

EUCLID CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 7, 2022

**This regular Council Meeting was held on Monday, November 7, 2022
at 7:00pm 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 November 7, 2022. 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

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Tanner, Here. Tolton, Here. Epps, Here. Jarosz, Here. McIntosh, Here. Wojtilla, Here. Jukic, Here. Steele, Here. Mancuso, Here.

President Mancuso

0:52

Thank you. Do we have any communications?

Clerk Laboda

0:56

We have no communications.

President Mancuso

Thank you. And for **Council Minutes**, we will go to Councilman Wojtilla.

Councilman Wojtilla

1:01

Thank you, Madam Chair. I'd like to make a motion to accept Council minutes from October 3, 2022 and October 17, 2022.

President Mancuso

1:08

Thank you. Do we have a second? So moved by Councilman Tolton.

All in favor, "Aye."

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

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS AND COMMUNICATION

Mayor Gail

1:18

Good evening, Madam Chair, members of council and those joining us. I have a couple of thank you's and a couple of announcements and then several of the directors or chiefs do as well. I'd like to start by thanking the recreation department and everyone who participated in the trunk or treat. It was a really fun event, wonderful kids and families and appreciate all the volunteers who hosted by decorating their trunks and passing out candy to I'm told 775 people. So lots of kids, it really was a lot of fun. I also had the chance to participate in the schools, Trick or Treat wasn't trunk or treat, but the going from classroom to classroom the Tuesday before and that was also fun and had a lot of kids there. But I do also want to thank our residents, so we had a lot of really positive comments about Halloween in Euclid this year. There was a lot of it was a beautiful night and a lot of fun people had. So thanks to everyone who participated there. Thank you to the Metroparks. On October 19. We broke ground on the Euclid Creek connector trail which will connect from Euclid Creek down across Euclid Avenue to the former Central Middle School site is phase one. Eventually, plans have to be continued and finish but will eventually connect down to Euclid Beach Park. So we're very excited that that has been broken ground and they're working along with that. And then the next week on October 27. They cut the ribbon for a new trail in Euclid Creek Park, which is out of the Welsh Woods area which is about halfway up the park. There's a pedestrian bridge that goes over the creek and then it opens up to a new part of the Euclidean Metroparks. Up on the on the southern side or the I guess this up the Richmond Heights side. So a whole new part of the park opens up. I would invite everyone and there's a beautiful overlook at the top of the hill so you do have a little bit of a hike up but it's beautifully done. All done in house for the Metropark so I want to thank them for their continued investment and we look forward to the connector trail to come. I also want to thank Keep Euclid Beautiful and BWXT, we that they officially open to new litter libraries. This is a takeoff of the free little libraries, but have litter supplies so if you are so inclined and would like to do a cleanup at either Sims Park or Hero Park, there are supplies in the free litter libraries. And thank you BWXT helped fund those and Keep Euclid Beautiful put them in so a great partnership. Thank you to another great partnership, Amazon, University Hospital safe kids and Euclid

Police Department gave bicycle helmets to every elementary school kid at Euclid elementary schools. It was over the course of four days. Many volunteers from Amazon from the police department and from the Safe Kids coalition came and measured the kids heads and provided everybody with a helmet and so it was a lot of fun. But also a great program along with that the Safe Kids Coalition did conduct an education program for each of the elementary schools as well about the importance of helmets and protecting their amazing brains. So another great partnership and I want to thank Amazon and Safe Kids. If you would like to support Safe Kids. Every year the Euclid Police Department, community policing participates in a mock tail event. They create a drink that is non alcoholic so mocktail and there's a lot of raffle baskets and activities and events around Safe Kids. So this year it's going to be, they're back in person after a number of years having it virtually. This will be Thursday, November 17. From 5:30 to 8:30. It is at the IX Center. But I will say our community policing department is always very creative and always has a very creative drink. So anyone is welcome to join that. Tickets are available through their website and we can make sure we have information on our website for that. Veterans Day is this Friday, November 11. At 11 o'clock, we will host the joint Veterans Council Veterans Day ceremony here we invite everybody to join us to recognize and celebrate our wonderful veterans. Reminder that Election Day is tomorrow polls are open from 6:30am to 7:30pm. Please make sure you exercise your right to vote. It's very important. Educate yourself on the candidates and the issues and please do your part. We are working with Cordell Stokes, you've got resident who works with Ohio Means Jobs and we will be working with the Cleveland Builds Coalition Ohio Means Jobs that Euclid Public Library and Amani church to bring a workforce event to the Euclid library next Wednesday, November 16, from one to four. This will be an opportunity for people to learn about trades and how to get involved in that and also how to apply for county jobs. So it's a combination of a county jobs application and workforce trades application event. I'm still waiting on the flyer from Cordell. I expect to have it tomorrow. So we'll make sure that's available through the website and send it out through our networks and to council as well so you can get the word out a great opportunity to learn about available jobs. Keep Euclid Beautiful is also hosting an event for America Recycle days. It's a free recycling workshop. Next Tuesday, November 15. Doors will open at 630. The presentation will begin at seven and that's right here in City Hall. They do it is free but they ask that you register through the website at cityofeuclid.com. Director Knecht could not be here and ask that I share a couple of updates on the construction projects. East 185 paving was starting today to wrap up the roadwork for the winter. The work will continue into next year. Euclid Avenue was paved last week. They're trying to wrap up the lane lining and the painting of lanes this week. Lakeshore Boulevard the last section of the water line is being tested by Cleveland water. That's the part from 225 to 228. And if it passes this week, they will immediately start to tie in the connections. The service department is meeting with Cleveland water on Wednesday

to figure out how the project will be handled going into the winter. All of those projects have been unfortunately impacted by inability to get supplies, protect specific pipes or and the piece that they need to. It's also now becoming increasingly difficult to get concrete. So they've had to struggle with that as well. Lloyd road was scheduled to be paved. There was a part of Lloyd Rd that has been closed due to an emergency water break that was scheduled to be paved and opened up today. So hopefully, that happened. And lastly, I just want to provide council, you have these on your desk, we wanted to provide a very easy to read graphic that keeps track of how we're spending our American rescue plan funds. You'll see across the top, the total awarded amount 25,000,409,000 minus the part that has been committed to date, and the total uncommitted. And then below if you remember we talked about several categories and priorities of how we were planning to spend our funds. And those categories you see across this next line public safety and crime prevention, Housing and Community Development, Economic business and recovery, public improvements and infrastructure, community health and wellness and then the revenue replacement. In the gray boxes you'll see the pieces that have been specifically approved and allocated those each were approved by Council. The category total is what we sort of have in pencil or in draft of the categories what we had anticipated for each of those categories. And then the bottom line is funds that are still uncommitted. So those are projects that we have ideas for or count. It's all or the community may have ideas for and we will be bringing forward as we receive them. So you'll just wanted to prove you just wanted to provide a brief update on what actually has been spent, what actually has been committed, and the areas that still are left uncommitted that we have work to do to figure out how to get the best bang for that buck. So this will be is available on our website as well, as well as more detailed information about all the categories the plan, and of course the place for residents to provide some input. So just wanted to provide that update it in a graphic form that I think is easy to read and look forward to any questions or comments that you may have. Madam Chair, I will turn now to Director Stephens to provide an update on what he's been working on.

Recreation Director Stephens

10:55

Thank you, Mayor, Madam Chair to Council and to the residents, just wanted to take a quick moment to let Council know and the residents know where we are as it pertains to the newly proposed City of Euclid Recreation and Wellness Center. Director Grogan-Myers has been instrumental and helping us put together the initial framework of the RFQ that will request statements of qualifications and fee proposals from architectural and engineering firms to assist the city in planning this effort. Director Grogan-Meyers, Kristal Grida and myself have also discussed with the Mayor a preliminary timeline for the initial phase for the request for qualifications. And the timeline will look something like

this; November 14, we will release the RFQ. The responses are due by December 16. From December 19 until January 10, we will review responses and conduct interviews with the various firms. And hope is January 16, presented to City Council for award to contract. Thank you.

Mayor Gail

12:16

Thank you, Director Stephens, just take a minute to put that into context with the chart because people keeps saying, Well, you know, where are we spending so nothing has been committed yet dollar wise. So you don't see anything listed in the gray box under community health and wellness. But you do see in the orange box category total of 10,850,000 that has been set aside for that category. So I did just want you to see nothing shows up in the gray box unless it's been approved and committed by Council. So Council did approve us making that a priority. As Director Stephens said he's been working to get to the RFQ. And we hoping that will be out next week. So moving forward, but until anything is officially committed through councils action, will not show up in that box.

Assistant to the Mayor, Grida

13:13

Thank you, Mayor. Just a couple of things tonight, I wanted to congratulate Josh Longstreet and Jimmy Washington. Those are two of the guys that were on our nuisance team under Building and Housing and they applied for and did get jobs in our Service Department. So they're now retained with Euclid in a little more of a career position. So just congratulations to them and to us. They're really great guys I know they'll do a good job over there. December 2, mark your calendar, is the annual Euclid Holiday Lighting event. It's held inside and outside of Shore Cultural Centre down where in Triangle Park, where 222 and Babbitt meet. Maria's restaurant, this year, is donating 15 gallons of homemade chicken noodle soup which is wonderful for us to be able to give away. We'll have free hot cocoa as well. And we did this week open up an opportunity for residents to reserve a four foot by eight foot piece of plywood to make a holiday card to be displayed at the event. In four days, they were all reserved so it was very quick. So I did send everybody an email. But if you've reserved one you're listening tonight, you can pick up your plywood at Shore Cultural Centre at door six in their back parking lot. Monday through Friday from eight to five starting this Wednesday and going through November 18. So please remember it will be displayed for the first time at the holiday lighting event, but make it so that it lasts all of December. So definitely consider the weather. So we thank numerous new residents for reserving one of those we kind of look forward to seeing what those will look like. And also we did start the Event Center Taskforce last week as promised, we have our second meeting coming up this week. So hearty conversation. Want to thank

Councilman Tanner for coming to that meeting and I think we're going to get to a good place and have something to present to council by the end of November. Thank you very much.

Mayor Gail

15:08

Thank you, Director Grogan-Myers.

Planning & Development Director Grogan-Meyers

15:10

Thank you. Good Evening Council. Good evening, members of the public. I want to start off with some good news tonight. After several years of conversation, interruption by COVID We have collected the required petitions needed to establish the downtown special improvement district. I want to be sure to thank Economic Development Manager Callie Cripps, Executive Director of the Euclid Chamber of Commerce, Dana Heil for their tag team effort in helping to deliver this instrumental test special improvement district for the downtown area. We look forward to working with all the property owners to continue the great improvements in the downtown area. Our next steps are working to put all the legal instruments in place which will involve also bringing some legislation before Council hopefully at the next council meeting. So just wanted to share that great update and also give you a heads up that that legislation will be coming your way shortly. Second, the Heritage Park Home Repair Grant, you've heard me talk about it for months now. It officially launched last week. The grant application is available through CHN Housing Partners website. They will be administering the grant program on behalf of the city. That grant application can be submitted online or via telephone, you can call CHN direct and they will take the application over the phone. It's 14 short questions, we tried to make it as user friendly, resident friendly as possible. We are also working to set up in person times down at the Euclid Avenue mini station to be able to do that in person for those who aren't comfortable with the telephone or with the computer. So more information will be shared via the city's channels shortly. Additionally, there's two pieces of information that were put on your desk this evening. The first is rental assistance. So as we head into the holiday season, making sure that residents who were financially impacted by the COVID 19 pandemic have the resources to be able to stay in their homes for Thanksgiving for Christmas for the holiday season is incredibly important. There is limited funding available. But there is funding available for rental assistance for income eligible households, landlords may receive up to 18 months of rental assistance to help take care of back payments and get residents caught up. CHN will also be administering this program. And they will work to connect residents with other assistance programs that can help with utilities such as electric gas, water and sewer to help make them more affordable. So this is a great program that is available. And the the website to obtain

that application is NEOrent elp.org That's as in Northeast Ohio. So NEOrenthelp.org where you can call 833-377-7368. I provided you with copies of that flyer and also have provided the council clerk with the digital copy should you require additional flyers to be printed. Finally, one council member asked for an update on the Euclid land bank, the status of the transactions that are going on in the land bank. I want to thank Commissioner Muscatello for putting together what is a comprehensive land Landbank Inventory spreadsheet that you have copies of at your desk that gives you a snapshot in time of where we're at as of early October. And there's also a cover sheet on there with some frequently asked questions. I recognize that tonight we have several landbank applications coming before you for your review. But it's not often that we're considering the various impacts that the landbank may have on the community. So just wanted to provide those frequently asked questions in this summary in response to that request, but certainly happy to answer any other questions that may come up. Thank you.

Mayor Gail

19:05

Thank you and Chief Haddock.

Fire Chief Haddock

19:09

Thank you, Mayor Madam Chair Members of Council and those watching. I mentioned that at the last meeting but I believe it's worthy of mentioning again that as we changed our clocks yesterday in the early morning. It is very important that we check our smoke alarms, check your go ahead and test it and make sure that it's functioning properly making the sound that it should and you want to check the date on your smoke alarm. If it is more than 10 years old, you need to replace it. And the you could fire department in conjunction with the American Red Cross will do that free of charge for owner occupied homes. You can call 216-289-8402 and we'll schedule an appointment to do that for you. And also if you live in an apartment, if you're if you're having issues with that if your smoke alarm is not working please reach out to your building maintenance or super the superintendent and have that addressed. Thank you.

Mayor Gail

20:03

Thank you and Captain Houser.

Police Captain Houser

20:07

Thank you, Mayor and Chair, City Council, Residents. I'm happy to announce the start up of one of our oldest and longest running programs for PAL ball basketball that started this Friday. And that's going to continue on through the rest of the year and into the wintertime and 2023. That's held at the Panther Field House to the graciousness of our partner that Euclid Schools, that goes on every Friday, from six to nine for sixth, seventh and eighth graders. There's a one time signup fee of \$5 for the whole program. And that can be done either registered at the door with a parent or guardian or also done online. So we're happy to get back to that having that program full time. And again, that will run throughout the entire winter.

Mayor Gail

20:48

Thank you, Captain. That completes our announcements this evening, Madam Chair. Thank you.

President Mancuso

20:52

Thank you. And we will now go to **Committee Documentation** and I will turn it over to Councilman Jarosz to do his summaries.

Councilman Jarosz

21:00

Thank you, Madam Chair. The first committee chair summarie's for the Safety Committee held on October 5 of 2022. The meeting agenda items were as follows One, ordinance 078-22. An ordinance enacting section 503.31 parental responsibility of chapter 501 General Provisions administration and enforcement of the general offenses code of the codified ordinances for the City of Euclid, hold parents and guardians responsible for certain acts of minors and to discussion concerning armed security guards. Administration staff present were Mayor Gail, Law Director Sweeney, Chief Myer, as well as Kate McLaughlin. Committee members president were Council persons Tanner, Tolton, Epps and Steele, also attending was Councilperson McIntosh as well as Council President Mancuso. So issues discussed Ordinance 078-22 parental responsibility, the legislation was for in response to the growing level of serious criminal activity being perpetrated by juveniles in our community, for example, through August of 2022, and based upon EPD data, just under 30% of all criminal charges were attributed to juveniles. The committee discussed wide ranging issues surrounding juvenile criminal activity, including the state of the Cuyahoga County Juvenile

system, and diversionary programming. Some committee members expressed concerns about the legislation potentially being too punitive, and the ordinance remained in committee pending revisions to armed security guards. Councilman Tanner relayed a situation where a business award one was hosting an event and planned on having armed security in plainclothes discussions surrounded the desire to have armed security clearly identified in order to not cause confusion or alarm. Among patrons and or law enforcement. The committee administration explore different options but there's no specific outcome or legislation. The only actions taken was that the ordinance or parental responsibility stayed in committee. The next is the business development and City Planning Committee, which was held on October 19, 2022. The item agendas were as followed ordinance 81-2021 an ordinance establishing a 12 month moratorium on the acceptance and processing of Application for Zoning, occupancy, and or building permits and the issue of such approval for new small box discount stores in the city of Euclid. And number two is proposed legislation 136-21 amending section one of ordinance number 2812 As amended for my campus institutional 2812 as it relates to the designations of you one single family house you two are us two family house and CI campus institutional and UA SF attached single family house districts relative to set property administration staff present or zoning Commissioner Scott Muscatello. Committee members present were council persons Tolton, McIntosh, Wojtila and Steele. Also attending was City Council President Mancuso. One; extending the small box retail moratorium, the majority of council members believe it is appropriate to extend the moratorium on small box retailers. However, it was rightly pointed out that specific research on the topic should be conducted and presented to council. The committee chair intends to bring legislation for another moratorium on small box retailers and will seek the administration's opinion on the subject. The moratorium will allow the administration time to conduct the necessary research and formulate a strategy that will be recommended to council. Two; rezoning of the former St Roberts property. The Committee received a synopsis of the property's history and a recent public meeting with residents. The intent of the rezoning is to help provide a catalyst for future development because you could will continue to own the property this city can decline any proposal they believe is not congruent. With its long term goals. The rezoning ordinance was unanimous unanimously sent back to council with a recommendation for approval. That being said the issue said Back to Council's recommendation for approval was 136-21, the St Roberts rezoning. There was no action taken on ordinance 81-2021.

President Mancuso

25:11

Thank you. And on October 17, we had a Council Work Session. This was a city's financial update through September, where we had receipts of 41,800,578, which is at 88.93% of what was budgeted for the entire year.

We also had through September, a general fund balance of 11,959,767 for year to date, September. We have more cash on hand due to transfers into the account by income tax collections that are currently 2.7 million above where they were one year ago. We also have ARPA funds that were transferred into this account. Director Smith had a budget amendment where he addressed multiple identified areas in it. We also had a contract that we are doing with Laketech to address some of our IT issues and to help us reconfigure our network that will sustain the city for at least the next five years. Director Smith also discussed legislation that amends the appropriation ordinance, so Council has a clearer understanding of each element of the amendments to be presented in legislation. This included monies for the golf course equipment, these dollars will be reimbursed to the city by the golf course operating budget, and additional dollars were allocated to wastewater treatment for vendors, etc. Director Smith also reviewed the expense audit, which described both and conferences and expenses made for the fund 259. The actions taken, actually none, as this is an informational educational census for council members. There was a question, asking Director Smith to bring us, at our next work session, and update from our tax department and how we're doing with collecting the delinquent taxes. And we should see that at our next work session. And with that the meeting was adjourned.

President Mancuso

I will now go to Councilman Wojtila.

Councilman Wojtila

27:20

Thank you, Madam Chair. I'd like to make a motion to approve Board of Control minutes from October 11, October 17, and October 24. The safety committee meeting from October 5, Council Work Session from October 17 and the Business Development and City Planning Committee meeting on October 19.

President Mancuso

27:39

We have a motion on the floor. Do we have a second? So moved by Councilwoman Steele.

All in favor, "Aye."

Thank you. We will now go to our first **Committee of the Whole for Legislative Matters** only. Anyone wishing to speak please come to the podium. State your name, address and please limit your remarks to five minutes.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

Resident – Jeffery Beck

28:16

Jeffery Beck, 25540 Chatworth. Item number nine, the \$250,000. We want to spend on social programs. Through Moore Counseling Center, I don't think this is a good use of the money. I think the county, the state and the federal take care of all the available needs. They haven't solved the problem to why do we think we're going to solve anything with this spending this money? I think it's a very poor use. About 15-20 years ago, I served on Weed-n-Seed with the same people that are promoting this legislation. And I recall one of the early meetings and they just finished up a program for kids. And I said coming out of the private sector. I said well, what were the results? And they looked at me like I was from Mars. And I said don't you judge each program to see if it was money well spent, money that we were given? And they said no. And I said well, what do you do then? Well, we just go on to the next program. Those people who said that are sitting in this room tonight. So I can see history repeating itself. We're going to take \$250,000 and just wash it down the drain without any results. I think that money would be much better spent trying to abate some of the crime in the city we had I think two people killed over the weekend by gunfire and the guy walked in Huntington Bank this morning with two gunshot wounds. So, there's where I think the public will get behind you. And be a good use of that money not doing this this is this is wrong. I don't see this is just, frankly, just wasting money. But I hope it's a first reading. It doesn't state that on the legislation, but I hope it's a first reading it shouldn't pass tonight. You had a committee meeting last week. And all of a sudden you have the legislation already drawn up and on the on the agenda for tonight. And that sounds like everything's been preordained. But I have no doubt that it's going to pass. With the current makeup of Council, I think if the Mayor proposed legislation that every resident had to stand on their head every Tuesday at 4pm. She'd have six votes, at least six votes. So that's on you. So I hope you think very long and hard about how we're spending this money and spend it wisely and don't waste it. Thank you.

President Mancuso

31:04

Thank you. Next speaker please.

Resident Audrey Kaplan Goodman

31:12

Good evening. I'm Audrey Kaplan Goodman 20201 Glen Russ Ave. I wasn't able to attend the E & F meeting last week, but I did watch it from

home. First and foremost, the agenda for tonight's meeting was distributed citywide by email last Wednesday afternoon. And this item was already on the agenda. How in heaven's sake, did that happen? Seemed kind of strange to me. When the meeting hadn't even taken place yet. Frankly, I'm appalled at what Council is proposing to approve this evening. Granting Moore Counseling almost a half a million dollars in the next two years, would be like throwing money down the drain, and watch it go down into our sewer system. Victor was correct when he said when he stated that no problem was ever solved by throwing money at it to Mrs. Grida's credit and I mean you no disrespect. Kristal, your heart is as big as the world. I love you for that. But you stated over and over that you have worked with the same families repeatedly for years now. Things don't change. People are given the resources to use if they want help. You can't make people take advantage of programs that already exist for them. If they don't want to do it. It's not our job to babysit them and fix their family situations. Having experienced this volunteering in the juvenile justice program as a casa, I fully know that family dynamics have been in place for years, sometimes for generation after generation. We can't fix them. And it should not be the city's job to get involved in social services. Moore Counseling is a true asset in our city. I commend Dr. Martina and Reverend Brian Moore for the wonderful work they do in the areas of drug and alcohol addiction, rehabilitation and mediation. But I must believe that they are already contracted with Cuyahoga County and get paid from them. Why does our city need to give them more money? Looks like double dipping to me. Why should we assist in managing cases for them? That's their job and the job of the county social workers assigned to them. I know the system is overburdened. But that's not our fault or our problem. The county needs to solve that on their own. Did more counseling ask for these funds, or did we just offer them to them? Mayor Gail, How did this come about? Did this come about because Reverend Moore is a former Councilman? It is this Council's business to handle the purse strings for our city and how funds are spent? Did any one of you request a financial report for Moore Counseling to review their financial situation? Did you ask Director Smith for one? I'd like an answer from all members of council on this when it is discussed tonight. ARPA funds are meant for the community as a whole, not just one small entity. This request does not meet those criteria. To state that this will help stop crime is ludicrous. A good portion of crimes committed in our city are committed by juveniles. Moore Counseling only works with those over the age of 18. So this would not even be a factor to be considered. Our Police Chief is truly at his wit's end dealing with all the juvenile crime taking place in our city. But he's not alone. The majority of cities surrounding us are dealing with this day in and day out. Solutions for this have to come from the County and State levels of our government. If any one of you reached out to Cuyahoga County officials for help and guidance for solutions, I highly doubt it. This piece of legislation needs to be voted down this evening. Council needs to put their business heads on and not make decisions of this magnitude with their hearts. That's not what your job is. Euclid is a

business like all other cities, you are in not social workers spending this type of money would be fiscally irresponsible. Your personal feelings should not play any part in this decision this evening. Please vote no on number nine. Thank you.

President Mancuso

35:12

Thank you. Next speaker please.

Resident Dana Heil

35:25

Dana Heil, 21771 Priday Avenue. I've been a Euclid resident for 40 years. And prior to being the Director of the Euclid Chamber of Commerce, I worked in Euclid for 30 years at local churches. I'm excited about proposal for number nine, because I know what it can mean to the city, its residents and the wide variety of nonprofit organizations that serve the people of Euclid. More than 25 years ago, an organization called the Euclid Collaborative operated in the city. Long before Kristal Grida was in her current position. She invited me as a staff member of St. Christine church to join the Euclid Collaborative, which I did. The County eventually contracted with the Euclid YMCA to run the Euclid Collaborative and provide resources to families in need. Unfortunately, the services were restricted to families with children. And we know that those aren't the only people that need assistance. Other partners provided some help to others in need when possible. We all work together to provide as much service to everyone as possible. At these meetings were first held at a local church, then they moved to the offices of Moore Counseling and mediation services. I personally attended these monthly meetings, collected all of the information provided and filed it for future use. I would get calls the church for a variety of help. The information I received at the Euclid collaborative meetings was priceless. And often let me provide support that I would not have been otherwise able to give. And I have to say even in my current position. Last week, I got a call from somebody that moved into the city of Euclid that was blind, and wanted to know where he might get services. And I often get calls from people that want to donate things and want to know where the best place to give is. I'm able to rely on information that I knew from years ago. These meetings ended when the Euclid YMCA closed to the detriment of all the partners. We often hear about the lack of mental health services available and how our police department is called for issues that are more mental health related than criminal. I'm sure that this program would help alleviate some of that. How valuable would it be to connect a resident with mental health services to avoid multiple calls to the police department? Let the police deal with criminals and let mental health professionals deal with mental health issues. We've all read the stories about how overwhelmed the county social workers are. If we create a problem to serve our if we can create a program to serve

our own residents. Why not? I am here to recommend and support this legislation because I've seen how this type of program can make a difference. The cost for the program is reasonable for two employees with benefits office space and supplies for two years. My understanding that it wasn't half a million that is \$250,000 over two years. As most people know I have a relationship with more counseling and mediation services with started when I was a pastoral minister at St. Christine church. In my experience, they have consistently provided free support for the city and the community. The owners live in Euclid and have office in Euclid and have repeatedly shown their commitment to the community. More important than that they have the expertise and the resources to make this pilot successful. This is a two year pilot program that will provide services data and renewed partnerships to benefit the residents of Euclid. It doesn't increase taxes, will hopefully assist the Euclid police department and has the potential to save lives. How do you put a price on that? Please pass this ordinance. It's worth the investment.

President Mancuso

39:08

Thank you. Next speaker please.

Resident Victor Goodman

39:13

Victor Goodman, 20201 Glen Russ lane. First and foremost, I want to start off by saying Kristal your heart is great. Your heart is good. Your heart is unbelievable. But this is not a heart issue. This is an issue of dollars. You can't cure people's ills by throwing money at it. I told you that. Let's take a look. For decades, literally decades, billions, maybe even trillions have been spent by federal, state and county To solve these problems, these problems are even greater now than they were 10 years ago. So throwing money at it, especially money that can be used for so many other things a woman you just stood up here about community collaborative, how about giving her money for whatever she is doing to benefit people? Why not give it to churches, who are benefiting people, you just want to give it and hope that people are benefited. Because by the way, Moore Counseling told you, there is no success or failure document given to you. So you don't know if you've helped one person 1000 people or nobody, but you throw money at. And also the thing that incentives me it's a two year program. So what you're going to do is you're going to teach your kid to ride a bike, then you're going to take the training wheels off, and you're gonna say go, Wait a minute, what happens in the third year, or the fourth year to that person, you're started to help. But let's go back to the help. The Mayor in the new in the new, you could observe her cut ribbon. What does she cut it for? She cut it for the Community Action Agency for Cuyahoga County, which just opened an office right here. And what do they do? Each NOC has the licensed social workers and caseworkers on staff to help broker the

variety of services that families need. So we already just opened up a new, a new place to help us. Now, I do understand one other thing. Then Miss Grida said that this is a lot of phone calls every day. Well, we put \$10 million into the general fund, let's hire an assistant for Miss Grida, whose sole job is to answer those phone calls, and direct people to the proper agencies for their help. You are under the illusion that if you find somebody with a need, they are going to go to that need. That is a false image. If any of you have ever had children, you know, I can teach you what to do. But that doesn't mean you're going to do it. Okay. Why didn't we go out to bids on this? Why only Moore Counseling the only person that was thought about? And again, there there is a problem here with being a former councilman, but you want to spend money well, how about helping seniors? I just pay 50 bucks to get my lawn blown. Blow the leaves, I should say, Okay, you Why don't you donate money to the food bank that's guaranteed to help people? Why don't you give it to churches or anybody else. But what you don't understand is once you open the door to this, it's a never ending door. It's a never ending course. And if you feel good, you know, this is when the birds are flying around your head. And you're saying to yourself, oh my god, this is going to do so much good. Give the money to people like this woman who have agencies. And by the way, did anybody check does Moore have contracts with Cuyahoga County? If they do this is double dipping? Because they get the same referrals from all municipal court. If they do not have a contract with the county any longer, then why are we supporting a private business that this kind of money? So there are so many questions to be asked here. And yes, everybody wants to help I donate money. I donate my time. I work for causes. I have been in summer programs to help feed children. You want to do something good. Donate it to St. Jude's. Donate it to the Rainbow baby hospital. Give it where things can be needed. Help people what you're doing is just taking money to make yourself feel good into a business you have no knowledge of and Moore Counseling is a great company and they already provide that service. They don't need your money to provide it.

President Mancuso

44:47

Thank you. Next speaker please

Resident Lynn T.

45:05

Good evening. My name is Lynn (unrecognizable) I live at 111 East 204 Street here in Euclid. And I want to use my time detached of as best I can emotions from someone who grew up in East Cleveland, where there were many different social ills. And now looking at Euclid that has very, some very similar social ills that I experienced as a young man growing up. One of the things that I want to address is, is it our problem to engage brokenness in our community? Is that our job? Is that the city's job? And

I would argue, absolutely, it is, if the citizens and residents within our community are human beings with value and dignity. And if we agree to that, that they have value and dignity, by rights, their problems become ours. And I'm not necessarily advocating for the Moore the ECC collaborative, but I am arguing that it is our job to do something. I remember last meeting, Kristal talked about over 28 calls coming in a day with and this is not necessarily a police problem, this is not necessarily a first responders problem, but who's problem is it? It's all of ours as a community to step into brokenness and try to bring healing. It has been mentioned the amount of money for this bill. And again, I'm not advocating for or against, but I think that if we can spend hundreds of \$1,000 on parks, we can spend money upon human beings who have value and dignity, I think it'll be worth continuing to investigate what would be the best way to engage the brokenness in our community. So I think we need to take our time with this. But I think that this is an issue that we must continue to wrestle with. And so with that being said, I will close by saying this, I personally am burden for the youth and many of the issues that they are experiencing. And that's one of the reasons why we have chosen to engage the high school and we're doing a live study at the library, and we're engaging the youth. But I can tell you that talking and conversing with many of these young people, they are broken. Many of them have grown up without their their parents, many of them are being raised by their grandparents, many of them are searching for identity, and finding identity in the wrong places. Many of them are struggling with anger and aggression. And I say that it's not their behavior is a fruit of a deeper issue. And I believe it is our responsibility to step alongside these young people and call out their potential, call out their value and dignity and come alongside them and help them in life. And so that's what our organization wants to do. I know that's what many of you want to do. And I believe that's what many people in the community would want is that we would step alongside the brokenness and help bring wholeness. Thank you.

President Mancuso

48:35

Thank you, sir. Next speaker, please.

Elizabeth Russo

48:43

My name is Elizabeth Russo. Sorry, I'm nervous. I live at 19704 Muskoka Avenue. I'm sorry, I'm getting emotional.

President Mancuso

Take your time.

Elizabeth Russo

48:58

I'm not a Euclid resident. I'm a Cleveland resident. But I have so I really can't say how to spend your money. I've worked Euclid City Schools for 23 years as a licensed social worker. I met Pastor Abstan because they donated a bunch of bikes to our kids. And their church was based out of Hudson, Ohio. And they told me they were outreach ministers. And I was just happy to get free bikes, to be honest. So we partnered and I said to myself, well, you know, schools and government agencies aren't supposed to partner really, and do this. And he came into my classroom with freshman seminar. And he talked about how God touched his life and how this man who didn't look like him was his mentor. And to trust people, even though they don't look like you and these are ninth graders. Probably some of the juveniles that you talked about in your crime rate. There isn't a lot of programming for kids. Um, I would propose the library open a little earlier than four, so they could get in there and do some of their programming earlier. But at the same time, I'm a licensed social worker for 2200 kids at Euclid High School. Just this year due to COVID money, we were able to get some behavior specialists, wellness people. I was on the planning committee with with Kristal. Everyone says she has a big heart. It's it's much bigger than that. She was trying to do that just give people things but teach them resiliency, and sustainability. And you're right people, people don't always drink the water, you know, when you give it to them. But is that any guarantee for teachers, either kids that are expelled or suspended? Now their professors I met universities 10 years later? How can we guarantee behavioral success? The one thing about Moore mediation is they do keep data, they're up on their business. They know their facts, they know, case management, or I don't think their business would be as large as it is. People don't sustain themselves just on a prayer and a song. I knew Martina, Dr. Moore, you know, when she started here, and she opened her doors for our collaborative and gave us resources. And I'm happy to get this flyer and information. But I don't want to just give people flyers all the time. They have to we have to have someone helping our families. We're struggling, we can't do in school stuff, and community outreach and go into the homes and work with the kids and do the programs in the classrooms. I mean, teachers are overwhelmed with just trying to do their everyday teaching and help kids achieve. I do believe it takes a village to raise a child, we have to do this, the police are trying to do what they can do. This would help the police to have some kind of venue to refer to not just on a whim where they give Martinez card or more card, but they have an actual number, an actual case manager to follow up. Now, I would probably say that 18 month is a little long term, I would say maybe measure that according to individuals, you know, maybe that's just a guesstimate. I don't know. But I wasn't going to speak today. But I felt so emotional. Because even my top achievers who come to my office and

say things like, you know, my mom drinks so much. And she likes her boyfriend over me. And but that they're achieving, they're achieving. But they're sad. You know, they're just sad. And they're in there making it work. And so I don't know, I guess this is just an emotional plea. And I know it's money. But I've worked without a budget for many years. I work kind of on a prayer and a song myself. And thank God the police department has brochures in their lobby for domestic violence. I've taken a few of those. Thank you very much. Whatever we can do to help our city and our kids and our families. I'm for it. But like I said, I'm a resident of Cleveland, but I have worked in the schools for 23 years. And I appreciate Kristal's effort because this will free her up to do probably what her job description says more so than than that part of the job. Thank you.

President Mancuso

53:29

Thank you. Next speaker please. Seeing none, we will now go on to the legislative portion of our agenda. Madam Clerk, would you please read the first agenda item Thank you Would you please read the first agenda item into the record?

LEGISLATION

Clerk Laboda

54:00

Ordinance 128-22. An ordinance authorizing the sale of permanent parcel numbers 641-16-012 vacant land at 449 East 200 street from the Euclid landbank to Denidrea Bailey on behalf of Deia's Willie, LLC for the amount of \$1,000 as authorized by ordinance numbers 98-2010 and 101-2011.

President Mancuso

54:37

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

All in favor, "Aye."

Thank you. We will now go to Director Grogan-Meyers to begin.

Planning & Development Director Grogan-Meyers

54:49

Thank you, Madam Chair. With us tonight is Commissioner Muscatello. I would ask for him to introduce this legislation and give the background.

President Mancuso

54:55

Thank you. Commissioner Muscatello.

Zoning Commissioner Muscatello

54:57

Thank you, Madam Chair. This legislation will authorize the sale of the mentioned property at 449 East 200 street two from the Euclid landbank to Denidrea Bailey. For property expansion, the proposed landbank sales reviewed and recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission October 11, 2022. And the sale price is for \$1,000 with the conditions that a lot consolidation of the land bank property and the three parcels that Miss Bailey owns be transferred and consolidated within six months after passage. Thank you,

President Mancuso

55:33

Council discussion. Councilman Jarosz.

Councilman Jarosz

55:36

Thank you, Madam Chair. This was a Ward 4 property and I have no issues with this at all. Thank you.

President Mancuso

55:43

Other discussion? Councilman Wojtila.

Councilman Wojtila

55:47

Thank you, Madam Chair. This is this, so is this is this commercially zoned property or is it residentially zoned?

Zoning Commissioner Muscatello

55:56

Madam Chair to the Councilman, this is a commercially zoned property.

Councilman Wojtila

55:59

And this gift did go to the Planning and Zoning Commission, correct? (Yes, it did.) I guess, when I think of the landbank, I normally think of residential properties that we acquire this, this one has a little bit of a

different flavor to it. This is consistent with our landbank policy. But I wonder if our landbank policy needs to be reviewed. If there are other commercial properties. It just happened to have, thank you for passing this out. But it talks about on the bottom of the first page does not to be need to be competitively bid. In order to be sold, land must be sold at a fair market value. So \$1,000 for commercially zoned property seems like a bargain. And I guess I'm wondering if I guess I'd like some confirmation that this is consistent with our current landbank policy, and then ask that we maybe look at that, especially if there's going to be other commercial properties in the landbank.

President Mancuso

57:11

Thank you. Director Grogan-Meyers.

Planning & Development Director Grogan-Meyers

57:12

Madam Chair to the Councilman. Thank you. That is a great question. So yes, this property is consistent. This proposed sale is consistent with the pricing policy as it currently stands. That said that pricing policy is also being reviewed, because we're also seeing properties that maybe don't fit neatly within the pricing policy as it was conceptualized 10 years ago or a little bit more. So the the parcel that's being sold is consistent with the pricing policy, but we knew do need to continue reviewing that as conditions change. That said, as is noted on the flyer, fair market value is defined as the appraised value or the current market value of the property subject to any conditions placed on the property. And in this case, the requirement of it being consolidated with the adjoining parcels is part of that consideration.

Councilman Wojtila

58:02

Okay, thank you. And this, the corner parcel is the one that's acquiring this parcel. That was before us for some other legislative issue. I can't recall what that was after.

Planning & Development Director Grogan-Meyers

58:17

Madam Chair to the Councilman. So the proposed use was a daycare center. And so that was why the matter was before you previously

Councilman Wojtila

58:23

I assume there's been no issues with the daycare.

Planning & Development Director Grogan-Meyers

58:27

Madam Chair to the Councilman, that's correct. As far as we are aware, there's no issues.

President Mancuso

58:30

Thank you. Other discussion?

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Law Director Sweeney

58:34

Madam President?

President Mancuso

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Law Director Sweeney.

Law Director Sweeney

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Madam Chair to council. I am 99% certain that this lot that we have had a house on it. It was residential, and the city demolished that house. So while a commercial entity is buying that lot, it was originally a residential lot that was sandwiched in between some businesses. I don't know if Councilman Jarosz recalls that little house that was in between those businesses there. So it technically was a residential when it was acquired by the city. It's just going to be turning into a commercial.

President Mancuso

59:12

Thank you. Councilman Tolton.

Councilman Tolton

59:15

Thank you, Madam Chair. To Director Grogan-Meyer. Now, with this consolidation of land, are they looking to expand the business build some kind of property on that? Or is it just the land that just consolidated land?

Planning & Development Director Grogan-Meyers

59:34

Madam Chair, the Councilman, actually I'll turn that over to Commissioner Muscatello, who's been speaking with the applicant. Commissioner.

Zoning Commissioner Muscatello

59:39

Thank you, Madam Chair, to the Councilman. The proposal once those properties are consolidated, they're not expanding the physical building. They're going to be creating a garden space and the daycare will use that garden area to educate the children that are the client childrens that attend the business

President Mancuso

1:00:05

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

All in favor, "Aye."

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

All in favor, "Aye."

Those opposed, one.

Madam Clerk, would you please call the roll and the merits of the ordinance?

Clerk Laboda

1:00:33

Steele, Yes. Jukic, Yes. Wojtila, Yes. McIntosh, Yes. Jarosz, Yes. Epps, No. Tolton, Yes. Tanner, Yes. Mancuso, Yes.

Ordinance passes.

President Mancuso

1:00:59

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

Clerk Laboda

1:01:04

Ordinance 129-22. An ordinance authorizing the sale of permanent parcel number 646-22-003 vacant land at 1523 East 193 Street from the Euclid Landbank to Lawrence Lindsay for the amount of \$1,000 as authorized by ordinance number 98-2010 and 101-2011.

President Mancuso

1:01:38

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

All in favor, "Aye."

We will go once again to Director Grogan-Meyer.

Planning & Development Director Grogan-Meyers

1:01:48

Thank you, Madam Chair. I would ask Commissioner Muscatello to speak on this matter.

President Mancuso

Commissioner.

Zoning Commissioner Muscatello

1:01:53

Thank you, Madam Chair. This legislation will authorize the sale of the vacant property at 1523 East 193 Street to Mr. Lawrence Lindsay for the amount of \$1,000 for yard expansion. The proposed landbank sale was reviewed and recommended for approval by the Planning and Zoning Commission at their October 11, 2022. Meeting.

President Mancuso

1:02:13

Thank you. Discussion. Councilman Tanner.

Councilman Tanner

1:02:18

Thank you, Madam Chair. That's in my ward. I don't see any objections to this.

President Mancuso

1:02:25

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

All in favor, "Aye."

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

All in favor, "Aye."

Those opposed, "Nay." That's one.

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

Clerk Laboda

1:02:53

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

Ordinance passes.

President Mancuso

1:03:06

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

Clerk Laboda

1:03:11

Ordinance 126-22. An emergency ordinance authorizing the sale of permanent parcel number 649-04-008 at 20001 Grand Boulevard from the Euclid Landbank to Smartland FND3, LLC for the amount of \$1 as authorized by ordinance numbers, and 98-2010 and 101-2011.

President Mancuso

1:03:47

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

All in favor, "Aye."

We will go once again to Director Grogan-Meyer.

Planning & Development Director Grogan-Meyers

1:03:57

Thank you, Madam Chair. Council before you this evening is definitely this would qualify as an unusual land bank transition or transaction. So I want to spend just a moment here to explain this transaction. So the home at 20001 Grand Boulevard is a single family home single family structure that is built on two parcels. The one that we are considering tonight, that is part of the city's land bank ending in 008. And what we

would call the main parcel, which is the one ending in 007. Previously, this parcel was owned by the same owner who took title to the deed through a deed transfer on March 24 of 2009. However, when the property owner became tax delinquent, because they are two separate parcels, the county prosecutor's office took the two parcels through tax foreclosure in two separate actions. So what that ultimately meant was, the house exists on two parcels went through two different tax work. closures in one parcel ended up in the city land bank, the other was purchased at auction. There are flukes such as this. But what is the purpose of the land bank in part is to address these very issues to resolve these very issues. The city took parcel title to the parcel ending in 008, on February 14 of 2022. And through this work, it did end up resolving over \$6,600 in delinquent taxes, penalties interest in special assessments. So that is a good step forward to resolving that delinquency. And taking that one step further, because the parcel is in the city's land reutilization program. And because it's a single family house, that is split on two parcels, we reached out and spoke with the property owner of 00, parcel endings 007, smart land fnd, three LLC, to make them aware of this issue, and seek to resolve it. And for that reason, we're bringing this legislation before you tonight to sell the parcel for \$1. Now, this doesn't fit neatly neatly within the pricing policy. But the reason we arrived at this is one again, the price is contingent on consolidating the two parcels so that we avoid this situation from ever happening again at this property. So again, using the land bank to address these things going forward. When the consolidation is required, the cost is typically between \$1200 and \$1700. But we're in an unusual labor market. So that's likely going to cost more, the second the house is occupied. And really the the parcel ultimately is not properly suited to be in the land bank long term. We have a responsible property owner, the property is currently registered as a rental, it received a clear rental certificate in May. And there are no other violations existing on the property that are known at this time. So we have a responsible property owner who's interested in taking this parcel in on the condition that it be consolidated, and remedy this issue. In this case, what we're trying to achieve through this \$1 sales price, because this is unusual. And because we're putting a condition that is not normally on this type of transaction, we're using the \$1 sales price as an inducement to do this, this extra action. And additionally, to my knowledge, the city has not needed to cut the grass or deliver other services to this parcel since we took in the property on February 14 of this year. And so for that reason, typically we would have a sales price that's higher, to try to recoup some of the city's costs but in this case, we don't have any costs that I'm aware of. So in this case, be all of those factors combined to arriving at that \$1 sales price on the condition that it be consolidated and remedying this going forward. Thank you. Thank you.

President Mancuso

1:07:45

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

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 Tanner. Those. Those approve those want to prove? Those opposed, there we go. We one opposed. Madam Clerk please call the roll and the merits of the emergency ordinance.

Clerk Laboda

1:08:28

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

Ordinance passes.

President Mancuso

1:08:42

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

Clerk Laboda

1:08:47

Ordinance 131-22. An emergency ordinance amending Section 728.02 license required fee. expiration of Chapter 728. Medical marijuana dispensaries have the business regulation and taxation code of the codified ordinances of the City of Euclid to increase the fee for a medical marijuana dispensary license.

President Mancuso

1:09:15

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

All in favor, "Aye."

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

Planning & Development Director Grogan-Meyers

1:09:26

Thank you, Madam Chair. Council, this piece of legislation increases the annual fee for medical marijuana dispensary facilities in the city from \$2,000 annually to \$5,000 annually. Included with the legislation was a summary table of other dispensary fees in the surrounding area, and how their annual fee structure works. A brief bit of background question was asked as far as how do we arrive at this number and so I just want to

take a moment to give that justification. First as a rule of thumb fee should apply estimate the cost to deliver services. So in this case, that can include monitoring the dispensaries for compliance or potential additional services that the city may need to provide in terms of increased fire and police services. Because currently there's no operating dispensary in the city. At the moment, we believe increasing the fees to \$5,000 will more closely approximate the fees for services based on Commissioner muscatel, whose current time already invested in working with the dispensaries. And based on that time investment and the anticipated ongoing work with the the dispensaries and the services provided and his research into comparable communities. We believe that fee is appropriately sized or scaled, if you will, however, should we see the need should in a year, we see that that's fee is not appropriately sized and scaled, we can come back to council and adjust that fee. So this is not one of those moments where the decision The die is cast going forward. So this is a point that the Planning and Development Department will continue to monitor to make sure that that fee is appropriately sized. Additionally, the question came up well, why not adjust the fee up to say \$15,000? And the answer to that question again goes back to making sure that the fee is appropriately scaled, corresponding with the approximate cost for delivering services. But also, I just want to take a moment and explain that some of the communities that are included in this table and not included in this table set fees substantially higher with the hope of deterring a medical marijuana dispensary from operating in the community. So setting a fee that really sets us a barrier for entry for dispensaries. However, the thinking also being that should the stars align and a dispensary want to open up and they want to pay \$25,000 annually, well, then then it's a windfall for the community. But the vast majority of the communities on that spreadsheet and others who have set fees substantially higher, have not seen a dispensary move into the community because it ultimately was acting as a barrier. So again, we're proposing to increase the fee from 2000 to \$5,000. Annually, believing again that based on our experience and our knowledge to date, this is an appropriately scaled fee. But again, we will be monitoring this and come back to council next year. Should the fee not be appropriate and need to be raised or reconsidered. Thank you.

President Mancuso

1:12:19

Thank you. Discussion. Councilman Wojtila.

Councilman Wojtila

1:12:23

Thank you, Madam Chair. About a year ago, I think we had a couple items that were before us to, I think it was approve the license for the dispensary were either did either did any of those. Were they successful in getting their license from the state?

Planning & Development Director Grogan-Meyers

1:12:42

Madam Chair to the Councilman, Yes. Two were successful. And they are underway in getting the facility built out. They will be open and operating by the end of February of next year. So 2023. And that is part of the reason why we're considering this legislation now is as they gear up to that operation. We want to make sure we have the annual fee setup and in place

Councilman Wojtila

1:13:02

And can you tell us the location of those two dispensaries?

Planning & Development Director Grogan-Meyers

1:13:07

Madam Chair, I would ask Commissioner Muscatello if he remembers the addresses off the top of his head, Commissioner?

Zoning Commissioner Muscatello

1:13:13

Thank you, Madam Chair to the Councilperson. The one location on Euclid Avenue is the former sidewalk cafe. And the other location is on St. Clair 21100, I believe, St. Clair Avenue.

Councilman Wojtila

1:13:31

Okay. I don't remember the sidewalk cafe.

Zoning Commissioner Muscatello

1:13:34

They it was a yellow cross.

Councilman Wojtila

1:13:37

I know where it is. But I don't remember that coming before if but it must have then are we also looking at testing lab and processors and cultivators are we don't need to do that?

Planning & Development Director Grogan-Meyers

1:13:50

Madam Chair to the Councilman that would have to be addressed in a separate piece of legislation. We're currently just looking at the business regulations related to medical medical marijuana dispensary licenses.

Councilman Wojtila

1:14:00

Do we have testing lab processors and cultivators levels One or two?

Planning & Development Director Grogan-Meyers

1:14:06

One in processors.

Councilman Wojtila

Processors? Thank you.

President Mancuso

1:14:14

Any other discussion. Councilman Epps.

Councilman Epps

1:14:17

Thank you to Director Grogan-Meyers. First question, two questions. One, the how many communities for the record are on there that have charged over the \$5,000? And I And then if you could specify obviously those ones that are \$25,000 they're acting as a deterrent is the reason that fee is set in place. But are there any that are slightly over the 5000 in the 7500, \$10,000 range? And if so, how many records?

Planning & Development Director Grogan-Meyers

1:14:47

Madam Chair to the Councilman, I'm aware of at least two on the list, who have a medical marijuana facility with a fee that's higher. The ones I'm aware of include Garfield Heights and Wickliffe. However, in Talking with the Law Director, at least in Garfield Heights, where they have a fee set at \$25,000. That is, as of yet not been paid, while they have a dispensary in the community. So again, we're talking about theoretical

fees at this moment. And ultimately, we have to set a fee that's appropriate to the cost of approximate approximate cost of service here in this community. So while it's great that other communities may be able to charge those fees, and at least one case, they've not collected on that fee, they would have to substantiate that fee and what what justification there was to set it in the first place?

Councilman Epps

1:15:34

And not my reason for asking, but thank you. The second question is the two facilities the St. Clair and the Euclid Avenue facilities, Are they already paid the \$2,000? And if so, how does this affect them moving forward? We change this to 2000. For that moving forward, they'll pay the five or how does that work out for the two of them?

Planning & Development Director Grogan-Meyers

1:15:55

Madam Chair to the Councilman, No, they have not paid the \$2,000 fee yet. The conversation as far as fees has not been had to my knowledge and Commissioner Muscatello can let me know if I'm incorrect in that statement. But this is exactly the reason why we want to address this now. So that as they begin to look at their operations in their budget beginning next year, they can plan this as part of their operations.

Councilman Epps

1:16:18

So it'd be fair to say that in their conversations already thus far with the city, though \$2000 is what they have in their mind for this particular fee. Correct?

Planning & Development Director Grogan-Meyers

1:16:26

Madam Chair, the Councilman, I would ask Commissioner Muscatello, he's done much more work on this. So I don't want to speak out of turn.

Councilman Epps

Appreciate you.

Zoning Commissioner Muscatello

1:16:33

Thank you, Madam Chair to the Councilman. They are aware of a licensing application process and that there is a fee associated with it. It'll be part of their certificate of occupancy process when they go for

that in the late winter, early spring next year. And that's when they will be made aware of the fee.

Councilman Epps

Be made aware of the increase of the new fee.

Zoning Commissioner Muscatello

Correct there. Since it has not been applied. There has not been a license fee issued or sent to them yet, since they have not received a local license. It's part of the local license approval process.

President Mancuso

1:17:12

Councilman Steele.

Councilwoman Steele

1:17:14

Thank you, Madam Chair. Director Grogan-Meyer. My question is, these are annual fees, correct? So if they don't pay those fees, how are we going to police them? What what is the timeframe? Are they going to be or is he going to be extra cost? Or they're going to be penalized?

Planning & Development Director Grogan-Meyers

1:17:45

Madam Chair to the Councilperson, so you're correct that this is an annual fee. There is a penalty section in the medical marijuana dispensary business regulation section. So it does have a penalty associated with not complying.

Councilwoman Steele

1:17:59

Again, but do we have a timeframe? Say for instance, they become licensed. They pay, they don't pay at a certain time frame? Are we going to snatch their license away? Shut them down. How are we going to police it?

President Mancuso

1:18:22

Law Director Sweeney

Law Director Sweeney

1:18:22

Thank you. Madam Chair to the Councilwoman and to all of Council. So in as Director Grogan-Meyer says, said there is a penalty section in this chapter. So we can always bring criminal charges against the entity if they don't pay. Since this is an annual license, kind of like with rentals, we'll have it on a calendar, we'll send a renewal notice should they not pay by the deadline? We always can bring criminal charges. We can deny a local license, let the state know that they're not in good standing with us. We have some options.

President Mancuso

1:18:57

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

All in favor, "Aye."

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

All in favor, "Aye."

Opposed, "No."

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

Clerk Laboda

1:19:26

Epps, No. Jarosz, Yes. McIntosh, Yes. Wojtila, Yes. Jukic, Yes. Steele, No. Tanner, Yes. Tolton, Yes. Mancuso, Yes.

Ordinance passes.

President Mancuso

1:19:45

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

Clerk Laboda

1:19:50

Second reading of Ordinance 136-21. An ordinance to amend section 1 of Ordinance number 2812 as amended, and the map and the map designations which map and map designations as amended form a part of Ordinance number 2812. As it relates to and designates U1 single family house, U2 two family house. CI campus institutional and UASF attached single family house districts relative to said property.

President Mancuso

1:20:33

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

All in favor, "Aye."

We will go once again to Director Grogan-Meyers.

Planning & Development Director Grogan-Meyers

1:20:44

Thank you, Madam Chair. As previously discussed by Councilman Jarosz, this was previously heard in the October 19. Committee concerning City Planning and Business Development. Previous to that the community meeting was held on the council persons Jukic and Macintosh hosted this meeting on site September 20. It was a wonderful meeting conversations with residents in the area discussing the proposed rezoning action. And as we've stated then, and as I'll restate, now, this rezoning action is the first step. It's the opening salvo if you will to this conversation. So this, again signals the start of a conversation as far as the long term plan for St. Roberts, and what we hope to see there. So this is the second reading, certainly happy to entertain an ongoing conversation, but should and when this ordinance passes on third reading, that certainly doesn't mean that we're immediately off to the races, a community conversation needs to continue. We certainly had a lot of great feedback that we want and need to follow up on as far as a larger vision for the site, beyond perhaps just attached single family, inclusion of other potential uses. So that'll be part of the ongoing conversation.

President Mancuso

1:21:58

Thank you. Discussion? Councilman Wojtila.

Councilman Wojtila

1:22:05

Thank you, Madam Chair, and the factsheet. The couple things that need to be clarified one, it says that the ASF zoning is required to be reviewed by architecture Review Board, which is true and ahead qualities such as brick facades. That is not true. ASF doesn't require brick facades. It allows brick facades and gives you an increase in density with brick facades. So I think I wanted to point that out. And then the next paragraph it talks about a budding the municipally owned golf course. I don't believe it does that either. And I guess you know, we talked about ASF. And I support the ASF zoning. And you know, this, like you said, this is the first step, we still control everything about this property because we own the property. So we're not really debating ASF. That's an existing zone that was created in 1983. So I think it's an appropriate zone for this property. So I support it. I know at a committee meeting, or after a committee meeting, one of the residents brought up the idea of form

based zoning, and it was a great email, and I never responded. So I apologize. But form base zoning is, I think, in this location, we don't even have that. So we can't really even do that. But as a developer, which I played a role during the day, it's a very difficult zoning classification to to develop, because it's not very clear. And it's there's a lot of lead. Too much latitude. So I don't think developers like the form based zoning. So I support the ASF zoning. Thank you. USAF.

President Mancuso

1:23:54

Other discussion. Councilwoman McIntosh.

Councilwoman McIntosh

1:23:59

Thank you, Madam Chair. And just to respond to my colleague on the fact sheet. I think part of the confusion with text here is that this originally came along with two other parcels. It was all introduced by former director Allison Lucassi-Love. It was the St. Roberts site, the Russell Erwine site and the Cody property. And I believe that's where some of this text might be applied to all three of those parcels versus just the singular individual parcel or air area. And I as far as the brick facade part, I think that was just an example but that everything would still have to go in front of Architectural Review Board. I am in support of rezoning this. I do think that throughout the multiple community conversations that we've had and will continue to have Um, that this is a good step forward to developing a long, vacant parcel near the city's lakefront near the city's downtown district. Now that it is not in Ward 5, I will of course defer to my colleague in Ward 7 for her opinions and comments. But I am very grateful to her and to the administration for the partnership and putting together the community meeting on the site to discuss the concerns that the residents in the area have. I think we can address that, as the Director stated, in future meetings when reviewing the RFPs. In the responses from developers, we have site control, and that is number one, and we can do what we want in response to those, those RFP responses. Thank you.

President Mancuso

1:25:56

Thank you. Other discussion? Councilwoman Jukic.

Councilwoman Jukic

1:25:59

Thank you, Madam Chair. I agree with my colleagues. And I'm also happy to have this go to a third reading. I think none of us are in any particular

hurry for this. This is an exciting possibility. But there's also a lot of things to consider. So I'm happy to have it go to a third reading.

President Mancuso

1:26:15

Thank you. We have a motion on the floor to go to third reading. Do we have a second? Councilman Epps is a second. Any discussion on it? No. Did you want to say? Did you want to have discussion on going to the third reading? Okay.

Law Director Sweeney

1:26:28

Madam Chair, it has to go to a third reading due to the 30 days. So you don't have to move to do that. It has to go 30 days, which is the next meeting?

President Mancuso

1:26:38

Well, I think we need to state it though, that we're going to a third reading. We know what has to go there. I think we have to state it however, single in a second. Okay. So we have a motion in a second. No further discussion. Madam Clerk, please call the roll and sending this to a third reading.

Councilman Epps

1:26:57

Madam Chair, oh, point of order. I didn't have anything in particular on the motion. But I did have a comment on the piece as a whole cannot comment after it's been motion to a third reading or

President Mancuso

1:27:09

We probably should have commented before we did the motion in a second. But we'll make an exception here right now.

Councilman Epps

1:27:16

Appreciate it. Thank you. I just want to make sure that as a reminder for the public as we move forward with this, I'm gonna support this legislation tonight as well. As we move forward with this before it's offered up or you see it on our agenda to be given to someone for \$1, I

want to make sure that we're reminded that we paid \$675,000, the city did for this particular property. Just want to make sure that residents remember that. Thank you.

President Mancuso

1:27:40

And with that, Madam Clerk, would you take the roll?

Clerk Laboda

1:27:43

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

Passes to send to a third reading.

President Mancuso

1:27:59

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

Clerk Laboda

1:28:04

Ordinance 130-22. An emergency ordinance amending ordinance number 63-2022 authorizing the Mayor of the City of Euclid or her designee to enter into a revised incentive grant agreement with ORBCC Production LLC hereinafter referred to as Collision Bend in the amount of \$150,000 Payable in two \$75,000 increments in 2023 to support the creation of a production and distribution facility and Tap room.

President Mancuso

1:28:47

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

All in favor, "Aye."

And we will go once again to Director Grogan Meyer.

Planning & Development Director Grogan-Meyers

1:28:59

Thank you, Madam Chair. Good evening Council. Again, this legislation amends the existing incentive grant agreement that you had previously approved an ordinance 63-2022. And ultimately, what it changes is just the years that are under the incentive grant agreement, so this does not increase or change the dollar amount of the incentive grant agreement as

a whole. What we're addressing is initially, the incentive grant agreement was for years 2022 and 2023. And due to significant delays in the project, specifically related to supply chain issues and contractor challenges, the project has gotten pushed back. And so ultimately that results in an opening expected in early 2320/23. And so what the incentive grant agreement amendment allows is for the capture period, if you will, for this incentive grant agreement is to look at 23 and 24, not 22 and 23. Here tonight, we have Michael Grano from Collision Bend, as well as Economic Development Manager, Callie Cripps who have been working on this, to make sure that we see this, we reopen and add to our business community. So happy to invite them subject to your approval to allow them to speak to further details.

President Mancuso

1:30:16

Thank you. Do we want to suspend the rules and hear from anybody? I think we're good. Okay. Thank you. Discussion. Councilman Epps.

Councilman Epps

1:30:26

Thank you, Madam Chair. I had no reason why I didn't think it was necessary to suspend the rules to bring them up. Obviously, this is something we don't want to give them. Their money that we've committed to them before the project actually is, has begun and is underway. So this I think, is necessary on our part, we don't want to withdraw the commitment that we've made also to them, but at the same time, we want to make sure that we're given the money when it's timely to do so. So this, to me seems like a no brainer. That commitment was already voted by the same Council. We're just gonna kick the can down the road as far as the deadlines. Thank you for keeping me in the loop on this Director Grogan-Meyer, as well as Director or Manager, Cripps. And happy to support this hope my colleagues support this as well. Thank you.

President Mancuso

1:31:07

Thank you. Other discussion? Seeing none. I'll entertain a motion to close debate. So moved by Councilwoman Steele. Second by Councilman Epps, All in favor, "Aye."

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

All in favor, "Aye."

Those opposed? None.

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

Clerk Laboda

1:31:35

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

Ordinance passes.

President Mancuso

1:31:49

Thank you. Madam Clerk, please call, please read seven seventh piece of legislation into the record.

Clerk Laboda

1:31:56

Resolution 132-22. A resolution authorizing the Mayor of the City of Euclid or her designee to request, accept and expend a grant from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. ODNR Land and Water Conservation Fund program for up to \$500,000 for construction of phase three of the waterfront include improvements plan, Senator Kenny Yuko Park.

President Mancuso

1:32:32

Thank you. I'll entertain a motion for passage to begin the discussion. So moved by Councilman Steele. Second by Councilwoman mortgage All in favor. We go once again to Director Grogan.

Planning & Development Director Grogan-Meyers

1:32:42

Thank you Madam Chair. And thank you council for your patience in allowing me to address the first seven agenda items. This final piece that I'll be speaking on this evening, has to do with a request for grant funds through the Land and Water Conservation Program, which are federal funds passed through the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. The city has previously been awarded these funds for the lakefront trail phase two. So that's the eastern portion of the trail. And we have identified these funds as a great opportunity to continue the work in phase three at Senator Kennedy Yuko Park. In this case, using the previous award from the state capital budget of \$1 million. As the match as under the Land and Water Conservation Fund program, a 50/50

match is required or excuse me, \$1 for dollar match. So ultimately, if awarded \$500,000. A total of a million dollars and improvements need to be made in order to receive reimbursement. We can use the state capital budget funds as a match for the Land and Water Conservation funds. But we've also included the Harbor Town TIF, which has been an ongoing supporter of the lakefront improvements. In total, we are looking at we estimated earlier this year at \$2.5 million in total project improvements. And this is to take it from the mud pit we know now that some cars have driven on even though it's a construction site and gotten stuck, but to take it from that mud pit and turn it into a graded site with plantings grass and a parking lot and ultimately paving the way towards that final vision of a beach house with restaurant, outdoor seating area and so on. So previously, you had supported a passing and supporting the vision and the plan for this. And we are working to implement that plan. So this grant will allow us to move forward in doing so. Thank you.

President Mancuso

1:34:33

Thank you. Discussion. Councilman Wojtila.

Councilman Wojtila

1:34:38

Thank you, Madam Chair. So Director Grogan-Meyer, so, if successful in getting this, how close would we be to the 2.5 million?

Planning & Development Director Grogan-Meyers

1:34:44

Madam Chair to the Councilman. So in the total award, then we would be around \$1.5 million. The estimate from earlier this year was 2.5 million. However, we're currently working with by Bialosky Cleveland, which you had previously authorized to develop that that final budget. So our hope is that we'll ultimately look at a construction timeframe of next year and 23. Our hope is that the construction costs will temper themselves slightly compared to where we have been at previously.

Councilman Wojtila

Thanks. So the estimate is 2.5 million total.

President Mancuso

1:35:17

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

I'll entertain a motion to suspend the rules. Oh, I don't need to do that resolution. Sorry. Madam Clerk, please call the roll on the resolution.

Clerk Laboda

1:35:35

Wojtila, Yes. Jukic, Yes. Steele, Yes. Tanner, Yes. Tolton, Yes. Epps, No. Jarosz, Yes. McIntosh, Yes. Mancuso, Yes.
Resolution passes.

President Mancuso

1:35:51

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

Clerk Laboda

1:35:55

Ordinance 123-22. An emergency ordinance amending Ordinance 58-2022. The 2022 consolidated Compensation Ordinance to clarify the vacation policy accruals and pay out to adjust the pay chart of the benefits and compensation to be paid City of Euclid personnel other than employees of collective bargaining unit.

President Mancuso

1:36:25

Thank you. I'll entertain a motion for passage to begin discussion. So moved by Councilman Wojtila. Second by Councilwoman McIntosh. All in favor, "Aye."
And we will go to Law Director Sweeney.

Law Director Sweeney

1:36:38

Thank you, Madam Chair to Council. Council passed this original piece back in May. And upon further review, and then discussions with the administration about how we're going to roll this out to employees. We felt we still needed additional clarification on some changes. And Councilman Wojtila also emailed me today with some three things that he feels will further clarify the ordinance and I appreciate it very much so we don't have to come back here again, hopefully. The first change is with respect to personal holidays. This is on page six. Your first highlight your copy is highlighted Correct. Personal holidays earned shall be taken in the year in which the personal holidays earned that is not new.

However, some people have carried over because we've not made them burn time. We are going to do that going forward. So we added the additional line any personal holidays banked or carried over from prior years must be used by December 31, 2024. Councilman Wojtila did say that he would like it to say any personal holidays banked or carryover from years prior to 2022 must be used by December 31, 2024.

President Mancuso

1:38:00

So we need an amendment to that?

Law Director Sweeney

1:38:01

If Council feels that is a better wording. Does everybody...

President Mancuso

1:38:05

Does everybody...Everybody have discussion on the amendment to change it to.

Law Director Sweeney

1:38:14

How they banked or carried over from a few years prior to 2022 must be used by December 31, 2024.

President Mancuso

1:38:26

Any discussion? Seeing none. Motion to close debate on the amendment. So moved by Councilman Jarosz. Second by Councilwoman Steele.

All in favor, "Aye."

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

Clerk Laboda

1:38:45

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

President Mancuso

Thank you.

Law Director Sweeney

1:38:59

Thank you. Yes, the next section is right below that in vacations. This is this is a bit of a change in how we are giving folks vacation going forward. We are now giving folks, we, if this passes, we will give folks vacation time once they walk in the door. Currently an employee cannot take vacation for a year. We think that is unreasonable in today's market, and some people come in with already planned vacations, that's reasonable. So, this gives folks a prorated amount of vacation time walking in the door depending on when they start with the city. So it'd be prorated a term of two weeks, but prorated as to when they start. So that is that first paragraph one six of a week's vacation for each full month worked. There's an asterisk down there. Some employees do currently have five or six weeks of vacation. That is no longer going forward all new employees and this was back I think since 2011, vacation has capped out at four weeks. So there are a handful of folks that are grandfathered at five and six. That is just to clarify that also our part time employees do accrue vacation time, but they accrue it at the percentage of the time that they work. They have to work at least 20 hours to be eligible for vacation, and then they earn that let's say they do work 20 hours, everybody else works 40 hours. So they would earn half of a full time employees vacation time. So that then the next section below that still with vacation. You see, I struck out the personal holidays. That's because we moved to that to the personal holiday section, it wasn't appropriate in the vacation section. And then also to clarify, we had discussed with the original version that you passed in May that folks can carry over two weeks of vacation into the following year. But this clarifies the maximum amount of vacation payout that someone may be able to get which is two years of their vacation time accruals. I have no comments from Councilman Wojtila in that section. Does anybody have any comments on that section? Or I can move on? Then the next section? Oh, I'm sorry. Are you good?

President Mancuso

Oh, hang on. Councilwoman Jukic.

Councilwoman Jukic

1:41:29

Thank you, Madam Chair. Thank you, Law Director for opportunity. This is related to being paid out a maximum vacation time of two years. How different is this from the current situation? And are there a lot of people who have more vacation time that they were planning on perhaps a lot of people make those kinds of plans through the years? So some clarification on that, please?

Law Director Sweeney

1:41:58

Madam chair to the Councilwoman, there are not that many people that are going to be having more than two years of vacation on the books. Truly a handful of folks. So I don't think this will affect anyone significantly, folks have been told already through word of mouth, you know that by 2024 they have to start using their vacation time and they can only carry over two weeks. Does that answer your question fully?

Councilwoman Jukic

1:42:24

It's just, it's two years of their vacation time, okay, I misread it that it was just two weeks.

Law Director Sweeney

1:42:29

Correct. So like a person who accrues four weeks of vacation time a year, they can cash out eight weeks of vacation time at the most.

President Mancuso

1:42:37

Thank you. Any other discussion on that so far?

Law Director Sweeney

1:42:42

Okay. And then the next section that we have suggested changes is in the expenses section, that is section 19. On page 10. We do have a travel policy that is kept by the finance department. So in the one section, this is not highlighted right now. So but the first section that's highlighted, you'll see it starts with verification. A couple sentences above that, actually, that's a long sentence. So that starts within the event that an employee has to use a personal automobile etc. So if you keep going further, when trips are taken in the interest of the city, the employee shall be entitled to reimbursement for such unnecessary expense items as our loss incurred. At the end of that sentence. Councilman Wojtila proposed to me that we add the words; and in accordance with the city's travel policy, so that will say when trips are taken in the interest of the city, the employee shall be entitled to reimbursement for such necessary expense items as are thus incurred and in accordance with the city's travel policy.

Councilman Wojtila

1:43:58

If I could add a comment.

President Mancuso
Sure. Councilman Wojtila.

Councilman Wojtila
Thank you. As I was reading this, I thought the whole sentence was related to mileage. And that after reading that second part, and I was I didn't understand what what we were saying like other expenses related to automobile use, or other expenses, period, and I think it's other expenses period. (Correct.) So that's why I wanted to add the phrase in accordance with the city's travel policy.

Law Director Sweeney

1:44:29

So that is one suggestion that he puts there also further, he's got one more on that same paragraph. Such reimbursement shall be paid from the city treasury, upon presentation to the Director of Finance by the Mayor or his/her designee, verification of the approved trip and valid expenses, which is an amendment suggested by Councilman Wojtila; verification of the approved trip and valid expenses and payment will be He made at per diem rates per the city's travel policy. So those are his two amendments that are in that section.

President Mancuso

1:45:10

Discussion. I will make a motion to do the First Amendment. If you'll read it one more time for our council.

Law Director Sweeney

1:45:22

I'm just going to start and I will help Cheryl with this tomorrow. If you don't want to get this one done tonight, I'll help you with the amendments. I'm going to start with the clause when trips are taken in the interest of the city, the employee shall be entitled to reimbursement for such unnecessary expense items as our loss incurred and in accordance with the city's travel policy.

President Mancuso

1:45:45

Okay, I'll make a motion to approve that amendment. So moved by . Second by Councilman Wojtila. Madam Clerk, would you please call the roll on that amendment?

Clerk Laboda

1:45:56

Jukic, Yes. Steele, Yes. Tanner, Yes. Tolton, Yes. Epps, Yes. Jarosz, Yes. McIntosh, Yes. Wojtila, Yes. And Mancuso, Yes.
Amendment passes.

President Mancuso

1:46:18

Thank you. And then I will make a motion for the what will end up being the third amendment. If you will read it one more time.

Law Director Sweeney

1:46:25

Thank you. Thank you, Madam Chair, starting with the word verification in yellow, verification of the approved trip and valid expenses and payment will be made at per diem rates for the city's travel policy.

President Mancuso

1:46:39

Thank you. I need a second. So moved by councilman Wojtila. Any other discussion on that amendment? Seeing none, Madam Clerk, please call the roll on the third amendment.

Clerk Laboda

1:46:53

Jukic, Yes. Steele, Yes. Tanner, Yes. Tolton, Yes. Epps, Yes. Jarosz, Yes. McIntosh, Yes. Wojtila, Yes. Mancuso, Yes.
Third amendment passes.

President Mancuso

1:47:09

Thank you. Let's go back to the full document any further discussion on the amended document as a whole?

Law Director Sweeney

1:47:16

I still have one. Thank you. Yes, I'm gonna go for a little bit longer. I'm sorry. That's all right. So sections two and three. And that same expenses, those have just been struck or stricken. Because they're incorporated elsewhere. Section 20, the PERS we no longer do any of this vacation time, rolling into PERS this isn't a policy that we do anymore. So that has been stricken. And then the only other change is to the actual page chart,

which is at the end with the positions. We noticed that there was a gap between the top end of Section nine and the low end of Section eight, and we can't have a gap there. So we bumped the high end of Section nine to meet a little bit more than section eight.

President Mancuso

1:48:11

So we need to amend that.

Law Director Sweeney

1:48:13

Yes. So that we are requesting that be amended to \$37,000.

President Mancuso

1:48:17

One more. So we have a motion to make the amendment to make the adjustments. So moved by Councilman Wojtila. Second by Councilwoman Jukic. Any discussion on the amendment? Seeing none. Madam Clerk, please call the roll and the Fourth Amendment.

Clerk Laboda

1:48:37

Steele, Yes. Tanner, Yes. Tolton, Yes. Epps, Yes. Jarosz, Yes. McIntosh, Yes. Wojtila, Yes. Jukic, Yes. Mancuso, Yes.
Forth amendment passes.

President Mancuso

1:48:56

Thank you. We will now go to the complete document any further discussion on it? Seeing none, I'll entertain a motion to close debate. So moved by Councilman Tolton. Second by Councilwoman Jukic.

All in favor, "Aye."

I'll entertain a motion to suspend the rules to forego the second or third reading. So moved by Councilman Tolton. Second by Councilman Jarosz, All in favor, "Aye."

Those opposed? One.

Madam Clerk please call the roll and the emergency ordinance.

Clerk Laboda

1:49:30

Tanner, Yes. Tolton, Yes. Epps, Yes. Jarosz, Yes. McIntosh, Yes. Wojtila, Yes. Jukic, Yes. Steele, Yes. Mancuso, Yes.
Full Amended ordinance passes.

President Mancuso

1:49:46

Please read the ninth agenda item into the record.

Clerk Laboda

1:49:54

Ordinance 124-22. An ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of Euclid to enter into a contract with Moore Counseling and Mediation Services, 22639 Euclid Avenue, Euclid, Ohio, 44117 for the years 2023 and 2024 to assist families in the area of behavioral health, addiction, substance use disorders, and more through Euclid community connections.

President Mancuso

1:50:29

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

All in favor, "Aye."

And we will go first to the Mayor.

Mayor Gail

1:50:39

Thank you, Madam Chair. I want to first start by thanking Council and of course Ms. Greta for presenting at the committee meeting last week, I understand that it was a very thorough and full discussion with great questions from Council and residents. I also want to thank the number of community partner agencies who helped us get to this point, and the number of residents who did call with questions. The Euclid Community Connections is a pilot program we are proposing this program would allow us to address safety and quality of life issues in our neighborhoods by working to address the root causes, through collaboration and case providing case management services. This builds off of many previous programs that you are aware of Wheaton Seed Program that worked several years ago in the police department to weed out the criminal element but seed in positive community programs that included a number of non police staff who worked to provide community programs to bring build the network and solve problems that unfortunately went away when the funding went away. The Euclid collaborative was mentioned and that was a program that the county did fund in many communities to help pull together the social service network, the community network to help solve community problems, problems and issues. And many of you know the work that crystal and other staff do every day with calls you call and provide us with resident complaints and a neighborhood calls from the police calls from fire problem. properties or issues that people are dealing with every day that impact

crime in the neighborhoods impact service levels impact quality of life here throughout the city. Through our ARPA discussions, we've talked about many of the issues and what we want to do with that funding. I think it's a perfect use of ARPA funds because ARPA is meant to provide relief. And ARPA is meant to respond to the health impacts we're seeing directly because of COVID. We've seen an increase in crime, we've seen an increase in fire calls, we've seen an increase in quality of life issues. Is it our job? I think it has to be our job. We work every day to build a stronger community. This is an area that we need to work on. I don't think that it is something we can't change. I don't think it's something we can't fix. Is it easy? No. Is it something we can do on our own? No. But it's a program that we need to start we need to try. I certainly can't accept that we can't do anything. I wish there was somebody else to do it. But there isn't. ARPA money enables us to think of solutions to try something creatively. And it helps us respond to an impact and respond to things that we're seeing because of this pandemic. You know, and I won't go through all of the program and presentation again, because it was there. It will be available on the website. And certainly would invite anyone to call and ask about any of the services to address a couple of the questions and then I'll turn it over to Miss Grida to share more of the details but comments like throwing money down the drain or it's not a good use of money. We spend money, every council meeting on different programs to impact different things in our community. All of them. Lots of things impact different people we've using ARPA months pro ARPA funds provided a housing Rhys repair program for a specific neighborhood that serves a specific number of people. We dedicated 100,000 The county's matching that with more with 200,000 we will spend \$300,000 to help a specific neighborhood fix up their homes. Is that money throwing down the drain we'll see specific results from that. This program is not just throwing money at an agency not just giving money to an agency. It's helping people it's provide paying for to staff and the ancillary support to provide services to our residents to get them help that they need to live a better life and to reduce the crime to reduce the number of incidents we're facing in our community. So I don't believe it's throwing money away. I think it's investing in building a stronger community and stronger neighborhoods. People mentioned double dipping, more counseling is agency in the city of Ukiah, they have been a partner to the city in a number of number of areas throughout throughout the community. This is a new program, this would be new staff. These are not other staff that are providing other services through a different contract. These are staff that we'd be developed devoted to providing services to Euclid residents. So they're not double dipping, they're not getting paid, the staff are not getting paid to do our work, and other work. It's the job of the county, we can wait for the county to do it. Or we can use these funds as a pilot to try something and to try to make an impact on our community. I think it's a perfect use of our rescue funds. There's other communities that are doing things, they're probably calling it something different. We've talked about through ARPA, our priorities of safety. We've talked about through ARPA, our priority is of

responding to negative health impacts. Other people call it embedded social workers. Other people call it you know, we've called it in the presentation, you could community support network. These are things you've heard before, this is maybe a new name. Other communities dedicate funds every year to providing social services in their community. Lakewood as an example. Shaker Heights is an example. Many communities are providing these services to build a stronger, healthier community. So I certainly am happy to answer questions, I'm certainly certainly happy to take the time to make sure people are comfortable with what this is. In my opinion, we will not solve this by just hiring more police by hiring more firefighters, we can continue to call respond to call respond to call respond to call. In the last safety committee meeting it was asked well, don't we have social workers? What are we doing to prevent this? This is what we're doing? In part it's not? You know, nobody will say it's going to be the total answer. This is what we're proposing to help get to some of the underlying solutions that lead to those issues. And we can look at police data, we can look at fire department response data, and see the number of calls go up for things like domestic violence, or drug related issues or disturbances in neighborhoods, we can continue to call we can continue to send the police or we can put a network in place that will meet with these families, connect them to the services and follow up with them. It's No, I don't mean it is a disrespect to our police department to other agencies. They don't have time, that's not their job. It's we don't have the time to do it every day to devote the time that it takes to follow up, get people to appointments provide what they need. I would love for it not to be a city job. But until somebody else is able to do it. We're proposing to do it. And we're proposing to use our ARPA funds for two years to pilot this. We will keep track of data, we will report back to council. The other question I think I didn't ask this was not a request for more. This came by a group of people meeting, Ms. Grida, myself, representatives from community agencies throughout Euclid who have worked on these issues. We get calls and interact with the hospital on a regular basis. People either in the hospital coming home from the hospital, there's a lot of work that happens, Council, you know, because you're sending the people, in many cases to us. This would create a program that we could dedicate and we believe that will make a difference in the quality of life and the safety in our community. So I'll turn it over I that said more than I was going to say but you know, it's I think it's worth trying. Thank you.

Assistant to the Mayor, Grida

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Thank you. And so maybe you did answer most of the questions, but I want to address a couple of things that have come my way. So I wanted to thank Mr. Beck who was involved with weed and seed for so many years. And I don't obviously recall that but I was in We didn't see it a long time ago. So he's got a little bit better, better memory than me. But I do want to let folks know that there are very specific data for us to measure

progress. I think when Dr. Moore was answering the question about, we don't know what success looks like, success to a lot of people is the family has been healed. And they're good to go successes on kind of a scale. So just a couple of the things that we have in monthly reports that you guys will get quarterly as we look at these two years are we are going to look of the number of clients served by age, the number of sessions performed the number of warm handoffs, and you guys know what that is, if you did engage in that committee meeting, to what partner agencies or organizations, specific dates of case cases being opened and closed, because we definitely want to make sure again, case management is going to be the key for this. It is also reimbursable grants. So this is not money that we give to more counseling on a monthly basis, we don't take this total divided by 24, and just send it to them. So reimbursable means for the personnel, we're paying when I see the pay stubs, and we're paying that once a month. If there are purchases for any of the items in this budget, we need a copy of those receipts. So it is reimbursable. The agreement is going to be written with a 30 day out. So if for some reason this does not look like it's matching what we think it's going to be either on the more end or on our end, then we will you know cease this relationship. But we both agreed to the 30 day out because we definitely want to measure the efficacy of this program. In addition, I got some questions about what happens on the third year. So I am not familiar enough with and I think COVID jacked it up just a little bit what the insurance reimbursement timeframe is. One of the policies that more counseling has is if you come to them for services, you don't have insurance, but you qualify to get insurance, they will get you signed up for insurance. So obviously, on a monthly basis, I'm also coordinating these cases and how much insurance reimbursement comes back. If this ends up being what she and I both think it will be, then year two is potentially in question as well. Because if the program itself and the insurance itself is sustaining the program, there is no need for support from the city. But we we are asking for a whole different type of flow of business for them with this because this is in my 20 plus years of experience what's missing. We know a lot of partners, we can connect people, but once I get them connected, I can't follow them and make sure it's going well and see if they need anything else. And as counsel learned at this committee meeting on Wednesday, this is what they're going to do. They're going to follow up to make sure that the resident is satisfied and they're moving forward. And I think Mayor, you answered the rest of the questions. Oh, the RFP question real quick. Service delivery is a tough thing to throw out an RFP for the reason why I feel so confident with this relationship is because we know more counseling, and we know how they work. We know that they're nationally renowned, we know that they have all as as Dr. Moore said, Masters level and up workers. There are a lot of agencies that we all know and recognize the name of that have been serving Cuyahoga County for years. Some recently and headlines where the service is not going so well. And there are other issues and they're starting to crumble. If we went, This is not a lowest and best type of bid, unfortunately, this is do we feel confident in the

expertise and the clinical level to deliver this type of service? And we do and we are very blessed that they're in our city. So it's very close for residents. So So I wanted to explain that as well. I think that were most of the questions unless of course Council has any other questions.

President Mancuso

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Discussion. Councilwoman Steele.

Councilwoman Steele

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Thank you, Madam Chair. I have a question and a comment. The question is Moore counseling service, albeit they're very good. But don't they get their referrals from DCFs? And if that be said, when when they hired when we put two designated people for Euclid in their facility, we're paying them correct. But still they're still getting referrals from DCFS what's the difference? And being said. That being said, they're right in our city. Mind you. I believe in the program. It's just I'm kind of questioning the cost. Why are we paying for something that they're already doing? They're already designated in the city, that people know where they're at. If I need to refer someone to them, it's still the same process. Most agencies, behavior, health, mental health, they go to a city or a school, because I've done it and say, we have services that we can provide you. The school does not pay them, because they're getting business from you. So this is my concern. Why are we doing this like that? I'm not discrediting war counseling service. I know they're very good. But my question is, how come they can't do the same thing that other agencies have done? And me I know, for a fact, because I went and offered services when I was in behavioral health. And they opened up their doors because they didn't have to pay for it. We billed Medicaid. And I don't know if they are doing it now. But private insurance is opened up because of the pandemic and everything from mental health and behavioral health. So if you can answer that question for me, I would really, really be happy.

Assistant to the Mayor, Grida

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Sure. Thank you. Thank you so much. So I don't, I am not aware of their receive referrals from DCFS. Because if you recall, Dr. Martina Moore said that's not their lane. So I don't know that. But let's just talk about a county, a county agency, let's not necessarily name the agency. So they do currently emergency or trauma related referrals from other agencies, including our police department in our fire department. What they don't do for them is case management. So again, this whole relationship is for them to start case management. So that is different. The if so that's not a duplication of services, if they have to go out for an emergency or a

trauma. That's not what we're asking. And you click community connections. We're asking for that ongoing management and support for families. So it is a different ballgame.

Councilwoman Steele

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So what you're saying is they don't do case management for the police department. I get that, but they do case management.

Assistant to the Mayor, Grida

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They don't do case management for County agencies,

Councilwoman Steele

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But they do case management that I have no idea. Okay, that's, that's, that's what's concerning me. Because case management, six, in one hand, half a dozen in the other is managing that case. What case management does is they assess the situation, they find out what program is applicable for each client, then they get the proper resources for that client. So that's my concern. All right. Hopefully, I'll get my answer before the night is over then. Thank you. (You're welcome.)

President Mancuso

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Thank you, Councilwoman Jukic

Councilwoman Jukic

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Thank you, Madam Chair, I would like to thank the citizens who spoke today very compelling, very heartfelt. You have given me a lot to think about both both sides of the issue. I also want to share that when I first started 2020, I made a suggestion that having some type of embedded social worker would be something that I would like us to do. So that was two years ago. And I also said at the time or afterwards that I would like to see the city of Euclid be an innovator to be a leader in how to help police, fire department, our community in dealing with some of these intractable issues in our communities. So I just wanted to thank you for all your perspectives. It's giving me a lot to think about. I've been a supporter of this type of concept for a while. But I also am not prepared to vote on this tonight because I wasn't able to attend the meeting last week.

President Mancuso

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Thank you. Other discussion? Councilman Tanner.

Councilman Tanner

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Thank you, Madam Chair. I like to also state to the audience that this program is for 18 and above some of the residents that stated and mentioned juveniles but this program is for 18 and above. I have two questions. It was stated that the current county services were not making a difference that was needed in Euclid. My question is, can you provide raw factual data to the council that no speculation or opinions that back that statement? My second question is, is that instead of the city putting up money up front, can we go if this has to take place on a case by case expense, so that we can decide on the data if the program to see if it's working or not to see if we should be continuing or not. Thank you.

President Mancuso

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Did you have any response? Sure.

Assistant to the Mayor, Grida

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So the case by i, we could look at the case by case basis for sure. The very nature of where we are with safety, and the quality of life in our neighborhoods, and the amount of calls and the amount repeated calls. The interventions that are currently out there aren't moving the needle, it seems to be getting progressively worse, and continue to escalate. And I, you know, I'm happy to let the mayor or Captain Houser speak to that. So whatever is happening, and we have, you know, obviously agencies right now that are struggling with staff, and you know, there are other issues that they're dealing with as well. But whatever is existing, is not impacting that trend. And I'm, I'm happy to let either of them address that as well.

Councilman Tanner

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The reason why I asked that is because Council, no one on council up, you're actually knows the number of cases that come in, we can't say 10, 20, 1000, we have no numbers to even judge and compare this with. So you know, when they say the program's not working, how do we know?

Assistant to the Mayor, Grida

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The county program, Councilman Tanner?

Councilman Tanner

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I mean, period. What I'm saying is, we start a program, but are we starting with 10 people 1000, 1500 Or two, we actually don't know the calls that actually come in to City Hall to tell us that we got this kind of problem. So there's no data showing that we had 100 people come in, we referred 60 of them, they got help, or 100 people came in, and only one went, and the other 99 just wandered the street. So that's what I'm saying. We don't have any data to even to compare to consider, okay, they want this, which Moore is great at what they do. But how does that justify the money before we even know the data to put up front?

Assistant to the Mayor, Grida

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So we don't have the program yet. So there's no data for me to provide for you. That's what the monthly data is going to be. It's going to be the number of cases a number of people serve the number of people that are still in this intervention. So we don't have the program right now.

Councilman Tanner

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Okay, I have one more question. Let's say it's approved, let's say you go forward. What guarantee can the City of Euclid get to say that Moore Counseling will decide after this program is over? That for them to continue with the program, it won't cost the city X amount of money.

Assistant to the Mayor, Grida

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That's going to be where we look at that insurance reimbursement to find out if that's financially feasible for them to continue then paying the new staff that they hired, once our pilot is done.

President Mancuso

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Thank you. Councilman Tolton.

Councilman Tolton

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Thank you, Madam Chair. Yeah, this seems to be a lot of questions about this proposal. I just got one question that I'm going to then then I'm probably going to make a proposal that we put this back into E and F committee, because there's too many questions. But one question I wanted to throw out. Oh, learning. Good as well. Of course, I want to throw out to Director Grogan-Meyer, I think you're gonna answer this one. So as far as the funding, I didn't know, I read the debt that the governor had put out at the beginning of the year, I might be too late \$14 million for behavioral programs such as what we're proposing. Have we looked at that from the ARPA funds and not taking it from our.

Planning & Development Director Grogan-Meyers

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Madam Chair to the Councilman, unfortunately, that is outside my wheelhouse of expertise in behavioral health. And so I don't know the answer to that question.

Councilman Tolton

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So then who in the administration can take a look at that and then see if we can pull from that?

Mayor Gail

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So there's, there's regularly requests for funding or proposed funding streams that are made available so request for grant opportunities through the mental health through Ohio Department of Mental Health through Ohio criminal justice OCJS, which is where we've gotten our gun violence, interdiction, our body worn camera grants. The flock camera we're waiting the waiting that application on the we hear it's been approved. So those regularly become available. previous one, I think the deadline might be over we have not had experience applying directly through the mental health, the Ohio Department of Mental Health, that is something that this pilot, I don't know that a city would be eligible for that I think the community agency might. So whether that's more counselling, whether this this Euclid Collaborative that we're creating could potentially apply. But that doesn't exist at the moment.

Councilman Tolton

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Could, can we check into that? Because they have the money intense.

Mayor Gail

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We get bulletins regularly about funding that's available, and, you know, match it up. And thankfully to council support, we apply for many of them.

Councilman Tolton

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So I would like to make a motion to put this back into E & F.

President Mancuso

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Thank you. We have a motion on the floor. We have a second. Councilwoman Steele. Any discussion on the motion only? Councilman Epps.

Councilman Epps

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Thank you. And I appreciate my colleague, Councilman totin for motioning for this to go to the NF committee. And their reason why I appreciate it. And I support that for a few reasons. One, I heard my colleague comes with me you get mentioned about innovation, or being innovative and that I remember those conversations. I was right there with you and suggesting the same thing. Our last committee conversation about safety. This was a question that I posed back to the administration as well. But I think I view this and I also think Councilman ukge. At the time, what the idea was that we would hire someone who specializes in social work, and have that person here to handle these things from a city basis. And I, for years, we've heard this administration in particular talk about how they're not in the business of Social Work, this is not what we should be doing said this over and over and over again. And though I applaud you for hearing the concerns from everybody and making a move and a step toward that direction, this is not innovation, there's nothing innovative about this, we're kicking the can down to another organization or agency to do what we don't have the ability to do. And in hearing the comments from Ms. grito, you know, we all know who you are and what you do, and we appreciate it. But hearing all of what comes to you, it would be much better if this employee was here, someone who could literally manage these cases, connect people with these resources on an ongoing basis as an extra hand to get them there. But then allow their insurances to pay for this stuff. Not that now we're gonna pay an agency to house employees for the city and let them do all the oversight on it, and trust them to move forward without any data of even success rates from what they do.

President Mancuso

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On awesome. And I'm going to ask you to stick to so the motion only. So the

Councilman Epps

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So the reason why again, so the reason why I'm supporting is going to committee is because not only there needs to be ongoing conversation, but we need to develop a real plan and bringing in this outside agency as just something to say we did it is not a real plan. And the to the point of the tour, I'll put up all of the comments that my colleagues have made tonight. So I second that motion. I'm happy to vote to send this to e and f committee as we need to come up with the plan because clearly you guys don't have one. Thank you.

President Mancuso

2:18:12

Thank you. Any other discussion on the motion only? Seeing none.

Councilman Wojtila. Thank you,

Councilman Wojtila

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Madam Chair, I do support this going to committee. I think it would be helpful, I know, I will do this is put together a list of questions to Miss Grida. Let them have time and then come back to the committee with answers to the questions. Because I know for me, it's it's not a black and white, it's hard for me to get my arms around this. So I will attempt to do that. And I have

President Mancuso

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That's an excellent, that's an excellent suggestion. Councilman Jarosz.

Councilman Jarosz

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Thank you, Madam Chair. I'm also support going to committee. And the reason being I think what we got was a was an introductory overview that kind of conceptually outlined, what this program is meant to be. And then a lot about why more is qualified to help us I'm I'd be really interested to understand better the workflow, you know, where it comes from, who's who goes to how that gets reported back what they're doing that we can do internally, just to better understand, you know, what our

dollars are getting us and there was a lot of talk of will reimburse, there's also insurance, reimbursing just the mechanics of the finances, as well as the true back and forth and relationship that we'll have with them would be very helpful to me because I thought the first meeting was kind of a nice overview introduction. But now as we all see a lot of questions, a lot of concerns, and frankly, I I learned from that meeting that I left and had some questions and you sent out another email and that email answers to my questions, but then I had a few more. So I think we've between now and the next meeting where we could you know, I'll have the opportunity to formulate questions, get some q&a back, and then kind of really outline how this looks in practice would be very helpful. Thank you.

President Mancuso

2:20:09

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

All in favor, "Aye."

Madam Clerk, please call the roll and sending this to. I'm assuming it's going to E & F. So everybody's going to be there. Okay. All right to E & F committee.

Clerk Laboda

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

Motion passes to send it back to Executive and Finance Committee.

President Mancuso

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Thank you. So when we ask for a couple of dates, everybody treat right. Try to make it okay. All right. Madam Clerk, please read the 10th agenda item into the record.

Clerk Laboda

2:21:00

Ordinance 125-22. An ordinance to make Chapter 1765 approving the right of city renters to pay to stay of the building and housing code of the codified ordinances of the city of Euclid, Ohio permanent.

President Mancuso

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I will entertain a motion for passage to begin discussion. So moved by Councilwoman McIntosh. Seconded by Councilman Jarosz.

All in favor, "Aye."

And I will go to Councilman McIntosh.

Councilwoman McIntosh

2:21:31

Thank you, Madam Chair. This legislation seeks to renew and make permanent the pay to state legislation that was passed on May 3, 2021. That was ordinance 046-21. upon reviewing the past year, Euclid Municipal Court Magistrate Judge indicated that five cases were resolved with a pay to stay option. In each case, the tenant paid the full amount and was able to stay in their home. While the ordinance does not have a big impact, it has proven helpful to the few that have taken advantage of it. Therefore, I see some justification for keeping it. For additional context. The following eviction case filing statistics were also provided in 2017 there were 1662, 2018-1653, 2019-1544, 2020-785, 2021-967 and this year through September 30-1109. As per the original fact sheet that was provided to council the COVID 19 pandemic has resulted in many negative impacts on residents and the economy. Individuals have been temporary, temporarily unable to work report to work due to excuse me illness or quarantines which have may have led to potential loss of income, healthcare and medical coverage and ability to pay for housing and basic needs. This has left residents vulnerable to eviction. And under Ohio law, tenants may face eviction for non payment even if they pay just one day late. The legislation aims to prevent evictions by allowing residential rental tenants who are behind on rent to pay to stay and in no way limits the ability of a landlord to initiate an eviction action for reasons other than solely for non payment of rent. I understand that Councilman Epps is interested in co-sponsoring and I would ask that the rest of my colleagues do the same should they support this. Thank you.

President Mancuso

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Thank you. Council, Director Sweeney, did you have anything to add to that? (No.) Okay. All right, discussion. Councilman Epps.

Councilman Epps

2:23:52

Thank you, Madam Chair. The I believe it was last year when the young lady who's been working really hard across the state to try and get communities like ours to pass this pay to state legislation reached out to Euclid City Council, as she had done other communities to attempt to get

us to do something temporary, which is what other communities at the time was doing. Recently, we received an email comes from Macintosh and myself, as we were the original sponsors of the temporary piece of legislation legislation, asking, Could we move forward and take the final step of making this something permanent, as opposed to the temporary or pilot that it was initiated a year ago? At that time, he immediately to me, this is a no brainer. And so he immediately told her? Absolutely, I will forward this on to our law director in order to be able to do so. I appreciate it. My council, my colleague comes from a McIntosh who immediately said, Hey, I'm gonna reach out to the courts. I would like to get some statistics on this. The reason I didn't need to do that was because I have residents who have taken advantage of this in particular, and so I know that this is something that works. I knew it was something that will work then and it's a huge need. Now getting the information out so that people understand that this is a thing I think is another conversation and we've should be doing something in that direction even could be a roll of this new initiative with a social worker in place. For that reason, I appreciate the statistics that were gathered by my colleague and I still am on board and supportive of this, I wish I would have been initially added as a sponsor as this was a conversation we had together with this young woman. But either way, I'm glad to see this happen. And I hope that there are no objections from any of my colleagues for doing so as not only do I know personal people who have taken advantage of this, but our courts now have given us stats that prove that this is something that is working, I also want to applaud all the folks who have been working to get this done in communities around Rs. And again, urge my colleagues to join us in sponsoring this legislation. And in passing this to send a strong message that we do understand what folks are going through on the streets of Euclid. And not only that, but we're doing something to try to give them a fighting chance at the end of the day. I would like to know and maybe Kristal Grida can assist us with this. But how we moving forward can make sure that we educate people on this because I think a lot of people once they get that eviction notice, they immediately go into scrapping every dime that they have now to get together a brand new deposit a brand new first month's rent so that they can move into their new place, not knowing that if they just show up to court and pay what they owe to their current place that they don't have to displace, and a lot of cases even leave Euclid and go back to situations in which they didn't want to be in as why they moved to Euclid in the first place. So I think that the education piece, we definitely need something on the website that connects with the courts in some type of way. Maybe that's something we also can petition Judge Gallagher to do voting to make sure that people understand that this is a real thing. And it's helping families every day, and he could help you as well. So again, I hope my colleagues join us in supporting this tonight. Thank you.

President Mancuso

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Thank you. Other discussion. Council. Councilwoman Steele.

Councilwoman Steele

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Okay. Thank you, Madam Chair. To my colleagues, this came out in 2021. I would like more information on it when you say they have to go to the courts to pay. What if they're like behind like 1000s and 1000s of dollars? How will they if they can't pay their current rent? What are the what are the stipulations when they go to court? Is it a payment plan? Or how that's set up? Can someone answer that for me?

President Mancuso

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Councilwoman McIntosh.

Councilwoman McIntosh

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Thank you, Madam Chair to my colleague. The settlement or mediation is done through the courts. And I know that Judge Gallagher was already doing mediation prior to enacting the pilot pay to stay program. So those terms are set by the judge through mediation between legal through the legal parties on both sides. So the most the average amount of rent that is usually delinquent is around \$1,200. So it's two to three months of rent, depending on where you're staying. So this I think I might be missing part of your question. I'm sorry.

Councilwoman Steele

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I was not familiar with him, because I just came on council, January. So that's why I had the question. I needed more information about it. So I just read this, but I didn't understand how all the parts and pieces came together. So it's going through the court, the court does the mediation they set up everything correct. Awesome. Thank you.

Councilwoman McIntosh

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Yeah, yeah, definitely. And the the agency that brought this to City's attention is NEOCH, the Northeast Coalition for the Homeless. Molly Martin was the individual who did all the advocacy and outreach. And all for the most part communities chose to make this permanent last year, we opted to make it a pilot and make it temporary. So we could look at

the data over the past year and then make decisions on what to do. Five cases is not a lot, but it is helping people. That alone for me, it was enough to make it permanent, and hope that it helps more people in the future.

President Mancuso

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Thank you. Any other discussion? Councilmember Wojtila.

Councilman Wojtila

2:29:14

Thank you, Madam Chair. So was Chapter 1765, a new chapter section? And does it say that if I'm in arrears and I owe \$5,000 and I get an eviction notice that if I go and pay, do I have to pay that off immediately or within a certain time, and then I can stay?

President Mancuso

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Law Director Sweeney.

Law Director Sweeney

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Madam Chair to Council the law department is not involved with evictions at all. If council wants us to go to a second reading, I certainly can get more information from the court, but I don't have knowledge of this how this program functions. And 1765 is a new chapter that we enacted temporarily so this piece is not doing anything with cheese. Changing that chapter. It's just making it permanent.

Councilman Wojtila

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Okay, it's 1765 is the new section from...

Law Director Sweeney

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...that we enacted back in May of 2021.

President Mancuso

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Councilman Jarosz.

Councilman Jarosz

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Thank you, Madam Chair, I have the ordinance in front of me, I could just kind of bang out a couple of bullet points. At any time prior to filing of an action for non payment by of rent by landlord tenant shall have the right to pay the landlord all past due rent with reasonable late fees to avoid the filing of such an action for the restitution of the lands of tenants. Legal mumbo jumbo, here after the filing of the action for non payment of rent. But prior to a judgment, that tenant a tenant shall have the right to pay the landlord all past due rent, reasonable late fees and court costs. So it seems like the landlord needs to be made whole. And that's frankly, one of the reasons I support this legislation is we talk a lot about, you know, bad landlords and negligent landlords, but we also have some negligent folks who will play a little bit of a game and not pay rent, as well. But I think this is there are significant enough safeguards within this legislation. To make it seen as fair, for example, it must be paid in full and you do get to pay some late fee. So you just can't skirt out a couple of months rent and pay a little bit or what have you have to be made whole. Also, this doesn't give a landlord, the landlord can still evict or other reasons, right, we've known we've all used the nuisance codes as as kind of an impetus for sometimes to give the landlord a message that you might have somebody who shouldn't be living in this city of Euclid because of some of their activities, and impetus to then maybe do some evictions so that you can stay out still evict for other reasons other than being a little bit late for rent. And then also you could only get to use us once, right, you can't be a habitual pay to stay. So, to me, I'm very comfortable with this legislation, I generally have an aversion to the city getting involved between the contract of two private, you know, entities. But in this case, I think it's very reasonable and helpful to help bring some stability within our community. And it's not. Like I said, there's just a lot of safeguards built in it to not let it get to, to run amok. So I had to support it.

President Mancuso

Thank you. Any other discussion?

Planning & Development Director Grogan-Meyers

2:32:29

Madam Chair, if I if I may. Thank you. The only other piece I would add to this is the rental assistance flyer that I had given at the start of this meeting. This dovetails perfectly with this program. So so many times a family get receives the eviction notice, and that's when they start looking for help, they didn't start looking for help when they fell behind immediately. And so when they find that flyer, they come across, if they start Googling rent, help rent assistance, they come across programs, like the one that's offered through CHN, and through the county support. And

during that time, they still have to apply. And it might take a week or two, right. But at that point, they're in the eviction proceedings. And so this gives them the opportunity to avail themselves of that Rental Assistance Program, have the landlord made hold, and hopefully help that family Catch, catch up, get their head above water, and buy them that time. And also, especially when we're going into the holiday season, we're going into the winter, that's a very real concern. So I just wanted to bring that full circle back to where this all started was through the pandemic and the filing, you know, timelines and whatnot. As in as Councilperson Jarosz said, it still allows the landlord to be made whole through these programs.

President Mancuso

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Thank you, Sir. Any other, I just wanna make sure everybody's spoken Councilman Tolton.

Councilman Tolton

2:33:52

Thank you, Madam Chair. I see the need for something like this, but how have we got any feedback from landlords or property owners? Because, you know, as far as what what do you think about something like this being permanent. And also, when you said that the landlord has made whole of like, \$5,000 and whole, I have to pay it all. At once in order to get whole, if they don't have it? If they use these rental assistance, and they can't bring that money, then the eviction will still go forward.

Correct. Okay, okay. So the only Yep. So, I mean, I, you know, if you're \$5 in the whole, you're, I don't even say how you gonna get \$5,000 All at once to pay to make a hole. First of all, if you'd have far behind, you know, or whatever, if you're four or five months behind, you're not going to make it hold in one lump sum because you don't have it, you couldn't pay it in the first place. I just want to make sure like setup I'm in support of this. I liked the concept. It was to make sure that we're fair even to the landlord's yield, that we're not putting something where now they're sitting out they've got to wait 5-6-7-8 months for their payments, and they still have to pay mortgages, you know, gas, light, whatever, whatever, whatever. So, you know, just to make this private, just make sure it's evenly divided, you know, among, you know, both parties.

President Mancuso

2:35:13

Thank you. Anyone else if no one else is going to speak, we'll close with Councilman Epps.

Councilman Epps

2:35:19

Thank you really quick, I just want to the point my colleague made, you're right. This is not, it's not an elongated process for the landlord to be made whole. I also want to say that if somebody is five or six months behind that ramp, landlord has allowed them to get five or six months behind their rent. And it's probably not one of the ones in a situation where they're losing money or have a mortgage to pay, they're gonna move forward with that process a lot sooner. As a landlord, let me tell you definitely that is the case. But also, I also want to make clear, because I believe in giving credit, where credit is due that Judge Gallagher and his process and court number one, as you stated, he was doing this already, prior to this even being put in place as this mediation with folks to try to make it work. And what this does is puts an extra piece in place to just protection for tenants, again, who I know for a fact, they immediately go into scramble mode to have to still put those funds together to go somewhere else. So to your point about if they're going to be able to come up with the money they have been doing it. And also this is the credit piece is to Judge Gallagher it's not just the fact that he's already doing it. But I have a resident in particular on 250th Street and Kristal, you and I talked about this last week, who she did this twice. And so even though we're saying that you can only do it one time, a lot of times the landlord, we just want to be paid. And so at that point, if the tenant can come up with the money now at this time, whatever the reason may be, they could be doing contract work, whatever the reason may be they now their lump sum comes in, and now they have the ability to catch this stuff up. So they're also being very lenient and taking this seriously to the extent that I do have attended in my ward or resident, my ward in particular who has taken advantage of this twice. So I would not like to see this pushed down the road for that. Although, if there are conversations and concerns that Councilman Wojtila has. I think that those are things that we can still address down the line. But I would like to see this still move forward and passage by all of us tonight. Thank you.

President Mancuso

2:37:13

Thank you. If there's no further discussion, I'll take a motion to close debate. So moved by Councilman Epps. You're not done Councilman Wojtila?

Councilman Wojtila

2:37:20

I think Councilman Epps wanted his name added to the sponsorship.

President Mancuso

2:37:23

I'll ask that after we close the debate. (Okay, sorry.) Can I have a motion to close debate, please? Councilwoman Steele. Second by Councilman Jarosz.

All in favor, "Aye."

Okay. Before we take our final vote. Is there anyone who doesn't want their name on? So it will be all of Council? Great. All right, Madam Clerk, please, vote. Wait, I want to do this first. I'm going to entertain a motion to suspend the rules so we forego the second and third reading. So moved by Councilwoman McIntosh. Second by Councilman Jarosz.

All in favor "Aye."

Those opposed?

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

Clerk Laboda

2:38:02

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

Ordinance passes.

President Mancuso

2:38:17

Thank you. Madam Clerk, please read the 11th agenda item into the record.

Clerk Laboda

2:38:21

Ordinance 127-22. An ordinance repealing and replacing Euclid codified ordinances section 375.03. Code application prohibited operations of chapter 375 snowmobiles, off highway motorcycles and all purpose vehicles of the traffic code the codified ordinances of the city of Euclid to prohibit the operation of these vehicles on city streets.

President Mancuso

2:38:54

Thank you. I'll entertain a motion for passage. So moved by Councilman Tolton. Second by Councilman Tanner

All in favor, "Aye."

I'm going to begin on this ordinance. This legislation is born out of various complaints made by residents in several Ward's of the city. The proliferation of unreasonable loud and disruptive rush recreational operations of ATV type vehicles has become a more common and dangerous activity taking place on the streets of Euclid. In conjunction

with our law department and Captain Cutright from the police department, we have reviewed our city ordinances to determine if we already had ordinances that would address this issue on the record. We also researched what other cities are doing in the city of Cleveland. We had the opportunity to discuss with Council President Blaine Griffin and Councilman Mike Polencik, co sponsors of their ordinance how their ordinance was impacting the removal of illegal vehicles and Cleveland streets. Both stated that officers now had a clear procedure to follow in these cases and they were taking illegal vehicles off the street. We also reviewed ordinance is from the District of Columbia that makes any of the aforementioned vehicles in our proposed replacement called on public private property illegal. We looked at a law established in 2022 from Hyde Park, New York, which also described prohibited acts using vehicles that are considered unlawful. Captain Cutwright reviewed our ordinances already in place to see if they would apply to the current situation. And he was able to determine that we could amend or replace the current 375.03 code application to be clearer and more succinct in achieving the purpose of keeping the illegal vehicles and unsafe behavior off Euclid streets. Chief Meyer was also supportive of the idea because it was succinct and clear. This replacement legislation provides our officers with another tool to be able to do that. And did Law Director Sweeney want to add anything to that?

Law Director Sweeney

2:40:50

Nothing to add. Thank you, Madam Chairman. Chairwoman.

President Mancuso

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And we will open for discussion. Councilman Tanner.

Councilman Tanner

2:41:01

Thank you, Madam Chair. Is there any way we can get this new legislation out to the public so they will be aware of the new rules that are coming in?

President Mancuso

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We do, we do posts on our websites and on the council page. And the police will also have it. Any other discussion? Councilwoman McIntosh?

Councilwoman McIntosh

2:41:24

Thank you, Madam Chair. I'm obviously supportive. As a co sponsor of this, but I'm wondering if this has the support to be passed if we should make this an emergency. So it goes into immediate effect. We, I hear these vehicles on the streets every single night. And I'm wondering, I'm assuming my colleagues do and residents do as well. So if you'd like to, quickly, I will make a motion to amend it to be an emergency.

President Mancuso

2:41:58

Thank you. Is there a second, second by Councilman Jarosz. Any discussion on the motion only? Councilman Tolton.

Councilman Tolton

2:42:07

Thank you, Madam Chair. Because they're trying to say, because we have to get information out to residents, should we give them a fair amount of time to understand, even though I know what, you know, they know they necessarily not should have those things on the streets. But give the rest of the fair amount of time to know, you cannot have these certain vehicles on the street before we make an emergency ordinance. And then we start snatching people up or snatching their vehicles from them.

President Mancuso

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We could put it on our website, could we know that this is the new law? that would that would do it by social media at least.

Councilman Tolton

2:42:44

Right? So some way to get the get the message out and resurrect right give them time to understand.

President Mancuso

2:42:49

Great idea. Any other discussion on the motion only? Councilman Epps.

Councilman Epps

2:42:56

Madam Chair. And just to follow up on Councilman Tolton and I believe what the point he was making was against this motion and making it an

emergency to allow us to get that communication. And I also wanted to add the message board on Euclid Avenue, as well as the message board on Lakeshore Boulevard can say now, big as day "Council just passed this legislation." As you know, you hear me a lot of times say nay to these emergency pieces of legislation is another one of those. I don't support this as an emergency piece of legislation. Thank you.

President Mancuso

2:43:26

Thank you.

Councilman Epps

2:43:27

I'm sorry. And one last thing. And I'm not sure about my other colleagues who are now listed here. I also think coupled with the point you're trying to make by sending a strong message is I would also like to be added as a sponsor for this. I think it would be good as this is a piece of all of city council. But if not, at least I'd like to be at it. Thank you,

President Mancuso

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Councilman Jarosz.

Councilman Jarosz

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Thank you, Madam Chair. I think if we prioritize, prioritize safety of our residents, I think an emergency is authorized for this ordinance, especially when we're just really cleaning up language. I mean, this already exists. So there isn't like, oh, yeah, I can't drive my ATV through people's lawns. I don't know. You know, I mean, it's kind of common sense. You're not you don't have Street, valid vehicles to begin with. And we're just clean up language. So I fully in favor of this being emergency.

President Mancuso

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Thank you. Councilwoman Steele.

Councilman Steele

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Again, I am I want to sponsor this and I am incomplete. With being this being an emergency because I hear this on my street going like bikes. These What do you call this? dirt bikes? Dangerous. So yeah, I'm for it. That's what I want. Thank you.

President Mancuso

2:44:42

Any other discussion on the motion? Seeing none. Madam Clerk, please call the roll and amending this to be an emergency ordinance.

Clerk Laboda

2:44:54

McIntosh, Yes. Wojtila, Yes. Jukic, Yes. Steele, Yes. Tanner, Yes. Tolton, No. Epps, No, Jarosz, Yes. Mancuso, Yes. Amended adding emergency passes.

President Mancuso

2:45:17

All right, we'll go to the full amended ordinance. Any further discussion on the full amended ordinance? Seeing none, I'll entertain a motion to close debate. So moved by Councilman Wojtila. Second by Councilwoman Steele.

All in favor, "Aye."

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

All in favor, "Aye."

Those opposed?

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

Clerk Laboda

2:45:54

McIntosh. Yes. Wojtila, Yes. Jukic, Yes. Steele, Yes. Tanner, Yes. Tolton, No. Epps, Yes. Jarosz, Yes. Mancuso, Yes.
Amended ordinance passes.

President Mancuso

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Thank you. We will now go to our **Committee of the Whole the Public Portion**. For anyone who wishes to speak for the good of the city. If you wish to speak, please come to the podium. Give us your name and address. Please keep your comments to five minutes.

COMMITTEE OF WHOLE – PUBLIC PORTION

Resident Daniel Burns

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Daniel Burns 869 east 260th Street. I wanted to talk about the Pay the Stay ordinance just I'm a staff attorney at the Cleveland housing court. So I tell people a lot about the Cleveland Pay to Stay ordinance. And I was reminded that...

President Mancuso

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we're not hearing you, sir. Oh, well, maybe, maybe pull the microphone closer to you. How about that? That's better.

Resident Daniel Burns

2:47:12

How about that? That's better see? All right. So I'm a staff attorney at the Cleveland housing court. So I field a lot of questions about the Cleveland Pay to Stay ordinance. And while I obviously haven't seen the Euclid version, it made me, I had some things I wanted to point out that I was just kind of curious about, according to an interview that Molly Martin did, actually in Cleveland 19 cleveland.com, something like that. And from what we see at the Cleveland housing court, CHN normally takes about 45 days to resolve rental assistance, partly because landlords have to comply and sometimes they don't really want to. So what the Cleveland ordinance does, is allows like a letter from the rental assistance agency to say you will be made whole it's just going to take a little while. Right. Then, other thing was oh, I didn't, I missed it as part of the discussion about Moore Counseling. But is Euclid community connections going to include youth? Or will Moore Counseling, just be focusing continuing to focus on kids 18 or older? Thank you.

Assistant to the Mayor, Grida

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That's great. Thank you so much for the question. So they don't directly service youth but they do service families. So sometimes that will be in conjunction with a partnership agency. Thank you.

President Mancuso

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Next speaker please.

Jakorey Stone

2:48:50

Hi, my name is Jakorey Stone. Before I start, I'd like to say that I'm not the greatest public speaker, so please just bear with me. So I am part owner of the House Ultra Lounge, which is on 22810 Lakeshore Boulevard that's in Lake Shore Plaza. I'm not here to make any accusations. But I just want to come in and put my statement on record. This past Friday, I was out of town. And we had a situation that are at our bar. It's where there was an altercation or security or diffused an altercation inside of the bar. They put the people outside of the bar and I'm still learning of the everything that actually happened. I know one of the gentlemen lost his life that night. And that's been tough for me. It's been tough for me to sleep. I've been just to give you guys a little bit of background about myself. I'm a graduate from Eastern Michigan University. I'm currently attending Cleveland State University in which I'm getting my MBA in finance. I'm a coach at UGA High School. I've been coaching for the past 10 years. I also have a uncle who just retired as a police sergeant, over 32 years, I have a brother who just retired from the police force over 20 years, and I have an aunt who's a judge for the City of Cleveland. She's been a judge for the last six years. So I come from a law enforcement background. And my partners and I just give you guys a little bit of background about us what we've done over our last 10 years of entrepreneurship. There's a lot more, but I'm just trying to drill it down and keep it under five minutes. We recently sponsored a golf outing event with the Eastlake Police Department for 24 and 24 children with disabilities. Last winter, we gave away Christmas toys to families who are victims to gun violence. I started like Missionary Baptist Church, which is Reverend Anthony Small. This summer alone, we gave over 100 bikes to kids in East Cleveland. We're currently packing over 200 care boxes for this Thanksgiving. And that list goes on and on. We've been labeled as a nuisance in this city, which we're being fined for every altercation that that takes place near our establishment, which at this point we've obliged to every request the city has given us. They told us to take our tent down off our windows, we've done that with no problem. They told us to stop using pyrotechnics inside of our establishment. We've done that with no problem. They told us to keep the parking lot clean. We've done that, they told us that our music is overbearing through the backdoor entrance we've limited backdoor entrance to just our employees for the most part. So we literally and I have emails, we have over 32 requests by the city that we've asked to bill on every request. Coming into the city we made sure we reached out to the council to introduce ourselves, we introduced ourselves to the police station, we introduced ourselves to administration, the fire department and etc. We have one request from the city, the moment we introduced ourselves time and time again, that request whether we pay for it or was free. The request was to have patrol vehicles at our establishment on Fridays and Saturday nights as we close. We were told that no one wants to work there which I believe to be ironic, in which we have undercover officers

taking photos inside of our establishment during these hours. The only difference between the undercover work and for the city versus our establishment is the agenda in which our agenda has been to keep the area safe. And the city agenda has been to get rid of us. Saturday morning the day of the altercation. Again, I was out of town. But I made sure that we came to the police station, my manager up here, we offered our footage and we offered our support. No one reached out to us. Today, when I got back in town I made it my mission and purpose to come and speak to Miss Sweeney. I don't believe we have been a nuisance as our purpose has always been a partner and support the city. As there has been many situations in question the city does. With the city that's documented. I will leave you guys with with a few. One St. Patrick's Day The police came to our establishment to the front and back doors with their guns drawn as our patrons weren't joined the moment we asked what was going on. They stated they heard it was an active shooting inside of our bar. We have video of officers searching numerous vehicles in our parking lot with flashlights while patrons were inside our establishment. Again, we have been here to work with the city and not against the city. I ask that you guys excuse my me getting ready to take off as I have children that I need to get ready for for bed. Thank you.

President Mancuso
Thank you

Victor Goodman
2:54:15

Victor Goodman 20201 Glen Russ Lane. You know, I want to make a point that very important to me. My heart is as big as anybody I want to help everybody. I want everybody to succeed. I am against nobody so I just wanted to put that out. I liked Mr. Epps comment. I was just thinking about it and wrote it when he said it. We should be using our message board much more often. To tell the citizens of Euclid. What's going on here. You know if you pass an ordinance like that Yes, you should inform and it should be up there for months. And months, of course, you know, in the winter, we're not going to have as much problem with that. But it should be up there for months and months. We don't use our message boards as much as we can. I found it interesting that in the explanation of the mayor, as well as Miss Grida, they both totally passed over the community action agency from Cuyahoga County opening here with services with social workers with caseworkers totally negated that like what it was, but yet, here's a picture of cutting the, the, the ribbon. The next thing I do want to talk about because it finally is come up is a rec center. And we tonight we first heard that there's a rec center and a working deal. So I want to know, what are we going to have in the rec center? What is our plan? What facilities are we going to have? Is this going to be a rec center in relation to the recreation department? Or is this going to be a rec center for the community? Have you good. We have

already been cheated out of the pool at the high school. We have no indoor facility pool. I am a very strong advocate for that. And if you want to think about something else, so we take that half a million dollars put back into this budget, it brings it over \$11 million. If the community and I also want to know where is the proposed site of the Rec Center? Is it east? Is it north? Is it south? Where's it going to be? So there's so many more questions before you go out for bidding and everything else. Where's the public meeting, to discuss what the public might like to see inside a rec center? I think that's very important. I don't think it's just a decision to be made up by a few people to decide what is going to be there and what isn't. This is an opportunity to give back to people really something that they desperately do need. And you know, you're looking at things you might want to spend our money on, you know, the fear of losing your house, not paying your rent. That would be a good use of the money that would help mental stability. Imagine thinking about losing your house over the holidays, or your apartment. There are so many ways we can help people. But the question nobody wants to look at nobody wants to discuss is that the only person that can change me? Is me. Not you. Not anything you tell me to do. If I don't want to do it, it's not going to happen. If I don't want to stop drinking, you can't tell me to stop drinking. If I want to take drugs, you can't tell me to not take drugs. And if I don't take my meds, then I'm probably got problems mentally. There are avenues of help. And the city can do so much with the money we have. And I think this rec center is probably a vital future for the stability of mental health and well being in the city to give people not just kids, and by the way, the statement made that that more does families and not gonna get into it with the, losing time, the police captain, but you are not going to solve problems of crime because you can't solve problems youth and going back to the parents. Well, it seems very obvious that the parents do not have control of their children. Thank you.

President Mancuso

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Thank you, sir. Next speaker.

Mayor Gail

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Madam Chair, could I answer, so I just I neglected to talk about Step Forward. We are very happy to welcome Step Forward to the community. They provide a different type of service. They provide the Headstart program, which is early childhood education. They provide connections to utility assistance. So if you need help with HEAP or that type of service, and they connect people to jobs, so there's lots of organizations. One of the benefits of the Community Connections program is it brings all of them to the table so we would fully expect they would be a partner with us. And again, not looking to duplicate services, but to provide the piece that's missing, but we certainly look forward to

discussing that in full at the upcoming committee meeting. And Mac, do you want to talk about the...

Recreation Director Stephens

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Thank you, Mayor, madam chair to the resident. I think part of the RFQ process is to help provide guidance. So that when we do start having meetings with the community, it makes sense.

President Mancuso

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Thank you. Next speaker please.

Resident Richard Fiorello

3:00:50

Richard Fiorello, 758 E 232 St. It's a joke. I'm the guy that sketches at the council meetings. So this this finally we get to get real questions for our police chief. I had the misfortune of fainting and having to go to Cleveland Clinic on Thursday of this week. So I want to personally thank in writing the three officers, and all I know are their first names. So I don't want to put you on the spot, Christopher. But if you can provide me with their last names, at any time by tomorrow out, I'll send the thank you notes to them. The first one is Kayden. I'm going to put places aged somewhere between 28 and 29. He seemed to be the senior lead person with the most experience. My favorite one was Brandon. You know why? Because Brandon said, Hey, you sketched me. I said, Yeah. And the third was the youngest one, and they got to talk friendly trash to him is like he's not even old enough to drive was Dan, who looks like all of maybe make 23 or 24. At best. So my request to our fire chief is give me the last names of Kayden, Brandon, and Dan. And they had to have come from station number one because I live on 232 Street. And when you do pave that street, leave the bloodstain that I left behind in front of Cindy's house, because I was helping the widows. sweet person. Drive and clean her leaves inspired by your your ward council meeting. That's that's the truth. And the other thing for Mitch Houser, you don't know me, but I'm the guy that sketches at the council meetings. I know who you are, Cheryl, I've already forgotten your last name. Someday I'll figure it out. I think Victor's absolutely right is the burden is on us. Like we're the ones that have to reach out. And we aren't doing that. Mr. Will, Mr. Tanner, it's our fault. I'm not gonna call you a Wallace yet, but you know, I've got the sketch I need to autograph eventually. But it gets down to this. Stefana Caviness would make these obituary notices at the council meetings occasionally. And I always thought it was kind of odd. But I think in hindsight, as I grew older, it was like, Oh, that makes a lot of sense because she really knew these people. So I'm going to pull a card out of

her deck. There's a gentleman named John Robert Pisker who passed away a few weeks ago, and he would be best associated with 200 St. Hardware. And unfortunately, I met him literally in the last year of his life. I saw him on his last working day. He was he was 86 years old. He planned to retire at the end of this year officially. And he wanted to make the 90 and unfortunately, he passed away recently. And I feel like I'm his guardian angel. Mr. Hauser, I will look over his house as long as I can. So the house was officially broken into on or about the day of the funeral. That's not doesn't come as a shock to anybody, we all know that tale. And on Sunday, I drove by, and I saw the side door was wide open. And instead of me making the dispatch call, and this goes back to Victor saying it's up to us to change things. I drove over to the police station, and everybody knows the gentleman's Lieutenant Shawn Baron, I believe is the name. And he greeted me at the window. And I said, Just do me a favor. Don't make me make the dispatch call. If it comes from you. We'll get some cars over there quickly. And he did it. You know, I had the driver's license. It's like, yeah, you're the guy that sketches. You know, he knows me. So he made the call and the three cars showed up, you know, within minutes, and you know, out of respect for Mr. Pisker. Okay, the door was locked up obviously and they left their business cards. So I, you know, two thumbs up for Victor and Audrey because it really is behavior changes with the individual it really that's where it has to start. And first step is learning their names. So Cheryl what is your last name? (Laboda). Okay.

President Mancuso

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Thank you, sir. Next speaker please. Seeing none, we will now go on to **Council Comments** and tonight we're going to begin with Councilwoman McIntosh.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilwoman McIntosh

3:05:48

Thank you, Madam Chair and thanks to all for their participation in this evening's meeting and for your kind attention to my following comments.

Five years ago nearly to the day I began drafting my application for appointment to the open council seat the former Ward 5 councilwoman Charlene Mancuso left upon being elected as Euclid City Council President. Within this application, I pledge to be a champion for residents promote community unity, and prosperity and to be an advocate for the implementation of the city's newest master plan. The plan that I had the honor of informing through my seat on the master planning steering committee in 2016 / 2017, just one year after purchasing my first home in the city of Euclid. I shared my vision that

included our city becoming a premier and progressive inner ring suburb, one that fought against the stigma of a declining Euclid, or negative perceptions of a city that I found to be so warm and inviting upon moving here in 2015. At the time of submitting my application, I thought earning the seat on council was a long shot, especially after sitting alongside some stiff competition. But much to my surprise, I was met with acceptance and support from city council members, and received the distinct honor of being appointed and sworn in as Ward 5 city council woman on January 2, 2018, and subsequently elected on November fifth 2019. Throughout the past five years, I have attempted to lead in a way that stays true to my application statements, and have committed myself to serving the residents of Ward 5, and the entire city with respect, empathy and pragmatism. I have forged relationships with my council colleagues that have been honest, productive, and certainly not without challenge or debate. I have done the same with members of the administration. And I hope that through partnership with the city's residents, business community and council, that together we have addressed concerns and are moving the city forward. I have recognized however, that my impact as a city council person is limited. The pandemic casts a spotlight on this for me and I have been searching for ways that I could play a larger role in the overall development and future of my city and region. In 2020, I went back to school, and I'm currently pursuing a degree in Urban Planning. My academic studies and full time job have left me with less time to dedicate to my community and to maintaining personal relationships. I realized recently that something had to change, and at the time, a new opportunity presented itself, something that could allow me to accomplish my personal educational and community oriented goals, while recouping free time and the ability to reconnect with family and friends. Part of this opportunity includes resigning from my position as Ward 5 city councilwoman, which I will do effective December 31, 2022. My colleagues were informed prior to tonight's announcement and I will continue to share this news and updates with residents and stakeholders within Euclid's Fifth Ward. There are no words that can truly capture the feelings I have about this decision nor the intense connection I have to residents I have served and worked alongside over the past several years. I am deeply indebted to this community. And I'm immensely grateful for the opportunity to serve in the honorable role of city council person. Euclid has been a gift to me and one that has dramatically influenced the trajectory of my life and career. It is here that I discovered my passion for Community Community Development and Public Service. And I vow to my Euclid family that I will remain involved in the city's future just not as an elected official. I trust that my colleagues will choose a replacement that will continue to assist Residents in a respectful and compassionate way and will carry our collective goals and city forward to the residents of Ward 5. I cannot thank you enough for placing your trust in me and allowing me to serve in this esteemed role. I regret that I am unable to fulfill the last year of my elected term. But know that this is a difficult decision and not one I have taken lightly. Over the next couple of months,

I will remain at your service and upon appointment of the next ward five representative will work to transition them into their new role by making introductions and informing them of past and present issues and successes. I humbly ask for your understanding. And I'm more than happy to discuss and explain my decision and will continue to listen and consider what you wish to see in your community. Thank you from the bottom of my heart, for your understanding, and for the opportunity to serve you as Ward five city council woman.

President Mancuso

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Thank you. Councilman Wojtila.

Councilman Wojtila

3:11:09

Thank you, Madam Chair. Appreciate all the handouts that we received today, particularly this one later. So thank you for that. I just have one question on the revenue replacement. The last column we have three 4000, 3000, 3 million committed. I think I know the answer. We just want to make sure that years 23 and 24 are really not approved until we approved the budget. So we're kind of forecasting. So that's still not 100% committed.

Mayor Gail

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Correct Council did indicate early on in that first budget in our budget this year that they were committee that committed the 10 million for that we would use 10 million for revenue replacement. But it will be part of each budget conversation is still on the table.

Councilman Wojtila

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Yes. Thank you. That's all I have. Goodnight.

President Mancuso

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Thank you, sir. Councilwoman Jukic.

Councilwoman Jukic

3:12:07

Thank you, Madam Chair. The only thing I would like to encourage people to vote tomorrow the polls are open from 6:30am to 7:30pm. And also, just to acknowledge to my councilwoman colleague, Councilwoman

McIntosh, we will miss you. I've learned a lot from you and I will keep you on my speed dial. Thank you.

President Mancuso

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Councilwoman Steele.

Councilwoman Steele

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Thank you, Madam Chair. To all of Ward 8 residents. Thank you so much for coming out to the community meeting. It was very it was well attended. There was some very wonderful speakers. I want to first and foremost thank Mac Stevens, Kristal Grida, Patrick Grogan-Meyer, and police department, Matt, officer, Matt, Brandon and Sam. I don't know their last names. Thank you. Thank you, thank you for coming out. Community, community is what we are, whether we like it or not, we are our brother's keeper. And you're right, it does start with me. In order to make change, we have to have the mindset of changing, doing better being good citizens helping each other. Not all of us are not social workers. But we are human beings. We are mankind. Think of that word, mankind and womankind. Think of that kind. This is what we have to do. We have to work together. And that leads me to my next point. If you're interested in Ward 8 residents in being a street delegate, email me, this is a this is going to be very exciting. Again, it's about being involved with your community helping each other and I'll give you more details just email me. I believe my email is listed. asteele@ at I don't usually email myself, but asteele@cityofeuclid.com. And that is it for this evening and to my colleague, I'm gonna miss you. You're You're just so insightful. And I'm like, Councilwoman Maria. You're gonna be almost beat down. Thank you. That's it. Good night, everybody.

President Mancuso

3:14:43

Ladies and gentlemen. We can aggravate her for another 30 days. We have until the end of the year. We're not done yet. Councilman Tanner.

Councilman Tanner

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Thank you, Madam Chair. I that's just like to piggyback on Chief Haddock his Message. We're, as citizens of Euclid, at this time, are starting to close up our homes due to the weather. And just like he said about the smoke detectors, we kind of forget also do not forget about the carbon monoxide detectors to that's going to be just as important as smoke detectors because we're starting to turn our furnaces on and lock

everything up. And I'd like to see the same residences this year as I did next year when spring come in. So have a nice evening. Thank you.

President Mancuso

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Thank you, sir. Councilman Tolton.

Councilman Tolton

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Thank you, Madam Chair. Just two quick things. Well, first of all, I want to give a shout out to the administration to service department Director Knecht and to Kristal Grida, with your new plan that you put forth as far as cleaning up the thoroughfares. I've noticed in the last few weeks, you're going up Lake Lakeland Boulevard that has been much cleaner, neater, maybe a couple pieces of trash here and there. But the stuffs you know, sitting out there for weeks at a time I have not seen it, seems like they're coming and picking it up fairly quickly. So I'd wanted to give a shout out to administration for that. I know you guys get beat up all the time. So you know, something good. Also, again, tomorrow is voting day. So please just go out there and cast your votes, whatever your vote is, but just make sure that we vote for our democracy is very important. Thank you.

President Mancuso

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Thank you, Councilman Epps.

Councilman Epps

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Good evening, everyone. I won't be long as this has been a late meeting, I just have a couple of things as well. I want to thank Kristal Grida, for your assistance with helping us get the permit for our event on October 29. It was a huge success. We literally in partnership with the Cleveland distributive Collette collaborative, we gave away over \$125,000 worth of hygiene to right there in Ward 3, shout out to Simon and Simon's Plaza who provided his space for us to be able to use, we gave away free food, we gave away tons and tons of laundry detergent, paper towels, scalp, scrubs, all sorts of stuff. And it was a great time, there was a live DJ. And it was a great time had by everyone. And so I just want to thank Kristal for in that last week helping us get the permit to be able to move forward with that. So thank you. And I just want to close by addressing two things. And I always talk about as choosing winners and losers, and picking and choosing areas of the community where we want to enforce it for certain things and areas of the community where we're not enforcing things at all. And we do have a lot of bar owners who are

extremely negligent. And then we have some who have invested 10s of 1000s of dollars, six figures into spaces that have been set vacant for many, many years. And then they find themselves on the wrong end of the stick after these investments. They find themselves in for lack of better words being harassed by our city officials, and sometimes by our law enforcement officers. And I just want to caution as we continue to either lose or settle a lawsuit after lawsuit that we be careful in how we move and try to practice a little more consistency. And what we're doing in regard to these things. And I'll leave that at that. The other piece I want to mention with this conversation, I'm glad that he's going to committee with this conversation about Euclid community connections. And, you know, this whole idea about social workers and embedded social worker plan, we have to do something, this is a conversation that we have been having for a long time. In fact, we had a conversation and safety committee led by former Councilwoman Caviness, former Chairwoman Caviness, in which we had Hank Davis was a part of these conversations as well people present about what it is that they do on the streets of our community. And one of the suggestions I had at that time was having a system in place so that when these folks go to the hospital, for example, a lot of times they you know, they do something, you pick them up in our officers take them to the hospital when they go there, having someone like Hank, or someone from his organization icons, to walk into that room and make the intervention with these young people. That was a suggestion that was made. We even had conversations about getting funding there to make that happen. That never happened either. This is a serious conversation. This is something that I am committed to getting done. It's not what you do. It's how you do it. And I think just throwing massive amounts of money at a particular agency hoping that they get better results than what we've been able to do with city resources and with our facility resources, etc. And the partnerships that we are able to forge with outside agencies outside of our community, other than right here in Euclid would be much more beneficial than doing it the way that we are the way it's been proposed and suggestions so I want people to know, it's not that we all of us who spoke against that. It's not that we don't support doing something If we just want to actually do something that counts, and I just don't view this piece as doing something, there are a lot of small pieces like the icons proposal that will help us in a more intricate way, as far and give us some serious success rates. And I think that we just have to go a different route with this, I would actually like to have the opportunity to vote no, and kill this here and tonight and not see it, go back to committee, because you will see this back here. Again, I guarantee you. But I just want to point out that I know that you've mentioned we're not as a city in the social worker business, and I get that, but we have to do something and kicking the can out to another agency, as we've done with our golf course, as we try with Shore. And here we are back with Shore, under the city. I mean, all of these things are things that an effective administration should be able to get done with partners like the park partners we have here on console. And so I just think we need to be a little more creative and

actually provide some innovative ideas, as opposed to what has been suggested here tonight. I also want to say this, because we don't do a lot of this as well. And as that I am actually going to miss you. Very seldom do we agree on a lot of things. But one of the things in particular that I have somebody and we all know who the person is, who always is sending text messages about recall Ward 6, this recall Ward that recovered this and every single time you can ask, I say no, when it comes to you. And the reason I always say that is because whether we agree or not, we disagree respectfully. And you go to bat for what you believe in. And that's what I feel I do every day as well. And so I respect you for that, even though we don't always agree and best of luck in your future endeavors. Thank you,

President Mancuso
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Councilman Jarosz.

Councilman Jarosz
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Thank you, Madam Chair. I just really, I appreciate the resident mentioned 200 Street Hardware. I had an interesting few interactions with him when he was past couple years. And one was always bring my screens and to get redone. Well, when you bring your screens in to be redone, it's spring, who else brings their screens in to be done in spring? Everybody else in the city. And he would always just go, how long is it gonna take? And he'd have just piles and piles. He goes and he goes, you know you had all winter to do this. I go, you're right. You're right, just every time. And it is late. So I will respond to Councilman McIntosh's comments at her last meeting. Thank you.

President Mancuso
3:22:19

Okay, we do have an Executive and Finance Committee already scheduled for 11-14-22. Everybody should have received their packet of applicants for the Charter Review Commission. So please go through those packets. Don't give me that look, go through those packets and kind of get in line with who, what, how, and we will have that discussion that night. Okay. If there is nothing else to come before us, I will take a motion to adjourn. So moved by Councilman Tolton. Second by Councilman Tanner.
All in favor, "Aye."

We are adjourned


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Council President