

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

**This regular Council meeting was held on Tuesday, September 6, 2022 at 7pm in the Euclid Municipal Center Council Chambers.  
President Charlene Mancuso, presided.**

President Mancuso

0:09

Good evening and welcome to the Euclid City Council meeting on Tuesday, September 6. If able, please rise and join me in the **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

0:38

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

President Mancuso

0:57

Can I have a motion to excuse Councilman Tolton, please. So moved by Councilman Jarosz. Second by Councilwoman Steele.

All in favor, "Aye."

Thank you very much. We will now go on to **Communications**. And we have I believe, four liquor permits. And I will turn this over to our Law Director Sweeney.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Law Director Sweeney

1:20

Thank you, Madam Chair. Usually the Council Clerk reads each one first, and then I'll comment and I only have three on my agenda.

President Mancuso

1:30

Oh. One is to two. One is the stock transfer and...

Clerk Laboda

3:01

Zamira Inc. 25657 Euclid Avenue first floor? Euclid, Ohio. 44132.

Law Director Sweeney

3:11

Thank you, Madam Chairman. This is the Euclid Beverage Store that is in a plaza at Euclid and Babbitt. This is also a stock transfer and this is Councilman Epps' Ward and there are no issues with this establishment.

President Mancuso

3:24

Any further discussion? Seeing none, I'm going to do motion close debate. So moved by Councilman Jarosz, Second by Councilman Tanner. Madam Clerk please call the roll on passing this without any objection.

Clerk Laboda

3:42

Macintosh. Yes. Wojtila, Yes. Jukic, Yes. Steele, Yes. Tanner, Yes. Jarosz, Yes. Mancuso, Yes.

President Mancuso

Please read the third.

Clerk Laboda

Om Si Ram, 910 LLC. 22808 Lakeshore Boulevard, Euclid 44123.

Law Director Sweeney

4:10

Thank you, Madam Chair. This is a beverage store in the Marcs Plaza 22808 Lakeshore. This is Councilperson McIntosh's Ward. This is a change of ownership. I did send a letter on August 30 to the LLC and to a Mr. Patel. I don't know if Mr. Patel is in the audience. I don't see that and I'm not sure if Councilwoman McIntosh has had any contact with Mr. Patel. I did give Mr. Patel, the Councilwoman's email and phone number.

President Mancuso

4:41

Thank you, Councilman McIntosh.

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

## ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Gail

5:59

Good evening, Madam Chair. We are going to begin the meeting today with some special awards. I will ask the ladies from Keep Euclid Beautiful to join me on the stage. As they are walking up, I will just give a little bit of background. This is I believe the fourth year, fourth year Keep Euclid Beautiful has sponsored and put together a yard of the Year award. Keep Euclid Beautiful yard of the Year program looks for those yards that have something special. They look for curb appeal. A house or a yard that catches your eye looks well cared for and loved. All of the yards in the City of Euclid are eligible to be nominated. And nominations come from neighbors, family, other residents or even the home, home owners themselves. This year there were 88 yards nominated. And truly all of them were beautiful. The volunteers from Keep Euclid Beautiful I know drove around looked at each and every one of those and they do select one yard from each Ward. Some of the comments that were made about the yards that were nominated this year, are; the owner has great taste and great ideas, Over the past few years the house added great value to our city, It is so pretty every time I go past it. The color and variety of flowers make the yard spectacular every year. And perhaps the most poignant, the owner really seems to care. So, we really want to congratulate everyone who was nominated. All of the nominees and winners do care about their property our community and they're inspiring and appreciated by all of us. Some of the winners couldn't be here today. But we still will recognize them. Keep Euclid Beautiful will deliver their sign and their mum to their homes up. They're not here tonight. Before I announce the winners, I do want to take just a few minutes to thank Keep Euclid Beautiful. Linda Beck, Deb Craymars and Charlene Joyce are here, but there is also a whole team of volunteers who work hard every year. I know, Councilwoman McIntosh is very involved as well. So, do you want to say anything before we announce the award winners? All right. So we will let's first give Keep Euclid Beautiful a round of applause and for those who would like to, there are photos of the winning, the winning homes and their yards on our website. Ward 1, The winner is Cliff Johnson who lives at 2134 Waynoka. Unfortunately, he was not able to be here tonight. So, we will make sure that he gets his award and recognition. We thank him for his hard work. Ward 2 is Jeanine Nemecek. Jeanine is here, if you would like to come on up. She lives at 21501 Miller Avenue and I know Janine is working on getting a land bank lot next to her. So, we look forward to her yard and landscaping and what will come, what will come with that. So, Janine, congratulations. Thank you so much for your hard work. ("I'm honored, thank you). If you would stay up here so we'll get a picture of everyone together when, when everyone comes up. Ward 3, Steve Otlowski lives at 1520 E 250th Street. And I don't believe Steve was able to be here, either. So, congratulation to Steve, and thank you to his neighbors who nominated him. Ward 4, Karen and Dale Waltermire,

Some good news. Congratulations to Community Policing Officer, Euclid Police Officer George Panagiotou. George was selected as the American Legion Post 343 Citizen of the Year last week he was given that award. It was a surprise, so they were succeeded in surprising him, but George was recognized for his hard work with the Police Athletic League, particularly the basketball program and soccer program, but also for his community outreach work in our schools, in our community and within our faith community. So congratulations to George Panagiotou. Definitely very well deserved. Those of you who may be here today have hopefully noticed the small display in our lobby from the Euclid Historical Museum. We've decided to start a partnership with them to allow them to display some things here in the lobby to hopefully help educate some people about some of the history of Euclid, celebrate our history, but also spark some interest in going to visit the museum. So, this particular display is a celebration of the zoning case Ambler V Realty, which is that there's an, it's an anniversary this year. So I thought that would be a fitting way to start started display here. Our hope is that they will change that out quarterly and you'll be able to see some new things here about celebrating the history of Euclid. Thank you to the volunteers of the Euclid Historical Society for making that happen. This Saturday, from four o'clock to eight o'clock the Bluestone Court Coalition, which is a group of volunteers working to bring about some community programming and mentoring at the Bluestone basketball courts who will be hosting an Art Fest at 1455 E 216th. Those are the basketball courts right next to Bluestone Elementary. In addition to basketball, there will be Art vendors and demonstrations on display, as well as food trucks and some fun for all, so everyone's welcome. Saturday, this Saturday, September 10 at Bluestone basketball courts from four to eight. And just a reminder, Euclid Hospital brings a farmers market to their parking lot every Thursday, through October 13. There's a farmers market, both for their caregivers, but also open to the community takes place in the physician parking lot, which is right outside the front of the hospital from two o'clock to five o'clock on Thursdays and all are welcome. Chief Meyer did you have an announcement, or not?

Police Chief Meyer

16:54

Yes, I do. Mayor. Thank you, Council President, members of council members, the audience, I have several announcements. One of them was today, it was a 9-11 presentation for the Euclid Middle School students. And that was done by Officer George Panagiotou. So not only did he, he did receive the, the officer or the Citizen of the Year Award. He also is a Marine Corps. He served in the Marine Corps and served in the Middle East during, shortly after 9-11. So he spoke to today to middle school students. I know that he did it last year too. And he apparently the it really keeps the, it's hard to keep the attention of middle school kids. But he is able to do so. And I think they really appreciated that. So he was able to share with them his experiences while serving his country in the Marine Corps. Additionally, coming up, we have the teen Summit, that's Thursday, September 8, and that's from 3 to 5pm. And that's at Euclid library. And the teens will have an

Thank you. We'll now go on into **Committee Documentation**. And the first committee is the Executive and Finance Committee that met on August 10. We had two agenda items. The first was review of our bond retirement fund and safety facilities funding discussion. Part of that discussion was Mr. France, who through his presentation explained our bond capacity and affordability to the committee. He discussed our bond capacity in relation to using bonds to pay for large projects. He defined and discussed the bond capacity, affordability and impact to a city when bonds are utilized. He discussed using general obligation bonds that can be bonds voted on through a levy past or uncoated bonds, which can use property tax revenues as the security for repayment. These are based on an existing debt service and current debt levels and current assessed values, or affordability was the vine defined as the ability to fund capital projects taking into account any resources needed to afford the project. The actions taken is that we now as a committee need to include the discussion on how to proceed with our major projects in the city using our funding capabilities. The second agenda item was discussion of amending ordinance section, 121.15. Clerk of chapter 121 council in Section 125.06, minutes of chapter 125, Open Meetings of the legislation, code of our codified audit ordinances to discontinue the transcription of verbatim minutes for regular and or special council meetings and to allow summary minutes to be prepared. The discussion was that the members discuss how to transition to summary minutes in a way from verbatim minutes. Councilwoman Jukic had discussed creating an ad hoc committee to develop what significant items should be included in the new format of several minutes of summary minutes. The committee would research minutes from other municipalities to assist in the formulation of our revised Council minute format. This committee would work over the next several months to develop a process that can safely and effectively transition City Council minutes to a new but focused Council minute product. So there was the committee after discussion made a motion, second and there was a unanimous vote to develop a resolution has to come before the next council meeting. So you will see it at the next council meeting, creating an ad hoc committee to research and develop the revised council meetings format. Councilwoman Jukic agreed to Chair that committee and will be reaching out to have some of her colleagues on the committee with her. That was the culmination of the Executive and Finance Committee. I will now go to Councilman Wojtila to discuss the Public Service and Utilities Committee.

Councilman Wojtila

24:25

Thank you, Madam Chair. There was a Public Service and Utilities Committee meeting on August 24, 2022. The meeting agenda consists of the annual revenue requirements study and user charged report for wastewater services, dated June 22, prepared by B Fink Consulting Inc. Administration present was the Director Knecht, Mayor Gail and Committee members president were Wojtila, Mancuso, Jarosz, McIntosh and Jukic. Mr. Fink made his presentation after initial comments by Chairperson Wojtila, where I indicated that this committee meeting this committee had previously met on June 1, at which time we reviewed and discussed the documentation for

President Mancuso

28:26

Thank you. We have a motion on the table. so moved second by Councilman Epps.

All in favor, "Aye."

Thank you. We now go on to our first **Committee of the Whole** for **Legislative Matters** only. Anyone wishing to speak please come to the podium. You for sure name and address and confine your comments to five minutes or less.

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

Resident - Christopher Litwinowicz

28:47

Christopher Michael Litwinowicz, 21970 Morris Avenue. Water bill. You think your numbers are right? Chair. Can you pull up on a computer 535.04, which is the Cleveland codified ordinance for the water rate. Check this out. It's point six of an MCF. So, as me and my family and your families to use 2.4 MCs. We'd be in charge charged four times the rate. But hold up, Chair always called me out to order, Chair. But let me explain this chair. These residents in Euclid are paying seven more dollars per MCF that's 30 more dollars a month on top of for some reason I want to choke the chicken. That's the per MCF of the water bill per MCF. per meter, meter by cubic feet. I'm already at Cleveland 3.0 MCs for Mayor Bibb, and that's 17 members, we've got nine members here, that vote.

Councilman Wojtila

30:20

Chair, what items related to the agenda?

Resident - Christopher Litwinowicz

30:23

Wow, the one that you sponsored. And I stand here as a referendum group. I guess after the first reading of this, the second reading, and the third reading, I won't be doing other things. But I'll be out here for Team Euclid. Because I've been here for 43 years, and team Euclid. And we've had conversations. And I think it is a point of order. But I'll wait for when I get the general portion to speak without being called out of order. Now, let me get back onto the topics. This is what I'm talking about. You don't want to answer the questions right away, but you want to confront me right away.

President Mancuso

31:07

You can still attend to it, stick to your stick to the agenda item.

want to thank Council person would tell us for the comments that you made about that committee meeting, because that answered the bulk of all my questions on that item. I do have a couple things, though about it. First, is the summer sprinkler reduction program going to be kept in place? And secondly, are non Euclid residents and businesses charged at a higher rate to fund the operation than the residents and businesses in Euclid? And does anyone have any idea? Or can it be determined? Maybe not. But a ballpark comparison of usage from Euclid compared to outside of Euclid? Is that the use about 50/50, 40% Euclid, 60% outside Euclid. And lastly, this increase has I think I heard is for one year, and after the year does it automatically drop back to the current rate unless legislation comes here again, for an extension? Thank you.

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President Mancuso

36:35

Thank you, sir. Next speaker please.

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Resident Daniel Burns

36:41

Good morning, everyone. Or I guess evening, evening, man long weekend. Hope you all had a great long weekend. Daniel Burns, 829 E. 260 Street. First, action three. My understanding of tiffs is that before you start one, you freeze the property taxes and then as you add approval to use the increase in property taxes to pay back the developer or the bonds or whatever the case may be. So my question is in that frozen property tax, does it include inflation? Are there things to include for the rise of services? Because my understanding is that tiffs last sometimes decades. And if the thought is that we don't need the increase in property taxes, even as services increase, that would obviously be a problem. So if you could just go into detail about how tiffs or I guess how our tiffs specifically work, then for numbers six, I was looking at the I think the five lots The first one is like \$20,000 behind in tax assessments. And the second one is like \$7,000, behind the tax assessments, and the remaining three are owned by the Euclid Landbank. But I mean, maybe the County hasn't updated their records yet. So I was just curious if if these are owners who already don't pay their bills, what is the point of additional assessments when most of these people haven't paid their property taxes in like a decade? I thought there was a third one, but I guess not. Thanks.

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President Mancuso

38:50

Thank you. Next speaker please.

President Mancuso

41:40

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

All in favor, "Aye."

Thank you and we will go to Director Grogan Meyer to begin the discussion.

Planning & Zoning Director Grogan-Myers

41:53

Thank you, Madam Chair. Good evening, Council. This piece of legislation looks to execute or begin executing the waterfront improvements plan that was adopted back in May of this year. Subsequent to that, as we had shared Previously, we had applied for and been awarded \$1 million from the state capital budget to begin the Parkland improvements on the site, which is currently kind of a mud mask as we wrap up construction on phase two and now start to segue into Phase Three construction. So what this contract allows us to do is begin that work to design the Parkland improvements at the five acre lot approximately down at 248 and Lake Shore and connect the path from the Lakefront Trail up to Lake Shore Boulevard, as well as build parkland and parking areas. So this will kick off that design process to begin bringing that vision into reality and spending the State Capital budget funds that were awarded. Thank you.

President Mancuso

42:59

Thank you, discussions from my colleagues, Councilwoman Steele.

Would you push the button push the button?

Councilwoman Steele

43:09

Thank you, Madam Chair. So we applied for a grant or a loan?

Planning & Zoning Director Grogan-Myers

43:18

Madam Chair, to the Councilperson, we applied for a grant from the State as part of the capital budget. So, it's not quite a grant per se, but we applied for funding from the State. So, it will be given at no cost to the city.

Councilwoman Steele

Awesome.

Councilman Wojtila

44:46

Thank you, Madam Chair. So can the 105,000 be used, the grant money be used for that or does it have to come from a separate account.

President Mancuso

Director?

Planning & Zoning Director Grogan-Myers

44:54

Madam Chair, the Councilperson, so this the way we were looking at this was really focusing on as many dollars being put towards construction as possible, recognizing construction costs are what they are right now. And figuring that we need every dollar we can going towards construction.

President Mancuso

45:18

Any other discussion? Councilman.

Councilman Tanner

45:22

Thank you, Madam Chair. Do you actually see any cost overruns in this project?

Planning & Zoning Director Grogan-Myers

45:29

Madam Chair, the Councilman. At this point, we don't have any solid cost estimate for the proposed improvements. So what this process will do is take us from the conceptual design that was proposed and adopted by Council back in May, to schematic and construction drawings. So at that point, we will be able to better estimate what the cost is visa vie the \$1 million. Do we need to maybe do some value engineering, seek other grant funding things of that nature. But right now, the cost estimate is really kind of stale at this point, given this construction environment.

President Mancuso

46:05

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

again, this is really just clarifying a code discrepancy or conflict doesn't ultimately change where gun sales can be performed.

President Mancuso

Discussion. Councilman Epps.

Councilman Epps

48:59

Director, can you be a little more pointed in explain to folks, I know you said this is just a code cleanup but for folks at home as to what this means to a person trying to purchase a gun. What the change would mean specifically to them any change at all, or...

Planning & Zoning Director Grogan-Myers

49:16

Madam Chair to the Councilperson, so this doesn't directly impact a person purchasing a gun. This has to do with the use and where someone who is proposing a gun sales use could be permitted to locate. So typically, zoning and dealing of uses and where things can be performed as handled in the planning and zoning code. In this case, when this chapter was passed, there was a zoning compliance portion that is now inconsistent with the planning and zoning code. So from the perspective of gun sales, or someone trying to purchase a gun, this doesn't have any immediate impact. This is more at the business level, and the siting of that use or potential use.

President Mancuso

50:00

Thank you. Other discussion? Councilman Wojtila.

Councilman Wojtila

50:05

Just to be a little more specific. So there is a conflict and U4, as you could have interpreted now U4 and U5 both allow the sale of firearms. This would be eliminating that in itself is not a conflict. But it's saying in the zoning 780 5.11 it's more appropriate to have it in the planning and zoning code. But then once we repeal this, you will not be able to sell, sell firearms through a special use permit in the U4 zoning district just in the U5 zoning district.

Planning & Zoning Director Grogan-Myers

50:38

Thank you, Sir. Correct.

really, it's taxes from 2020, collected in 2021. So you may notice that there is not the Dollar General TIFF on here for that reason, because there was nothing to put into the tiff, no revenue was generated during that time period. So that will show up at a later date. To answer Mr. Burns question, that is an excellent question. So tiffs typically do not account for inflation. They are held constant. So they typically do not account for inflation. I can't speak to the particulars of some of these tiff deals happy to do that research. But I would say that the vast majority of tiffs do not account for inflation. And so with that, at this point, we're asking for the TIFF or excuse me the Turk recommendations to be accepted. As they're all positive. No issues were found to be addressed.

President Mancuso

53:35

Thank you. Discussion?

Seeing none, I'll entertain a motion to close debate. Moved by Councilwoman Jukic. Seconded by Councilwoman McIntosh.

All in favor, "Aye."

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

Clerk Laboda

53:58

Tanner, Yes. Jarosz, I'm sorry, Epps, Yes. Jarosz, Yes. McIntosh, Yes. Wojtila, Yes. Jukic, Yes. Steele, Yes. Mancuso, Yes.  
Resolution passes.

President Mancuso

54:11

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

Clerk Laboda

54:15

**Ordinance 104-22.** An emergency ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of Euclid or her designee to enter into a contract with Jamieson-Rica. Fenestration, 1845 East 40th Street, Cleveland, Ohio, 44103, for replacement of windows at Shore Cultural Centre in the amount not to exceed \$242,000.

President Mancuso

54:45

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

All in favor, "Aye."

And we will now go to special assistant to the Mayor, Miss Grida.

President Mancuso  
Councilman Epps.

Councilman Epps  
57:41

Thank you. That is a good question comes from Tanner. It'd be nice to have an idea. But I do want to acknowledge as always glad to see this partnership still going great. I, the investment initially from Senator Yuko as well as seeing the County invest, I think is kind of an indication that you're on to something with a good recipe. So and I always knew this will work. And I'm glad you guys are doing it. And happy to support this today.

President Mancuso  
58:12

Thank you, other discussion? Councilmember Wojtila.

Councilman Wojtila  
58:17

Thank you, Madam Chair. I think just Mr. Miller's question was Can these funds used? Are they limited to the windows? And I think the answer is yes. I think we should just make that known that they are limited to the windows.

President Mancuso  
58:28

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

All in favor, "Aye."

All entertain a motion to suspend the rules to forego the second and third reading. So moved by Councilman Epps. Second by Councilwoman Councilman Wojtila. Sorry.

All in favor, "Aye."

Those opposed? Seeing none.

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

Clerk Laboda  
58:56

Epps, Yes. Jarosz, Yes. McIntosh, Yes. Wojtila, Yes. Jukic, Yes. Steele, Yes. Tanner, Yes. Mancuso, Yes.  
Ordinance passes.

Councilman Epps

1:00:32

Very excited to see them do that. I wonder if we've had issues every single year with these numbers. And you know, every single year, I'm always like, Well, can you go back and see if they'll say this? And so I'm wondering if maybe they know something that we don't know, but sign it right away?

Law Director Sweeney

1:00:48

I mean, I don't know the only thing I can think of is we're going to have a new County exec at this, at this next election and maybe they're just trying to wrap up things and and get things off their plate.

Councilman Epps

You're happy to keep the prices same. Thank you.

President Mancuso

1:01:01

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

All in favor, "Aye."

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

All in favor, "Aye."

Any opposed? Seeing none.

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

Clerk Laboda

1:01:29

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

Ordinance passes.

President Mancuso

1:01:42

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

Clerk Laboda

1:01:47

**Ordinance 100-22.** An emergency ordinance to levy assessments for the cutting of weeds and cleaning of vacant lots, as provided in Chapter 1113, of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Euclid.

Clerk Laboda

1:03:52

**Ordinance 102-22.** An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service of the City of Euclid to enter into various contracts after advertising for bids for the purchase and delivery of all required chemicals necessary in the operation of the treatment plant for the year 2023 with a possible one year extension.

President Mancuso

1:04:18

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

All in favor, "Aye."

Thank you and we will now go to Director Knecht.

Service Director Knecht

1:04:31

Thank you, Madam Chair. These are the chemicals that are used in the process at the Lake Shore Treatment Plant and the Lakeland solids handling facility. Last year with the market that we were in, it was decided to only do a one year contract. Previously we had done two and sometimes three year contracts. But with the pricing the way it was we decided to opt out of the longer contract go for a one year. So we're back this year to bid again This year, we would like to advertise for bids for a one year contract with a possible one year extension. If we're happy with the price and the vendor is able to hold it down for the second year, I'd be happy to answer any questions that you may have.

President Mancuso

1:05:16

Thank you. Discussion. Councilman Tanner.

Councilman Tanner

1:05:19

Thank you, Madam Chair. Is it my understanding that one of the chemicals went up 500%?

Service Director Knecht

1:05:26

Madam Chair to the Councilperson, Yes, that is correct. Citric acid, which is become extremely difficult to get across North America is increased by 500%.

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

Service Director Knecht

1:07:20

Thank you, Madam Chair. What I brought up before Council tonight was a piece of legislation that was discussed at two separate committee meetings as Councilman Wojtila had stated. Tonight we're starting the discussion on doing a one year rate increase to cover the costs of the increases that have been seen in the treatment process. To answer some of the questions that the resident had, the summer sprinkling program would continue to be in place. The outside communities do pay more. The outside communities as well as what we charge also put on a fee for the maintenance of their own system. So while they pay more than we do, in our rate, they can pay substantially more based on what their own community wants to also add to the wastewater fee. The communities outside use, verse Euclid, for 2021, they used 1479 MCF's less than Euclid. So Euclid is by far the biggest contributor to the plant flow. This one year increase would be looked at again next year. And at that point, it would be dis decided if legislation would need to be brought back to either reduce or increase or stay the same for the rate, depending on where cost fell in at that point in time. I'd be happy to answer questions that anyone may have.

President Mancuso

1:09:02

Thank you. Discussion? Councilwoman Steele.

Councilwoman Steele

1:09:07

Yes. Thank you, Madam Chair. My, My concern is because we're going to have to pay extra for wastewater, that's that's correct? So a family of four what would the increase? Just I know you would not know the actual cost. But what percentage would that increase for a family of four?

President Mancuso

Director Knecht.

Service Director Knecht

1:09:33

Madam Chair to the Councilwoman, the, the increase would be a 14.93% increase.

Councilwoman McIntosh

1:11:45

Thank you for answering those. And then Madam Chair. I'm hoping that we can take these this particular piece of legislation to three readings, since we do have a little bit more, we're planning ahead. So, if we can just get as much communication out to the public as possible and take this to three full readings. That would be my preference. Thank you. So and I will make that motion to take this reading.

President Mancuso

1:12:06

All right, we have a motion on the floor. Is there a second? Second?

Councilman Epps. All right, discussion on the motion only of going to a second reading? Councilman Epps

Councilman Epps

1:12:21

Thank you. Yeah, definitely. That was what I was gonna say as well was to just motion to move on to a second reading. The, I think because we're waiting to see what happens with some of these other communities that think it makes sense to do that. But not only that, you talked about what would happen that we could refuse service if they voted down? Can you talk to me about what we actually plan to do if they voted down.

President Mancuso

Director Knecht?

Service Director Knecht

1:12:44

Madam Chair to the Councilman, that has not been discussed at this point, because we do not foresee any community not going along with this, due to the costs of them trying to go to another treatment facility.

Councilman Epps

1:12:58

Got it. So you're confident in conversations have been, from conversations that you're having with these communities that these are, these increases are going to pass as well there.

Mayor Gail

1:14:54

Mayor Gail, just to the motion. While we're taking this, our expectation was it would go to three readings. I would ask council members who were not part of those committee meetings June 1 and August 24 to listen to the presentations and review. There was detailed discussion and presentation on why, why this is necessary. It's not anything anyone wants to do. But it is an enterprise fund, it does have to pay for itself or else we will have to supplement that from the general fund, which we do not want to do. So we know it's a hefty increase. It's not something we are happy about. But it is the responsible thing to do. So I just would encourage council members or members of the public to watch those meetings. We can put together I think, you know, a simple fact sheet that would be helpful to post on the website and be able to get out so people understand. While this is an increase, we do remain lower than, as Councilman Wojtila said in his opening comments. We still do remain lower than the Northeast Ohio Sewer District and many other neighboring sewer plants. So while it is expensive, the others have grown higher than ours have as well. So we'll put together that fact sheet but just wanted to make sure everyone was aware that there is a great deal of information that has been presented. And it is available through the website or through the library.

President Mancuso

1:16:23

Thank you. And I saw hand over here. Councilwoman Steele.

Councilwoman Steele

1:16:28

Thank you, Madam Chair. I just, for clarity reasons, after this year, I'm sorry, after 20. I saw the information on the sheet, after 2023. That's when they're going to re, we're going to reestablish what, how much is used or what have you. But is there a chance? I'm just asking, is there a chance that it will either decrease or increase?

President Mancuso

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Director Knecht.

Service Director Knecht

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Madam Chair to the Councilwoman? I, I can't forecast what the future will bring. I mean, that's why I think it was a wise decision that the committee members made to only go one year so we can review this. And see at that point, what, what is the right thing to do?

President Mancuso

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Anything else? Any further discussion? Seeing none, I'll take a motion to close debate. So moved by Councilman Jarosz, Second by Councilman Epps. All in favor, "Aye."

Madam Clerk, please call the roll and sending this piece of legislation to a second reading.

Clerk Laboda

1:21:00

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

Passed to send to a second reading.

President Mancuso

1:21:20

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

Clerk Laboda

1:21:26

**Ordinance 096-22.** An ordinance amending Section 909.22 the Shade Tree/ Municipal Beautification Commission of Chapter 909, Trees, Plants and Shrubs, of the Streets, Utilities and Public Services Code of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Euclid to update the duties, authority and membership of the Commission.

President Mancuso

1:21:55

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

All in favor, "Aye."

And we will go to Councilwoman McIntosh.

Councilwoman McIntosh

1:22:06

Thank you, Madam Chair. This, these amendments presented to Council this evening are after several months of the Shade Tree Commission reviewing the ordinance, discussing the ordinance and making suggestions on how to amend the language to more genuinely reflect the activities of the Shade Tree Commission. So changes include removal of municipal beautification, partly because we have Keep Euclid Beautiful, handling a lot of those, those duties and so that the responsibilities under the Shade Tree Commission have a greater emphasis on increasing and maintaining the city's tree canopy through

some paperwork by the Law Director now you're codified ordinances, Law Director are good. Just like we have government access. Do you believe that I should be on our program for what I'm doing right now? Yeah, without being called out of order without saying that I'm doing something. But that little TV screen should have all my information for the public. And for the public to know that there is two right ends, they're gonna be talking about what position you can't even tell them. First Amendment and I can't even tell them I'm gonna ask questions. Share someone who worked 365 days for the city should they get paid properly? Ward 5 should Wild Distribution, LLC come to this podium, and y'all discuss of what y'all pay, pay him or her. Right now. There's a few documents right here. This can go all the way around and go to eat because I want it to go to the Clerk of the Council. Well, what's gonna happen is, there's always saying that there's some paperwork, that is wrong. So she shouldn't sign it, or he shouldn't sign it. But I have a document that is signed and right now it's on a bias races of the city of Euclid, the particular person that y'all was all willing to sign this. Now we have a new Clerk of Council. That's not the reason why the old clerk is gone. That's not the reason why the old clerk is gone, because they handed me a contract. That that espionage that Donald Trump is facing is the same that the city could be facing. Wait month after month after month after month, y'all can keep those copies. I got them on a floppy disk, I go print them back at the library. Again, everybody noticed my name out here on the street telephone pole. You got city workers that's not doing what they supposed to be housing inspectors, that should be going to 2001 Morris Avenue in getting into that residence why that renter will allow you why her rent is going up to our judge penalizes these homeowners that are fake landlords. And all I did was care about our city and worked. So the best interest is me being incorporated. It takes the burden away from the City of Euclid like I was what I don't even want to say to S l a v e r y word that's the route we are going if we can I got paperwork to to go equal opportunity of employment, my application been on file. There's been jobs. I'm annoying you at 8:30 in the morning. Naw, I'm actually like, like, like saving people lives but wanting to work. But the attention of the city is not that I was given the opportunity. And by the way, if we go further, this person has to stand on the stand. And even that white person that came on represent it it's all on government tape. It's all on government tape. The game over with this is what I offer the city Euclid \$5.5 million, But we go away \$5 million a day. Okay, I like to see the city, go ahead and pay me \$10 A bag for 25,000 bags. That's \$250,000. Also at the time in 2014, 15,16, 17, I've waited to get my possession that was illegally searched to seize all since there's three more seconds, and I'm out because I'm brown pack my bag at this city. Thank you. Hey, that's all border control.

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President Mancuso

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Mr. Litwinowicz, please leave the podium. Your time is up.

Next speaker please.

unfortunately don't always follow through. But But in some cases they are our responsibility as well. Some in some cases out we had the adoptive spot we had either a neighborhood group a specific business or church group take on the responsibility to do that. I know on 200 Street, Sherry Z from Kiddie City used to do a lot of that work so it's it's an area that we need work. We need more attention too I agree with that. And we'll work to do that. It's they're tricky, because as much as you plant in there, the weeds seem to take over. I don't believe we've had any legal challenges to our compensation ordinance that council passed. And it has been implemented. So the ranges are in place. All right, anyone want to add anything? No.

President Mancuso

1:35:27

Okay. Next speaker please.

Resident – Daniel Burns

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Hello, again, Daniel Burns 869 E 260th Street. I, Director Sweeney missed a part of the question, which was a few of the parcels seem to be owned by the Euclid Landbank. So I was just unclear on how we assess ourselves or if maybe we sell it with I believe we talked about this before, maybe we sell it with the assessment and the buyer has to pay it off, which seemed like a good way to not get land sold from the land bank. The other thing that I had forgotten and was just curious about in the chemical ordinance, it says that the Board of Control is authorized to waive minor and technical irregularities that may occur in the bid process. I guess my question is, could any of those minor or technical irregularities allow the Board of Control to waive something that would otherwise bring it to the attention of council? Then the Oh, and then the next one was the Shade Tree Commission is going to the Director of Service. And it made me think about if this is out of curiosity, is this as part of a larger separation of Parks from Parks and Recs and instead go to service where they actually take care of parks? And then lastly, recognizing that things like wastewater and chemicals, and probably other expenses increase unexpectedly? How important is it? And maybe it's not important at all that tiffs at least the way that we currently use them? And maybe this is something to think of for future tiffs? How important is it that TIFs kind of tie our hands in terms of revenue increases that might be due not to the investment, which is what we're trying to pay off, but just to, you know, natural occurrences that we could have been benefiting from? Had we not given someone this TIF even though we're actually receiving no benefit from it. Okay, Thank you.

President Mancuso

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Thank you, response?

Mayor Gail

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Madam Chair. The other thing I'll add is Council is always represented at the Board of Control meetings. Council has a seat and a vote, if there were anything council was you know, wanted to make sure they were aware of and gets the committee minutes every time in terms of the TIF. I'm happy to have a more detailed conversation with Mr. Burns. I think he's confusing many of the tips we hear about and read about our for development projects. So you We had talked the Richmond mall project looking at tiffs that will then pay for some of the public improvements to make the project happen. In most of our cases, the Tiffs are for the benefit of the city use. So we've captured the additional property tax revenue above the value. And we are able to use those for the defined purpose in the TIF that was passed by Council. So in the case of the lakefront, it's the added value of the residential and apartment complexes within that district. It does go up so as the property values have gone up, we have seen an increase in the amount of funds we receive from the TIF and those particular funds pay for improvements in that property area. Our downtown TIF is for all property improvement in the downtown and we can use those for public improvements. And so there is a little bit of a difference between a development TIF if you're paying for infrastructure for a project. So I'm happy there's a and tiffs have changed from when our original tiffs were passed. To recent ones. There's a little some stricter guidelines in all of our cases, our tiffs are for 30 years, they do expire at the end of those timeframes. So I'm happy to have a more detailed conversation but wanted to share that as well.

President Mancuso

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I would take her up on that Mr. Burns. Next speaker please.

Resident – Jean Walchko

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My name is Jean Walchko. My address is 20470 224th Street. I'm here to follow up on an invitation which I've sent to all members of City Council to come to and speak to our Chardon Hill Community Association membership in the coming months, starting actually, this month, about your various council committees, which I think would be an excellent opportunity to educate our residents about what these council committees services are. So and I'll be available. I know some of you have already responded to an email that I sent to invite up to invite you. And if you have any time this evening at the conclusion of the meeting, I'll, I'll stick around to try to discuss this further with you. Thanks very much.

President Mancuso

1:42:35

Thank you, sir. Next speaker please.

replacement. But everywhere and everyday neighborhood around us have, we see new water piping. Every year. We come before council asked him for these water pipes to be replaced. Each year. We told that our streets are placed on that list. And each year we are removed from needless. Someone else Street is more important. All last week I had people calling me they sewer back up. We have high water floods on our streets. Our water bill have skyrocket. And I sit here tonight, listen to someone talking about increasing water bill. I can't believe this. I feel the city is failing us. And we are going to keep coming back. We are going to keep fighting until this city do something about our neighborhood. I thought we was moving forward. Our name was on that list. I actually witnessed the list, but they've been pushed away. And then when we go up Grand Boulevard and we see that they are getting new pipes, a distance going on and on. Every time we turn around. Our name is placed on the list. Three streets, three little streets and we have big holes, barrels everywhere. We have a small street. They are not why we have no parking zone over there. Over two hours. The police and everyone have ignored. People park up and down the street. You can call all day all night. No one do anything about it. They bring in rotten business to our neighborhood. They bring an exercise place where they have no parking spots. So they park up and down the street. Now I hear that they're gonna bring a doggone event center and put it in a little house. Well, no parking in the neighborhood. But that one will be placed there. Do anyone come down and check that area out? And see it's no place for these business you bring in? Sure the city may need business but not those type of business. Our residents we are hard workin and fightin people. We have worked all our life and we want to retire in peace. We want just as much as everyone else have and it is just unacceptable. If you go down those three streets, you see barrels everywhere and not only barrels, you see big holes. I mean they are why at night I'm afraid to go down my street up the street because if I don't be careful, if another car coming down and I'm trying to go up someone got run in that bit chokehold down and it's not a chokehold is by widens that area there. And about deepest that area. And it happened every year, and had been going on for the last 10 years. And yet we are told what another street needed more. They didn't get to all the streets the last time so they got to push you back. Every year, this have been going on and it is not acceptable. And then you said we're here and talking about increasing the water bill. I would appeal to skyrocket. People calling me say my sewer backup. I don't know what to do. They calling. And Councilman Tanner, thank you for coming on board. I have seen a lot of people to call him. Because, you know, I don't know what is going to happen. But as President of Heritage Park Community Association, I am not going to stand still. We will push it further. So please think about what you're doing to our neighborhood because it's unacceptable and we will not accept it. Thank you.

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President Mancuso

Thank you.

## COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Wojtila

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Thank you, Madam Chair. I just have one comment, and I've been asked about the CDBG funding. So Director Meyers, are you able to talk about the, I think it's on our website where we talked about submitting a request for community development block grant for the 2023. So can you explain a little bit about that and some of the limitations on the applications?

Planning & Zoning Director Grogan-Myers

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Madam Chair to the Councilman. So the CDBG request for funds solicitation that's floating out there right now. That isn't for residents to just apply and say I need some siding assistance or roofing assistance. This is for services or projects in the community. So Help Foundation was awarded funds this year, for example. So it's delivering community services, public services of sorts. So that is something that we would consider as part of the application. And to be honest, I would hesitate to give guidance because there's a wide variety of activities that can be undertaken. We have community gardens, that would be something that could continue to be funded under CDBG. There's a whole plethora of project types. What I would encourage is organizations that are interested, the part one type or Part One application is the type of application that's really designed to just start the conversation. So there's it doesn't take a whole lot of work as long as there's a roughly formed idea. That will work then through the award process. So we're working with the Citizens Advisory Committee to review those Part One applications for how they might comply with HUD guidelines and what the funding availability is is one of the restrictions we have is the percentage of our award that can go towards public services. So we are we have caps imposed on us by HUD, by virtue of being an entitlement community. I say that only because this council ended up voting on the the CDBG budget. So that's just helps for for neighborhood associations, they should apply for should feel free to apply. And also reach out to our Community Development Manager, Ed Chenocho. Who can help answer maybe more nuanced questions as part of a proposal. Thank you very much.

President Mancuso

Councilwoman Jukic

Councilwoman Jukic

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Thank you, Madam Chair, just a couple of things. First, I wanted to invite residents of Ward 7 and Ward 5, to a community meeting related to rezoning for the St. Roberts property, which is at around East 238th and Lakeshore Boulevard. And that's going to be on Tuesday, September 20, at 6pm on the

would like to also encourage people to go to the meeting held on September 20. For that property, was it at... September is it 20, Yes. I would also like to encourage people to go to that meeting. I know we talk about green space, we talk about what's going to transpire on that property. And I think it's good for our residents, residents to see what's actually, what the city is doing. So I would really encourage that. And that's all I have. Thank you.

President Mancuso

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Thank you, Councilman Tanner.

Councilman Tanner

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Thank you, Madam Chair. I wanted to address the residents of Ward 1. From the little short time that I have been in council, I just want to say that I need all the help that I can get. This is more like when you take your automobile to the service garage. I know the car comes in there, something's wrong, but I have no idea of what is wrong with your car unless you help me and tell me. So I'm reaching out to the residents Ward 1 to let me know. This gentleman behind me, the chief of police, he has a department, my department is you the residents of Ward 1. So I need all the help I can get as far and that was one message. The other message is through them one through eight. If we don't work together, period, and I want all the residents of Euclid to understand that this has to be like an airplane, the weight must be evenly distributed. If it's not distributed, the plane will crash. And there's no plane that I know that crashes where first class live and economy dies. So if we don't all work together, the boat will not float. So regardless of whether Ward 1 through 8, I must also protect all the Wards. It says you Euclid councilman. I know I'm supposed to take care of one, but that means Euclid too, we're all in this together. So I'm asking all of the residents of Euclid to help one another so we can achieve a better city. Thank you.

President Mancuso

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Thank you, Sir. Councilman Epps.

Councilman Epps

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Thank you. Start tonight, by also echoing Councilman Steele's comments, previous administration, not this administration paid \$675,000 to bail out the Catholic Diocese is what I've always called it in purchasing that St. Roberts property. We'll be watching very closely to what happens with that property. And you all should be as well. I also want to say congratulations to the three officers who were sworn in on August 26. Welcome aboard. I say that because in the past and for years, if you know Marcus Epps you know that I've always talked about increasing our safety forces. Now, more officers on

A Cop and a lot of these folks where the problems are, don't drink coffee, and are scared to approach a cop. So approach folks sometimes in a positive note, it can go a long way. On an even brighter note, I want to welcome Dave, who was the owner of Chillie's, which is located in Ward 3 in the plaza right across from Popeyes. They are now open for business. They open at 8am. We have an official Grand Opening event that is now officially scheduled for October 1. And I'm really excited about it because it's a total collaborative event that is inclusive of all of the business owners in that area. And there are going to be free cell phone accessories given away. There is going to be free food, not just hot dogs, but free food. There is also going to be free haircuts for young people under the age of 12 by the barber shop who is located in a plaza, as well as there's going to do free airbrush tattoos, because there's a tattoo parlor that also was a part of that Plaza. So it's gonna be a great event. We're hoping that Mother Nature cooperates with us. And we're able to get through all of that. And with my time running out there, I will bid you all a good night.

President Mancuso

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Thank you, Councilman Jarosz.

Councilman Jarosz

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Thank you, Madam Chair, just a few brief congratulations to the folks who won their yards for the Board's and especially thanks for Keep Euclid Beautiful for their involvement in making that happen. Congratulations, Officer George, who, he's a lot of places and he's a very visible and positive officer within our community, for sure. And then lastly, just want to give condolences former Councilwoman Madeline Scarniench on the loss of her husband. It was a pleasure serving with Madeline for several years and just want to send my sincere condolences to her. Thank you.

President Mancuso

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Thank you. Councilwoman McIntosh.

Councilwoman McIntosh

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Thank you, Madam Chair. I will echo my colleagues invitation, which is a joint meeting between Ward 5 and Ward 7 on the St. Robert site for those who do not recall that used to be in Ward 5, than with the redistricting that had to take place. It is now in good hands over in Ward 7. And so we have collaborated along with the planning and development department on holding this meeting on site September 20 at 6pm. Hopefully the weather cooperates. Also want to let Ward 5 residents know that October 1 at 10am, we'll be holding a Ward 5 Community meeting, the location is still to be determined.

Law Director Sweeney

2:13:18

Thank you regarding Mr. Litwinowicz. He's gone. Yes. So I wrote, I first was nice. He greets me. And I use that term loosely every morning in the parking lot when I pull in. I verbally advised him he needs to take those signs down. He told me he has permission of first energy to put them up. We obviously know that is not true. So I gave him some time to pull those down. He did not, he added more. So I followed up with a letter citing the littering code, which is 1129.01 G, specifically prohibits the posting of notices in the public right away. So, I sent him a letter Friday by mail. I sent him an email this morning. And as you saw, I hand delivered him that letter today, I'm going to follow up with an email to him explaining it is \$75 per sign. So if he does not pull the signs down, I'm going to consider that each violation. I'm going to send them an invoice for \$75 for each sign, should they not get paid within 14 days, we're permitted to run that up the chain to municipal court. So I intend to do that. Should they not remove these signs within 48 hours? I won't be following up within 48 hours it will be on Monday because I will be out of town but I don't think he's watching this to know that. So I will follow up on Monday. I will personally pull the signs down myself. So I'm going to have an accounting of how many signs I need to charge him with and happy to keep you updated on that. I know you've been concerned.

President Mancuso

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Thank you. Mayor Gail.

Mayor Gail

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Thank you so back to the speed table speed trailer and that as you know, we've in the police to department and our other departments have been doing a number of initiatives that take time and staff time. So we went from body cameras, dash cameras, we're working on flat cameras. So we want to get each of those projects done before we take on something else. The the speed tables, through NOWACA. We're still waiting on, I think, that's a supply chain issue. Correct.

Planning & Zoning Director Grogan-Myers

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They were actually just delivered today. So yeah, so we are coordinating logistics. All right.

Mayor Gail

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So you heard that here first, as I did. But the other thing, I mean, I think if each of you, you can each list a number of streets, that's not a good, that's not

President Mancuso

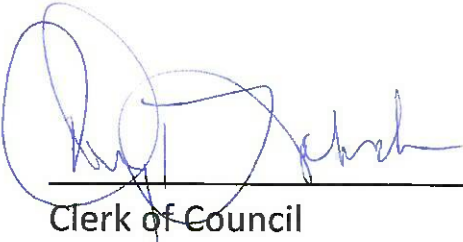
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First of all my condolences to Madeline's Scarniench on the loss of her husband and I just learned that tonight. Very sorry, it's when you lose a partner that's devastating. I, as I'm listening to the TIFF discussions, they are the same discussions we do every year. And wonder if we could put something together, not 14 pages long. But actually just in layman's terms, explain what the TIFF is, how we use it, how it is exclusively for a particular site or area and money cannot be used for anything else. Because we seem to be asking the same questions every year. And as new residents come in, they're gonna ask the same questions every year. So, if we could put something together that we have, I know each year as we go through what each tiff has and that we get the same types of questions. So, I think that would be well worthwhile. As far as our safety plan, I think we need to sit down and get something done. We know what's happening on the Sims Park side. We know what's happening on the far eastern side. That is also happening on the land that the city purchased that is behind a street of homeowners where we see cars pull right to the cliff and sit there and drink. We have to do something because something tragic is going to happen. And we're all watching but when something tragic happens that beautiful area, East, West and in the middle is not going to mean anything. That's when we're going to say we should have, we could have. We need something's soon substantial not for the whole thing. It doesn't all need to be put in a box. But I think we need to do more than we're doing right now. And if there's no other business, business to come before us, I will take a motion to close debate or close debate, adjourn. So moved by Councilman Wojtila. Second by Councilwoman Steele.

All in favor, "Aye."

We are adjourned

#### ADJOURNMENT

  
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