

EUCLID CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES FROM MAY 16, 2022

This regular Council Meeting was held on Monday, May 16, 2022 at 7:00pm in the Euclid Municipal Center Council Chambers.

President Charlene Mancuso, presided.

President Mancuso

0:08

Good evening and welcome to the Euclid City Council meeting on this Monday, May 16 2022. If able, please rise and join me in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Thank you. Madam Clerk, call the roll.

Clerk Laboda

0:41

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

President Mancuso

0:53

Can I have a motion to excuse Councilman Wojtila. So moved by Councilman Epps. Second by Councilman Jarosz.

All in favor, "Aye."

Thank you very much. We will go down to communication. Are there any **Communications?**

COMMUNICATIONS

Clerk Laboda

1:05

There's none at this time.

President Mancuso

1:06

Thank you and **Council Minutes?**

COUNCIL MINUTES

Clerk Laboda

Not at this time.

President Mancuso

All right. Then we will move on to **Administrative Reports and Communications** and Mayor Gail.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Gail

1:14

Good evening, Madam Chair, members of council. I am going to start tonight we have two ceremonial resolutions. And I'm going to ask Calvin from Little Giants to come forward first. And if you have somebody with you, you're welcome. And asked Councilman Jarosz to join me. So, I don't know if everyone's aware Little Giants is a gym that is on East 185 street and they just on Saturday celebrated five years of serving the city of Euclid their fifth anniversary. So, they did have a block party and anniversary event and I was able to attend, it really was a lot of fun. The other piece I'll add is while I was there, the Urban League also was there and provided a nice donation to Little Giants for their continued programming and serving the community. So, we wanted to, I know Councilman Jarosz has spoken several times about Little Giants in the programming and the service you're really you're providing to our community. So, we wanted to recognize you we have a proclamation that I will read it's a resolution of congratulations to Little Giants located at 627 East 185 Street on celebrating their fifth year anniversary, and wish them continued success and growth in their future. Whereas Little Giants is the first 501 C three nonprofit organization in Northeast Ohio to focus on comprehensive health and wellness issues amongst children and adolescents. Whereas Little Giant strives to provide positive male role models for our youth. Little Giants offers a variety of programs and services to our community including but not limited to group fitness classes, strength conditioning, circuit training, dietary instruction, mentoring and Little Giants Boxing Academy. Whereas Little Giants has been positively featured in numerous local TV, radio and social media outlets. Whereas Little Giants has now reached full capacity and will soon begin an expansion project. So, no child or family is left behind. So, on behalf of the city and city council, I'd like to congratulate Little Giants, and you Calvin and to the board for cel, on the celebration of your fifth anniversary. We wish you continued success and growth. And I just was telling Director Stevens about you and I think we probably have some good partnership opportunities. So, I'm gonna let Councilman Jarosz because I know he's had some good experiences, he may want to say a few words. And then if you want to. Thank you.

Councilman Jarosz

4:12

Thank you, Mayor. Just real briefly. I think when you get a chance to meet Calvin, I also urge anybody to please check out the place. It's always packed with a lot of kids doing a lot of good work. And over the years not only have had if I had personally the opportunity to send my sons there. But it's a place where you're only sending your own kids to a place you trust, right. Where you know there's good people doing good work. And I can say without a

doubt that the folks that little, Little Giants are doing just a tremendous service to our community and wish them another five years.

Calvin from Little Giants

4:50

First of all, I just want to thank you all for allowing us and honoring us today. I know you guys have a very busy schedule. Just know that myself and our board president Mr. Donnell Holbrook we take extreme pride and service and not only to community, but the children of our community. I believe that they truly are the future. And the more we serve them, and put them on a path to a healthier future, the better we all will be. So, we truly thank you guys. And we look forward to having another 5/10 years in the community.

Mayor Gail

5:31

They do have adult classes. I'm going to put it on the record I said I was gonna check out one and get back and get myself active a little bit. So, we also have two groups, a representative from Our Lady of the Lake non-violence ministry, and Reverend Rosalyn Hughes from Church of the Epiphany, if you would both come forward, all of you. So, unfortunately, this is very timely, given the weekends incidents across the country, but also incidents we've had right here in our own city. Mary Kendall, who reached out to me on behalf of Our Lady of the Lake, non-violence ministry and made me aware that June, June 3, June 3 is National Gun Violence Awareness Day. And the month of June is National Gun Violence Awareness Month. And they wanted to encourage the community to wear orange the first weekend in June to help raise awareness. So, we do have a resolution on the council agenda. I'm going to read it because there's some really good information here. And then I want to thank these ladies, although I know there's gentlemen as well, who are working hard in the community. This is a resolution recognizing June 3, 2022 is National Gun Violence Awareness Day, recognizing June as National Gun Violence Awareness Month, and encouraging individuals to wear orange the first weekend in June to help raise awareness about gun violence and to honor the lives of gun violence victims and survivors. Whereas in 2016, Congress persons joined together to introduce a resolution establishing the first Friday in June as National Gun Violence Awareness Day, and designating June is National Gun Violence Awareness Month, thereby bringing attention to the issue of gun violence and honoring the 1000s of Americans who are victims of gun violence every year, including Hadiya Pendleton, who was shot and killed in Chicago, Illinois on January 29, 2013. This year, people across the United States will recognize National Gun Violence Awareness Day on June 3, and wear orange in tribute to Hadiya and other victims of gun violence. Where orange weekend which is June 3 Through June 5, was inspired by a group of her Hadiya's friends who asked their classmates to commemorate her life by wearing orange. They chose this color because hunters wear orange to be visible to other hunters when out in the woods and Orange is a color that symbolizes the value of human life. Whereas according to the Ohio Coalition against gun violence, the CDC Ohio Department of Health in 2021, there were 853 homicides or murders in Ohio in 1798 injuries due to gun violence. Guns are used more often in suicide than in homicides, and are the most common method of

suicide in Ohio and the United States. In Ohio, five people die from suicide every day, and one youth dies from suicide every 33 hours. Whereas the Mayor and the Euclid City Council are grateful for community efforts such as the nonviolence Ministry of Our Lady of the Lake and the guns to gardens national buyback day at the Church of Epiphany to be held on June 11. Whereas you Euclid City Council, the Mayor and the administration renew our commitment to reduce gun violence and pledge to do all that we can to keep firearms out of the wrong hands, encourage responsible gun ownership, to help keep our residents and children safe. So, on behalf of City Council and the administration, I will present, thank you all for your efforts to educate to make this an important community issue and to do join us in doing what we can to reduce gun violence. Kathy do want to say a few words?

Kathy – Non-Violence Ministry at Our Lady of the Lake Church

10:02

I'd just like to thank you and city council for your support. We do think this is such an important issue, especially in light of the tragic events of this past weekend. We just want to keep the awareness up and try to end this and also remember all of the victims of this terrible tragedy.

Mayor Gail

10:18

And Reverend Hughes, if you'd like to just share about the gun, guns to gardens program.

Reverend Hughes – Church of the Epiphany

10:24

Yes, thank you so much. Um, you know, sometimes it does seem as though the bad news never ends. And as though bad will has blotted out our ability to see the humanity in one another. But as long as we have breath, there is something we can do about that. And the Church of the Epiphany is honored to stand in partnership with the City Council and the Mayor, and with our friends at Our Lady of the Lake's non-violence ministry, to declare and resolve that we are not helpless in the face of rising gun violence. And we're not trying to paper over the cracks. I hear the racism that drove a young man to Buffalo this weekend to kill people buying food, I hear the despair of the victims of crime and those who feel imprisoned in their own lives. And I'm not suggesting, God forbid, that wearing orange or running a gun buyback or planting a seed makes everything okay. But as long as we have breath, we have to do something. A gun buyback is one small thing and from 11am to 1pm. On Saturday, June the 11th. That's what we will do. Anyone can bring their guns unloaded, please and in the trunk of a car and exchange them anonymously. For a gift card. Perhaps that gun is not well secured at home, and you're just beginning to see its danger to your growing family. Perhaps the time has come to have the conversation with an older or frail relative about the car keys and the gun. And whether they are still safe things to have to hand. Perhaps someone left you again or gave you a gun that you didn't want and don't know what to do with. Perhaps the gun presents a danger to you. If we can help make one family one person one life easier, we will take that gun off your hands and hand you a gift card. From 11-1 on June

the 11th. As long as we have breath, we have to do something. But what happens to the guns that we collect. While they are done posing a threat to anyone, they will be destroyed legally and safely. But that's not the end of it. Because those of us in the Christian tradition, like to talk about being raised to a new life. The guns that come in on June, the 11th will be repurposed as far as we can do it into garden tools. Using a simple blacksmithing Forge. Think about it. The thing that was causing sleepless nights can now be used to plant lavender, and chamomile to soothe the soul. Instead of finding its way into a supermarket and wreaking havoc, it can be used to grow food for the community. At 2:30 on that same day, June the 11th, we will begin that process of transformation. And there's so much more that needs to be done. And we look to our elected representatives to help us form a community that reflects the goodwill and values of a compassionate collection of individuals. We are in this together. And I thank the Mayor and the council for your support of these initiatives and for this resolution. And I look forward to continuing to work with you. Because as long as we have breath, we are changing the world. One simple exchange at a time.

Mayor Gail

13:39

Thank you so much. We really appreciate the work that you're doing and the awareness that you're building you want to enter and if folks are interested in joining either the non-violence ministry or being part of the guns to gardens program, please let us know we can connect you with them as well. Thank you so much for being here.

Madam Chair, we really appreciate the efforts of the community initiatives like that that are improving our community and helping to engage our residents. But I thought given the topic, I would also share some things that the city is doing to fight this increase in crime and particularly gun related crime. As many of you know, we have hired more officers than we've had in quite some time and are continuing to hire to maintain at least 100 officers. Council just authorized us to get 20 FLOCK cameras which are the license plate reader cameras. Euclid Police Department has developed some new approaches that are working high visibility special patrols, the Community Response Unit. And just recently, we were awarded a state grant for violence reduction that will target hotspots and micro locations focused specifically on gun violence. Euclid Police Department is utilizing special details designated, designated to seizing illegal guns. We continue to work with and call on regional task forces agencies and partners for assistance. We utilize our nuisance abatement through our law department to address nuisance behaviors neglected housing and our neighborhoods. Euclid Police Department has a program to partner with our residents who have ring or other surveillance cameras. Those are just a couple of the initiatives that have, have begun in order to address this really important issue. But as you know, the community plays a role as well. We need residents to call to report crime or nuisance to say something. So, we're aware and we can do something. Active Block Watch groups help, active neighborhood groups help. If you do not have one and want to start one, please let us know. We're happy to help. If you want to get involved or learn more, I would encourage you to participate in the citizens police academy. Have your younger child

participate in the junior police academy. Have your youngster kindergarten age, participate in safety town. To learn more about any of those programs, you can go to the Euclid Police Department website, euclidpd.org or call 216-289-8464. Because it really is going to take the community to address this really important issue. But I do want to thank the police department for really their hard work, their commitment and their caring to not only do the work they do every day, but to continue to develop these new type of programs and efforts that are that will make a difference. So, I thank our Lady of the Lake nonviolence ministry and Church of the Epiphany for their hard work. I know there may be other organizations out there that are doing something if you are please let us know so we can recognize you as well, and that we can get community members involved in just a couple other announcements. Wanted to remind people that Memorial Day is coming and we will have our back to our traditional ceremonies. We will start at Euclid cemetery at 7:45 On Memorial Day Monday. We will then proceed to St Paul's cemetery. The parade will kick off at 10 o'clock and it starts at Sims Park and ends, goes along Lakeshore and up 222nd Street to the library. At the end of the parade. I will remind everyone and invite everyone to join us there is a ceremony that takes place there put on by our joint Veterans Council that honors our veterans and those who gave their life and service. So, I look forward to whether you are participating in the parade you can still sign up if you have not, calling either the mayor's office or there's information on the city website. If you are not able to march or participate in the public parade, please come by and be a spectator. There's nothing better than to walk up the parade route and have it lined by people cheering for our veterans and those who served. Also coming up June 4 is the 200 Street Stroll. That takes place from 10am till 2am ,10am till 2pm along East 200 street and then later that afternoon from five o'clock to seven o'clock Bluestone basketball courts. The blue stone court coalition will be hosting a block party to kick off the basketball and a mentoring program that will take place there. We're looking forward to the ribbon cutting at the Health Foundation Harvest Greenhouse this Thursday at four o'clock and hope to see everybody there. I believe Chief Haddock has an announcement.

Fire Chief Haddock

19:24

Thank you, Mayor, Madam Chair, members of Council and those watching. The Euclid Fire Department began its annual hydrant maintenance program today, which consists of flushing and lubricating the hydrants. We do post signs in the areas that we're going to be doing this and this is done Monday through Friday. I do ask that you remain hyper vigilant for our crews that are out there in the streets. And if you do happen to experience any discolored water just run your cold water until it clears Thank you.

Police Chief Meyer

19:58

Thank you I also wanted to share my condolences and prayers to the victims and the families of the hate crime murders that were committed in the cities of both Buffalo, New York, and Laguna Woods, California. Additionally, on the note of what some of the, the first group of speakers this week is National

Police Week, I'm in my 27th year of being a police officer, proudly a police officer. But I wanted to share two from one of the publications we get. And this is from May 2021, through the end of April 2022. So, in the last year, these are the faces of police officers have been shot and killed in the line of duty. Obviously, there are many more that were either bludgeoned, stabbed, purposely run over by vehicles, but if you'd like to take a look, these are their faces, and they're as diverse as the communities they serve. There's males, females, there's every walks of life here, and they all gave their lives. These are all gunshots. These are all victims of gun violence. On a lighter note, we will be having a coffee with a cop, and it'll be Tuesday, May 25. And that's from 9 to 11am. That's gonna be at the Lake Shore Coffeehouse. Please join us. We'll be live streaming. So, it's kind of fun. It's kind of exciting. Maybe your friends will see you on our live stream. A Daish, additionally too, on Thursday, May 26th at 6:30pm at the Bonneville Tower condominiums, our own Kate McLaughlin will be facilitating a safety meeting for the residents of the Bonneville Towers. And last but not least, Friends and Family Fun Police Academy, friends, family and neighbors and police officers really anybody can enroll in this free activity where officers will demonstrate what they do in their job. Euclid Police Department's community response unit as attending along with the Richmond heights PD, South Euclid, PD, Chagrin Valley dispatch, and the Ohio crime prevention Association. And that event will be Saturday, May 21, from 10am to 1pm, in that city at Kiwanis's Lodge on Highland Road in Richmond Heights. And that will conclude.

Mayor Gail

22:13

Thank you, Chief. That last one, is a day in the life of police? Is that what it's called? With Richmond Heights at Kiwanis port.

Police Chief Meyer

22:22

This one's a little different than that. That's, that's the one where we actually have the mock shooting scenarios that's a little different. That's not this.

Mayor Gail

22:32

Okay, this is just meant for any community member.

Police Chief Meyer

Any community member who's just interested, and trying to get maybe a little bit better understanding.

Mayor Gail

22:41

Thank you. Madam Chair, I think that was all the announcements, completes our announcements this evening. Thank you.

President Mancuso

22:50

Thank you. We will now go on to **Committee Documentation.**

COMMITTEE DOCUMENTATION

And we will begin with a work session that was held on 5/2/22. And at that session, we reviewed City Council's goals for the term 2022 to 2023. Everybody had a chance to look at the draft. There were some additions at that time that were added and we set a deadline for ourselves, which has now passed. So as soon as we can get our editing done, we will come back to city council with a resolution so that we can solidify the goals that we have for the next term of 22-23. The second committee that I will speak to is the Executive and Finance Committee that was on May 11. There were three agenda items. The first was discussion of the ordinance 52-22 amending section 121.15 of chapter 121, Council and section 125.06 opened meetings of the legislative code to discontinue the transcription of verbatim minutes for regular and special meetings and to allow summary minutes to be prepared. The second agenda item was discussion of ordinance 053-22. An ordinance amending section 121.07 order of business, 121.18 Committee of the Whole, and 121.20 council members comments of chapter 121, Council of the legislative code of the codified ordinances of the city to combine the Committee of the Whole for legislative matters and public comment for the good of the city comment section. The third agenda item was discussion of ordinance 035-22. An emergency ordinance setting forth the amended list of holidays vacation and setting the benefits and compensation to be paid personnel other than employees of a collective bargaining unit. We had our administration there in the form of Mayor Gail and Law Director Sweeney. Each of the three issues had been discussed previously so in in this particular E & F, this is a second discussion that we had on each of the three on the third agenda item, which was about the benefits and salary, there was some discussion and amendments made that would allow our employees to carry over two weeks versus the original one week in benefits. Actions taken on the three agenda items. The first agenda item was sent back to full council with a vote by the committee with a recommendation for passage. The second agenda item committee voters, committee members voted to send the ordinance back to council with a recommendation for passage and the third agenda item committee members voted to allow two weeks vacation, with the amendment they then sent the amended version back to full council with a recommendation for passage. And those are my committee reports. We will now go to the committee chair of the Assets Committee. Councilwoman Jukic.

Councilwoman Jukic

26:14

Thank you, Madam Chair. The Community Assets and City Buildings Committee chaired by me met on May 4 of this year. The agenda items were the Euclid Community Recreation and Wellness Center, and the second item was Shore Cultural Center auditorium. Administration staff present we're Mayor Holzeimer-Gale, Recreation Director Stevens, Captain Houser, Officer George, Assistant to the Mayor, Grida and Laura Kidder. Committee members present work Councilwoman Stefania Caviness, Council President Charlene Mancuso, Councilman John Wojtila. The issues discussed first,

Recreation Director Stevens shared information from a number of Area community recreation centers, including Willoughby, Talmadge Reminderville, Strongsville, Westlake and Macedonia, including summaries of their facilities and what they would do differently. He enumerated what kinds of things they would like for the Euclid rec center, including two courts or three volleyball courts, and a court for the Police Athletic League, an indoor walking track, room for free weights, exercise bikes and treadmills, multipurpose rooms for after school daycare, dedicated office space for the recreation department and PAL. Possible locations discussed where the former YMCA site or the fields right across the street. Officer George and Captain Houser offered their perspective on the importance of this facility for PAL and the young people of the community. The community, the committee and citizens in attendance were supportive of moving forward. Second assistant to the mayor Grida and Laura Kidder shared a new rental guide, policies and rental application for Shore Cultural Center auditorium. Actions taken, the committee approved moving the issue back to council with recommendation to approve, handouts were provided including rec facility examples, Shore auditorium rental guide and policies and the short auditorium rental application. And that is the summary of the meeting manager.

President Mancuso

28:22

Thank you and I will turn to Councilwoman Caviness.

Councilwoman Caviness

28:25

Thank you, Madam Chair. I moved to receive and accept the following committee documentations the Euclid City Council work session for May 2 2022, the Community Assets Committee May 4, 2022. Board of Control May 2 and May 9, 2022, and the Executive and Finance Committee held on May 11, 2022.

President Mancuso

28:53

We have a motion on the floor. Do I have a second? So moved by Councilman Jukic.

All in favor, "Aye."

Thank you very much. We will now come to our first **Committee of the Whole for Legislative Matters only** those wishing to address items on the agenda can come to the podium and my left. Please give us your name, address. Please keep your comments or questions to five minutes.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – LEGISLATIVE MATTERS ONLY

Resident – Linda Shank

29:38

Good evening, Linda Shank, 27001 Shoreview Avenue. I'd like to address Agenda Item six and seven. It appears than an attempt is being made to limit resident participation in council meetings by eliminating audience comments

at the end of the meeting. I would like to know why this is being considered. Is it an effort to save time? If that's the reason, why not just limit the amount of time residents can speak, people should be able to concisely state their suggestions, comments or complaints in two or three minutes rather than the five currently allowed. Shortening this time and allotting the same two or three minutes at the end of the meeting would allow people to participate and still shorten the time period. If that isn't the reason, then what is? I looked into what some of our neighboring cities do. Willowick allows public comment before agenda items are brought up. Then they allow council to respond and then the questioner is allowed to respond back to that. South Euclid also allows audience comments at the beginning and end of their meetings. Eastlake, Willoughby and Mayfield Heights permit comments at the beginning. I feel the public has a right to comment on agenda items before they are brought up as well as after Council has voted and to also, as is currently done, bring up other issues. Council also apparently wants to eliminate verbatim minutes. Well, I don't necessarily think there needs to be a verbatim written record of the entire meeting. I do feel that any parts of the meeting related to the discussion and vote on agenda items definitely should be verbatim. I also checked the meetings of most of the above mentioned cities. And while not verbatim, they were fairly comprehensive. As a former secretary of our parish council, I can tell you that there can be a world of difference in meaning between a one sentence summary and a brief paragraph or a verbatim record of what transpired. I hope that you will take my comments into consideration before making any final decision on these two issues. Thank you.

President Mancuso

31:37

Thank you. Next speaker please.

Resident – Audrey Kaplan Goodman

31:42

Good evening, everyone. I'm Audrey Kaplan Goodman, 20201 Glen Russ Lane. Regarding item number two. I would hope that this would pass unanimously this evening, and that all council members will add their name to the resolution. We've talked about a rec center here in Euclid for the longest time, the time is now I encourage all of you to take a short drive over to the Collinwood rec center. It has a pool, locker rooms, basketball courts, workout rooms, individual meeting rooms, everything we should have in ours. I know the subject of sustainability will come up in your discussion. So let me let me remind all of you that we do not even do an adequate job of maintaining anything in this city, we must plan to maintain what we build, I remind all of you of the demise of our pools, the shape of our historical center, Shore Cultural Center, Ice Arena, etc. They have all fallen into disrepair over the years because we do not maintain what we own. But we can change that with the Rec Center. Here's an idea. Why not sell the naming rights to the center? Perhaps Lincoln Electric or Amazon or some other entity would want to create a fund to maintain the facility if their name appeared on the outside of the building? Think about it, and let's plan for it. Regarding Item number seven tonight, combining the Committee of the Whole for

public matters with the legislative one is ludicrous. I am appalled that this is even being suggested. And I'm totally against this. If you think that folks are going to bring up personal issues or comments at the beginning of the meeting, or ask questions only to wait until you've gone through all the evenings legislative matters to wait until the end to get their items addressed, you're sadly mistaken. I don't think it is your intent to address their personal issues before legislation is discussed. Is it? So, if not, they will have to wait around till the end of the meeting anyway, why change it? And if they bring up an issue at the beginning of the beginning, and it is never addressed or answered, they will have absolutely no recourse to bring it up later. A very small handful of residents speak at both committees of the whole here at council meetings, and they rarely use their entire five minutes. If you're looking to move these meetings along, why not limit the time council members have to discuss an agenda item. Some of you sitting up there use this as your time as your own personal soapbox, and you drone on and on and on and say the same things over and over again. Let's limit your time and see how you like it. Democracy as we know it is being diluted already at the federal level here in America. Let's not do that here on Euclid. Vote no on this item this evening. Remember, you represent us, you work for us. Let's not have a repeat of what happened with the Rita issue. Listen and learn. Some of you really don't understand that very well. Vote no one item number seven this evening. Thank you. Thank you.

President Mancuso

34:40

Thank you. Next speaker please.

Resident – Belinda Fulton

34:45

Good evening, Belinda Fulton 27113 Shoreview Avenue. It's been a while since I've been here. Sometimes I'm working during this time and I count on my government to govern. I don't expect government to happen to us. But it really feels like government happens to us. About your item to limit how much time we get to talk. It can only be because you don't care what we have to say. You don't care. In fact, I'd heard at a previous meeting. The comment, we don't have to listen to you, why should you get to talk for five minutes? We the People. I know our president said he was We the People, but he has dementia. At our top level of government. There's problems, on our state government. So, the federal government, they want to buy votes by forgiving student loans. State government wants to give lottery money for people to get vaccine on our local.

President Mancuso

35:47

Ma'am, can we stick to the agenda item?

Resident – Belinda Fulton

35:49

I'm sticking to the agenda. It's relative. If we don't get time to talk about how we feel about these things, they'll just still continue to happen. It doesn't feel

like we the people, just like RITA, we turned our backs on you because you decided what we think, you pretended to come in our mind. So, we prefer to think that our right to freedom of speech matters, it just seems like your freedom of speech is what matters. In another item, you want to give someone a piece of land for \$1.00. 18951 Pasnow in Euclid. As the president of EDCOR, I would love to have a shot at one of those land banks, and tap into the pool of contractors that we have access to and create housing for people in Euclid that thought they may never get to own a home. But you'd rather give it to somebody who's going to try to profit and you'll even waive our ordinance requirements for that construction. Because you don't want our loyalty necessarily, all kinds of new people are going to be brought to Euclid in the form of refugees that the federal government's paying to bring care. So, giving us less time to speak. It really says, you either think we're too dim. Or you really just mean for we the people to sit down and shut up. We even had a council meeting where a council person called us privileged we the people we were called privileged. So, there's a couple of things that are bothering me, wanting to change the time that we get to talk, changing how we get to participate. Seeing our government with its back to us, I can't tell you how offensive that is. I cannot tell you, but it makes sense to you. It makes sense to have meetings where people can't come to, that happened for a long time. But we need these five minutes. We need these five minutes apparently to remind you that we are we the people. And if you forget that I'm already convinced we will never see another Republican in office in Euclid. We are that far left. And I don't know if we'll ever get pulled back to center. But this just smacks. It really smacks. I think we should have first dibs on the land lots, as an organization that's for the city to help the city and help people. So, I appreciate that our government values some of the lives of the people in Euclid. Your legal gun owners aren't out there shooting up the city and three year olds aren't committing suicide. So, I don't know what the answer is to gun violence. But going after legal gun owners doesn't sound right. I have more to say at the end. But this is related to the agenda. So, I won't take all of my five minutes now.

President Mancuso

39:11

Thank you. Next speaker please.

Resident – Jeffrey Beck

39:24

Jeffrey Beck, 25540 Chatsworth. Items six and seven on the agenda. As I mentioned at the committee meeting, these are bad ideas. Item six summarizing minutes. This will take away the effect of what a resident is stating and leave the intent up to council. If you want to stifle any issue, this is how you do it. There is transcribing software available, but we haven't even looked at it. Instead, it was dismissed with uninformed comments such as we heard last week. Item Seven is a terrible idea. This was first brought up nearly 10 years ago. At that time residents spoke against it. And even the Mayor spoke against it. Mayor Cervenik. That legislation was dropped. Stifling public comment, under the guise of streamlining meetings is just wrong. There aren't that many people who speak at these meetings. Clearly,

this is a solution without a problem. I believe the difference between a public official who serves their residents, and a public official who believes they rule over their residents, is this legislation. I hope this council chooses wisely to defeat this and not blindly follow the sponsor. Thank you.

President Mancuso

41:01

Thank you. Next speaker, please.

Resident – Daryl Langman

41:07

Good evening, folks. I'm Daryl Langman, 298 E. 257. I sat up there for 18 years. So I know about these issues. We've discussed them in the past, we are sitting and standing in the Hall of Presidents that is what this room is called. But it's really a Hall of the People. You all work for us. So, our views should be encouraged. Our views should be listened to this legislation. Item number seven, removes that opportunity. From a practical standpoint and makes little sense, because most of us have been up here for a while know that many of the folks that comment at the second committee of the whole are commenting on about things that were said during the meeting. They're here to comment on what you all have said or what the Administration have said, and to expect them to then hold their comments for two or three weeks before actually asking them is a impossible standard? And I know some of you will say, well, they have email or social media? No, no, this is Euclids Comments. This is where anybody in the city can come and express their views. And as far as the time limit goes, many people are not comfortable being up here speaking, two and a half minutes is not a lot of time. So, you're again discouraging input from the very people that you work for. So, from that basis alone, it's not a good idea. Now, if the legislation kept the second committee the whole and added two or three minutes at the beginning, that would make more sense. But it doesn't. And I think unfortunately, this follows a pattern that we've seen from the leadership of this city. People voted on Rita, you overturn that. We're building a rec center with federal stimulus money. I don't recall any public meetings to decide how to best spend that money. None. But I think ultimately, history is our best guide. If you go back to 2003, December 1, 2003. The then new council President Jerry Sustarcic, proposed cutting back the people's time to speak from five minutes to two minutes, while keeping both committees of the whole. You had residents here there was about 17, because I went back and looked at the meeting spoke out against this. There were others on council that spoke out against it. One of our former colleagues at large, Councilman Delaney, mentioned that for the average citizen to come up here and to speak, that's a big deal. Most of them don't have the time don't have the elocution to actually do that. So, you need that time to gather your thoughts and present them. Mayor Gail, then Ward 1 councilwoman, you spoke out against it. You cited statistics from other communities that allowed the five minutes and in fact, I think June Daugherty gave you some information about that very issue. Charlene that was your very first meeting. So, you didn't say anything about it. So that was December 1 2003. Finally, the sponsor, Council President Sustarcic, said that he did not wish to limit anybody's free speech. It did not

want to stifle input so, he pulled the legislation. That's what he did, because he knew ultimately that the people's will demands their participation. Madam chair you should do to save pull this legislation. Thank you.

President Mancuso

44:57

Thank you, sir. Next speaker please.

Resident – Alissa Zurly

45:05

Hello, Alissa Zurly, 25120 Lakeshore Boulevard. Can you hear me okay? Wonderful. As for agenda item six, I'm in support of this, I find that the summaries are easy to read, I checked the length of the verbatim minutes of a recent council meeting and they were 24 pages long. The videos, I appreciated the discussion during the committee meeting about alternatives where people could get the verbatim minutes by request or check out the videos online so I think the verbatim meeting is accessible. As for Agenda Item number seven, I appreciate Council's efforts to increase participation and cancel meetings by moving the public comment period to the beginning of the meeting, which is more convenient for many citizens. However, I think having the later comment period is also useful. People who arrive late can use that second comment period. It also allows us to address council's discussion of the legislation, not being personally in the habit of watching every single committee meeting. Sometimes I'm caught off guard by the legislative discussion and its tone and all of its components, so it's nice to have an opportunity to comment on that afterward. And finally, the second comment period is better for addressing council members because it precedes their comments. So please consider keeping to comment periods, and perhaps allow both to be a combined legislative and public comment session. Thank you.

President Mancuso

46:38

Thank you. Next speaker please.

Resident – Daniel Burns

46:43

Howdy, I'm Daniel Burns, 869 East 260th Street. I'm gonna go down on legislation because why not? So, for rentals regarding Shore, I'm, I'm not super aware of how you determine the rental pricing, but I would hope, and you're going to hear this a lot in this in this talk, that I would hope that they cover both maintenance and repair, that there is perhaps an option to make Shore better through its revenues, right, create income producing properties, not just self-sustaining properties, because as we have found, as has been spoken when, when maintenance is necessary, self sustaining doesn't work anymore. Right? Second, the Rec Center, same issue, great that we're grant funding it but using short term, you know, cash savings on a building that will one day require actual money to maintain that we don't have as evidenced by the fact that we're not spending our own money to build it, creates a problem not now, maybe not five years from now, but 30 years from

now when you know, I'm standing up there as a council person, I now have to figure out how to maintain this building that is falling apart. For number three. I am normally a big fan of land bank sales. The Edcore point is a really good one. I was always of the position that Edcore just had a bad board. And that was unwilling to do the kind of work that would lead to a second program. But if the city is unwilling to support Edcor in expanding its programming that would be meaningful and problematic. As for the playgrounds, we'll skip those. There is an issue is the same do the math issue. Where if spending for the playground is not building property values that pay for the maintenance of the playground. It's sounds nice and it looks really shiny, but it ends up costing us more. The big things of the night, six and seven, summaries could be good. My main problem with verbatim minutes right now is that they are impossible to search through which could be easily solved by making it a searchable PDF. Then I could just press Ctrl F on my computer and find the piece that I want to talk about or hear about. Summary I, what I'm hearing is that people are concerned that your summary won't be comprehensive. So, I think if you were to make sure that the summary accurately reflects what people have said what council people have said, individual council members, not council as a whole. That could be okay. The combination of the Committee of the Whole and the public comment. I like having public comment at the top so that people can talk about anything, that combination is, Okay, the removal of second public comment is a problem, particularly if you are not going to give us 10 minutes, right, because regardless how you slice it, you're taking away five minutes from people. If the issue is time, there's just no nice way to say this one, that's just kind of the job of a public servant. Right? You are here to listen. And if that takes a long time, well, and if you're a little too busy to listen to people, then maybe you should have a different job. But the, the crux of the matter is, you know, we don't tell police officers that like, oh, yeah, you know, we don't hear a lot of police officers saying, Man, I wish I didn't have to arrest this guy at six, I was just about to leave, right? It's like, well, no, they do their job. And maybe they pass on paperwork to someone else, but like the they do their job, right. Oh, and then and then I have public commitments. But thank you. Next speaker.

President Mancuso

Next speaker.

Resident – Victor Goodman

51:32

Victor Goodman 20201 Glen Russ Lane. First of all, I'm absolutely in favor of the rec center. But the more that I thought about a comment, or discussion I had with the Mayor, I do have to say, I think it's vitally important that we include a swimming pool. And the reason is, we only have one public pool for all the city, and it's not there year round, can't go swimming in the winter. So, I do think that that is a very important consideration, I think my wife came up with, which is naming rights, but I would also go even a step further, I'd name rooms. So not only do you get to name, you know, you know, think of a church or a synagogue, you know, every every thing is named for somebody, which would then certainly help keep maintenance for it, you

know, it could be the Mancuso gym, you know, if she's willing to spend that kind of money. Because the point was brought up. And again, this is why it's so important for people to speak and listen, or listen and speak. I think we have started a terrible policy of handing private businesses \$1. I find it sometimes fascinating. We'll charge a homeowner \$100 to add to their backyard. But we'll give somebody else \$1. I think that Councilman Epps who came up with an idea a long time ago, which is which is these should be \$1,000 properties, at least minimum to bring some money back into the city. And I think that the Edcor suggestion was great. Why don't we give houses to them? I mean, properties to them to build on so we can get new residents as well. On item number seven, you know, I stood up here and I made comments prior that, you know, I understand the one or two people who, who have to sit through the whole meeting, which is the example given by the Council President that this would make it easier for that one or two person who, who just has to sit around just to be able to say that they didn't like the garbage been picked up late. Democracy is messy. You really have to fight for democracy. And we're, we're seeing that more today than ever before in probably the history of the country. So, I'm sorry. If you have to sit and wait all night to say something that's important to you. And you can't, then it wasn't that important. I know that the end portion is vital for me. Because I do want to hear what you people have to say during discussion. I do want to hear comments of other people. Just as I would have never talked about Edcor had she not stepped up had she not talked about it. It is vital to keep the two separate. Normally, except for like tonight when there's a controversial item on the agenda. Very few people come and talk about the agenda. So that's, that's normally a snap in, and we move on. But it is vital that we watch our government, listen to our government, and then comment of our government. So please, I would allow the suggestion of former Councilman Langman, pull this legislation and tell the people for once you hear them, thank you.

President Mancuso

Thank you. Next speaker, please.

Resident – Maureen Sandor

55:54

Maureen Sandor, 23681 Greenwood Road. I'd like to thank Victor for his comments and everybody else that have gotten up, I have one real quick thing to say. I've been to meetings. I've seen it. And I've heard it. And there's been a few the last time that there have been new council people that have thanked people for coming and talking. Thanked you for coming and bringing this to the floor. Why is this an issue? You vote no on this? Or you vote for it. You're coming back and just going against what you were sitting up there saying? Where do you think people are gonna, how will you think people are going to trust you? In fact, I really wish that you would go back to letting people email things. People don't want to go out at night. There's a lot of seniors that can't go out. And either they read, or they can send something in. But they could read the minutes. They could read everything. But you want to cut this out. It makes no sense. And you can tell when people come up to the podium and have somebody telling them to read something that they're not

really familiar with. So, I don't understand why this is being taken out. You have Chief Meyer there that has walked people out. I don't understand why you want to take people's comments and away.

President Mancuso

57:21

Thank you. Next speaker please.

Resident – Joyce Pesic

57:29

Joyce Pesic, 24300 Glenbrook, and I want to talk in regards to item number seven. And I guess I totally agree with Darrell Langman as well. We should be able to voice our opinions not only about agenda items at the beginning, but after we've heard what has happened at the meeting and if we have comments, if we have other issues we'd think you want to know from us, don't you want to hear from us? Don't you care what we think? Don't you care if we have problems? I mean, you work for us, we're we the people we pay your salary. Why don't you wanna hear from us? I don't understand that you have in the past it hasn't been an issue. Why is it an issue now? I would like to know that. And I really hope you either pull it or vote no. Thank you.

President Mancuso

Thank you. Next speaker, please.

Resident – Ms. Taylor

58:31

Good evening, (uninterpretable) Taylor 1495 East 193rd Street. I lately came up here at first to talk about the playground. I thank the city for bringing playgrounds to our neighborhood. We, the Heritage Park Community Association have been up to this podium many time, many times to council meeting. And the reason we came because we had problems in our neighborhood and we brought it to council. We took it to our council person, but it take a village to make things work. And it was working because we came to council because we voice our opinion and I'm listen to what is going on about changing the meeting, like Daryl said years ago we went through this. We had to talk but I look around also annd I see a lot of new faces. Mostly everyone up here is new council people from years ago when we first started coming. We are the people. We are you're employed by us. We may not vote for each one of you. But people put you in office. You are here to work with the people. You are here to listen to the people. You don't live in my neighborhood. So, you don't know what I go through. You may in your own Ward. You don't know everything that goes on your Ward, unless people bring it to you. A lot of people don't come Ward meetings, but they will bring it to city council. You have no right to take our rights away. When you do that, I feel it's a hidden agenda. I don't know what the hidden agenda is. Only two people that want to pull it may know what it is. But I'm asking you to vote no for changing the time to speak at Council. I always have known to City of Euclid to be residential friendly. Now you're gonna take that friendliness away. This city would drop. You would not know what's going on in this city. Because you sit in here. You're not all over. We used to have

council people at large, that came out to each Ward and come to each meeting, homeowners meeting and found out what's going on. We don't have a counselor at large anymore. We have one council at large. The other four, they're gone. So, what is happening? Only people we have to go to is our council person. And this is hard because it's such a blow out your wallet. Think about what you are given up and what you are losing. You have a city and you have people that come here to speak up about their city, about their resident. These are people that love the city of Euclid. We're not against the city of Euclid. Something happened to me as I was leaving home today. This morning. I noticed someone put up a for sale sign, this evening while I'm leaving to come to council meeting, that house is sold. Do you think it's a resident buying that home? No. Its probably LLC company. Right now I have so many homes on our street, that's LLC. And they bring in bad people. We call in the police constantly because they have a party houses up there. No residents living in a home. They have people renting the house just to have parties. We are constantly calling the police calling the council person, constantly fearing for our life because we don't know what's gonna happen. Some cars come up there unmarked. When you take the voice from the people, you given it to the outsiders to come in and take over. You need the people to come and tell you please come on. I want to see Euclid grow. I've been here a long time and I've been speaking a long time. And I am going to continue. I feel someone may have a hidden agenda. I don't know what it is. But whatever it is, we don't want it. The people of Euclid do not want it. We want to take our city back. We don't want to give it away. We have let too many things come in it take away from this city. Now let's give it back by listen to your people that's coming up here and telling you what is going on in a neighborhood what is going on in this city. Because you only one person you can see everything. So we are the eyes and ears of the city. If I don't see it, maybe someone else in the audience may see it. So think about this agenda that you have item seven, pull it, pull it because the residents, they love the city and we should be allowed to speak, we should be able to sit up here and speak. Thank you have a good day.

President Mancuso

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Next speaker please

Resident – Morris Woodmansi

1:03:55

Morris Woodmansi, 20341 Blackfoot Avenue, here to offer my two bits worth. As the long version of ordinance 053-22 was put online and I read it it on those surface look like it's probably put in force to encourage more people to come to these meetings. However, as it is written, it has undertones of trying to limit the people. It plainly states that a person will have five minutes to speak on both subjects, which would tend to make me think that's five minutes total. So that would lead me to think that you're trying to cut our time in half. Should that change to be written that person will have have five minutes to speak no more than five minutes to speak on each subject, which would be the legislative part and the, you know, the good of the of the city part. There's a real ambiguity there that kind of sticks in my craw. If the

purpose is to try to get more people to come to the meetings, then what about a idea that we will try this for six months? If it doesn't work, we'll go back to the old way. But, if this is to limit to take away half of the allotted time that we now have to bring our thoughts to the console? I've only got one comment. How dare you? Thank you.

President Mancuso

1:05:52

Thank you. Next speaker please.

Resident – Fritz Haiss

1:06:07

My name is Fritz. This is my second summer in Euclid.

President Mancuso

1:06:13

Sir, what is your last name?

Resident – Fritz Haiss

1:06:15

H-A-I-S-S. Thank you.

President Mancuso

Thank you.

Resident – Fritz Haiss

1:06:19

Second summer in Euclid. I have two proposals. Hopefully I can deliver them in under five minutes.

President Mancuso

1:06:24

Sir, can we can we have your address please?

Resident – Fritz Haiss

1:06:27

22727 Edgecliff. Now? First is trash specifically, difficult trash.

President Mancuso

1:06:42

Sir. Sir, are you speaking, we need you to speak to something on the agenda tonight. Oh, this is exactly what we're talking about need to wait till the end of the meeting. I'm so sorry. So sorry. Thank you. Next speaker please.

Seeing none. We will then begin our **Legislative Agenda**.

Madam Clerk, would you please read the first agenda item into the record?

LEGISLATION

Clerk Laboda

1:07:11

Ordinance 058-22. An emergency ordinance approving the fees for the rental of the Shore Cultural Center auditorium, as set forth in the rental guide and policies.

President Mancuso

1:07:24

Thank you. I'll entertain a motion for passage to begin the discussion. So moved by Councilman Epps. Second by Councilman Jukic.

All in favor, "Aye."

And we will go to Mrs. Grida, to begin the discussion.

Kristal Grida

1:07:37

Thank you, Council Chair. I'd like to start with thanking Councilman Jukic for the time at the Assets Committee meeting and for all the council that did come out on, on 5-4 to hear this presentation. For the sake of everybody listening, I thought I might read kind of the background on the legislation factsheet just in case it's the first time folks are hearing this. But one of the steps during the transition phase from private management to city management of the Shore Cultural Center was to examine the rental process in totality. As we all know, council approved rental ranges for the various rooms that we could rent. And we have adhered to that since that approval. This legislation is specific to the rental schedule for the auditorium. It was on our target this year to kind of get this addressed. And we did pass out as Councilman Jukic said, the auditorium packet. It was a very lengthy, cumbersome packet in the past. So, we did try to bring a little more professionalism to it and kind of get a little more concise and poignant with what needed to be included. And then we spent the majority of the rest of our time manager Laura Kidder and myself to look at the pricing tier. And so that's what I'm before you today asking for your support. For those in the audience and listening we have three tiers of rental. Tier one is for major concerts or events that are over 500 people. Those fees are \$350 an hour, and the security deposit is \$1,000. Tier Two is for small community theater plays, musicals, anything under 500 people, that's \$200 An hour and the security deposit is 250. And then tier three is for our Shore tenants should they want to do some special performance in the auditorium. And that rate is \$100 an hour. And no security deposit obviously because we know who they are. In addition to those three tiers, we, any local Euclid base group that wants to use the auditorium, we're only going to charge the tier three rate because we would like to encourage always Euclid residents to get together centered around arts and culture and so we want to make that available. So, we did a lot of comparison with other facilities. And we did also take into consideration our condition of shore and what amenities we have. And we felt that this was the best is professional rate tear to bring to Council for approval? So, I look forward to your support. I am happy to answer any

questions. But I did want one to answer Mr. Burns question in regards to maintenance and repair. I think I've said this before, but for the sake of clarity, every time, we talk about any kind of excess funds in the city, of course, the Shore board and the Short manager like Kristal asked for money, asked for money. When the mayor assigned me the oversight of shore back in January of 2021, what I promised her and you was that we were going to work on reducing that subsidy. And when I felt like we were at a sustainable place where the income was sufficient to cover that, and it was going to be successful, then I would start kind of prioritizing what we need capital wise and then come to Council and the administration with that list. We're not there yet, but we have we are over 80% filled at Shore Cultural with annual tenants only, which is fantastic, bankable, predictable budgetable, good income stream. So, this year, getting the auditorium situated. And then also the culinary will really help me to be able to predict in the next couple years where we looking like if we can get these things accomplished. This year, I didn't tell the mayor, probably early 2023, we would be kind of submitting a list of thoughtful capital projects. Those of us that have been in Euclid forever know that Shore could use a couple million just on the roof. So, I also have to be very respectful to you about how I'm going to submit this list. So just an answer to Mr. Burns question at this point, we have not. Laura and I have been able to handle maintenance issues and of course, with the help of our service department as well. But at the Mayor's encouraging, we are keeping all of our maintenance costs in the short budget. So you really have a good handle of where we are financially with short income versus short expenses. So, I hope that answer Mr. Burns question, but I am happy to answer any questions about the tier pricing for the auditorium pack.

President Mancuso

Thank you. Discussion. Councilman Epps.

Councilman Epps

1:12:18

Thank you. And to Miss Grida, I did not have the opportunity to be at that Assets Committee meeting. But I have watched the meeting. And obviously, as I'm going to take advantage of this opportunity again, whenever I hear these exciting things going on and things moving along, under this new management structure for sure. I'm always glad to hear it as for years, I've been suggesting that this is what we needed to make this work and to reduce that subsidy. So, I'm happy to always get a report from either you or Laura. I just wanted to ask the question, and you mentioned the different number tonight to in that meeting. You mentioned 75% occupied and I thought that I had heard closer to 100% in a previous meeting. And then tonight you mentioned at where are we today?

Kristal Grida

1:12:59

So today we're a little bit over 80%. We have had two people that had to forget their annual agreement, which was perfectly fine. But then we had four people that signed new leases. So, it's an ever changing number. And that is

of course Councilman Epps. As you know, that is for the rooms that are rentable. Yeah. Some are not in a condition to rent.

Councilman Epps

1:13:19

Correct. Great. Always excited for these reports. The idea of maintenance cost by our service department, on top of having Laura work for us in house, reducing the money that we're paying out to coral and letting those dollars work for us directly at Shore. I always knew would be great. So, I'm happy to see things working well. Thank you.

President Mancuso

1:13:41

Thank you. Councilman Tolton.

Councilman Tolton

1:13:44

Thank you, Madam Chair. Just two quick questions, Miss Grida, looking at the different tiers. Is security baked in to that, those fees? Or is that a separate fee that the participants will have to pay?

Kristal Grida

1:13:59

Security is a separate fee? It depends on if you have a liquor license. It depends on how many people come in. It is required to you, use Euclid Police Department off duty officers and they are, the applicant is required, required to pay that in cash before the event, so that Laura Kidder can guarantee staff can compensate the officers at the end of the evening.

Councilman Tolton

1:14:20

Okay. And the second question is when you look at tier three, you said for the Shore tenants, they pay no security, only 100 an hour and 50 for rehearsal hours. Now, whatever event does that, what is the number the minimum the maximum number of people for the Shore tenant?

Kristal Grida

1:14:37

So, we don't have that right now. We've only had one Shore tenant that's even requested. So, I think that's what we're going to kind of learn this year once we get these fees up. As a reminder, if you sign an annual lease at Shore, you get a value add, where you can use the community room and/or the gymnasium twice a month for free. So, a lot of our tenants the size of their events, that suffices for them and they don't have to pay anything, because that's included in the rent. We do have one tenant Majuba Dance who wants to do a very large presentation. By large, I don't know how many customers they feel like might come in. We don't know, either. But we did feel like in order to support that, it should be at that tier three, right?

Councilman Tolton

1:15:17

So, if these, if a tenant says I want an event that's going to hold 300 people, would we still charge them at the tier three rate? Or we would go to the tier two or tier one rate? How would that look? I know, you said you're still learning but...

Kristal Grida

1:15:31

Right. I mean, we would only approve a Shore tenant use of that space for what they do already at Shore. So, a Shore tenant can't say I want to rent this, I want to have an event for my 16 year old in the Shore auditorium. That's not what it's got to be what your product is or your service is. So, if Majuba Dance, is a dance group, they want to do a dance recital or dance performance for residents. So, we keep the Shore tenant rate until we find out that's not working.

Councilman Tolton

1:16:03

Okay, thank you.

Kristal Grida

You're welcome.

President Mancuso

1:16:05

Thank you. Other discussion? If there's no other discussion will then close with Councilman Epps. No other discussion? Okay. Councilman Epps

Councilman Epps

1:16:18

Miss Grida. Umm, good question by Councilman Tolton. Umm, and I think it I like the amenity, I guess, to offer be able to offer to tenants to use this space at the tier three rate. So, I don't have any issues with even if they were had larger events, as long as it was, like you said, particular to their business them staying at the tier three rate. The only thing I would ask is what you mentioned two things. One about the security. And is that only, they're required to us Euclid officers if they have a liquor license involved, or do they have to use Euclid officer regardless, is that what you're saying?

President Mancuso

Miss Grida.

Kristal Grida

1:16:56

So, they do have to use a Euclid officer if there's liquor involved, but also at the major concert level, the over 500 people we require regardless of whether you do liquor.

Councilman Epps

1:17:06

Okay, but if so, if it's less than 500 and no liquor, they don't have to have security. Correct. Okay. And so the, that is specified in the agreement, and excuse me, and then to Councilman Tolton's point, about the tier three for resident or for tenants. Is that specified? In that agreement as well, because you mentioned about you're trying to figure it out? What does the agreement say right now?

Kristal Grida

1:17:29

Yes, the agreement says that that's what we're doing for the tenants.

Councilman Epps

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Regardless of their occupancy of the of the building or the space. What would it mean, regardless for a tenant, regardless of how many people they have there, as you mentioned tonight?

Kristal Grida

1:17:41

Correct, yes, we would adhere to what you pass tonight. If we find out that's a problem. I would just come back to you and, and make that modification.

Councilman Epps

1:17:49

I think it's a great amenity to be able to offer to the tenants in the building. So, I support this. Thank you.

President Mancuso

1:17:56

Thank you. I will look for a motion to close debate. So moved by Councilwoman Steele. Second by Councilwoman McIntosh.

All in favor, "Aye."

I will then entertain a motion to suspend the rules to forego the second and third reading. So moved by Councilwoman McIntosh. Second by Councilwoman Steele.

All in favor, "Aye."

Those opposed - one.

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

Clerk Laboda

1:18:21

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

Ordinance passes.

President Mancuso

1:18:37

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

Clerk Laboda

1:18:42

Resolution 060-22. A resolution in support of the construction of a Community Recreation and Wellness Center in the City of Euclid and authorizing the Mayor or her designee to proceed with soliciting for proposals for the development of plans to design and build the facility that will be presented to the city, Euclid City Council for approval.

President Mancuso

1:19:08

Thank you. I'll entertain a motion for passage to begin the discussion. So moved by Councilman Jukic. Second by Councilman Steele.

All in favor, "Aye."

We will go to Director Stephens to begin the discussion.

Recreation Director Stephens

1:19:26

Thank you, Madam Chair to Council. So, on May fourth, we had an Assets meeting in which we discussed some of the various models of recreation centers throughout the area. One of the more interesting things about some of our research was just finding out some of the areas that they wouldn't that some of the various communities would improve upon if they had to do over. So, we tried to incorporate some of that and do some of that research into the discussion on that particular day. I'm of the opinion that this center could be a very positive quality of life addition to our city. And it would also help meet the needs of not only young people, but just young and old. Because we, from a recreation department standpoint, would have the opportunity to provide recreation programming in a more dynamic way. Whereas currently, we just try to get space wherever we can get it, and offer programming. And with that being said, we still offer over 65 different versions of programming without having our own space. So, I'm excited about the prospect of being able to potentially have an actual building that we operate out of 365 days of the year, where we can actually provide program that truly meets the needs of the community.

President Mancuso

Thank you. Mayor Gail.

Mayor Gail

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Thank you, Madam Chair. Thank you to Director Stevens and his staff for doing lots of research. Thank you to Councilwoman Jukic for hosting a Assets Committee meeting. This discussion real, I think, you know, many of us know, we've talked about, you know, the need for recreation or community facility for quite some time, I think the COVID pandemic, more than anything else really brought to life, the impact of health disparities, and the importance of access to community health and recreation and wellness activities and facilities, and especially in communities that are, you know, majority minority and have lower median income, how critical that is, and what the impact that had through the pandemic. So, you know, this, what this

resolution does is it does, it's not set in stone, but it sets, it tells us that Council supports this effort, it's going to take a lot of work to get to the point where we can present some concrete plans. But this sends the message to us and the community that yes, this is a priority. We really feel and through the discussions that we've had, with council, about the rescue, American Rescue Plan funds, this is one of our priority areas. And so you know, direction from council that yes, this isn't a direction we want to go is important before we do a lot of work, we really look at this as the opportunity to create a facility that addresses health and wellness issues in the community through physical activity, but also a place where we can help address some of the social issues that have led to some of the problems you know, so violence reduction, programming, mentoring, programming, access to digital, digital access, and education support. So, you know, when we say Recreation and Wellness Center, but what we really mean and what is I think critically important to Director Stevens and the whole administration and myself. And what we heard at Council is a kind of a community hub that we really can do some of these positive programs that will, you know, at the end of the day, hopefully help prevent some of the activities that we don't want to see and help us build a stronger community. So, I don't know if Councilwoman Jukic has anything to add, but we're just looking for counsel to go on record that this is something you want us to work towards. For those who may be watching. There's lots of time to get into the details and what will be included and all of those sorts of things. But this is sort of the first step to Yes, this is a priority.

President Mancuso

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Thank you. And Councilwoman Jukic would you like to?

Councilwoman Jukic

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Thank you, Madam Chair. I didn't plan to, but just to reinforce that there's a lot of energy and enthusiasm around this, for reasons that we need it as a city, that we have an opportunity here and there seems to be a lot of support by people who have reached out to us about this. So, I'm glad to be able to support this moving forward.

President Mancuso

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Thank you. Any other discussion? Councilwoman Steele?

Councilwoman Steele

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Thank you, Madam Chair, and thank you for putting this all together, Councilwoman. My biggest concern is people are, it's an old saying don't put the nickel in front of the dime. That means that this facility is going to create more than the money that is being put into it. We're not talking about something that's going to just go happen and then it's gone. This is going to help sustain our community, this is going to help our youth, this is going to help our seniors, this is going to help the community all together. And I am 150% for this. So, when I say don't put the nickel in front of the dime, that

means you're looking at Oh, is this a sustainable? Yes, it is. Mr. Go Goldman, right? He said, Ask our neighbors to use the facilities, put a name on the facility on one of the rooms. I've seen this done many times. So, I love that response that was given to us. I think this is a good thing. Not just for one set, not just for the youth, but it's for everyone. Everyone can use it. So yes, I'm 150% for it. So that's all I have to say. Thank you.

President Mancuso

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Other discussion? Councilman Tolton.

Councilman Tolton

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Thank you, Madam Chair. Quick question to the Mayor, maybe to the Director, I'm a little confused because I thought we had a meeting prior too, that we talked about this would not be a rec said it would just be a wellness and fitness Wellness Center. But then now we back to a rec and Wellness Center?

President Mancuso

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Who you want to speak to that, sir?

Councilman Tolton

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Well, Director Stevens first and then if the Mayor wants to...

Recreation Director Stephens

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Yes, you are somewhat correct in that we had that discussion, but the, I guess, definition of wellness became to the forefront in that sometimes that can be construed as strictly more like just treatment versus I guess, my initial thought regarding Community and Wellness Center, or Community Wellness Center, recreation, because recreation is definitely going to be a huge part of this space, probably the predominant activity that takes place in that space in that space will be recreation. So that made sense to include the term recreation in the initial phrase of what we're trying to create. But we also talked about you know, for now, anyway, this would be somewhat fluid in terms of what we actually call it moving forward.

Councilman Tolton

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I'm not opposed to it. I was just asking, like said, because our first discussion was it wouldn't be a rec center, because we were looking at using the rescue funds solely, I believe, but now you're talking about other grants, other monies coming in and then also using part of the rescue funds to offset some of the cost. I said it definitely not against the rec center only problem I have with is not knowing you know exactly I know this is the planning say that know exactly what's going to cause I would kind of be against using some of those unless we really know the full costs using some of those recovery funds

for building such as this when we don't know again, we don't know what this COVID thing we're going to look like in the fall next year. And some other you know, bigger issues that we need to use that money make sure that money is allocated for not just a wish list that we can just do anything in the city. So, I'm for the project, but I guess definitely want to see more. Have we looked at any studies as maybe looking at retrofitting short Cultural Center or anything like that? Is that a possibility? It could be one of you guys.

Mayor Gail

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You know, we've looked at the possibilities of retrofitting Shore a number of times and the cost was usually prohibitive. In this case, what we're looking at, and again, this is this is stating Council's interest in working towards the construction of a community recreation and community health, wellness, whatever, we'll end up calling it, it's looking at using a chunk, ideally, using a chunk of our rescue plan funds to provide this amenity for our residents. Okay, so yeah, that's, that's what this resolution states.

Councilman Tolton

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So, you're saying then, okay. Oh, your gonna spend a chunk of the rescue funds? Are you saying...I don't want to put words in your mouth, the majority of the funds are going to come from the proceeds going to come from the rescue fund, and then we will look at other monies or we're going to kind of divide it. We don't know that. Okay, well, that's what it's gonna cost.

Mayor Gail

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We don't know that. Okay, well, that's what it's gonna cost. So there's, if you remember, back to the committee meeting, when we discussed the rescue funds, we have \$10 million dedicated to rescue revenue replacement, we thought there would be eight to 10 million potentially dedicated to this type of facility, because we felt that would have a long term impact on the community, both from the health and also working on social issues. And then the remainder of the funding would be used for safety. COVID response in terms of, you know, building upgrades or technology and economic development. So that was the plan. And again, nothing set in stone. This is an initial, our intent is this. Lots of discussions, council needs to of course, approve any expenditure of that size. This is really asking for and from the committee's saying, what's next, what do you want from us a resolution saying, yes, we support this idea, but open to, you know, what it looks like where it is? How we best use the money if we were able to find that it was a better use of an existing building. Councilwoman Caviness has had an interesting idea that we can talk, you know, we can talk about that this is that is the construction of a Community Recreation and Wellness Center. Is that a priority? Okay, thank you.

Councilman Tolton

Okay, thank you.

President Mancuso

Thank you, Councilman Caviness.

Councilwoman Caviness

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Thank you, Madam Chair. And thank you, Mayor for mentioning that because I was going to mention it anyway. Thank you, Councilwoman Jukic, for holding the committee meeting. And I am excited about the wellness, the Rec and Wellness Center. Now we've talked a lot about not having anything on the south side. So, I woke up one morning, and after hearing about Carvana, transitioning out of Euclid, and I thought why not a rec center there? The building is already there. And it could be retrofitted for a rec center. We had a parking, as the Mayor stated, when I spoke with her, you could put pads outside of there in the parking lot as well. So, I was just wondering if we can include that idea. When we're looking at proposals for design. In this, and that's what this legislation is asking for. If we find a developer who can actually go in, if there's any interest and, and look at the structure of the building, I don't know when they're going to transitioning out. But see if it's possible to do something initially there. And then as time goes on, we can add more to it. And now the Mayor mentioned also that we would have to speak with HCR about whether they want to sell it or rent it to us. But that would be something that would be cost effective, I would think, as opposed to looking at building something, a building. So that was that's just something that I'd like to know if that can that idea can actually go into the idea of the proposal for design and build. Mayor or, or Director Stevens would, what are your thoughts?

President Mancuso

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Director Stevens?

Recreation Director Stephens

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I think young people in this city deserve the absolute best, whatever that is. I mean, I have a concept in my head. But they deserve the best building that we can provide. I'm very familiar with that space. Carvana. I don't, that's a lot of space compared to, I guess, the model that we discussed in the asset meeting. I believe the ideal space would be about 50,000 square feet. Carvana is a whole lot more than that. I'm pretty certain. But I'm, I mean, I would be open to whatever. I guess ultimately, I would just like to see the city have a facility in place.

Councilwoman Caviness

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Okay, thank you. Thank you so much.

President Mancuso

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Thank you. Other discussion. Councilman Epps.

Councilman Epps

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Thank you. I want to start by obviously I think and Director Stevens and your staff, I'm sure you as well put a lot of work into this these days in particular, and every chance that all of us get, and I say it all the time, we should be thanking you for your service to our community. So, I appreciate that. Also want to make sure that I include he's not here tonight. But Officer George, who gave a presentation at the assets committee meeting as well. He is president of, it was mentioned a gazillion times, PAL. It's the Police Athletic League, and also a community policing officer. And it was good to hear from one of the good guys, so to speak about providing healthy and safe environments for our young people here in Euclid. So, I wanted to make sure that I acknowledge him for his time at that committee meeting as well. I was glad to hear Mayor Gail talk, Mayor Gail talk that night, as well as tonight about the impact that this would have on our community. I think many residents have been expressing the need for a facility such as this for decades. And the support and interest just simply has not always been there. I'm afraid that and I've mentioned this before, and I'm not afraid to say that amongst so many people who are in support of it. I'm afraid that we have missed the ball. I hope that that is not the case. But I am concerned about that for sure. But I am excited tonight to support this project here in the beginning phase. A couple of things I want to go through, many of the reasons that were cited in the past are how we operate this facility post construction. And Mayor Gail, you mentioned it briefly in the meeting that night as well. But I think a more concrete plan on what that looks like is extremely important. And I speak about that when legislation comes before us all the time about if you give me what the plan is post construction, or post the initial start of this, then that can help me get behind or support what it is you're trying to do today. Because it lets me know that you're already thinking long term way too often we just say, hey, we feel good about this today. Let's start moving forward. So, what that brings me to my first question, how much is we're going to give this resolution tonight just basically saying that counsel is in support of these efforts? How much is it gonna cost us we spent \$100,000, I believe it was for a consulting firm to look at a Safety Center. Now our conversation is now about this Rec and Wellness Center, which by the way, let me put my dibs and for including the name Rec inside of it somehow there was a lot of talk about focusing this on youth. I think that would be a missed opportunity. I think you were right to address those questions in that committee meeting Director Stevens, with making this more about community, there are a lot of hours in which young people were in school that can be utilized safely. And because it's centered around programming, there's a lot that can happen to make sure that folks are safe. One of the suggestions like in Reminderville, having the tracks up above as opposed to on the same level. These are things that can differentiate different programming and community public opportunities. So, I want to make sure that I mentioned that as well. But we, what is it gonna cost? What's the next step? And how much money are we going to spend now for these folks to come in and tell us what we should do. And then it was mentioned having the community come in after that, and then give their opinion of the couple designs that we have, once again, I think a missed opportunity, we should be trying to hear from the community in its

totality, which we have done some of, but I think that we could put those same efforts we're talking about doing after these designs are put together, hearing more from the community about what it is they want to incorporate. That way these folks are given us designs that are reflective, not only what we think and what you all think, but what the community thinks as well. So, if you could answer about the next cost associated with this after this resolution.

President Mancuso

Mayor Gail.

Mayor Gail

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Thank you to Councilman Epps, we don't know. So, we would have to if we engage with a firm to design the actual building, we would come to council with a Request for Authorization to do that with \$1 amount. This is this project will take a lot of staff time will take a lot of effort. And we don't want to do that unless we know this is sort of that first step there will be several steps including public meetings, including input from residents, we will hire need to hire somebody to help us through that process. This is not that yet that would come to council in the future. I do want to be clear, we are still also working towards the safety facility. This is not taking the place of that.

Councilman Epps

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Thank you for that clarity as well. The so the next step after you get this resolution is to then start looking for a firm or somebody or consulting firm to come in and start this process. And at that time, you'll come back to council.

Mayor Gail

Correct.

Councilman Epps

All right. Thank you. There. The question is probably to Director Stephens. I hate to mention this and bring us back up, but we've had a lot of aquatic issues that have been brought up recently by some residents and others As the swimmers. I, you have mentioned I know for a fact in these chambers prior to me being on council and early on when I was on council as well, about the issues that as a rec department, you all face when it comes to accessing pools throughout our, in our schools, for example, High School. I'm concerned about I guess I'd like to hear your rationale as to why someone who experiences those scheduling issues yourself. Why, why no real interest? I know you mentioned about, so I guess I'm looking for something a little more than that. You mentioned at the meeting about the cost associated with it. But I think that the resident brought up a good point tonight about the fact that all night, I mean, we can run longer hours all year long for an indoor pool.

President Mancuso

Councilman Epps, Councilman Epps. I need to I need to wrap it up.

Councilman Epps

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Can you answer that question, please?

Recreation Director Stephens

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Yes, Councilman Epps. So, when it comes to aquatics, I've never been opposed to, I guess increasing the numbers in our aquatics. Since my since I've been a Director. We've invested over upwards \$2 million in our aquatics program. But the reality is, it's getting tougher and tougher for a number of reasons to, to keep an aquatics program in place. Lifeguards are a big issue, City of Mentor just closed the number of pools, I believe last week because they cannot staff, their pools and they're much more, their aquatic numbers are a lot larger than ours. And there's various other communities. And it's just for various reasons tough. In that sense, in terms of our indoor aquatics program, it has been tough in past years, because obviously, we can't access the pool during the hours that we need it sometimes, because of swim team practices, or, you know, when this when the students start coming in, we can't necessarily have adults walking throughout the hallways and different reasons. But again, the numbers have been very low the last couple of years for the indoor program, but then there were just to be quite honest conflicts and conflicts this past winter, and we just didn't have personnel available to check IDs and keep eyes on the pool at the times that we need it. So that that was the bigger issue for the indoor program.

Councilman Epps

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I appreciate that. And for the sake of time, I'll just say if you could employ whoever these individuals are, and we can mention it again that I always have an option for that as on the table. I think that there's a lot of interest on behalf of the public and that for that. Also, if you could address PAL...

President Mancuso

Councilman Epps, please, you've had your five minutes. Everybody...

Councilman Epps

1:43:08

Everybody. You haven't had the clock running yet?

President Mancuso

Yeah, she has the clock going.

Councilman Epps

I've been watching. If you could just address security concerns. You mentioned PAL being a part of the program and are there gonna be security?

President Mancuso

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Councilman Epps, please. Follow the council rules. Your time is up, sir. Director Stephens. If you want to respond, please do.

Recreation Director Stephens

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Thank you, Madam Chair to Councilman Epps. Yes, you know, once we once a facility is established, I would think that security would have to be considered. We currently operate in a number of places throughout the city where we don't have security, including, you know, our own ice arena. We operate without security. But I think as we continue to move forward, that's something that needs to be considered.

President Mancuso

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Thank you. Any other discussion? 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, Madam Clerk, please call the roll on the resolution.

Clerk Laboda

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Epps, Yes. Jarosz, Yes. Macintosh, Yes. Jukic, Yes. Steele, Yes, Caviness, Yes. Tolton, Yes. Mancuso, Yes.

Resolution passes.

President Mancuso

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

Clerk Laboda

1:44:37

Ordinance 056-22. An emergency ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of Euclid to enter into a purchase and development agreement to sell the property at 18951 Pasnow, Euclid, Ohio, PPN number 641-10-071 to Rockcliffe properties LLC for the construction of a new residential house for \$1.

President Mancuso

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

All in favor, "Aye."

And we will go to Director Grogan-Meyers.

Planning and Zoning Director Grogan-Meyers

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Thank you, Madam Chair, Council. The ordinance here tonight addresses a public comment that was brought up at the previous meeting concerns by a resident who had a finished foundation, and no other home building on the lot next door, excuse me next door with a lot was originally sold for new construction. And ultimately, for a various number of reasons, construction stopped. In that time. Thank you to Assistant to the Mayor Grida and to Director Sweeney for their assistance as we work to address this as quickly as possible for the residents who are affected by this. So, before you tonight is a development agreement to transfer that lot. So, what we would do is we would take in the lot back into the city's land bank. Normally, we would not take a lot with an improvement like a foundation. But in this case, we have Rockcliffe Properties who used to be business partners with Property Improvement Specialist LLC, who is the current property owner, they have since parted ways as business partners. But they Rockcliff properties LLC is looking to take the home, take the property and carry it through into the finished product that was originally presented before you I believe it was two years ago. So, the development agreement I want to call to your attention specifically says that the home that's built, is the home that was previously reviewed and approved by this body by planning and zoning and by the Architectural Review Board. Should any deviations from those plans be requested they have to go back to the appropriate commission or board. So not deviating from the original plans unless approved. Additionally, the construction of the home would be completed within 180 days or six months from the date of transfer. That is essentially the to 2022 construction season, which is appropriate, and also recognizes that an abbreviated schedule schedule is important because of the condition of the lot currently. I want to also make sure to thank Rockcliffe Properties, LLC, who actually went out, drained the foundation of the water and then secured the orange fence around the foundation to help secure it. So already being active in the neighborhood and seeking to resolve this issue. I also want to address some of the public comments tonight. With regards to the opportunity for maybe headquarters to take a property for \$1. We certainly welcome that. There's over 150 lots in the Land Bank currently. And I would love to be in a situation where we have competing developers looking at lots, and there are lots in every Ward in the city. So, we welcome that opportunity to have more opportunities for new development, including Edcor, who has been a long partner with the city. So that opportunity is there. And new residential construction for dollar is an opportunity for Edcor. What I will say is that there has been a discussion I'm aware of looking at the land bank pricing policy. I am just shy of three months in the job and it's gone by in the blink of an eye, I will say that we are looking at the land bank pricing policies and opportunity to make sure that we the city of Euclid are staying competitive in the market, certainly there in the COVID construction market, it is very difficult to remain competitive given the high cost of materials and the long delivery times that we're seeing. So, we want to remain competitive, and it's a desirable place to live. And certainly, in this ordinance here tonight, we're seeking to address something that has been an issue, but also, we'll deliver a home in a primary investment area in the master plan. It's a targeted area where we want to see new housing

development. And there are plenty of areas in the city where that is true. But I think first we start tonight with rectifying an issue for the residents. And that's an important step for it.

President Mancuso

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Thank you. Any discussion? Councilman Jarosz.

Councilman Jarosz

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Thank you, Madam Chair. The property is a Ward 4 property. And as Director Grogan-Meyers, so we are kind of in a this is a bit unusual because of the situation essentially, we had a developer who was an unable to fulfill their obligations, and they create essentially a health hazard next to the next to their neighbor. We have a developer who's willing to rectify the situation who has a good reputation within our city has built homes from Landbank homes in the past and is essentially committed to doing with 180 days. So, I think that's a good kind of start for the specific situation. We have in the past, I think multiple times in the past discussed land bank property pricing. If folks recall, one of our goals, especially on infill lots throughout the city where our house gets dilapidated, torn down now we have this lot where that is a buildable lot, meaning it has the size and you know, and you know, the ability to build a modern new home, that that is a priority. And because of that, we want to essentially incentivize developers to come. And that's why that dollar was essentially there. And it's been reviewed. That's basically what the county recommends is that dollar. I think, Director Grogan-Meyers and I have had some conversation about revisiting those, again, within the committee, as well as some other policies and procedures, tweaks we can make to make sure the situation that's happening on pass now is very much less likely to occur again. So, you know, this specific situation isn't ideal, but I think is the, this is the best solution in front of us given, given the situation. But I also want folks to know that we are going to address this entire program, not only on the pricing, but also the policies and procedures. So, thank you.

President Mancuso

Thank you. Councilman Epps.

Councilman Epps

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Thank you. I am glad to see this on the agenda tonight, simply because at our last Council meeting, there was a resident here who has an, who had an issue happened in the property right next door to them. And so to see this happen so fast, definitely kudos to you all for putting all the pieces together in that regard. I want to make a point that this the it's good also to hear Councilman Jarosz talking about this conversation coming about this program. Initially, the dollar was put in place, I thought one of the reasons for sure, was when we had the 2000 square foot building rule in place, which required residents are required to developer if they're going to build a new construction within the City of Euclid has to be a minimum of 2000 square feet. And that dollar

was for that incentive, well, after we take away and we talked for years in these chambers about doing that. And after we took away the 2000 square foot rule, then we have all this interest in investment. So clearly the 2000 square foot rule seems to be what was more so the issue and not the cost of the particular parcels. So, I am I would love to hear come or have a conversation about changing that cost, I think it will eliminate play a role in eliminating some of these issues like this as well, a person is more invested when they spent \$1,000 Rather than spending \$1. And not only that, but then In instances like this, we have money that we can use to address some of these issues when they come up with these with Landbank properties in general. Whereas with \$1, you virtually can do nothing. In the past, I have voted no on these pieces of legislation. Because of that reason we had a developer here who was buying 10, who said if they were 1000, I would pay 1000 as well. And so, I made a motion to amend the legislation to raise that price to 1000 Got no support. And so, we still have this at \$1. I'm happy to see this conversation happening. And because of the issue with this particular resident and the promise for 180 days, I will be supporting this particular piece tonight.

President Mancuso

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Thank you. Other discussion. Councilman Tolton.

Councilman Tolton

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Thank you, Madam Chair. Just one quick question, Director. Was this developer? Will they be seeking tax abatement on the property or no?

Planning and Zoning Director Grogan-Meyers

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Madam chair to the Councilman? Yes, they will.

President Mancuso

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Other discussion. Councilman Steele.

Councilwoman Steele

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Madam Chair, thank you. Umm, got a question for you. I, well, it's a question and a statement. I thought the Landbank was really for people, new home owners who are interested in purchasing homes that they didn't have the enough money that this was an incentive. But I see a lot of LLCs that are getting these properties. Can you elaborate?

President Mancuso

Director Grogan-Meyers.

Planning and Zoning Director Grogan-Meyers

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Madam Chair to the Councilperson. So, there's many different scenarios when we talk about new housing development. In this case, we're talking about a developer an LLC, who is going to build the property and build the home. We've talked about in the past, they're just in my time here we've had owner occupants who are looking to build their own home. Part of what we need to do is, I believe, accommodate multiple avenues to get to new housing and new owners. One of the items that is also stipulated in the agreement is that the home be sold to an owner occupant. So, an LLC coming in and building a property is not necessarily a bad thing. Sometimes having the capital to build a home is not something that the average person can have available to build maybe a \$250,000 home, especially in this market, where we're talking about rising home prices and supply prices. Some cases we're seeing 50 to 100% increase in supplies, and that can be a very steep proposition and some homeowner owners are just looking to purchase a home and not go through the process of building the home themselves. Working with a developer, they're looking to purchase something that's already constructed. So, there are cases where we'll have an owner occupant who is looking to work with their own builder and build their own home. And there are cases where we're working with a developer who is looking to build a home that an owner occupant will move into. And I think it's important to have a program that's flexible, to allow for those different cases that may come up. But again, what's specified also in the development agreement, is that sold to an owner occupant? So just because an LLC is building the home, that doesn't mean that it's going to immediately turn into a rental because the we're selling it to an LLC.

President Mancuso

Did that answer your question?

Councilwoman Steele

Thank you.

President Mancuso

Thank you. Other discussion? Councilwoman Caviness.

Councilwoman Caviness

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Thank you, Madam Chair, and to Director Grogan-Meyers. Thank you for clarifying that. Because we know that our Landband is only our consist of lots not homes. And from what I understand when this home is sold, that the tax abatement will be will go with the owner occupant. And if they do not stay for those seven years, it's lost. Is that correct?

Planning and Zoning Director Grogan-Meyers

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Madam chair to the council person? No. So tax abatement stays with the property. So that's part of the incentive, and part of why we're seeing housing prices that are substantially higher. And that's part of the incentive for a

homeowner to pay a little bit more on a property is for the home to be tax abated.

Councilwoman Caviness

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Okay. May I just ask a question about the lots themselves that we have in the Landbank, and I'm glad that Councilman Jarosz, and the committee is going to look further into crisis, etc. But we do have lots that have been sitting for years. And I wonder how we can expedite that to get them out of the hands of the city of Euclid in into interested parties who are interested in even expansion of their particular property? Is that something that we can discuss? Yes, Director.

Law Director Sweeney

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Thank you, Madam Chair, Director Grogan-Meyer might or might not know this, because he is new, but Mr. Bono, rest in peace, and Scott Muscatello did send out postcards to neighboring property owners to try to get rid of these lots and to see if the neighboring property owners were interested. We did get a little bit of interest after those postcards, but maybe it's another project that we need to undertake again.

Councilwoman Caviness

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Okay, because I know that there's one on 193rd that's been sitting since 2014. And we have no idea why. You know, it's, it's vacant, there's an interest. And so, I just wanted to have that conversation. Councilman Jarosz when we discuss that place in in your committee, thanks.

Law Director Sweeney

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Councilwoman, do you know that address off the top of your head?

Councilwoman Caviness

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I can send you the parcel number? Because I have that. Thank you.

President Mancuso

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I think we've all we've all had a hand in looking at this parcel? And it's with the County and they're just not moving. They're not moving on. And COVID didn't help any. So...

Law Director Sweeney

1:58:29

Madam Chair, I don't think that one's in our Landbank. I think it's maybe going through tax foreclosure. So, we don't own that yet. But if you contact me tomorrow, I can check with the county.

President Mancuso

1:58:37

Yeah, that's where that was our holdup the last time. Any other discussion? Seeing none, I'll entertain a motion for closing 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 to forego the second and third reading. So moved by Councilwoman McIntosh. Second by Councilwoman Jukic.

All in favor, "Aye."

Those opposed? None.

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

Clerk Laboda

1:59:10

Jarosz, Yes. Macintosh, Yes. Jukic, Yes. Steele, Yes. Caviness, Yes. Tolton, Yes. Epps, Yes.

Ordinance passes.

President Mancuso

You didn't call my name.

Clerk Laboda

Oh, Mancuso, Yes. I just saw that. Sorry.

Ordinance passes.

President Mancuso

All right.

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

Clerk Laboda

1:59:39

Ordinance 055-22. An emergency ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of Euclid or her designee to enter into an agreement with Michigan playgrounds, LLC DBA MidStates Recreation for the design, supply and construction and recreational play structures for Tungsten Park in an amount not to exceed \$225,000.00.

President Mancuso

2:00:10

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."

We will go once again to Director Grogan-Meyers.

Planning and Zoning Director Grogan-Meyers

2:00:21

Thank you, Madam Chair. This was previously brought up by Councilman Epps. The replacement of the Tungsten Park playground equipment was previously budgeted \$200,000 through the CDBG, or Community

Development Block Grant Program. And as is with everything nowadays, the costs have gone up tremendously. Now thankfully, we've had a great relationship, great working relationship with MidStates recreation or Michigan playgrounds LLC, who has helped us to find a cost effective playground that also delivers on maximizing a playground that will be accessible to ages 5 to 12. So, it's a kind of a great Venn diagram coming together of cost efficiency and maximizing the play equipment that will be available to the residents. The original equipment was installed in the early 2000s. So, when we talk about maintenance, we've now had a point where it's an opportunity for us to move on past more costly maintenance. When you talk about playground that is playground equipment comes out new every year. So, as we get further and further away, it becomes more and more costly to maintain. But we're also talking about putting in the most modern equipment that we're now putting together as the standard for the city of Euclid. So that includes more modernized play structures and amenities, but it also includes poured in place rubber. So, a lot of times you'll see playgrounds with mulch that really doesn't have any shock absorbency for kids if they were to fall. And it's not to say that you need to have bubble wrap to land on. But it's to say that we've advanced in the opportunities for how we can provide high quality modern equipment, and support in place rubber is something that has a little more cushion. And it's a higher quality product to deliver to the residents and the playground equipment that's offered in a neighborhood. So that is what's being proposed tonight. And just for clarity. So, when we talk about the budget, the original 200,000 from Community Development Block Grant funding is still intact. What we're proposing is also increasing the budget to \$225,000. And using \$25,000 of American Rescue Plan dollars to help fund that gap and help get this project constructed. As far as project timeline. We are hoping for this to be constructed in the fall. The delivery price timelines right now are very volatile. So, we are shooting for a late September early October installation. But certainly that could change as we go throughout the year. And with the supply chain issues that we've been having, it could blend into spring of 2023. We will certainly keep everyone updated as we know more.

President Mancuso

2:03:01

Thank you. Discussion. Councilwoman McIntosh.

Councilwoman McIntosh

2:03:07

Thank you, Madam Chair. I certainly support the increase in this so we can provide proper equipment to the kids in the community. Could just one question. Could you jog our collective memories regarding ADA accessibility of new playground equipment? Will this equipment at Tungsten be ADA accessible?

President Mancuso

Director?

Planning and Zoning Director Grogan-Meyers

2:03:30

Madam Chair to the Councilperson, yes. So that is the standard for our redesign of all of our playgrounds is that there will be ADA accessible elements on every playground. And those will change with each playground just trying to provide a variety of playground options. So, there will always be an ADA element included in our playground designs.

President Mancuso

2:03:50

Thank you. Discussion. Councilman Epps.

Councilman Epps

2:03:55

Thank you. And thank you to the administration for bringing us back directly to council. I had a meeting a couple of weeks ago with the Director, as I'm sure everyone has at this point about priorities in the Ward. And this was one of the things that he mentioned to me. There was a halt in the process because it was going to cost \$25,000 additional to get it done. This is something that I was very grateful all of my colleagues supported the 200,000. It was one of the last things we got done in the right committee in the last term. And I urged you all via email it come right back to council. I know that there are other ways that we may be able to do this, but we've got to prioritize this. And I think that if we've already committed 200,000, \$25,000 more, especially coming from American Rescue Funds with a lot of the other things we're doing is definitely warranted for this. And I'd appreciate everyone's continued support so that we get this project done this year. Thank you.

President Mancuso

2:04:48

Other discussion? Seeing none, I'll entertain a motion to close debate. So moved by Councilman Jarosz. Second by Councilwoman Steele.

All in favor, "Aye."

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

All in favor, "Aye."

Any opposed? Nay (Epps) - one.

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

Clerk Laboda

2:05:17

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

Ordinance passes.

President Mancuso

2:05:32

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

Clerk Laboda

2:05:37

Resolution 054-22. A resolution authorizing the Mayor of the City of Euclid, or her designee to execute and submit a grant application, the Ohio Department of Natural Resources natural works grant program for investments to Heritage Park.

President Mancuso

2:05:57

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

All in favor, "Aye."

And we will go, once again, to Director Grogan-Myers.

Planning and Zoning Director Grogan-Meyers

2:06:08

Thank you, Madam Chair. The Ohio Department of Natural Resources once a year offers the nature works grant program is an opportunity to use grant funds to improve playgrounds, parks, and other types of recreational offerings. And this year, the grant application is June 1, to Grant deadline for the application is June 1, and it offers the opportunity to receive up to 75% or \$150,000 towards a project. And one of the, the opportunities we had identified through the parks playground inventory was the playground equipment at Heritage Park. I had the opportunity and the pleasure to work with Councilperson Caviness and the Heritage Park Community Association. We had a meeting last week, there was great attendance, about 15 people showed up from the neighborhood who had the opportunity to provide some feedback on the various playground designs, because similarly the playground equipment is probably about 20 years old, now. It's tired, and it's time for some replacements costly to maintain. It has the mulch base, and it has railroad ties around the edges. So, it's harder and harder to maintain older playground equipment. And so, we've identified this grant opportunity as one way that we can supplement other funds through the use of Ohio Department of Natural Resources funding and put in a new playground equipment, the poured in place foundation play pad, as well as a concrete walk following the template that we have laid out at the all the all the other parks including Tungsten Park, as previously discussed. This is consistent with the 2017 master plan. So, we're always in planning and development tying back to the Master Plan and the original feedback provided by the public. So, we're certainly looking to enhance that or follow that goal of enhancing existing neighborhood parks making sure that there's quality walkable parks available to the residents. And certainly, when we're talking about the Heritage Park neighborhood, one of the things we heard was a lot of grandparents with their young kids, the opportunity to just walk down to the local park, have a bench to be able to sit down and let your kids or grandkids play is an important part of the quality of life in the Heritage Park neighborhood. So, before you tonight is a request for support as we seek to submit that grant application, there is a 25% local match. And that will be something this is a 2023 park project. So that's something that if awarded, we would begin discussion as

part of the 2023 budget. But right now we have to talk about getting the grant award first, and then we can go from there.

President Mancuso

2:08:45

Thank you, discussion? Councilwoman Caviness.

Councilwoman Caviness

2:08:48

Thank you, Madam Chair. I'd just like to begin by saying thank you to Director Grogan-Meyers for bringing this idea forward. I know it's just a submission for grant application at this point in time. But as you stated, it just came right in time when we had our meeting with Heritage Park last Wednesday. The playground that exists currently is very tired. It is in need of quite a bit of repair and has been for years. But as you also mentioned, there are a lot of children that play their grandparents bring their, their grandchildren their parents bring their grant their children and there's not a whole lot to do as an adult. We know how essential playgrounds are for children for socializing, cognitive skills, building cognitive skills, health issues can be resolved there. But we also know that the parents who are there need something as well. So that walk path it that you described it is perfect for that. The benches are good. We also added some things that aren't part of this grant. But we're going to look at that. But I think that it is been, it has been a playground that has an area that's been neglected, as we mentioned for some time. So, this was an exciting bit of news that we received. And I would like to ask support of my colleagues for at least submission of this grant. Thank you very much. Oh, and I'd like to mention Mrs. Forlitha Taylor, who is the president, she's constantly working with this as well. So, thank you.

President Mancuso

2:10:40

Thank you. Other discussion? Councilwoman McIntosh.

Councilwoman McIntosh

2:10:46

Thank you, Madam Chair. I'm just wondering if all of Council supports this grant application, if it would be a benefit for all of us to sponsor it?

President Mancuso

2:10:54

Is there anybody who does not want to sponsor have the name part of it? Alright, so all of council sponsors this. Thank you. Any other discussion? Councilman Steele.

Councilwoman Steele

2:11:07

Thank you, Madam, Madam President. I do have a question for you. Director Grogan-Meyer, these parks that we are, you know, getting grants for? Have we assessed all the parks in Euclid. I mean, the playgrounds in Euclid?

President Mancuso

Director Grogan-Meyers

Planning and Zoning Director Grogan-Meyers

2:11:26

Madam chair to the council person, yes. Last year, I believe that all the park playgrounds had been assessed by city staff in consultation with the committee. And they were rated based on condition who was responsible for the maintenance and their location. So, we do have a list that I believe was part of the committee discussion last year. That's what guided Tungsten parks renovation proposal for the playground equipment. And that's what's guiding this application as well, because this one was listed as being in very poor condition.

Councilwoman Steele

2:11:59

Okay, because I wasn't here last year, as you know, absolutely. So, the reason why I asked this is because I'm noticing that there are looked at Memorial Park, which is their playground is a little bit antiquated, as well. And I am just wondering, are we doing this on a case by case or how we how are we determining who's first, second third? or what have you.

President Mancuso

Director

Planning and Zoning Director Grogan-Meyers

2:12:28

Madam chair to the council person, it's been based on the condition of the playground and its rating. So, we've started from the very worst, and worked our way up the list. So, I'm happy to provide that list to you. Could you please, I'd be happy to so that you can understand how we're approaching this. Because we certainly want to address the playgrounds that are in very poor condition, could present, present a safety hazard or just an ongoing maintenance concern, first, and recognizing that those should be addressed first, and then we can move up from there. So, I'd be happy to provide that.

Councilwoman Steele

Thank you.

President Mancuso

2:12:59

Thank you. Discussion. Councilman Tolton.

Councilman Tolton

2:13:04

Thank you, Madam Chair. Director Grogan-Meyers. It's a real another quick question. I know from my colleague ask about ADA, accessibility, what about the equipment we putting in there is it you know, sensory, you know, the kids that have like autism, things like that. Will we be putting equipment in there for, for those children to be able to use also?

Planning and Zoning Director Grogan-Meyers

2:13:26

Madam Chair to the Councilperson. So right now, the focus has been on accessible play equipment. So, focusing on disabilities, physical disabilities, we've not branched into maybe a broader category of audio sensitive or sensory experiences for, for children, something that we may be able to consider in the future. Right now, we've been focusing on playground equipment that's generally physically accessible.

Councilman Tolton

2:13:52

As a follow up very quick. So, I mean, at this point that, we could not add that into look at that?

Planning and Zoning Director Grogan-Meyers

2:14:01

Madam Chair, happy to look into that, and see what options are available. Part of what we've tried to balance again, is unfortunately, the cost. And not to say that inclusivity should come at the peril of cost. But just trying to find that balance between the two, and recognize that parks can deliver many different types of sensory experiences. So certainly the the play equipment doesn't necessarily have to be the only opportunity for us to provide an inclusive and approachable park for those all across the spectrum of disability.

Councilman Tolton

2:14:34

I mean if we can look into that and just see, you know, about the cost, I think it'd be helpful. Thank you. Thank you.

President Mancuso

Thank you. Councilman Epps.

Councilman Epps

2:14:42

Thank you. And definitely excited to see this for Heritage Park. It's been a long time coming. So definitely excited to see this happen. The I wanted to make a point and maybe there's a different area within Memorial Park that my colleague is picking up but I know for a fact that We just put a brand new playground and park at Memorial Park. Is there another area that I just haven't been to in a long time? Or maybe you should clarify to what particular area because I just want to make sure we aren't covering Memorial Park for sure. With all the new things we have come into the area.

President Mancuso

Mayor Gail.

Mayor Gail

2:15:15

So, thank you, Councilman. So, under the I think it was your parks. The parks committee, there was a there was a review of all of the parks in the city that led to a recommendation last year and into this year we completed three parks Memorial, Willow and Hero Park. Hero Park still needs the poured in place rubber that we are waiting on and hoping to happen any day soon. Because we know the baseball, there's lots of people who use that the school, the daycare, the baseball. So, phase one was Memorial, Hero and Willow. Second phase is Tungsten, third phase is Heritage Park. So, the hope is, you know, with this plan in place, we will continue right down the list and make sure all of our playgrounds are in good condition. And are there areas for other additions?

President Mancuso

2:16:14

Thank you. Any other discussion? Seeing none, I'll entertain a motion to close debate. So moved by Councilman Tolton. Second by Councilwoman Caviness.

All in favor, "Aye."

Madam Clerk, would you please call the roll on the resolution?

Clerk Laboda

2:16:28

Jukic, Yes. Steele, Yes. Caviness, Yes. Tolton, Yes. Epps, Yes. Jarosz, Yes. Macintosh, Yes. Mancuso, Yes.

Resolution passes.

President Mancuso

2:16:42

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

Clerk Laboda

2:16:47

Ordinance 052-22. An ordinance amending section 121.15 Clerk, of the chapter 121, Counsel, and section 125.06 minutes, of chapter 125, Open Meetings of the legislation code of the codified ordinances of the city of Euclid to discontinue the transcription of verbatim minutes for regular or special council meetings and to allow summary minutes to be prepared.

President Mancuso

2:17:21

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

All in favor, "Aye."

Thank you, and we will go to Law Director Sweeney.

Law Director Sweeney

2:17:35

Madam Chair to Council, this is a council sponsored piece, but I'm happy to share that we did some research and looked into what other cities do with respect to verbatim minutes. And not many cities do it if at all, we always have a videotape of all of the meetings available on the library site. You can also make a public records request and get a copy of the meeting. We feel that it is a better use of the Clerk of Council's time to do summary minutes, I did suggest to Council President that she meets with council with the sample summary minutes that she has from other cities and Council agrees on what the new format might be. Happy to answer any questions that you might have.

President Mancuso

2:18:19

Thank you. Discussion. Discussion? Councilman Epps.

Councilman Epps

2:18:30

Thank you. I had a couple of things about this particular piece. The I want to point out some things from the meeting, Councilman Jukic mentioned the most pointed piece, I believe, and that was how it's difficult to capture the spirit of it all. When you're dealing with summaries. And that was a quote from you. I thought that was perfect. And you're someone who deals with these minutes. I actually had someone point out to me, at a pretty coincidentally, it was a controversial meeting that happened in these chambers as well, in which the live feed that was showed the night of the meeting is not the there's an edited version of that live feed. That is the meeting that's out here on the library's site to watch. I mentioned that because one of the biggest strengths of this was that the fact that we have these video meetings for people to go in view to get the verbatim. But again, what's being live streamed is not exactly what's being put out. So, this idea that you're getting verbatim from the actual council meetings when they're streamed is not exactly true. And so, when I was, we noticed that on one meeting went back and we were able to find four separate meetings, and which what we recorded at home live as the meeting is not the video footage that is transmitted and that's on the library's website. I think that that takes away this whole notion of verbatim minutes and in fact, I wouldn't have I would hopefully have have someone to agree with me and say the verbatim minutes is all we have, when we have no control over this editing process and these videos that are being put out to the public. So wanted to make sure to point that out. I also want to point out something interesting in our law department in the past, actually felt like it was more difficult to do summaries rather than verbatim. And it was also mentioned and kudos to you in that part, because you prepared the legislation for the Council President, Director Sweeney, but you mentioned in that meeting, in that meeting, it was mentioned as well about how it is, you know, it's a different type of strain that is on when a clerk or someone who has to transcribe these minutes, I think that there were points that were brought up about, or by Councilman Wojtila as well, that I feel like we can and he mentioned he liked to see that happen over a series of

committee meetings, as opposed to it just being sent to us or this summary option being sent to us. I would also like to see us look into what this software is that can do this for our council clerk. So that does not have to be a burden to her, but so that we can still get verbatim minutes. I think that in the political climate, we are right now in our community. I think that with a lot of the issues that happen here, a lot of times the residents, Mr. Milner, thank you. A lot of residents like Mr. Milner who come to the podium, to correct all sorts of things for us. And to help us these are things that we need, and they should be included in the verbatim minutes. And the spirit of all of that not be lost. I think there are some a lot of laws and our own ordinances that are broken by us in these chambers, that again, if you take away these verbatim minutes, the spirit of all of that will be lost as well. And it's just too much gray area. When you talk about summaries, and you're talking about it. With all due respect, Cheryl, you've been doing a great job. But when we're talking about a new council clerk as well, I am just not comfortable with giving this particular amount of leeway to the folks that we have leading us right now today, I think this is something that is maybe if we can get it right with software and some other things that I'd be happy to support if it's going to relieve this. But I think to just blanketly do it and say, Hey, we're going to start and try this. There's a lot of the record that is being lost, especially when we know for a fact that videos are being edited before they're being put back out. So I would like to make a motion that we send this to committee, address some of the concerns of Councilman Wojtila, as well as our colleague, Councilman, Jukic, too I can tell from watching that meeting has some concern with it as well. And yeah, so that's the motion I'd like to make. Thank you.

President Mancuso

2:22:37

There's a motion on the floor. Do we have a second? Which one Steele or Jukic? Steele. All right. Do we have discussion on the motion? Seeing none, you have discussion?

Councilman Tolton

2:22:57

Thank you, Madam Chair. To my colleagues. I'm just trying to understand that. So we're going to be discussing you know, different proposals, different technologies, things like that. I mean, we try to make this make sense here. So what are we going to get out of that? When we take it back into committee? What are we looking for?

President Mancuso

Director... or Councilman Epps.

Councilman Epps

2:23:23

Councilman Epps. Thank you. Just most importantly, we should look at software that can transcribe these meetings to give us the verbatim, verbatim minutes without the pressure which is being presented. The issue is the pressure on the council clerk as the reason to change this. I think we need

these verbatim minutes in this particular climate with the particular players we have here. We need these verbatim minutes more, more than ever. Now.

President Mancuso

2:23:51

Ok, I think you've answered the question Mr. Epps.

Councilman Epps

2:23:53

And so to answer and so to answer that question, the main thing is to look into software as my main gripe, but there were some things that Councilman Wojtila had (Councilman Epps) if you would like to see as well. So, I mean, I'm answering his questions, you can answer them if you'd like to, Jesus.

President Mancuso

2:24:07

Councilman Tolton, we're at the committee meeting, we did talk about software. And we have looked at software. Many other cities have looked at software. The problem is if you have one person only speaking, like you'd have in a medical office, or you'd have in a courtroom, you can have software that will pick up one voice, well, the software is not out there that everybody thinks is good. Every city that we have looked at we looked at over 14, the software is not the answer, because it is not picking up everything that everyone is saying. And that's just the matter of fact, whether you like it or not. So, it's not that we don't want to look at software. We have we have we've looked at it in other environments. I asked medical people, it's all about the number of voices that the software has to come up with. So, there isn't a good fix Software wise, we are still using software as best we can. But it's not the answer. So, we did look at the software and we didn't talk about it. We talked about it at length. So, the software piece itself is not going to fix the problem.

Councilman Epps

2:25:18

Do we have the software options?

President Mancuso

We do. We have it, we're using it.

Councilman Epps

No, I mean, all of the options that are out there for software to purchase. I know you mentioned that we've looked at other communities and talked to them about what is it they're doing. But have we had thorough presentations for people with software? I mean, we've got Flock cameras for Christ's sake, right now, so I imagine...

President Mancuso

2:25:34

...They were not happy with their software. So, I wouldn't ask to have a presentation. Because we spoke to, and we have to remember, out of all the

cities that we looked at, was we I think there's, there's one that even does verbatim minutes. So, they're not talking about software anymore. They don't need it. (Who's we?) When we investigated when we started this, looking at the thing about verbatim minutes and finding out, first there are very few people who are trained in it. So, you have to learn to do it. And you're learning to do it with an in perfect software, because that's all we have available. So, we went out to look because the law has also changed. The Sunshine Law say you no longer have to do verbatim minutes, which is a very time-consuming thing to do. Very...

Councilman Epps

2:26:27

Yeah, I recall Barb are talking about time constraint, her whole day...

President Mancuso

2:26:28

Absolutely. Absolutely. When we have the opportunity for a new person who is also using software. And, and struggling, not just because she can't do it, the software is not good. And the cities that were looked at the soft, they're not doing verbatim minutes.

Councilman Epps

2:26:46

What, I think I feel more comfortable. And I know Councilman Wojtila mentioned in that committee meeting that he will feel more comfortable as well, if we had if we were privy to some of those options to see what there is out there for us. Also with the idea, I think the conversation about losing the spirit of it all is a big part of this, as well. And I just think we need to further vet that. And I'd like to do that in committee, as a couple of my colleagues who were in that meeting suggested as well. Thank you.

Councilman Tolton

2:27:11

Well, just, Madam President, I guess just my question, again, was what are we going to get out of the committee? I know, there's some questions that we didn't answer, and you talked about the software. So, you know again, and I've read about there's a lot of software, most of the software that will pick up multiple voices, is still difficult. There's some things you have to do so. But if there's something that can, you know, I would like to see, and I know this probably won't work. If we have actual samples that we can see that says...

President Mancuso

2:27:42

We do not have official samples, because nobody that we spoke to is either doing verbatim minutes, or we're happy with the software they had been using. And when you no longer by the State have to do verbatim minutes, they got together and decided we will give you the information that you need. And as the law director said, this body will get together at work sessions and decide what needs to be on there. And you can look at least 14 different cities that are doing verbatim minutes now. And they get the information out, the

appropriate information out so the residents know what's going on in those meetings. So, the idea of having to sit for hours with an imperfect tool for verbatim minutes when the meeting is already recorded. It's just not it's not a good use of time.

Councilman Tolton

2:28:36

So, the amendment on the floor now is it for this to go back into committee?

President Mancuso

Yes.

Councilman Tolton

To have discussion and some other questions. Okay. Thank you.

President Mancuso

2:28:44

Any further discussion? Councilwoman Jukic.

Councilwoman Jukic

2:28:47

Thank you, Madam Chair. Although I don't ascribe any ulterior motives to the motivations to make this change. I'm also not opposed to slowing down and answering some of the concerns or questions by community members and some of my colleagues. Thank you.

President Mancuso

2:29:01

Thank you. Any other discussion? There's a motion on the floor. We have a second motion to close debate. So moved by Councilwoman Jukic. Second by Councilwoman McIntosh.

All in favor, "Aye."

Madam Clerk, please call the roll on the motion.

Clerk Laboda

2:29:23

Steele, Yes. Caviness, Yes. Tolton, Yes. Epps, Yes. Jarosz, No. McIntosh, No. Jukic, Yes. Mancuso, No. Motion passes to send it back to committee.

President Mancuso

2:29:56

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

Clerk Laboda

2:30:03

Ordinance 053-22. An ordinance amending sections 121.07, Order of Business and 121.18, Committee of the Whole and 121.20. committee mem, Council Members Comments of chapter 121, Council of the legislation code of the codified ordinances of the city of Euclid to combine the Committee of

the Whole for legislative matters, and the public comment for the good of the city.

President Mancuso

2:30:39

Thank you. I'll entertain a motion for passage. So to begin the discussion, so moved by Councilman Tolton. Second by Councilwoman Jukic.

All in favor, "Aye."

And I will go again to Law Director Sweeney to begin.

Law Director Sweeney

2:30:54

Thank you, Madam Chair. This, again, was a Council President's request that we collaborated and I drafted for her. The intent was to do one committee of the whole, both for legislative matters and matters concerning the good of the city, and have those consolidated and be at the front of the meeting. Happy to answer any questions you might have.

President Mancuso

2:31:16

Thank you, discussion? Councilman Epps.

Councilman Epps

2:31:21

Thank you, Madam Chair as Mayor Gail stated at the E and F meeting at the end, the Council President has been insistent on this, on my time on council for sure that the purpose of our city council meetings is for the business of Council, the opportunity at the end of that business for residents to come and address their elected officials. While we are all here convening together is a great opportunity for the folks to address whatever it is that they want to address at that time. But it was brought up a couple of times tonight and very pointedly it was not my initial assessment. And as that it also is the opportunity for folks to come back and readdress us after we have cast our votes, this idea that folks are now going to wait three weeks, in some cases a month, when we go into our summer sessions with meeting only once a month. I mean, it's ridiculous. And it takes away from the business of the city council meeting at the next city council meeting. We're now we're at the next city council meeting after legislation has been passed, contracts have been entered in as many pieces of legislation here or emergency pieces. And then now residents are going to come up and talk about that legislation and have us here for an hour before the meeting to talk about legislation we've already voted on, voted against their interests, or whatever the case may be. Is is ridiculous. And so, you know, this forces residents, as I say, as someone who spent nearly a decade in these chambers, as a resident before ever running for elective office, I too have been frustrated with having to sit here and wait until the end of the meeting as Councilman Tolton mentioned in the committee meeting as well, to voice your concerns or your remarks. But I agree with the resident law, so says I'd like to invite more people into the process not to come up and to just voice their complaint or their issue at the beginning of the meeting and leave. But for people to sit throughout the

meeting and be engaged. I guarantee you all of you came here tonight came here about one particular issue. But by the time you've left, you've learned some other things by sitting here throughout the meeting. That's how you turn people with small issues, and to concern citizens and residents who are more engaged not to make it easier for people to just come and drop their bombs and leave. I think that the people who are being penalized to open up an avenue for new people to be able to come into these chambers are the people who are committed who are vested who helped us sometimes with spelling of legislation that's misspelled a lot of facts and laws sometimes that we miss, our residents are active. And that really helps us and I think the idea that we are not going to chop their time in half, take away their ability to readdress us after we've cast votes, is ridiculous. And I we really, really need to this is not one of those pieces that I think we need to send to committee to further discuss. This is one of those pieces of legislation where I'd like to see us for a change, listen to the folks and cast our votes for no. And say, though this was at the Council President's request, though I understand why this worked out better for them. This is not what the people want. And this is not what's best for democracy. And I cannot support this. And I urge all of my colleagues to do the right thing here as well. Our residents have spoken. We can't never claim that we want to hear from the folks and hear from the residents and give these old tribe we keep giving them these tries. Councilman Steele and we're never ever we lose it forever. They're not going to give us the opportunity to come back later. We have to make sure we send these strong messages. And this is one of those times where we can't just as a council go along, because she's the Council President. It's the way she wants to run these particular meetings. So that's my two cents.

President Mancuso

2:34:52

Other discussion? Councilwoman Jukic.

Councilwoman Jukic

2:34:57

Thank you, Madam Chair. Again, I don't ascribe any ulterior motives to the motivations for this suggestion. And my vote in the committee meeting was influenced by comment by a colleague that sometimes having the open comments at the end does impede people from commenting. For example, the gentleman number 13, who came to speak, who wanted to say something, but he wasn't able to in the beginning, so he left and we won't hear what he had to say. So, I think there there is some validity to opening it up to both legislation and Committee of the Whole at the beginning. However, I also agree that there's value in people being able to comment at the end. So, what I would move is to send it back to committee for more conversation in light of what people were talking about today. To talk about that a little bit more. Period. Thank you.

President Mancuso

2:35:59

Thank you. Any other discussion? Was that a motion to send it back to committee? I'm sorry, I didn't hear that.

Councilwoman Jukic

2:36:08

Yes, it was a motion to send it back to committee for further discussion. Okay.

President Mancuso

2:36:11

So, we have motion on the floor. Do we have a second? Councilman Jarosz, second. Discussion on the motion? Councilman Jarosz.

Councilman Jarosz

2:36:22

Thank you, Madam Chair. When this was originally in committee, what was at the forefront of my mind, prior to voting to bring out a committee was some real life experience of speaking with residents who had issues and hey, you know, coming to council, okay, given the rules, and then you tell them, Okay, you're gonna have to sit around for you know, two, three, whatever how long it takes for the end. And their response was kind of family will forget it, you know, I gotta life, I got things to do. And that's also in lieu of, hey, give me a phone call, shoot me an email, there's a lot of ways to to get in touch with with myself or any member of council. And it was kind of that, hey, get it in the front, let people come voice themselves, maybe they'll encourage more participation and that was the initial kind of thought of getting it up in front of this for today, but there were some discussions and that I thought, kind of put me in pause personally. And I think one example that I go to was, is the Pasnow discussion, right, there was a resident who sat around. He made, he spoke at the end. And then immediately after that meeting, three people for the administration rushed out to talk to him. If this was done at the front, that wouldn't have happened, because he would have kept going on with the business of council. So, you know, I think we have, you know, nothing's going to be perfect, right? I could imagine we're a little bit, hey, this is the way it's always been done, let's not change. And I would wager that if we had always had both in front of one to put one in the end, there'll be a bunch of folks that say hey, don't change that either. I think that's just somewhat human nature. But I don't know if we're going to get it perfect. There's always going to be some issues someone has with it. But I really believe, especially at that end part, to have good of the city issues to have somebody expressed something about what's going on in their lives in their neighborhood on their street, like the woman who had the shooting, to have that immediately addressed after that meeting by the people, whether it be the ward council person, or I think there's value in that. And I think that's a good thing for us to kind of keep in my I understand the efficiency, you know, and look, if anybody wants to make it that people on council can talk less that gets my support, without a doubt. But, yeah, I think it's either goes a committee to either get refined or frankly, pulled until we could kind of do a little bit more work. And that's my two thoughts. Thank you.

President Mancuso

2:39:05

Any other discussion? Thank you. Seeing none, I will entertain. We have a motion on the floor. We have a second by Chris we had discussion. Entertain a motion to close debate. So moved by Councilman Jarosz. Second by Councilman Caviness.

All in favor, "Aye."

Madam Clerk please call the roll on sending this back to E and F.

Clerk Laboda

2:39:31

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

Motion passes to send it back to committee.

President Mancuso

2:39:53

Madam Clerk, please read the eighth agenda item into the record

Clerk Laboda

2:39:59

Ordinance 035a-22. Third reading. An emergency ordinance setting forth the amended list of holidays and amended vacation policy and setting the benefits and compensation to be paid city of Euclid personnel other than employees of collective bargaining unit and rescinding ordinance number 170-2010 and all amendments there too. And all other legislative enactments or administrative directives inconsistent here too, and enacting in lieu thereof, the within ordinance to be known and cited as 2022, Consolidated Compensation Ordinance.

President Mancuso

2:40:50

I'll entertain a motion for passage to begin discussion. So moved by Councilwoman Jukic. Second by Councilman Epps.

All in favor, "Aye."

And we will go, once again, to Law Director Sweeney.

Law Director Sweeney

2:41:00

Thank you, Madam Chair. We've discussed this piece a few times in committee. And here, I think we're at a good place with this piece now. One of the topics was to give the new national holiday Juneteenth off to the non-union employees. One of the items was a change in the vacation policy. Currently, employees can carry over up to two years of their accruals of vacation into the third year of employment. We had proposed to reduce that to carry over one week of vacation, Councilman Jukic recommended and made the motion. And it did pass. The amendment passed that now the employees can carry over two weeks of vacation into the following year. That vacation also has to be used by December 31 of 2024. But for those two weeks, and then lastly, was the wage ranges for the various positions. So, after the last committee meeting, not the most recent one, the one before that,

our HR director did go talk to the folks from the police department that did express some issues with, with the wage table. I believe she allayed all their fears and questions that they had. The Chief was present along with the captains and all of those employees. And I think everything is fine now. Directors are on board. Some folks did get adjusted. And this is where we're at. And I'm happy to answer any questions that you might have.

President Mancuso

2:42:32

Discussion? Seeing none, I'll entertain a motion to close debate. So moved by Councilman Jarosz. Second by Councilman Epps.
All in...

Councilwoman McIntosh

2:42:44

I'm sorry, sure, question. Thank you. Can you, for this piece of legislation, Law Director? Am I reading? I might be confused. But am I reading this? So Councilwoman Jukic made the amendment to carry over two weeks (Correct.) And in the third, whereas we're just reference are we just referencing the past policy where it says one week?

Law Director Sweeney

2:43:10

You know what, madam chair to the councilman? Thank you. I didn't amend the whereas that pertains to that. I amended the actual substantive piece, but we can change that to two weeks also. Thank you.

President Mancuso

2:43:22

Can I go on now? All right, so we have a we have a motion to close debate to close for a second. Because this is the third reading, I'm going asked you to call the roll on the merits of the ordinance.

Clerk Laboda

2:43:41

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

President Mancuso

2:43:56

Thank you. That, umm. Now let's go on to please read into the record the ninth agenda item.

Clerk Laboda

2:44:05

Resolution 057-22. A resolution recognizing June 3, 2022 as National Gun Violence Awareness Day, recognizing June as National Gun Violence Awareness Month, and encouraging individuals to wear orange the first

weekend in June to help raise awareness about gun violence and to honor the lives of gun violence victims and survivors.

President Mancuso

2:44:35

Thank you. I'll entertain a motion for passage. So moved by Councilman Tolton. Second by Councilman Caviness.

All in favor, "Aye."

Is there any further discussion on the resolution? Seeing none, I'll entertain a motion to close debate. So moved by Councilman Jarosz. Second by Councilwoman McIntosh.

Madam Clerk, please call the roll on the resolution.

Clerk Laboda

2:44:58

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

Resolution passes.

President Mancuso

2:45:13

Thank you. Please read the last agenda item into the record.

Clerk Laboda

2:45:17

Resolution 059-22. A resolution of congratulations to Little Giants located at 627 East 185 Street on celebrating their fifth-year anniversary.

President Mancuso

2:45:33

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

All in favor, "Aye."

Any further discussion? Seeing none, I'll entertain a motion to close debate. So moved by Councilwoman Jukic. Second by Councilwoman McIntosh.

Madam Clerk, please call the roll on the resolution.

Clerk Laboda

2:45:54

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

Resolution passes.

President Mancuso

2:46:08

Thank you. This concludes our legislative agenda. We will not go to our second committee, the whole or you can speak on anything for the good of the city. Please give us your name, address. And keep your comments within five minutes please. First speaker.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – PUBLIC PORTION**Resident - Belinda Fulton**

2:46:25

Thank you, Belinda Fulton 27113 Shoreview Avenue, Euclid Ohio. So, I'm not just a resident of the City of Euclid. I'm the president of Edcore. I'm on the steering committee that the CDC is doing for the expansion of the city of Euclid. I also volunteer at our animal shelter, I get paid \$0, for the hours that I spend dedicating my time and attention to the city of Euclid. You all get paid. So, when we come up, and we say how we feel, we don't want to feel like government's happening to us. Just the fact that every single item is an emergency. And you almost always do this, we're going to waive the second and third reading and make it ordinance. Our president wanted us to have less time here to talk. A couple of years ago that tried to happen. And remember a couple years ago when you gave that land for \$1 to the developer. And I said as a real estate agent, that's not going to be very good. Because they can't build something in the market value that Euclid gets. But you gave it to him anyway. Didn't even vet them. And they walked off the job leaving a mess that now another developer is going to develop and profit from. It's like you don't care about the people in Euclid, you care about the people you want to come to Euclid. I'm on the steering committee, I was able to find out there's a whole thing of bringing people from other countries here to Euclid and putting them up in housing between the Chamber of Commerce and Catholic Charities. They're given housing, the small businesses that are employing them are being given incentives they're getting rides to and from work. I didn't know we had a ride to work program in Union. But we do, apparently, those are going to be the future voters and you don't care about our vote if we don't agree with you. You've proven that because you keep doing government to us, no RITA, and then you decided, well wait, they didn't want RITA for this reason, so, we're gonna go into worm their minds and assume this is why they didn't want RITA, and since that's not the case anymore, let's do it anyway. So, when we warn you something might not be good, but you do it anyway. And it makes a big mess that you have to spend a lot of money to clean up. It says government is being done to us on a federal level, on a state level, and even on a local level. If our government valued the lives of the unborn, like you value the lives of foreign nationals, we would be in so much better shape. But everything is a power money grab. And if we don't make you money, we're not as important. So from somebody who gives my time for free for the betterment of this city. I don't expect disrespect, I don't expect dismissal. I don't expect the Queen of Euclid to rule. If we have no sovereignty, if we have no freedom of speech, if we have no say in government, we don't have a democracy. We're subjects. Belinda Fulton is not your subject. I serve, but I serve it my will, not yours. If you make people like me not want to live here, what a hole. What a hole that might leave. So, think about that before you decide how unimportant our words and our time are. Thank you.

President Mancuso

2:50:44

Thank you. Next speaker please.

Resident – Jonathan Holliday

2:50:47

Good evening, Jonathan Holliday, 34 East 212th Street, Euclid Ohio. It's great to see so many neighbors, friends and former colleagues. I just want to say that it's been a real personal honor of mine, to see so many great projects come to fruition that we worked so hard together onto plan over the years. I really want to commend all of you here for the great progress that you're making here in the city of Euclid, the Waterfront Project and message board on Euclid Avenue, the basketball courts, 260th and Euclid intersection. So many great things are coming along and more great projects in the pipeline. But I think we all agree that none of these projects nor any other others can move our city ahead if our residents are not safe. Euclid officials and Euclid organizations and Euclid residents are doing a tremendous job to address safety. But all too often State policies are making that job more difficult. Take for example, Senate Bill 215, which made it legal to carry a concealed handgun in Ohio without a license. In nearly any case, this bill was opposed by the Ohio Fraternal Order of Police and the Ohio Mayor's Alliance. And yet it was still passed and signed into law and it'll become effective on June 13 of this year. Ironically, during this month of national gun awareness, this bill will surely make our cities more dangerous. We must make sure that the people that go to Columbus every day to represent us view the safety of our communities as a top priority. I'm a husband and a father of four daughters. And I've been a resident of Euclid for quite a few years now. And I'm just want to make sure you all know that safety is a top priority of mine. And I want to thank you for all the work that you're doing on this important topic. I want you to know that I hope to work with you more to address it in the future. Again, my name is Jonathan Holliday. Great to see you all. Thanks for giving me a few minutes and have a great evening.

President Mancuso

2:52:55

Thank you, sir. Next speaker please.

Resident – Daniel Burns

2:53:00

Hello, again, Daniel Burns, 869 East 260th Street. Data is really convincing. Tolton and I have had discussion. Wojtila and I have had this discussion that things like the RITA decision would have been very different had the city canvassed more gotten another vote and be in the no votes. But they didn't do that. In any case, the, the public comments that are now going to town hall are sorry, they are not going to committee. If you choose to lower time, continue to combine them, remove one, do so with data do so being able to say hey, I've looked at the last six months of council meetings here how long people talk on average, Hey, I've looked at how long council people talk on average. I've and here's how I know for a fact that we can get more people and then we're going to do six months of analysis and see how many more people come in. With that kind of information. You can actually convince people that you're doing right, the issue, I don't think at least, I guess we'll find out. The issue isn't that people are debating whether or not it's a good

idea. I, you know, it's probably a bad idea. But I think more it's that people just don't trust you. And that if you gave people the proof that you're actually doing something that is actually good, then maybe they would go for it. As far as increasing public engagement. I still hold that shortening their time isn't a way to do that. We have email we have phones we have tick tock. We have Google Forms. And Google Voice, and they can text you and email you and write you letters. It's, in any case, if you are going to cut people's time, you should probably provide an equivalent way for people to access you. OSU Institute for democratic engagement and accountability is working on what's called a deliberative Townhall. It's a it's basically a townhall where everyone is provided with the same information so that we all come in with similar premises, although we might all have different conclusions. And that's what we can talk about, we can talk about solutions instead of platitudes. Similarly, for the Rec Center, I know we want to look at data. I know the city's website, ask people how they want to spend ARPA funds. Are people saying rec center? If so, then go for it. If not, then maybe ARPA funds could be more democratically used elsewhere. I also want to comment on Director Stevens is hilarious statement. It was it was okay. Is this funny. Our students deserve the absolute best, but Carvana is too big. So, I mean, you know, that's fine. If bigger doesn't equal better. Then I look forward to the incredibly space efficient design of the Rec Center. I am looking forward to the enforcement of conditions on this new developer. I heard there were a lot of rules for how they're going to develop. But I remember a council meeting that I believe I was talking to Mancuso about once where city council had required the developer not to damage the person's backyard. They did it anyways, because the city wasn't watching them. So why would they care what the city required of them? So I, so I'm hoping that you know, we can put conditions on them all day, but conditions without enforcement doesn't particularly matter. Regarding competitiveness. There's been over 100 Land Bank plots for the entire time that I've lived here, which isn't that long. But in my eyes, Euclid has already lost the competition. \$1 is not helping lower developers, as evidenced by the lack of development, other towns are seeing development even during COVID. Even with high construction prices. \$1 doesn't matter. To be competitive, we need to consider more permissive zoning and make it easier for people to expand their existing properties. Even in new builds. We have the Planning and Development Committee. We have city council, we have the Architecture Review Board, they're available to prevent ridiculous structure. Instead of requiring size and heights and setbacks. We can revolutionize zoning again, like we did when we were a village. I also want to point out with my last few seconds that me and Brian Moore are hosting a Juneteenth event. at Lakeshore Christian Church, the actual time is to be determined, but reach out to your council person. They all have my email. Also, Tamika Hill is also doing a event. So, thanks.

President Mancuso

2:58:05

Thank you, sir. Next speaker please.

Resident – Jeffrey Beck

2:58:13

Jeffrey Beck, 25540 Chatsworth. In the beginning when those women were talking about the gun buyback program, I think on June 11. Unless I missed that, I don't think they said where it was going to be held at. So, if, if any of them are listening, maybe they can get that information out there because I don't think it was mentioned. I think the date was mentioned but I don't think the hours are where it was going to be held that was ever mentioned. Thank you for not passing item six and seven. My memory got jogged when Councilman Epps was speaking about editing videotapes. He said he knows the four instances. I don't, but I know of one. Boy, do I know of one it was not only scrubbed off the tape, it was scrubbed off the minutes too. And it was a big one will happen a long time ago. But I look for it. I also remember a meeting that we had on on the shared tax with the schools the meeting that you all wanted to go into Executive Session, and that was voted down. So the meeting tone changed that video and those minutes were not put on the city's website for months. I think I had to complain about it several times before finally was even though every meeting after that was put up that one wasn't and then they said it was a mistake. That's a big mistake to make. Also, one thing that I didn't bring up before, that I think if you're gonna put this back in committee, this council is known to hold work sessions, either the Mayor's office or in a Law Director's office, or the law conference room, I'm sorry. There's no minutes kept there, at least there wasn't the last time I went. And there was some pretty big revelations made there that never made it onto anything. And the only reason that we know about it is because we audio taped it. And we know what was said. But there's no record of it. So, the best thing to do in my opinion, is just to kill both of these and leave 'em alone. Or kill item seven, item six, look at the software. And you can't make a statement that it doesn't work until you actually sit down and get a presentation from companies that do this and make an intelligent decision based upon their presentation. You just can't say that, well, they just don't work. They don't pick up more than one person or whatever. Technology is approved greatly. You need to sit down and take a look at that seriously. Before you move forward with that and Item seven and can just, you should just kill in committee. Thank you.

President Mancuso

Thank you, sir. Next speaker.

Resident – Alissa Zurley

3:01:07

Alissa Zurly, 25120 Lakeshore Boulevard. This seems a little bit trivial. But this is actually the reason I came to the meeting. I've noticed some recent buzz about rollerblading on the lakefront nature trail, and that some perceived safety concerns may have been brought forward to the city. I just wanted to speak on behalf of the vast majority of kilometres as an avid rollerblader. That I think that roller skaters and cyclists can share the lakefront trail with pedestrians safely. I actually rollerbladed to the council meeting today on the lakefront trail, and it was amazing. And I think it's just like this great asset

and very unique part of our city. So, I hope you continue to allow roller skaters and cyclists to share the trail. Thank you.

President Mancuso

3:02:04

Thank you. Next speaker please.

Resident – Lou Melnor

3:02:11

My name is Lou Melnor. I live at 19711 Edgecliff Drive in Euclid. My background is in higher education. And as many of you may know, all of higher education runs completely on committees constantly. All faculty are on all these committees, the administrators are on these committees. And there's just constant minutes being taken. I think the best minutes are those that are verbatim if it's at all possible to pull it off. At the college where I worked. No one did verbatim minutes because, because, because they couldn't pull it off. But there was a big difference between summary minutes between who was taking it and what the committee was. There would be some committees, minutes if you read them, you had no idea of what the discussion was. For example, it would be as simple as that Councilman Epps suggested that item number six, go back to the committee. That doesn't give the whole spirit of what the discussion was that he had as to why he wanted it sent back. So, if you do go to summary minutes, you need to have the opportunity for the council members to always review those in a timely manner. Not like a month or two later. But to say what needs to be expanded, and maybe to alleviate some people's fears. Maybe even what you could do is for two or three meetings to do verbatim, but also to do summary minutes so people would see how does our clerk work on doing summary minutes, and what would they look like? So thank you.

President Mancuso

3:03:59

Thank you, sir. Next speaker please.

Resident – Victor Goodman

3:04:13

Victor Goodman 2021 Glen Russ Lane. Today I watched democracy drop, person after person after person after person after person came up here and told you to kill item seven and to a person, you all voted to send it back to committee. So, I guess you really aren't listening. Because when a good body of people come up and tell you no, you go, maybe. I found your vote, absolutely fascinating. You're gonna go back to committee, and the only thing you can do is either kill it or talk it to death. But there is nothing you didn't in the E and F committee meeting that you didn't already know. And yet you chose the cop out. So, someone will one day explain that to me, thank you, Council, woman cabinets. I never even thought of Carvana one an idea. And also, you know, in respect to, to the Director, it may be too big, but boy, it'll give you an opportunity to expand in the future if you ever need it. You know, you can do marvelous things when you have too much space. You can do limited things when you have only so much space. But I want to get back

into my statement about a pool and how important it is, it will be vitally important to what you want to do because the schools have lied to us. They have never lived up to their commitment. I wish we could get that vote back. But I did, when I was at Collinwood today, I did get their little, you know what, what times and and, you know, from 12 noon, until four o'clock, I'm sorry, I'll go back from 12 Noon to three o'clock it's adult swimming. You know, we keep on talking about with all due respect the youth, the youth, youth, youth. I, in order to stay alive, must have a rec center. I have to get up and say I got to believe me. I don't want to work out for one second. But I spent a good hour and a half at a rec center doing things. And so many of the people I see there are older. So, what are what are older people doing in the pool? Well, I remember pre pandemic, I used to bring my noodles. And I used to ride a bike in the water. There are people that walk, there are people that swim. And they're older, they're getting their exercise because it's non resistant. Okay. So, there is adult, then they go into an open swim period. And then they go into a youth period. And of course, the youth can swim and open swim. So, and then they have aerobic classes and everything else. But what I'm saying is, in respect to one council person that asked about rescue funds again. If I win the lottery, I'm going to do something really special. Not something like, Oh, let me put in new carpeting. I'm going to do something every once in a lifetime, just as my wife has won an opportunity to do something once in a lifetime. You want to bring people to the city of Euclid? You want to say this is a community? Then look around you to the communities around us, rec centers bring residents because now they have someplace to go and do something. The Rec Center is the most important use of rescue money I can think of. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity that we were granted. Gee, I haven't spoken five minutes a long time. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity, if we blow it, it won't be in our lifetime.

President Mancuso

3:09:16

Thank you, sir. Next speaker please. Is there another speaker? Seeing none, we will now go on to **Councilman's Comments**. And tonight we begin with... we lost Councilman Tolton. Councilman Epps we'll let you go first and then we'll go back to Councilman Tolton.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Epps

3:09:46

I have no comments tonight.

President Mancuso

3:09:47

Thank you. Councilman Jarosz.

Councilman Jarosz

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Thank you, Madam Chair just a few. First, I want to thank the, the parks folks, baseball season kicked off, very raining all over the place, our fields

that we've played on have always been cut always been taken care of, always striped. And in a lot, in several instances we've had, quote unquote, more affluent communities calling us on Tuesday for a game Thursday, Friday already canceling, we'll just say come to play at our place, because it's always taken care of. So, thank you for that. I think that's a, that's a good look. Speaking of looks, I think there's an and maybe this could start with the Euclid Avenue product, as well as the East 185th Street product. But when you're going from Cleveland into Euclid, weather it be Euclid Avenue or East 185th Street, you don't notice the difference. We look to same. Now, if you go from Cleveland to Shaker Heights, you know, you notice right away when you change neighborhoods, I think the more we could delineate ourselves and to really be essentially raise the bar. I mean, I think it would be great if the Euclid half of 185th looks so much better than the, I mean, I don't think that, but I mean, it would be great if it all look great, right? But the more we could do about, hey, we're gonna hold standards, we're gonna, you know, maybe we did a commercial sweep of state of standards, and maybe starting in the Euclid Avenue area. With this, and just say, hey, look, we're raising the bar, you know, fix that broken window, you know, unboard that shutter, you know, unboard, you know, that window, fix it, fix those shingles, and just let the let those businesses know, you know, cuz you always say, well, if you do this to this person, you can't do it to this person, but let him know, hey, commercial, we're starting here, and we're coming through, and then we're moving here. And we're gonna start with commercial. I don't know if we can do that from a legal perspective. But I think we definitely have to raise standards, because we can't be complacent, especially when we're talking about the violence we're seeing in this city, where we seem to be getting used to it, versus being horrified by it. Oh, another shooting took place? Oh, it's tough, you know, and we, I'm not saying anybody's complacent. And I'm not putting us on any group. But I think one good example of things we can do is, we talk a lot about engaging our residents See Something, Say Something community, block, watches, et cetera, et cetera. But do we have that infrastructure set up internally, for those people to have context, to give them resources, to kind of keep it going, you know. Assistant to the Mayor, Grida, Grida and I, from my first two years on council, she probably remembers very well, took pick three streets in the ward, tried to get a community group together, you know, worked on that for a couple of months, moved to another three streets. And by that time, that whole two years was done not one group was in existence, because maybe, you know, there, maybe there was some apathy. Maybe people don't want that want the responsibility. You know, but is there better vehicles, better avenues, better processes, procedures, etc, To get people more engaged? Where they feel where our answer is, we'll just call the non emergency number. You know, is there a little more structure, we could have to give people hey, I know if I call, so and so's picking up the phone. And so and so, you know, we'll respond, instead of calling you my council person, because I call this number and no one answered, and no one got back to me, you know, maybe a little more structure on that resident involvement, because I know, a colleague of mine is going to talk about safety as well. But it is interesting how many times when something bad happens in a spot, and specifically my Ward, I could speak to, where all the neighbors will say, and this house has been a problem for a long time. And

then sometimes we track their record logs, and nobody's ever called, or you guys have known about this house, but nobody does anything. And then we look and maybe it wasn't on the radar, or maybe there wasn't any calls it so I think if we could figure out a way to engage the residents more, because if we just can't put on the police, hey, there's a shooting police go stop it. They mean, you could you could hire 100 more police officers and bad guys are gonna do bad things. That's unfortunately, just the way it is. But if we can nip some of these in the bud, where, hey, this is a problem house. And how do we bring in housing, you know, if it is the great example of an LLC, reach out to the landlord, let them know, Hey, we're having issues, those sorts of things. And maybe we could stop it before a shooting happens or we could stop it before something really bad goes, you know, goes down, might be something worth looking into. And to think about from that structural process of supporting residents who want to help their own neighborhoods. Again, more of a thought and stuff that we could explore. Thank you. Good evening,

President Mancuso

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Councilman Tolton, we missed you. So, you can go next.

Councilman Tolton

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Aww, you missed me? Madam Chair. just real quick question to the Mayor. The Medical Mart, the big Medical Mart, I know that we had new owners that purchased that some months ago or something like that. Is there any progress update of what they're doing with that building or...

Mayor Gail

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You're talking about the Euclid Medical building?(Right that'd be it. I said Medical Mart.) There were new owners, we had a chance to meet with them. They were considering some PACE financing, which is a way to use, to do some energy efficiency upgrades. And they're working through that. I don't know that there have been building permits yet. I think they're still early in the phase of looking putting that plan together. We are part of PACE through First Suburbs Consortium. But I know their goal was to, you know, do some improvements to the building, fill some of the empty space and get it back to productive use.

Councilman Tolton

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Okay, and the last thing I have tonight is tomorrow, Tuesday, May 17, from 10am to 1pm, is Cuyahoga County application day, so the County is hiring for various positions. But you have to make an appointment, by appointment only. So, you have to reserve a time slot, and you can contact Kristen Ellis ELLIS at 216-777-8236 as Kristen Ellis 216-777-8236. And that concludes my comments. Thank you.

President Mancuso

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Thank you, sir. Councilwoman McIntosh.

Councilwoman McIntosh

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Thank you, Madam Chair. Thanks to everybody for joining this evening. I want to just again reiterate that the Help Foundation greenhouse ribbon cutting is this Thursday beginning at 4pm. They are ribbon cutting on the greenhouse that was built on Shore Center Drive. So, all are welcome to join us at that celebration. I also want to thank Keep Euclid Beautiful, the Service Department, all city staff who were involved, all the volunteers who were involved in coordinating the Euclid Cemetery cleanup, and everybody who's pulling a lot of leaves out of the bushes along the fence and cleaning up headstones and picking up flags and doing all of the work to spruce up work that's needed to prepare the city asset for the season and Memorial Day weekend and the services there. So, thanks to everybody involved. It's always an honor and a privilege to participate in those events. I also wanted to announce that sunshine yoga is returning to Sims Beach, Sims Park beach beginning on June 18 at 8am. We will continue the third Saturday of every month, throughout the summer. So, June, July and August, weather permitting, and I will lead those classes and everybody's welcome. They are all levels classes so we can accommodate anybody's mobility, or flexibility needs. And I also wanted to comment on because I know the gentleman who came up to speak at the first legislative committee of the whole probably looked pretty suspect like he came up here and then was turned away. But he has been in touch, I just wanted to explain a little bit more, he has been in touch with me. He has an idea about deer control deer population control. And I talked to him the other day and suggested you know, if you want to come to public meeting to have a comment, here are the rules to the meeting. You have legislative committee in at the start and then public comments for the good of the city at the end. And he may have been confused about that. So, I didn't notify Council President, Mayor and public safety committee chair just this evening, via email letting you know that that's what his idea is in case he contacts you. And I'm sure he'll be in touch with me probably tomorrow, too. So just wanted to explain that. And then let's see. Finally, I also wanted to provide an update on some of our sustainability goals. You know, in 2020, we committed to reducing our carbon emissions 30% by 2030. We were 17% of the way there if I'm not mistaken. And at the Board of Control meeting earlier this month, I believe it was May 4. The committee authorized the Board of Control committee authorized contract with Nex Gen. They are a power clean future Ohio partner and they will be helping us with some sustainability planning. And through that there'll be determining some specific actions needed to achieve those sustainability goals in the near term, midterm and long term. Identify opportunities for the city, the business community and residents to take advantage of reaching these goals, how they can participate and help and provide recommendations for the city to achieve and surpass that 30% goal, and really be recognized more as, not just the lakefront city, but the sustainable lakefront city, which I think in today's climate, we can all support. And so look forward to getting more news out of

that commitment and that contract. And then eventually, once they have some findings that we can present to the rest of the committee, we'll invite them to a sustainability committee meeting. So, I will keep you all posted. And with that, I will say goodnight.

President Mancuso

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Thank you, Councilman Jukic.

Councilwoman Jukic

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Thank you. Thank you, Madam Chair, I have three items. One is that I can't believe it's almost summer already. And the majority of the calls and emails I get are related to people not being nice neighbors to each other in the summer, related to music and curfew and nuisance and things like that. So I'm very keen to start a conversation about how to be a good neighbor in the summer for all of us to remember that it's, it's fine to have people over and have parties. But you also have to think of the elderly people who want to go to bed or something before midnight. So, I want to bring that up. Secondly, I mentioned two or three meetings ago that I'm very interested in learning more about what is the situation in our city, county, region, state and country related to the increase in violence, gun violence in particular, and try to get a better handle on what's going on, so that I can be more informed, to make decisions about how to try to fix it. So, I'm interested in pulling together either, you know, monthly, some kind of having people speak or a symposium of some kind. I just wanted to follow up on that. And the third item, because I'm very keen also on building a rec center and a police station. Fire also, Chief, I mean, we want your fire station too, but I'm wondering where we are on next steps for the police station. Thank you.

President Mancuso

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Thank you, Mayor Gail.

Mayor Gail

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Thank you, Madam Chair. I actually just got an email today from Scott Maloney from K to M design, who provided some next step to sort of potential contracts. What we had talked about after our last discussion was potentially having a work session with council and our Finance Director, potentially our Bond council, to look at what is our what's our ability long term to pay for such facility and then, you know, go from there. So, looking at Council has the full plan, which, as you remember, talks about a new police station behind the current police station, fire station, a new fire station at Babbitt or the Y site, and then another fire station at 260th, north of the marginal and then improvements to station number two, that's the full plan. We I would suggest have to do it in phases. So, if the priority is the PlayStation that we could protect, get started on that. But I think a good place to start would be a work session to look at what is our financial capability?

Do we have the ability to pay, you know, using long term bonds? Or would we have to look at another way to how would we fund that? Thank you.

President Mancuso

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Councilwoman Steele.

Councilwoman Steele

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Good evening, everyone. Thank you for coming out tonight. I will like to say that it's summertime is here. Slow down. When you're driving, we have kids playing outside. We have deer crossing. We have geese crossing, slow down, I see drivers speeding through residential areas its a huge problem. So please, please, please slow down before someone gets hurt or you hurt someone. And that's all I have to say for this evening. Thank you.

President Mancuso

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Thank you. Councilwoman Caviness.

Councilwoman Caviness

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Thank you, Madam Chair. I'd like to thank everyone for coming out, I see that a lot of people have left but at least they were here to speak their minds. And please believe me that we have heard you, even though the sixth and seventh have gone to committee. It does not, you know, that's where all the work is done. And maybe there's some other things that we can point out that was not mentioned at the last E & F meeting. So, I just wanted to clarify that. Also, at Councilwoman Jukic's, if I can say it like that, Assets meeting, I'd like to thank you for bringing up the idea of an existing structure for our rec center, because then after you mentioned that, and then Carvana mentioned that transition, that's where the idea kind of sprang from and, you know, it's very valuable. I have to say, again, committee meetings are essential to the operation of our city. And when we come here at our council meeting, we've discussed a lot of that already. So, a lot of times we don't have a lot of comments to make, because we've made decisions and some in committees. So I appreciate that. And I just wanted to mention, Councilwoman Steele when you mentioned the geese crossing. This is funny, but not yet. Not really. We were on Lake Shore, my daughter and I, and a car was speeding by, you know, the two lanes. A goose was walking across. And actually, it had to duck from a car that almost hit it. Duck, duck, goose. And that's what I thought about when I saw it. But it was, it was sad, though, that the car did not stop for it. But it really it moved away quickly enough to get out of the way. So, you're right, we have to be mindful of that. And that's all for me, for me tonight. Madam Chair. Thank you.

President Mancuso

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Thank you. I'd like to pass on a message from the President of the Historical Society. He wants to let everybody know that on Memorial Day, the

Historical Society is going to be open from two o'clock to four o'clock, and they're going to have a lot of their military memorabilia out there. So, they're asking people to, after you've gone to the parade, and you've finished that, if you would like they are going to be open from 2 to 4pm. And we'd love to see people there. I don't know if I feel honored or beleaguered, our six and seven were done at the behest of our own council members. Whether it passes or fails, is totally up to this council. I'm happy to take it back to committee and see what else we can find out. But I don't think I have the power, ever had the power to say this is the way we're going to do it period. So thank you if you gave it to me or didn't like it, but this is a council journey. And we will go back and do it again. And it will probably come back again. So, with that there's nothing else before this council. I would ask for a motion to adjourn. So moved by Councilman Jukic. Seconded by Councilwoman Steele.
All in favor, "Aye."
We are adjourned.

ADJOURNMENT


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