

**EUCLID CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 3, 2022**

**This regular Council meeting was held on Monday, October 3, 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 this Monday October 3<sup>rd</sup>. 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.**

Are we good?

Madam Clerk, please call the roll.

Clerk Laboda

0:51

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

President Mancuso

0:59

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

All in favor, "Aye."

Thank you very much. Do we have any **Communications**? I believe we do.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Clerk Laboda

1:13

Smoke Signals Cigar Lounge, LLC, 524 E. 200 St. Euclid, Ohio. 44119.

President Mancuso

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And we will go to our Law Director to begin the discussion.

Law Director Sweeney

1:34

Thank you, Madam Chair. There were no issues about the applicant from the police side of things. But I had questions and I believe Councilman Jarosz and maybe all of council had questions on the suitability of alcohol in a tobacco facility. We did reach out to I reached out to Frank Varga at the health department and he said at this time, this location only holds it holds a tobacco 21 permit with our office, we have not received any plans for a bar or food service at this location. Since they wish to sell liquor at this location. I do not believe they will be able to fall under the exemption for smoking tobacco inside of building retail tobacco stores must prove 80% of the gross revenue from the sale of tobacco or tobacco related products. This is done annually through an affidavit with the Ohio Department of Health in order to maintain exempt status. So you know we do have some questions about that. I did send a letter to Mr. Singleton and it's my understanding he is here in the audience tonight. It's my understanding he talked to Councilperson Jarosz, about his plan. So everything may be okay with respect to the tobacco 21. Once we hear from Mr. Singleton.

President Mancuso

2:41

Okay. Can I have a motion to suspend the rules to bring Mr. Singleton up? So moved by Councilman Jarosz. Second by Councilman Wojtila.

All in favor, "Aye."

Mr. Singleton, if you could come to the microphone over here and push the green light. Councilman Jarosz.

Councilman Jarosz

2:57

Thank you, Madam Chair. Just a follow up from Law Director Sweeney. I did have a chance to have a good conversation with Mr. Singleton. I think when you first hear of a bar, especially at that location, there are concerns, a little bit close to a school, parking's not great. But I had a very good conversation with Mr. Singleton. And he is not interested at all in a, in running a bar by any stretch. This is simply a still going to be a cigar lounge. He's simply looking to have the liquor license to offer a premium Brandy or premium Scotch or Bourbon for folks who want to enjoy a cigar in the lounge. I think he'd mentioned no alcohol to be served before 6pm And really not intended to stay open regular bar hours either. It's just for those residents who want to go and relax, have a cigar. Compare that with, you know, a premium liquor. (Correct.) So as with any questions here, I'm very comfortable moving forward with this. I think it's a, it's a good adaptation and fit for that location. Been in the previous establishment when it was Wrenwood Cigar. And I don't see any issues with this going forward. Thank you.

[REDACTED]

President Mancuso

4:06

Thank you. Would you give us your name and address, Sir?

[REDACTED]

Richard Singleton – Owner, Smoke Signals Cigar Lounge

4:08

Richard Singleton. Address to my home address, 32561 North Burr Oak, Solon, Ohio.

[REDACTED]

President Mancuso

4:17

Okay. Just tell us a little bit about what you're actually running as an establishment so we can...

[REDACTED]

Richard Singleton – Owner, Smoke Signals Cigar Lounge

4:23

I purchased the building and purchasing purchased the building from Mike Gado at 524 East 200. There was cigar lounge previously there. I kind of evicted the people that were there and took it over. It wasn't being run very well. Remodeled. Trying to make it upclass establishment. My goal is to have another stream of revenue is really to not be bar it's to like he said provide a, you know, nice Bourbon or Scotch with a cigar. I would only sell to people that bought a cigar, liquor wouldn't be just come in and have a drink and sit down it would be, you're coming for a cigar, which is 80% of my sales to stay in that, in that smoking or you can smoke inside rule. So yeah, that's the reason. That's the kind of background.

[REDACTED]

President Mancuso

5:20

Will there be any food served there?

[REDACTED]

Richard Singleton – Owner, Smoke Signals Cigar Lounge

5:23

No food. And if it doesn't work to liquor doesn't work, I won't, I won't do it. You know, I'll stop it. I'll get the liquor license back. But it was an option to try another stream of revenue for the business. And if it's available, I want to try it doesn't work. I can shut it down. It's not a big deal.

President Mancuso

5:41

Thank you. Questions by my colleagues? Councilman McIntosh.

Councilwoman McIntosh

5:45

Thank you, Madam Chair. Mr. Singleton, welcome. Do you currently allow liquor and beer, like if it's, it's bring your own?

Richard Singleton – Owner, Smoke Signals Cigar Lounge

5:54

It's BYOB now. And I thought doing this may control the amount of liquor people drink sometimes. So that was another, that was another thought also. But people are pretty good about BYOB, but that would be cut off once I had a liquor license. And I know it probably drive some people away. But it's a you know, it's a business decision. I'm willing to try for a little bit and see if it works.

Councilwoman McIntosh

Thank you.

President Mancuso

6:18

Thank you, Councilman Tanner.

Councilman Tanner

6:21

Thank you, Madam Chair. As the President, do you happen to know the hours operation and the days it will be open?

Richard Singleton – Owner, Smoke Signals Cigar Lounge

6:29

My thought it would be any, it would be after six. For me. Right now. We're open from one o'clock to 10 o'clock, usually Monday through Thursday, and 11 o'clock Friday through Friday and Saturday. But my goal will be we wouldn't serve anything until after six o'clock. So I know it's a school across the street. They still there's still a drive thru liquor store next door. It's a couple of bars down the street, but I don't want to be a bar. Like, I'm not staying up until 2:30. I don't have the time. This is, you know, just, just to provide a upscale service.

President Mancuso

7:07

Thank you. Councilman Steele.

Councilwoman Steele

7:11

Good evening. Your lounge? What is the capacity?

Richard Singleton – Owner, Smoke Signals Cigar Lounge

7:19

I would say about 75

Councilwoman Steele

7:21

And you have ample parking?

Richard Singleton – Owner, Smoke Signals Cigar Lounge

7:26

Yes, we park us we have an agreement with the company across the street. The building across the street. So we parked across the street usually. And street parking?

Councilwoman Steele

7:35

One other question, will there be live music, entertainment?

Richard Singleton – Owner, Smoke Signals Cigar Lounge

7:39

We've had live music before. And we usually do it like a Sunday. There's nothing late it's usually Sunday afternoon. Or if we have a DJ, but like I said, we shut down at like 11 o'clock. 10 o'clock. So it's not 2:30 In the morning, when we have you know, music or anything like that. Thank you. And again, my crowd is over 40 You know, 40 it's not a young crowd to smoke cigars. I'm new to the cigar industry. So it's, it's really, it's a nice place to go watch the game. Have a cigar. It's better than a bar. I think, you know, with the BYOB, it's nice. But providing service like this will be you know, just another like I said revenue stream. And like I said, I'm it's it's an older crowd. So we're, I'm, I'm in bed by 10 o'clock. And I'm not there all the time. So this is like a second. Second. You know, just another opportunity for me. I work for PNC full time. So this is just I just do entrepreneurship. I'm trying to do different businesses and things like that. Thank you.

Law Director Sweeney

8:52

Yes, thank you, Mr. Singleton, for coming. I'm gonna give you the information for Frank Varga, at the Department of Health. Just reach out to him. Make sure you don't have any issues with them.

Richard Singleton – Owner, Smoke Signals Cigar Lounge

9:00

And I've talked to Frank. And I didn't do anything yet, because I wanted to make sure I got this approval before I start making any changes. But thank you. Any more questions?

President Mancuso

9:11

Anything else? Thank you very much. Councilman Jarosz.

Councilman Jarosz

9:17

Thank you, Madam Chair. I'd like to make a motion that we approve this without objection.

President Mancuso

9:24

We'll receive without objection, I need a second. So moved by Councilwoman McIntosh. Any further discussion? Seeing none, Madam Clerk, would you call the roll on us receiving this without objection?

Clerk Laboda

9:38

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

Motion passes.

President Mancuso

9:50

Thank you. Congratulations, sir. Take care of those over 40 year olds. Young over 40 year olds. Okay, Madam Clerk. Do we have any **Council Minutes**? We do not. We will now go to **Administration Reports and Communications**. Mayor Gail.

## ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Gail

10:09

Thank you, Madam Chair, members of council. Good evening. A couple of announcements and then I think several of the Directors and Chief have some announcements as well. We were thrilled to welcome three additional police officers last Monday. So please join me in welcoming patrolmen Arshawn Johnson, Samuel Jackson and Jonathan Garcia. They are all lateral hires so we, they do come to us with some experience and we're thrilled to get them out on the road after their appropriate training. Also, I want to thank Keep Euclid Beautiful's Linda Beck for coordinating an upgrade and maintenance to the mini, former police mini station. So thank you to Amazon, community connections, they brought 22 volunteers between Amazon, Keep Euclid Beautiful and local residents. So I want to thank certainly the crew from Amazon for their hard work, Keep Euclid Beautiful, Service department, Parks Department, Councilman Tanner, and Linda Beck really did a great job, a lot of hard work, the mini-station has been cleaned up, cleaned out of outdated items, a lot of maintenance outside and inside new some new decking, some new railings, landscaping. Let's see what else, mulch, thank you to Home Depot for the mulch. And so a few more things to do. But our goal is to open that as a community resource center. We're open for ideas and suggestions from residents, community agencies who would like to partner with us. And so please keep your eyes open for some activities to begin happening at the former Euclid police mini-station and I do want to also thank the Heritage Park Neighborhood Association and former Councilwoman Caviness who I know was watching down smiling as that station got cleaned up and getting back ready for use. I also would like to let everybody know that Euclid Schools will be holding a grand opening and ribbon cutting for their secondary campus which is the middle school high school. They've been using it for a little bit of time but never really had the opportunity to have an official ribbon cutting. So that will be this Saturday, October 8, 11 to 2. There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony at 11. And then tours for the community following the ribbon cutting. So if you have not had a chance to be inside the new secondary campus, have you have good schools, I would encourage you to join us and come see the building and all of the amenities that they have there for the community. Euclid Chamber of Commerce is hosting a couple of events coming up. They will, they are holding a Community Leaders breakfast on Tuesday, October 11. That'll be at 8:30am at Lincoln Electric welding school. They do ask that you register at [Euclidchamber.com](http://Euclidchamber.com). I will be speaking and the superintendent sharing some updates for the year with the business community so anyone's welcome whether you're a chamber member or not. We look forward to sharing some of the news about what we've been working on with the community. The Chamber will also hold a fun color fun 5k Run or a walk on Saturday, October 15 that starts at Sims Park. Registration is also available online they ask that you register ahead of time so they know how many people will be there. So looking forward to that. Recreation has a number of programs coming up the smart, Smart Start soccer, learn to skate, a walking club, open

field practice for softball, and their annual trunk or treat the trunk the treat will take place October 28. That's a Friday from 6:30 to 8:30. They are looking for more trunks to participate and trick or treaters can join us and trick or treat dress up and trick or treat starting at 6:30. The information about all of the programs that the recreation provides is available through our website, Cityofeuclid.com and go to the recreation tab. Also would just, October I want to thank and recognize our Shade Tree Commission. There will be a number of tree plantings happening throughout the community. Some of them are volunteer led one is a result of the trees for threes program, which was every time there was a three point shot from the Cavaliers last season. Davy trees is donating trees to many communities, so we applied for that and will be receiving I believe it's 25 trees that will be planted half at Hero Park half at Tungsten Park. And then there's another grant that will provide additional trees at Tungsten Park playground. So we're excited about that happening and want to thank the Shade Tree Commission members as well as the Parks Department and Planning and Development for helping to make that happen. And lastly from me in observance of Columbus Day, City Hall will be closed next Monday, October 10. And we have a number of announcements from Directors, so I will start with Chief Meyer.

Police Chief Meyer

15:31

Thank you, Mayor. Members of Council members, the audience, a couple of announcements. First, on Thursday, October 6, Officer George will be participating in a career day, sorry, a career exploration day that will be at Euclid Middle School, its first through eighth periods. He's going to speak with middle school students about careers in law enforcement and the importance of getting an education. On Thursday, October 6. On that same date, and this will be later in the day, from 4 to 6pm. We'll be doing again, our sidewalk safety, and we'll be doing this in the plaza outside of Mama Catinas at 711 Babbitt Road. October is Crime Prevention Month and Euclid officers will be present to talk about target hardening your homes and personal safety. Also a good opportunity to get to know the businesses in the plaza Martinez Convenient Food Mart and Natural Nails. On Sunday, October 9, Euclid Police Department will be participating in a national event. It's called Faith and Blue. And this will be holding our event again on Sixth September or sorry October 9, Sunday from 6 to 8:30pm. We'll be on the front lawn of the police department. The police department and several Euclid houses of worship are participating in this national event. Come celebrate the partnership between places of faith and the police department. The police department will be providing free food bouncy houses for children and a candlelight vigil at dusk again that's on the front lawn of the police station. Additionally, Shoreview block watch meetings which will be held Saturday, October 22. That's 1 to 2pm. That's 25350 Shoreview Avenue, our Animal Warden Ann Mills will be the featured speaker, I will make sure she's there. And that will be again on Saturday, October 22. I know that we Mayor, or we have multiple Halloween events coming up. I know that we have one at the high school. But we also the youth Police Department will be participating again in the County Sheriff's Department operation safe

Halloween. And that will be outside the Justice Center. And that's on October 27. Thursday, from 6 to 8pm. This is a great opportunity. They close down the whole street around the Justice Center and all the police cars from different police departments and agencies Park and have kind of like a trunk or treat at that location. So we encourage everybody there too. It's a great event. It's a safe event. And we encourage everyone to go there. Now I'm second time I'm apologizing this time to Councilman Tanner. He had an event on Thursday. And we were to have our CRU unit there. I'm going to take more of a direct role. We're invited to a lot of events and the scheduling is becoming extremely difficult. And that night, the officer Cru unit was out, our Community Response Unit and at that time they were involved in a felony domestic violence arrest, assisting patrol who was short handed, so I'll make it available to for council folks, we can certainly be part of a meeting with other city officials. But if anybody wants to try to work to get representatives from the police department there, I will make sure that that happens. I know that a lot of these events everybody's seems to be number one concern is public safety is crime and crime control. And I understand that. I do want everybody to know that the men and women of the Euclid Police Department are are certainly working hard to make an impact. Through our violent crime reduction grant. We've made some huge strides we're on track to once again seize a record number of illegal firearms and year over year the increases are significant. Due to their efforts that we've tracked through the first three quarters of the year, we do see that some of our numbers are coming down particularly related to firearms violence and the violent crime related to firearms. So you know, they're certainly out there trying to make an impact. And I applaud their efforts. And again to I know that the community is interested in what their police department is doing. And I want to be part of that conversation. So I apologize and we'll make sure that that doesn't happen again. Thanks.

Mayor Gail

20:09

Thank you, Chief. Director Grogan Myers.

Planning and Development Director Grogan-Myers

20:12

Thank you, Mayor. Good evening, Council. I just wanted to take a moment and thank both Council persons McIntosh and Jukic for hosting a community conversation on September 20, around the proposed St. Roberts rezoning. I'd also like to thank the residents who took the time to come out that evening, thankfully, it was a beautiful evening. So we had a great conversation. It was a great opportunity for questions and a great conversation about the future of that site. There's much more work to be done. We are currently reviewing all that feedback and developing the next steps for the site. More information will be available on the city's website, we are creating a Project webpage for it dedicated to the conversation that's already been had and the steps coming up. You can find that on the planning and development department webpage. If you look in the upper left hand corner, there's a tab called active projects

that discusses many projects that the planning and development department is undertaking. But this, there will be a dedicated Project webpage for this project so that everyone can keep up to date on what's going on and make sure to stay engaged in the process. Thank you.

Mayor Gail

21:18

Thank you, Law Director Sweeney.

Law Director Sweeney

21:21

Thank you, Mayor to council to the folks here and at home per Euclid's Charter, every eight years we are required to appoint a Charter Review Commission who reviews our charter and makes recommendations to council about any suggested changes. Well, it's that time of the eighth year to meet again and to seat another Charter Review Commission. The commission shall be appointed 30 days after Election Day, which this year is November 8. The mayor appoints five members and Euclid City Council appoints four members. The Commission will meet starting in January once a month, the second Thursday of the month, and they will meet no longer than two years, or until the commission determines that their review of the charter is complete. The application process will be available online later this week. I'm hoping tomorrow. So if anyone is interested in serving on the Charter Review Commission, please check out our website and Facebook page for the application process. And thank you for your potential interest.

Mayor Gail

22:22

Thank you and Assistant to the Mayor, Grida.

Assistant to Mayor, Grida

22:25

I almost forgot I was gonna say thank you. So I wanted to thank Councilman Tanner, both Director Grogan-Myers and myself were part of the speaker's bureau at his Ward 1 meeting, and it was, there were 103 residents at his meeting at last count, it was an amazing meeting. So it was a lot of energy. But I wanted to take an opportunity not just for Ward 1, but just for anybody that's listening, there was a lot of energy around the ability to organize as neighborhood groups or street groups. And so just so everybody knows, if you are curious about that, if you're interested in kind of organizing your street or a couple of street streets, please give us a call at 289-8268. We can help you with that. We can help you with Wednesday's on the porch meetings, which is very minimal. We can kind of hang with you for a few months to see if we can help you get this organized. I'm having that infrastructure really does help us partner a little bit better with residents. So we wanted to again, thank Councilman Tanner. Patrick and I call Ward 1

Wally's world now because it's definitely an entire world came out. So that is the affectionate nickname as of this point. Okay, just a couple other announcements. I wanted to let everybody know at Shore Cultural Centre in October. The weekend of the 14<sup>th</sup> and the 21<sup>st</sup>, Silhouette Players will again be putting on community theater production, the Beauty and the Beast. There were very successful auditions for many residents in the city. So please, if you are interested in going down there, the acoustics are fantastic. But it's been a while since you've been to a local theatre production, I would encourage you to attend this on one of the days there are a couple of matinee shows if you would like you can buy tickets via our website, and they range from 14 to \$20. So definitely very affordable. But I would encourage you to go down and see that play. Also, for council, just a couple announcements for areas that I'm responsible for. We also are just interviewed for people that are interested in joining the Shore Board. So we're hoping to add more people to that board and it should take us to about 12 which is a really good number. I think when we started there were maybe four active so we've done a really great job of building that board up. We're also looking at finalizing a draft proposal for the culinary, so that will be coming up in a future meeting. And also just on the Building and Housing insight side, we met with our nuisance team to kind of brainstorm, you know, some impact that they can have in the winter, right, because they won't be mowing the lawn. And they had some really good ideas. So we are getting a list together for the Mayor to kind of prioritize. And then probably at the next council meeting, I'll be sharing with you what, what they want to do, but I will share specifically what they suggested after the Mayor chooses and it would, it's just gonna touch your heart. So thank you very much.

Mayor Gail

25:27

Thank you, Madam Chair. That completes our reports this evening.

President Mancuso

25:30

Thank you. **Committee Documentation.** And we will go to Councilman Wojtila.

## COMMITTEE DOCUMENTATION

Councilman Wojtila

25:34

Thank you, Madam Chair. I'd like to make a motion to approve the Board of Control minutes from September 19, 2022.

President Mancuso

25:41

Do we have a second? So moved by Councilman Tanner. Or I'm sorry, Councilman Tolton?

All in favor, "Aye."

Thank you. And we will now go to our first **Committee of the Whole for Legislative Matters**. Only those wishing to speak, please come to the podium. Give us your name, address and keep your comments to less than five minutes please?

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

Resident – Victor Goodman

26:25

Victor Goodman 20201 Glen Russ Lane. I'm here to talk about number two. I had a lot of concerns about this when I read the full legislation. And if you'll give me the leniency, I'll say 15%. Okay, because it's within minuscules. I'm worried about people like me, senior citizens who have a fixed income 15% is one heck of an increase. And then if we should get an increase in, in lighting fees, or garbage fees, or this fee or that fee, and I always remember, the school's favorite line was, It'll only cost you. Well, if everybody only costs me eventually I have nothing left. And I'm worried about seniors staying in their homes. And I'm wondering if you have considered anything about something to help seniors in that situation. As I say, Social Security doesn't go up 15%. But it goes up 1/10 of a percent we're thrilled. So I hope you will consider that. I know this is the third reading. And by the way, very glittery, very glittery, very glitter. So I just hope that you will consider that and think of something not only for the seniors, those who also might have tremendous strains in trying to come up with that kind of money. Thank you.

President Mancuso

28:11

Thank you. Next speaker please. Seeing none, we will begin our **Legislative Agenda**. Madam Clerk, would you please read the first agenda item into the record?

## LEGISLATION

Clerk Laboda

28:28

**Resolution 113-22.** A resolution authorizing the Mayor or her designee to apply for accept and expand an Urban Canopy Restoration grant in the amount not to exceed \$25,000 from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources.

President Mancuso

28:49

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

All in favor, "Aye."

And we will begin with Director Grogan-Myers.

Planning a& Development Director Grogan-Myers

29:05

Thank you, Madam Chair. Good evening again Council. This grant should sound pretty familiar. Last year, we had the extreme privilege and honor of being awarded \$1,800 through the Urban Canopy restoration grant program to plant what amounted to 51 trees in the public right of way and in public facilities. This grant is a one to one match. So for every dollar we receive from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, the city is putting in \$1 to match. So in total we spent over \$17,000 Through this grant program to invest in our urban tree canopy. This is important for many reasons, especially when we look at the total tree canopy in the city. Were at about 27.4% compared and county wide to 37.6% as we look through our master plan as we look through the 2021 tree inventory read and study performed by Davey resource group. There are numerous benefits, whether we look to the ability to cool your home once you have a fully developed tree canopy, cool your home through the shade, which helps on the utility bills that we see every month, as well as the opportunity to reduce stormwater going into our storm water system. Especially as we see these torrential downpours. That is an important part of the benefits we see through the tree canopy. So as we embarked on our quest to continue to improve the tree canopy, we see this is a tremendous opportunity to continue that work next year, we will be focused in the southwest area of the city where we see opportunities for improvement in our tree canopy focusing on the public right of way, and city owned parcels where specifically those trees will be planted will be developed in consultation with our city arborist Andre Trapp, as well as the Shade Tree Commission as always as our partners. I want to be sure to recognize that in the audience. Tonight we have a Shade Tree Commission member Alyssa Zele with us. We thank the Commission as well as council for your ongoing support. Because this truly is one of the greatest assets that we have, not only as a city in a region, but as a country in the world that our tree canopy can provide so many benefits. So continuing to invest in that tree canopy is vital to the growth and success of the city.

President Mancuso

31:24

Thank you. Questions by council. Councilwoman McIntosh.

Councilwoman McIntosh

31:28

Thank you, Madam Chair. I won't share too much more because Director Grogan-Myers spoke very eloquently regarding the benefits of a healthy tree canopy. But I do want to just echo the fact that the Euclid Shade Tree Commission is 150% behind efforts like this. And I'm glad that we do have representation here in the audience today. And I do hope that my colleagues will support this this evening. Thank you.

President Mancuso

32:00

Thank you. Other commentary? Councilman Jarosz.

Councilman Jarosz

32:04

Thank you, Madam Chair. And more than happy to support this, obviously, we want to improve our tree canopy as much as possible. But just a little feedback from when I speak to residents. Everybody loves trees, but not on their tree lawns because of the damage it causes to their sidewalk, which then they are responsible for. So I guess just for those folks watching who, you know, have the upheaval and from the roots and such. Are there certain trees that we would plant on tree lawns that I don't know from a root system perspective wouldn't be so invasive or be so problematic? Or are these, are we going to focus more on planting trees in areas where other than tree lawns? Is there a general thought on that?

President Mancuso

Director.

Planning and Development Director Grogan-Myers

32:47

Madam Chair, the Councilperson so there is thought given to the tree types, both from a biodiversity perspective as well as the impact of the tree roots. For those in the audience are watching at home. I would also like to put in a plug for the Building and Housing Department and a program that has been piloted and successful there as far as addressing sidewalk blocks that have been uprooted by the tree roots. Because there's a given and take, we have to recognize as far as the overwhelming benefits that tree lawn trees can provide as far as reducing urban heat island effects with the blacktop and the heat emanating from that blacktop in the street, but also recognizing that there is some financial costs when we start to see sidewalk blocks being uprooted. So that is absolutely getting brought as part of all of this.

Councilman Jarosz

33:36

And I guess the other thing too, and I don't know if it's specifically apples, apples, but folks who have roots that blocked those storm drains and the backs up in their basement, you know, those are all things that you know, I'm fine with a tree, but I don't want it causing \$15,000 worth of damage in my basement either. So just things to consider. Thank you.

President Mancuso

33:54

Thank you, Councilman Tanner. Tolton... Geez.

Councilman Tolton

34:05

Thank you, Madam Chair, to Director Grogan-Myers, is there an opt out? clause in there. So if someone doesn't want the tree and a tree lock on the opt out?

Planning & Development Director Grogan-Myers

34:15

Madam Chair, the Councilperson, Yes. So we do work with the the adjacent property owners. We do have a few opt outs, but actually, overwhelmingly based on the previous year, homeowners are happy to see a tree planted.

President Mancuso

34:29

Now, Councilman Tanner.

Councilman Tanner

34:31

Thank you, Madam Chair. Is there a program to trim the trees like, in other words, once the canopy starts to come down towards the sidewalks?

President Mancuso

Director.

Planning & Development Director Grogan-Myers

34:41

Madam Chair, the Councilman. We do have one grant program that we utilize to help trim trees generally after about four to five years after being planted. So to help improve that canopy, it actually does not count towards the tree canopy until the tree hits about 15 feet. So we are mindful that

maintaining that tree canopy is an important part, maintain that tree is part of maintaining the tree canopy. We continue to work with the Public Service Department in that effort as well.

President Mancuso

35:11

Anyone else? Seeing none, I'll entertain a motion to close debate. So moved by Councilwoman Steele. Second by Councilwoman McIntosh.

All in favor, "Aye."

Madam Clerk, please call the roll on the resolution.

Clerk Laboda

35:25

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

Resolution passes.

President Mancuso

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

Clerk Laboda

35:44

**Third Reading. 103-22.** An ordinance amending ordinance 157-2012. That established sewer rental, and other related charges and authorized sewer service agreements to reflect new sewer usage rates.

President Mancuso

36:02

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

All in favor, "Aye."

And we will go to Director Knecht to begin the discussion.

Service Director Knecht

36:15

Thank you, Madam Chair. Tonight as we continue the discussion on the rate proposed rate increase. I just wanted to add a few more things in that have come up on the last two weeks. The first is, people have asked what what all is included in what these rates are paying for. So I've touched on a few of them before, but just to reiterate to people, you know, besides the operation of the plant, which treats the water. This also maintains our collection system that includes the pump stations. This includes the work that is done for

maintenance of the collection system, which includes digging up the road when when there's a repair that needs to be made. This includes the truck that comes out to snake your laterals, if you have basement backups, that is included in this street sweeping, as well as leaf collection. You know, all these things work together for the program itself. And all of them are within this rate. One of the other questions that came up tonight, thank you, Mr. Goodman, for talking about it. It had come up during a committee meeting, we had discussed the possibility of some sort of a discount, whether it's a senior program, whether it's an income eligibility, whether it's a combination of the two, that's definitely something that in the future we would be willing to talk about and see what makes sense. When we talked about it previously, we will understand that we'll have to raise the rate higher to be able to accommodate the program. So there's a little give and take there. But it is something that we are willing to take a look at. In a perfect world, we would love if the federal government would open up some of the money that they've put out for programs like that. But at this point, we don't see anything being formed for that. But we'll continue to watch that also to see if there's opportunities to be able to take advantage of other funds to help keep our rates as low as we can, but yet offer a program that that could help whether it's seniors or income eligibility, residents or a combination of the two. I'd be happy to answer any other questions council may have tonight.

President Mancuso

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Thank you. I think we also need to restate in the committee meetings, we made it very clear, unlike the last time we did the right structure was select for five years that this is a different world. So we are only doing this for one year at a time. So we can go back and look and see if there is some way to reduce it and that just have it continue to increase. And I think we've forgotten to say that a few times. Questions by my colleagues? Seeing none. Councilman Wojtila.

Councilman Wojtila

39:11

Thank you, Madam Chair, up to Director Knecht. You know, we had a meeting on June 1, which was the Public Service and Utilities Committee meeting. At that point, we had the documentation for the proposed rate increase. Then we met again on August 24. Recognizing that this is a one year sewer rate, that we're establishing the sewer rate. Do you expect it will be the same thing for this coming year? Meaning do you think we'll have the documentation and then the annual study? And if so, is there a way we can maybe get both together? In June?

Service Director Knecht

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Madam chair to the Councilman, Yes. I would prefer to have them both together, if possible before we schedule the first meeting. This year we were

trying to catch people on the early side of spring break or summer break, as well as on the the outskirts of it. So we were able to catch as many people as possible. But yes, we would definitely have the rate study completed in time for those meetings.

Councilman Wojtila

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Thank you not to be a wet blanket, but there was the sewer rate was, the recommendation was for another pretty healthy increase in 2024. So, we're, the reality is the recommendation was for another big increase. So we we certainly want to look, continue to look at this and try to keep that manageable as much as possible. I know it's difficult, but hopefully, things will go better. But the sooner we can meet on this next year, I think would be better.

President Mancuso

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Councilwoman Steele.

Councilwoman Steele

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Thank you. The question I have is concerning people with lower incomes, I am concerned about them being able to pay their bill. Is there any way possible that we can look at trying to get a grant or something like that? Because 2023 is coming very fast. And my concern is, we don't want people to not to have stuff shut off because they can't afford this.

Service Director Knecht

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Madam, Madam Chair to the Councilwoman, Yes. We will definitely take a look. And as I said, explore every avenue to see if there's a chance for federal funding, state funding, anything that's available to help help set up a program.

Councilwoman Steele

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Okay, I know, I know, I'm pushing this, but I just see the clock ticking. And my question is, I know you guys have a committee already. But this has to happen, because it has to happen. However, we have to be aggressive. And looking at trying to make sure that those who can afford it can afford but those who can't really can't. And I guess I'm just really stressing that. And when, I guess my question is this, what is our timeframe of looking into this? I don't want it to just be put out there and say, Oh, we did it, we looked at it, and then it's over with. But I want us to be a little bit more aggressive about it, because there's a lot of people who can't afford this. So that's, uh, that's, that's it for me. Thank you,

Service Director Knecht

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Madam Chair to the Councilwoman, as soon as this year's financials and we will start looking at what it is for next year, so that we can get the rate steady, finish up, get it out to counsel and then start setting a meeting for the following year, to see where we're at costs are at some items, we're starting to see some availability, which hopefully will bring down the cost. You know, unfortunately, diesel fuel remains high. And transportation is one of the things that we use a lot to get things to us. We're hoping that you know, through the winter months, we'll see that fall, because that's right now the one thing that unfortunately has not been changing that we're seeing,

Mayor Gail

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Madam Chair, if I could just add, you know, council Councilwoman Steele and to council I mean, I know this is not an easy decision. It's not one we bring forward lightly. It's not one that committee recommended lightly. The you know, part of the difference with the sewer rate is this is an enterprise fund. So the fees for service have to pay for the cost to operate, and all the things that go with it. So there's things you have our commitment, I think we will tell Mr. Fink, who will again do the audit and do the rate study. Beginning next year, we want to see you know, don't we want to see a rate that would provide senior discount or we want to see the options so we'll tell him right off the bat with the engagement this is what we want you to present to us. We want to look at cost saving elements. The wastewater treatment department continues to look at ways to reduce the cost does, you know, hire hire staff when only when necessary. There's things that they really have done and they take, you know, they do in the operations every day to keep the cost down. This unfortunately and it's not, you know, we've already done we've already, council has already approved garbage and lighting we have not increased that. We don't plan to increase that. The sewer rates the last time these were looked at and approved was 2012, so we don't take this lightly. There were incremental increases through those 10 years. And that was a plan that held up until this year. So it really is a function of the high cost, we're seeing higher cost of the consent decree work that we're required to do. And it's all interconnected. So as we continue to look at the consent decree, as we continue to look at the work, that still has to happen, any breaks, we can get on that any federal assistance, we can get on that. We're trying and we have both GPD and our engineers looking at and applying for funds. And all of that will help but this is what we need for next year, unfortunately. Thank you.

President Mancuso

45:47

Thank you. Councilman Tolton.

Councilman Tolton

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Thank you, Madam Chair. Two Part, Two questions, my two part questions. And I hear my colleagues talking about, you know, looking at some discounts we could for seniors and things like that. And you're talking about now that we're going to do that or try to do that for the next time. But why didn't we look at that this time, knowing that the increase is going to be this high? Why do we kind of dropped the ball there, and not try to anticipate that, also, because of the decent decree? If we were to not approve this, and I know we because we can't be in a deficit, what will really happen if we, if we don't pass this legislation, and what would happen if we fall into this deficit and things like that, that could be to Mayor or Director Knecht.

Service Director Knecht

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Madam Chair to the Councilman, when we talked about this in committee, trying to set up some sort of a program that was no appetite for it, because it would drive the rate higher. At that time, it did not move forward for that reason. As far as what would happen, if we don't pass this, at some point, the the State would step in, and they would, they would basically, you know, they're going to tell us that you're going to have to take money from your general fund to pay for the operation of the plant, the plant can't shut down. So we would be forced to pay, which in the case of our plant, being multi community, **you're good**, we'll be paying for all the communities. So it would not be fair to the Euclid residents to pick up the tab for that. If we were put in a situation where they would step in and and and force us to do that.

Councilman Tolton

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And just to and I'm glad you mentioned that about the other communities. Because on the spreadsheet here, it does say it talks about the other communities, Willoughby, Willoughby Hills, Wickliffe, Willowick, that actually their increase is actually more than 40% that we're paying, so they're paying what is it, Willoughby Hills is paying 24%, Wickliffe, or Willowick are paying 25%. So, you'll just let the audience in the community know that we're not just carrying the burden ourselves, the other communities is also weighing in and paying their fair share. So thank you.

President Mancuso

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Councilman McIntosh.

Mayor Gail

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I was just going to add, I forgot to mention with my former comments, there is assistance available through the county for assistance for utilities. We're not sure whether sewer separate on its own is eligible. But there is there is assistance available for residents in need for utilities and gas, electric water, which includes sewer are often eligible. So anyone who finds themselves in a difficult position, certainly I would suggest calling 211, which is United Way's first call for help is the best way to get general resources. We also would invite, you know, people call us all the time and we can refer people so there is assistance available for those who need it, and we're happy to help connect people to those resources.

President Mancuso

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Thank you, Councilman Tanner.

Councilman Tanner

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Thank you, Madam Chair. I have a question. I'm not sure how it works, how you buy the chemicals. But is there a way to combine with other sewer systems to see if you can buy in bulk?

Service Director Knecht

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Madam Chair to the Councilman, you know, we explore all things that are that are possible. We've explored putting in larger tanks to hold more so that we could cut down on on transportation costs, things like that, and we'll continue to to look at every avenue as far as buying chemicals together. Depending on the chemical a lot of times we take the full tanker, which you know, then we wouldn't be able to purchase with somebody else. But each community or I should say each plant, depending if it's community owned or if it's a regional one, they have their their buying practices that they have to follow. So it will be different to call for us to do a contract with multiple communities. I'm not saying that it can't be done. But it would be very difficult to work through to see what what what could be realized if there is any savings in that. transportation cost is one of the biggest parts right now. And depending on where the other plants were, versus our location versus the plant it's coming from, we may end up being able to buy it cheaper, depending on where it is coming from.

President Mancuso

50:28

Okay. Hang on, is there anybody else who needs to speak before we finish with Councilwoman McIntosh? Okay, go ahead.

Councilwoman McIntosh

50:39

Thank you, Madam Chair. The mayor stole my thought regarding the assistance programs. But I wanted to, I guess, confirm, in addition to 211, the assistance from the county is that the heap program, the Home Energy Assistance Program, if I have that acronym correct, and then a question is CHN still offering assistance? They were offering rental assistance and mortgage payment assistance. But I'm uncertain if I think there was some utility assistance programs COVID pandemic related. But are those still in existence? And if so, can we also look to see if the sewer would be applicable there as well? Thank you.

Mayor Gail

51:29

Yes. So it looks like Director Grogan-Myers is trying to look it up. But we do have a contract. We received some funding through \$800,000, I believe, through County Home funds that we that we made available for housing assistance, rental assistance, whether that's strictly rental or whether that includes utilities, we will have to find out but CHN Resources Partners is a great resource as well as 211, 211, I'm sure will get you there. But they are the organization that in many cases is the administrator of those funds. So we'll come we'll confirm to see if utilities is part of that I would assume it's part of the total rental package if they're paying it through their rent or mortgage.

Councilwoman McIntosh

52:21

Follow up question. Thank you for your that answer. For next year's CDBG Budget, I know the CAC is currently, you know, convening over the course of the next month or two and deciding the program budget for next year. Could it be possible that a program could be set up using Block Grant funds to assist residents who have low to moderate or fixed incomes, to see if that would be an eligible program where they could apply for assistance? I mean, for any type of energy assistance, but maybe specifically the sewers. I'm sorry, or COVID relief, but I don't know if that would be possible like ARPA dollars, because this isn't pandemic related. We're doing this post pandemic, but another potential source.

Mayor Gail

We could certainly look at that.

President Mancuso

53:27

Thank you. I'll entertain a motion to close debate. So moved by Councilman Tolton. Second by Councilman Jarosz.

All in favor, "Aye."

Madam Clerk, please call the roll on the ordinance.

Clerk Laboda

53:42

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

Ordinance passes.

President Mancuso

53:57

Thank you. We will now go to our second **Committee the Whole public portion** of the meeting where you may speak to anything for the good of the city, Anyone wishing to speak please come to the podium. Give us your name, address, and keep your comments to five minutes please.

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – PUBLIC PORTION

Resident – Victor Goodman

54:28

Victor Goodman 20201 Glen Russ Lane. A couple of things. But one thing that I thought about which was just touched on, don't know what you can do with it. But we did take \$10 million and throw it into our general fund for the next three years. And I don't know why some of that money then couldn't offset the discussion we just had so food for thought the money is already in the city's hands. I want to talk about something that really bothered me that I saw on Facebook, one of the Euclid community pages. And I answered it quite vehemently, the people saying that unsafe to go to library, can't go to library. Now, I've been at the library, and I've seen the Chief twice in the guess since in the last month, where there have been incidents of students that have gone a little crazy. But we can never afford to allow any interruption to stop us from using probably the finest library in Northeast Ohio, just about. I have never felt threatened. The Chief and his forces, even though two times the ambulance was called, handled it, got the kids out, handled the situation. And I don't like people who go on Facebook, and make it sound like it's World War Three and the world it's coming to a vast end. And I recommended that you come to the library, I go to the library a minimum of three times a week. And to pick up movies to pick up music, to read the newspaper, and to get my latest copy of People magazine. So what, I'd got to do the crossword, so, Oh, I shouldn't say that, because then somebody will start doing the crosswords. But all libraries are golden asset. And anybody who feels that afraid, probably shouldn't leave their houses. I mean, we, we do live in a different world. You know, we all saw what happened in Garfield Middle School today, you know, with the finding of bullets, no gun, but bullets. We live in a different world. But you can't stop living. You know, we still gotta get up every morning, do all the things that we need to do. Okay, so that's it.

President Mancuso

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Thank you. Next speaker please.

Resident - Ms. Taylor

57:35

Good evening. Hello at Taylor 495 E 193 Street. First, I want to thank Councilman Tanner for the wonderful Ward 1 meeting we had last week. It was very good to see everyone come out for us the opinion and ask question out we have many more of those meetings. Thank you very much. So I want to thank the Mayor, Patrick, and everyone else that worked on the Heritage Park project. So far is going well. We just waiting on a date when we can get started. So I like it. Thank you for that. Also, I have a question about the water. I hear everyone saying that the county and different places we help you with your water bill. Normally that's not want to the county's main event. They help with utilities, but not water. Why? I don't know but they never have unless they just started. They will always help you with your electric and your gas and your rent. But water was not one of them. And they don't help with mortgage. They have special program like CNH Housing may help you with that. But that's something county have never worked with unless that's something new. I don't know it may have started. But as far as the water being increase, I have a little sore feeling there. Because some of the streets have been redone and resort new sewer, but some areas are not getting those new sewer pipes and to go in and say okay, we want to increase your sewer bill. And we haven't poor water system and some neighborhood and some are not. I feel that's very unfair to the community and to the residents. So up because we still have very bad sewer and a lot of neighborhoods and the pipes are not getting better. I have people in my neighborhood have backup suits. We're getting bad water and you want to talk about increasing there. So I know it may be something that needs to be done or should be done in the near future. But I think you should get around first, fixing some of your problems, rather than add into your problems, add into your problems is increasing people utility bills. And that is a problem. Everything is going up. And this is something I think that I know, you pass the ordinance, which I'm not happy about, because maybe you're not having a problem. And maybe in your neighborhood, people are not having problems. But I know in a lot of neighborhoods, and a lot of homes, there have been problems. Water bill have, you don't pay your water bill once every three months, you pay it every month. And that can be a handicap for some people. So I just hope you all think about it very serious. I know. And it's a lot of seniors, and you click is more seniors than it is young people seem like it, because we are not really encouraging young people to move to the city of Euclid. And that's, that's pretty bad. And most of the people that do move in this city or you quit, they are not homeless. They're renters. I don't know if anyone, Kristal may remember, but I had to call her about my next door neighbor, the landlord was not paying the water bill, they shut off the water. This lady 80 years old sick. So this is something you got to think about. When you think about

passing bills and things like this, you got to think about everyone is not sitting in your shoes. So I want to say again, thank you all for your hard work. And keep up the good work. Good night.

President Mancuso

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Thank you. Next speaker please. Seeing none, we will then move on to our **Council Comments**. And we begin tonight with Councilman Tanner.

## COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Tanner

1:02:10

Thank you, Madam Chair, I want to thank the city officials that came out to my Ward 1 meeting, and also want to give a special thank you for the residents of Ward 1 that came to the meeting, there will be other meetings. And I want you to understand that those meetings are your meetings, I'm only your voice. So therefore, when you come out to your meetings, anything that you say will be reflected back here to city hall, I have a couple other things that I like to say; Is there a way, I'm not sure as far as the county or the state, I know that we have sober homes in the neighborhood. At the meeting, some people didn't know what a sober home were, they actually thought the homes were drinking. And I said No. And we had to explain, and we need on the site to explain what a sober home is. But my question is, is there a way that we can work with the Counties to notify the residents that a sober home is in that area so that the police won't get called when they see three or four people that go up to the house? Or some young lady that has her daughter don't get scared because they would see the man transferred back and forth? So that was one of the questions that I like to know. The other one is the senior citizen on our page, you is there a way to update or we could actually put senior citizen incentive programs all in one spot. So that no words once they click on all the programs for the seniors will just they don't have to look, they won't have to search all over the same as far as grants to like in other words, you have a grant page, you click on it, all the grants, everything that is available to you is right there on that spot. So you don't have to look all over. And the last is can you tell me an update on the steps on Grand Boulevard?

President Mancuso

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And who would like to begin with the first question? Go ahead. Miss Grida.

Assistant to the Mayor, Grida

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Yes. Thank you so much. So, in regards to the sober home. Would, that did come up with the Ward 1 meeting? Of course. So we have just delved into

this from the building team perspective. So we are meeting with a gentleman from the Mental Health Board. So we can understand a little bit different kind of what their role is. So I think once we sort of get that together, we can absolutely ask I will say typically, agencies that have homes like this, it's not necessarily something that they advertise because they really want the participants to be able to kind of get integrated into the neighborhood. I will also say that they're always supervised there is a 24/7 supervisory there. So, you know, it is there for clinical purposes. But we are meeting with him. So I'm happy to explore that further. Okay, thank you.

President Mancuso

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And then about the grant page.

Mayor Gail

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We can certainly talk with our communications manager and Mr. Payne, Bob Payne at the senior programs, it would be easy to have one page, whether it's on the website, but addition just a page for people who don't use the computer. Yeah, there are many seniors with that that consolidate senior discounts or senior assistance that's available. Great. Good idea. If it doesn't exist, I don't know that it does.

President Mancuso

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Director Knecht.

Service Director Knecht

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Madam Chair to the Councilman, the steps that go up to the cul-de-sac on Grand when we went out to bid for that project of it came in way above the engineers estimate. And then with COVID, with supplies being tight, the prices even higher. So we will have to find other funding sources to try to make that project happen.

President Mancuso

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Okay. Thank you. Thank you, Councilman Tolton.

Councilman Tolton

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Thank you, Madam Chair. Just one quick comment or question to Director Knecht, and/or the Mayor. And I know my colleagues also getting a lot of complaints about Kimble. We've kind of talked about that before. And like,

like tonight, I left home at you know, quarter to seven and they have not come to my street yet. You know, in their complaints, just just numerous. Is there anything? Can we call Kimble in? Can we sit down with them and call them on the carpet and say, Listen, you've got to do something better than what you're doing what trash collection? If it's a manpower thing, maybe they need to even subcontract with somebody else to help because I said we were costly getting complaints about people your day two days go by before they come back. Well, they say they're coming back and they don't come back. So what is the city doing to try to rectify this?

President Mancuso

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Director Knecht

Service Director Knecht

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Madam Chair to the Councilman. I speak almost daily with Kimble they continue to have staffing issues, all waste haulers do unfortunately, it's just not a position that's easy to fill. They continue to struggle with it. They've tried different, different avenues to attract talent trying to go to the trucking schools. Sign people on early their insurance provider request that each new each driver has two years experience before they put them in a truck. So it's making it tough for them to attract people. Between the attraction and the retention. All the haulers are in the same boat. Every other Service Director that I talked to, is having issues with their hauler. I wish there was an easy solution. If there was a better way, we would go to it. I know Kimball doesn't want to be in this boat. They're more than willing to come in and talk again at any time. But until until something happens with staffing, it's going to be a hard thing for them to address.

Mayor Gail

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Madam Chair, if I could add, we spoke about this at Directors meeting today. And just an example of our departments working together. Ms. Grida and Director Knecht, both the Mayor's office obviously we get a lot of calls to service gets a lot of calls. I'm sure you guys get a lot of calls. They're actually having a meeting tomorrow, we're kind of just brainstorm and what kind of calls are we getting? Within the contract? The contract has certain stipulations we can't change. But what are we seeing? What are some common themes? And then I think once we get that together and can brainstorm, is it a different way we communicate with people? Is there something we do that we take a temporary, maybe we asked people not to remember during the pandemic, there was restrictions on don't put out extra bulk stuff? So I'm not saying what the answer is yet, but they are looking to compare. Here's the kind of calls we get. Here's the calls we get. Here's the process we use. So I would invite council members, if you have a chance in the next day or two, just to email kind of these are the calls you're getting.

These are the complaints that you have just so we're aware if we're not if you've already told us, we get a lot of calls for missed routes. You know, call back, put it out there, leave it out. We tell them leave it out. Kimble says they'll be back Kimble's, not back and so just let us know kind of what issues so we make sure we understand all of them. I know we have a whole list. But just the two departments are going to kind of sit down together brainstorm. Make sure we both understand the issues both sides are hearing and see if we can come up with something and then I think Councilman Wojtila has in the past had Kimble here. That might be a good next step. Once we get we'll get that data together and some you know how often and what you Here's the type of issues is that a primarily? I don't think it's one day more than the other. I think it's across the board. Okay, so open to suggestions. And please, if you have a minute, just share your common common complaints with us.

President Mancuso

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Thank you, Councilman Jarosz.

Councilman Jarosz

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Thank you, Madam Chair. I'm sure Kimble would be thrilled to come here. Just kind of a real anecdote on that as for what it's worth, and it's really no consolation, anybody struggling but you know, there's a lot of inflation issues out there from supply constraints to to what have you. If you kind of look forward, you know, they are expected to come down quite precipitously inflation over the next few years. Hopefully, that'll help out. But and, again, anecdotally, I was meeting with someone who runs a consulting group, and he's been a consultant, this group has been around for 30 plus years. And they do kind of psychological personality profiling, testing, if you will, for corporations looking to hire, you know, middle management, or whatever. It may be executives that kind of is this person a good fit for this? And he says, in his entire career, he's never seen a job market like that. You just can't find anybody to do anything, whether it's even engineers, you know, nurses, you hear about the people doing the nursing where they travel around, because it's, it's quite astounding what's happening out there just to find anything for I guess, like I said, from engineers, to people that work in fast food restaurants, it's really difficult to find people when you have that sort of issue across the entire industry, the entire job market, it's hard to say, Okay, this group is not doing a good job, we'll just move to this group, because likelihood is that groups having the exact same issues. So it's a really, really tricky mark. And like I said, nobody's really ever seen it before. So again, that's not an answer to any of our issues. But it is quite kind of interesting, generally, to be something to be aware of. So after boring everybody with that, we will have a couple committee meetings coming up. October 5, that is this Wednesday will be a Safety Committee meeting. And then on October 19, there will be a Business Development, City Planning and Housing meeting as well. So kind of the main issue we'll be discussing on the fifth is the parental responsibility ordinance that was kind of sent to committee from a previous council

meeting on the 19th. We're going to address the Dollar Store ordinances. One, I also had a couple other items that I thought would be on the agenda, one being the St. Robert, St. Or the old St. Roberts property, given the feedback that I had from my colleagues, that that's probably not a good fit for that agenda item. So if anybody on council or in the Administration, has a few other issues that they think should be addressed. Please let me know we're going to try to get that on the agenda today to discuss whether it be a specific ordinance a change in ordinance, or curious about some process or procedure that we're doing within the city related to business development, city planning and housing, please shoot me an email. I'll try to get on the agenda as well. So, thank you. Thank you.

President Mancuso

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Councilwoman McIntosh.

Councilwoman McIntosh

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Thank you, Madam Chair. Want to start off by welcoming our three new officers, it's great news. And thank Keep Euclid Beautiful for all of their hard work and as well as the Amazon volunteers. That's a tremendous accomplishment, Keep Euclid Beautiful planned on having a two day of volunteer event and did not need the second day. So there was that much support. And that's a really, that's just it's very heartwarming to know that there was enough manpower to get something that large of a project done so quickly. So kudos to everybody involved in in that looking forward to seeing what's going to happen at the mini-station. I also want to thank everybody who came out to the Ward 5 community meeting on Saturday. Euclid Police, Planning and Development Director Grogan-Myers, the Mayor, Council President, Christine Vasquez- communications. Everybody was very intrigued, interested. Captain Cutwright kind of stole the show, I would say, as he usually does, but I do want to thank everybody for joining and hope to have another word meeting very soon. And additionally, want to thank my colleague, Councilwoman Jukic and Director Grogan-Myers for the St. Roberts rezoning meeting on the 28th. I think that was also a really good turnout and a great conversation, thanks to Councilman Jarosz for entertaining putting that onto the agenda. You know, we're having a debrief tomorrow regarding that meeting. So you know, we'll see maybe we could still get something on an agenda soon but also don't want to run things so and then to Councilman Tolton's comments regarding Kimble, it might be helpful for council to be reminded of our Kimball representative, the liaison between the Kimball and the municipal municipality. Joe Scuretti? Am I pronouncing that correctly? I have contacted him I loop in the service department on every issue. But Joe is really responsive. I haven't I had an issue where we've been having some overnight parking issues and then Kimball comes, the cars on the on the tree lawn, the drivers not getting out of the truck to move the receptacle to empty the receptacle. And this car is not moving. So the neighbors are frustrated because their trash isn't getting picked up for

sometimes weeks. Car got moved because neighbors were talking to neighbors, but the problem keeps moving down the road as the car moves. I want to also commend Captain Cutwright for intervening and putting more attention to the overnight parking and even talking to the neighbors. But Joe did that too. He actually I called him about this and he went to the neighbor's house, the parker and talked to them and reasoned with them. And ever since then, I haven't seen the car parked on the tree lawn. Our trash days tomorrow. So he is somebody who, who seems very passionate and compassionate as well and caring about Kimble and the service that they're providing. So Director Knecht, would it be possible or would you like me to send out the email for Mr. Scuretti and just maybe remind everybody that they can reach out to him directly your way? (I'm okay with it.) Thank you. And that's all for me. Thank you.

President Mancuso

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Thank you. Councilman Wojtila.

Councilman Wojtila

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Thank you, Madam Chair. I'd like to thank Director Grogan-Myers for his updates that he provides to us the most recent was September 23. I did have one question for you on the zoning code review, which was your last bullet point. You talked about. Do you have a timeline of when you hope to have changes? I think it probably has to go to Planning and Zoning first or maybe to hear first for a recommendation back to planning and zoning. And then I'll point back to us for for approval. Any timeline on the zoning code review? And then my second comment would be if it sounds like you're doing that in house, if you could look at the front of you make mention that you're looking at the fence section of the code if you could look at the front yard restriction.

Planning and Development Director Grogan-Myers

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Madam Chair to the Councilman, I don't have a timeline yet. This is an active conversation. But just wanted to make sure to provide that updates so that you know, this is something that we are working on and reviewing. So active conversation, I expect to have an update here maybe by the next council meeting to provide you more detail.

Councilman Wojtila

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Thank you. And I'm available for any assistance that the department staff would like as they work with zoning codes quite a bit. Thank you.

President Mancuso

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And you're, you're more than willing to do the committee that we might need to have. (Absolutely.) Councilwoman Jukic.

Councilwoman Jukic

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Thank you, Madam Chair. A couple of things. Thank you to the residents for coming out for the rezoning conversation for the St. Roberts property. I also wanted to congratulate the new police officers and I had a question for the Chief. When I'm done with my other two comments, just what are we up to what's our total, I'm delighted almost every meeting I hear about new officers being sworn in. So I would like to know our our total number. I'll keep going I'll be done in just a second. The other thing is, I noticed speed bumps on my former street on East 174 Street in Cleveland. I was so excited to see the speed bump, I took a photo of it and I will send it to you guys because my constituents and I would like speed bumps in our neighborhood. One last thing the last state of register to vote is October 11. So that'll be before our next meeting. So I just wanted to encourage anyone to register to vote or to double check that your registration is still valid, especially if you've moved or anything like that. Thank you and Chief.

President Mancuso

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Chief Meyer.

Police Chief Meyer

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So currently, that will bring us to 101 but we have an officer who's leaving to take another position with a state law enforcement agency in that will have been Friday. So we'll be back to 100. It is it's it's great that we have all these new officers. But we currently have nine officers who are in training. So they're, you know, they're they're not out on their own. And in any given time, too, we have folks off for birth of children, FMLA time that includes male officers to. And then we have a lot of folks who are off for any other known or any number of medical procedure. So the 100 is, is nice, it's nice to get back up there. But I just want them to understand because it would be disingenuous for to tell me that there's 100 officers who are currently available and out on their own. So it's, it is nice to have those numbers though. It's nice to be, you know, be back to that strength. So I do appreciate that. Thank you,

President Mancuso

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Councilwoman Steele.

Councilwoman Steele

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Good evening, everyone. First, I just have to make a comment. Euclid is a great place to live. And it's affordable for young couples. I'm saying this because one of the residents said that I forgot her name is Taylor. Miss Taylor said that the majority of people who live here are senior citizens and renters. I'm just going to be very transparent. We need you to come and check out Euclid. Euclid is a nice place to live. We're connected to the metro parks. We're connected to the highways, you can get anywhere between 30 and 45 minutes, you can leave Euclid and go all the way to Twinsburg in 35 minutes on the highway. We're connected to the lakefront, downtown, is accessible. So instead of talking down on your city, encourage people to come here, live here, move here, buy here and stay here. That's my one comment. My next comment is we're having a Ward 8 meeting, October 26 at seven o'clock. We're going to be having some representatives from Housing, Planning and Zoning community. I'm sorry to have this mask on. Can you all hear me? Yes. Okay. Community policing, community questions and concerns. I need you all to come in. Because it's time that we learn about each other, become more of a community help each other. As my colleague Councilman Tanner said not too long ago. We can't do this without you. This is our city, but this is your city to if you want it to run, work, right? Be active. If you see something wrong, say something, be part of the beep don't don't become the problem. Fix the problem. And another thing I want to say is congratulations to our police officers who just joined, hey, safety is excited about us having more people in our police department. It makes our streets safer. So with that being said, thank you and have a good evening.

President Mancuso

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Councilwoman Steele, can you tell us where you're having your meeting and what time.

Councilwoman Steele

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The meeting will be at the Euclid Public Library in the Shore Room from 7 to 8:30.

President Mancuso

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Thank you. Briefly, what I have is at the next or before the next city council meeting for my council colleagues that are having way too much fun over there. You're all together again, it's a little scary. We will be having a Work Session that'll start at 6:15 for financial update. So mark it in your calendars now. It'll come out when it normally would, but kind of put it in there now 6:15 Just prior to the October 17 meeting. And I just want to take a very, very

brief time to... you're seeing up here how council and the administration have worked together how we expect when we have a question, we have people that will help us get answers. We had a new business that came into Euclid and had an open house in their Plaza this past Sunday, yesterday and it took a, almost an army to get this person where they needed to be. And it took a lot of time by Miss Grida in the last four or five days beforehand. But what I'm saying to my council colleagues, when you promise your constituents something, you have to follow through, you can't just stop talking to them, you can't stop getting emails, you can't have a filled voicemail. Because the next call is to the council clerk. And her call is to me. So now I have to get all the information. And I've got to come in here and do that, which is fine. And the young man wanted to do the best he could to open this up, he enjoined all the other stores in his Plaza to come out and do this open house, which was wonderful. But the fact that he had to go through multiple layers is not wonderful. And it's not what I would expect of any of us. So I'm saying if you promise your constituents something, follow through. Because if you don't, everybody else has to. Make sense? So thank you, again, thank you for the different departments that got involved, because it was, it was a lot. And the young man did well and they did well yesterday. And with that, if there's nothing else, I will ask for a motion to adjourn. So moved by Councilwoman Steele. Second by Councilman Jarosz.

All in favor, "Aye."

We are adjourned.

#### ADJOURNMENT

  
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Council President