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Clerk Laboda

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get it yet? Did you see it yet? Basically, he apologized for not being able to meet with the Councilwoman due to these obligations that he had within the past couple of weeks. He acknowledges Mr. Peterson's criminal background. He said most of the items were housing code violations to which he pled and was sentenced accordingly. He purchased the building where the Triple Deuce is. He has spent at least \$50,000 renovating it and modernizing the second floor and his office is now on the second floor. He has had the liquor permit for the last two years. Ohio did give him the liquor permit. They did do a background check on him fingerprint and all that. So, all of his past is aware, of the liquor control is aware and still did award this liquor permit to him. So, he apologizes for not being here and the chips will fall where they may today. Thank you.

President Mancuso

2:59

Since this is in Ward 8, I would look for commentary by Councilwoman Steele.

Councilwoman Steele

3:07

Thank you, Madam Chair. Currently, because I have not had ample time to meet with said owner and the attorney. I, for one, cannot move forward with this. I just can't do it, not right now. I have not, I have not met with them. And we were supposed to meet and we do have a deadline.

President Mancuso

And we were supposed to meet and we do have a deadline. What's our deadline? Do you know?

Law Director Sweeney

3:41

Madam Chair, I asked for additional time with liquor board. I asked them until, I said we would be voting on this tonight. So, let's just vote. Okay,

President Mancuso

3:50

Okay, so what we would need to do if you really don't want to process it without objection is make a motion for a hearing.

Councilwoman Steele

3:59

I would like to make a motion for hearing.

President Mancuso

4:01

Request a hearing. I need a second. So moved by Councilman Jarosz. Madam Clerk, please call the roll on asking for a hearing on this particular liquor license.

Clerk Laboda

4:15

Tolton, Yes. Jarosz, Yes. McIntosh, Yes. Wojtila, Yes. Steele, Yes. Mancuso, Yes. The motion for the hearing has passed.

COUNCIL MINUTES

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4:29

Thank you. We will now go on to **Council Minutes**. And Councilwoman Stefana Caviness is not here, so I'm going to look for a motion to accept the April 4, 2022, April 18, 2022, May 2, 2022 and May 16, 2022 Council Minutes be approved. I need a second. So moved by Councilwoman McIntosh.

All in favor, "Aye."

Thank you very much. We're now going to go to **Administrative Reports and Communications**

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Law Director Sweeney

5:00

Thank you, Madam Chair. We have three this evening. The first one, I'll begin with, road resurfacing has begun on Euclid Avenue and East 185. Two major roadway improvements began May 16 and 17th. ODOT Euclid Avenue resurfacing project and the East 185 Street Rehabilitation Project. Euclid Avenue resurfacing will run from the Cleveland Corporation line to the Wickliffe Corporation line and is scheduled for completion early October 2022. According to Director Knecht, traffic is able to travel in both directions during the project. Multiple lanes may be closed during work hours for crews to complete their work. East 185 Streetscape and Beautification Project is being designed in two parts. Part one began May 17, includes resurfacing .7 miles of East 185 Street from Pawnee Avenue to Lake Erie. The section of the project involves both city of Cleveland and the city of Euclid. Part two of this project, with a start date to be determined, includes .9 miles of resurfacing of East 185 from Nottingham Road to Pawnee. That stretch of roadway is in Cleveland only. According to Euclid Councilperson Jarosz, a representative of Ward 4, barrels pavement striping and detour signage is now in place. Southbound traffic is not allowed on East 185 from Lake Erie to Windward Road. That traffic is being detoured to East 200 Street, northbound traffic is opened the entire length of East 185th and the curb lane on the east side is, once again, available for on street parking. This

configuration will remain until July or August. Please be aware of changes in traffic patterns as both projects progress visit cityofeuclid.com and/or follow the City of Euclid on social media for the most up to date information on these resurfacing projects. We also have announcements from Director Patrick Grogan Meyers.

Planning and Zoning Director Grogan-Meyers

6:55

Thank you, I just want to share our thanks to Senator Kenny Yuko for his continued advocacy for the City of Euclid. You may have noticed in the State Capital budget, the City was awarded \$1 million towards the Phase Three Waterfront Improvement Project. So, as you'll recall from the plan that was presented, I believe, just over a month ago now, maybe a little bit more than that. So, this is the creation of a new parkland, parking area, green space and eventually a beach house, right around East 250th and Lakeshore. So first million is on hand. Thanks to Senator Kenny Yuko for his advocacy on our behalf.

Law Director Sweeney

7:35

Thank you. Thank you, Madam Chair. And one more announcement from Mrs. Grida.

Assistant to the Mayor, Kristal Grida

7:38

Thank you very much. I just wanted to thank all of the residents and council that came out to our first Maker's Mart pop up at Shore Cultural Center last month, that was a success. We had about a dozen or so vendors and several people that came out and purchased, so it was very nice. This Saturday is our second one. We do these once a month. Again, from noon to four at Shore Cultural Center located at 291 East 222. We have almost doubled the amount of merchants, so I have to pace myself. It was very fun. So please, if you're looking for some unique gifts, please come out to Shore this Saturday. Thank you very much.

Law Director Sweeney

8:16

That completes Administration reports. Thank you, Madam Chair. Thank you.

President Mancuso

8:19

And now we have some Proclamations, which is the fun part of a council meeting. And on behalf of our Mayor, who is out of town, I'm going to first ask for our Euclid Valedictorian, is it Lania Brown? Is she here with family? No, Oh, dear. She's, well, let me tell you a little bit about Lania. She's the valedictorian for the class of 2022 at Euclid. She's a National Merit Scholarship recipient, and has received the Distinguished Scholar Award for four years. Linnea was the department award recipient in

Math and is also a member of the National Honor Society, was the female lead in the 2022 Big Show. She was also a marching band sector leader and as the first-place winner of the Deloitte Team Tech Challenge and was accepted into an Ivy League College. Lania plans to attend the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor to study Aerospace Engineering. She says quote, "I wouldn't be where I am today without Euclid and I'll always be grateful." So, on behalf of the former Mayor, former mayor, on behalf of Mayor Kristen Gail, she's out of town gone, on behalf of the Mayor and City Council, we just want to thank Lania for her striving and achieving such wonderful things.

Our second Proclamation goes to.... thank you...Our second Proclamation goes Nora Swerbinsky who has the Salutatorian. If we could have her and her family come up please? Come, my darling. Okay, The City of Euclid wishes to recognize Nora Swerbinsky as Euclid High School Salutatorian with the graduating class of 2022. Nora is a member of the Lewis Leadership program, program and recipient of the Toledo Excellence Scholarship. Nora is a member of the National Honor Society. And Nora was also the department award recipient in Social Studies and has taken and passed nine honor classes. She is a four-year member of the Publishing Club and Student Council and a member of the Junior Ambassadors and PBIS team. Nora has taken five CCP classes amounting to 28 credit hours and was the lead attorney in the mock trial of the man who shot James Garfield. Nora read a total of 270 books in high school with 46 of those read in her senior year. Nora is a part time employee at the Euclid Public Library and will be attending the University of Toledo as an honors student majoring in Library Science. So, on behalf of our Mayor, Kristen Holzeimer-Gail and the entire City Council. Congratulations, young lady.

Nora Swerbinsky

11:27

Thank you. This is my mom. This is my brother Max and that's my dad. I'd like to thank them for supporting me through all the things that I've done. It wasn't always easy, but we made it so.

President Mancuso

11:43

All right, our next Proclamation goes to the Valedictorian of St. Joe's Villa Angela. And that is Paul Paciorek, I put an N in there. I'm sorry. If you'd come up with your family please? All right, a little bit about Paul. Paul is the Valedictorian for the graduating class of 2022 at Villa Angela-St. Joe. Paul has attended Our Lady of the Lake School and received the 2018 President's Education Award for outstanding accomplishments and excellence. He was a five-year member of the CYO football team, and a member of the school's Brain Brawl academic team. Paul was the youngest student ever invited to attend Villa Angela-St. Joseph Viking Edge program, completing algebra as a seventh grader and geometry as an eighth grader. That's not too shabby. Paul is a 2022 graduate of Villa Angela-St. Joe High School and has been the recipient of many academic

scholarships. He has, he has been a member of the National Honor Society for three years and was awarded the Bausch and Laumb Honorary Science Award. He was a member of the Academic Challenge Team and received the Cleveland Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa Award for outstanding accomplishment and excellence in high school. Paul was the recipient of the Villa Angela-St. Joseph's first Honor Award for achieving first honors every quarter for all four years of high school. He was chosen to participate in the Buckeye Boys program, where he received the Good Citizens award. Paul is also a published author in two books of teen writings. Paul is a four-year member of the Vikings football team and a three year member of the Vikings wrestling team, lettering in both sports. Paul is very active in his parish, Our Lady of the Lake and in his community. He is a volunteer at Vacation Bible School and at the Euclid Hunger Center. Paul will be attending The Ohio State University in Columbus in the Engineering Honors Program, and will be working towards a degree in Computer Science. So, on behalf of Mayor, Mayor Holzheimer-Gail and the entire Council, congratulations young man.

Paul Paciorek

14:10

So, I wouldn't have been able to do all this without my family. So right here with me I've got my father Paul Paciorek, and my mother Janet.

President Mancuso

14:24

Thank you. Okay, if we could now have Megan O'Donnell. Is Megan here? All right, Megan. Let me tell you a little bit about Megan. Megan is, Megan is the Salutatorian at VA-St. Joe's. She lives in Euclid with her family and is the youngest of 3, with a brother and a sister. She attended Menlo Park Academy and Our Lady of the Lake School. Megan went on to graduate from the Villa Angela-St. Joe. And Megan likes Math and received the Outstanding Student Award in both Math and English at Villa Angela-St. Joe High School. Megan was also the Vice President of the National Honor Society and was a Peer Mediator. Megan loves playing basketball and watching sports, especially NWSL Soccer. In addition to sports, Megan likes to make trick shot videos, and has been accepted into the Mandel Honors College at Cleveland State University and plans to major in Film and Media Arts. We are also quite proud of her and on behalf of Mayor Gayle and the entire Council, we congratulate her and her family. If we could just give the families and the students one more round of applause.

And now I'd like to ask some of the ladies of the Lakeshore Garden Club to come up here with me.

Welcome. Whereas the city of Euclid congratulates the Lakeshore Garden Club on their 90th anniversary. The Lakeshore Garden Club was founded in 1932. This year in honor of their 90th anniversary, they're hosting a special flower show entitled; It was a Very Good Year, 1932 to Celebrating 90 Years. And Lakeshore Garden Club has many long standing traditions such as hosting award winning flower shows every

two years at the historic Henn Mansion. Planting trees to honor the club members on Arbor Day and caring for an adopted a spot, Adopt a Spot in Sims Park. The Lakeshore Garden Club is also a member of the Cleveland Botanical Gardens and decorates a glow tree every year for the Christmas holiday and did a scarecrow for a few years for the Children's Garden at Hospice. They decorate many pumpkins for Halloween, and many Christmas trees for Christmas for the patients. The Lakeshore Garden Club designed and implemented a new garden planter with plants stone and bubbler at our own City Hall here in 2021. Lakeshore Garden Club is both a social club and an educational club that has many devoted members past and present. Euclid appreciates the dedication of the Lakeshore Garden Club to promoting the beautiful gardening in the City of Euclid. Um, on behalf of Mayor Gail and all of Council, we absolutely commend you. That's a great effort, we all enjoy it. Would you like to introduce your partners in crime?

Cheryl Brickman – Lakeshore Garden Club

17:49

Certainly. Thank you very much to the City Council, City of Euclid, the Mayor and these fine ladies over here are the backbone behind me. I'm Cheryl Brickman. I'm the president. I have Helen Allison here who is my Recording Secretary, Marilee Zellerbach. I always say her name wrong. She is our Treasurer, and then Debbie Kramarz is my Vice President. We also have another member sitting up there Colletta, who is a former president, and she also knows an awful lot. She's also part of the Ohio Regional Garden Society. So, I want to thank everyone. Please come to our Flower Show. It's July 8, the 9th we're gonna have some wonderful plants on displays. So please come over to the Henn Mansion. Thank you.

President Mancuso

18:58

Thank you. Okay, we are now going to go on to **Committee Documentation**. And we will go to Councilman Wojtila for his Public Service and Utilities Committee. That was on June 1.

COMMITTEE DOCUMENTATION

Councilman Wojtila

19:12

Thank you, Madam Chair. There was a Public Service and Utilities Committee meeting on June 1. There are three agenda items; the consent decree update, the annual sewer rate audit, and MPDS hearing. Administration present was Director Knecht, Mayor Gail. Committee members present were Mancuso, Jarosz, McIntosh and myself with the committee member Jukic excused. Guest present we're Bob Fink and Lou McMahon. There was no action taken as this was an informational meeting with no legislation discussed. Handouts provided included the documentation for proposed rate increases for wastewater services prepared by B Fink Consulting Inc. It was a robust meeting, about two

and a half hours long and the page and a half of summary. I won't read the whole page and a half but maybe hit a few highlights. The first item was on the water reclamation plant update, and the plant is substantially complete. And with the completion of that project that would conclude the first two items of the 2012 consent decree work. The first item being the sanitary sewer float, overflow elimination. The third item that remains to be done is reduction of the combined sewer overflows to less than four annually per CSO. Director Knecht talked about the challenges encountered in the reclamation plant work being attributable to the property acquisition costs on Lakeshore Boulevard. The fact that there were no as built plans available of the existing plant, COVID in general and construction cost escalation. As a result of those increases, the city has requested a modification to the consent decree to allow for the continued use of the existing WWATF versus the requirement to install a second storage tank size that 10 million gallons. By comparison, the first tank that was installed as part of the initial project was 15 million gallons. Second item discussed was the current sewer rates. And the study that was provided by Bob Fink from B Fink Consulting Inc. The current rates were established in 2012, with small incremental increases per year projected through 2025. If we don't adjust our rates, we will be looking at a \$2.6 million deficit for the year 2023. And I don't believe we're allowed to do that. I didn't put that in notes. But that's something that we can add do as part of that fund balance. Project escalation or project cost escalation rate of 2% was applied to the operating costs expenses was challenged by committee members as being too low. So, in in in the assessment of future cost, Mr. Fink was only using 2% and some of the committee members thought that might be too low based on current interest rates and inflation rates. A decision will need to be made if rates will be set just for 2023 or if we choose to project through 2025, which is where our current rates extend through. Legislation on the new rates for 2023 will be discussed and should be voted on in September to be effective in 2023. Another committee meeting will be planned for late July, following the issuance of the annual report by Mr. Fink. Copy of the proposed rate increase handout will be provided to all of council and Mayor Gail requested nearby sewer rates to be provided for comparison purposes. The third agenda item was led by Attorney Lou McMahon in new in November of 2021. The US EPA filed an objection to the revisions to the city's National Post Pollution Discharge Elimination System permit or NPDS permit. This is a five year permit, which was submitted for renewal last year, the City of Euclid and the Ohio EPA came to agreement on permit limits about a year ago. However, during the review process of this permit by the US EPA and objection was filed the specific grounds for the objections that the proposed permit fails to include effluent limitations for phosphorus, necessary to achieve water quality standards for Lake Erie Central Basin open water. This objection prevents the Ohio EPA from issuing the, the permit. Ohio EPA on behalf of the City of Euclid has called for a public hearing to discuss this objection. In the words of our attorney, he feels like the US EPA is treating the city like the cause and the solution of high phosphorus levels in the lake of which we are

neither. The public hearing was set for 6/7/22, which was earlier this month. And that was at Cleveland State from one to two or one to 4pm. There was also a virtual meeting and 6/8 from 6pm to 8pm. As it turns out, the public hearing which was on 6/7 was cancelled and it was just a virtual meeting as 6/8 that was scheduled from six to nine. I did talk to the Mayor and she did say that the public hearing went very well. The City spoke primarily the Mayor, Director Knecht and Lou McMahon, our attorney. NEORSD spoke, Ohio EPA spoke, and various trade relations associations also spoke on behalf of the City. I was going to ask the Mayor for an update. She's not here, so. She'll give us an update at the next meeting or at the Committee Meeting that were schedule, looking to schedule late July. Thank you, Madam Chair.

President Mancuso

25:15

Thank you. We will not hear about the Euclid Avenue Revitalization committee because that Councilman is not here. So, I would ask for a motion to approve Border Control dated May 31, 2022. The Public Service Utilities Committee, June 1, 2022. I have, do I have a motion? So moved by Councilman Wojtila. Second by Councilman McIntosh.

All in favor, "Aye."

Thank you very much. And I'd like to acknowledge that Councilwoman Caviness is here.

At this point, we will go to the first **Committee of the Whole** which is for legislative matters only. If you wish to speak to anything on the agenda only. Please keep your comments to five minutes. Please just give us your name and address.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – LEGISLATIVE MATTERS ONLY

Resident – Christopher Michael Litwinowicz

26:04

Christopher Michael Litwinowicz, 21970 Morris Avenue. First off, council without agreeing to just one company in the city as a tow company, we need to first go out to bid and have other companies give us their best offer. Also with this legislation, our community is a traffic town. A ticket town. Police officers I don't care if you look at me funny because I really think that the job of going around and putting a little piece of paper on a person's car doesn't fit the purpose of securing safety neighborhoods. All right, now before we get into any voting here, can I get a raise of hands who really does not like the street lighting charge? Who really don't like the street lighting charge a this, this, this, put your hands up.

President Mancuso

27:23

Continue Mr. Litwinowicz.

Resident – Christopher Michael Litwinowicz

27:25

I have the right to ask them to put the hands up.

President Mancuso

You have. Move on, move on.

Resident – Christopher Michael Litwinowicz

I could take five minutes and read a Bible if I wanted to.

President Mancuso

Stop.

Resident – Christopher Michael Litwinowicz

Okay, Cuyahoga Chris, we got the referendum on this Junker. So you think that you gonna pass the street lighting charge when you gonna charge the residents an additional million and a half \$2 million to \$5 million? Does anybody know what that charge details as your general fund? And that by the way, man, I'm gonna Pollok. Yeah, laugh, go ahead, because everybody laughing every day that I was doing work. But the problem is 30 - - - (untranscribable). Somebody don't know how to pay the bills, off of \$40 million. We also at this time was hit by the EPA. So why are we bringing up the EPA, Cleveland got a two and a half billion dollar. So, we need.. and that's on that waste water. I think what you're talking about in line seven is the waste. So that, is that the same company that don't do the same job? So that's our waste. That's our garbage pickup, right? Or is this the waste from the wastewater treatment? Which either money goes to Cleveland on the Enterprise Fund? We gonna start shutting these funds down. We gonna see how broke people is. I liked those eyes looking at me like that. That's giving me motivation. Yep. Motivation. I'm so determined. Let's say say say say you pass this tonight. You got to pass it again. Then you got to pass it again. And at that time, that's gonna give us enough time for the first recall of the season to be filed. That's gonna give us enough time to get signatures grouped up. I'm here right now. Because it's nonsense. We was told how many times was we told taxes are not permanent? Well, we need this we need that we need this. We need that. We fed up. We really fed up. I see that somebody can't get paid \$50,000, so why should anybody else take our general fund? So that's what Cuyahoga Chris is gonna do, is waste more time of his life inside this City of Euclid. I'm gonna waste another 45 seconds with my conversation tonight because it don't matter. You're all one track minded. And now one track minded has ruined the community where I grew up in. So I've taken it to the streets. And my second part of my compensation later this evening, you can like it or not, but I need those piece of paper on the recall petition as we speak. Enjoy. Y'all watch your jobs. You will do what's right. And it's not even about what I'm upset really about. It's just that out of all these years, you guys still don't represent the people that put you in.

President Mancuso

31:06

Thank you, Mr. Litwinowicz. Next speaker, please.

Resident – Pearletha Taylor

31:28

Good evening, Pearletha Taylor, 1495 E. 193rd, Euclid, Ohio. I'm very, very happy and pleased to be here tonight. We will see, been working on a project with the mayor, Mayor of Euclid. And also with our council person, Councilwoman Caviness and also we have Patrick Meyers that been working with us. This project started back at 2020. Heritage Park had been complaining, complaining about the care that we was getting in our area. And the Mayor decided let's do a beautification Pilot Program. It's a program that will start with a small neighborhood, which we will be working with precinct E. That's from 193rd to 219. In Ward 1. And we have been meeting with the Mayor, with the councilperson, and also with Patrick Meyer. We have brainstorm. And we have represent from each street in our Ward, they come to the meeting. We brought in different suggestions and we talked about it, we discussed it, we gave it to Patrick. And believe it, he came up with an awesome idea. And we are so proud and so happy. What happened I don't know if anyone ever remember. But so many times we have come to this podium and complain about how we was not able to get along from the EDCOR office. Because either our income was over, or we, anything, we could not get it. And we most majority of us now on fixed income. And then we had a problem if we go someone else to try to get a Grant along, our income was under. And so the Mayor came up with this project. And it's a pilot project, once it work in our Ward, it will spread about. But this is something to help to bring Euclid back to the neighborhood and the city that it used to be because we come in with beautification. And I'm so excited about it because the people in the community was so pleased. Patrick have brought in so many things that we wouldn't even think of, or dream up. But it would bring our neighborhood because every day, every week, we have people, seniors want to move because they cannot fixup their property or keep the property. They cannot get a Grant. They cannot get along. Some of them just pack up and leave. Then an LLC come in and take over, patch it up and put renters in there. And they finished tearing up neighborhood. So, this is one way that we can stop the LLC from coming into our city and into our neighborhood. Also, not only that, it would encourage the landlord, of which they are also working with the landlords and the tenants to make sure they improve their property. So, I am very excited. I'm asking council to look at this, vote on it, pass it, because it won't only just help our neighborhood. It will help the whole city because if it works in Heritage Park, it can work anywhere. And when it goes to another area, if you want our help, we willing come to give suggestion. We willing to help, but this has been a fighting, fighting Association and a fighting group, that we've been meeting so often rain, sleet or snow we came out and we worked on this project. And we're very proud of it. And we hope you are as proud of as we are. Thank you very much.

President Mancuso

35:34

Thank you. Next speaker please. Seeing none, we will begin our **Legislative** agenda.

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

LEGISLATION

Clerk Laboda

35:48

Resolution 067-22. A resolution to accept and expend a grant from the Ripepi family through Excel K-9 Services Inc. Corporate Headquarters Kennel and Training Campus, 6454 Winchell Road, Hiram Township, Ohio, 44234, for a K-9 dog for use by the Euclid Police Department.

President Mancuso

36:16

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

All in favor, "Aye."

And we will go first to Kevin Janson.

Police Captain Janson

36:28

Kevin Janson representing Chief Meyer tonight. Through the Ripepi Foundation, they awarded canine grants to five police departments in the area. What they're going to do is, they're going to directly purchase a canine through Excel Canine Services in Hiram. For our police department, we were awarded one of the generous Grants. They're going to purchase the canine. They're going to put the officer that we choose, patrolman Vince Trousseau through a six week school. And they're going to purchase a canine ballistic vest and any other equipment needed. So, this is a wonderful grant that they've awarded us.

President Mancuso

37:08

Any discussion? Councilman Wojtila.

Councilman Wojtila

37:12

Thank you, Madam Chair. I would just like to recognize the Ripepi family. And I'm proud to say that I am friends with Steve Ripepi, who's, he's the brother of Danny Ripepi who was killed tragically. And Steve Ripepi is married to Jeanette who grew up in Euclid on Major Drive in Indian Hills. And I know them to be a very generous family. They're the owner and operators of A Ripepi Funeral Home on the west side. And I think we should send them a nice thank you on behalf of the police and the City of Euclid. Thank you, Madam Chair.

President Mancuso

37:41

Thank you. Any other discussion? Councilman Tolton.

Councilman Tolton

37:45

Thank you, Madam Chair. Is this our, is this Euclid's first canine?

Police Captain Janson

37:51

No, we just had, we have one that primarily works with the fugitive Violent Fugitive Task Force downtown with the US Marshals and then we had one that just retired due to medical condition. So, this will be our second and we're also working on another one. So, this is replacing the retired. This is replacing, so it's a canine that'll work the streets of Euclid with its handler.

President Mancuso

38:13

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

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

Clerk Laboda

38:29

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

Motion passes, Resolution passes.

President Mancuso

38:44

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

Clerk Laboda

38:49

Ordinance 068-22. An ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of Euclid renew the contract with 3S Towing and Recovery, 1090 East 305, Wickliffe, Ohio, 44092. For the towing of junk, abandon and impounded vehicles, or vehicles that must otherwise be removed at the direction of the Euclid Police Department for the period from January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2025.

President Mancuso

39:24

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

And we will go once again to Kevin Jansen.

Law Director Sweeney

39:34

Madam Chair, I'm going to handle this thank you and Captain Janson can jump in if I need some assistance. 3S Towing has been our towing contractor since 2016. And at that time, we did do an exercise of requesting for proposals. We did get proposals back from three vendors, and we chose, chose 3S as the lowest and best bidder of that group. We are asking to renew the contract with 3S. I'm to, to address the resident, but I see that he's gone. We do not have to go out for bids on a contract of this nature. We did do that back in 2016, but it's not necessary. Contracts in excess of \$50,000 we should get multiple bids and seek, seek proposals. But this contract is \$0 to the city of Euclid, so we don't have to do that. Any of the costs incurred in this contract are borne by the individuals whose cars are towed, so it's \$0 to the City of Euclid. The Police Department really likes 3S Towing. They're professional, they do a great job, their response time is fantastic. So, we're asking for a three-year renewal on this contract through 2025 and myself or Captain Janson are happy to answer any questions that you might have.

President Mancuso

40:50

Thank you. And I think we need to mention they also haven't raised their prices for any of our residents.

Law Director Sweeney

40:55

Correct, so, they've not raised prices since 2016. Except they've added an additional \$5 for the towing storage, but they're still below rates in the area.

President Mancuso

41:09

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

All in favor, "Aye."

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

All in favor, "Aye."

Those opposed? Seeing none.

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

Clerk Laboda

41:40

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

Motion, Ordinance passes.

President Mancuso

41:57

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

Clerk Laboda

42:01

Ordinance 069-22. An ordinance repealing Section 1129.05 Tattooing Prohibited of Chapter 1129 General Offenses, of the Health and Sanitation Code of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Euclid, due to conflicting regulations in the Planning and Zoning code.

President Mancuso

42:26

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

We will go to Law Director Sweeney for this.

Law Director Sweeney

42:40

Thank you, Madam Chair. Councilperson Tolton asked me some questions about tattooing and things of that nature. And when I was giving him copies of our code, I found this outdated code section. So, at one time, tattooing was prohibited here. Now it is a conditional use in certain districts. And so we wanted to just clean up the code and eliminate this, repeal this section.

President Mancuso

43:05

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

All in favor, "Aye."

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

All in favor, "Aye."

Those opposed? Seeing none.

Madam Clerk, please call the roll on the ordinance.

Clerk Laboda

43:37

Wojtila, Yes. Steele, Yes. Caviness, Yes. Tolton, Yes. Jarosz, Yes. McIntosh, Yes. Mancuso, Yes.
Ordinance passes.

President Mancuso

43:52

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

Clerk Laboda

43:56

Resolution 070-22. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor of the City of Euclid or her designee to execute and submit a grant application to Cuyahoga County for American Rescue Plan Act funds for the creation of the Heritage Park Home Repair Pilot Grant Program.

President Mancuso

44:19

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

All in favor, "Aye."

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

Planning & Zoning Director Grogan-Meyers

44:30

Thank you, Madam Chair. I'll try to keep this as brief as possible. But there's a lot of moving parts in this. So let me start first with some background, because both this piece of legislation and the next piece of legislation works somewhat in tandem. So, as you might have seen in news articles, county council has said that each county district, county council district, so there's 11 total. Each district would be allocating \$6 million within the County council persons district. So, from there, each County council person developed their own way to approach allocating those funds for County council person Simon, who's our district representative, she had reached out to the six municipalities in her district, and had said that she would be looking for project applications to help allocate these funds, and for the city to target roughly \$600,000 in project support that was being sought. So, from there, the administration looked at three main factors when we were looking at projects to pull together. The first was what are County council persons Simon's goals for her time on council. The second is, what are the city's goals, visa vie, the master plan, as being our guiding document. And then the third is, where is the funding best utilized when comparing the city's own ARP allocation? So, is there a way we can leverage our funds through the use of County ARPA dollars? Or was there an opportunity to maybe achieve a goal of both the County council person and the master plan for something that didn't necessarily fit well within ARPA

regulations? So, using that kind of Venn diagram, if you will, that's how we approach this this project request, and how we develop the total of five projects that are being presented this evening. The first is for the Heritage Park Home Repair Pilot Grant Program. And for the sake of conversation, I'll just refer to it as the program. So, I don't have to keep repeating words over and over again. So as per Pearletha Taylor mentioned at the podium, thank you for your kind words, Pearletha, I think really what this represents is the best of coming together between local government and the residents working together through the, the Ward council person, through the Mayor well before my time, and working together to support a neighborhood with residents who have concerns about the trajectory of their neighborhood. So, what we had been hearing prior to my time here, and what was confirmed both this evening and into two meetings, since I joined the administration, was that there was a gap in the market. So currently, the city through Community Development Block Grant funding has programs that help low and moderate income households to do various projects around their home - vinyl siding, roof replacement, things of that nature. But unfortunately, or fortunately, the households, a lot of the households in Heritage Park neighborhood, which, you know, they made just enough to not qualify for CDBG funding, which is a blessing. But then when you don't make quite enough to meet conventional loan requirements through a bank, or similar institution, you're now locked into this gray area where you can't make enough to do the work yourself, you can't make enough to go get a conventional loan, but you make just too much to not qualify for the programs that are designed to help households that don't quite meet those program incomes. So, we were hearing that feedback from, from residents. But we were also hearing overwhelmingly, the conditions of the neighborhood were not what residents remembered, and it was on the wrong path. So, part of what we did, we came back to the office after meeting with the Heritage Park Neighborhood Association, Community Association, and really took a look at the data and said, what's going on here? We've heard the anecdotes, what's the data telling us? So, between 2008 and 2021, 32 residential structures, on a total of 10 residential streets or approximately 11.5% of the remaining residential structures were demolished. So, you went from, you know, on some streets, you might see one house missing, and it looks like a missing tooth on the block. But when you go down some streets in Heritage Park, you're missing four or five homes. And that may equate to roughly 25% housing on the street. So the impact was very real. Second, when we looked at Home Mortgage Disclosure Act data, so every time you go get a new mortgage, you go refinance, you go get a home improvement loan, data is sent to the federal government as part of compliance reporting. And we can look at that to say what's going on here, we don't get to see individual person's information, but we get to see some broader trends. Between 2010 and 2017, 17, out of 18, conventional home improvement loans were denied. They were denied either for a lack of collateral, so the home might not have had enough value to lend against, or a credit issue of some sort or

income issue. So that presents a challenge as well. Then we looked at the average sales price in the neighborhood figuring Okay, let's, let's try to understand the valuation issue maybe underlying all of this, between the 2008 and 2021 timeframe. The average home sales price in Heritage Park neighborhood was 54% of the citywide average. So that substantially undercuts a houses resale value, the ability to have home equity, some people may still be underwater in their home mortgage. They're also undercutting family wealth, we know that homes proved to be one of the single greatest wealth generators in this country. So, eliminating barriers to homeownership, becoming new homeowners, but also maintaining homeownership is key to maintaining long term family wealth quality. And also, it increases the likelihood of disrepair, disinvestment, and ultimately, the city's need to get involved. And we saw that through 32 residential demolitions, some of which the city did, some of which we worked with the County Land Bank on. But ultimately what that means is a public entity has to start coming in to address a private issue. So really, going back to the ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure mentality. We thought, let's get out ahead of this. So last year, the city administration was working with Councilperson Caviness, and with the Heritage Park Community Association on a Love your Block initiative, focusing on building community, building investment and really strengthening from the bottom up, because who best knows their community than the people who live in the community and live on the streets. Unfortunately, we weren't awarded that grant. But that didn't mean that the germs of the idea within that grant application weren't worthy of pursuing. And so that what else is what ultimately led to this application before County Council Person Simon, I appreciate Miss Taylor's credit to the Administration, but ultimately, it was the, the residents in the Heritage Park neighborhood who said, we could use a little bit of funding that can go a long way into investing into making sure our homes are ready for the next generation, and making sure that homes look sharp when you drive down the street. And then making sure we're working in tandem with Building and Housing and coordinating our efforts, truly making a difference in the community. So ultimately, what is being asked of tonight, is the authorization to submit for \$200,000 to County council person Simon's ARPA project request and leverage \$100,000 in the city's ARPA ask, so that goes back to those three goals that we started out with. So, we have an opportunity rather than funding \$300,000 out of the city's ARPA funds ourselves, we can leverage \$100,000, to get another 200 and create a larger program than we maybe could have done ourselves and really leverage an impact here. So that's what's being asked tonight, is let's make a commitment to the Heritage Park neighborhood and start a pilot program, just as Miss Taylor said, this is a pilot program. So, we're starting with one neighborhood where we're looking to move the needle on this and use this as something that we can then replicate in many other neighborhoods in many other areas where you have residents leaned into the conversation. But it starts with one place, let's make sure we're doing it right, make sure we fine tune this, we've not missed something.

Let's learn from it. And as I noted, so part of that effort is working with CHN Housing Partners. So should we be awarded the 200,000, create that 300,000 total funds, we'd work with CHN Housing Partners to efficiently and timely get this these funding source of these funds out to the residents to make sure that funds can be put into community use as quickly as possible. The city, the Planning and Development Department is not equipped to move nimbly and begin accepting applications and turn those around quickly. CHN Housing Partners has a track record, a proven track record of administering home repair dollars home repair loans for the County, they're talking to other communities who are looking to do similar style programs or revolving loan funds using ARPA dollars. So, they have this experience. And it's invaluable when we're trying to make a difference and make sure we're not getting in our own way. Thank you.

President Mancuso

53:40

Thank you. Discussion. Councilman Tolton.

Councilman Tolton

53:45

Thank you, Madam Chair. A couple of questions. Director and I got on accident in secession and then you can maybe answer but a couple of comments, first of all. I think this is a good thing. I'm not opposed to it at all, I think my colleague and Heritage neighborhood has done a good job of identifying those, those issues and looking to improve the neighborhood as a definitely what we need. But you guys know in the past, I've made, you know, comments and concerns about using our funds for you know, any and everything. And I just want to read this real quick and this is what the funds are supposed to be used for. Support public health expenditures, address the negative economic impact caused by the public health emergency, replace lost public sector revenue, provide premium pay for essential workers, invest in water, sewer and broadband infrastructure. And again, I don't necessarily have a real problem with it, but only I see the wording here and it just kind of sounds like we kind of pigeon this into trying to make it fit into the guidelines where it says households population reside in acute QCTS are presumed to be disproportionately impacted by public health emergency. So, could you explain how is that how the public health emergency relates to this housing initiative?

Planning & Zoning Director Grogan-Meyers

55:14

Absolutely. So, there's two elements two ways we can look at this. And I've spent probably too much time in the ARPA regulations. So, I apologize if I get a little too in depth here. But so, so there's two ways that we can look at this. The first is, the public health emergency absolutely, disproportionately impacted minority communities. That's the reason or the premise why ARPA guidelines recognized that qualified

census tracts are by definition assumed to be disproportionately impacted in the public health crisis and public health emergency. And that's because homes provide houses provide more than just a roof over your head houses provide a place of safe haven of refuge, when you tested positive for COVID, that's where you retreated to. When potentially you were taking care of an ill family member, you might have needed to draw down on that home equity to take care of your bills and your business and make sure that you could continue living in that home. So, there were numerous ways where the public health crisis itself created a need for the home. Now, then we can also look at it from the economic recovery standpoint, people made choices, when, when they got laid off, or had to take time off to take care of sick family members, choices were made in terms of economics, Home Economics, there were choices made to not make home repairs, if that was a household situation, or people were just working with less money. And now we're in an inflationary environment where the you're still maybe trying to catch up from where you were because of the COVID impact and that it had. So, from the federal regulations, responding to the public health emergency or negative economic impacts, is by definition, working with those who have been identified as being presumed to be disproportionately impacted in home repairs are included in there, as well as a number of other enumerated responses. But emergency housing needs and home repairs and weatherization are explicitly identified in the regulations.

Councilman Tolton

57:17

Okay, thank you. That's a good explanation. So just, you know, if I'm wondering, I know that other people are wondering, also. So, so I'm gonna ask my questions real quick. And I think you kind of explained some of that already. How was Heritage Park selected? And I think you kind of explain some of that. But that was one of the questions I had. Were there other neighborhoods that were considered for something like that, for this program? And what type of home repairs are eligible exterior interior? And is there a cap on on those repairs?

Planning & Zoning Director Grogan-Meyers

57:51

Madam Chair to the Councilman, so great questions. And thank you for asking them. So why Heritage Park, because there was already a framework in place, there was already an initiative in partnership that was really dedicated to meeting some of the needs that we've identified and are trying to fill with the ARPA request. So, there was already a framework in place to be able to roll those funds out quickly and efficiently, because that's the other we're working against the times tasked in using these funds. So, it was taking advantage of an already established relationship where a need was already identified. And it clearly coalesced around home repair. We didn't look at other neighborhoods, because like I said, we have this established relationship.

But what we could also easily say is there are numerous other areas of the city that could benefit from a very similar program. And that's why this is a pilot program. We need to start somewhere and just identify what's working and what's not. Maybe there's an opportunity to tweak and improve and roll something out that's larger, and or maybe more targeted to meet a specific neighborhood's needs. So, this is not the end of a conversation for any neighborhood. This is the start. So, to answer that question, why Heritage Park it's because a relationship was already in place that we could efficiently roll these funds out, and what type of home repairs could be eligible. So that part, we are absolutely open to your feedback. Part of what we had heard was smaller scale beautification efforts to help maybe those who qualify for homestead exemption seniors and disabled residents make some lower level beautification efforts. But we could also see a need for maybe some longer term, deferred maintenance, if you will. So how Roof Repair or maybe there's some siding issues that need to be replaced or windows that need to be replaced. Those are things that because we're talking about a pilot program, we certainly welcome feedback to help us fine tune and make sure we're getting this right. We're continuing to work with the Heritage Park neighbors to make sure we were tuning that right. As far as a maximum dollar figure. I say this is a very tentative dollar figure but working with CHN in their experience, they said between 7500 and \$10,000, if we're talking a major home repair, right now, that is what's going to make the difference. So, if we're talking a new roof 7500 to \$10,000, is what we're talking about. Now, that doesn't mean that every applicant is going to need that amount. So those dollars could go even further than if you just divide 7500 or \$10,000 into the total amount. But that's what we've considered based on the expertise of CH and Housing Partners, and the feedback of Heritage Park residents today.

Councilman Tolton

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Thank you, Madam Chair. Just one last question, then when you talked about the 75 to 10. So is that they can only do one type of repair that he can say I want a roof and then I want windows and steps. There's just one thing and then that's it.

Planning & Zoning Director Grogan-Meyers

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So, we've not we've not gotten that gotten that far. So, we've not gotten that far. And really, we wanted to start with seeking approval and let's get the funds. Let's, let's get the application in. And then we can start talking about the program itself. We anticipate an award sometime this summer. I know that if you'd seen in the news this morning, some applications have already started to roll in and county council starting to deliberate on those project applications. So, we will continue to have this ongoing conversation. But we don't have set, we have ideas of what

projects will be needed. But we don't have a set list. So we welcome feedback.

President Mancuso

1:01:24

Let me ask, does CHN have any ideas for you? Because it clearly from, or the County, you're not going to get any detailed information about what they want you to do. They're going to keep it general, but does CHN have anything that we could follow?

Planning & Zoning Director Grogan-Meyers

1:01:38

Madam Chair, so CHN has experience in managing the county's home repair grant. So that's where their recommendation of the 7500 to 10,000 came in, just based on their experience and the application volume they're seeing. They were recently renewed for another, I believe, over \$2 million in County home repair grant dollars. So, they see volume in a way that that we couldn't really appreciate and understand at our level. So that was their preliminary feedback. But that would also be another stakeholder that we will be working with to help develop the mechanics of this program.

President Mancuso

1:02:13

Thank you. Other discussion? Councilman Steele.

Councilwoman Steele

1:02:15

Thank you, Madam Chair. So, the question I have is, how long are, will this pilot program, Is there a determination of the the timeline? That's my first question. And my next question is, in order to be an applicant for this program, have, I know, you said you guys are in the process of determining, you know, all of the your objectives and your goals and everything. But have you guys had a sense of who can apply for it? And is it determined by income and size of family?

President Mancuso

Director.

Planning & Zoning Director Grogan-Meyers

1:03:00

Madam Chair to the Councilperson. So, the to the first question of timeline, we're looking at as soon as we're awarded through the end of 2023. So we're looking at just about a year and a half, hopefully, or maybe a little bit less. So that gives us the, the fall construction season and then into all of next year. To the eligible applicant's piece. So, we absolutely want to make sure that we are hitting that gray area, as we've talked about. So, while income may be asked on an application, it may not necessarily be a determining factor . Or the only determining factor.

Because we want to be sensitive to, if we, if we're creating a program that really isn't fitting the needs, we've not really moved the needle at all. So eligible applicants would, we'd start with residents of Heritage Park, and then from there, we'd have to work through some of the nuts and bolts of how we'd approach that. But the overarching answer I'd give is that we're trying to be sensitive to not creating a program that would income, be income ineligible for residents who are just outside of our typical low and moderate income guidelines.

Councilwoman Steele

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And the reason why I said that is because some people it appears that they make an enormous amount of money, but they may have a large family. So, it, you know, it's based on that's why I'm asking about will it be based on the size of the family plus the how much they make per year. And all those things need to be assessed. And my last question is, how is that going to be assessed? I know you may not have the answer now. But that's something to look at who will make the determining factor to assess each case.

Planning & Zoning Director Grogan-Meyers

1:04:49

Madam Chair to the Councilperson, so CHN Housing Partners will administer the program that we set up. So, whatever determining criteria we create as being ineligible and eligible, they'll make those determinations based on the criteria we give. So, they'll do the ink app, application intake, and they'll do the initial evaluation. If there are question marks there, those are things we would work through with them. But our goal would be to create a clear set of guidelines for applicants for CHN, so that you can easily kind of preview the application, if you will, and know whether or not you meet eligibility requirements.

Councilwoman Steele

1:05:28

And my very last question, and I promise you I'm done. The cup, the company that is, let me take this half the company that is hired to make those assessments, will the grant paid them as well? Or will this come out of the general fund?

Planning & Zoning Director Grogan-Meyers

1:05:49

Madam Chair to the Councilperson, so the proposal is for the total 300,000 for CHN to be paid out of the 300,000. So that there's no out of general fund expense. So that goes towards the efficient and timely administration of these funds and making sure that we're getting the funds out into the community. And if I may just circle back, just to make sure I'm clear, as well. So, when applications are being evaluated, the way we've tentatively framed this out, if you will, is that this application,

this set of funds won't be allocated in isolation. So, we have CDBG program. So, if an applicant does apply, say for, for vinyl siding, but they prove to be eligible or potentially eligible for CDBG, that doesn't mean that we'll just only channel them through ARPA, we're going to find the most efficient program to move them through that they are eligible for. Because again, we want to focus on maximizing the income or the outcome of the program, and its impact on the neighborhood.

Councilwoman Steele

1:06:48

And I'm totally for a program like this because it will make people, it will, it will spark interest in our city. And it will give residents more hope. So that's why I'm asking all these questions. Thank you so much.

President Mancuso

1:07:04

Thank you. Any other discussion? Councilman Caviness.

Councilwoman Caviness

1:07:08

Thank you, Madam Chair. I just like to say that I appreciate my colleague's comments, and your support in this process. This has been two years in the working actually. And we've met with Heritage Park Board, we've met and on rainy days, we've met on snowy days. We've met on hot days in someone's yard to discuss all of this. And we're actually a little bit late in the process right now. Because I think we should have started in March. And that was the date. But we were working with Joe Duffy, which was a great thing. Now we're working with Director Grogan-Myers. And the, there was some conflict in some of the decision making initially as to what we should do what we shouldn't do, what we would like to see at Heritage Park. And we did not disregard the fact that this should be done in other parts of the city. But we wanted to take advantage of this particular situation. So that we called it the private project. And we would move it along. And other parts of the city if this works. And we're hoping it does, because it does, it will spark a lot of interest in our city. I bring a lot of people back. So, I would really appreciate your, your support of this resolution. But I understand no chair to director that a part of this has to because that wondered if he should go to a committee for discussion, but I understand that council woman, county council Sonny Simon needs a certain portion. Now, is that correct?

Planning & Zoning Director Grogan-Meyers

1:09:35

Madam Chair of the Council person that is correct. So, council person Simon has asked for applications as soon as possible, actually, preferably last week, but we asked for an extension to today so that we could have you consider the matter more fully. That said that's why we're asking you what makes this piece of legislation unique or different compared to

the next piece of legislation is that we are asking for authorization to commit 100,000 of our own ARPA dollars to this project. Now, like I said, I certainly welcome your feedback as far as program development and the application kind of the nuts and bolts of the program. But what is asked him tonight is for the resolution to be passed so that we can submit the, the application to county councilperson. Simon. Thank you.

Councilwoman Caviness

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Christine, I'm sorry.

President Mancuso

1:10:27

Okay. Thank you. Other discussion? You're something else today?

Councilwoman McIntosh

1:10:41

Yeah, I know. It's been following me around all day. To, to Director Grogan-Myers. Would it be beneficial if all of council sponsored this Resolution to show our support to the County for just our full fledged support of a program like this? Do you think that might tip the scales at all?

President Mancuso

Director

Planning & Zoning Director Grogan-Meyers

1:11:04

Madam Chair to the Councilperson, I certainly don't think it hurts. And I would appreciate all of your support.

Councilwoman McIntosh

1:11:09

I would like to make that suggestion that perhaps we add all of our names. I am enthusiastically supportive of this. I think this is really awesome, shows the unique collaboration between residents, homeowners association, council person, the administration, and can have potentially really, really large impacts for the city just as a whole. So, I'm excited to see how this moves forward. And I'm very excited to vote yes today. Thank you.

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Thank you, Councilman Wojtila.

Councilman Wojtila

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Thank you, Madam Chair. I too, in support of this and happy to approve it tonight. Happy that it's geared toward the Heritage Park neighborhood.

And my only question is maybe you made reference to a nuts and bolts that really be worked out. But it's called the Grant rogram. Does that mean the monies will be granted? Or is it anticipated to be a loan program?

Planning & Zoning Director Grogan-Meyers

1:12:08

Madam Chair to the Councilperson, it is a grant program. So, we're not expecting repayment. We're really looking to catalyze investment.

Councilman Wojtila

1:12:17

I was hoping you'd say that. Then like my comment on the email I sent this, the CHN's website does not have reference to a grant program, but rather just a loan program. So, they would have to adjust it for that. Thank you, Madam Chair.

President Mancuso

1:12:32

Any other discussion? You all know how much I liked discussing these topics on the floor of Council. And I would normally want this in committee. But there is a, there is a deadline and there is a push. And it is a good thing that's been in the works for a long time. And it's been done in a very conservative, inclusive, transparent way. So, I would also support this going through now, which is not normally my process, as you all know. But I think a lot of the work has already been done and it's time to get started. If there's no other discussion, I'll take a motion to close debate. So moved by Councilwoman Steele. Second by Councilman Wojtila.

All in favor, "Aye."

Madam Clerk please call the roll on the Resolution.

Clerk Laboda

1:13:18

Steele, Yes. Caviness, Yes. Tolton, Yes. Jarosz, Yes. McIntosh Yes. Wojtila, Yes. Mancuso, Yes,
Resolution passes.

President Mancuso

1:13:32

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

Clerk Laboda

1:13:35

Resolution 071-22. A resolution authorizing the Mayor of the City of Euclid, or her designee to execute and submit four grant applications to Cuyahoga County for American Rescue Plan Act Funds for Hero Park Trail Project. Euclid Animal Shelter Fencing Project, Phase II Window

Replacement Project at Shore Cultural Center and Sidewalk Snowplow Project.

President Mancuso

1:14:07

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

All in favor, "Aye."

Thank you. We will go to Director Grogan Mayor once again.

Planning & Zoning Director Grogan-Meyers

1:14:21

Thank you in light of how verbose I was in the last council item. I will be a briefer in my comments this time, but I think it was fair to say the background I think really helps kind of elucidate why we're here. So there are four projects that are proposed as part of this authorization and for additional applications we would submit to county council person Simon. The first is for the Hero Park Trail Project. So, this is in Councilperson Tolton's district, Ward excuse me, and this helps bring \$100,000 to the project to help close a construction gap as well as help with the engineering costs to help get the project up and running. So as you may recall, this is for the creation of a little over 3300 linear foot trail around the stormwater retention basin at Hero Park, sandwiched between East 222nd and East 228th. And so, we had previously received funding from America Walks and from Community Development Block Grant and Community Development Supplemental Grant, supplemental grant coming from the county. And so we are requesting the \$100,000 to close what's right now the final gap in construction and assist with the engineering to help make the project move forward.

The second project proposal is the project at Euclid Animal Shelter, which includes replacing fence that has holes and is in disrepair, while also adding additional fenced in area for the dogs to be able to play outside, as well as making some repairs small roof repairs in the facility as well.

The third project is for the Phase Two Window Replacement at Shore Center. Thanks to Senator Yuko again, for his advocacy we were able to replace, I believe, about 160 windows at Shore Center previously, and in a building with no central air conditioning, functioning windows are very helpful. But when we also look from an energy efficiency standpoint, having good solid windows in the winter to help keep the warm air in is also tremendously beneficial. So, another \$250,000 is requested to help continuing move that project forward. I do have to admit I was blown away at 384 windows in that structure. It's, it's incredible. So, \$250,000 goes a long way to helping replace all those windows.

And finally, we are proposing a sidewalk snowplow project or purchasing two sidewalk snowplows for \$90,000 helping to make sure we create and maintain a walkable, livable community, regardless of the season you're in. So that's just a very brief overview, happy to share additional details or answer any questions you might have.

President Mancuso

1:17:12

Thank you. Thank you, Councilman Tolton.

Councilman Tolton

1:17:17

Thank you, Madam Chair. Director just real quick. Now these funds are just coming from the county's ARPA funds is not coming from the city's?

Planning & Zoning Director Grogan-Meyers

1:17:25

Madam Chair, the council person? That's correct. So we are seeking standalone funds for these projects.

Councilman Tolton

1:17:32

And they wouldn't be any scenario where they would come back and say that we have to contribute something from our funds, right?

Planning & Zoning Director Grogan-Meyers

1:17:40

Madam Chair, the council person, so there is no match requirement is part of these applications.

Councilman Tolton

Okay, thank you.

President Mancuso

1:17:44

Other discussion? Councilman Jarosz.

Councilman Jarosz

1:17:50

And I'll be very brief, just a brief comment on the Hero Park Trail Project, let's not sleep on this area. This is a very cool location where we have a brand new playground that is getting a lot of use, maybe the best baseball field in the area that gets a lot of use that hill and this trail. That could be a really interesting spot for a lot of physical activity workouts exercise. And I think the more sort of lightly shine on it and maybe possibly, resources we throw that way can be a very interesting spot in our community. So I'm very happy to see this. Thank you.

President Mancuso

1:18:26

Thank you have a discussion. See none. I'll entertain a motion to close debate. So moved by Councilwoman Caviness. Second by Councilman Tolton.

All in favor, "Aye."

And I will ask the Madam Clerk to call the roll on the resolution.

Clerk Laboda

1:18:44

Caviness, Yes. Tolton, Yes. Jarosz, Yes. McIntosh, Yes. Wojtila, Yes. Steele, Yes. Mancuso, Yes.
Resolution passes.

President Mancuso

1:18:57

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

Clerk Laboda

1:19:02

Ordinance 072-22. An ordinance enacting a special assessment upon all property within the City of Euclid to be used for the payment of street lighting within the city.

President Mancuso

1:19:16

Thank you entertain a motion for passage to begin discussion. So moved by Councilwoman Caviness. Second by Councilman Jarosz.

All in favor, "Aye."

And we will go to Director Smith to begin discussion.

Finance Director Smith

1:19:26

Thank you, Madam Chair to Council. So, this is our biannual street lighting assessment renewal. Currently, this is for 2023 and 24. The city assesses a 1.5 mill on the assessed values of the properties within the city to the taxpayers. We submit this as a special assessment in September, and then they assess it to the upcoming tax bill. So currently, we're allowed to assess up to 98% of the current cost of street lighting with the 1.5 mil with what we budgeted in 2022. It's approximately 96%. So, we're within the allowable amount out. In 2022, we assessed approximately \$945,000, for streetlights. Thank you.

President Mancuso

1:20:07

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

All in favor, "Aye."

I entertain a motion to suspend the rules to forego the second and third reading. So moved by Councilwoman Caviness. Second by Councilman Tolton.

All in favor, "Aye."

Any opposed? Seeing none.

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

Clerk Laboda

1:20:39

Tolton. Yes. Jarosz, Yes. McIntosh, Yes. Wojtila, Yes. Steele, Yes. Caviness, Yes. Mancuso, Yes.
Ordinance passes.

President Mancuso

1:20:54

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

Clerk Laboda

1:20:59

Ordinance 073-22. An ordinance authorizing the continuation of the solid waste collection fee for residential accounts for the years 2023 and 2024.

President Mancuso

1:21:13

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

All in favor, "Aye."

Thank you. And we will go once again to Director Smith.

Finance Director Smith

1:21:25

Thank you, Madam Chair to Council this is the garbage assessment that we renew biannually. Again, we are not looking for an increase on this assessment. Currently, the residents pay \$11 and seniors pay a rate of \$5 per month for this for this service. In 2021, we collected a practice of approximately 81% of what it costs the city to collect garbage. At the current rate, we estimate that it will cover approximately 79% in 2022. And moving forward for years 23 and 24. Thank you.

President Mancuso

1:21:59

Thank you. Any discussion? Councilman Wojtila.

Councilman Wojtila

1:22:03

Thank you, Madam Chair, just to clarify that the previous legislation was on all properties. And this one was just residential properties, correct?

Finance Director Smith

1:22:13

It is on all properties.

Councilman Wojtila

1:22:15

This one is on just residential properties. The first, the first one was that all, all properties including residential, commercial and other.

President Mancuso

1:22:27

It does say for residential accounts. Commercial properties, have their own. Commercial properties have their own trash...

Finance Director Smith

1:22:33

They would have their own pickup. But I'm just trying to think if there's any situation where they don't. But I don't know.

Law Director Sweeney

1:22:41

So commercial properties. We, we don't assess because.

Finance Director Smith

I think it would just be residential. It would just be residential.

Law Director Sweeney

Yeah, so Councilman, I'm sorry, did you see something that said commercial?

Councilman Wojtila

1:22:52

No, I was just bringing it up. I would just point. I was just bringing it up for clarity purposes that the first...

Law Director Sweeney

Oh, well, thank you for that.

Finance Director Smith

It said that on another one.

Councilman Wojtila

I didn't mean to stump you all, but it was just really for residents. It kind of dawned on me as I was reading the first one that that was all properties. And this was just residential. Thank you.

President Mancuso

1:23:15

Thank you. Any other discussion? I'll entertain a motion to close debate. So moved by Councilwoman Steele. Second by Councilwoman McIntosh. All in favor, "Aye."

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

All in favor, "Aye."

Any opposed? Seeing none.

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

Clerk Laboda

1:23:40

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

Ordinance passes.

President Mancuso

1:23:53

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

Clerk Laboda

1:23:57

Ordinance 074-22. Alternative tax budget information.

President Mancuso

1:24:06

I'll entertain a motion for passage to begin discussion. So moved by Councilman Tolton. Second by Councilman, Councilwoman McIntosh, excuse me.

All in favor, "Aye."

And we will go once again to Director Smith.

Finance Director Smith

1:24:19

Thank you, Madam Chair. So, this is the annual tax budget that the city is required to submit to the county. We're required to submit this by July, I'm sorry, by June 20. And it has to be passed by council no later than July. Let me just start over has to be submitted to the County by, Wait a minute, has to be adopted by July 15 and submitted to the County no later than July 20. So, you got me all screwed up. So, the purpose of this we'd have to pass this every year. The purpose of this tax budget is that allows the County to set the property tax rates. It allows the County the city to collect its portion of The local government tax and it allows the County provider to provide the city with a certificate, certificate of estimated resources. This is not a tax budget. This doesn't appropriate any funds. It's just a requirement of the city, per the Ohio Revised Code to the County. Thank you.

President Mancuso

1:25:17

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

All in favor, "Aye."

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

All in favor, "Aye."

Any opposed? Seeing none.

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

Clerk Laboda

1:25:49

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

Ordinance passes.

President Mancuso

1:26:03

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

Clerk Laboda

1:26:08

075-22. An emergency ordinance amending 32-2022, which makes the annual appropriation for all expenditures for the City of Euclid for the period ending December 31, 2022.

President Mancuso

1:26:26

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

All in favor, "Aye."

And once again, we'll go to Director Smith.

Finance Director Smith

1:26:36

Thank you, Madam Chair. So, this is the first appropriation amendment to our 2022 budget. There are approximately 13 amendments in this included in this. So, I'll read through each one of them and we will go from there. So, the first one are the general fund amendments. The first one is a \$33,000 increase in the fire department for repeaters for fire vehicles. This was not included in the original budget. The second amendment is a \$75,000 increase. This is for the Collision Bend incentive agreement. This was passed by ordinance 63-2020. The third is an increase of \$900,500 for the cost the increased construction costs of the 185 and Euclid Avenue projects. As you know, Cleveland will reimburse

the city half of their portion for the 185 Street project. And also as the Mayor has recently mentioned, we've received an increase from NOWACA of approximately \$500,000 for those two projects. The second is an increase for the project for the demo of the pool, we pass this through ordinance 62-2022. The next one is an increase of \$35,000 for the increase of cost the original budget because of the obviously the increase in utilities and gas costs we needed to increase that line item. There's a \$64,500 increase to the general fund. This is from general services and what it is, is a reimbursement to HUD. Approximately two or three years ago, we removed some trees and we allocated those costs to the CDBG grant. It was later determined that those were not eligible expenses. So, they been going back and forth and it's finally been determined that we owe HUD back this money. The good thing is that HUD will also will put that money back into the CDBG grant, so we can allocate it towards allowable expenses. There's a \$25,000 increase in general fund for natural gas utilities, there's a \$50,000 increase for electricity, a \$65,000 increase for street lighting, and then a \$25,000 increase for Shore utilities. So, we had to increase quite a few of the utility line items for 2022. The next is an increase of 25,000 hours in the Shore court fund. This is not a repeat of general fund the General Fund is a transfer into the Shore and then the allocating or appropriating out of Shore fund. There's an increase of 10, \$1000 for the unclaimed funds. The city sets aside money that has not been, checks that haven't been canceled in a fund, recently we've had, this year we've had a few and I didn't budget anything during the original budget time for the unclaimed funds portion. The 12th is an increase of \$250 for the CID district TIF fund. This is just allocating the county's cost to, when they send money when they settle up on the settlement. They assess the costs for the County Auditor's fees. And then the last is an increase of \$250,000 to wastewater for utilities, gas and electric.

President Mancuso

1:29:52

Thank you, discussion? Seeing none, I'll entertain a motion to close debate. So moved by Councilman Tolton. Seconded by Councilwoman McIntosh.

All in favor, "Aye."

I'll entertain a motion to forego the second and third reading. So moved by Councilman Caviness. Second by Councilman Jarosz.

All in favor, "Aye."

Any opposed? Seeing none.

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

Clerk Laboda

1:30:20

Wojtila, Yes. Steele, Yes. Caviness, Yes. Tolton, Yes. Jarosz, Yes. McIntosh, Yes. And Mancuso, Yes.

Ordinance passes.

President Mancuso

1:30:37

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

Clerk Laboda

1:30:43

076-22. Ordinance, an emergency ordinance providing the schedule for the schedule of inter transfer of funds between all funds.

President Mancuso

1:30:55

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

All in favor, "Aye."

And we will go once again to Director Smith.

Finance Director Smith

1:31:08

Thank you, Madam Chair to Council. So along with appropriation amendment, when we city transfers funds between funds, we also we need a separate piece of legislation. So as mentioned before, an additional transfer of \$25,000 to the Shore Court Fund for the increase in utilities was needed.

President Mancuso

1:31:26

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

All in favor, "Aye."

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

All in favor, "Aye."

Any opposed? Seeing none.

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

Clerk Laboda

1:31:53

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

Ordinance passes.

President Mancuso

1:32:05

Thank you. And please read the 11th agenda item into the record.

Clerk Laboda

1:32:10

Ordinance 077-22. An emergency ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of Euclid or her designee to enter into an agreement with F P Allega Concrete for the replacement of certain sidewalks on East 254 Street in the amount not to exceed \$50,200.00, \$51,200.00.

President Mancuso

1:32:39

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

Thank you. And we will go to Director Grogan-Meyers.

Planning & Zoning Director Grogan-Meyers

1:32:52

Thank you, Madam Chair. So last year last December, the city had received sealed bids for the replacement of sidewalks on Coolidge drive both sides of the street, as well as East 254 Street between Babbitt and Euclid, and this is just on the western side of East 254 Street. Last year, the city determined to proceed with the replacement of sidewalks on Coolidge drive, and included within the CDBG program budget for this year. Both the Coolidge drive and East 254 Street sidewalk replacements were included in the CDBG budget. But at that time, it was not determined to proceed with the East 254 Street sidewalk replacements. Since that time, the administration would like to move forward with the replacement of those sidewalks on East 254. On the west side only. And so that is what we're seeking tonight is approval to enter into a contract with FP Allega for the amount of \$51,200 for East 254 Street. And as I said the entire amount which is \$97,750 had been previously budgeted in the CDBG annual budget and that's where the funds to pay this contract will come from.

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1:34:07

Thank you. Discussion? Councilman Wojtila.

Councilman Wojtila

1:34:17

Thank you, Madam Chair, have we checked with a Allega to see if the bids from December are still valid?

President Mancuso

Director.

Planning & Zoning Director Grogan-Meyers

1:34:25

Madam Chair to the Councilperson, Yes. FP Allega is still willing to honor that that price.

Councilman Wojtila

1:34:31

Okay. Then. The, thank you for the response to the email, but I thought there was no sidewalks on the west side of East 254.

Planning & Zoning Director Grogan-Meyers

1:34:41

Madam Chair, the Councilperson, no there, there are sidewalks on both sides of the street. East 254 between Babbitt and Euclid, we are replacing only the west side. Thank you.

Councilman Wojtila

Thank you.

President Mancuso

1:34:53

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

All in favor, "Aye."

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

Seconded by Councilwoman McIntosh.

All in favor, "Aye."

Opposed? Seeing none.

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

Clerk Laboda

1:35:29

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

Ordinance passes.

President Mancuso

1:35:42

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

Clerk Laboda

1:35:45

Ordinance 078-22. An ordinance enacting section 501.31 parental responsibility of Chapter 501 General Provisions, administrative and enforcement of the general offenses code of the codified ordinances for the City of Euclid to hold parents and guardians responsible for certain acts of minors.

President Mancuso

1:36:15

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

All in favor, "Aye."

And we will go to Councilman Jarosz.

Councilman Jarosz

1:36:25

Thank you, Madam Chair, I had spoken to Safety Committee Chairperson Stefana Caviness and I'll make a brief sort of intro on this and then make a motion to send it to the Safety Committee for further discussion where I think I expect a lot of expect concerns and a good discussion on this. But, but it was sort of a confluence of several things that had me searching for an idea. And one of them kind of stemmed from the St. Mary Magdalene incident that we saw a few weeks ago where just a whole bunch of kids were essentially caused a bit of a riot at a festival that's been going on in a church for, for decades and decades. And the Chief made comments that those kids who are caught by the police are in for a bit of a rude awakening, because Lake County will not tolerate it. And I also spoke to an attorney about the same incidents. And he said he drove by and saw, and he said those kids are also there for a rude awakening because Lake County will not tolerate that sort of behavior. And the question becomes, then what you get what you tolerate. And we've heard from numerous folks, the Chief as well as other officers that because the juvenile system is strictly run by the county, and the county is, I guess, maybe best somewhat dysfunctional when it comes to working through these issues. Often cases, our officers simply take juvenile home after they've committed something that can be deemed pretty serious. And what then do we do? Because essentially, we are now tolerating such behavior, in a way. And then I was playing baseball with my kid in the front yard. And I thought, you know, if he hits a ball and breaks my neighbor's window, I'm responsible for that window. With no doubt, no, no malice, it was a pure accident, but it's obviously I'm responsible to take care of that for my neighbor. Yet, when we have some significant criminal activity taking place in our community, there seems to be nothing that we can do. And we sort of just throw up our hands and say, well, it's the County's fault, they won't act. So, we're stuck. So, this is really meant to be a bit of a tool that may help. So, I'll read a little bit. And essentially, it's pretty straightforward. And again, we'll take this to committee and hopefully and discussing in greater detail. But it potentially charges the parent or guardian with a misdemeanor for failing to supervise a minor. When a child under the age of 18 violates you know, the laws of our community. And I'll read a bit from kind of the justification and background for this. Like many surrounding communities, Euclid's experienced a rise in criminal activity, for example, using EPD criminal offense data through March 31, 2022. homicides, sex offenses, felony aggravated assault, theft, auto theft, and weapons offenses are on pace to far exceed their five-year annual

average. Additionally, discussions with several EPD offers a suggested growing criminal trend among our juvenile population. I've even had officers that told me roughly 50% of what they're doing is dealing with juveniles. In March, 2022. There are 53 counts of juvenile criminal charges. This compares to four counts of juvenile criminal charges in March of 2021, and six counts in March of 2020. Through April we have about 96. And these include assaults, weapons charges, all sorts of things and that's 96 through April, when it's still winter and schools in session. So, I think, keep in mind, and in many instances, there are no consequences for such offenses, which only emboldened and increases the likelihood of future transgressions against our community. The goals of this legislation is provide a modicum of deterrence by first formally notifying the parent or legal guardian of the juveniles criminal activity, and hopes that it can be addressed at home, and also send a message that this community will no longer tolerate such behavior and will act should criminal activity persist. So again, I think there are absolutely pros and cons out there. There are a lot of various opinions. But whether this moves forward, ultimately, I think we need to have the discussion. I think people need to know where we all stand on everything that we're trying to do and keeping our community as safe as possible. So, with that, I'd like to make a motion to send this to the Safety Committee. Thank you.

President Mancuso

1:41:04

We have a motion on the floor. You have a second.

Councilwoman Caviness

I second.

President Mancuso

Any discussion on the motion? Seeing none. I'll entertain a motion to close debate. So moved by Councilman Tolton. Seconded by Councilman Jarosz.

All in favor, "Aye."

Would you please call the roll on sending this to the Safety Committee?

Clerk Laboda

1:41:32

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

Motion passes to send it back or send it to the Safety Committee.

President Mancuso

1:41:48

Thank you. We are now at our second **Committee of the Whole** where you may speak to matters of public welfare. Please give us your name and address and limit your comments to five minutes.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – PUBLIC PORTION

Resident – Christopher Litwinowicz

1:41:59

Wild Distribution, LLC doing business in the State of Ohio as Wild Distributions, LLC. Over 365 days ago. Some of your members who were just elected this year wasn't present. But Council President was. To the Law Director; a job is a job. Jobs get paid out. The last date, 30 days after invoice. I've been invoicing this city, by the way, the invoice is late. I have to be at ease on how I react. I'm looking at YouTube's on how I'm supposed to. I don't know how many people go forget, because that's what what happens nowadays. I brought the most famous person in to represent my business. Mr. Steve Bannon. Member all those conversations we had last year? Member him coming to the podium and saying he can't, he he's gonna serve you? I also was selected by the Mayor of our city because council, most likely Mr. Councilman Ward 3. I believe he sent it to some type of committee to get the approval on the contract. Now remind you, leaves are detrimental to the grass. All I did was listened to leadership. Each one of you are leaders. Each one of you is a mayor. Each one of you has the authority regardless of contract or not. They have the ability. They have, they will, and they did use their authority, because it was mentioned about the hills. And if you droven through the City of Euclid, you have seen that the hills are now maintainable. Miss Sweeney, recall that Miss Senator Brown came to the podium talking ridiculous numbers \$10 million dollars to cut Euclid Avenue next year. What is proposed on the city is to pay your debt. Your debt right now is \$5,250,000, that is in front of you in two weeks. I'm extending it two weeks. There's also an additional \$49,500 for four months of grass cutting. If anybody has done the math. That's like a six hundred dollar a week check that you would pay me as an employee to the City of Euclid. You're testing the market to United States Supreme Court, Miss Law Director where you are have to recuse yourself as a federal lay witness. So, as I as I saw councilman Wojtila was speaking about their attorney for the EPA, by the way, how can the federal government come in here and charge you with something, but don't give you no money to fix it? So honestly, two and a half, \$250 million. The city of Euclid is owed by the residents. So we need to start collecting that infrastructure money. Oh, yeah. Let me throw the loophole. It went to Cleveland, there are two and a half billion dollars in debt. So how we go get out to suffrage of our people, black, white, Puerto Rican, on top of it City of Euclid, I urge you to things. Send an emergency. Next, next, next, next next meeting, send it to Cleveland about your stupid water bills. You guys are so smart with your degrees, but you don't even understand that the consumption of water is point six. So you incited the fraud of Cleveland, Ohio. Next fraud is the gasoline price. And again, Councilman, I'm not going to put this on you. But it's in front of you, Chair. The Clerk of Counsel to sign these documents by tomorrow. There'll be at your desk. You can have conversations with the law director, games over with. You guys can't even pay out \$49,500 for work done in this city. You make

me throw up. What the sad thing is, I ran for council. So just like you, you, you, you and....

President Mancuso

1:47:04

Sir you're finished. Thank you. Next speaker please. See you. Good night. (Commotion in Chambers – removal of Mr. Litwinowicz by Captain Jansen)
Next speaker please.

Resident – Pearletha Taylor

1:48:35

Pearletha Taylor, 1495 E. 193. I want to thank all council people that took the initiative to listen to our plea and pass the ordinance. It was very important to our community. And you will see that it will serve the City of Euclid as a whole Thank you very much and have a good night.

President Mancuso

1:48:58

Thank you. Any other speakers? Seeing none, we will now go to Councilman's comments and I believe we start with Councilwoman McIntosh.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilwoman McIntosh

1:49:13

Thank you, Madam Chair. Thanks to everybody who joined this evening. I want to congratulate the Greater Euclid Kiwanis, very and the city and everybody who partnered on the Steam Fest that occurred last Saturday at Shore Cultural Center. It was a beautiful day, a little windy, but very nice to be outside in cooler temps and enjoying everything related to science, math, engineering, creative arts and just seeing a lot of representatives and attractions for all ages. I certainly learned a few things and really enjoy just exploring the community and talking with residents, so I want to thank everybody who organized that and hope that this becomes an annual event and that we see it grow a little bit larger and see more attendance moving forward. I also want to just remind everybody again is, as Kristal Grida stated, at the beginning of the meeting that the next Maker's Mart is this Saturday, June 25, from 12 to 4 at Shore Cultural Center. So that's it for me. Thank you.

President Mancuso

1:50:31

Thank you. Councilman Wojtila.

Councilman Wojtila

1:50:32

Thank you, Madam Chair, I had a resident bring up a what I thought was a great idea about posting on social media that the city of Euclid does not allow fireworks. And I was happy to see that we were taking advantage of that and using our media resources to publicize that fireworks, even though the state allows, that we do not allow fireworks. So I think as much as we can get that message out, I think the better for all of us. So I would appreciate that. The next meeting is not until the third week of July. So that would be July 18. And I guess the only other comment was the patent garden tour is just before that, so July 16. And 17th is the you could pan and go garden tour, which I admit I haven't been to in quite a while, but I'm going to try and make it this year. And that's all I have. Thank you, Madam Chair.

President Mancuso

1:51:27

Thank you. Councilwoman Steele.

Councilwoman Steele

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Thank you, Madam Chair. I just want to say congratulations to let me take this off. Congratulations to all the graduates. Kudos to you. I know it was hard and just want to say congratulations. Also, we all know that it's summertime. Kids are out playing. Please, please, please slow down. We want to we want to make it through the summer safe. And we know our children are outside playing. So we have to be mindful of speed limit, especially in our residential areas. And on and happy. This is the first day of summer you guys. Happy Summer. That's all.

President Mancuso

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Thank you, Councilwoman Caviness.

Councilwoman Caviness

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Thank you, Madam Chair. I really don't have anything to say tonight. But have a happy and a joyful summer. And have a good evening.

President Mancuso

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Thank you, Councilman Tolton.

Councilman Tolton

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Okay, thank you, Madam Chair. Two things real quick. The first one just went over one of my head. Okay. Well, the first thing, this June the 26th. We have an open house for new business in Ward 2 . Divergent Salon Suites. It's that located at 901 East 222nd Street. So, Sunday, the 26th.

Let me give you the time, at 2pm they'll have an open house. So you know, anyone in the community wants to come out and see about this new business and what it has to offer in the community. And I can't think of the second thing that I had so with that, I'll just close out.

President Mancuso

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Next time. Councilman Jarosz.

Councilman Jarosz

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Thank you, Madam Chair. This Father's Day weekend. Euclid Boys League hosted the 69th annual baseball tournaments, the oldest baseball tournament in Ohio. Great weather, great event. And I will say that the team I help coach won the 12 U division and the twist is we're a 10 year old team. So, kind of a cool event there. Also want to give out, a shout out to the Omni Board Game Parlor located on 21950 Lakeshore Boulevard my, you know, my son, my 17 year old son had some friends, they were looking for something to do, didn't know what to do, went down to Sims Park for a while had hung out and then went this Omni Board Game Parlor. Now. I've never seen my kid play a board game ever. But they went there and stay there for hours and just had a blast. And they said the people there couldn't be nicer. I checked their website, just five bucks again and you have access to all their games. They'll teach you how to play them. Anything from, you know, Chess to Dungeons and Dragons. And it's just a really cool especially when everybody's zoning out in front of screens to kind of get out and have that sort of event or just that place to do that was really cool. So, I want to give folks the Omni Board Game Parlor on Lakeshore Boulevard, check it out. And then just one last thing, a couple years ago, had spent some money, got some funds and put up some really nice tennis courts as well as pickleball courts. It's been spending a lot of time a Memorial Park. Tennis courts are kind of empty. Pickleball Courts are full. I'm just wondering, and it seems to me you could do this. Could you just paint the pickleball within the existing tennis courts. So, if nobody's using it, you know, nobody's playing tennis because the pickleball folks, we were because we had like, it was just interesting had like 20 people jammed over in a corner waiting for a turn of pickleball and all the tennis courts are empty. I think you might be able to just paint the pickleball courts inside the tennis courts,

Law Director Sweeney

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I will ask Director Stevens that tomorrow.

Councilman Jarosz

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Yeah, it just seems, you know, because supply and demand, if you will. With that. Thank you.

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Thank you. We do have scheduled July 11. For an E & F meeting. One of the agenda items is to look at financing for our safety facilities. You know, we've gone through the assessment and analysis is now time to talk about what's the priority, and what is it going to cost. And with that, if there's no other discussion, I will take a motion to adjourn. So moved by Councilman Tolton. Second by Councilman Jarosz.

All in favor, "Aye."

We are adjourned.

ADJORNMENT



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