwoman Caviness. She called she expressed her condolences. She said Miss Brown, I'm very interested in this case, that was appreciated. Here's the point. We cannot bring back Jermaine. We can't. But we can stop the next person from losing his or her son of daughter. Jermaine was somebody's daddy. Right now, he's nobody's father. Jermaine was somebody's brother, son, cousin, uncle. today. He's nothing. He's a memory in disguise. But we know where he is, you see, because his father is a minister. And we know how Jermaine was raised. So, I'm going to fall back. And I'm just gonna thank this city from this day for reopening the case of Jermaine Cao Mitchell, let's do right by him. Let's do right by people who look like me and those who don't look like me. Let's do right by people because it is the human thing to do. Mayor, I haven't met you. But I know a lot of your colleagues. You see because Mayor net Blackwell, I'm her consultant. And she told me that you was a good woman and that I can depend on Euclid to do the right thing. So, I'm gonna yield back and I'm gonna say Euclid, please do the right thing by the Mitchell family. Thank you very much.

President Mancuso

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Thank you. Next speaker please.

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Victor Goodman, 20201 Glen Russ Lane. First, I'd like to address what the gentleman just talked about the hazard. Up in our area many years ago, I can't remember the street name, but there was a, an abandoned home. That had a swimming pool in which the same things were happening. And I brought it to the city's attention. And the city filled it in with cement. So that because I was worried, as I'm sure you are, of a child, following if an animal fell in, imagine if a child fell in and no one heard their scream. So maybe the city can fill it in at the cost of the purchaser. I stand here tonight with a chest that just keeps pounding. And even though she does not want me to, I want to let everybody know that my wife, Audrey Kaplan Goodman, or as she will refer to it as Audrey Kaplan, my wife has been the winner of the wish of a lifetime, which is part of AARP. And I couldn't be more proud that my wife was chosen for such a tribute. And although they can't give her her first wish, her first wish was to be a contestant on Wheel of Fortune. And she told them that, and they said that, unfortunately, because they're nonprofit, that it would be a conflict of interest because she could win prizes, or money. So, she will have to think of a second wish. But I'm just so proud of her. I want to make a comment on the wall. Great Wall on Grand Boulevard. And now they've done a lot of the excavating, starting and make it look nice. But there is a problem. And the problem is still Grand Blvd and the city has to make a decision. Block it or open it. Today, now you can come up at now you can come up. I was coming up it when a car was coming down. So, I think that something, either block it or open it, because somebody's gonna have a crash. I'd also like to make a recommendation to the city. Chris Litinowitz, which did a heck of a job in cleaning up Upper Valley portion. But he's left a lot of twigs and branches by the street, near the street. And I really wish the city would come by with a dump truck and just pick up all that garbage and throw it out after his fine work. Now I want to talk about the main two things that I came here I spoke about this at the safety meeting, I'm going to speak about it again. Tinted windows. As we heard with the Flock camera, how they caught the two young men pointing the gun through tinted windows at police. The city has got to start to enforce the laws of Ohio. Now, if you want to make a semi-issue of it, then the issue has to be no front. passenger or driver windows can be tinted back windows. If you want to live with that, that's fine. But we need to start pulling over and fining, because when we talk about safety, when a car pulls next to me, I have no idea what's going on inside that car. So, we want to talk about safety. Let's start to enforce tinted law rules. And let's shut down any tinted law. A tinted window establishment in our city. And let's urge the City of Cleveland do same come down deal with a road that must be for places, advertising \$99 tinted windows. Then the other thing that I would like to see the city crackdown on and the police department, is expired license tags. In the last week I have followed it, I mean, I was behind at least four different cars with expired license tags going back to September of 21. Okay, we need to enforce our laws. And there are even people driving

around without tags and without license. We need to put people at key police are key things and if you pull over somebody there's reason.

President Mancuso

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Next speaker please. Seeing none, we will then move on to our **Council Comments**. And we will begin with Councilwoman Caviness.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilwoman Caviness

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Thank you, Madam Chair. Congratulations to Audrey Kaplan Goodman, for the winner, as the winner of the wish of a lifetime. I hope you can choose another wish. And soon. Okay. The Grand Boulevard wall and the blockage, Mr. Goodman. Captain Cutright and I were in a team effort to block that off, because people were going up the wrong way. And there were head on collisions, possible head on collisions, at the time. One lady almost got pushed off the edge by someone coming the wrong way. And so when I contacted Captain Cutright, what did you say, Captain Cutright?

Captain Cutright

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I'm on it.

Councilwoman Caviness

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Yeah. And he was, and within 10 minutes, he had the barricades up. And it seemed like the safest thing to do at the time. We had some difficulty with signage, changing the signage that went to contractors, not to the police department, not even to the service department. So unfortunately, that was a reason why we were anticipating. And I think they still are anticipating an opening by May 15. However, during the torrential rain yesterday, I was driving past and there are at least five drainage lines flowing down and eroding the soil, the soil was just completely gone in those areas. And so I contacted the Service Department about that. And they're looking into it, because there's no way we can take that. I don't know what the engineering was all about. So that's in question right now. So, I don't know if they're going to open by May 15. At this point. Happy Mother's Day to everyone. Mother's grandmother's Aunts, Guardians, whomever is a person who gives their love from their heart to their children that they care for. And lastly, to Reverend Mrs. Mitchell, I am so sorry for your loss. 15 years just trying to find the person who murdered your son. And I know that, from what I read, he was just walking to KFC on 260. And going back home and was shot. And I know if you have cut Captain Cutright behind this. You have a good guy. You have a guy that's going to stick with it until it's resolved. And my prayers and condolences

are for you. And I'm somewhat familiar with you, because of the affiliations with the church. And thank you, Kimberly, for bringing this to our attention. I really do appreciate it. And that is all for me tonight. And Madam Chair.

President Mancuso

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Thank you, ma'am. Councilman Tolton.

Councilman Tolton

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Madam Chair, Thank you. First, I want to welcome Cheryl. Great, great addition, you already hit me up with emails today. So, thank you for that, I guess. So, I've got to get back some residents for that. So, thank you. See here. Let's see, to the Mitchell Family. I also my condolences to you guys. I wasn't aware it's been 15 years, in this case has not been solved. But I definitely appreciate the sentiments of the Mayor and Captain Cutright. That he gonna open the case and make sure they pursue this so that justice is served for your family? I can't imagine, you know, losing a child in such a way and then not having closure. So, I just pray that that justice will be served in your son's case and you have my sympathy. Also, Mayor, real quick question. On the website, we've got the link for the ideals for the opera funds, I was pronouncing wrong a, as I say, ARP, I'm sorry, APRA. Oh, have we gotten any responses? Or what does that look like?

Mayor Gail

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We have we've gotten I think about eight, probably about eight. And we're keeping track we're trying, we just actually spoke about it today trying to figure out we want to use should, should we put those all up on the site, or at least the progress of what we're looking at? What kind of is in the process? What if it can't be done? Why? So, we're trying to figure out how to how to respond to that. But we have had eight different probably people, some of them duplicate some of them with multiple ideas.

Councilman Tolton

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Is there any way that was the city's thought about another way to get the information out again so we can get more than just eight individuals?

Mayor Gail

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Sure. Yeah. And that's meant to be so what Councilman Tolton is talking about, for those who don't know, on the front of our website, we are asking for ideas, the about how to spend our American Rescue Plan funds, there are criteria and it does have to meet certain guidelines, but we're certainly looking for anybody's input. And so look for that on the

website, there's also a link to the PowerPoint from the last committee meeting where we talked about it, I certainly would hope to get out over the summer and talk with people, we're sort of in the planning phases of some regular, you know, public meetings to do some outreach and get, you know, talk about it with people what we're planning to do, but also see if there's other ideas from the public. So, it's meant to be ongoing, it's certainly meant to be shared with your constituents. And then we will share and talk about the ideas. Thank you.

President Mancuso

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Thank you, Councilman Epps.

Councilman Epps

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Thank you. Good evening. Start tonight, as I imagined everyone will and to Reverend Mitchell in your family. Definitely, on behalf of my family, my condolences to you, I'm glad to hear Captain Cutright, say as firmly tonight that this case will be opened back up wish it was never closed. Obviously, we wish we can solve them all. But no one's perfect. But to hear him tonight say that he's going to reopen this and put in committed to trying to resolve this case was, was good to hear. That alone, I know does not give you all the peace and comfort you need. I've lost a long loved one. And so I understand that. But I definitely want to send my condolences to you all. And thanks to Miss Brown for coming as well. To accompany you all here. And just to bring this to all of our attention. This happened in my ward. And there we're experiencing gun violence, all of our communities still to this day, 15 years later. And so happy to see you all here. Because it's a reminder for us, and it takes doing this a lot of times to get things done. So, I applaud you for your efforts in that regard. And I'm sure he's smiling down on all of you so proud that you have not allowed this to fall by the wayside. So definitely want to say my condolences to you, sir, and your family. I also want to say thanks to Miss Poppy, and glad she finally got the opportunity to come here and be before all of us. That is one of the ceremonial things that happened here in these chambers that I do appreciate as well. So, thanks to her and just the entire symbol of what this all means as well. I also was happy to join my colleagues, Councilman Tolton, as well as Councilwoman McIntosh for the Big Clean event. I hope we represented the city well in the Mayor's absence. It was a great event, I think I have to point out and I mentioned it, we kind of joshed about it at the end that night. Or that afternoon that, you know Collinwood was able to drive it home because they actually took their community service vans out and those communities serve as people who are helping them with that trash. And it was obviously something that I felt because in budget hearings this year with the judge, something I talked about, about trying to bring that community service back here to Euclid if we did, I think we might have been able to come back Collinwood a little further. But congratulations to Collinwood and congratulations to just Euclid in general for coming

together to just pick up trash as simple as that. I also want to address the Top of the Tank, a vote that I cast tonight in voting over the top of the tank. I just had a meeting that I had a great meeting that I had with Director Grogan-Meyers today. I appreciate you sir for that meeting and that conversation on behalf of the gal administration. But we are now experiencing Council voted to support to redo the Tungsten Park. I think we allocated \$200,000 to redo that park. I appreciate the commitment that you don't want to shorten that project in any way. But it's, seven the bid came in \$17,000 over and so it looks like there's going to be a halt. In this project, the Director made clear to us today that the Mayor has indicated her support and trying to bring this back to council so that we can get the additional funds that we need to get so that we can move forward this project this year. I hope that that happens. But again, I think that it is my duty as a Southside council person to try to make sure that we're getting balance. And so I want to make sure that one projects not falling by the wayside while we're steady doing development on Lakeshore Boulevard. And I will remain committed to that. And so that hopefully explains that vote. But I'm hoping that we can move forward with the Tungsten Park project as counsel allocated the funds to do so. I also want to address briefly the gentleman tonight and the family that came forward that has the standing water next to your home. I know that that's frustrating. That's the issue that I was having with the Charterhouse property. And with the Lake Erie Lodge, I'm so caught in Charterhouse, dating myself a little bit. But with the Lake Erie Lodge, and that water was sitting there, and dead rodents, all of these sorts of things. And I would like to see a search warrant executed for the Amato folks who are clearly that property is causing grief to the family next door. But I'm sure we won't see that as we won't see that either. But I want to make sure it made clear to people really quickly, we had a 2000 square foot rule minimum to build new construction in Euclid 2000 square foot, they put in place this whole \$1 program to purchase those lights, went to try to encourage people to come and build did not work, we got rid of the 2000 square foot rule. And all of a sudden people want to buy these lights. I fought vigorously at that time when I first got on at that time. And when I first got on council to get rid of that 2000 square foot rule, but most importantly, to make sure that we get rid of the dollar incentive now that we have gotten rid of the 2000 square foot rule. So I just wanted to make sure that folks understand that this is another reason that \$1 will never get us to go back and clean up the mess that they have caused there. And have we charged \$1,000, which I'm proposed in the meeting when he purchased that line, we wouldn't be in the same situation. So, I wrap up as my time has ended tonight. And again, our condolences to you all come back as often as possible. I'll try to do my best and emails to try to stay abreast of this and get some contact information from you on tonight so that I can keep you in the loop with those efforts. Thank you have a good night.

President Mancuso

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Councilman Jairus.

Mayor Gail

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Madam Chair, just one correction that is not an Amato home site.

President Mancuso

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Councilman Jairus.

Councilman Jaros

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Thank you, Madam Chair. To the Mitchell family, thank you for your appearance this evening. I wasn't aware of this incident that happened all those years ago. But I think, you know, when you're fighting for the right thing, you know, time's never an issue, right. And I think when we talk about safety in our city, and it kind of goes back with folks somewhat fail to realize is what you've all suffered, suffered and continue to suffer is complete, unimaginable, because I had an incident, or a cousin of mine was murdered years ago, years ago. And what you see when you're close to the family, is just how it ripples. And the pain that it causes is just not to, oh, the immediate, you know, it really is somewhat devastating. I think, when we hear as a community talk about safety, it is more than an ordinance. There is more than passing a law or setting up a camera. It's really about a mindset, a mindset and, and a duty that we all have to not take any of this stuff for granted. You know, I know. You know, they're like every job, there's good employees, there's bad employees, I think there's some people who come in and punch a clock and wait for their next paycheck. And there's some that come in and they're completely dedicated with their whole, whole heart in mind. And I hope we as a community keep looking to find those who are completely dedicated. Because the pendulum has swung the wrong way. In our city, it has swung too far. And I think what we need to be able to do is think radically, think outside the box and implement whatever we can to provide safety and comfort to our residents. Because as I said at the one safety committee meeting, I have no interest of sitting here for the next three years and my final term and talk about hey, we balanced the budget, but residents are afraid to walk down the wrong street. So, I look forward to the safety plan. Because it's needed, and it needs to be council made us do the safety plan. Alright, let's put something together. No, it has to be what can we do? What can we do that is being done elsewhere? What can we measure? What can we then build upon and get that message out to our residents, and this stuff is just simply unacceptable. We've seen the news stories about the amount of guns, our officers are taking off the streets. It's shocking. It's purely shocking. And, like I said, as someone who's has a young child, two that aren't as young as they were. That's how it works, I guess it is that, you know, everybody just

sick of hearing gunshots all the time. And we have to be upset by it, we need to be bothered by it. We need to be, it has a consumer us with a passion to put an end to it as best we can. And I know and, and the chief was right here as well. This is a heart minds issue. We could put up cameras, you know, in the end, it's about people. And, but again, I think we do everybody a disservice if it's not on our minds all the time. So, I just wanted to put that out there. I usually don't talk much on these things. But I will say also, so on the other end of the spectrum, there is an entity located on 185th street, it's a 501 C 3. It's called Little Giants. It's a gym, at six to seven East 185 Street on May 14, Saturday, they're going to celebrate their five year anniversary, what they are dedicated to doing for our community. And I've witnessed it firsthand. And I and I've sent to my boys there because it's such a great place. Because they're dedicated to health, nutrition, wellness, and fighting childhood obesity, they want to get local and even more important than that they want to be positive male role models to the children of our community, provide discipline, you know, provide them programs, and they're strict, and they're great. They're awesome. So, I just hope anybody with kids, maybe some on the little chunky side, you know, get them to Little Giants gym, they're great. They'll work with you.

They they're just, they're just good folks who, who I believe in quite a bit, and I've seen it. So again, if you check them out Saturday, May 14 At six to seven East 180/5 Street. They're gonna have a, little free hotdogs, hamburgers and a little event. And I'm sure they'll be happy to see folks. Thank you. Oh, time is 11am to 4pm Sorry. 11am.

President Mancuso

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Councilwoman McIntosh.

Councilwoman McIntosh

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Thank you, Madam Chair. I think my colleagues thus far have done a fabulous job commenting on the safety concerns that we have here in the city, I share those, I also share their condolences for the Mitchell family. The incidents, the loss of life occurred, you know, way too long ago for this to remain unsolved. But I understand the constraints that we might have. And I'm hoping that with this increased technology that the police department in the city will be acquiring is that we're able to focus more on cold cases, safety planning, trying new things, thinking outside the box in order to provide our residents and visitors with the safety that they require and deserve. And so that we could all be proud to live in a community that's doing so many other amazing things. And amazing people, amazing businesses, amazing parks and green spaces and public servants and families and faith groups and everything that makes a community a community. But as my colleagues have stated, that's all nothing without a sense of true safety. So, I'm certainly committed to that as I know that my colleagues on council are as well. And to the Mitchell family I'm so sorry for your loss. So sorry. I also want to thank

the community for coming out for community events like the big clean, like the Arbor Day celebration for residents who come out and speak about conservation efforts and things that the city could be improving upon to help our creatures and critters and everything that makes the place we live in so beautiful and and that we should cherish so thank you very much for speaking out on all of that. For the big clean I, I like to say even We technically lost the competition that I think we're really winners because that means we had a tremendous community out there cleaning our city. And I suspect that there was less trash overall than Collingwood's. So that just puts us, you know, up here to start with. So, loser equals winner, because that means we have less trash, hopefully. And then I'll just conclude by welcoming Cheryl is our new council clerk. And then also, Happy Mother's Day to all the moms and caretakers out there. Thank you.

President Mancuso

Thank you. Councilman Wojtila.

Councilman Wojtila

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Thank you, Madam Chair. I too, would like to express my appreciation, and my sympathy to the Mitchell family, Reverend Mitchell and his family for being here. I thought the comments from the spokespersons were, were perfect and very much appreciated. So, thank you for taking the time. Thank you for having the courage to come up and talk to us. Your words are great. Thank you. And along those lines. And Mayor, I'm not sure if you mentioned this at the beginning of the beginning of the meeting, but you did send us an email I think was last Tuesday. And I think you mentioned at the safety meeting, but I think it's worth mentioning again that the Mayor shared with us that congratulations we're being extended to the Euclid Police Department for being awarded a grant of \$174,771 from the State of Ohio's violent crime reduction grant program. And those funds are to be used as a pilot a new pilot program specifically designed to reduce gun related violent crimes. And that program will implement a new intelligence led policing initiative using predictive analysis to target gun violence and neighborhood micro locations. The focus deterrence initiative will create Gun Violence Reduction teams that will focus solely on these gun violence hotspots with the goal of identifying those illegally in possession of firearms, increasing gun seizures, and reducing the number of shots fired in these areas. GVTRT officers will rapidly respond to calls of shots fire to identify and arrest suspects, locate and interview witnesses, and provide first aid to any victims. So, appreciation to the police department for the obtaining the grant. And as mentioned earlier, that's another tool that will help us in fighting, in combating crime. I know just we're lucky that we receive notifications of all the activities that occurred and just this past weekend, the email we received that there was 11 gun seizures over this weekend. And that's, it sad that we have to do that. But it's commendable that the what are you good police department does for us

day in and day out. So, thank you to them. And, again, thank you for the Mitchell family for being here.

President Mancuso

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Thank you. Councilman Jukic.

Councilwoman Jukic

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Thank you, Madam Chair. I joined my colleagues in offering condolences to the Mitchell family and for bringing that to our attention. That reminds us that these are ongoing issues and still painful and traumatic issues for 15 years for you and many others. So, my condolences to you. I also would like to welcome Cheryl. I would like to congratulate Audrey Kaplan Goodman wish of a Lifetime I'm not sure what it is. But it sounds really cool. And I'd like you to tell us what, what you do or whatever when it when it comes to complete. I would also like to wish a happy Mother's Day to the moms and the aunties and the grandmas and everyone celebrating this Sunday. I also would like to invite everyone to the Community Assets and City Buildings Committee meeting this Wednesday at 6:30 here, and the two topics are Shore Cultural Center auditorium, and the Community Recreation Health and Wellness Center. So, I'd like to invite everyone to come so we can learn more about these initiatives and what we would like to do. Thank you.

President Mancuso

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Thank you. Councilwoman Steele.

Councilwoman Steele

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Thank you, Madam Chair. My condolences to the Mitchell family. I just can't imagine going through what you guys have gone through for the last, that many years. It's just it's unfathomable. I can't fathom it, so my, my sincere condolences to you guys. And thank you Miss Kim for coming up and speaking and holding us accountable. You know, we have to be accountable for what we're supposed to do. We are supposed to look out and help, and we made a charge to keep. We're not perfect. But we have to own what's ours. And we got to work hard at doing the right thing, even if it hurts. So, thank you again. Congratulations, Miss Cheryl. We're so happy you're here. I'm so happy you're here.

President Mancuso

No, I'm so happy she's here.

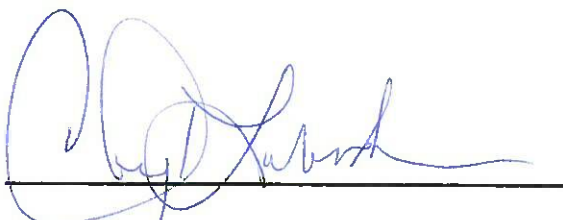
Councilwoman Steele

And to Ms. Goodman, congratulations. And Happy Mother's Day to the moms, aunt, cousins, sisters. Anyone who takes care of someone, Happy Mother's Day, enjoy this day. And everyone have a good evening.

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Thank you. And in closing, again, I would like to say thank you to Kimberly Brown, I think you were quite articulate in your message to us. My condolences to Reverend and Mrs. Mitchell. I hope you can see and hear from us that we are committed to trying to do everything we can to support our police in helping you. So, hold us accountable. We're there with you. We'll get through this. On 3-11-22, we're going to have an Executive and Finance Committee meeting. Through what what'd I say five, or I said three? Yeah, it's in the air. Five, and I have it written down as three, too, that's even worse. So, on 5-11, we'll have an E&F meeting at 6:30, here. One agenda item is the discussion of our salary survey that we had done. We can get the questions answered and hopefully get it back to council. We will also be talking about discussions that council has had once before this year, about potential changes to the committee of the whole definition and the use of verbatim minutes for our council meetings. So those will, those three items will be on that evening. So, if you're interested, please join us. And if there's nothing else to come before this group. I'll take a motion to adjourn. So moved by Councilwoman Steele. Quickly. Second by Councilman Wojtila. All in favor, "Aye."
We are adjourned

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