

**EUCLID CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**MINUTES FROM JUNE 6, 2022**

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

**President Mancuso**

0:03

Good evening and welcome to the Euclid City Council meeting on this Monday, June 6, 2022. 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, please call the roll.

**Clerk Laboda**

0:36

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

**President Mancuso**

0:57

Can I go now? All right. **Communications**, do we have any **Communications**?

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**Clerk Laboda**

1:06

We do, we have one liquor permit application, Triple Deuce Tavern, LLC. DBA, Triple Deuce Tavern, 783 East 222<sup>nd</sup>, Euclid, 44123.

**President Mancuso**

1:20

Thank you. And we will go to our Law Director Sweeney.

**Law Director Sweeney**

1:22

Thank you, Madam Chair. Everybody received, on June 2, some information from Lieutenant Novitsky about the applicant. Mr. Peterson. He did have some issues in his past, he would like to explain them to council. He has been operating this bar for two years, it has taken some time for Columbus to get their paperwork in order due to COVID and get it up to us. So, this bar has been functioning for a couple years now. without incident. It's not a nuisance

at this point. It is my understanding Councilwoman Steele would like to meet with Mr. Peterson before making any recommendation for or against this matter. I just introduced her to his attorney, Mr. Gonakis and they're going to work on making arrangements for a meeting before our next council meeting on June 21. So, we hope to have a vote on that day.

President Mancuso

2:11

Okay, thank you. Any comments by our Councilwoman Steele?

Councilwoman Steele

2:16

Yes, I would like to make a motion that we table this, as Director Sweeney said, I have not met with him. I think it would be, it's very important that we know one another so I can understand why he applied for the liquor license. I know he needs it, but why it took so long. So, I need to meet with them. And I would like to present a motion to table this.

President Mancuso

2:44

Second, I heard a second come from Councilman Epps. Any discussion on it? Madam Clerk call the roll on tabling this to the next council meeting on June 21.

Clerk Laboda

3:00

Jarosz, Yes. Macintosh, Yes. Wojtila, Yes. Jukic, Yes. Steele, Yes. Tolton, Yes. Epps, Yes. Mancuso, Yes.  
Tabled until the next meeting.

President Mancuso

3:19

Thank you. Do we have any **Council Minutes**?

## COUNCIL MINUTES

Clerk Laboda

3:22

We do from March 27 of 2022.

President Mancuso

3:25

Thank you and I will move to approve. I need a second. So moved by Councilwoman McIntosh.

All in favor, "Aye."

Thank you. We will now go to **Administration Reports and Communications** and Mayor Gail.

## ADMINISTRATION REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Gail

3:37

Thank you. Good evening, Madam Chair, members of council. I would like to begin by saying thank you to the joint Veterans Council and particularly Chairman Andy Kiral. And this year, the Korean war vets who led all of the ceremonies for the Memorial Day Parade and graveside services. As always, they do a terrific job. The events are very meaningful, really appreciate all of the people who participated in the parade. Those who came to watch and cheer on our veterans, it really is one of the greatest honors as mayor to be a part of, in some small way those services. So, I really appreciate that. Also, just want to acknowledge today is the 78th anniversary of D Day. And those may know that's what led to the Allied liberation of Western Europe from Nazi control. And when you look at the photos, and you read about that particular day, and what it led to, and the amount of lives lost, it just really gives perspective to the men and women who have taken on that call for service and joined our military. So just want to acknowledge them today. And we do still have World War Two veterans among our joint veterans, council member agencies, Euclid Vets and some of the other groups so it's really very humbling to meet them to hear some of their stories and just think about what they what the service that they gave to our country. So just wanted to acknowledge that today. I also want to thank Sherrie Zagorc and all the 200 St. Stroll volunteers once again. Good to be back to having some of our traditions. This was, I think, the 10th or 11th year of the 200 Street Stroll. Really a great opportunity to get out and talk with some of the businesses meet some of the community organizations. And as always talk with the residents who get up, get out and stroll during the day. Also, thanks that evening, we same evening, Saturday night we had a block party at the Bluestone basketball courts. And I want to thank the blue, Bluestone Court Coalition, particularly to Nika, Roger, Mack, Al, Candy, Sharita, Sarita, and everyone else who, Latoya, who helped make that event happen. It really, DeVito Russell, who is a Councilwoman in Cleveland Heights has become part of the coalition they want to learn from what we're doing and brought a voter registration bus. So, it was really a lot of fun. We had music and food and just kind of good, nice community atmosphere. So, I want to and that's that coalition got some new volunteers, got some new energy, they really want to begin a mentoring program and just some more community activity and programming around the Bluestone basketball courts. And if you have not been there, please take some time to just go up and talk to the kids or talk to the families that are around. They're beautiful courts and they are being very well used. So, another great event and I really appreciate the community effort that it took to get that make that happen. Was pleased to welcome two new firefighters last week they began May 31. Welcome to Jacob Sieg and Andrew McBride. Pleased to have them join Are you good fire department. Also just want to announce some upcoming events. We mentioned this at the last council meeting but as a reminder, the Church of the Epiphany will be holding a Guns to Gardens gun buyback program this Saturday, June 11, from 11 to 1 and then there is a non-violence vigil to bring people together to just think about, pray about, talk about non-violence and gun reduction that

will begin at 2:30 Church of the Epiphany is located at East 211th and Lakeshore Boulevard. This Sunday is the Euclid Orchestra's last concert of this season. It is their summer pops program. It's Sunday, June 12, begins at three o'clock at Shore Cultural Center. The summer pops this year includes music from American great film scores. That starts at three o'clock tickets are \$8 in advance or \$10 at the door. The following Saturday also at Shore is the first annual Steam Festival. Steam is a celebration of science, technology, engineering, arts and math. So, lots of hands on experiences and activities for kids and family. All free at the Shore Cultural Center from 11 to 4, again June 18. The Chamber of Commerce will be holding a job fair June 16, from one to three at Moore Counseling. This includes many Euclid companies who are actively looking for employees, so if you are seeking a job, know anyone seeking a job, please encourage them to join the local Chamber of Commerce. June 16, from one to three, at work Moore Counseling which is at 22639 Euclid Avenue. A little bit of advance notice, but registration is underway. Euclid Hospital, in conjunction with Med Works will be having a medical and cancer screening clinic Saturday, June 25, from nine to three at Euclid hospital. You can schedule now with through Med Works by calling 216-231-5350 or logging on to medworksusa.org. All of that information is also on our city website. So please if you do not get our emails or do not get some of the newsletters that go out. Please check the Euclid, City of Euclid website from time to time or please sign up to receive our newsletters. And lastly, I would just like to congratulate the graduates of high school and college, but particularly Euclid High School and our local high schools. We hope to be able to recognize the valedictorian and Solitarian at the next meeting if they're available, but wanted to wish all of the graduates congratulations and best wishes as they go forward in either employment, academic or military service. And I believe there are some announcements, Chief Haddock.

#### Fire Chief Haddock

10:06

Thank you, Mayor, Madam Chair, members of Council and those watching. Just a reminder again that our crews are out flushing hydrants. So please be mindful of them when you're passing with your cars. And if you do happen experience any discolored water, run your cold water until it clears. Thank you.

#### Mayor Gail

10:22

Thank you. Chief Meyer

#### Police Chief Meyer

10:25

Thank you, Mayor, Members of Council and members of the audience. Oops, hold on. Now it's off. I'm trying to get used to our new body cameras, and I didn't realize that I just activated it. But I also wanted to acknowledge D Day, additionally. As the grandson of two World War Two veterans, I want to share my appreciation my admiration for the 1000's of US and allied soldiers who fought and died on the beaches of Normandy, France during the pivotal

World War Two military operation, which commenced on June 6, 1944. Additionally, too, I just wanted to let everybody know, to check out our website and our social media for the police department. We have a lot of upcoming summer events, and they'll all be listed there. And we're on most social media, and our website is pretty informative, also.

**Mayor Gail**

11:20

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

**President Mancuso**

11:26

Thank you. I think we're all in summer mode. We forgot to excuse Councilman Caviness. So, can I have a motion to excuse Councilman Caviness? So moved by Councilman Steele, second by Councilwoman Jukic. All in favor, "Aye."

I know she's watching. We're so sorry. Okay, moving on. We're now at **Committee Documentation.**

## **COMMITTEE DOCUMENTATION**

And I find myself needing to remind two of our council people, both our gentlemen who had council meeting or had committee meetings before tonight, that the summaries are due within 48 hours afterwards, primarily because life goes on and we all get on with whatever else we're doing, and you'll forget. So, I fully expect to see both of those in the Council Clerk's office fairly soon. And you can respond to them at the next council meeting. But let's try to keep it as close to the day of the committee as possible. I will also make a motion to approve the Border Control, dated May 16. And May 23, 2022. Is there a second? Thank you, Councilman Tolton.

All in favor, "Aye."

Thank you. We will now go on to the **Committee of the Whole** for **Legislative Matters** only. If you wish to speak, please come to the podium give us your name, address, limit your comments to five minutes.

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

**Resident – Audrey Kaplan Goodman**

12:59

Good evening, everybody. My name is Audrey Kaplan Goodman 20201 Glen Russ Lane. Regarding item number six. I'd like to know what was the process used to determine that this business would receive \$100,000 of American Rescue funds. Was there an application process, a review panel that discussed this? What exactly does this business do? How long has it been operational in Euclid. It appears that the partner in the business, Mr. Burson is an established developer with millions of dollars in earned revenue. Why does he qualify? What was the impact of COVID on ECCOZH20, LLC? How is the business related to Iron Hawk industrial distribution? The name on the Mailbox at 1261 Babbitt Road is Iron Hawk, not ECCOZH20. Where

exactly is ECCOZH20 located? What fund is the money coming out of? I know that Director Smith is out on medical leave, but he should have a representative here from the finance department. How much of the American Rescue Funds have been spent already? Is there somewhere that the public can review the fund or funds and see the disbursements? Council, before you give a yay or nay on this item, please review and discuss this completely. This is a lot of money to get one business, ask the tough questions and perhaps send this to the E & F Committee for further discussion. Thank you.

President Mancuso

14:33

Thank you. Next speaker please.

Resident – Victor Goodman

14:44

Victor Goodman, 20201 Glen Russ Lane. First, I like to question five, and I do have questions please. I hope it will be written down and answered during the discussion because that's what they're supposed to be. On number five, I want to talk about Collision Bends. Or I can read my own right. Oh, yeah. They, they stated in the in the documentation that they intend, and the key word is intend, to invest \$3 million in the property and renovations. Intend doesn't mean they will spend. So, I want to know what guarantees the city has before they are shelled out \$150,000. Okay, where's that money coming from? And it says it's going to have 20 jobs. What kinds of jobs? What's the rate of pay? How long is it going to be before we get back our \$150,000? If it's our money, I do understand it's a grant, but is that, do we pay for something? Because one thing I've learned on Shark Tank, they always want to know, when can we get back our return on investment? So those are questions I have about that, because I gathered from what I read, it's, it's, it's going to be a brewery, I may be wrong. The second is, is item number six. First of all, I want to publicly make it that I resent that these money is coming out of ARP at all. We are nickel and diming. ARP until finally, we won't have enough money to pay for an outhouse by the pool. We keep on going to that now the city took \$10 million of our money and put into the general fund. If in fact, you do want to fund this business. I want to know why you're not taking it out of the \$10 million you already got? You can't keep whittling down the ARP money, and you as stewards of the finances, I am asking you, pleading with you, do not nickel and dime this so that at the end of the day, when we really have something we want to use the money for the benefit the people, somebody's going to say, oops, well, there isn't enough money. Now, Iron Hawk, according to their own website, which I looked up or their, they annually do \$2.5 million in sales. Company does \$2.5 million in sales, why are we in the business of giving them money period? And is this our new practice? I mean, how can you say no to the next business when you already put on the book a precedence that you are giving money to business? You know, it just, went when I look at a company that has \$2.5 million in annual sales, I really question what do they need 100,000. So, I want to know why we're taking these kinds of chunks of money and spending at Free Will. I hope you will ask the right questions and answer mine. Thank you.

President Mancuso

18:25

Thank you. Next speaker please.

Resident – Christopher Michael Litwinowicz

18:38

Christopher, Christopher Michael Litwinowicz, doing business in the City of Euclid, State of Ohio, as Wild Distribution, LLC. Number four this allows for companies like myself, that's interested in their community to put a bid process. Now I'm all for it. But the question is, these parcels were filled in with concrete, so we want to take the concrete out? There's just a lot of questions that when, by you guys authorizing this, companies'll be able to bid and give you an explanation. Again, I'm all for change but at the same time, what constitutes a health safety risk? Was there an inspection that a lot of the residents in Ward one, Glenbrook? Willow, so that's war three. But Willow, oh, it's, it's Ward six, Okay. We close in the resources of our city. These residents have paid a lot to see it shrink. With our, this not to be off topic, but the conversation was recreational centers. I didn't say center, centers. I just think that and we'll talk more. Also, you know, number three, this is a no brainer for Council to approve this legislation. I'm not going to be the argumentative. But in order to receive what council has approved for this 100,000, there's got to be a lot of work that's being done. Also, I see on here, how we're giving an initiative grant for 150,000. So, when sometimes my opinion is fair and bias, if you come to the podium, you represent one issue that six issues tonight. So, I had to kind of explain what's going on here. There's other issues about grants and incentives. And as far as this issue, a year ago, on the record off the record, I was working. And the incentive was monetary money, of value. But let's get back, You know, nobody knows who Wild Distribution was, LLC. And we was chosen. So again, somebody can look at they eyes, whatever. This serious, this serious. We'll talk later, but real serious, I want to stay on point because what I see is movement in our city. We strengthen our city. Now we're moving it. So, I like to really first off, take a pause. And everybody take a breathe. Take a breath. Because our mayor, our council president, our city council members are working very hard for you. You might not see. But I see it every day. And we'll talk about that. Now, somebody with COVID and with the technology that we have, a couple of council members not here. We could use that digital stuff and they could be broadcast through their television transmitters.

President Mancuso

Thank you, sir. Any other speakers? Seeing none. We will begin with our **Legislation.**

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

## LEGISLATION

Clerk Laboda

24:02

**Ordinance 061-22.** An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service of the City of Euclid to enter into contract with M Tech Company, 7401 First

Place, Suite G, Oakwood Village, Ohio, 44146-6710 for the purchase of 1, 2022 Booker Municipal CityCat 5006 Street Sweeper for the use in the Streets and Sewers Department in an amount not to exceed \$257,828.

**President Mancuso**

24:42

Thank you. I'll entertain a motion for passage to begin the discussion. So moved by Councilman Jarosz. Second by Councilwoman Jukic. We will go to Director Knecht, if I can say his name, to begin the discussion.

**Service Director Knecht**

24:59

Thank you, man. Madam Chair, this purchase would replace a 2011 sweeper which is no longer in operable condition. It had a catastrophic mechanical failure, and it was deemed not worth putting back together for the amount that it would cost. This style sweeper is being looked at by multiple communities around Northeast Ohio. The thing that kind of drew me to it was, is we continue to try to lower our carbon footprint, reduce emissions. This sweeper is designed with one engine, where the traditional old style sweepers had two engines. This is a tier four compliant diesel engine. This will help reduce the emissions, it'll lower the maintenance cost as well as the amount of fuel that we use in a day while it is held sweeping. This sweeper is used to clean the streets year round, and helps us achieve the permit limit in our MS four permit through Ohio EPA. This sweeper takes the contaminants off the road and contains them and then they are disposed of in a suitable landfill. I'd be happy to answer any questions anyone may have on this tonight.

**President Mancuso**

26:22

Thank you. Discussion by my colleagues. Discussion, Councilman Wojtila.

**Councilman Wojtila**

26:28

Thank you, Madam Chair, I happen to check the budget for that line item that you had listed in there, the budget was 475,000. So, does that mean we're looking at more purchases, or we just got a good deal on this purchase?

**Service Director Knecht**

26:41

Madam Chair to the Councilman, this was actually a very good deal compared to what we were prepared to spend on one.

**Councilman Wojtila**

26:48

And then the 10-year life of the previous sweeper was that seems short when I look at City vehicles a lot of times we have vehicles that last 30-40 years.

Service Director Knecht

Madam Chair to the Councilman, actually for his streets, streetsweeper, five years is traditionally the lifecycle. So, we are doubling that. It is just a unit that because of the mechanical pieces wears out, we spend a lot of money to keep them operating. But 10 years was actually a very good lifecycle on that.

Councilman Wojtila

Thank you.

President Mancuso

27:22

Any other discussion? Councilman Epps.

Councilman Epps

27:26

Thank you. I just want to, obviously this is something I support. I just want to make sure that and a lot of times I try, I wish that we could require what the plan was going to be on some of these things before we actually pass it here at Council. But definitely not going to hold this up for anything like that. I do want to ask the question about the 475. Does that mean that we've just saved \$200,000 Or to piggyback off of Councilman Wojtila's question is, are there additional purchases that you plan to spend out of that gap?

Service Director Knecht

27:59

Madam chair to the Councilman, there were other things that were already being purchased out of there. But this was a substantial savings over what we initially thought we would need for this vehicle.

Councilman Epps

28:11

Got it. And then just the plan, we're gonna get some south side streets cleaned and sweep with this new equipment, Mayor Gail?

Mayor Gail

28:21

The Service Director can explain the schedule of where they go, but all streets are swept in a in a cycle. Director Knecht, if you want to add. Yeah, it's typically how that works.

Service Director Knecht

28:35

Yes, we go by neighborhoods and go around the city. The goal is to make it at least two times around the entire city through a 12-month period.

Councilman Epps

28:45

I'm happy to see this legislation on the agenda. It's always a good thing for us to be trying to keep our streets clean. It's something we should be prioritizing.

And we all support I think the ambassador program of actual bodies on Lakeshore Boulevard picking up trash. Just want to make sure you don't forget us on the Euclid Avenue side of town. Thank you.

#### President Mancuso

29:04

Any other discussion? Seeing none, I'll take a motion to close the bait. So moved by Councilman Jarosz. Second by Councilman, Councilwoman Macintosh, sorry.

All in favor, "Aye."

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."

Those opposed? Seeing none.

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

#### Clerk Laboda

29:34

McIntosh, Yes. Wojtila, Yes. Jukic, Yes. Tolton, --- (out of Chambers). Epps, Yes. Jarosz, Yes. Steele, Yes. Mancuso, Yes.

Ordinance passes.

#### President Mancuso

29:55

Who's phone was that? People are scrambling like what? Clerk, please read the second agenda item into the record.

#### Clerk Laboda

30:08

**Resolution 062-22.** A resolution supporting Euclid City Council's goals for 2022-2023 term.

#### President Mancuso

30:20

Thank you. This. I'll take a motion for passage to begin discussion. So moved by on some Epps. Second by Councilman Jarosz.

All in favor, "Aye."

Thank you. This is our annual look forward to the goals that city council will prioritize. As we meet here, it's almost reactive to the legislation that is put in front of us. The goals allow us to move forward, think bigger, think longer range. And it is an accumulation of the talents on this council, which I've put this together. So, I would like to take a moment to thank everybody for their work in the past going forward, and the things that we'll do over the next two years. I will take any other questions or discussion by council. Seeing none, I'll entertain a motion to close debate. So moved by Councilwoman Jukic. Second by Councilman Steele.

All in favor, "Aye."

Madam Clerk, please call the roll on the resolution.

Clerk Laboda

31:21

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

Resolution passes

President Mancuso

31:34

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

Clerk Laboda

31:39

**Ordinance 063-22.** An ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of Euclid to issue the 2022 Neighborhood Association Grant.

President Mancuso

31:51

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

All in favor, "Aye."

Thank you, and we'll go to Miss Grida to begin our discussion.

Assistant to Mayor, Grida

32:01

Thank you very much. Um, so this is always a joy to bring before Council. And we've been blessed with, you know, I think unanimous support over the years for our Neighborhood Association Grant. These funds which were raised two years ago, I believe, the \$250 per group really goes a long way to help these folks pull themselves together and go towards fliers and towards mailings and towards foods for their meeting and you know, a little bit to help with events. And so, it means a lot for our small groups. We have last year, and this year as well, have waived some of the requirements due to COVID, and kind of the inability to meet and do some events. So, this year, again, we will be sending the neighborhood association application to all of our groups. Typically, we get about 13 to 15 that actually apply for this. Last year, we did get 18 Since there was relaxed requirements. I'm expecting the same this year as well. So, I am happy to answer any questions and looking for your support tonight.

President Mancuso

33:01

Discussion? Councilman Epps.

Councilman Epps

33:03

Thank you. To Ms. Grida, your rules, last year that were laxer are the same rules that we're moving forward with this year. (Ms. Grida: Correct) Great. I appreciate that. Always happy to support this when it's on the agenda as well. And happy to see it's already listed as legislation on behalf of all members of

city council. You mentioned the raise a couple years ago, I was happy to be the council person that pushed for that raise. So, I was happy to have everyone's support that day. And I look forward to supporting this tonight.

**President Mancuso**

33:28

Thank you. Other discussion. Councilwoman Steele.

**Councilwoman Steele**

33:36

Thank you for putting this all together. As you know, I'm still new learning and associations that have not yet been established, what is the timeline for them to, A; start, B; applied for the grant? Is there a timeline?

**Assistant to Mayor, Grida**

33:56

You have to have been in an organized group for a full year before you can apply for these funds. And so the only requirement beyond that this year is that you have to have that checking account with your association name on it. So, any group that has started now, if you have started and I'm not aware of you, please give me a call at my office at 289-8268. So, I can know that the clock is running, and we can entertain sending you an application next year. Thank you. You're welcome.

**Councilwoman Steele**

Thank you. (You're welcome.)

**President Mancuso**

34:26

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

All in favor, "Aye."

I will entertain a motion to close debate. So moved by Councilwoman McIntosh seconded by Councilman Epps.

All in favor, "Aye."

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

All in favor, "Aye."

Those opposed? No.

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

**Clerk Laboda**

35:08

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

Ordinance passes.

**President Mancuso**

35:26

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

## Clerk Laboda

35:31

**Ordinance 064-22.** An emergency ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of Euclid, or her designee to enter into an agreement with C and J Contractors for demolition of three public vacated, in ground swimming pools, known as Willow, Roosevelt, and Glenbrook, which constitute a health and safety risk to the neighbors and surrounding community in an amount not to exceed \$185,000.00.

## President Mancuso

36:03

Thank you on attain a motion for passage to begin discussion. So moved by Councilman Tolton. Second by Councilman Epps.

All in favor, "Aye."

Thank you and we will go to Director Grogan-Meyers, please.

## Planning and Zoning Director Grogan-Meyers

36:15

Thank you, Madam Chair. Good evening Council. So, previously last year on March 15, 2021, Council considered and passed **Ordinance 20-2021**, which authorized the Mayor or her designee to solicit proposals for the demolition of three neighborhood pools, Roosevelt, Glenbrook and Willow. After that was passed, we went through the public bidding process received sealed bids. And then on June 1, the Board of Control voted to award the contract to C & J contractors as the lowest and best bidder, having experience in the business and providing the lowest and best bid. From that time forward, the city's planning and development department worked to find other funding to be able to support the demolition efforts. During that time, it was determined that CDBG community development block grant funding was the avenue that we were going to use in order to accomplish this demolition. So included in the CDBG budget for this year, included the \$138,159 of the original bid to demolish the pools. Now, of course, in that time, as we've heard, time and time again, supply chain issues. And as we have all felt at the gas pumps, gas, fuel prices have risen tremendously. In an operation, such as demolition, where you're dealing with a lot of heavy machinery, working to dig out the foundations dig out the concrete, and all of those things, as well as put it into trucks and move it to a proper disposal site. That involves a lot of diesel fuel, diesel prices have gone up approximately 50% in that time. And we're feeling it today. So ultimately, what we're asking is for an increase to the project budget, from the original bid of \$130,159, to a total project cost of about of 185,000, not to exceed 185,000. That balance of \$46,841, as shown in the legislation would come from the city's general fund. So, again, all of this increase in costs is attributable to diesel prices. And its impacts down the supply chain. We're seeing it in the increasing in tipping or disposal fees. For the demolition debris, we're seeing it in the transit, transportation of the demolition debris, and there is a small bit of asphalt work that we need to do as part of this, an asphalt to petroleum based product. So, at every turn, the cost of this project has increased. Of course, we are hoping and working with

the contractor to deliver this project under budget. So, my hope is to be able to come back to you and say that we delivered this project at less than \$185,000. But that's what we're asking for 185,000 so that we know we can accomplish that, that project on that budget. Thank you.

#### President Mancuso

39:04

Thank you. Discussion? Councilman Epps.

#### Councilman Epps

39:10

Thank you. I just want to make sure that I go on record to say that I never supported the idea of demolishing our swimming pools in the first place. But respect the reports from this administration about the decline in usage over the years and that sort of thing. And I was chairman of the Recreation Committee at that time. You all already know we did a series thank you to my colleagues, Councilwoman Jukic, McIntosh, Wojtila, and Caviness. We did a series of site visits and put a lot of effort into ultimately at the meeting requesting or making a motion that we maintain these sites as recreational usage for our community in some capacity moving forward. So, I'm happy about the work that we're able to get done there. And nevertheless, here we are. And the question I have for you tonight, it is a significant increase. I'd rather see us just wait this out. But we do understand that there are a lot of increases and we're experiencing this everywhere. Can you tell us tonight? What has been done by way of preparing these sites for demolition? Today?

#### Planning and Zoning Director Grogan-Meyers

40:10

Madam Chair to the Councilman, so to date, the, the sites have been sitting. And that's part of the challenge. That's part of the health and safety risk is that at least one pool that I'm aware of has been vandalized. And I apologize, I don't recall the one offhand. I know the police have been assisting us with that matter. So, it does constitute a health and safety concern. So, the what we've done to prepare the site is really just working on the contractual end to get the demolition lined up.

#### Councilman Epps

40:41

And do you not foresee us waiting? Or what are the obstacles that you think we face by waiting to move forward with the projects?

#### Planning and Zoning Director Grogan-Meyers

40:52

Madam Chair to the Councilman, I wish I had a crystal ball to maybe better predict some of the prices but to...

### Councilman Epps

40:58

Let me correct my question, sir, not to predict pricing. But what are the pros and cons to us waiting on the project in general? That's the question I'm asking.

### Planning and Zoning Director Grogan-Meyers

41:08

Madam Chair to the Councilman, I don't know that I could articulate a full list of pros and cons. Part of what was tasked to our department was to execute the demolition of the pools. So, we were tasked with a specific goal and a specific task at hand. Again, what I'm aware of is, at least in one case, a pool has been vandalized. So, I think part of the ongoing concern is the safety of the community. And what could be going on in those pools while those pools sit. Because ultimately they're, they're a hole in the ground supported by concrete, and that could attract some sort of element of hanging out, you know, whatever it is there that that may be undesirable to the community. So unfortunately, I can't articulate a full list of pros and cons. As far as whether or not there are benefits or detriments to closing a health facility like this.

### Councilman Epps

41:58

I appreciate what you have articulated. Thank you.

### President Mancuso

42:01

Councilman Tolton.

### Councilman Tolton

42:05

Thank you, Madam Chair, Director Grogan Meyer. Um, is this the, will this be the final, final cost? A will against you know, because you talk about demolition might be something that I'm there that they find. And they have to, you know, mitigate that or something like that. So will this be the final cause that you believe.

### Planning and Zoning Director Grogan-Meyers

42:25

Madam Chair to the Councilman, so I will not promise you that it's the final final, as you said, you start digging up, you might find something underneath, what I will say is, I feel confident that we've done what we can do to internalize the externalities, to internalize the cost that would Purdue prevent this from moving forward? So, we've already talked with the contractor, we feel that all reasonable costs had been accounted for. And of course, as you said, should you start digging up something and find something underneath? That is not on plans, not, not unknown to the city? Or last time that I can't account for?

### Councilman Tolton

43:04

Okay, so then if, if that is the case, or scenario such as that, then maybe this is to the Mayor, then we would have to go back to the general fund and compensate that or whatever?

### Mayor Gail

43:16

Correct. Councilman Tolton. This is, you are authorizing us not to exceed 185,000. So, if there was a different price that came after that, we would come back to council, I would just say in terms of waiting. The 46,841 is because of the timeframe that has gone by. I don't have any indication that prices are going down. I think by waiting it will only be more expensive. There is a sense of blight when you have a vacant unused pool sitting there surrounded by a fence. But whether that gets vandalized or damaged, I think, you know, we've all agreed we've had several conversations that unfortunately these pools do need to be removed. Now is the time to do that. I don't believe there's any reason to wait. Things just seem to be getting more expensive. The longer the longer we wait. And just for those who may be watching that we're not part of the original conversations. These pools, it's not just a matter of we could fill them up with water and use them. They all needed structural repairs. They all needed new pumps or heaters to the tune of probably 150,000 per pool. We also, and as you know from probably hearing from other communities, lifeguards are at a premium. We did do a full pool study that recommended we focus on one swimming pool for a city our size. So, while we do not take lightly removing assets from the community the other factor was these pools were not being used by many people. One for instance was I think had about 10 People use it all summer so that decision was made was not made lightly. And unfortunately, it took time to kind of get the final approval from block grant the final understanding of how much money had to be moved from NSP funds to block grant to close that out. But this does enable us to close out, we did close out the NSP and made dedicated that funding to this so I would respectfully ask that we move forward.

### Councilman Tolton

45:26

One last question. Last question that if this is approved tonight, then what is the timeline as far as the beginning of the of the demolition.

### President Mancuso

45:34

Director.

### Planning and Zoning Director Grogan-Meyers

45:36

Madam Chair, the Councilman, so that the contractor is prepared to mobilize and actually is prepared to mobilize starting this week, as early as this week, weather permitting. So, the contractor is very much ready to go.

**Councilman Tolton**

Okay. Thank you.

**President Mancuso**

45:52

Councilman Steele.

**Councilwoman Steele**

45:56

I'm not sure who to address this with. But since I was not part of the conversation, my question is, after this is done, what are we going to do with those spaces? Are we going to make them green spaces? Are we going to make gardens? What are we going to do with all that space? Miguel?

**President Mancuso**

Mayor Gail?

**Mayor Gail**

46:21

Thank you. That's a great question. Councilman Epps, I think, spoke to that a little bit earlier part of the conversation when we agreed to demolish these pools was committing that it would stay recreation space with each individual site. It would depend on what the neighbors there would be some community input about what happens there. We did, at Willow when we opened the new playground this past summer had a conversation with the residents there about what they would like to see got a number of ideas, but nothing's been set in stone, other than we all commit that there will be recreation space of some types. So whether it's green space, whether one of the ideas was planting different types of trees and arboretum of sorts other community garden playground depends on which of the sites are Roosevelt behind, The American Legion potentially, is kind of tucked away behind the neighborhood. So American Legion might use some of that space. All to be determined, but definitely, the commitment is that it stays. park space green space recreation. (Councilwoman Steele, Thank you.)

**President Mancuso**

47:31

Okay, other discussion? Councilman Wojtila.

**Councilman Wojtila**

Thank you, Madam Chair, what prevented the work from happening last year?

**President Mancuso**

Mayor Gail.

### Mayor Gail

47:41

So, part of after we've got the bid, went out to bid got the bids. There was a discrepancy between HUD what we thought we had in neighborhood stabilization and what HUD had us on record as having so it actually took several months to work that out, and then get the approval to move the NSP funds to the block grant and make it eligible for the demolition. And then the citizens advisory committee that oversees the block grant funding meets through the fall, made the final recommendation council approved November, December of last year, and then the weather did not. It's not very suitable to demolish during the winter. So unfortunately, when we were got all the final ducks in a row. That was when the contractor said, you know, I can't do it at that cost because of the diesel price because of the tipping fees and because of the cost of asphalt. So multiple things. Thank you.

### President Mancuso

48:38

Any other discussion? Anybody else? Councilman Epps.

### Councilman Epps

48:43

Thank you. And thank you to Mayor Gil, for taking us back and explaining kind of what that process was and what got us here. Definitely appreciate that. I would like to ask if you could also, there was a lot of conversation at the time about what the in, what the end of this demolition project would look like. We even there were conversations at the time, but I don't think it was written into the legislation or anything like that. So, I'm asking again now, as we're being so far off from when this was originally discussed, are we salvaging any material fencing or any of those things that were proposed by my colleague, Councilman Jukic at the time? Can you talk a little bit about what that looks like as we move into actually getting the demolition completed?

### Planning and Zoning Director Grogan-Meyers

49:30

Madam Chair to the Councilman, I'm not aware of any material that's been salvaged.

### President Mancuso

49:36

Director Knecht

### Service Director Knecht

49:37

Madam Chair to the Councilman, anything that was usable that we could use in other facilities has been taken out already.

### Councilman Epps

49:44

Has any fencing been removed?

### Service Director Knecht

49:47

No, but the fencing would cost us more to remove it than it is to buy new at this point.

### Councilman Epps

49:52

So is the, so the fencing isn't, Is it not a part of the demolition, the fencing will remain at these sites, then it makes sense. So, we're talking about safety. We're talking to about vandalism, are we're just removing the fencing and destroying it?

### Mayor Gail

50:07

We, it will be removed and the properties will all be returned to grass. For the time being until we decide. Leaving an old fence up with nothing, I mean, the material the equipment going in and out, they can't go in. They have to take the fence down to go in and out and do the demolition. They need the space. And you couldn't, you learn ourselves, that we don't need it. It'll be scrapped. I assume.

### Councilman Epps

50:27

Alright, appreciate it. And then Councilwoman Steele, yes, I made a motion when it finally got to the floor after all of these meetings, made a motion that we maintain those spaces is green space, recreational space. And so that is what it is today. Thank you.

### President Mancuso

50:41

Any other discussion on this topic? None. I'll entertain a motion to close debate. So moved by Councilman Jarosz. Second by Councilman Tolton. 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 McIntosh. Second by Councilman Jarosz.

All in favor, "Aye."

Those opposed? One.

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

### Clerk Laboda

51:12

Steele, Yes. Tolton, Yes. Epps, Yes. Jarosz, Yes. McIntosh, Yes. Wojtila, Yes. Jukic, Yes. Mancus, Yes.

Ordinance passes.

### President Mancuso

51:25

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

## Clerk Laboda

51:30

**Ordinance 065-22.** An emergency ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of Euclid Ohio, or her designee to enter into incentive grant agreement with ORBCC Production LLC, hereinafter referred to as Collision Bend in the amount of \$150,000 payable in 2 \$75,000 increments, beginning in 2022. To support the creation of a production and distribution facility, and tap room.

## President Mancuso

52:07

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."

And we will go back again to Director Grogan-Meyers.

## Planning and Zoning Director, Grogan-Meyers

52:18

Thank you, Madam Chair. So as the legislation indicates, Collision Bend, is very interested in moving are opening up an operation here in the city of Euclid, which would include a production and distribution facility and Taproom on Babbitt road. And this is a great facility for this type of production. And we have been competing with I'm aware of at least one other city to try to get them to come to the city of Euclid. In so doing in talking with Collision Bend, they have talked about the level of investment that they're planning on making in the physical real estate improvements, the equipment purchases and various infrastructure improvements, which would require at least a \$3 million investment, and would then create at least 20 new jobs in the city. And that's what is helping them meet the the definition of an incentive grant. So, we've as a city done incentive grants previously. And they come with various stipulations of moving jobs to the city certain amount of capital investment. And in this case, in talking with collision band, it's a combination of both both at least \$3 million in capital investment, or various real estate or equipment investments. And then the creation of 20 new employment jobs. And these would be spread out through production distribution as well as a Taproom. Similar to what you might find in other breweries, while you're around the the brewing equipment itself. But you also get to then taste the beer in the taproom. I want to make sure to address some of the questions that were brought up. So in talking with Collision Bend, so to be clear, the \$3 million level of investment and the 20 new jobs, those are floors, so the floors must be met in order to qualify for both incentive payments. So the proof of meeting those capital or investments as well as the jobs are required, similar to other incentive grants in order to receive both payments, should those for some reason fall short, then the city would work with collision band to either modify the agreement or not move forward. So this has been part of the discussion. This is standard part of our incentive agreement. So again, this is a floor if you will, for the level of investment and jobs created.

### President Mancuso

54:46

Okay, everybody, you have a new legislative fact sheet to go with this. So, you have the correct numbers in front of you. Please use the one that was handed out tonight. Discussion. Councilman Epps

### Councilman Epps

55:00

Thank you. And thank you to Director Grogan-Meyers for their preface to this legislation. As you all know, I organize site visits for council to have the ability to go out to the site meet these folks, get a feel for both the property ownership as well as the management team that is going to be coming in to operate and manage this facility. Both of these seem like great people. They have a proven concept in the flats already for this. And I think that this would be a great addition, not only to Euclid, but definitely to Ward 3 in that particular area with the industrial business that we have there on site. I want to I'm not sure you talked about I was gonna ask the question on behalf of the resident about similar to our neighborhood programs, are there incentives, I mean, are there contingencies for these monies, and I just want to ask a business guy understanding business understanding that there are going to be phases in this project, if we could make a motion to change the 20 jobs to 10. As far as if this is going to be a contingency for them. And a floor, the reason I asked that, the goal is for it to be 20 plus employees in order to operate the facility that they intend to operate on that site. But what I don't want to do is put them in a bind. So, when they first launched the business to have to have 20 employees on site, or they're going to have these funds revoked, I want to make sure that we send a strong message to them, that we are on board and commitment in this process. And so I don't know if I need to make a motion in order to do that. But if we, if that is a contingency, I would like to limit that number, and start with 10 as a floor for the jobs for them to get started.

### President Mancuso

56:42

We have a motion on the floor to decrease the number of jobs in the contingencies. I would need a Second. Second by Councilman Tolton. Discussion on the motion only - decrease the number of jobs.

### Councilman Tolton

56:59

Correct. Okay. Um, I guess I'm not understanding. I mean, I understand what the council is trying to say. But I mean, is that coming from the ownership? Are they saying they are not, they won't be able to maybe meet that 20? Because for us to reduce it, and they know they can get 20 people then what are we reducing it for?

### Councilman Epps

57:19

Mad... Madam Chair, the folks from Collision Bend are here. I'd like to invite them to the podium to speak to if this is something that would help

them or if they're comfortable with leaving it at 20. We sure are if you are. But if we can reduce that to make sure that...

**President Mancuso**

57:35

...To suspend the rules if it's so moved. Don't forget we have a motion on the floor though. Councilman Jarosz.

**Councilman Jarosz**

Thank you, Madam Chair. Just regarding this motion, do we, is this necessary? I mean, as what is being proposed does it matter?

**Councilman Epps**

57:58

Yeah, and the only reason I... Just for the record...

**Councilman Jarosz**

Excuse me, I have the floor.

**President Mancuso**

Wait, wait, he's got the floor.

**Councilman Jarosz**

58:01

I don't think we need to go through this rigmarole if whether that's 20 or 25, or 15. Doesn't matter. I mean, is anything a problem with this grant? Should at any given time, they don't have 20 employees? That is what I would like to know. Because if not, then let's just move forward. Thank you. (Councilman Epps – Great).

**President Mancuso**

58:23

So let's just, we have a motion on the floor. We have a second. We've done discussion. Let's move let's call the roll on the motion to decrease the jobs. Decrease the jobs. There's a motion on the floor and a second.

**Councilman Epps**

58:36

...and I'm trying to speak to the Motion.

**President Mancuso**

58:41

You already did.

**Councilman Epps**

When?

**President Mancuso**

Madam Clerk please call the roll on the motion.

Councilman Epps

58:45

Madam Chair point of order, because

President Mancuso

58:48

Sir, you have not been recognized.

Councilman Wojtila

58:51

Madam Chair, I think we need clarity on the motion.

Councilman Epps

Thank you.

President Mancuso

58:53

Yes, Sure. What?

Councilman Wojtila

58:55

So is the motion to reduce the number of...

President Mancuso

58:58

...jobs from 20 to 10.

Councilman Wojtila

59:01

Okay. And do we know if the applicant is okay with 20?

Law Director Sweeney

59:07

Madam Chair, Point of Order was a motion to suspend the rules to have the applicant come up. And I think that should happen.

President Mancuso

59:15

I don't know if we got that far to suspend the rules. We talked about it. So suspend the rules. We need a motion to suspend the rules, which can be Councilman Epps. We need a second. So, we have a second? Mr. Tolton, Councilman Tolton.

All in favor, "Aye."

Those opposed? - -

Gentlemen, introduce yourselves please.

**Collision Bend Representatives - John & Luke Purcell**

59:39

My name is John Cantanese. I'm from Collision Bend Brewing Company. Luke Purcell also Collision Bend Brewing Company. I appreciate Councilman Epps trying to look out for us to reduce the, the jobs but we can keep them at 20. His point is well taken when you first start, it's going to take a while to ramp up to get to the 20 threshold that everyone wants to get to. I think we only have 80 employees, now we have at Collision Bend, you know, we, we are definitely going to invest \$3 million in the to the project. And that's with redoing the space that we have and the equipment that we have, from the brewing equipment to the kitchen equipment, we're going to put a tap room and we're going to put a catering space. So we're going to get to that number. We were looking at different cities and different buildings and things and this building is going to cost us more money than the other ones. But I used to live in the city of Euclid, I love the city of Euclid. I want to come back here and bring jobs and do different things here. And I think it's a good opportunity for us and the city. And everybody. We, we came up in this has been a process. It's been over a year that we've been going back and forth on this. So, one of the reasons we decided, finally to come back here is because of the support that we got from the city.

**President Mancuso**

1:01:04

Thank you, gentlemen. So, you're okay with the jobs being at 20?

**Collision Bend Representatives - John Cantanese & Luke Purcell**

1:01:08

That's fine. We'll, we'll keep it at that.

**President Mancuso**

Thank you. Councilman Epps.

**Councilman Epps**

1:01:15

Madam Chair, then I will revoke that motion again. And, the only reason I asked that question, I didn't come here intending to do that, was because you mentioned there is a contingency and I don't want these funds to be revoked for them or for them to be in a conversation. But if they're comfortable with the 20, then by all means we are. Thank you.

**President Mancuso**

1:01:30

So, we had dropped the motion from 20 to 10. Okay, let's get back to discussion. Councilwoman Steele.

**Councilwoman Steele**

1:01:43

Thank you, Madam Chair. My question is, and I'm all for progress. My only concern is when we hire employees, are they going to have fair income? Are they going to have benefits? Are they gonna, you know, because a lot of

companies they hire at minimum wage, people can't live up there. I'm just being very transparent here. And I know you love the city. I love it too. But I want people to be able to live. Thank you.

**President Mancuso**

1:02:26

Thank you for the discussion. Seeing none... oh, Councilman Tolton.

**Councilman Tolton**

1:02:35

I'm sorry. Foggy headed here. Couple a couple of quick questions. Director, Madam Chair, thank you for... Director Grogan-Meyer, you talked about the 3 million investment and that's a floor that has to be met. How would we know, where we would know that that floor is met? And if it's not met? How do we determine that?

**Planning & Zoning Director Grogan-Meyers**

1:02:59

Madam Chair to the Councilman, documentation must be provided. And that's a standard part of the city's incentive agreement. So, it would require some sort of proof from the applicant from the ultimately the grantee that the that investment has been met as well as the jobs. So requires documentation, not just a handshake, wink and a nod.

**Councilman Tolton**

1:03:20

So then if it's not met, then what is the city's obligation that we pull the grants we they have to pay the grants back? What do we do at that point?

**Planning & Zoning Director Grogan-Meyers**

1:03:28

So within the, Madam Chair to the Councilman, within the term of the agreement, there's an opportunity for the city to make Collision Bend, the grantee, aware that based on our review, they had fallen short of whatever the proposed metric was, whether it was the investment or the number of jobs, an opportunity to cure, maybe there was insufficient documentation that needs to be clarified. Otherwise, then we could work through the agreement to modify the agreement, or suspend the agreement altogether.

**Councilman Tolton**

1:04:02

Oh, were you getting ready to say something?

**Law Director Sweeney**

1:04:05

Madam Chair to the Councilman I was shutting off my mic. I thought the incentive agreement was included with the packet. If it is not, I'm happy to send that to council tomorrow. And it does have in Section four, the terms

and when they get their first installment, both years and you know what they need to prove to us and then any corrections, if necessary, is in Section Five. If you didn't get it, I'm happy to give you a copy.

### Councilman Tolton

1:04:31

Yeah, please. Thank you. And last question. So, once we if we approve these, these guarantees, we're gonna make a statement first. I know I think part of this coming from we're looking at a, Mayor correct me if I'm wrong, we're looking at taking part of this from the ARPA fund. Correct?

### Mayor Gail

1:04:51

No, this particular, sorry, it was the general fund from non-tax revenues. If you remember from the plan Development Department budget, there is a line item included in the planning and development budget for incentive agreements.

### Councilman Tolton

Okay, that's right. Okay. Forgive me for that one. Okay, so then my last question is then, with this commitment that the company is making to the city and the commitment that we're making with it with the funds, are there any, and they probably have to answer this, guarantees that in and I guess some things you can't guarantee, but in two years, they won't take the money and run. In three years, they won't take the money and run, that they are committed to staying in Euclid for, you know, a long, long term.

### Mayor Gail

1:05:43

I don't believe there's a clawback in here. You know, the conversations that I know I appreciate Councilman Epps setting up the tours there, you guys have seen the building, there's a lot of work and a lot of investment that will go into this property. I think everyone probably has tried Collision Bend Brew here. And no, they have been around and they've grown and so I, you know, I have no indication, this won't be a success, they're committed to the property, they're committed to growing, setting up a manufacturing business, this is going to be their place to manufacture their product. And then as well as that the tasting room and eventually a catering space. That's a lot of investment. I don't have we don't have any indication that we're in they don't have any plans to leave anytime soon.

### Councilman Tolton

1:06:30

And then just what's happened, I am definitely in agreement with this. Because, you know, as they stated, they were looking at another city, they can go anywhere. And we definitely need investments like this. We need businesses like this to come into the city. We can't continue to be a city of "not in my backyard." We have to begin to say let's bring these new businesses in here. Let's incentivize them. And that will attract new

businesses, new homeowners, things like that. So I'm definitely in agreement with this. Thank you.

#### President Mancuso

1:06:57

Thank you. Councilman, Councilwoman Jukic.

#### Councilwoman Jukic

1:07:00

Thank you, Madam Chair. I would just like to share that I think this is a very exciting opportunity. I welcome you. I think this really looks at some of our challenges, some of our empty space, some spaces in our industrial areas where we have something exciting happening. It also builds on Euclid being so convenient to everywhere. Downtown, east, west suburbs like this really builds on a lot of our needs and our benefits. I just want to say I'm very supportive of this and enthusiastic about this coming to Euclid. Thank you.

#### President Mancuso

1:07:31

Thank you. Councilman Wojtila.

#### Councilman Wojtila

1:07:34

Thank you, Madam Chair. The this came before us before the zoning matter. And it's an exciting project and Councilman Epps was set up the on-site meeting that we had, which was very helpful. The only question I have, and I'm excited about the project, is does the incentive agreement talk about the concerns the residents voiced and Councilman Steele said about the type of jobs. So is there anything in the incentive agreement that talks about that? Or can we can we ask the applicant to speak to the type of jobs and the approximate pay rate for those?

#### President Mancuso

1:08:11

All right, we've already suspended the rules, gentleman, so you'd like to come up and talk about the types of jobs you'll have to answer the Councilman's questions?

#### Collision Bend Representatives - John Cantanese

1:08:27

First, I would like to address the question, if we're going to be here more than two years, we signed a nine year lease on the building already. So, it's in place. Luke would like to speak about the jobs and different things. We pay more than minimum wage with everything that we do except the, the servers and things and then obviously they get tips on top of that.

#### Collision Bend Representatives - Luke Purcell

1:08:49

Yeah, so generally speaking, it's a 30 barrel. I'm the brewer Luke Purcell at Collision Bend. That's my role in the whole thing and then running the

brewery. So generally speaking, brewery jobs range from seller, cellarman we have, we're gonna have a full operating lab. Obviously, brewers. And the range between them is 35 to 60,000. Depending on their level, there's, there's a key in, canning line operators. So, there's lots of different there's maintenance and things like that. So, there's lots of different levels of jobs, but they're all They're all well paying jobs nowadays, as we all know, that everything that's been going on in the restaurant side as well. We pay our kitchen staff very well because we want to keep them, it's just the way it has become after all the shutdowns and everything else that we've had. So, I would say, I mean, I'm not concerned about that. There are gonna be very good jobs to be had. Brewing facility for an area like, like we're talking about here, and it oftentimes gets excitement in the neighborhood and brings A lot of other things down around it. So we're very excited to be part of part of it and be here. We've been looking at this building and we, the vision we have for this is really, really good. And I've been in the brewing business for 25 years now. And I mean, I've always believed I've been treated well as an employee in my past and educational opportunities and things like that occur with it as well. So, I've always believed in treating your employees well.

**President Mancuso**

1:10:26

Thank you, gentlemen. Any other discussion? Okay. Did you have anything else? Councilman Epps? Okay. Seeing no further discussion? Can I have a motion to close debate? So moved by Councilman Epps. Second by Councilman Jarosz.

All in favor, "Aye."

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? "No." One.

Madam Clerk, please call the roll on the emergency ordinance.

**Clerk Laboda**

1:11:04

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

Ordinance passes.

**President Mancuso**

1:11:17

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

**Clerk Laboda**

1:11:23

**Ordinance 066-22.** An emergency ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of Euclid, Ohio, or her designee to enter into an agreement with ECCOZH20, LLC in the amount of \$100,000 in small business support due to COVID 19 pandemic impacts.

President Mancuso

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

All in favor, "Aye."

And we will go once again to Director Grogan-Meyers.

Planning & Zoning Director Grogan-Meyers

1:11:56

Thank you, Madam Chair. For sake of of ease, I'll just refer to the ECCOZH20, LLC as the property owner otherwise, I'll be spelling all evening. So, the, the property owner owns 1261 Babbitt Road. It's an old industrial property about 100 year old property has owned the property since December of 2019. When purchased the building was give or take 80% vacant. So in that time, they have found Iron Hawk as one of the tenants. So Iron Hawk is not an owner of the building Iron Hawk is a tenant of the building. The property owner listed in the ordinance is the property owner. The property owner, unfortunately purchased right at the beginning of the pandemic or just before the pandemic. And during that time has had to navigate some very difficult business environment, when it comes to owning a building trying to invest in 100 year old building to attract tenants to fill that roughly 80% vacant space. And as a result has operated at loss over the past two years. So that is something that under ARPA guidelines, is one of the eligible uses, so talking about economic recovery, small businesses that are impacted by negative economic environment. Due to the COVID pandemic that was brought up by I believe it was Councilperson Tolton, during the budget discussions of how are we going to be supporting our small businesses? This is the start. So, to address one of the questions, was there a process? How is how is this business found? So this is the start. So we were using this and the applicant can share, we were learning trying to put the ARPA guidelines into play in practice. So part of what we have done is use this as an opportunity to learn about how we can effectively use ARPA dollars to support our small businesses, because that is what this one of the main goals of the ARPA dollars. So, this money will be used to help mitigate those negative economic impacts. Due to the COVID pandemic, again, they've been operating at a net loss. So that is something that has impacted their ability to invest in the property, attract tenants and all those good things. So doing what they need to do. Now, what I will say is, they have been good about paying their property taxes. I know that's something that we're always concerned about. They are contributing to the community, they are bringing in tenants, so they are doing what they need to do. But due to the results of the COVID pandemic and its impacts, it has inhibited their ability to do it potentially even more. So that's what we're talking about tonight is giving a one time \$100,000 grant payment using ARPA funds to help support this small business who has been adversely impacted by the COVID 19 pandemic.

President Mancuso

Thank you. Mayor Gail.

## Mayor Gail

1:14:59

I just want to touch on some of the questions that I'm guessing some of the questions council may have is around the spending of the ARPA, and it was mentioned that we're, we're wildling it away. We have spent very little ARPA funds. Council authorized the \$4 million revenue replacement. So that is, that's part of our general fund budget that enables us to do, have the full police force full fire force, do the additional cost of the street, street resurfacing on Euclid Avenue and 185, if you remember, and allows us to operate the General, General Services. If you remember back to our ARPA discussions, we sort of talked about three buckets, the \$10 million of revenue replacement 4 million that council has authorized, the rest has not been authorized yet. The middle chunk being the health recreation facility to help support the health and recovery of our residents. And then the third bucket was around safety, economic development and COVID. Responding to COVID impact. So, we always had anticipated a portion of the funding to be allocated to supporting our small businesses. That's where these funds will come from. So, to date, the 4 million has been allocated Council allocated I believe at the last meeting, the additional cost of the Tungsten playground, which is in a qualified census tract and eligible 2025, 35,000 not to exceed 25,000. And council approved the flock cameras, which is over a two year cost of 110,000. Should we not get received the grant we applied for from the state. That's all that's been authorized to date from ARPA funds. Thank you.

## President Mancuso

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Discussion? Councilman Epps.

## Councilman Epps

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Thank you, Madam Chair. And thank you to Mayor Gail for, and to Director Grogan-Meyers for explaining the position that the owner of that property is in. Contrary to what everyone thinks I try my best to find ways for us where we agree all the time. And I'm excited that this is one of those things in which we do agree on. At that time, you know, I was one of the couple of council members who were a part of, you know, establish him even before these funds came as to how we would help small businesses and how we would help residents in the midst of COVID, when COVID first came on, and the fact that they bought this property a couple of months before I remember it was right during the time where I got elected. And none of this looks like what I anticipated it would look like so I totally understand that. And unique for you guys, or perfect for you guys to point out that, you know, this is exactly where we start in trying to help small businesses. And this is these folks are this is the epitome of what these funds are for. I, in the past, have been critical of this administration for how conservative they were with the ARRA funds when they first came in. And as of to date, we're not, you know, not talking about a lot of the big projects that we're talking about spending and things that we're talking about doing. But to date, they have been extremely conservative with these funds. And so outside of the \$4 million transfer to offset costs in the general fund, which mainly went to increasing

safety forces and that sort of things. I am in support of this tonight, because this is exactly how we should be using these particular funds. So hopefully I haven't won support today for this. Thank you.

#### President Mancuso

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Thank you. Other discussion? Councilman Jarosz.

#### Councilman Jarosz

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Yes, thank you, Mayor Chair, just kind of point of clarification too, I mean, essentially this business that the building that we're talking about in this is where collision ban will be. So, this is essentially us incentivizing what I hope to be a destination location that a lot of people from surrounding communities come to you could see this, see this investment. We all know anybody kind of in the beer business that whether in it or consumer knows that these are very interesting, attractive destination spots where folks will come from, frankly, on a national level, to visit different breweries and to and to hang out and just have a real nice time. So, to get this in our community, I think is a great win. Very much looking forward to them starting, I think when we talk so also talk about economic development to have this south of the freeway is a bit of a coup as well. So, I think this hits and, you know, checks all the right boxes, in my opinion. And I very much look forward to getting this up and running. So, thank you.

#### President Mancuso

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Thank you. Other discussion. Councilman Wojtila.

#### Councilman Wojtila

1:19:32

Thank you, Madam Chair. So, is this grant, is it then, is it tied to the, it's not tied to the Collision Bend project at all? So, if the Collision Bend doesn't happen, they'll still get the grant would still be applicable. And can, can you speak to the process and you know, the determination of the amount or determination of the need. So, in other words, if another company comes by and says, Oh, you know, boy we'd like 200,000. What can you speak at all to that and, you know, how we how we settled upon the 100,000? And, and maybe the process that the, the need that was presented by the applicant?

#### Planning & Zoning Director Grogan-Meyers

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Madam Chair to the Councilman, great question. So, under the ARPA guidelines, you have to provide a reasonable response to the negative economic impact. So part of what we did was scale, the \$100,000 one time grant, to the impact of the losses and as in the agreement, that those losses need to be substantiated by financial documents. So, we're not just taking

word for it. Although we've worked with property owners and trust the property owners, but business deals need to be based on more than just trust. It's trust and verify. So, under the requirements of the incentive grant agreement, providing documentation to backup, the need is required. So, the scaling of the one time grant is proportional to the economic impact on, on the bottom line for the property owner and the LLC.

Councilman Wojtila

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I think you're quoting Ronald Reagan with trust and verify.

President Mancuso

1:21:25

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

All in favor, "Aye."

Thank you. I'll 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 emergency ordinance.

Clerk Laboda

1:21:54

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

Ordinance passes.

President Mancuso

1:22:06

Thank you. We now go to our second **Committee of the Whole** the public portion. Those wishing to speak please come to the podium and give us your name. address. Please keep your comments to five minutes Thank you.

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – PUBLIC PORTION

Resident - Christopher Litwinowicz

1:22:45

Good evening without being called out to order. Nothing against our Chair. Point of Order. Before we move on tonight for public comment for the best of the city. Need someone over here to sponsor new business this evening. This new business on hand this evening of a council members to sponsor this new business Ordinance 067-22. To agree as a whole go into executive session to discuss payment as soon as possible. Final invoice work done \$5,250,000 being sent out today email certified US Mail. Again, new business an emergency ordinance authorizing the Finance Director of the City of Euclid to issue to a certified check from the City of Euclid, Ohio, And/or the Mayor of the City of Euclid. Again, and/or his or her designee and/or the Law Director of the City of Euclid to pay our government contract with

Christopher Michael Litwinowicz doing business as Wild Distribution, LLC. This would allow payment to the company invoice of Wild Distribution, LLC of \$5,250,000.00. Six months ago, we prepared an invoice for 5,050,000. How many months it hasn't 50,000 Border Control hasn't been paid out. Again, this will be sponsored by Mayor Holzeimer-Gail, Council President Charlene Mancuso and the entire city council with the approval for passage by the City of Euclid, Ohio Finance Director.

Now 15 years ago I said rec center. We gonna talk about a few spots in Euclid that unless talk about war three, what's going on with that Big Lots, the Super K-Mart building on 260th. I thought that would be a perfect jail. But that would be knocking down county revenue. So the county demolition funds, those should be allocated for a lot of our we shouldn't be like Cleveland years, you know, where there's vacant homes. There's vacant homes that's being used as criminal tools. It's just hasn't happened in Euclid. And I'm here to stop this. I became a contractor businessman incorporated in 2010. I also purchased business property inside the city of Euclid. Opportunities to get bonded and insured and put the lowest bid in. That's what happened here. And when I look at you, and scoot my eyes, and I see something that ticks me off, because we all had conversations, personally, I'm like begging asking somebody to stand up, and and in this invoice, there's a situation that has happened, where leaders in my own community control it. So, when I was asked upon a police officer, so that was the money Council, that was dispersed back to the court with a new judge, everybody knows the scenario. So that's why the \$989,000 there was a million, but we ain't gonna argue that. This is what was illegally transferred to the general fund of the City of Euclid. Now, I'm standing here as a businessman, and everybody has droven past me, we've had conversations. So this would be coming from the general fund of the City of Euclid, aka the Service Department. Because my application is on file, and I'm coming back to Euclid with high spirits to come work with a group of people that really care about this city. So, I just want to you know, that's it. I just really wanted to get it across my chest to the council. You guys can call the order in the show. Here it is, someone sponsor it and we're back to work.

**President Mancuso**

1:27:50

Thank you. Next speaker please.

**Resident – Daniel Burns**

1:28:00

Good evening, everyone. I'm Daniel Burns from 869 East 260th Street. I and Pastor Brian Moore are hosting a Juneteenth event on June 19, at 4pm at the Lake Shore Christian Church, that's 28010 Lakeshore Boulevard. We're going to have refreshments. We're going to have some snacks. And we're going to have a discussion about minority businesses, self-employment, because what better way to celebrate freedom day then to free yourself from wage slavery to be, you know, ardently communist. Then the other thing was, oh, the, the pools reminded me of, if I'm remembering correctly, we demolished the pools because they were under-utilized. And to my knowledge, which I mean, I guess we're still designing it. I imagine the Rec

Center will also have a pool. And I'm curious if it was under-utilized because people don't particularly care about swimming, or because they're there were the programming wasn't there for neighborhood pool use, right? How can you have programs over five different pools or whatever. Thank you.

### President Mancuso

1:29:23

Thank you. Next speaker please.

### Resident – Audrey Kaplan-Goodman

1:29:34

Good evening again, I'm Audrey Kaplan Goodman, 20201 Glen Russ Lane. We've all heard the names. Columbine, Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, Sandy Hook, Chardon High School, Robb Elementary School and countless others. It is unimaginable to me what the parents, grandparents, siblings and other family members have these innocent victims must be going through. There are no words. Thoughts and prayers just don't do it. In the last incident in Uvalde, Texas, two dedicated teachers lost their lives trying to protect the students. Days later, one of the husbands died after suffering a heart attack. They left four children who are now orphans. Our schools are supposed to be safe havens, where we send our children to learn, socialize, thrive, and soak in as much knowledge as possible. So they can grow up and become leaders of tomorrow. It should not be a place where their teachers are able to carry guns with no background check, and little or no training, in case a lone gunman armed with an AR 15 decides to shoot aimlessly. But that's what that's what's being proposed by our very own governor in Columbus. If he has not already done so, he will soon sign House Bill 99 that gives educators the ability to carry firearms into schools and into the classrooms. And they won't be required to have very much training. How absurd. My daughter's a teacher. She absolutely loves what she does, but carry a firearm. Never in a million years would she do that. She didn't become a teacher to become a police officer. A few weeks ago, I reached out to our State Senator Kenny Yuko, who I saw wearing a pin in a photo on Facebook. The pin said "do something." I asked Kenny for a couple and he was kind enough to bring them to me at the Memorial Day Parade. Since receiving it, I have sent tweets to some of the 50 senators who do not want to address the ever-increasing gun violence in America. I have sent emails to the governor and our senators in Washington DC. I ask all of you, what are you doing? I am issuing a challenge to everyone sitting here this evening. And to those listening at home, do something. This, the time for complacency is over. The apathy in America is overwhelming. Doing nothing but sitting at home shaking your head when another shooting occurs is easy. But if we continue to do what we've always done, we will keep getting the same results. More innocent children and teachers will be gunned down. It's time to do the hard stuff is the late US Representative John Lewis said, it's time for good trouble. Stop waiting until the violence lands in your very own backyard. Do something. Thank you.

President Mancuso

1:32:39

Thank you. Next speaker please.

Resident – Victor Goodman

1:32:51

Victor Goodman, 20201 Glen Russ Lane. I also want to talk about the carnage of America. But I'm gonna take it one step further. My wife asked you to do something. I'm going to spell it out. I want to see the City of Euclid, you people, by next council have a Resolution to the Governor of this State that you are appalled at the thought of teachers becoming police officers. And what's going to happen are they going to carry it in a lockbox? So they first have to run for it to get to it. Or they're going to wear it like we did in the old west, have a little side off so they can draw real fast. And I'm sure a police chief is just looking forward to teachers carrying weapons of any kind. And what to prevent a student from grabbing the weapon. Hey, this way we provide the weapons so let's, let's as a city, stand up and tell the Governor of this State, not that it will make much difference, but at least go on the record, we do not want teachers to be armed. They don't, they're, I mean, why don't we start arming our fire department. So, when they go on a fire call, they also have AR-15, just in case. It's ridiculous. That would be like saying we are going to designate one of you to wear a firearm just in case somebody gets the Police Chief. And by the way, this is not this is not rocket science. We've invented a scenario. Look at what happened just over the weekend. And what's to prevent it from happening right here and you're good. And not that there's anything you can do to prevent it. Except, of course, if our Federal Government will only grow a pair and pass legislation, because I still don't know the deer that needs an AR-15 to kill it. So, I hope that you all take this into consideration, and at the next council meeting, pass a Resolution to the Governor of this State. Now, the next thing I do want to ask is is, Madam Mayor, there is an Assistant Financial Director, and in the loop, you know, in the fact that he is no longer available for a long period of time, that we should have that financial assistant here, if, if, if Director Sweeney was not here, we would have Rubadue here, just in case there are questions that come up. There should be somebody here, official, to answer now that we're going into the summer with real breaks, I think it's important we have our, our people here. And lastly, I want to talk about the pool. As we have just found out that we will not be opening Memorial Pool on time. Now I do remember a few years ago, we spent an enormous amount of money to make sure that this pool was done right. And lo and behold, we're finding out that it wasn't. So right now, we don't have a pool ready for use in the City of Euclid for the summer. And it was reported to me today on absolutely impeachable person, an impeachable person that both students, youth and adults are using the fountain at Shore Cultural Center to cool off. Certainly we should make sure that there's signage you can't use that because it could be very dangerous. But this is what's happening when a city doesn't plan. I mean, we spent, I know, big money to make sure Memorial was coming back. And that's why it is absolutely imperative that whatever we build for recreation, we must make sure we build a pool inside of it. Thank you and I look forward to that Resolution. Thank you.

President Mancuso

1:37:29

Okay, Mayor Gail, do you want to give an update on the pool?

Mayor Gail

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Sure. So, the pool, unfortunately, is a victim of supply chain about a month ago a pump got sent to be rebuilt or to get a new pump. The first one was sent we received it back in 48 hours, the second one they assured us the same timeframe. We are still waiting for a part that they are not able to get. We hope to get that today or not today, tomorrow. It was hoped supposed to be today. Possibly tomorrow if they get the part, they need two hours to build it. We are willing to drive to pick it up to expedite it. This has been a month in the works. It is not something that happened in the last week. I do want to thank the Service Department. They've been on top of it the Rec Department our new pool administrator, Mr. Coonsmen, they have been working very hard to make sure that to get the pool open it unfortunately is supply chain and I know we are all tired of hearing that. But there's not a whole lot we can do. The hope is that that pump gets here tomorrow the next day the pump is installed the pool is filled and open, hopefully next Monday if not sooner, Director Knecht, anything you would add to that? Correct, all correct information? Make sure I'm getting my facts right. We are disappointed as well. I'm, you know, the Rec Department is committed, we have lifeguards hired. Despite the difficulty many cities are facing getting lifeguards hired. We are very much looking forward to a full aquatic season and programs at Memorial Pool.

President Mancuso

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I was asked by residents, are we paying our lifeguards now or no? Since the pool is not open?

Mayor Gail

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They're not working. So, I would think not, but we do have a summer camp. So, I would hope that you know we certainly don't want to lose any of our lifeguards. So, I believe there's probably things we can have them do, training. There's always a lot of training at the beginning of the season. So I will discuss that with Director Stephens tomorrow. And make sure that we're doing what we can to keep our lifeguards employed by the City of Euclid. Perfect. Thank you. We are still hiring lifeguards, so if anyone knows of a qualified lifeguard who is still looking for employment, have them give us a call.

President Mancuso

1:39:49

Thank you. Next speaker please.

Resident – Evan Bosque

1:39:56

Howdy, Evan Bosque, 1854 Idlehurst Drive. I just wanted to comment on two recent events in the city with the Memorial Day Parade and the East 200th Street stroll. They were very wonderful events, as the Vice President of the Euclid Historical Society Museum, just wanted to thank everybody who interacted with us at both of those events. And speaking of which, just want to remind everybody that our summer meeting is June 14, at 6:30pm. It will be the first meeting under the new administration of President Harrison McCrath. And we're very excited to hear his goals for the coming two years, I believe now. I have it on good authority, they're pretty good goals. So quite excited to see everyone there. Thank you.

President Mancuso

1:40:44

Thank you. Next speaker please.

Resident – Rodney Speed

I'm new to Euclid...

President Mancuso

I need your name and address, Sir.

Resident – Rodney Speed

My name is Rodney Speed. My address is 27121 Eleanor Avenue.

President Mancuso

If you're comfortable, you can take your mask off.

Resident – Rodney Speed

1:41:10

Like I said, I'm new to Euclid, I bought my home in 2019. I wasn't aware of what I had to do to try to improve my home. And I got this big spruce tree in the front of my home and it was all the way down on the ground. So I cut it up. And I put a fence around the tree. And, of course, I got a citation for that telling me that there is no fencing allowed in the front yard. My my whole yard is not fenced in, it's just around the tree, I have the picture if someone needs to see it, you know. I was just trying to beautify my property, it still needs painting. I held off on that, because I don't know what the next move is. But I paid over, almost \$500 for the fencing and times are hard, you know, and I'm just trying to beautify my property. So, as they say, and I have to take it up, which I don't want to do. I put hard work into that, you know, hard earned money into that, you know, and I just don't know what to do. I don't know if there is some kind of variance or something that I can get or, you know, I've drove around, I've seen several houses with fencing in the front yard, one house completely fenced in. And I mean, I don't know, I think this Ordinance was passed in 2016. So, I'm just trying to see what can be done, because I spent a lot of money here guys, try to keep my property up. And that's all I'm trying to do is, you know, beautify the property. My neighbors love it, you know, so I just don't understand. Thank you.

President Mancuso

Okay, Mayor Gail.

Mayor Gail

1:42:59

Thank you, Madam Chair. If you'd have a minute to stay after the meeting, Director Grogan-Myers is Director of Planning and Development. The Zoning Department probably is what you were cited from, and so there is a process to apply for an appeal to appeal a decision that's been made. We can talk with you about, number one what the rules are, but also what the process is if you would like to appeal that decision. (Ok, thank you.) It's in front of planning and zoning not City Council.

Resident – Rodney Speed

1:43:27

Okay, thank you. This is my first time coming to a meeting.

Mayor Gail

We're glad you came and asked. We're glad you came and asked.

President Mancuso

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We're glad you're here. Do you want your pictures back? Yes you do, you do. and we're happy you decided to move here sir

Resident – Rodney Speed

Yeah, Thank you.

President Mancuso

And we're happy you decided to move here, Sir. So don't go away stick around. Any other speakers?

Resident – Richard Fiorelli

1:44:11

Richard Fiorelli, 7580 East 232nd Street. First, I want to apologize to Mr. Jarosz for disturbing him at the grocery store the other day. Your time, my, my bad. And I'm gonna start with you. You said that you were brought to everybody's attention on a small stuff that does matter. And I believe I really believe that. And so, Mayor Gail, you've put up with endless notes from me. The post office finally moved and actually removed the graffiti from the mailbox which is fantastic. I mean, it doesn't, it doesn't, doesn't cure cancer, but it's it's, it's a step in the right direction. It's endless those small things endless ones. If you do the infrastructure last summer, somebody painted and repaired, pillars, columns on the front of the old silly City Hall, it's, nobody's going to notice that stuff. But it's all those little things that ultimately, I think, Councilman Jarosz was pointing out, that do, ultimately, add up. If you want more graffiti, I can give you a list. But thank you for all the graffiti that you have ever removed. And I think what's tricky with this is we can talk about the infrastructure endlessly. And ultimately, the city is the

people. However cliché that is so, you know, Chief Meyers has, has gotten his share of compliments and criticisms throughout the years. So, this is my compliments shout out to individuals. I obsessively went to all the events recently. So Chief Myers with all due respect, total thumbs up to Brandon Moore, who allowed himself to be shot at with bolo wrap. Total shout out for Shawn Williams, who loaned Brandon his classes as extra protection, I would never have dared to do any of that stuff. They're, they're great people, and they're gutsy to, to get out there and participate with the community. And as you well know, Kate McLaughlin is sort of the linchpin for all of this. I dearly miss Ed Bonchak, but Kate, Kate is the thing that holds us all together. And the toughest named ever spell is Sam Thairion and so, I'm gonna try it one more time. I think it's T-h-a-i-o-n. I would give pay raises every one of these people. They're fantastic individuals to be out there for every event Memorial Day, the joint community event. You couldn't ask for a better group of people truthfully. And then, you know, one kiss up to my favorite Councilperson has to be Mr. Wojtila. And he, he brought me the name, which I think is Erica Rodriguez, who participated at the Memorial Day parade. And I realized that they're just, they're the faces to the public, for these events. And you know, you couldn't ask for a better group of people. And then one quick pitch to Chief Haddock. There's a tiny little pedal car out in front of Station Number 3 - 3. If you do the Google search, you might want to look up and see if that was designed by Victor Shrekengoss. Because if that is I'll gladly put you in touch with the people that that would put that in a museum, or if not, if not a museum an archive. That, you have a classic there outside of the outside of the firehouse is if it is in fact a Shrekengoss. And then the last thing is, I think many people know, I do have cancer, so, I cannot emphasize enough 216-231-5350 Med Works cancer screening. It's a scourge. It's nasty. It's vicious, and it's not going away. And all I can tell you is the sooner you get the detection, the sooner they can get a diagnosis, the better. There's no reason to, to delay on any of that stuff. So, thank you.

#### President Mancuso

1:48:27

Thank you. Any other speakers? Seeing none. We will begin tonight with Councilman Jarosz.

### COUNCIL COMMENTS

#### Councilman Jarosz

1:48:42

All right, I'm gonna use up all my time today. This is Churchill talking to Ike prior to D Day,

“When I think of the beaches of Normandy choke with the flowers of American and British youth. When in my mind's eye, I see the ties running red with their blood, I have my doubts. I have my doubts, Ike, I have my doubts.”

And I mentioned this because of the sacrifice that we celebrated or memorialize at this Memorial weekend. And there were comments made by Senator Yuko. And they're a bit troubling, in a way, because he the message at the end, at least to me, given all the state of our Country, given the

violence that we're seeing, is this what those brave souls died for? And I think that's a hell of a question to ask ourselves. So, what do we do about it? I you know, had some notes here and I don't have any answers, but I have questions. I'm perfectly willing to be 100% wrong, but when I have our police chief says levels of violence is ridiculous. Something we've seen a warzone and we are seeing more of it, I take notice. When the gas station my daughter goes to fill up has two shootings, one fatal within a couple months of each other, I take notice. When five blocks from my house 40 rounds are emptied into a house, I take notice. So, what do we do? Well, it's not enough, right? And you are what you do, you're not what you say, you're what you do. So here's a story about a resident of mine, my resident, our resident, Ward three, Ward four, actually, I'm sorry, sends another email, December of 21. Sorry for this problem, you know, blah, blah, blah, blah, blah, blah. And, you know, pass it off. But I just kind of want to get to the more salient points. And essentially goes, I lived here for 26 years, now a woman has moved in there. People are constantly pulling in and out of the driveway, loud music from one to five in the morning banging, swearing fighting going on, obnoxious rap music, et cetera, et cetera goes on. I forward that on. In May, I get another one. I'm going to get right to the point, the problem is getting worse. City is not helpful. Their excuses are we only have so many detectives, yesterday was horrible. The traffic is back up with her, quote unquote, customers. I have a video of a tractor trailer, stopped in front of my house. People come in and out midnight to 2am, constant honking loud music, swearing. I'm looking at my camera. I am scared to even walk my dog. I am scared to leave my house. This is, I'm growing very weary of the situation. I am angry. I used to love sitting on my porch. I can no longer do that. I can't take this anymore. My nerves are a wreck, I should be able to enjoy my home. And fortunately, that was communicated again to EPD, and a week later, they I guess you would call it the residents (several untranscribable words), But you know, they're, arrests were made. And essentially, the observations come back that the arrests were made, most likely prostitution. But you got to keep in mind that we are dealing with Cuyahoga County. And it's not just the jail, this is again, speaking with the EPD, it is everything within the County. And then I read what the gentleman who's running for County Executive what his safety plan is, and I suggest you read it. It's nonsense. It is nothing but feel good talking points. People are unserious. Now I'll say again, so, then I get Kate McLaughlin's criminal activity, that address once again shows up as suspicious activity nuisance report. That is not that address is not a nuisance property. That address isn't even on there as a property where it was reported and checked out. We ask our residents call if you see something, who do they call? Who's in charge of that? Who follows up with them? What should they expect? Because 90% of my calls are, I'm calling you because nobody from City Hall calls me back. And I'm tired of it. Enough. Get angry. Do something. I don't know what the answer is. But there's plenty of people making a pretty good salary, whose job it is to figure the safety out. If we have to beat up our County Representatives. Get them on the phone. Enough glad handing. Call up our Councilperson, call up our Senators, call up our Representatives, our Judges. It's ridiculous. And we just sit here and toss up our hands and go oh, woe is

us. This is brutal. My 10 year old kid goes why do we still live here? I'm scared. And he's right. He's 100%. Right. I'm sorry for using up all my time. Thank you.

**President Mancuso**

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Thank you, sir. Councilwoman McIntosh.

**Councilwoman McIntosh**

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Thank you, Madam Chair. I will yield my time to Councilman Jarosz. If he has more to say.

**Councilman Jarosz**

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I closed my laptop

**President Mancuso**

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There you go young lady.

**Councilwoman McIntosh**

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I have no additional comments to add to that. I think he put it very eloquently, very passionately, and agree that we need to do better.

**President Mancuso**

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Councilman Wojtila.

**Councilman Wojtila**

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Thank you, Madam Chair. My email is blowing up on the pool situation. Mayor, I know we spoke on Saturday. Is there any possibility we can get the high school pool opened up to use in the interim, and perhaps keep keep the lifeguards gainfully employed so that they don't seek employment elsewhere. You can answer that with when I'm done. And then I guess the second question is, can we operate with just one pump in the meantime, and I had a one email a resident called and or emailed me was disappointed because she, she got her pool pass on the 27th, which, I guess was last week, whenever it was. And there was, in her words, they were quick to take the money, but no mention that the pool might not open on time. So, I think communication would have gone a long ways to telling that resident, hey, listen, we have a problem that we're not sure the pool is going to open right away. So, if you could answer those questions, my last question has to do with tall grass and declaring nuisance properties is tall grass considered a nuisance event and our nuisance ordinance? And when we count like, two, two events within 18 months is tall grass considered a nuisance one? So, if you guys could answer those questions, I'd be pleased.

**Law Director Sweeney**

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Madam Chair to the Councilman, tall grass is a civil thing. So that has nothing to do with criminal nuisance. So we don't count any grass against declaring a property a nuisance. (Okay.)

**Mayor Gail**

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We can certainly check with the high school pool. I will check on that tomorrow. I don't believe it can operate with one pump Director Knecht probably knows a little more about the inner workings of the pool.

**Service Director Knecht**

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Madam Chair to the Councilman, no, the pool cannot operate on one pump only.

**Mayor Gail**

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I will say in terms of, I think we all were hoping this would be in last, I mean, we were operating under what, what they told us is that it would get turned around quicker. So, it's been a da.. , we kept thinking we would have it. So it really was a decision made Friday, I believe, when we didn't have the pump. So in terms of somebody getting their pool pass, prior to that, we really were working very hard to make sure it could be opened and just didn't happen.

**Councilman Wojtila**

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And thank you. I do have one other question. Do we know yet? I had one resident say that they thought the evening hours were going to be shorter. Do we know what the actual pool hours will be?

**Mayor Gail**

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Not at this time. I know based on the number of guards, they may have to restrict the hours. The best place to look for that is the either the Euclid Recreation Facebook page or the city's website? We'll make sure we have that clearly spelled out.

**Councilman Wojtila**

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Yeah, if we could do it on the website for that I don't do Facebook.

**Mayor Gail**

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Well, then we can do it both, because that'd be that'd be very different people. Madam Chair, if I could, I'd like to go back and address, Councilman Jarosz, I think it's important. And I think we're all frustrated. And when we watch what's happening across the Country, it's alarming. And we all take it seriously, I understand you're frustrated, we're frustrated. I can tell you, the

Chief's frustrated and all of the officers. But that doesn't mean we stop. We do. And if there's questions of people not getting answers, please let me know that because I will say our employees work very hard. They get back to people. There's plenty of things that are very frustrated. And so I don't want to talk about what we can't do. I want to talk about what we have been doing and what we will continue to keep doing. As we've said before, safety is our number one priority. We have hired more police officers, it's incredibly difficult to hire police officers, we will continue to try. We're getting the cameras we have dash cameras and body cameras. All of these things take an incredible amount. It's not as easy as sitting here saying let's flip a switch and get them, body cameras, dash cameras, flat cameras, the site visits have been done. The goal is to get those I believe by around July 4. We've talked about the grants that we've applied for, gun violence reduction grants, special detail grants, our Community Response Unit continues to take firearms, you get the notices in the reports on a daily basis. Working with the special task forces working with the County Agencies. Yes, we all need to what the President talked about we need to talk to our state legislators, to our county decision makers to the judges, because it is all interrelated. We all know that it also takes the residents, I can't tell you how many times we hear this; Oh, we've called, this problem, this house has been a problem forever. We run the report And there isn't calls. So if they're calling you forward it to us, so we have a record, we need a record, the police are incredibly busy. That's not an excuse, they work incredibly hard to keep this community safe. And we will continue to work as we're putting together more plans, as we apply for more grants, as we provide the resources that our officers need. But it also takes the residents and you've heard me say that we the strength of a neighborhood group, when you're watching, and you know, your neighbors, and you call the police and you get involved, is incredibly important. A lot of those activities have declined, you know, due to COVID. And due to people moving or and so getting those activities back together? Is it the answer on its own? No, it's going to take every single one of us, it's going to take the community as a whole. It's going to take, as the resident talked about, all of us getting, as you talked about, getting angry, getting upset, getting back, I mean, it's going to take all of us, I don't, we don't have the answers. We are working to find the answers. We are talking with other people to see what they're doing what works, what else can we try. And we will keep trying, because that's what we're here for. And we will continue but we also need everyone to be working with us. If you have ideas, share them with us. If you read about a program somebody else is doing, let us know. It's incredibly important to and I know you all support our officers and what they do. If there's, we always as a Directors team, talk about what can't What else can we be doing? Counsel, I know is part of your goals is safety. Let's have those discussions. We've I've had those discussions with many of you. It's, you know, continues to be, yes, an important issue. And what we will work on every day will be how do we improve our neighborhood. And so whether it's attracting businesses so that there's activity, and there's vibrancy, whether it's about improving a home, so there's less... encouraging homeownership, whether it's taking care of property, whether it's having activities and events, so people have some meaningful engagement in the community, whether it's patrolling and getting more police, whether it's what we're open to suggestions, if you have ideas,

suggestions, let's share them. We will continue to work I share we I think we all have our times we share in that frustration. And as we watch what happens on a national basis. There's more to do, but I'm not giving up on our community. And I know lots of people who will not give up on our community. And we need to work hard every day, to make sure that people don't give up on our community and our kids and the safety and what we can offer. Because when we pull together and when we work together. And if there's things we're not doing well, please, let's have that conversation and let's figure it out and work on it. We've looked at nuisance, we've looked at several of those activities. And if there's examples that didn't work, there's other examples that did work, and we will work to fix it. So, you know, certainly happy to have a more extensive conversation that we can have here tonight. But know that we're continue, will continue to do everything that we can to make sure you have good remains a great community that we all can be proud to live in. Thank you.

### Police Chief Meyer

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Yes. Here's part of the problem. We don't operate in a vacuum. So the Police Department operates in Cuyahoga County. And I've been very vocal about this. And I'll say this again, I believe that Cuyahoga County has failed as residents to hold people. What is important, holding offenders accountable for their actions. The last several years we've moved away from that we've moved away from the police being the police. You know, this started, yes, maybe initially with the pandemic. And then there was the awful incident with George Floyd. But we have since moved on. Where in this quest for social justice, we've given up on holding people accountable. We spent the last three years particularly in urban America, elected officials, eviscerating and vilifying their police officers. So now I know that urban America can't believe these major cities that they can't hire police officers. We just spent the last three years vilifying them. It is hard to retain it is hard to hire, it is hard to attract anybody to this profession. I'm fully aware of what Councilman Jarosz is speaking of. There was a lot of contact between this, this woman and who I feel sorry for, but it's the common theme that we get. This wasn't believed this individual is a drug user. But I believe that she was turning tricks out of the house, so she was using the home for prostitution. The tools that we use, and I'm not going to get into for drug trafficking weren't valuable for seeking a search warrant. She has multiple children. Children & Family Services are involved in that, we reported her again, after we went over to the house finding out that she had a felony warrant with the county, the county's felony warrant. The county refused to take her when we took her down in the county. It's not a Euclid warrant, it a County warrant. Through power persuasion of supervisors and our relationships with the County, we were able to get them to accept her. The reality is they're not going to keep for very long. The police have nothing to do with that. It is a system that is a failure, and is failing all around this country. Look, I'm in a point in my career, I'm not an elected official, I have civil service and union to back me, okay, so I'm not afraid to say things and jeopardize position or whatnot, I will speak the truth. I believe that I had a great level of respect in this community, and in this county and in this profession. And I'm not going to be silent anymore and

talk unicorns and rainbows. And that if we have, you know, a series of pizza parties that we're not going to have any more of these problems. We have some very serious violent offenders that roam the streets every day that are not held even remotely accountable by the criminal justice system, particularly in this county. Remember, I had a conversation with Councilwoman Caviness before. A community gets what it will tolerate. They won't tolerate this in Lake County, they won't tolerate this in Mentor. So they don't have it. We tolerate it here. And I'm sickened by it. Yes, I can go out and we can seize more and more guns. It doesn't seem to make any difference. We're not holding anybody accountable. Nothing happens when we make these arrests. Certainly the Constitutional Carry Law didn't help any but it's the law and we work around it. We don't get upset and and, and, and do destructive things to society. That's not what the police do. We figure it out. We move on whether we like it or not decisions. This is that, we can talk all day about hiring more police and doing this. It's this is not this is a systemic problem in the criminal justice system. There's the prosecution, there's probation. There's the courts, there's, there's elected judges, there's corrections. We are not holding people accountable. We are simply not and to say well, I don't understand why the same thing isn't happening in Mentor, they won't tolerate it. We tolerate it. We make excuses for this, whether we want to say it's racism or it's this or it's that. Okay, I'm not saying these things don't exist, but my God, let's start holding people accountable.

#### President Mancuso

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Thank you Chief. Where are we? To Councilwoman Jukic.

#### Councilwoman Jukic

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Thank you, Madam Chair. It's, it's hard to follow some of these comments. One of the things that I mentioned in the last several meetings was my desire to participate in trying to do things as a community, as a society, as an individual. So, one of the things that the police department and I talking to Captain Hauser and Kate McLaughlin, we're having a safety meeting on July 6, at the library Wednesday, July 6, there hasn't been one I think in a little while due to COVID. So that's one small step that I have attempted and working with the police department, we have gotten a safety meeting. All of these issues coming up today and what the Goodman's brought up that we have to do something I think it relates to both us in the city as well as in the County and in the State and Federal so I take more responsibility on myself to do more and I encourage everyone else to as well because it's too big of a problem for any one individual or city or group to deal with. I would like to share that, in the airport in Reagan National in DC on Friday, I ran into Senator Portman our US Senator, who, Mrs. Goodman, I've been sending emails and phone calls to him and others many times in the last several years. And what I said is God put him in front of my path, and I kind of followed him to his gate. And when I saw that he was flying to Cincinnati, I knew that it was Portman. And I begged him to do something related to gun reform, and I choked up. As I was talking to him, like, you're not running for reelection, please do something. So I'm, I want to share that with you to reiterate that it

does take all of us to do something and there was this opportunity that I thought I would never have. So, I wanted to share that with you. Then I have one little thing that just seems so inappropriate after this whole conversation is that wall on the Lakefront Trail that's falling apart and looks really bad. I would like us. It's the parking garage wall. When you're on the Lakefront Trail, it just makes everything look terrible. No, no, the old wall. But if we have people doing graffiti, then maybe we should have something nice on this wall that's falling apart as we're walking on the trail. So I'm throwing that out there as one thing that maybe we could do to beautify things. On top of all these other difficult topics. Thank you.

**President Mancuso**

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Councilwoman, do you have a time for your safety meeting on July 6?

**Councilwoman Jukic**

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I don't want to say exactly the time, but it'll be in the evening. So...

**President Mancuso**

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Alright. Let us know. So we can get it posted.

**Councilwoman Jukic**

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Oh, yeah, I will. Thank you.

**President Mancuso**

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Thank you. Councilwoman Steele.

**Councilwoman Steele**

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Madam President, Council, Mayor, um, we are in a crisis, we are. But again, we are the people. We can do something about it. I know it seems hope less. But, but we all have blood running through our veins, air in our lungs. We all can speak. And we have a brain. If we work together, we can figure out ways of doing things together. It may not stop crime, but it will reduce it. But you have to be committed. You have to stay laser focused. And you cannot be afraid. And I say this because we can. There's no reason why we can't if we don't bind, if we don't come together. That shooting that happened in Texas, those babies, it could have been prevented the shooting that happened in Chardon, it could have been prevented. Because we graze over things. Oh, that's not gonna happen. No, no, no. A ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. That's what I remember the elders would say. Another thing that was always said to me, if you fail to prepare you prepare to fail. Mrs. Goodman, you're right. Do something. Write a letter, the squeaky wheel gets the oil. I used to come to council almost every week. Well, every time you had council to talk about the speeding on my street, when the dog get hit. People will roll their eyes at me. They talked about me, I know they did. A situation

happened right after George Floyd. It was a gang of kids about to fight. There were adults standing around. No one did anything. I heard the noise I ran out. Yeah, I could have got shot. But I had to do something. And guess what? They stopped. They stopped. You cannot let fear cripple you. That's all I have to say.

**President Mancuso**

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Thank you. And I'll go to Councilman Tolton.

**Councilman Tolton**

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Just two, two quick things. Now that school is out in the summer, just want to just reiterate to the residents, so please just slow down, make sure that we watching our kids out here playing, and walking down the street. So please just slow down. Second thing is, I guess, Miss Grida, maybe you can answer this. We've talked about tall grass. What are we doing? Because it you know, we're citing our residents. What are you doing with our businesses such as Lincoln Electric right now on, on 222nd. That grass has been high for a couple of weeks now.

**President Mancuso**

Mrs. Grida.

**Assistant to the Mayor, Grida**

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Thank you very much. We do site businesses as well. Councilman Tolton. I don't know the current status of the citation for Lincoln, I'll double check and then give you an email tomorrow. And Councilman Epps, if you'd like a copy of that email, I'm happy to do so as well. I know that we have the normal Spring, trying to catch up with everything, phase. We just started mowing, as you all are aware, on May 16, so we're just a few weeks into it. But I will double check with Lincoln property. (Thank you.) You're welcome.

**President Mancuso**

Thank you. Councilman Epps.

**Councilman Epps**

2:16:00

Thank you. Couple of things. The, if you could, I'm not sure if it's just something we can remove ourselves director Knecht, but the cone at the 260<sup>th</sup>, at the intersection from that project is still sitting there on the east, on the southeast corner. Not sure if they just seemed like they might have just left it by mistake. But if we could get that removed, I had a resident at our Euclid Revitalization Committee meeting mention that and it is still there today. Also, I'm glad that you talked about the fact that you program for the mowing and stuff just started on the 16th. And it's always, this is always a tough time because of the rain. And with spring. And you know, people just get into the swing of things. And I spend a lot of time last week at businesses, more so up and down Euclid Avenue. It was a disaster. And I'm happy to see

today that a lot of those businesses have cleaned them up, they look very good. I just have one that is still left. It's an empty business, a vacant business, we'll get to it. Councilman Tolton asked about citing businesses, can we make sure that we're citing them as well. A lot of times, I feel like they don't get cited just because and we will definitely need to be on them be walking in and saying something gets them to move all the time. But I can't always do that, and to Councilman Jarosz's point, there's a lot of folks that make a lot more money than we do to enforce and make sure these things happen, so I just wanted to point that out. But I am very, very proud of Ward three businesses who have been cleaning up those properties since the conversations we had last week. And then lastly, I had some other things I wanted to talk about, and I won't talk about them at all tonight. Um, instead, I think this is a good time to ask this question. And as I was listening to our Chief who, I appreciate your remarks, and for you taking basically what Councilman Jarosz said, and doing it, getting angry. And we've heard you do that multiple times. And I don't always agree with everything that you say, but I think your comments tonight were spot on, a lot of these issues are larger than our department. So, I appreciate that. And hopefully you're not going anywhere anytime soon. And then, but we talk a lot about increasing safety forces. I know even I have talked a lot over the years about increasing safety forces. But what does that really mean? What does that look like from one shift to another? Are we increasing the officers that are on those shifts? We talked in my committee about gonna try to reduce the speed limit on Euclid Avenue. But a lot of the apathy is like, well, but then there has to be enforcement to, or otherwise it's pointless. So when we talk about we're increasing, and we're hiring new officers, how many officers are we increasing each shift by? What does that look like? And I'm not sure if it leads to having a safety committee not asking you to give us all that tonight. But I think that's more so getting down to the nitty gritty and actually trying to do something to solve these problems and helping people to know what it is that you're doing. A lot of times there is a lot of stuff that you're doing. But if you're not effectively communicating that people don't know. And so rather than just say we're hiring new officers, what are these new officers doing, I think is a more appropriate and valid question. And I look forward to your response. Thank you.

### President Mancuso

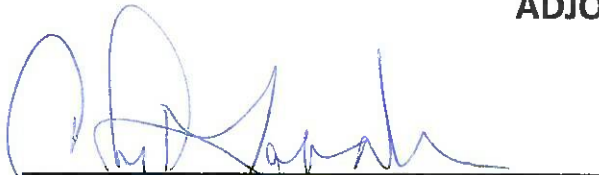
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Thank you. As final comments, I first want to let Council know our next meeting will be on the 21st not the 20th. And at 630, the Finance Director is going to do a financial update. So, there'll be a work session before Council meeting. We have, I want to say thank you to council members, Tolton, McIntosh and Wojtila for joining me at East 200 Street Stroll. We had a beautiful day. I think they've never had a bad day. It was wonderful out and people were engaged, who it was it was kind of fun to watch people were engaged. The other thing that I have is one thank you everybody for wearing masks. We're going to continue this through June and then reevaluate what's going on in the County. From my place of purpose, it's better to be forewarned and take the precaution rather than look back at each other and go oh we should have. So we will continue this through June and then evaluate

in July. The only other thing I had and it was is a reflection of the last Council meeting we had, where Councilman Epps made a comment about four tapes being edited. And I didn't say it that night, and I thought about it. I, That's a serious allegation. And I would really recommend you send those tapes submit evidence to the law director so we can do an investigation. Because that is to me, that's, that's a very serious allegation. So, if you would do that as soon as you can. And with that, I will if there's no other business to come before us, I will look for a motion to adjourn. So moved by Councilman Epps. Second by Councilwoman Steele. All in favor, "Aye."

We are adjourned

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