

EUCLID CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES FROM AUGUST 15, 2022

**This regular Council Meeting was held on Monday, August 15, 2022 at
7pm in the Euclid Municipal Center Council Chambers.**

President Charlene Mancuso presided.

President Mancuso

0:08

Good evening and welcome to Euclid City Council meeting. It's Monday, August 15, 2022. If able, please rise and join me for the **Pledge of Allegiance**.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

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

Clerk Laboda

0:40

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

President Mancuso

0:56

Can I have a motion to excuse Councilwoman Steele and Councilman Epps? So moved by Councilwoman, Councilman Tanner. Second by Councilman Tolton.

All in favor, "Aye."

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

COMMUNICATIONS

Clerk Laboda

1:12

No communications.

President Mancuso

1:13

And Council Minutes, I will turn this over to Councilman Wojtila.

Councilman Wojtila

1:19

Thank you, Madam Chair. I'd like to make a motion to accept the Council Minutes from July 18, and the Special Council meeting on August 3, 2022.

President Mancuso

1:26

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

All in favor, "Aye."

Thank you. And we will now go to **Administration Reports and Communications**, Mayor Gail.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Gail

1:37

Good evening, Madam Chair, Members of Council and those joining us. I would like to begin the meeting by publicly welcoming Councilman Wallace Tanner and would like to administer the oath of office ceremonially. We did in fact swear him in as soon as he was chosen so that he could start to serve, but we want to make sure to do so with the public and family here. So, I would invite Councilman Tanner and his wife or family members to come forward.

Do you want somebody to take a picture? You could stand right next to him if you'd like.

Mayor Gail

2:44

So, I think everyone's aware, but due to the unfortunate passing of former Councilwoman Stephana Caviness, there was an opening in the Ward One Council seat. Council went through a full process and I do want to thank, there were five candidates who applied, willing to help serve their community, all very qualified candidates. They went through a two-phase interview process, interviewed all, narrowed it down to the top two, and then selected Wallace Tanner to serve as the Ward One Councilman. So, we're thrilled to welcome you. I know we administered the oath once, but want to make sure the public and you have lots of neighbors and friends and family here to support you, which is a wonderful thing. We look forward to working with you. If you would raise your right hand and repeat after me.

I Wallace Tanner...

Councilman Tanner

3:39

I Wallace Tanner...

Mayor Gail

...do solemnly swear...

Councilman Tanner

...do solemnly swear...

Mayor Gail

...that I will protect and defend the Constitution United States...

Councilman Tanner

...that I will protect and defend the Constitution of United States...

Mayor Gail

...Constitution and laws of the State of Ohio...

Councilman Tanner

...Constitution and laws of the State of Ohio...

Mayor Gail

...the ordinances and charter of the City of Euclid...

Councilman Tanner

...the ordinances and charter of the City of Euclid...

Mayor Gail

...the regulations and provisions of the City of Euclid...

Councilman Tanner

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Mayor Gail

...and I will faithfully discharge the duties of Ward One Councilman for the City of Euclid... So help me God.

Councilman Tanner

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Mayor Gail

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Councilman Tanner

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Mayor Gail

4:23

Congratulations and welcome aboard, Councilman

Councilman Tanner

4:31

I just wanted to say thank you and I support everyone that has come. All of our residents. I know I have a big shoe to fill, but help me and I will help you.

I appreciate it. Thank you. I just wanted to say, my other partner here is my wife Kathy Tanner. This is my sister-in-law Renee.

Mayor Gail

5:28

Thank you, Madam Chair. We are thrilled to welcome Councilman Tanner. And I do want to thank, that's a really nice turnout of residents. Ward One is full of great people who are active in their community and neighborhood. Councilman Tanner has been involved with, formerly with his neighborhood association, many community organizations and brings a good perspective and I know a lot of dedication and hard work to the position.

I would like to start also sharing some sad news and sharing our sympathy to the family and friends of Bill DeMora. Bill DeMora was a councilman who served for 20 years, served the city of Euclid for 20 years. He was just about to celebrate his 100th Birthday later this year, former teacher and coach and loved by many, so I don't know if, I know none of us in this room had the chance to serve with him, but we do want to recognize his service to the community and share our sympathy with the friends and family and those who knew him. I also would like to thank, say, I would like to say thank you to County Council, Cuyahoga County Council and particularly our Councilwoman Sunny Simon. All five of our requests that council approved for the Cuyahoga County American rescue plan act, funding was approved. And just as a reminder for those who might be watching, those projects include an Exterior Home Repair pilot program in the Heritage Park neighborhood. Funding for the Hero Park Trail and improvements. Phase Two of the window replacement at Shore Cultural Centre. Replacement and expansion of outdoor fencing for the dog run area at the Euclid Animal Shelter and the purchase of two sidewalk snowplows. All of those projects are part of our, one of the master plan initiatives and will help us really help with our work for improving our community. So, thank you to council for their support of applying for those projects. And thank you once again to County Councilwoman Sunny Simon.

Just a couple of reminders coming up. August is recycle your computer month. You can drop off old computer equipment at the service garage which is at 25200 Lakeland Boulevard. These, the, any computer and various parts are recycled through a local nonprofit called RET3 so during the month of August there is a bin available at the service garage.

Shore continues to host their Pop-up Makers Market the last Saturday of the month. So that will be Saturday, August 27. From 12 to 4. And the plan this month is to be outside. Weather cooperating.

Keep Euclid Beautiful will also host their Trash Tuesday, the last Tuesday of the month. That is August 30 at 6pm. You can sign up through the website or call Linda Beck in our office to find out where that will start from.

And just a reminder, City Hall will be closed for Labor Day, which is September 5 coming up. Which means the Council meeting will be that Tuesday that week, Tuesday, September 6, instead of the Monday.

Couple of announcements from Chief Haddock

Fire Chief Haddock

8:53

Thank you, Mayor, Members of Council and those watching. On August 26 and 27, members of the United Fire Department and Local 337 will be conducting their Fill the Boot Campaign. I'll read a statement here from the IAFF.

Since 1954 firefighters across the country have collected critical funds in the community \$1 at a time as part of the Fill the Boot Program to raise money for Muscular Dystrophy Association, MDA. The partnership between MDA and the International Association of Firefighters began when the IAFF signed a proclamation designating MDA as its charity of choice. Vowing to continue raising awareness and funds to ensure effective treatments and therapies are found. The dollars are raised through the filter boot fund MDAs mission of empowering people living with neuromuscular disease to achieve their potential.

So, we're going to be doing this on the 26th and 27th, Friday and Saturday. What I do ask, you know certainly if do you have the ability to donate, we ask that you do. But this is going to be at the intersection of Lakeshore Boulevard, 222nd and Babbitt and that's, that's always a pretty tricky intersection anyways. But we're going to have our members out there they will be wearing high vis, you will be able to see them. There's going to be, you know, we're gonna have cones, we're gonna have signage, we're gonna have some lights may take a little bit longer to get through that intersection than you normally do. But I please ask you to be patient and be very mindful, because it just seems like people are driving way too fast nowadays, and everybody's in a hurry to get somewhere. So please, I ask you to be very, very patient. And if you can, please donate.

And also, we had the two weeks, two Saturdays ago we did the American Red Cross Lincoln Electric Fire Safety Walk. And we did that and Councilman Tolton's Ward. We had members of the Euclid Fire Department there, Councilman Tolton was there, the Mayor. This is a very successful campaign where we actually go and the volunteers will go and install smoke alarms into the houses. And I don't have the numbers yet back up for how many they did. The number, the volunteers were down a little bit this year. We haven't done it for two years because of COVID. But we're getting it back started again. And it was highly successful and is a reminder, if anybody does need smoke alarms installed in their owner occupied home, they can call our fire prevention Bureau at 216-289-8402. Thank you.

Mayor Gail

11:23

Thank you, Chief and Chief Meyer.

Police Chief Meyer

11:28

Thank you, Mayor, Members of Council members of the audience. Several announcements.

I first one to thank everybody who attended our National Night Out, which was on Tuesday, August 2. It was down at the Sidney playground. We had,

the Mayor and I were there as were other city officials. It was a well attended event. I think that the families that came down really enjoyed it.

I also want to do apologize to Councilman Tolton on and the lack of at least members of the police department being at the, at his event which was held Saturday the 13th. Had a little miscommunication with the, the day and then a host of other things our community policing folks were tied up on another back to school event. And one of our Captains had a medical issue planned on attending but had some complications and was unable to, so I apologize Councilman.

Some upcoming events, Wednesday, August 17. This will be at the Euclid Public Library from 3 to 6pm. They're going to be having a kind of a youth gaming event. And they plan on doing that, I think, outdoors weather permitting, but our officers will be there and they expect a large amount of, of our youth to be there and involved.

We'll be hosting too, a Coffee With A Cop on Wednesday, August 24. That's from 10am to noon. And that will be at the Euclid Public Library. So please come and join us in person or you can join us on, on our Facebook.

And then on Thursday, August 25. We'll be doing a sidewalk safety event that's from 5:30 to 7:30pm. That'll be located near the classic custard ice cream and 499 E 260th. That'll be the Euclid Police Department and Safe Kids, County Safe Kids Safe Communities along with local businesses. And they're hosting an event to talk about pedestrian safety this year we're on track to for another record number of pedestrian fatalities and bicyclist fatalities. So, I think it's important especially for our, for our kids.

And then on Saturday, August 27 from 11am to 4pm, Community Days this will be held at Providence Baptist Church on Rockwell drive. We'll have our officers there, along with other first responders, residents, elected officials. That'll be at the, sorry, the Providence Baptist Church. They'll have food, prizes, games and activities.

And last but not least, we'll be doing our three and three classic basketball tournament. Once again, that'll be Saturday, September 10. And that's at 3pm. And that's at the Panther Fieldhouse. Registration for this pal bracket style three on three basketball tournament is done through the Recreation Department. So thank you to our, to Mac Stevens and our Recreation Department. There'll be two divisions, adults, ages 18 Plus and youth 13 to 17. This was a really well attended event last year, with a lot of interest. We have a lot of our officers who also play. I don't know how well, but they play so. So, we're looking forward to this. And, you know, we'd love the community to come out to and be involved. It's actually a really fun time. That should do it. Thank you.

Mayor Gail

14:56

Thank you Chief. It I'll just remind the public those who are watching, if you didn't get some of those dates, the city website is a great place to see upcoming events both on the calendar, but also on the announcements. Or you can sign up to get the email, bi weekly newsletter. And if you, you should get a pop up on the website or you can contact Christine Vasquez. Make sure you're added to the email list. And of course, follow us on social

media to get all of those dates as well. With that, Madam Chair that completes our reports this evening. Thank you very much.

President Mancuso

15:32

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

Councilman Wojtila

15:36

Thank you, Madam Chair. I'd like to make a motion to accept the committee documentation for the Council work, work session on August 1, 2022. Council work session on August 3, 2022 and the Board of Control on July 11th, July 18, July 22, 2022 and August 1 2022.

President Mancuso

15:56

Thank you, we have a motion. We have a second? Moved by Councilman Jarosz.

All in favor, "Aye."

And I will say I'm gonna give a very brief summary. Since as the chairperson of those two I had to write this. On August 1, we had our first round interviews for the Ward One appointment. And at that time, we had five applicants, all of whom received the same questions by the Council members. Each candidate was given three minutes to speak at the beginning of the interview process and they were also given time at the end of the interview process for any of their final comments. They were then thanked for their efforts and excused from that particular work session. Council members then made a motion seconded and voted by roll call to recess into Executive Session. Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 121.22 G 1 and Euclid codified ordinance 125.05A, Council may meet an Executive Session closed to the public to review and consider personnel matters collective bargaining issues, sale or purchase of real estate, pending or imminent litigation a court actions and such other matters required to be permitted to be kept confidential by federal or state law. Council then recessed into the Executive Session upon their review, council noted we are back on the record. At that time there was a motion made to recommend two candidates to be brought back for a second interview on 8/3. The motion was seconded there was no further discussion, debate was closed and council voted by roll call to bring Mr. Wallace Tanner and Miss Tisha Thomas back for a second interview on 8/3/22. Following the vote, there are no further business to come before us. The work session was adjourned with a verbal vote. On 8/3 was the second of our two sessions of interviews. At this point we interviewed each candidate individually, each were asked the same questions that were put to them by council members. Once we were finished with our questioning, we again thanked the candidates for their efforts. And following that we had we had council make a motion, second the motion and vote by roll call to again recess into Executive Session pursuant to the ordinances and Euclid codified ordinances. Council may meet in the executive sessions closed to the public to review and consider personnel matters, collective bargaining sale, purchase real estate pending or imminent litigation and other such matters required or permitted to be kept

confidential by federal or state law. Council members then went into Executive Session. Upon the return they noted we are back on the record. There was a motion made to recommend Mr. Wallace Tanner be appointed to fill the word one seat. Motion was seconded there was no further discussion debate was closed. And council members voted by roll call to recommend Mr. Wallace Tanner to be appointed to the Ward 1 council seat following the vote, As there was no further discussion a motion and second to adjourn the work session was made an affirmative vote. So, we have a motion. We have a second and we're all in agreement. Yay? (Council; "Yay.") Thank you. All right. Having done our committee documentation, we are now at our **Committee of the Whole** for legislative matters only. Anyone wishing to speak to any item on the agenda this evening. can come to the podium give us your name, your address, please keep your comments or questions focused on agenda items only and within the five minute timeframe.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

Christopher Litwinowicz

19:30

Wild Distribution LLC, 21970 Morris Avenue, Euclid, Ohio, 44123. I stand here to the council, to the Mayor, to the constituents of the city, as a businessman, you have a few items that you're objecting something in the city. Why do we feel like you're trying to push people out? If there's a fight at Euclid High School, should we tell the education director that we shouldn't educate these kids? Chair, it's not safe in Euclid. To penalize somebody for that, when we have resources. Congratulations to the Ward 1 newly appointed councilman. In that Ward, we have resources, we need to start using those resources and I'll explain more during the general portion. A police officer, a hundred of those officers will come here and tell you, it's their discretion, so to penalize these businesses, because maybe we wasn't quick enough. Maybe we didn't sit at Sunoco off Lakeland Boulevard and do paperwork. What if we had cameras, you know those type of instruments would help nullify what, what, what is in front of this council tonight and you got to do the same thing with the medical marijuana? You know, a business establish themselves. And the benefit is to pay the State a fee. And you pay a fee, which is kind of absurd. But these businesses and another thing is why you only (Pacificfie-unintelligible) I love that idea. But right now I'm protecting the Law Director, I'm protecting the interest of the city of Euclid. These businesses will file lawsuits, discriminatory or lawsuits. Skinny's are they on this list? Chief, Fire Chief, the bar Next Door is that on that list? You know that's moving change because that's right by a school. Those are 10-13 year old kids walking by that little establishment with drunks outside. Again, I gotta stop. I don't know. I just noticed that.

President Mancuso

23:16

Yeah, we got it.

Resident - Christopher Litwinowicz

I mean, I'm probably under three minutes, but just to have fairness. But thank you.

President Mancuso

23:24

Thank you. Alright, we're gonna try and get this timer working. Next speaker, please. Good evening, everyone.

Resident - Audrey Kaplan Goodman

23:35

I'm Audrey Kaplan Goodman, 20201 Glen Russ Lane. Items four through seven. I'm happy to see that council and the administration is being proactive. If these establishments are problems in the city, we don't need any more problems. So, I'm happy to see that hopefully, you will not renew their liquor licenses. Question arises, are they operational now? And what will happen if if you do negate their licenses? Item number 10? Yes, we need to upgrade our video equipment here. That's a no brainer. But why are we using American rescue funds to do it? Why don't we just take some money out of the general fund? Mayor, where can the public see what's been spent of the American rescue funds? Is there a line item in the budget that we can have access to? I don't think we've ever gotten an answer to that. Thank you.

President Mancuso

24:32

Thank you. Next speaker please. Seeing none, we're gonna go ahead and start our legislative agenda. Madam Clerk, please read the first agenda item into the record.

LEGISLATION

Clerk Laboda

24:53

Resolution 087-22. A resolution amending ordinance 1-2022 to update the council committees and assignments for the January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2023 term of the Council of the City of Euclid.

President Mancuso

25:16

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

All in favor, "Aye."

And we will go to Director Sweeney to begin.

Law Director Sweeney

25:31

Thank you, Madam Chair. As council is aware, every January council needs to meet to set forth the committees and the membership on those committees. Unfortunately, due to Councilwoman Caviness' passing we had to replace

her. And we have Councilman Tanner that has taken her place. So, with this piece, Councilman Tanner has taken Councilwoman Caviness' placed on all committees except for one, the Administrative Committee, and I will talk about that later. So, Councilman Tanner is listed in all the places where Councilwoman Caviness was because Councilman Tanner is new. It is my understanding Councilman Jarosz stepped up to Chair the Safety Committee. And then the only other place where Councilwoman Caviness was chair was Administrative Committee. Council put a rule in place about Administrative Committee and the membership are the top five senior Councilpersons. So, Councilman Tanner is not one of the top five senior folks quite yet. So, we do have a vacancy in that committee. So, there is a blank there for the new person. And there is a tie with seniority between Councilman Epps and Councilwoman Jukic. So, I don't know if somebody is prepared to make a motion today to replace that vacancy with one of those Councilpersons and vote on that. Otherwise, I don't have any other comments, but I'm happy to answer any questions.

President Mancuso

27:00

Thank you. Discussion. Sorry, Councilwoman McIntosh.

Councilwoman McIntosh

27:06

Thank you, Madam Chair to the Law Director in the fourth whereas the second like chunk of the sentence notes, Council President Mancuso chair, the Administrative Committee do we need to amend that?

Law Director Sweeney

27:21

Correct. That is going to be changed to Councilperson Wojtila, so we, we didn't have that filled in quite yet. And then Councilman Wojtila stepped up to take that. So, yes, thank you.

Councilwoman McIntosh

27:34

Thank you, and then I will make a motion to nominate Councilwoman Jukic to be the Chair of that Administrative Committee.

President Mancuso

27:44

We have a motion...

Councilwoman McIntosh

27:45

I'm sorry, member.

President Mancuso

27:48

Motion on the floor. Do we have a second? So moved by Councilman Jarosz. Discussion about the motion only. Councilman Wojtila.

Councilman Wojtila

27:59

Yes. Thank you, Madam Chair. Has anybody heard from Councilman Epps whether he has an interest in serving on the Administrative Committee?

President Mancuso

I have not.

Councilman Wojtila

Thank you.

President Mancuso

28:11

Thank you. Other discussion about the motion only? Seeing none...
Councilman Wojtila.

Councilman Wojtila

28:23

Thank you, Madam Chair. Does Councilperson Jukic have a desire to be on the Administrative Committee?

President Mancuso

28:32

Councilwoman Jukic?

Councilwoman Jukic

28:33

That's a very good question, Councilman Wojtyla. I would be happy to serve on the Administrative Committee. I also have a question. Is there a way to pass this resolution and leave the Administrative Committee fifth, the vacancy open for the next time that we were to meet?

Law Director Sweeney

28:55

I wouldn't. I don't know, I don't think so. Because you just have one component that you're not ready to pass on. So, I will either put it to a second reading or finish it today. Thank you.

President Mancuso

29:17

Did you have an answer since there's a motion on the floor? Did you say you were interested?

Councilwoman Jukic

Yes.

President Mancuso

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

All in favor, "Aye."

All right. So, we have, take the roll call on the amendment to insert Councilwoman Jukic into the Administrative Committee member roll.

Clerk Laboda

29:47

Tolton, Yes. Jarosz, Yes. Macintosh, Yes. Wojtila, Yes. Jukic, Yes, Tanner, Yes. And Mancuso, Yes.

Motion passes to insert Councilperson Jukic.

President Mancuso

30:06

Okay. Any further discussion on the entire amended resolution? Councilman Tolton.

Councilman Tolton

30:13

Madam Chair. Thank you. Um, I guess this is to...well it could be to the Chair or to the Law Director. It had stated for the Public Safety Committee, that my colleague, Councilman Jarosz stepped up to be the Chair of that committee. When was that decided that, you know? The rest of the Council wasn't aware that I know of, that he was stepping up to do that. And shouldn't this committee, basically all committees should be autonomous, whereas committee members that sit together and then decide who the chair should that chair should be?

Law Director Sweeney

30:55

Madam Chair to the Councilman, I can't speak to when Councilman Jarosz stepped up, it was announced by Council President at the last Council meeting. So, they would have to answer that question.

Councilman Tolton

Ok.

President Mancuso

Councilman Jarosz.

Councilman Jarosz

31:08

Thank you, Madam Chair. A few days after hearing of the sad news of Stephanas passing, I reached out to Council President Mancuso knowing that there was a vacancy, and as the senior member of that committee, I simply said I'd be more willing to serve as Chair until the term expires.

Councilman Tolton

31:31

Ok. I still am and I don't have a problem with you serving. I just have a problem with, with the process. And I just think it should be the committee members should make that decision we should meet and then make that decision who we want as the next Chair, as opposed just the Council President making that or the senior member are stepping up making that announcement. I just think is a fair process and most transparent process that the committee makes that determination.

President Mancuso

31:56

All I will say to that is that has not been the process. The process in the back, in the past has always been in December, when we meet for orientation committee, new committee, some committees go away, some committees are born, some are revised that is done by all nine councilpeople. At that time, the most senior council people can pick what committee they would like, now, if like Councilwoman Caviness has wanted public safety. That was her committee, she had the seniority to do it. And we have not had in either my Mancuso 1.0, or now as council as Ward councilperson or as Council President had any dilemmas with the seniority being considered for the council chairperson. And I don't believe ever, at least not since I've been here before now. We had problem with who was sitting on the committee. So, we did actually have to add another process to it because there has never been an issue. I understand what you're saying and how you feel. And that's your prerogative. But we have not had that issue at all. There's never been anybody who either you couldn't get on a committee couldn't share a committee. It just hasn't happened. So, it's almost like we're correcting a problem that isn't there.

Councilman Tolton

33:19

And Madam Chair, excuse me. Yeah. And I'm not trying to create a problem, because they're saying that you said at the beginning when I came in in January, right, that we all sat down and we collectively, the council decided who was going to be the Chair, what committee you wanted to choose, things like that. But in this instance, where you had, you know, a council person, you know, deceased or, or if they were removed or quit or whatever, that again, then it wasn't the whole council that sat there and decided that the senior, you know, Jarosz would be that would chair it. You know, I mean, we didn't even have a discussion ax him would you want to chair it? You know, it was just that you said he's the most senior? I think, I think by a couple of months or something from Wojtila and then as you play some there, and then I'm saying that I wasn't even aware of that. I mean, I believe you said you said he was announced at the last Council meeting. But then again, how was the decision made? So, you're saying was just because he's a senior on that committee or just a senior Councilman period? That so if, if..

President Mancuso

34:17

And he offered, he offered. Nobody was appointed. Yeah, he offered and that's been the process. It can be changed. But that is the process, and we have not had an issue with it in any committee that I'm aware of, either as a member or as a chairperson, because everybody pretty much does the right thing.

Councilman Tolton

34:39

So these committees, Madam Chair, excuse me. So these committees are not necessarily autonomous then.

President Mancuso

34:46

Committees can change every single time we have an orientation, because we all get together and we look at like if you have a committee that talks about how many apple trees are in Euclid, and it hasn't had a committee meeting, and you're chairing it, you he'd be the one to say, I really think I could devote my time looking at all the trees in Euclid not just the apple trees. So, you as the Chair could say something, your committee members may say something. So, it is it is up for grabs each and every time and up for grabs is the wrong term. But we, we've changed the titles of committees, especially in the last two years, because they fit a bet, they were better focused and fit with a new name. And everybody in that orientation, discussed it. Everybody in that orientation agreed? Everybody voted on what we did.

Councilman Tolton

35:37

Right? Correct. Correct. But I'm just saying again, and I don't want to belabor the point. But again, if we have an abrupt, you know, absence from from that from that committee, and especially that Committee Chair, that I just think that the committee should be the ones that come together and decide who they want as their Chairman for that Committee. And then if you want to be, then if you want to put the board before the whole council or something later, but I think the committee should be the ones that make that decision. So, So, So I guess I'm so you're saying basically, this is this? I mean, again, I've got nothing against my colleagues here. Just, just the process I'm questioning. So, basically it is a done deal that he is the Committee Chair of the Safety Committee.

President Mancuso

He is.

Councilman Tolton

Okay, and there's no, there's no recourse to go back and look at this. So, it doesn't have to be, you know, have to be some kind of change in the ordinance. I'm assuming.

President Mancuso

You would have to make a change.

Councilman Tolton

Okay. That's fine. So, I understand. Thank you.

President Mancuso

36:46

Any other discussion? Councilman Wojtila.

Councilman Wojtila

36:51

Thank you, Madam Chair. When Councilman Tolton says it's a done deal. Did you respond, yes?

President Mancuso

36:56

Yes, because I was, once we do this tonight, it's a done deal.

Councilman Wojtila

37:00

I guess that was my point. Yeah. If we're not, if we don't like the legislation, as written or as amended, we have the option as council members to vote no. So, it's not, certainly not a done deal. You know, this is the way I look at it. It's consistent with the next piece of legislation, except in the fact that Councilman Jarosz is Chair of the Public Safety. And I'm listed as chair of the Administrative Committee. So, to move things forward and to, you know, to resolve because I don't know that we need a special meeting of the Administrative Committee to appoint a Chairperson, because I don't know how much that committee would even meet. So, I can appreciate Councilman Tolton's concerns and, and the next piece of legislation kind of takes care of the process. But as a committee member as a member of council and committee member of the Administrative Committee, I'm comfortable with the listing of the new members with Councilman Tanner taking, Councilman, Councilwoman Caviness' position, and with the Councilman Jarosz being the chair of the Public Safety Committee, and with myself being Chair of the Administrative Committee.

President Mancuso

38:09

Thank you. Again, any further discussion? Councilwoman Jukic.

Councilwoman Jukic

38:14

Thank you, Madam Chair, I just wanted to share that I was considering these issues, also, that you brought up Councilman Tolton. And I recall the couple of times that we talked about committees, it was very collaborative among the group. Like I'll take the you know, it's a very positive process, in my opinion. And then when reading this, I thought, to me, this makes sense to do this, to keep things moving. And the next term will be here pretty quickly that

we can reassess and do things as we needed to do. So, I just wanted to share that with you that I put thought into this as well, in terms of what might be the best thing to do, and knowing how we do it, that we kind of talked about it and choose as a whole body. I think this is a perfectly fine process to, to get to the next stage. Thank you.

President Mancuso

39:01

Thank you. It, everybody else has to speak first, Sir. Okay, go ahead.

Councilman Tanner

39:10

Thank you, Madam Chair. Question is, are these committees rotated?

President Mancuso

39:14

I'm sorry, again,

Councilman Tanner

39:14

Are the personnel go on the committee's rotated?

President Mancuso

39:18

The people on the committee, as you'll find out when you, at the end of the year. Everybody gets together Everybody talks about what they want to do. You as an individual can say what committee you want to be part of. So you may want to be part of the apple tree committee this year. And then next year, you have decided like, well, I have a whole lot of building things going on, and maybe I want to be part of that committee next year. So you can move around. You're not there from now till eternity. Okay. And with the whole, all of us go through this every orientation because things are changing rapidly. If you took a look at some of our past committees, they're very different than what they are today. You because we try to make committees that actually do something, advance things in the city. And sometimes committees that we've had forever, just aren't doing that anymore. So, it's the role of all nine of us to do that. So you can, you can kind of move around. And don't forget, you are always allowed, any councilperson is allowed, and actually invited to attend any committee meeting going on. You know, there's five people who vote, but there are many times I'll come because I just want the information. So that, you know, when it comes to us, again, we know what it means. So, you can go to any committee, you can move around anywhere you want. It won't be long, you will be chairing a committee yourself.

Councilman Tanner

40:46

Thank you, Madam Chair.

President Mancuso

40:49

Okay, is this my final comment? Is there anybody else?

Law Director Sweeney

40:51

Madam Chair, I just want to further explain to Councilman Tanner, if I may. So, the council committees are with every new council term. So, city elections are next year, they will be in November of 23. So then, in January 24, we will have a new council term, some of you will still be here, some may not be here, up next year is Wards 1, 3, 5, and 7. So then in January of 24, or December of 23, you will meet and some of these committees might go away, some might stay, some might get name changes, some might get merged. And that's when you will pick your new committees as the Council President was saying.

Councilman Tanner

Thank you.

President Mancuso

41:30

Thank you. Okay. There's nobody else. Let me do... Mr. Tolton. And then your last note, you're done. Okay.

Councilman Tolton

41:39

Thank you, Madam Chair. All right. And looking at the, the ordinances. So, I think I'm clear. Let me let me just read this. And just make sure that I'm understanding and that the audience understands what I was asking what we're doing here tonight, should a vacancy occur, the Office of Council person or the President of the Council, the appointee to the vacant position shall assume committee memberships of the councilperson they replaced. And here's a key part; the members of the committee shall appoint the chairperson of the committee, if there is or was a vacancy in the chairperson role. So, once we vote on this, if we vote in the affirmative on this tonight, then at saying going forward, this is the standard as before that, then we just appointed Jarosz, but going forward once this is appointed, voted on tonight, then that's the standard that the committee will vote the chairperson, if there's an opening.

President Mancuso

42:30

Are you reading the next piece of legislation?

Councilman Tolton

42:34

Oh, I'm sorry. I'm sorry.

Law Director Sweeney

42:36

Yes, he is. Madam Chair, that is that is not on the floor yet. That's Councilman Epp's proposed legislation.

Councilman Tolton

You're correct, I'm sorry. I was just saying the definition, but it was the next definition...

President Mancuso

42:41

Okay. So, can I now ask for a motion to close debate? Are we good? Okay, so moved by Councilman Tolton. Second by Councilman Jarosz.

All in favor, "Aye."

All right, Madam Clerk, would you please call the roll on the amended resolution.

Clerk Laboda

Tolton, Yes. Jarosz, Yes.

Councilwoman McIntosh

Madam Chair point of order.

President Mancuso

Oops, sorry, sir. Ma'am.

Councilwoman McIntosh

43:08

The fourth, whereas still notes you as the chair of the Administrative Committee do we need and I'm going to call that a Scriveners error and we don't need an official amendment for that.

President Mancuso

43:18

Thank you. Okay. I'm sorry. Go ahead.

Clerk Laboda

Clerk Laboda

43:22

Macintosh. Yes. Wojtila, Yes. Jukic, Yes, Tanner, Yes. Mancuso, Yes. The amended Resolution passes.

President Mancuso

43:34

Thank you very much.

Assistant to the Mayor, Grida

43:36

Madam Chair. Good discussion. Could I just ask if you're speaking, if you could take your mask off? It's difficult for people at home to hear and be able

to understand. No, I think they can hear a volume, but it's, it's hard to understand. If you wouldn't mind. Thank you.

President Mancuso

43:48

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

Clerk Laboda

43:53

Ordinance 091-22. An emergency ordinance amending section 121.17 Committees of Council of Chapter 121 Council have the administrative code of the codified ordinances of the city of Euclid to provide a mechanism for appointing chairpersons and other members of committees of Council.

President Mancuso

44:20

Madam Clerk or sorry. Thank you, Madam Clerk. I'll entertain a motion for passage to begin discussion. Councilman Jarosz. Second by Councilwoman McIntosh.

All in favor, "Aye."

Okay, and we will go to Director Sweeney.

Law Director Sweeney

44:38

Thank you, Madam Chair. This is a Councilman Epps sponsored piece, he requested this. So, I would recommend we just put this on for a second reading for the next council meeting.

President Mancuso

44:49

Okay, Discussion by my colleagues? Councilman Jarosz.

Councilman Jarosz

44:52

I like to make a motion to send this to committee for discussion. I question the necessity of it on the face. And I think if it's one of those where we're talking about how council is going to conduct its business, it should probably be in a committee meeting where we really dot all the i's and cross all the t's and not just push off to the next meeting.

President Mancuso

45:18

Thank you. So we have a motion on the floor? Do we have a second? So moved my Councilwoman Macintosh. Any discussion on the motion only? Councilwoman Macintosh.

Councilwoman McIntosh

45:31

Thank you, Madam Chair to Councilman Jarosz. Are you proposing this to go to Executive and Finance Committee? Yes. Or another committee?

Councilman Jarosz

45:38

Yes. It would most likely be the full Council.

Councilwoman McIntosh

Thank you.

President Mancuso

45:41

Thank you. All right. So, we have a motion and a second. Any discussion on the motion? Seeing none, I'll entertain a motion to close debate. So moved by Councilwoman Jukic. Seconded by Councilman Tolton.

All in favor, "Aye."

I will ask for a roll call vote of the motion to go to Executive and Finance Committee.

Clerk Laboda

46:14

Jarosz, Yes. McIntosh, Yes. Wojtila, Yes. Jukic, Yes. Tanner, Yes. Tolton Yes. Mancuso, Yes.

Motion passes to send it to committee.

President Mancuso

46:28

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

Clerk Laboda

46:34

Ordinance 086-22. An emergency ordinance to certify as a lien on the Cuyahoga County tax duplicate the assessments for the cutting of the grass, weeds and trees, as provided in sections 529.03 and 1755.28. Of the codified ordinances of the city of Euclid.

President Mancuso

47:00

Thank you. I'll entertain a motion for passage again discussion. So Moved by Councilwoman Jukic. Second by Councilwoman McIntosh.

All in favor, "Aye."

And we will move to Special Assistant Mrs. Grida.

Assistant to the Mayor, Grida

47:12

Thank you very much. As most of you do know, the nuisance team is housed in the Building and Housing Department and per our codified ordinance 521

529.03. We do go out and cite tall grass and weeds as the council clerk said. But in addition, we have added that sidewalk program to be able to put this on the tax duplicate. So, as we have to cite for nuisance and or work with the sidewalk program, residents can remedy the situation on their own. Or if we have to do it, and we have to hire somebody to do it, we will assess their property. So, what you receive today was the entire list of all the properties that will be assessed. Once you approve this, it will go on to the property taxes. As you saw all of the totals are even numbers because as you know, we get billed with our property taxes twice a year. So, this is a little more palatable for folks. Some of the larger amounts should you have glanced down through perhaps are because of being on our grass watch list, which means we habitually cut your grass. Some of them have been large nuisances that we had to take care of. But most of the larger items are sidewalks. And again, in that sidewalk pilot program, all of the residents self report. So, we're making conscious decisions together of how residents want to handle these fees. So, I would appreciate your support and happy to answer any questions.

President Mancuso

48:35

Discussion. Councilman Wojtila.

Councilman Wojtila

48:40

Thank you, Madam Chair. We did not get a list of the properties.

Assistant to the Mayor, Grida

48:45

It was emailed today. I'm sorry. I just got the request today, I apologize.

Councilman Wojtila

No, no that's fine.

Assistant to the Mayor, Grida

I can let you see mine if you need to see a specific address.

Councilman Wojtila

48:52

No, that's fine. I can look at my email later. And I think it's worth noting that there was a total of 502 parcels. So there's quite, quite a bit and averages out to 100 \$248.93 per parcel. One last question. So does this mean these 502 parcels did not pay the bill? So, then it goes to assessments.

Assistant to the Mayor, Grida

Correct.

Councilman Wojtila

Though there obviously was more that people that paid their bills?

Assistant to the Mayor, Grida

Correct.

Councilman Wojtila

Thank you, Madam Chair.

President Mancuso

49:19

Thank you. Can I alright, so can I ask? Do we routinely try to collect these before they go on the tax bill?

Assistant to the Mayor, Grida

49:28

No. So, when we cite we put down how much you owe. And if you, if you abate it yourself within those 48 hours, there's no fee. If you don't abate it, then that is the fee. So, we don't invoice separately for these. But if

President Mancuso

49:40

But if they if they want to pay the fee. I mean, there's a mechanism for them to do that for showing that it's not going to go on their tax bill.

Assistant to the Mayor, Grida

That's correct.

President Mancuso

So, we have 500 people who didn't bother,

Assistant to the Mayor, Grida

49:50

Which was about 200 less this year than last year. So actually, yes, and what you know if I could just take one second. We saw a great decline in the grass watch list as well, which is really good. It means that, you know, I always say to folks that call, the last thing I want to do is hire a staff to cite for tall grass. Just want everybody to cut their grass. So, the fact that we are doing this grass watch program and it's helping people go, Whoa, I don't want to pay this much. Whether it's landlord or occupant, I'm happy that it's that number is reduced, to be honest with you.

President Mancuso

50:25

It's a lot though. It's a lot. That's a lot. Other discussion? Councilman Tanner?

Councilman Tanner

50:32

Madam Chair, I have a question. Once it goes on, is there a program or something that the individual can actually pay that if all is at once, that is already assessed to the property tax? That's it.

Assistant to the Mayor, Grida

50:47

I believe you can get into a payment plan for your property taxes, which would include the liens entire total. I don't know what those options are from the County because the County does run that.

President Mancuso

50:58

Did. You're asking the same thing I asked. I'm wondering if there isn't a way you get this thing on your door? And it says you're going to we're going to do this. So, it's going to cost you this? Yeah. Can they come? Just pay that off?

Assistant to the Mayor, Grida

51:10

Yes. I thought he was asking for a payment plan. If you couldn't pay it off.

Councilman Tanner

51:15

No, I meant, let's say that you already have assessed it. And it's on the property tax. And I want to turn around at this time, just pay that portion of the grass fees off of there and not include my whole property tax, but I got enough money. Is there a way to have that done?

Assistant to the Mayor, Grida

51:33

Not that I'm aware of we are told once it goes to the County, we can't collect it because now they think they're collecting it and we've collected it and the chances of that not working well are really good.

Councilman Tanner

Okay. Thank you.

President Mancuso

51:44

You're welcome. Other discussion? Councilman Jarosz.

Councilman Jarosz

51:52

I'm just curious. Refresh my memory. When I pay my property taxes? What percentage of that comes to the city?

Assistant to the Mayor, Grida

51:59

I believe it's six cents on the dollar property. So not for the liens for the property tax.

Councilman Jarosz

Right. So, this is a lien.

Law Director Sweeney

52:08

The assessments will 100% still come to the City of Euclid.

Councilman Jarosz

Alright. Thank you.

President Mancuso

52:15

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

All in favor, "Aye."

I'll entertain a motion to forego the second and third reading. So moved by Councilman Tolton. Seconded 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

52:43

McIntosh, Yes. Wojtila, Yes. Jukic, Yes. Tanner, Yes. Tolton, Yes. Jarosz, Yes. Mancuso, Yes.

Ordinance passes.

President Mancuso

52:57

Thank you. Madam Clerk, please read the fourth agenda item in the records

Clerk Laboda

53:02

Resolution 092-22. A resolution objecting to the renewal of the liquor license permit for Vibes Bar and Grill LLC. DBA Vibes Ultra lounge, 22740 Shore Center Drive, Euclid, Ohio, 44123, permit number 9278466 and encouraging the Ohio Department of Commerce, Division of Liquor Control to deny the renewal of the liquor permit.

President Mancuso

53:40

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

All in favor, "Aye."

And we will go to Director Sweeney once again.

Law Director Sweeney

53:51

Thank you, Madam Chair for these next four pieces. I'll talk specifically, but general for now. We got a letter from the Ohio Department of Commerce advising all liquor permits in the state of Ohio are due for renewal on October 1. So, if the legislative body has any issues with any of them, to get them a resolution, one for each problem property inhibit postmarked by September

2, so I reached out to Council to ask them if they wanted to pursue any of these resolutions for bars in their neighborhoods or in their Wards and Councilwoman McIntosh and Councilwoman Mancuso, Councilman Epps and Councilman Tolton spoke up. I actually pretty much everybody spoke up but only there's only about four problem bars at this point. So specifically, the first one we had that the Council Clerk just spoke to, is for Vibes Bar and Grill and this is the one at 22740 Shore Center Drive. So with respect to this one, there's been nuisance reports June 16, October 7, 2021. The bar was then declared a nuisance October 12, 2021. Since that nuisance declaration, there have been additional verified nuisance activities, November 24, 2021, and July 23 2022. In total, they've received \$750 of fines from the City of Euclid, I believe that the \$250 one was paid for when we had a meeting with the property owner, and the bar owner, that \$500 one was put on as an assessment by Council a couple meetings ago. So, this is one that we do want to object to the liquor permit at this time, because there's still ongoing nuisance issues at the property. And also to address the resident that spoke earlier, the city is certainly not trying to push a business out of the city, we want these businesses and bars to be safe. Safe for their patrons, safe for the residents, address safety and security concerns, maybe get a better class of patrons inside and deal with their business. So not trying to shut them down. They need to make some changes to their business practices. To address the other resident. Yes, all four of these bars are operational right now. Subsequent to these resolutions, I expected the Ohio Department of Commerce to set hearing dates on these, I would ask council for that Ward to come with me to these meetings so they can see how these operate. I will likely have a police officer, one of the Captains, usually goes with me to these hearings. And then we present a case on why we would like to object to each of these permits being renewed. So that is it for Vibes. I will be happy to answer any questions you have.

President Mancuso

56:39

Thank you. Discussion. Councilman Wojtila.

Councilman Wojtila

56:42

Thank you, Madam Chair, just to clarify, then we're, we, all we are doing is objecting to their liquor permit being renewed?

Law Director Sweeney

Correct.

Councilman Wojtila

It's up to the Ohio Department of Commerce and the Liquor Control Board to revoke or not revoke.

Law Director Sweeney

Correct.

Councilman Wojtila

And would you say your chances of getting these revoked are...

Law Director Sweeney

57:00

Slim to none, except maybe with one that is still a serious health and safety concern, a fire concern. I will talk about that one in a little bit.

Councilman Wojtila

Thank you.

President Mancuso

57:10

Thank you. Other discussion. Councilman Tolton.

Councilman Tolton

57:13

Thank you, Madam Chair, Law Director Sweeney so, so if the Liquor Control Board says revoke their license, are they immediately out of business? Or

Law Director Sweeney

57:26

They're supposed to be. They don't have a liquor permit anymore. as of the date of that decision, there is appeal rights. So, in one case that we were successful, was the Foreplay. The Foreplay, which is over by our Service garage. We were successful with getting that one shut down. So that was good. SNS lounge, we were also successful with that, and the old Oliver Twist that was on Euclid Avenue. So, but many, many we have not been successful with.

Councilman Tolton

58:01

So then what do we do as a city? If you just said that, you know, it's kind of slim to none for them to be... Well, maybe not... but you know, reject it? So they're not rejected, and they're renewed, and they keep on with these same behaviors... What do we just keep going around...

Law Director Sweeney

58:17

We keep going with the nuisance. We keep talking to the property owner, maybe property owner might be inclined to evict. Potentially we could file a nuisance action downtown, we are working on that with respect to one of the bars I'll talk about in a little bit. So, Vibes is not quite as egregious as some of the other places. So, I don't know, I don't want to give anybody too much hope, with Vibes, but two of the others, one to two of the others, there's potential with getting those closed down.

Councilman Tolton

58:45

So then, you said to you, you do the nuisance ordinances again and again and again and fine them and whatnot. Do you go back to the control board again, (Director Sweeney; every year we have this option), so you can't go back like in six months and say, Hey, you we need you. Okay, so just once a year?

Law Director Sweeney

59:03

Yep. Just to file a nuisance action downtown. Oh, good. Yeah. And councils aware the last nuisance action we filed downtown was with Playmore than we were not successful there. And that was a serious nuisance. So, you see what, you know what the courts and legislate and the bodies, you know, legislative bodies, you know, how they how they will...

Councilman Tolton

59:22

Okay, thank you.

President Mancuso

59:25

Councilman Tanner.

Councilman Tanner

59:29

Are the establishments fined, or are the owners of the establishment fined?

Law Director Sweeney

59:34

Madam Chair to the Councilman. So, there's one fine, but we send letters to both, both the bar owner and the property owner. So, we're hoping that the property owner knows that the fine will be an assessment on their property. So, they're going to they're going to want to make sure that gets paid by the tenant or hopefully they would take action like in our other nuisance in the residential areas, is vacate evict, evict that tenant and get them out. So, we hope to get the landlord's cooperation with that.

Councilman Tanner

1:00:06

Are fines steep enough to grab their attention?

Law Director Sweeney

1:00:09

Thank you, Councilman. So, this Council just upped the fines. Couple years ago, it was just 250. Every time now it's 250, than 500, than 750, than 1000. I think we're good with this new scale.

Councilman Tanner

Thank you.

President Mancuso

1:00:23

Thank you. Other discussion? Seeing none, I'll entertain a motion to close debate. So moved by Councilwoman McIntosh. Second by Councilman Tolton. I gotta get you two T's away from each other.

All in favor? Sorry.

All in favor, "Aye."

All right. Madam Clerk, please call the roll on the resolution.

Clerk Laboda

1:00:52

Wojtila, Yes. Jukic, Yes. Tanner, Yes. Tolton, Yes. Jarosz, Yes. McIntosh, Yes. Mancuso, Yes.

Resolution passes.

President Mancuso

1:01:05

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

Clerk Laboda

1:01:10

Resolution 093-22. A resolution objecting to the renewal of the liquor permit for BLINCENCE1, Inc, DBA B. Stone 26191 Euclid Avenue, Euclid Ohio, 44132. Permit number 07401950005 and encouraging the Ohio Department of Commerce Division of Liquor Control, to deny said renewal of liquor permit.

President Mancuso

1:01:46

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

All in favor, "Aye."

We go back to our Law Director Sweeney.

Law Director Sweeney

1:01:58

Thank you, Madam Chair. So, this is for B stone at 26191 Euclid Avenue. Councilman Epps asked for this. So, I would ask you for, for the support for this even though he is not here this evening due to the time constraints with us having to get this out. So, there were calls to Euclid Police Department October 10 and October 30 of 2021. For assault complaints, there were shots fired December 4. The property was then declared a nuisance on December 10. Subsequent to that nuisance declaration, there were additional verified nuisance activities, January 30, and April 24. Due to those two incidents, there was \$750 worth of fines assessed, council assess that couple meetings ago. So again, we're asking that you support this resolution so we can object to the liquor permit renewal. Thank you.

President Mancuso

1:02:49

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

All in favor, "Aye."

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

Clerk Laboda

1:03:07

Jukic, Yes. Tanner, Yes. Tolton Yes. Jarosz, Yes. McIntosh, Yes. Wojtila, Yes. Mancuso, Yes.

Resolution passes.

President Mancuso

1:03:20

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

Clerk Laboda

1:03:24

Resolution 094-22. A resolution objecting to the renewal of the liquor permit for Shazam, Inc, LLC DBA, Midway Bar and Grill, 20670 Lakeland Boulevard, Euclid, Ohio 44119. Permit number 8045912 and encouraging the Ohio Department of Commerce Division of Liquor Control to deny said renewal of liquor permit.

President Mancuso

1:03:56

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

All in favor, "Aye."

And once again to Law Director Sweeney.

Law Director Sweeney

1:04:08

Thank you, Madam Chair. Euclid police officers, I'm sorry, this is for Midway Bar 20670 Lakeland Boulevard. Euclid police officers verified noise complaints at the bar February 6, and March 20, of 2022. Shortly thereafter, on June 15. Police Department responded to reports of a shooting at the bar. The officers found the victim with a gunshot wound to his back in the bathroom. There was a fight in the bar amongst several people. One male left the bar came back with a gun and fired at the victim. Based on that, Midway was declared a nuisance June 17, 2022. Unfortunately, two years prior there was another shooting at the bar and that suspect attempted to run over a Euclid police officer, there was an officer involved shooting with respect to that incident. We can't go back that far for nuisance because it's over two years old. However, Department of Public Safety also has issues with this bar. There's questions about ownership and who's running the place. And the person who's running the place, we believe has an extensive criminal record.

He should not be running the place, but he is not the liquor permit holder. So, we are also working with the Cuyahoga County prosecutor's office, and hopefully they can file a joint nuisance complaint that includes the allegations from both the Department of Public Safety and the City of Euclid. So, I am working with that Assistant Prosecutor there, if she can't finish the job, I will do it and I will file it downtown. But she started that. So, I would like your support with this. I'm sure Councilman Tolton would like your support with this on objecting to the renewal. Thank you.

President Mancuso

1:05:45

Thank you. Discussion. Councilman Tolton.

Councilman Tolton

1:05:49

Thank you, Madam Chair, Law Director Sweeney. So then if we have the County, that also files a nuisance, and would that in our report... Would that help?

Law Director Sweeney

1:06:00

Madam Chair, it does help. So, you know, we could have the two competing actions going on at the same time, the court downtown could declare it a nuisance and shut it down. Or we can, you know, worry about the work on the liquor license and have Department of Commerce shut it down. Unfortunately, both are kind of long processes and court processes, just a long process. But let's get them coming both ways.

Councilman Tolton

1:06:23

Okay. All right. Thank you.

President Mancuso

1:06:24

Thank you. Councilman Tanner.

Councilman Tanner

1:06:27

Are the hearings, are the hearings closed? Or are they open to residents?

Law Director Sweeney

1:06:33

They have been on Zoom lately, because the State of Ohio folks are working remotely. So, I don't know how any public could get in on that. You are welcome to come down with me to the hearing. If, or will come to my office, if it's on Zoom. I don't know what mechanism it's going to be. You're welcome to join me. Yeah, I would invite Councilman Tolton, Councilman Epps and Councilwoman McIntosh for the hearings as well.

Councilman Tanner

1:06:58

Okay, because I didn't was asking just to find out the more people you have maybe the more they persuade. Okay. Thank you.

President Mancuso

1:07:06

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

All in favor, "Aye."

Madam Clerk please call the roll on the resolution.

Clerk Laboda

Clerk Laboda

1:07:20

Tanner, Yes. Tolton. Yes. Jarosz, Yes. McIntosh, Yes. Wojtila, Yes. Jukic, Yes. Mancuso, Yes.

Resolution passes.

President Mancuso

1:07:33

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

Clerk Laboda

1:07:37

Resolution 088-22. A resolution objecting to the renewal of the liquor permit for Classic Winghouse LLC DBA House Ultra Lounge, 22810 Lakeshore Boulevard, Euclid, Ohio 44123. Permit number 1522810 and encouraging the Ohio Department of Commerce Division of Liquor Control to deny the renewal of liquor of the liquor permit.

President Mancuso

1:08:09

Thank you. I'll entertain a motion for passage. So moved by Councilwoman McIntosh. Second by Councilman Jarosz.

All in favor, "Aye."

And back to our Law Director Sweeney.

Law Director Sweeney

1:08:20

Thank you, Madam Chair. So unfortunately, this is a brand new bar that's already causing problems in the community. House Ultra Lounge, 22810 Lake Shore Boulevard. We got a number of calls for service May 26. Euclid police officers responded to reports of an assault that was confirmed, another disturbance July 24, 2022. The property was declared a nuisance July 28, 2022. Additionally, the property was cited by the fire department July 29, 2022 for overcrowding, failure post occupant load, open flame devices. We had videos from Instagram or Facebook where people in the bar were using

pyrotechnics and throwing paper napkins around obviously this is a serious fire hazard and concern for not only the folks occupying the bar at the time, but for the whole plaza. And just so council's aware, and the public is aware, there has been a meeting between Mayor's Office, Fire Prevention, Zoning Department, Building Department, Law Department, Police Department coming at all angles and the council, Councilwoman for the Ward dealing trying to deal with this property and how we're going to come at it. So with respect to all bars that we start to see a problem with we have a meeting with the police department, with the mayor's office, with the council person to address these security and safety concerns before they really get out of hand. So we did invite the owner of the bar to come to a meeting. He did not respond to my email. This afternoon, I sent a follow up email to him and then to the new property managers. So this is the Marcs Plaza. So that ownership did change for that Plaza. And we have a new local, not local, but an Ohio property manager. That person's in Cincinnati. So as soon as I included the property manager on the email this afternoon, miraculously, I got an email back within five minutes from the owner of the bar, saying he would be glad to come to the meeting that we have set up for Wednesday. So, we'll see what he has to say. I'm still hoping to be able to push this with the property owner and maybe get an eviction started, allow them to abate the nuisance before this escalates, even after the fire department issued their, their violation notice the following weekend, and they did post it on the door. So there is no question that the bar owner got this notice that same weekend, they continued to use pyrotechnics at the bar. So, we're done. Criminal charges are filed. So we'll see what happens on Wednesday when they come, but I would like to proceed with this and object to the liquor permit. Thank you.

President Mancuso

1:11:00

Thank you, discussion. Councilwoman McIntosh.

Councilwoman McIntosh

1:11:03

Thank you, Madam Chair. I believe the incident the disturbance on July 24 also had to do with an assault. Do recall that Law Director?

Law Director Sweeney

1:11:13

We just have to look, I would have to look specifically.

Councilwoman McIntosh

Quite violent.

Law Director Sweeney

So just to speak to that when we have our hearings with liquor control. I have all the police reports for each incident. Usually the records custodian, one of the captains will testify for me about the various records and I would have council person testify as to how it's impacting the community, just so you know. So, we will go into specifics. And by the time we have a hearing, it might be three, four or five months from now. I would hope there's no more

reports. But unfortunately, I feel there will be more reports and we can supplement what's on the resolution.

Councilwoman McIntosh

1:11:49

Thank you. And then if you could speak to Fire Prevention's follow up on the fire violations, how does that fit into this process as well?

Law Director Sweeney

1:11:58

So, we did bring criminal charges against the property owner. So that is in the works with court right now. And I don't know if Chief Haddock has any additional, additional information. But I know that fire prevention is checking on the use of pyrotechnics. We are also monitoring social media and we are verifying the use, the continued use of pyrotechnics, even after the violation notice.

Councilwoman McIntosh

1:12:21

Thank you, Law Director. And just for reference, it appears that this is a popular trend among nightclubs or bars, I found another property in Cleveland that is advertising this type of activity. So for everyone, everyone might want to start monitoring social media for similar events in their Wards. Thank you.

President Mancuso

1:12:46

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

All in favor, "Aye."

Madam Clerk, please call the roll on the resolution.

Clerk Laboda

1:13:00

Tolton, Yes. Jarosz, Yes. Jarosz, Yes. McIntosh, Yes. Wojtila, Yes. Jukic, Yes. Tanner, Yes. Mancuso, Yes.

Resolution passes.

President Mancuso

1:13:15

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

Clerk Laboda

1:13:20

Ordinance 089-22. An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service of the City of Euclid to enter into a contract with Tim Lally Chevrolet, 24999 Miles Road, Warrensville Heights, Ohio, 44128 for the purchase of 1, 2022 Chevrolet 5500 4 x 4 dump truck for use in the parks department in an amount not to exceed \$74,763.28.

President Mancuso

1:13:58

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

All in favor, "Aye."

And we will go to Director Knecht.

Service Director Knecht

1:14:10

Thank you, Madam Chair. This dump truck will replace a unit in the Parks Department that is 22 years old and has reached its useful life. Due to the shortage of vehicles, we have been on the waiting list with a, quite a few vendors. Tim Lally called to say that they have a unit available that was a cancelled fleet order. So, it qualifies for the fleet pricing, which either meets or exceeds State contract. I will be happy to answer any questions you might have tonight on this.

President Mancuso

1:14:46

Discussion. Seeing none. I'll entertain a motion to close debate. So moved by Councilman Wojtila. Second by Councilman Tolton.

All in favor, "Aye."

I will also entertain a motion to suspend the rules of forego the second in third reading. So moved by Councilman Jarosz. Councilman, second by Councilman Tolton.

All in favor, "Aye."

Those opposed? Seeing none.

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

Clerk Laboda

1:15:18

Jarosz, Yes. McIntosh, Yes. Wojtila, Yes. Jukic, Yes. Tanner, Yes. Tolton, Yes. Mancuso, Yes.

Ordinance passes.

President Mancuso

1:15:30

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

Clerk Laboda

1:15:36

Ordinance 090-22. An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service of the City of Euclid. To enter into a contract with Tim Lally Chevrolet 24999 Miles Road, Warrensville Heights, Ohio, 44128 for the purchase of 3 2023 Chevrolet Equinox for use in the Housing Department in an amount not to exceed \$77,850.

President Mancuso

1:16:08

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

All in favor, "Aye."

And we will return to Director Knecht.

Service Director Knecht

1:16:20

Thank you, Madam Chair. During the budget process, we had talked about purchasing six vehicles for the Building and Housing Department to replace their failing fleet. Once the budget was passed, we contacted General Motors to place that order. We were then told that the model that we had picked out was not going to be produced for that model year. So, we went on a waiting list for anything that was cancelled. These three vehicles came up recently, and they fit for what we were going to use it, at just a slightly higher price level than what we were looking to spend. So again, I would appreciate your support and would answer any questions you may have on these units.

President Mancuso

1:17:05

Thank you. Discussion. Councilman Tolton.

Councilman Tolton

1:17:10

Thank you, Madam Chair. Just one quick question. Director Knecht. Do the Chevy Equinox do they come in hybrid models?

Service Director Knecht

1:17:25

Council Chair to the Councilman. I am not aware if they come in hybrid. I have asked our suppliers at any time that they do have any hybrids available to please let us know. But those are in very, very short supply right now.

Councilman Tolton

1:17:40

Thank you.

President Mancuso

1:17:41

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

All in favor, "Aye."

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

Second by Councilman Wojtila.

All in favor, "Aye."

Those opposed? Seeing none.

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

Clerk Laboda

1:18:13

McIntosh, Yes. Wojtila, Yes. Jukic, Yes. Tanner, Yes. Tolton, Yes. Jarosz, Yes. Mancuso, Yes.
Ordinance passes.

President Mancuso

1:18:26

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

Clerk Laboda

1:18:31

Ordinance 095-22. An emergency ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of Euclid or her designee to enter into an agreement with I Video, 6779 Engle Road, Suite G, Middleburg Heights, Ohio, 44130, for the equipment and installation of upgrades to the Euclid City Council Chambers, in an amount not to exceed \$90,000.00.

President Mancuso

1:19:02

Thank you. I'll entertain a motion for passage to begin discussion. So moved by Councilman Tolton. Second by Councilman Wojtila. Thank you.
All in favor, "Aye."
And we will begin with Mayor Gail. And take it away.

Mayor Gail

1:19:17

Thank you, Madam Chair. This would allow us to upgrade our IT audio visual equipment to broadcast out any public meeting in council chambers. So let me step back a minute. Matt Mizak, when he was still working with ECTV, after the pandemic hit after we went remote and after we realized that the signal that, and the quality of what we're broadcasting is not the best we wanted. We looked at upgrading. So, Matt had four different companies come in give proposals. Look at what we had. A little history ECTV was created in the late 80s, early 90s. That was when most of the equipment was purchased and installed. There was a small minor update about 12 years ago. But really other than that, it's the original in many cases, anyone who has purchased electronics in the last 20 years knows that things have changed dramatically. So, what we were looking for was wanting to make sure we improve the quality, make sure we improve the autonomy of the equipment. So there's other, there's some things that, so that hopefully we won't need as much staff attention to it. But we wanted to make it easier for people to stay home and watch and just a better quality. So, we know that there's many people who watch whether it's through cable, whether it's through streaming, whether it's through whatever service, also to the library, this will not change anything that we do. We will, I mean, it will upgrade everything that we do, we will still send tapes to the library, we will still have streaming available through the city, we will still be on cable, but hopefully, if not, hopefully, it

will be a better quality. So, I can't speak to all the details. You have the details. Councilwoman Mancuso, Council President can speak to all the details as you'd like. But...

President Mancuso

1:21:14

Well, we'll see. Hopefully my guys don't...

Mayor Gail

1:21:19

Yeah. So, you know, Matt spoke with and interviewed each of the different companies. This particular company is somebody that the city has used. And other communities have used we did they recently upgraded a system and Mayfield Heights, we spoke to them, they're very happy with the service, it's very easy to use Gahanna, which is outside of Columbus, they also recently did, we're confident they have the ability to update the product, update what we have, and it'll be a benefit to the community why ARPA funds are but is a infrastructure and particularly broadband is a qualified use of American Rescue Plan funds. So that's why we're proposing to use it from those funds. That is something that was suggested by council early on when we asked for suggestions for how to spend our ARPA funds. So, it is a qualified expense. And that is where we're suggesting that this purchase come from. It will benefit the community and all of us for years to come. Happy to answer any questions that anyone may have.

President Mancuso

1:22:28

Hang on, I have to do this before I forget it. And my IT people will go, what the heck are you doing as the Mercedes this all, of this equipment is original to the late 80s, early 90s. And as she stated we do have the increased capabilities to do AT&T, Uverse, Spectrum live streaming. So the reason for this is that we have to update and improve the production of all these different areas. This will include improving feature quality by replacing cameras in chambers to a high-definition remote camera system, we will also update our controllers and a new production switcher that will also integrate switcher that will integrate cameras computer and smart board connections more seamlessly. And anybody who's been here in council, you know, some of the things we go through with even using our big board. Again, providing better clarity for the viewer during a meeting. There will also be better signals for our streaming services and our external partners. Again, the Spectrums, excuse me AT&T Uverse. Therefore better automation through quality video, which is also used for our archive retention. Microphones, will interface with both the camera and the switcher. The camera presets will be activated with repositioning and will be live fed automatically. So sometimes when you hear the noise going on, that won't happen any longer. We'll be able to switch from person to person and you'll hear the audio. Our microphones, amplifiers are in good repair and will be reused. However, we will be replacing the audio controllers to a new system called Video follow auto. It's a voice activated system that will reduce current system noises as camera reviews are switched from speaker to speaker. assisted listening

equipment will also be updated to the current technology. And we will have updated wireless microphone options to improve chambers video monitor quality, and there will be video control of the computer and the spark board applications also. That's all I know. I hope the guys are not upset. I think I did it. Happy to answer any questions as long as this pertains to this. Any discussion? Councilman Tanner?

Councilman Tolton

1:24:41

Thank you, Madam Chair. I'm sorry. Okay. I think you just answered right at the end when you said about foreign applications. So if we would this have the abilities, have we ever wanted to do zoom? And we can also have this and have live zoom feeds if we ever wanted to do that?

President Mancuso

1:24:59

I think we talked about it, but we didn't say this was the be all end all to do that. Okay. Yeah.

Councilman Tolton

1:25:04

Okay, this was asking. Okay. And one other question. Oh my gosh. Oh, well more of a statement because when I saw ARPA funds, you guys know I cringe when say ARPA Funds. But yeah, but the broadband so this, this fits nicely into that so I will not object to using over funds for this. Thank you.

President Mancuso

1:25:27

Thank you, Councilman Tanner.

Councilman Wojtila

1:25:30

Thank you, Madam Chair, Can the residents, the residents that don't know how to stream or have cable, is this capable of picking being picked up by regular antenna?

Mayor Gail

1:25:43

I don't believe so. So, our signal goes out through cable. So it'll go to AT&T or Spectrum. If somebody has a computer, they can stream it through the website. They can also get, get a copy from the library. I don't know that we have the capability to broadcast it through regular TV. Okay. The other piece that I just in case anyone's listening that would like this. This does include upgrading our assisted living, assisted listening equipment, so anyone who needs some of the special hearing assistance, it will update that as well.

President Mancuso

1:26:24

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

All in favor, “Aye.”

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

All in favor, “Aye.”

Any nays? Seeing none.

Madam Clerk? Please call the roll on the merits of the emergency ordinance.

Clerk Laboda

1:26:53

Wojtila, Yes. Jukic, Yes. Tanner, Yes. Tolton, Yes. Jarosz, Yes. Wojtila...

Councilwoman McIntosh

1:27:04

Macintosh.

Clerk Laboda

1:27:05

I'm sorry, Macintosh, Yes. Mancuso, Yes.

Thank you. So yes,

Ordinance passes.

President Mancuso

1:27:14

Thank you. We are now to the point in our meeting of our second of our second **Committee of the Whole** where you can speak to anything to the good of the city. Please give us your name and address as you come to the podium. And keep your comments to five minutes or less please.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – PUBLIC PORTION

Resident - Christopher Litwinowicz

1:27:35

Christopher Michael Litwinowicz, 21970 Morris Avenue, Euclid, Ohio. I'm also known as Cuyahoga Chris. The right choice to lead us as the next county Executive. I make this public...

Law Director Sweeney

1:27:59

Yeah. As you are aware...

President Mancuso

1:28:00

You are out of order. You cannot do political talks about yourself as a candidate at the microphone. Cannot do it. Please step aside. Please step aside, Sir. You are out of order. Thank you, sir.

Next speaker please.

I'm sorry. No, our mics are on. Our mics are on. Is your green button. Yeah.

Yeah. Try it again.

Resident – Audrey Kaplan Goodwin

1:28:51

Audrey Kaplan Goodwin, 20201 Glen Russ Lane.

President Mancuso

1:28:54

This is why we need new equipment.

Resident – Audrey Kaplan Goodwin

1:28:59

Mayor, thank you for the explanation about the ARPA funds. You didn't answer my other question. How much of the ARPA funds have already been spent? And where can the public see that line item in the budget? Thank you.

Mayor Gail

1:29:12

Thank you, Madam Chair. Thank you. So, I think as I said at the last Council meeting, we have only allocated so far what Council has authorized and I'll go through those quickly. As part of the budget process Council authorized \$4 million dollars of revenue replacement for this year. Council has authorized a \$100,000 match for the County Heritage Home, the new Heritage Park Exterior Home Improvement pilot grant program. Remember we asked the County for 200,000 but wanted to match it with 100,000 of our own Tungsten Park playground cost overruns at 25,000. The business support for the building that will house Collision Bend 100,000 Council technology upgrades that just was approved this evening not to exceed 90,000. Flock safety cameras not to exceed 110,000. And that's if we do not receive the grant we applied for from the state. And then there was about a \$1,400 expense for WiFi at the pool. That is all that Council has authorized. That's all that's been allocated from the American Rescue Plan funds. I just spoke with our communications person, Christine Vasquez, today about how we can find a place on the website to keep track so that we can keep a running list that Council and the community can keep track of that. But just to go back a little further so that you know anyone watching that knows our plan for the American rescue plan funds that we have talked with council about is using the \$10 million for revenue replacement, \$4 million this year, 3 million potentially next year and 3 million the following year. That helps us not just shore up our budget, but helps us keep police and fire and our other services at their peak level and allowed us to hire more police and fire this year as well as finish some overruns with both Euclid Avenue and 185 Street. We then broke up the other categories. Council authorized us to proceed with work towards the Community Health and Recreation facility that we're looking at eight to \$10 million range for that. The remaining 5.4 million is broken up between housing, social service, community development activity, economic and business recovery, public safety and community health that I mentioned. So, Council has approved all of those expenses we are not spending outside of those parameters. But we will, we are working towards where can we keep track of that publicly so that anybody can see that we do also have on the website, the opportunity for residents to provide input to provide feedback. And I asked Christine today when we were talking about

how to update the website. I think we've had about seven residents provide suggestions, so, and I'd be happy to share those.

President Mancuso

1:32:27

Thank you. Next speaker, please. Seeing none, we will now move on to our Councilman's comments. And I believe tonight we start with Councilwoman Jukic.

Councilwoman Jukic

1:32:42

Thank you, Madam Chair. I have no comments this evening.

President Mancuso

1:32:46

Thank you, Councilman Tanner.

Councilman Tanner

1:32:54

I hope that we can all work together and keep the boat afloat.

President Mancuso

1:33:00

Thank you, Sir. Councilman Tolton.

Councilman Tolton

1:33:03

Thank you, Madam Chair. Couple of things. I want to thank the residents of Ward two for coming out to our very first Community Block Party on Saturday. I think it was a tremendous success. Everybody enjoyed themselves. We had local, a few local vendors that came out. We had special guests. We had the Mayor, who stayed quite a long time here. Thank you for that. Appreciate that. We had, Oh my gosh. The gentleman from the new Supervisor, from the sewer department, and I forgot his last name, for the first name is Chris, I believe. Right? Right. So, I wanted Right, right, Shout him out. Thank you, guys for that for sending him over. And I do accept your apologies Chief, for the unit's there. So that's fine. That's, that's not a problem. So that's fine. Next year, though, I want to know. So again, I just want to thank the residents for coming out and hopefully we can do this on an annual basis at the residents would like also. Just a reminder, school is opening or has opened. So just making sure that we are practicing safe driving habits, making sure we're slowing down around school crossings and watching out for our young people. That's going to and from, from school. Oh, Director Knecht, on Lakeland Boulevard there are two directional signs around like 219 that's been knocked down for probably three weeks now. That's one way and then the the merge sign who replaces those?

Service Director Knecht

1:34:43

We'll get those put back. Thank you for letting me know. Okay.

Councilman Tolton

1:34:47

Okay. Absolutely. And another question a couple of residents have asked me about and we I know we talked about Miller and that's kind of a speed road there. And I think most of the city, and a lot of the side streets. We used to have speed signs and no parking signs. Those were removed from my understanding on Miller, some years ago, is there a way that we can replace those? Or what's the process to like put speed limit signs back on those streets? Or that street?

Service Director Knecht

1:35:21

Speed limit signs should be on that street. If they're not, we'll get those replaced. If there's an issue with parking, we'll work with the police department to see what can be done.

Councilman Tolton

1:35:31

Okay. Okay. Thank you. Thank you. And the last thing is for, Chief Myer, is there a way that we could and also to the Mayor for Public, is there a way to get, maybe, the state troopers to come in and help with traffic enforcement for some time, and maybe even, you know, kind of free your guys up for other things? How does that work?

Police Chief Meyer

1:36:03

Yes, Councilman, we, they have the Highway Patrol is welcome or, or the Sheriff's Department anytime they want to come in to assist. But we worked with them in the past, we've done the, they call them the air strikes, they're the, they do the plane, and they do the air enforcement. It's kind of an interesting way of doing the speed enforcement. They've been in, thier numbers, like ours are, are down. And they're struggling to help with those those kinds of initiatives. They kind of figure Euclid has a police department of the size and scope that it can handle those type of issues. So they seem to find themselves more out in the kind of those rural areas or those open areas on the State Routes. They can, but they can only help on State Routes, or the highway. I can reach out to them again. It was interesting because they fairly regularly would work with us in those initiatives. And those were, were quite productive. But they've scaled that back considerably just due to staffing issues. So, I can, I can reach out to them.

Councilman Tolton

1:37:10

Thank you. And one last thing, Chief, what about, can we get a little more traffic enforcement on Euclid Avenue? Because I don't see a lot. On that stretch.

Police Chief Meyer

1:37:21

Yes. As far as the traffic enforcement, all the officers are expected to do traffic enforcement. I know getting a ticket is not a popular thing. We also have the ability to issue written warnings to and, and our officers do, do that. The issue becomes the call volume and the ability to, to enforce the traffic violations. So, we're trying to balance trying to balance both. But I will also talk to our patrol Captain too and the traffic captain and see that we can get increased enforcement on Euclid Avenue. I know that our, our CRU unit is out there quite a bit and through their traffic stops they're a little more focused on gun seizures and narcotic seizures. And those are once again up considerably.

President Mancuso

1:38:20

Thank you, Councilman Jarosz.

Councilman Jarosz

1:38:22

Thank you, Madam Chair. I'd be remiss if I didn't welcome Mr. Wallace Tanner to Council and Ward 1 looks forward to working with you. Already had a good conversation before the meeting even started, so keep that going for sure. And just a little bit of a shout out to the city. So, between the last meeting this meeting, the City of Euclid has a swim, a swimming team or swimming program and this is a called The Suburban League and there's probably about eight other cities you get a couple of Mentor teams you get Chardon and you have, at the end of the year is called champs, where all the cities come for one big meet and you have over 1000 people in any given city. And it rotates, you know, Chardon one year and this year was Euclid. So City of Euclid had over 1000 people at Memorial Park for two straight days all day, some people even stayed overnight in tents. And it could not have gone better. I'd like to thank, you know, the folks at Euclid swimming in coordination with the Rec Department, with coordination with the Service Department, coordination with EPD, specifically Captain Cutwright who was really helpful and just establishing what really was, you know, as a parent of a child on the swim program. I've been to a lot of these and by far this was the most organized and well run that I've ever been a part of. And, in fact, I had multiple people come up to me and other people from other cities commenting that heck this month so well you could hosted every year. And Memorial Park is, it was a great way for ahh, to get a lot of people in the city and really kind of have a show it off. And we talk a lot about reputation and changing that and events like these where you get, you know, literally 1000 plus people staying in your city for a full weekend to have a really great experience with their families, I think is a good thing. So, I just wanted to mention that to everyone. And with that, that's it for me. Thank you.

President Mancuso

1:40:22

Thank you, sir. Councilwoman McIntosh.

Councilwoman McIntosh

1:40:25

Thank you, Madam Chair. Also, welcome to Councilman Tanner. Look forward to working with you as well. And please contact us. I'll speak for all of us, contact any of us. If you have questions because we're here to help. I'd want to let everybody know that this Saturday at Sims Park on the beach weather permitting, I will be leading a one hour long, all levels yoga class for Sunshine Yoga. It is part of the Euclid Recreation Department summer program. So, we start on the beach at 8am on August 20. That will be the final session of the summer. So please join us weather permitting. And I'm not sure, I think the Food Truck Fest was held, held after our last Council meeting or before, either way, that was a phenomenal event and seemed to be well attended. And well organized. And I just want to put the vote out there or the, the line that hopefully this is something that is brought back next year, because it seemed to be not only a great community event, but also there were some smaller businesses, food trucks, you know, they might want a brick and mortar store. The more we can support businesses like that, the better I think especially if there's some vacancies and storefronts in the city. Maybe they can find their way in those storefronts. And then I wanted to ask a question, I was hoping that Director Grogan-Myers would be here because I received an email last week regarding the Lakeshore Boulevard construction. It sounded like it might have been delayed for a bit. But now it might be starting on the 22nd. Director Knecht, you're here, so I'll defer to you to see if there's any update on that. And I know, Director Grogan-Myers and Callie were working on trying to get a meeting together for the business owners. I was involved in some of those, those emails, but was out of town. So kind of hard to, a little disjointed to get that together. But if construction is imminent, and business owners haven't been notified, I feel like that might be a problem. So, I'm hoping that we can get that notice out if it hasn't already gone through. So, director Knecht, could you please provide an update? If you have one?

Service Director Knecht

1:42:52

Madam Chair to the Councilwoman? Yes, the project has been delayed again, due to supply shortages. So right now we are on a day to day basis waiting for a firm start date?

Councilwoman McIntosh

1:43:01

So the 22nd is not the start date?

Service Director Knecht

1:43:05

It is not a firm start date at this point.

Councilwoman McIntosh

1:43:08

Okay, thank you, um, who, who is leading on notifying the contract Council and others?

Service Director Knecht

1:43:16

Well, the contractor will notify businesses of outages, those will be coordinated with Cleveland water. You know, initially, they're going to have to do setup. So, you're going to have a period when it starts that you know, water is not going to be disrupted immediately. But yeah, I mean, that that's will be handled from the contractors end because they are the best ones to handle that is as far as what Director Grogan-Myers has done. I know that he was working to put notifications out. We will also work when we have a firm date to put it out through all our usual channels.

Councilwoman McIntosh

1:43:55

Thank you. And then you were speaking to the water line replacement. The, I guess I'm looking at it also with the medians and the crosswalks. And that's all tied in because we decided to do it together when we amended the second piece? So in the pedestrian path throughout Sims Park, so is all of that contingent on that movable that date that's moving?

Service Director Knecht

That is correct.

President Mancuso

1:44:23

Thank you. Councilman Wojtyla.

Councilman Wojtila

1:44:28

Thank you, Madam Chair. Like to remind Council, that there is a Public Service and Utilities Committee meeting and that will be a week from Wednesday. That's August 24, 6:30. Here at Council Chambers. And all of Council is, is welcome, in addition to the committee members, and with that, I would just like to welcome Councilman Tanner and say good night.

President Mancuso

1:44:53

Thank you. And I will just add that we have some cancellations here. Councilwoman Steele was to have a committee, Community Programming and Recreation Committee meeting on 8/17, which is Wednesday, she has canceled that until further notice. And she had a Ward 8 meeting on 8/24 at the library, which has also been canceled. And she will reschedule those at a later time. And with that, if there's no other business that come before us, I'll

entertain a motion to adjourn. So moved by Councilman Tanner. Seconded by Councilman Tolton.
All in favor, "Aye."

We are adjourned

ADJOURNMENT

Clerk of Council

Council President