

**EUCLID CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 19, 2022**

**This regular Council Meeting was held on Monday, December 19, 2022  
at 7:00pm in the Euclid Municipal Center Council Chambers.  
President Charlene Mancuso, presided.**

Council President Mancuso

0:07

Good evening and welcome to the equal city council meeting and this December 19, 2022. If able please rise and join me for 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, please call the roll.

Clerk Laboda

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

Council President Mancuso

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May I have a motion to excuse? Councilman Tanner. So moved by Councilwoman Steele. Second by Councilman Jarosz.  
All in favor, "Aye."

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

Clerk Laboda

1:02

We have no Communications.

Council President Mancuso  
Council minutes?

Clerk Laboda

November 21, 2022.

Council President Mancuso

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

## ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Gail

1:13

Thank you, Madam Chair. Good evening. Good evening, members of council, those joining us. A couple of announcements and we are waiting for Senator Yuko to join us and so when he does, is able to join us, we will interrupt our proceedings and present him with a resolution of appreciation. But first I'd like to thank our rec department and our first responders who participated in a very successful skating event. Also Richmond heights police, Euclid police, Euclid fire department and the rec department combined efforts it really was a fun event. And enjoyed by many. I also would like to thank the rec department and everyone who participated in the first, hopefully annual, flashlight candy cane hunt this past Friday here at City Hall. Heard a great, great report on the Those were fun and fun activities. Just a reminder that due to the holidays City Hall will be closed Friday, December 23 and Monday, December 26 for the Christmas holiday and then Monday January 2 for New Years. That means Council the next council meeting will be Tuesday January 3. I think we will recognize tonight. Councilwoman McIntosh has resigned from her city council seat. So if we could ask Councilwoman McIntosh to come forward. We have a resolution of congratulations and appreciation for her. Oh, do we not have a microphone?

Council President Mancuso

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We can do this. We can do this. All right. You guys are stand down there and I'm gonna stand up here, okay. Okay, fair.

Mayor Gail

3:01

So those who may not know, Councilwoman McIntosh has resigned from her council seat, but we know we'll be continuing to work in many ways for the city. So we thank you. It's been an honor to have you served the city as an elected official as my council person. But in addition to I think serving the ward, Christine has also always served the whole city and so we certainly appreciate the hard work, your dedication and the service to the city. You want to start?

Council President Mancuso

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I will start. A resolution of respects congratulations and a sincere thank you to Christine McIntosh Ward five council person, whereas Councilperson McIntosh served Ward five and the city of Euclid as their council representative from January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2022. And

Mayor Gail

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Whereas council woman, council person McIntosh served on the Executive and Finance Committee, the Business Development Committee, City Planning and Housing Committee, Public Service Committee, Community Programming and Recreation Committee and the Administrative Committee,

Council President Mancuso

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And whereas council woman McIntosh, wait you haven't heard anything yet, Whereas council person McIntosh chaired the Sustainability and Parks Committee to pass legislation to engage the City of Euclid in becoming a power a clean future Ohio partner and developed a sustainability recommendation report Councilperson McIntosh MacIntosh educated us on the need to reduce carbon emissions, partnered with NACA to bring electric vehicle charging stations to excuse me to our community advocated for bike pedestrian walkability improvements throughout the city and sponsored legislation that resulted in several grants to further increase our tree canopy and land conservation efforts. And

Mayor Gail

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And whereas Councilwoman McIntosh was a dedicated member of the Euclid Shade Tree municipal beautification commission, a founding member and active volunteer of the Keep Euclid Beautiful team and a member of the Friends of Euclid Creek. She championed legislation that now allows leashed dogs in parks and public places. And

Council President Mancuso

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Whereas Councilperson McIntosh consistently held Ward meetings with her residents to keep them informed of activities and issues occurring not only in Ward five, but in the community as a whole. She actively participated in planning efforts, such as the city of Euclid Master Plan

steering committee, the lakefront steering committee, and shared her passion for sustainable top of the town project. And

Mayor Gail

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Whereas council person McIntosh brought her ideas on the importance of health and wellness to our safety forces she shared started a sunshine yoga program for residents, Councilwoman McIntosh partnered with Euclid schools and Kiwanis to promote youth involvement. She was a member of the Cuyahoga Arts Council's legislative committee, and supported renovations in programming at the Shore Cultural Center. And

Council President Mancuso

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Whereas Councilperson McIntosh fulfilled her Council responsibilities, consistently participated in her volunteer groups, all while holding a full time work position and attending class pursuing her degree. And

Mayor Gail

6:14

We were as we are all proud and humbled by council person McIntosh, who came to this council as a fairly new young resident, Euclid resident who wanted to get involved in her new community. Her energy and commitment to our community is visible every day. We wish you continued success, and we know you will bring your talents to you good every day as you move forward.

Council President Mancuso

6:36

Now therefore, be it resolved by the Council of the City of Euclid, State of Ohio that this Council and Administration do hereby congratulate and thank Christine McIntosh for her service to Euclid Ward 5 city council person that the Clerk of this Council is hereby authorized and directed to certify a copy of the resolution to Christine McIntosh and it takes immediate effect.

And now go sit down because we're going back to work we will be okay, we're gonna continue on with the committee...

Mayor Gail

7:29

Madam Chair. I'm sorry, I did want to record I did want to call people's attention to this beautiful award that is fitting because Councilwoman McIntosh was the one to spur us on our sustainability initiatives. And we also have the plan on the legislation tonight. So I was at a lunch in

Columbus on Friday. And Euclid was awarded the climate action community this is for our membership and power a clean future presents this award to the City of Euclid for recognition of the community's commitment to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and effectively address climate change. So it's fitting that this is also while Councilwoman McIntosh is here because I do want to thank her for her hard work and really supporting us all in those efforts. So this is much due to your work and Chief Meyer has an announcement and then we can proceed.

Police Chief Meyer

8:23

Thank you, Mayor, Council President, members of council members, the audience do just two quick updates, PAL basketball. We are still continuing PAL basketball but we'll be on a break over the holiday. We'll resume again every Friday night in January, beginning in January. And those are from 6 to 9pm again every Friday night. If you have any questions about it, please visit our website and you'll be able to get those questions answered. Additionally, I wanted to thank one of our businesses, but this week, Euclid police officers will be delivering toys clothes and housewares to for Euclid families. The Euclid school liaisons helped identified families that needed a little help the season and the gifts are possible from the Police Athletic League and from our own Chesterfield Steel. Their employees and the organization have been extremely generous every year and allowed us to do that. So I did want to you know give a shout out to our friends at Chesterfield Steel. That's it.

Council President Mancuso

9:27

While we're waiting for Senator Yuko, we're gonna go on with our **Committee Documentation**. And we will begin with the chairman of the Program and Recreation Committee. Councilwoman Steele

Councilwoman Steele

9:40

Thank you, Madam Chair. Programming and Recreation Committee date of the meeting was November 9, 2022. Update of Fall and Winter recreation, update on the recreation health facility, update on the swimming pools, update on the CEO Orr Ice Arena renovations of restrooms, update of Briardale golf course performance. Committee members present Kristian Jarosz, Christine McIntosh, Maria Jukic, Marcus Epps. Guests present, presenters and the guests were Councilman John Wojtila, Mac Stephens, Nick Bender, Vice President of Operations for Indigo sports, which is a division of Trone Golf Management, and staff of Briardale golf course. Josh Virant is the superintendent, Owen Reynolds is the general manager. Issues

discussed. Nick gave an overview of performance showing they are currently profiting due to the pandemic the participation has increased. The golf course does offer Jr golf, making it affordable for young golfers and they continue to make golf affordable for everyone. also discuss the homes surrounding the golf course on how the golf balls have interest some of the property they're making sure the netting is up and the in that golfers are aware if their golf ball damages the property of the residents, they are responsible and will need to make their repairs. The signs are up throughout the golf course advising the rules. They discussed the need for new equipment, infrastructure and new furniture and paint, the golf course will need a new roof and parking lot will need to be repaved. also discuss renovations needed for the CE Orr ice arena and discuss how the arena is used mostly by hockey groups outside of Euclid, stated how the arena is being utilized but most people don't know of the activities that ice arena provide. They have free skate skating lessons. Fall and Winter recreation we'll be offering a candy cane hunt at Memorial Park Friday, December 16. That's already passed at six o'clock PM. Discussed the walking program that was being offered and they also discussed the recreation department is offering basketball. Concerning the recreation health facility. This will be reviewed between December 19 and January 16, 2023. Update on swimming pools, which was discussed in length, how the schools have certain scheduled times for open swim for the public but it does not meet everyone's needs, has talked about inviting the schools to discuss the concerns of having the schools free up more swim times for residents also talked about having the urban swim Cleveland collaboration with us to provide lifeguards and to make swimming available for kids. There is no current actions taken once again, these were all updates. Thank you.

Council President Mancuso

12:55

Thank you. I will address the Executive and Finance committee meeting that was on April, April. Oh my gosh 11-30-22. And it was the first of two back to back NF meetings where we did candidate interviews for the ward five council person appointment. And 11-30 we actually saw all candidates who had submitted an application and they were interviewed where the committee members asked questions to each of the candidates. And the candidates were also permitted to ask questions of the committee. At the end of that particular session, we went into executive session. And at when we came back in, we had decided to ask our law director to bring back three candidates that we had decided to move move on to the second round. So for the 11-30. Committee, we actually made a decision to move forward to a second interviews and 12-1 was indeed the Executive and Finance committee where we did look at the final candidates and then went into executive session to discuss came back out and made a decision once we were here of who we would have appointed in that will be a Miss, Miss Tara Hannum, who will take that position over in January, January 1 of 2023. Residents will see there's a

resolution on tonight actually authorizing that candidacy and that appointment. And then we will go to Councilwoman McIntosh for her Sustainability Committee on 12 -7-22.

Councilwoman McIntosh

14:41

Thank you, Madam Chair. The sustainability and Parks Committee met on December seventh. There were two agenda items, one being the parks improvement updates. And the second agenda item was the Nextgen recommendations and municipal priorities which is The sustainability recommendations that is on tonight's agenda. Administration staff present was the mayor, Mayor Gail and Planning and Development Director Patrick Grogan-Myers, Economic Development Manager, Callie Cripps. Committee members present were Tanner, Jukic, Steele and myself. Item number one committee members received, received an update from the administration regarding plans for municipal playground improvements mostly in 2023. But we recapped by learning that one year ago conditions and the prioritization assessment was presented in councils Recreation Committee, Memorial Park, Hero Park and Willow Park were completed in 2021. Tungsten Park is currently being replaced as part of the 2022 plans. It is slightly delayed but will be completed next year in 2023. Heritage Park is planned for 2023 and county supplemental grant funds are currently being sought progress to date in 2021, \$600,000 were spent using cell phone tower funds, permanent Improvement Fund and Community Development Block Grant funds in 2022, \$260,000. were spent using CDBG funds and ARPA dollars in 2023. We expect the expenses to be 175,000. Also using community block grant funds and the community development supplemental grant funds. members asked questions about cost estimates and contractors and none have been solidified to date. Item number two, the committee chair and administration staff presented the background that led to the development of a sustainability plan, including the city's 2020 power clean future Ohio commitment to lower carbon emissions by 30%. By year 2030. Discussion included goals and key takeaways from the plan. A summary of projects implemented to date such as energy audits and upgrades solar panel installation on city hall, adding renewable energy options and brokered aggregation agreements, led streetlight conversion which is still currently pending First Energy scheduling UV charger installations there are two currently in the city hall municipal lot and two planned for Sims Park. County micro grid agreement and supporting property owners who are interested in commercial pace financed projects. In 2021 Councilperson. McIntosh had multiple planning sessions with PowerClean future Ohio partner Nutter Consulting, while Economic Development Manager Callie Cripps was introduced to Russ Bates of Nextgen Clean Energy Solutions at a regional event. These two parallel paths lead to the city recognizing the need for a sustainability action plan in order to better position itself for completing projects and securing funding. The city entered into an

agreement with next gen in spring 2022. And they have spent approximately six months assessing conditions and opportunities and developing a framework for implementation. Goals of the plan include filling gaps in the city's knowledge on green and sustainable, sustainable opportunities. Developing a Strategic Action Plan focused on recommendations to accomplish the 30% by 2030 goal outlining potential partnerships with community stakeholders to build and strengthen a coalition and identifying funding opportunities available to assist the city in executing the recommendations. After a lengthy and productive discussion. With many thoughtful questions from members. The committee moved to adopt the sustainability plan as an addendum to the city's 2018 Master Plan. This legislation will be introduced on the 12-19 Council agenda. And the plan was distributed to city council on December 2 and has been posted to the city's website since December 9. The actions taken were; while there were was no current legislation presented at that committee meeting members did motion to move the issue back to council with recommendation to approve and there were handouts, handouts provided should have been in everybody's mailbox and emailed the next gen sustainability clean energy recommend recommendations report, as well as the December 7, sustainability and parks committee presentation. That completes my report. Thank you.

Council President Mancuso

19:26

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

Councilman Wojtila

19:30

Thank you, Madam Chair. I'd make a motion to approve the Programming and Recreation Committee Meeting Notes From November 9, 2022. And the Sustainability and Parks Committee meeting from December 7, 2022.

Council President Mancuso

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Councilman Wojtila

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And the two Executive and Finance meetings from 11-30-22 and 12-1-22.

Council President Mancuso

19:57

Thank you, sir. I have a motion on the floor. Do I have a second? So moved by Councilwoman McIntosh.

All in favor, "Aye."

Thank you. We're going to go on with our **Committee of the Whole** until we have our speaker come in the Committee of the Whole anyone wishing to discuss or ask questions about anything on the agenda this evening, could come to our podium, state your name, address, and please keep your comments to five minutes. Do we have a speaker?

### **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – LEGISLATIVE MATTERS ONLY**

Council President Mancuso

20:39

Get the green button at the bottom there.

Resident Julie Slater

20:41

Thank you. Sorry, can you hear me? There you go. My name is Julie Slater. And my address is 25120 Lakeshore Boulevard in Euclid. I just wanted to comment on item number six, which is the Sustainability clean energy recommendations report. I'm really happy to see you good taking action on climate change. And I'm really grateful to Councilperson McIntosh for spearheading it. And I really want to see the city continue these efforts. And I'm optimistic that you will, especially since Councilperson McIntosh is going to keep working for the city. I just had some comments to share after reviewing the report, I'm not lobbying for accepting or not accepting the report, but I just wanted to share my comments at the council. I know. So the report included like a general framework on how to get to 30% reduction of greenhouse gas emissions. And then it went into a lot of detail about the small scale solar projects. And I know there's probably a lot of energy to go ahead and work on the solar projects, because there's been so much discussion around them. I think it would be good for the city to stay in the planning stages on that a little bit longer and get some more consultation about how to tackle some of the goals that were in the report. The report, in the report, about two thirds of the emission reduction is from electrification of cars and of homes. But the plan doesn't really talk about how to get there. It would be about one in four vehicles in one four homes that we need to be electrified, to help us get to our goal. And that's like a pretty ambitious plan. And it'll be tricky for Euclid because we've got a lot of floated mid income households. And I think it'd be really helpful if we sought some advice on how to tackle that part of the plan that's in the framework. And I'm not against the solar projects. But I worried that if we go ahead and jump on that and in our eagerness to take action, that they could take up

a lot of attention and energy from potentially more projects that will have a bigger footprint. So again, I'm really happy to see the city working on this. And I hope we keep working in a really strategic way to you know, maximize the results. Thank you.

Council President Mancuso

23:00

Thank you. We're gonna go ahead and take a break from our committee of the whole for the moment and bring up Senator Yuko. I saw him where is he? Come on. Turn something more important than whatever, okay.

Council President Mancuso

23:41

Yeah, everything's fine Here she comes, walk, walk, walk there you go.

Mayor Gail

24:02

Oh, all right. Thank you. So we are going to, we are here to honor Senator Yuko. But before we do that he has one thing he would like to do.

State Senator Kenny Yuko

24:14

Thank you, Mayor. You know, one great thing about being a state senator is you get to meet a lot of wonderful people. You get to meet a lot of elected officials, you get to meet a lot of very prominent people that you and I might not think about as much as you think we do. But when you think about us being safe, or what happens if there's any medical emergency, or a car accident or a fire, who reached out to we reach out to the fire department and chief you guys have had a milestone year this year. And not too many fire departments can claim to have the longevity that this fire department has and your union that represents the fire department Local 337. They are beaming with pride with what this Fire Department means to this whole community. And you see it time and time and time again, in recognition for services provided to our residents, and those who pass through our city from time to time. And it gives me great, great pleasure. That though we're able to present a resolution, initiated by myself honoring the Euclid Fire Department on his 100th anniversary, and let's have a round of applause for our Euclid Fire Department.

Mayor Gail

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Senator, I'd like to also recognize Adam Reichman, the president of Local 337 is here. Do you want to come up Adam?

State Senator Kenny Yuko

25:54

Come on up, Adam. We're not going to read the whole thing. But I can assure you that I think the entire city joins me in saying congratulations on a job well done. Thank you for all that you do. I mean, the number of occasions that people have relied upon, and we've we've seen the news when there's a tragic accidents on the shoreway, house burning, someone having a heart attack. And sometimes when it seems like you have the most distressful situation, in comes the calvary, it's called the Euclid Fire Department. And these guys have just been absolutely phenomenal. Personally, they've taken care of my family, and I can't thank him enough. So Chief, we'll present this to you and the fire department on behalf of the Ohio Senate and all the residents of the City of Euclid. Congratulations. Best wishes in the 100 years more. You'll new Senator, then.

Mayor Gail

26:50

All right, I will ask our council president to join me. So so we also have a resolution of congratulations to present to Senator Kenny Yuko. Prior to the council meeting, we join were joined by the library and the schools and many community members who came together to thank and honor Senator Yuko for his service to the City of Euclid. Several things you can help celebrate his service to the community. Starting in January, you can get a Kenny Yuko commemorative library card at which his picture on it at the library. As you go south on 222nd Street, I will ask that you look right at Tracy Avenue, and you will see an honorary sign Kenny Yuko Way on Tracy Avenue, which is where Kenny was born and raised. And he, many of you have heard Kenny speak over the years. And almost always he starts with he was born on Tracy Avenue. His dad raised, his parents raised his family there worked at Lincoln Electric, fond memory, the values that were instilled in Kenny, as a young boy, I think really came through your whole career, your commitment to family, your commitment to service, your commitment to the public good and quality of life. And so, personally, it's been an honor to know you, to work with you, to call you my friend. We will miss you. You've left a long legacy for the city of Euclid through your hard work, through your dedication and mostly your care and kindness for everybody. So we have a resolution we will take turns reading I will let Council President start.

Council President Mancuso

28:42

Okay. This is a resolution of congratulations and a sincere appreciation for Senator Kenny Yuko, Ohio State Senator representing Ohio's 25th District for all that he has done for the city of Euclid and the residents of his House and Senate Districts during his public service tenure.

Mayor Gail

28:59

Whereas Senator Yuko grew up in Euclid and graduated from Brush High School in the South Euclid Lyndhurst School District in 1968. He attended both Cuyahoga Community College and Kent State University before entering the workforce. He adores his wife Pam, two children Angela and the late Rocky and three granddaughters.

Council President Mancuso

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And whereas Senator Hugo began his career as a clothing buyer for Polski Department Store, but he soon found his true passion with union organizing. He served with the Laborers Local 860 for 30 years, including 25 years as union organizer, he retired from that service in 2004. During his long career, he received multiple rewards, multiple awards, excuse me for his efforts, including the 2000 Organizing award from his international union and

Mayor Gail

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Whereas Senator Yuko ran for Ohio State Representative in 2004, with the goals of protecting work working families, promoting health care access and improving Ohio's economic climate. He won convincingly and was subsequently reelected for three more terms. Senator Yuko served the southern district from January 3, 2005 to December 31, 2012. And

Council President Mancuso

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Whereas Senator Yuko then served at this as State Senator from Ohio's 25th District from January 6, 2015 until his retirement on December 31, 2022, and served as Minority Leader of the Ohio Senate since April 26, 2017. Senator Yuko received numerous awards and recognitions for his years of service to the community, some of which include AFL-CIO, Lifetime Achievement Award, Lincoln employment abilities and potential leap, Legislative Advocacy Award, National Association of Mental Illness legislator of the Year Award, the Rosemary Home Angel of the year and

so many more recognizing Senator Yuko's work to strengthen Northeast Ohio and improving the lives of all Ohioans. And

Mayor Gail

31:06

Whereas Senator Yuko has been a tremendous supporter of all things Euclid during his time in the legislature obtaining funding for city assets such as the Henn Mansion, Shore Cultural Centre window replacement project and to State Capital allocations for the transformational Euclid Waterfront improvements project. And

Council President Mancuso

31:26

Whereas Senator Yuko is always present in the community supporting local causes, activities and individual achievements. He's a strong advocate for economic development and job creation, particularly in supporting job ready site improvements, business expansion and unique projects such as Lincoln electric's wind turbine project, Senator Yuko never forgets the laborers, workers, first responders and healthcare employees always showing support for these groups in legislation presented to the Senate.

Mayor Gail

31:57

Now therefore, be it resolved by the Council of the City of Euclid, State of Ohio that we hereby congratulate Senator Kenny Yuko, Ohio State Senator representing Ohio's 25th District on his retirement and express our sincere appreciation for all that you've done for the City of Euclid, and the residents of the House and Senate districts during your public service tenure. And we hereby declare today, Senator Kenny Yuko Day. Wish you much health, much happiness, and a wonderful retirement. Thank you for your service, your commitment, and the legacy that you leave.

State Senator Kenny Yuko

32:43

Thank you, Mayor, to all of you, in the council members and all of you at home today. I just want to express my sincere thanks and appreciation for the friendship, the warmth, the kindness, you know, I've been doing a lot of farewell tours lately. And as I started, I thought to myself, I need to have a message that would be consistent everywhere I went. And it was very easy. And when I looked at the world, you watch the news you turn on the TV or the radio, your watch, pick up a newspaper or something. And we have to admit the world's in a little bit of a turmoil right now. We see a lot of it going on in the Ukraine. But there's there's a lot of other

problems and issues that we have all over our country. And Ohio is no exception. And sometimes senate district 25 is no exception. So what I've been asking everyone to do is if you would do me one favor. They're all seeing if there's anything we can ever do for you. And I said yes, there is. And that's very simple as Be kind to one another. Be respectful. When you're walking down the street and you see a stranger, give him a smile, because it won't be wasted because every time you give somebody a smile, what happens return do they give it right back? That's right. And if we all do our part, we're gonna make this world a nice place to live. And right now with the lakefront and and schools and everything else we've got going here in nucleon. Euclid is a great place to call home. I started calling it a home in 1950. And I know there's a lot of reasons we're probably moving into this community in the very near future. And I hope that they had the same sense of pride that I had back then. And as you're calling at the Memorial Day Parade event, I was asked to say a few words. And I talked about my life growing up in New England, growing up with all the American flags because was post World War Two, watching my neighbor, get out every morning and carry the flag out on the stick and get to walk down to the bottom of the front steps. Look at his house and roll the flag, walk back up, put it in a bracket, just walk back down and give it a salute because it meant so much to him. As kids we decorated our bicycles in our wagons as we got our own parades down the street, because that's what it was. We've walked down the street down Tracy I'm going to Euclid park where we take our little motor boats with their level two C batteries and it was a long string and float them in the pond here. Are you a glutton, because that's what we did. We had family picnics, we did things together as a family, we knew our neighbors, people were kind people were friendly. And we need to get that same type of attitude and still that type of happiness again. And now you're going to find people that are less served than others, you're going to find people that are more in need than others, you're going to find people with mental health issues that they didn't ask for. Yes, they just guide them. And what it's our responsibility to try to reach out and help them. Don't turn your back on them. You know, I tell the kids and I've talked in schools, when you see one new child come in, and he sits by himself, either invite them to your table for lunch, or you go sit with them and have lunch with them. It's important and if they start out very young, by the time they get to be my age, you know what, they'll have it down pat, it's very easy to do. It's very easy to be kind very easy to be respectful, and very easy to make new friends and that's why I urge everyone to do and then we can all sit back and enjoy the fruits of our labors. I told ally today I said you know I feel kind of guilty. I get all this credit for all this work on the lakefront so she did all the work I get all the credit it's I love my job kind of works out really nice. Listen, my family's here, my wife, my daughter in law, my granddaughters Gabby and Frankie, my daughter Angela on behalf of my whole family to all of yours, I wish you all a very Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Happy New Year. Be blessed, be safe and be kind. Thank you and God bless.

Mayor Gail

37:50

Thank you to the the number of community members who were here. Thank you, Pam and Yuko family for giving us Kenny as well and always being there to support him.

Council President Mancuso

38:08

Okay, we're going to continue and go back to our **Committee of the Whole for legislative matters only**. If there's anybody who wishes to speak to the agenda, please come to the podium and give us your name and keep your comments to five minutes. Seeing none, we will then go to our legislative agenda. Madam Clerk, please read the first agenda item into the record.

Clerk Laboda

38:35

**Ordinance 154-22.** An ordinance pursuant to Euclid codified ordinance 905.02 To assign an honorary Street and erect a sign at the intersection of Tracy Avenue and East 222nd Street. And for it to be named Kenny Yuko Way in honor of our Ohio State Senator Kenny Yuko.

Council President Mancuso

39:01

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

All in favor, "Aye."

And we're gonna go to Mayor Gail.

Mayor Gail

39:10

Thank you, Madam Chair. Council this would officially accept and recognized Tracy Avenue from 222nd street going west to about 215. As Senator Kenny Yuko Way. As you know, council authorized this process a couple of years ago, we recently passed one as well for former council persons to find a Caviness. And so we're asking for your support. Appreciate your support to recognize Senator Yuko in his service through the honorees, Honorary Street. Happy to answer any questions if you have. Thank you.

Council President Mancuso

39:48

Any discussion? Seeing none, I'll entertain a motion to close debate. So moved by Councilwoman Yuko, oh my gosh. This is just water. Councilwoman Jukic. And who's the second Councilman Wojtila. Thank you so much. Entertain a motion to close debate. Councilman Jarosz, second by Councilwoman McIntosh. I'll entertain a motion to suspend the rules to forego the second and third reading. So moved by Councilwoman McIntosh, second by Councilman Jarosz.

All in favor, "Aye."

Any opposed? Seeing none.

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

Clerk Laboda

40:40

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

Ordinance passes.

Council President Mancuso

40:51

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

Clerk Laboda

40:56

**Resolution 146-22.** A resolution appointing Tara Hannum as Councilperson for Ward 5 to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Ward 5 councilperson, Christine McIntosh, effective January 1, 2023. And she says she shall serve for the balance of the unexpired term ending December 31, 2023.

Council President Mancuso

41:23

Thank you. I'll entertain a motion for passage. So moved by Councilman Wojtila, second by Councilman Jarosz.

All in favor, "Aye."

This is the combination of the two executive and finance committee meetings that were tasked with appointing a person to finish the the unfinished term for council woman McIntosh. We have discussed this at length, so I'll ask if there's any further discussion on the resolution?

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

All in favor, "Aye."

Madam Clerk, please call the roll and the resolution.

Clerk Laboda

42:03

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

Resolution passes.

Council President Mancuso

42:14

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

Clerk Laboda

42:18

**Resolution 147-22.** A resolution approving the petition to add territory to the Northeast Ohio advanced energy district and for special energy improvement projects under the Ohio Revised Code chapter 1710. And approving the necessity of acquiring, installing, equipping and improving certain public improvements in the city of Euclid Ohio, in cooperation with the Northeast Ohio advanced energy district - 26250 Euclid Avenue Project.

Council President Mancuso

42:58

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

And we will go to Director Grogan-Myers.

Planning and Development Director Grogan-Myers

43:08

Thank you, Madam Chair. Good evening Council, I will provide some introductory comments and then turn it over to Economic Development Manager, Callie Cripps to be able to talk through some of the details. But this is an exciting set of legislation. This and the subsequent two pieces of legislation work hand in hand to help execute what's called a commercial pacer property assessed clean energy project. It's fitting that this project is the first in the city and also on the same agenda as the sustainability report recommendations. So in basic principle, what PACE financing allows to do is to make some energy improvements to a property and for you to pay those energy improvements off over the useful life of whatever those improvements are, via your property tax bill. You'll remember or this might seem very similar to the erosion

control legislation that we passed previously, had brought before you previously for erosion control measures along the lake for private property owners, this functions in a very similar way. So it's just taking a little bit different tack. In this case, we're talking about energy improvements, building envelope improvements, things of that nature. With that, I'll turn it over to Economic Development Manager Callie Cripps, who has been the department's lead on this project.

Economic Development Manager Callie Cripps

44:25

Thank you, Patrick. Madam Chair, council members. Before we get into the details of the legislation, I kind of wanted to share with you some of the more exciting details about the project. I do have a handout. I apologize for not getting these two sooner. Patrick would help me, thank you, appreciate it. So the proposal is for the erecting 1500 ground mounted solar solar panels which have produced 955 megawatt hours of energy which is estimated to offset approximately 48% of the building's total energy use and their utility bill, the estimated project cost is at around \$1.785 million, which over the course of the 29 years, which it's going to be financed actually amounts to a total project expenditure closer to \$3.5 million. The benefits that you'll see in the handouts include significant cost savings. The savings in the first year alone are estimated to be a little bit over \$15,000. And that number is expected to rise annually as the cost of electric continues to increase as well. This really is a critical factor to getting expenditures for the building under control, and really helped to make it attractive location to work and potentially live. Other benefits that I want to call attention to are the environmental impact, which equates to about 6.8 million gallons of gasoline, or 36,000 barrels of crude oil consumed. It also they have an estimate for about 606,000 light bulbs switched over to LED. So all that's to say that this is a very significant energy efficiency win for Euclid. As with all other projects of this size and scope, the next step after the financing is in place is to continue working with the planning and development department on preparing for any potential parking and or stormwater runoff implications, as well as any zoning or permitting needs. One last thing I wanted to note is that over the course of the last year, the new ownership has not waited to begin updating their building. They've already retrofitted approximately 750 lights to LED. They've completely renovated the lobby, they've gone suite by suite renovating floor to ceiling. They've added new landscaping and asphalt, not to mention addressing quite a bit of deferred maintenance. I did want to mention that. Haim Mayam is here in the audience. Him and his wife, Amanda are the new owners of the building. And we'd be happy to answer any questions that council may have.

Council President Mancuso

47:01

Thank you. Council, did you want to suspend the rules to have the owners? Yes? All right. There's motion to suspend the rules by Councilman Tolton. Is there a second? So moved by Councilwoman Jukic. All in favor, "Aye."

Could we have the two people come to the podium here? One person sorry. There's a green button green light on the bottom.

Business Owner Haim Mayam

47:29

That's great. Hi, everybody. My name is Kai Maya and I'm the partner of Amanda Mayam and we are the owner of 26300 Euclid Avenue.

Council President Mancuso

47:37

Thank you. And if you'll just bear with us as people ask you questions, you'll be able to help us with it. Discussion by council. Councilman Tolton.

Councilman Tolton

47:50

Thank you, Madam Chair. Thanks for coming. And thanks for purchasing the building and putting a lot of attention into it. Just a couple of quick questions. And I'm looking at the in the schematics here. The solar panel that's going on the that would be the North. I'm sorry. Yeah. The north part of the property. (Yes, sir.) Okay, and then I see there's another part is a little bit next to the building. (Yes.) Okay. So that doesn't affect the echeck. Complex, right? (No, nothing, nothing.) is okay. What up against that? Okay. I can maybe even I don't know if you can answer maybe even Ms. Cripps, you know, what, what is the economic benefits of doing something like this?

Business Owner Haim Mayam

48:38

Well, the straightforward is, we're going to do a saving of around 125,000 in electric consumption in that building, is 48% of the electric that we use currently will be reduced. Our, I think I'm gonna build is around \$280,000 A year and we're going to come down to almost \$150,000 So it's a huge advantage for us and using the solar panel system, it will allow us you know, and to improve the economics of the building.

Councilman Tolton

49:12

And do you see what these improvements are? You see potential new tenants coming in...

Business Owner Haim Mayam

49:19

We know that there is, you know, we working with a lot of nonprofit organization and other properties that we have actually we did the first base financing for solar system in Cleveland at 11811 Shaker Boulevard, it was the first solar system that was finance, everything was four years ago. And definitely nonprofit organization and other lessor was, you know, attractive to, you know, the option of, you know, and building that have led have solar, you know, energy efficient into it and, you know, our I think we are one of the first in the country to do a grain lease and basically that us as an owner are committed to retrofit the buildings and in order to save energy and reduce their CO footprint.

Councilman Tolton

50:08

Thank you.

Council President Mancuso

50:10

Any other discussion? Councilwoman McIntosh.

Councilwoman McIntosh

50:14

Thank you, Madam Chair. I just want to thank you for undertaking a project of this magnitude and for committing your finances to clean energy. And hopefully you will be the first of many in the City of Euclid. So, just want to say thank you.

Business Owner Haim Mayam

50:32

Appreciate it.

Council President Mancuso

50:34

Any other discussion? Councilman Councilwoman Steele.

Councilwoman Steele

50:40

By the way, this Thank you. Thank you for coming out tonight. And as my colleague said, we appreciate you taking a step in the right direction on clean energy that's so important for us. But I do have a question. The the property that you purchase, is my understanding is for is basically for businesses to rent. (Yeah, it's an office building.) It's an office building. Do you do you forecast? When do you anticipate all of this to get done? Do you have a forecast in place? Well, we

Business Owner Haim Mayam

51:18

Well, we are planning to start installation on the second quarter of 2023. Hopefully we'll finish in four months. So probably, and third quarter will finish. Hopefully before the end of the year. We'll be operating and connected to the building. Thank you. 23. Thank you.

Council President Mancuso

51:38

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

All in favor, "Aye."

Madam Clerk, please call the roll on the resolution.

Clerk Laboda

51:53

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

Resolution passes.

Council President Mancuso

52:05

Congratulations, Sir. Thank you for coming. Madam Clerk, please read the fourth agenda item into the record.

Clerk Laboda

52:13

**Ordinance 148-22.** An emergency ordinance determining to proceed with the acquisition, installation, equipping and improvement of certain public improvements in the city of Euclid Ohio, in cooperation with the Northeast Ohio advanced energy district 26250 Euclid Avenue Project and declaring an emergency.

Council President Mancuso

52:38

Thank you obtain a motion for passage to begin discussion. So moved by Councilwoman Steele, second by Councilwoman Jukic.

All in favor, "Aye."

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

Planning and Development Director Grogan-Myers

52:48

Thank you, Madam Chair. The only pieces I'll circle back to this again, these are three pieces that weren't work in tandem to help finance this project. The first one as was recently passed, approves adding the the property to the advanced energy district which the city is a member of the second approves the progression of the project itself. So the acquisition, installation and equipping of the solar panels to the building. And then the final piece approves the levying of the special assessments so they all serve a point in the process. And they all work together.

Council President Mancuso

53:23

Thank you. Discussion. No. Councilman Tolton.

Councilman Tolton

53:32

Thank you, Madam Chair. Director Grogan-Myers, one quick question, is a zoning change does the zoning changes need to take place for to put those solar panels there?

Planning and Development Director Grogan-Myers

53:43

Madam Chair to the Councilperson, as Miss Cripps highlighted. So this is just the financing piece. We will work through zoning relief in conjunction with zoning Commissioner Muscatello. Following the the approval tonight, pending your approval tonight.

Council President Mancuso

53:56

Thank you. Other discussion? Seeing none, I'll entertain a motion to close debate. So moved by Councilwoman Jukic, second 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 Tolton and second by Councilman Jarosz.

All in favor, "Aye."

Any opposed? Seeing none.

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

Clerk Laboda

54:22

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

Ordinance passes.

Council President Mancuso

54:32

Thank you. Please read the fifth agenda item into the record.

Clerk Laboda

54:37

**Ordinance 149-22.** An emergency ordinance levying special assessments for the purpose of acquiring, installing, equipping, and improving certain public improvements in the city of Euclid Ohio, in cooperation with the Northeast Ohio advanced energy district authorizing an emergency project cooperative agreement and special assessment agreement in connection with the same in declaring an emergency – 26250 Euclid Avenue Project.

Council President Mancuso

55:12

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

All in favor, "Aye."

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

Planning and Development Director Grogan-Myers

55:23

Thank you, Madam Chair. This is the final piece of legislation and ultimately is the vehicle that allows the property owner to pay back the term of the loan for the purchase of the solar panels and their installation. Thank you.

Council President Mancuso

55:38

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

All in favor, "Aye."

I'll entertain a motion to suspend the rules to forego the second and third reading. Wow. So moved by Councilwoman Jukic, seconded by Councilwoman McIntosh.

All in favor, "Aye."

Those opposed? Seeing none.

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

Clerk Laboda

56:15

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

Ordinance passes.

Council President Mancuso

56:27

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

Clerk Laboda

56:32

**Ordinance 151-22.** An emergency ordinance amending ordinance 32-2022, which makes the annual appropriation for all expenditures for the city of Euclid for the period ending December 31, 2022.

Council President Mancuso

56:51

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

All in favor, "Aye."

Thank you, and we will go to Director Smith.

Finance Director Smith

57:01

Thank you, Madam Chair to council. So this is the third and final amendment for the 2022 budget. There are seven adjustments that needed to be made to the final amendment. I'll go through each one. The

first two are from the general fund. The first one is an increase of \$200,000 to the other line items in the tax department. This is for the retainer that is withheld by Rita for the income tax collections. Collections came in more than we anticipated. So the retainer withheld from them as has increased. As of the end of October 30. Day 31st of October, we were \$2,079,727 over what we anticipated. And as you remember last year, with the 3% held, we received approximately 60% of that refund or retainer back in March. The second one, what I did is I decreased other and increased personal services. So there was no impact to the budget, up or down. This was for 7400 hours for public buildings. This is for additional overtime and the PERS didn't companies that overtime. That's it for the general fund. The next one is for the home. I'm sorry, it's for recreation, recreation fund. This is for personal services an additional \$5,000. For and actually it wasn't addition it was I moved it from other to personal services again, so I didn't impact the overall budget. But it was for \$5,000 for seasonal wages overtime in the PRS that accompanies that was the fourth increases to the home fund for 500 hours. This was as you know, home is used as a pass through for Ed corps. So we received an additional money additional money from the county that we then in turn, cut the check to edcor. And we have to appropriate those funds. The fifth increases to wastewater treatment of personal services of 60,000 hours. This was due to a retirement a little additional little additional overtime and then the PERS that accompanies that. Next to the increase the creeks and sewers fund, personal services for \$48,000. These this additional amount was needed for retirement payouts increased to revolving fund. This is a fun that we took we don't necessarily have to appropriate it. But in order to keep the system showing no negative Thun balances, we appropriated it. So \$60,000 was needed for reimbursement of seizures. And this is simply money that the police department takes in and then when it's settled in court, then if we have to give it back to whomever we then refund that money to them. So that is those are the final amendments to the 2022 budget. We are currently working on the 23 budgets. There is we will we're quite long, quite a ways in the process. The mayor and I will meet with department heads in the beginning of January. I'll have the budget to council in the beginning of February. At that time. In the past, we can schedule budget meetings for sometime in February, middle of our beginning of March. And as council knows, we have to have the budget passed by March 31, and to the county, according per the Ohio Revised Code. If any questions I'll be happy to answer.

Council President Mancuso

1:00:16

Thank you, sir. Any discussion? Councilman Wojtila.

Councilman Wojtila

1:00:20

Thank you, Madam Chair. It's not really a question related to this, but more related to year end updates. So when we finished the year and then a couple of weeks, could you get us an update, similar to what we were provided in the past when we had our 6:30 meetings, our meetings before that, it to get those like, end of January? Would that be possible.

Finance Director Smith

1:00:40

Well, why wouldn't, Why don't we have an executive meeting for the before the second council meeting? Perfect as we typically do, and at that point, I will provide everybody with a finance update.

Council President Mancuso

1:00:50

So a work session and work session before the second meeting. Okay with you.

Councilman Wojtila

1:00:54

That's great for me.

Council President Mancuso

1:00:56

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

All in favor, "Aye."

I'm just seeing a motion to suspend the rules to forego the second and third reading. So moved by Councilwoman McIntosh. Seconded by Councilman Jarosz.

All in favor, "Aye."

Those opposed? Seeing none.

Madam Clerk, please call the roll on the merits of the emergency ordinates

Clerk Laboda

1:01:24

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

Ordinance passes.

Council President Mancuso

1:01:36

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

Clerk Laboda

1:01:40

**Ordinance 150-22.** An emergency ordinance, which makes the annual appropriation for all expenditures for the city of Euclid for the period ending December 31, 2023.

Council President Mancuso

1:01:54

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

All in favor, "Aye."

We will go once again to Director Smith.

Finance Director Smith

1:02:06

Thank you, Madam Chair to Council. This is a piece of legislation that we pass every year and is a requirement of the Ohio Revised Code. It's a temporary budget that needs to be passed prior to December 31. This allows us to operate in the first three months of the next year until we at that point, pass a our original budget and it will then replace the temporary budget we have in place.

Council President Mancuso

1:02:28

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

All in favor, "Aye."

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

All in favor, "Aye."

Those opposed? Seeing none.

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

Clerk Laboda

1:03:00

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

Ordinance passes.

Council President Mancuso

1:03:10

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

Clerk Laboda

1:03:13

**Resolution 152-22.** A resolution approving and accepting the sustainability clean energy recommendations report, as reviewed by the City Council's sustainability and parks committee as an official addendum to the city's 2018 Master Plan.

Council President Mancuso

1:03:35

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

All in favor, "Aye."

And we'll go to Director Grogan-Myers right now.

Planning and Development Director Grogan-Myers

1:03:44

Thank you, Madam Chair, council. This was previously discussed in Councilperson Macintoshes report. This was reviewed by the sustainability and parks committee as an official addendum to the city master plan. I'll actually turn over in just a moment to economic development manager Callie Cripps, to go through the details again, as she was a lead for the department really in spearheading this effort. But I just wanted to take a moment and thank misleader who made an excellent comment. This is really a framework that we're working with think of it as a sustainability master plan. As with our city wide master plan, it gives us the framework to operate in it doesn't give us all the specifics for every project. Certainly, there are some opportunities for improvement for further study. This doesn't hand a project or set a commitment to do certain projects within the report in the recommendation. So this isn't appropriating funds. This is an approving any one particular project, anything that comes out of this report that the city would execute, or that a business or resident might execute may require permitting, zoning relief or appropriation for something to come

back before council. So think of this as the framework that we would then operate within going forward. Certainly the project you heard earlier this evening fits well within this framework, this, this is a perfect example of a private investment that goes towards the reduction in greenhouse gas emissions. It's not something that we the city initiate, necessarily. So, again, I think this is a good framework for us to start with. With that I'll ask Economic Development Manager Callie Cripps to speak.

Council President Mancuso

1:05:19

Manager Cripps.

Economic Development Manager Callie Cripps

1:05:21

Thank you, Director, Madam Chair. Council. I think Patrick summed it up very nicely. I'm happy to answer any questions. But I think that Councilwoman Macintosh also is very deserving of a lot of the credit leading this effort and can answer all the questions, I'm sure as well.

Council President Mancuso

1:05:37

Thank you. Councilwoman McIntosh, do you want to make any other comments?

Councilwoman McIntosh

1:05:40

I would thank you. I do want to thank everybody involved in the administration and our project partners for putting a plan together and for committing their energy to creating a plan like this that could guide the city moving forward. We discussed in our committee meeting that this really positions Euclid, once again, as a thought leader, as forward thinking as a community that cares about its climate future and cares about future generations growing up in the city of Euclid and the region, and power clean future Ohio, they kind of did their, for lack of a better term, peer review of the report, and they will continue to advise us on how we implement this. And Director Grogan-Myers and, and Callie are 100% Correct. This is simply a guide, it's a roadmap, it is what every department, all of council in the entire community can look to when we're undertaking new projects. And they have sustainability in mind and climate action in mind. So when there's another Euclid medical building, you know, owner coming to the city, we can say we have this, and we hope that you're committing to this too. And then we can have more of those projects in the future. And I will note that power clean future in their review, they said a lot of the same things. And they did

mention, you know, to have the recommended having a little mini implementation plan as part of every project, just looking at Bite Size, you know, pieces that you can take from this. And it's also an opportunity to educate the rest of the community. You know, how can we celebrate a successful project like the one that we just voted on, that can then be the education moving forward for not only commercial businesses, but residents as well, we've been seeing an increase in residential solar panels in Ward five alone, I think there were three just last year alone, see more of that moving forward and maybe get some testimonials from those property owners and share how they did it, how they financed it, you know, tips on who to source parts from and equipment. But overall, the feedback from power clean future was that it was a very comprehensive report that it did have a high level of specificity. But we can work through all of that and make it more digestible. And they have offered their assistance to put together workshops to identify other priorities and can help us where we identify gaps. So I think this is a living document as the technology merges and changes, it will inevitably, as it inevitably will. So what this document just like the master plan does, so it gets review, this couldn't get a review. And I think one of the most important pieces is that having a plan like this is a prerequisite for getting funding for sustainability or climate projects. So this is a first step and I hope that my colleagues will support this this evening and view it the same way moving forward. Thank you.

Council President Mancuso

1:09:13

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

All in favor, "Aye."

Madam Clerk, please call the roll and the resolution.

Clerk Laboda

1:09:27

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

Resolution passes.

Council President Mancuso

1:09:41

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

Clerk Laboda

1:09:45

**Ordinance 156-22.** An ordinance renewing the 12 month moratorium on the acceptance and processing of applications for zoning, occupancy and / or building permits and the issuance of such approvals for small box discount stores in the city of Euclid, until December 31, 2023.

Council President Mancuso

1:10:09

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

All in favor, "Aye."

And we will go to Councilman Jarosz, to begin.

Councilman Jarosz

1:10:20

Thank you, Madam Chair. The original legislation was born out of concerns about a proliferation of small box discount retail chains popping up throughout our community council at the time thought it made sense to kind of put put on the brakes a little bit have a 12 month moratorium of accepting and processing applications. And during that time, it can get a little bit better understanding ask questions, have folks within the administration kind of do a little research and come back to us with a recommendation during that period of time, we had pretty significant turnover, which is within our planning and development department. And we just thought it prudent to you know, kind of let them get their feet wet, get up to speed, extend this moratorium another 12 months, and then, you know, by this time next year, have a more formalized recommendation, then move forward from there. Thank you.

Council President Mancuso

1:11:08

Thank you, discussion. Council. Councilman Wojtila.

Councilman Wojtila

1:11:12

Thank you, Madam Chair. I will not support this. This was passed a year ago at a meeting and I was not able to attend. But I have the same opinion that I had then and that we're not providing this as a council driven moratorium. And we're not providing specific details what you'd like the administration to study with regard to small box retailers. So until we have a specific request of the administration, I can't support this. Thank you.

Council President Mancuso

1:11:40

Thank you, sir. Other discussion? Yes, no? Okay. Seeing none, I'll entertain a motion to close debate. So moved by Councilman Jarosz.

Second by Councilman 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 McIntosh, second by Councilman Tolton.

All in favor, "Aye."

Those opposed? Seeing none.

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

Clerk Laboda

1:12:13

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

Ordinance passes.

Council President Mancuso

1:12:26

Thank you. Madam Clerk, please read the first resolution.

Clerk Laboda

1:12:31

**Resolution 153-22.** A resolution of respect. Congratulations and a sincere thank you for Christine McIntosh, Ward five council person.

Council President Mancuso

1:12:43

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

All in favor, "Aye."

Is there any? Wow. Is there any further discussion on the resolution?

Seeing none, I'll entertain a motion to close debate. So moved by Councilman Wojtila, second by Councilwoman Steele.

All in favor, "Aye."

Madam Clerk, please call the roll and the resolution.

Clerk Laboda

1:13:12

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

Resolution passes.

Council President Mancuso

1:13:31

Thank you. Please read the second resolution into the record.

Clerk Laboda

1:13:35

**Resolution 155-22.** A resolution of congratulations and sincere appreciation for Senator Kenny Yuko, Ohio State Senator representing Ohio's 25th District for all that he has done for the City of Euclid, and the residents of his house and senate districts during his public service tenure.

Council President Mancuso

1:14:00

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

All in favor, "Aye."

Is there any further discussion on the resolution? Seeing none, I'll entertain a motion to close debate. So moved by Councilwoman Steele, second by Councilman Tolton.

All in favor, "Aye."

Madam Clerk, please call the roll on the resolution.

Clerk Laboda

1:14:23

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

Resolution passes.

Council President Mancuso

1:14:35

Thank you. We now come to the **Committee of the Whole** the **public portion** where any member of the community can come forward with their comments for the good of the city. Please give us your name, address and please keep your comments to five minutes.

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – PUBLIC PORTION

School Bd Member Pam Turos

1:14:59

My name is Pamela Turos. My address is 40 East 212 Street. I'm also a member of the Euclid Board of Education. And I'm going to pause for about 30 seconds before I talk tonight.

The reason I'm pausing is so that I can stay calm and bring to mind the two young people who were shot in the past week in our community. And the reason I'm here this evening, as a member of the Euclid Board of Education is to look at this room full of city leaders both in front of me. Those who are there behind me. In 2017, I first met Tamika Hill, in this room, and then we plan together a peace march against violence in our community. Many of you were there, holding hands. We signed the flag, and we prayed for peace in our community. Things have not gotten better since then. They have gotten worse. They've gotten worse everywhere, not just in Euclid. But the solutions to Euclid problems have to be specific to Euclid and the things that make our problems exactly what they are, have to do with this community specifically. And the only answers we can find will be in leadership of this community. Last week, many of the people in this room were at a holiday party celebrating with me. The Christmas holiday, some wonderful challenges that we had overcome in Columbus. It was Euclid Dems party last Thursday evening, in the middle of the party while we were giving out awards for the best costumes and the best desserts. I received a text message that you could eighth grader had been shot in the head. That is unanimously The most difficult thing that I have had to deal with consistently since I became a school board member in this community. It is the most difficult thing any parent in this community deals with when we send our kids out to play. And then Friday evening, a 12th grader. A friend of our current students who should be graduating this year, was killed to gun violence, to gun violence in our community. I am begging each person on this council to work with the schools to work with me to work with the bluestone court coalition to work with the Cuyahoga County Department of Health to reduce and eliminate gun violence in our community. There are specific strategies that have been proven. Statistically speaking to work, we can set a realistic goal a resolution of both the city and the school district that we can reduce gun violence in this community by 10%. Within a year, if we follow those strategies, that is a statistically reasonable goal. So that next year, instead of celebrating what you could use to be like when Kenny Hugo was here, as a kid walking down the street, floating his boat in the pond, we can be celebrating that it's a safer community for the kids who live here now. And that will never ever happen because we strengthen the police force. I know that our police forces working tirelessly, I sat at the dinner with the cops. They were there signing the peace flag with all of us. Police will never reduce violence in a community. The only thing that can reduce violence in a community is the community itself. Thank you to Anita Hill, and Emily Holliday have

worked tirelessly. We over these years, praying and searching for a solution to keep our kids safe in this community. And we've done as much as we can alone. We need to come together we need to be one Jaquard we need to not be the schools and the city we need to be the entire community committed to keeping these kids safe. Phobia chance very near in the future. When you can sign on with me. We can create a resolution, legislation, ordinances because the real emergency, and I will never deny the climate crisis, emergency real emergency in this community is violence. And the only people who can solve it are right here. Thank you very much.

Council President Mancuso

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Thank you, Next speaker please.

Resident Retanio Rucker

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Good evening, Madam Chairwoman. Council. Madam Mayor, my name is Retanio Rucker, R-e-t-a-n-i-o Rucker, I live at 1851 East 225th Street off of Chardon Rd., up what they call the hill. As some of you may know, I was a magistrate for over 15 years in the juvenile court system here in Cuyahoga County. I am currently not there. But given our last speaker, I am coming forward to offer my expertise to try to help with our child problem here in Euclid. I would respectfully request that I be included. Even though I'm not an official City Leader, that I be included in any kind of conversations that you might have, relative to what possibly could be done in terms of trying to help turn our children around. I have several ideas, several, one of which involves the Bluestone Coalition, but I have other ideas as well. So I would appreciate it if you would please include me and tap my expertise. Thank you very much.

Council President Mancuso

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Thank you, sir. Now, next speaker, please.

Resident Candace Jones

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Good evening, Candace Jones 27040 Tungsten Road. I just have a couple of questions regarding the the agenda items that we're talking about 26250 Euclid Avenue. And I applaud the gentleman that's the new owner of the that building, and it was talking about the cost and the funding. Where's this cost coming from upfront until the assessments are for that property takes place? I ran on one of the legislative items it was based on their property tax payments. But where does the cost come from upfront until that starts? And my other comment question is about the small box

stores and the moratorium. I too, would like to see a list of what the requirements of I think I do remember when that moratorium was put in place, but I didn't realize it was still going on now. So one question is, I would I would also like to see what the requirements are. And if there have been any requests of the city, since that moratorium has been put in place, you know, for someone that was wishing to open a store such as that. Thank you.

Council President Mancuso

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Thank you, Director.

Planning and Development Director Grogan-Myers

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Madam Chair to the speaker, to Miss Jones. So the question of where the funds coming from to pay the upfront cost for the Euclid medical building project, it functions as a loan. So it is a loan that is paid that provides the funds to make the upfront purchase and improvements to the property. And then from there, those that loan is repaid through the assessment on the property taxes. So it's it's leveraging the assessment function that the city has and the State offers.

Mayor Gail

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Thank you, Madam Chair, if I could just add and to be clear, it's not city funds. It's a separate private financing organization that funds these type of projects. So the city is not up fronting the city is not fronting the money and the city is not liable. If they don't pay so we're there will be no cost to the city.

Council President Mancuso

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Okay, Councilman Wojtila.

Councilman Wojtila

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Thank think match here. There's a question as to whether or not there was any other applications for small box retailers in the past 12 months?

Council President Mancuso

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I'm not sure if we can answer that tonight.

Planning and Development Director Grogan-Myers

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Madam Chair, the council person. we'll look at it. I can't speak for all the entire time over the past 12 months. So I'd like to take a look at that and get an answer back to you. Thank you.

Council President Mancuso

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Next speaker please.

Resident - Christopher Litwinowicz

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Christopher Michael Litwinowicz, 21970 Morris Avenue. This is the general portion of the meeting Correct?

Council President Mancuso

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I'm sorry?

Resident - Christopher Litwinowicz

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Council, see what your housing inspectors do. This was in your truck sitting right out there. Don't we need them for our residents. This the saddest part is to 22nd where it used to be a barber shop. I guess you don't support smoke shops. You don't support businesses. You don't support your own residence. I take the \$75 I just littered. That's not litter. I ran for political office counsel. I urge you. Even though I served the United States Marine Corps, you had to fly back. But 25 years, I've seen politicians kind of my city get elected. I've come to this podium. This whole city honks at me, from your staff, to your chiefs, police fire, they all respect me. The problem is your law director. It's not even your prosecutor. She's in a position where she can't bow out. I mean, I gotta come back here after after Christmas after New Year's. I also urge the city to do an executive session tonight. \$10 A bag 25,000 bags. I also heard somebody to stand up, finance director, you got some funds that were transferred from Yukon Municipal Court, they're not tax dollars. That's the bottom line for my whole year service, is the return what I sued you for. And if you don't want to take a \$10, I'm getting I'm gonna get my \$989,000 that transferred from this general fund. It's all court documents. All I have to do is take my little white book on an airline ticket to Washington, DC. I mean, I'm gonna take my Social Security check. My family lost jobs. You know, I'm sick at the police department, in a sense that when it came to my car accident, not what they do on the streets, what they came to my car accident, it was a green light, I had a

fight to get something dismissed. And it seemed like the insurance company just to let you know, these, these, these police reports need to be amended if the person is found not guilty or dismissed. But progressive don't care. So now we're discussing a \$15,000 vehicle. So now we're discussing that it cost \$11,000 to replace it and Eastlake I asked him for no, no, no extra money for bodily injury, soreness, you know, but this guy is really, you know, in you, if you come from nuclear, so then state Smith don't want to do nothing. Now the new elected person that's a representative don't want to do nothing. So now, you know, I'm not here to waste the court's time or the prosecutors time, but we're going to trial. And if I gotta give my \$600 up, or be risking that as as a judge, can I the judge knows this ain't litter. He's caught in a catch 22 If anything, it should have been illegal posting, but then not the title care about the case. You know, when you show a law that says that it's unconstitutional for cities to restrict our public right of the way. And then if you just look at the votes, this is a simple this is simple. I gotta come to my city. Oh, by the way, Merry Christmas, and a happy new year. But I gotta come to talk to my elected officials about closing this business. So I see you in January, and hopefully somebody opens the mouth, contract or no contract, you're gonna catch yourself in a catch 22 with the police officer taking it from me, cite me all types of tickets when I'm in a worker. Do you treat your workers like that? I mean, and another thing is, if you run I'm running I asked you not to run if I don't get paid.

Council President Mancuso

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Thank you, Mr. Litwinowicz. It's both. Next speaker please.

Resident Tanika Hill

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Good evening. Good evening, everyone to Tanika Hill 1459 E 252 Street. Just coming to follow up on the previous resident Pam tours comment. I moved here back in 2010. hoping for a better place to raise my daughter. We were living in the Collinwood area at that time. I'm and I thought to myself, oh god, she's not going to survive Collinwood high school, I need something better for it and so we chose to come to Euclid moved here as renters later became home owners. But even as a renter, we just got really, really involved. My daughter is now 25 years old, so long out of Euclid High School. However, anyone that knows me know that because I do not have a child and Euclid school city schools, it does not mean that I have not or have lost my passion for the children in this community. I am reminded of being 10 years old singer Whitney Houston's I believe our children, our future, and I will save you all that rendition right now, however, only because my voice is hoarse. But however, I think back and I often ask why at such a young age, that was like my favorite song, why did I find so much connection to that song. And I realized, in my adult years as I advocate for the youth consistently, I did it from that seat, I did

it. When I ran for school board, I do it now as a member of the bluestone court coalition. But it's because I truly believe and I know and recognize that our children are our future. At some point, everyone in this room will have passed on. And we will only have our youth to carry on this legacy. In many ways that terrifies me, because I asked myself, have we as a community prepared them? And the answer is no. I have been involved in several committees, one of which I sit on the citizen. What is it the citizen advisory committee now and I am disheartened at just the lack of funding that we are willing to put towards our youth. You know, I am taught that you put your money towards things that you care about. Whether it's if someone is a wonderful woman loves shoes, you will see her house full of shoes that she loves handbags, is handbags, man will spend 1000s of dollars restoring an old car, because that's where their passion is, is. So when I see a city, our city, it's all of us that have put so little towards our youth. It really really saddens me to hear that eighth graders, 12 graders, three year olds, anyone losing their life to gun violence. We have a crisis, not just in the city, as Pam said, it's everywhere. But we have a crisis with our youth. They're in a place of hopelessness right now. And while our officers do everything that they can, there's two things that she said police won't solve the problem. They can keep as safe as possible. However, the right programming, the right mentorship, the right investment in them will make their job so much easier, because I'm sure they rather continue programs, such as pal basketball and other efforts to get to know and connect with these kids, as opposed to having to either clean them up off of the streets because they're dead, or taking them to jail because they've taken a life or they've committed a crime. We want to prevent it. I also prevention is worth way more than a cure. And so I just as we move into the new year, we have to move with our youth in mind. We have to move and we have to show them in a tangible way. And as the financial way is well. We can't give all we're lopsided right now. We love our seniors. I love our seniors heck, in a couple years. Well, more than a couple but I'll be a senior but we can't put all of our money into our seniors. We got to make sure that we're taking care of those that are coming up behind this as well. Thank you.

Council President Mancuso

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Thank you. Next speaker please.

Resident Morris Woodmansi

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Good evening, Morris WoodMansi, 20341 Blackfoot Avenue. A few times that I've got up here and spoken, I've tried to be as simple as possible. And when I can offer a solution to the questions that I have. So just made is the most civil label I can put on the motion that I felt this week when I got a phone call, letting me know that the common laborers of the city would provide uninterrupted service. But the administration had

awarded themselves two extra days off. So my question is, are those days compensated days? Or are they gratis?

Council President Mancuso

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If you would ask all your questions together, sir, then we can get a response to all of them. It's a better use of your time.

Resident Morris Woodmancy

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I'm assuming that they are going to be compensated. So six, out of every seven years, on average, the afternoon and evening of the December 24, and the day of December 2015, are set aside for the worship and celebration of the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ. Once out of and of those six years Generally, those days if they fall during the week, people get the day off. And if they are blessed enough to have a understanding employer, they're given those days off with compensation for that purpose, to celebrate and to worship. On the seventh year of the that seven year cycle was not exactly a seven year cycle, but it's four times out of every 20 years. Those days fall on a day of normal, normal rest. So then my question comes up, the taxpayers of the city pays his employees. You want to give them those days off? December 24, the evening is 25th. So on the seventh one coming around, those are on days that they can do that without interrupting their workweek. So if the taxpayers are paying them for these two days of leisure, that really don't fall during that time of worship celebration. Is it about the days off? Or is it about the holiday? And so assuming as I do, that those days are compensated. It would be my position to petition the recipients of that benevolence on the part of the taxpayers to contribute part or all of that compensation to some organization or organizations worthy of the holiday. Thank you.

Council President Mancuso

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Thank you, sir. Okay.

Mayor Gail

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Thank you. If I understood the question right at the beginning, I announced the City Hall was closed on the 23rd and the 26th in recognition of the holiday. So as council knows, we have collective bargaining agreements that cover our union workers. We have a consolidated Compensation Ordinance that covers all non union city workers. In both of those contracts, it spells out paid holidays. And what happens if that paid holiday is on a weekend. So every year as part of the annual compensation, our employees are awarded a certain number of

holidays, as part of their compensation as well as and so if that falls on a weekend, which this year, Christmas Eve falls on a Saturday, Christmas Day falls on a Sunday, according to both contracts those days are the Saturday holiday goes to Friday, the Sunday holiday goes to Monday. So they are in fact paid holidays.

Council President Mancuso

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Sir, I fully understand there, sir, let her finish what she's doing. This isn't a debate. This isn't a debate. If you have other questions. I would ask the Mayor afterwards. Yeah, She'll come down and talk to you when we're finished.

Resident Morris Woodmancy

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I get one more comment.

Council President Mancuso

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You really shouldn't. If I do this for you, I have to do it for everybody. We can talk to you when we're done.

Resident Morris Woodmancy

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I understand the legal ramifications there. And I think, bargaining should take into consideration please the perception to the taxpayers...

Council President Mancuso

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Thank you. Any other speaker? Seeing none, we will now go to **Council Comments.**

Mayor Gail

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Sorry earlier comments, Madam Chair, do you mind? So I definitely appreciate the residents who spoke about their concerns around gun violence and community safety. We all share those and to the school board member, Mr. Rose, I'm happy to talk with you talk with school board arrange some times we can all get together. I think one of the things you said that I want everyone to hear is it's not the police officers or officers alone that can solve it. It's not city council, city administration, school board alone that can solve it, it will take the community and I agree with you 100%. On that, we have brought and asked council to

support a Community Connections program that gets to the root of why some of these issues are happening. We will have another committee meeting on that in January and our hope that's not the answer. It could be one of the solutions, in addition to community programs, in addition to all of us doing our part a big piece of that is getting. We all know some of the things that is I'm anxious to hear if you have suggestions. Many of us are part of groups that look at what are some of the best practices, what are what's working in other places, and we need to try those. We've talked about the bluestone court coalition as a mentoring and as a violence prevention program and have are working towards funding that through our ARPA funds. We are committed and looking for answers. Counsel, I know is in the same is interested in working on that as well. So I anyone who is interested, it doesn't have to happen here at a council meeting. It doesn't have to happen in a safety committee. Let's have some meetings, discussions and work together. Because none of us should tolerate that. Nobody should not here in Euclid not anywhere. And so you have my commitment. Anyone here who wants to work on that I appreciate Mr. Rucker's offer as well. And there's others. Let's get together and let's start talking it. And again, it can't just be the city. It needs to be all of us. So I just wanted to make that comment. We've brought forward some solutions. And we're working on I'm hopeful that we can get the Community Connections program starting that will build this network of community support, looking at mental health issues, looking at alcohol and drug issues, getting to the root of what's causing some of this violence. I wish we could change the gun laws. We can't lobby your state and federal legislators on our point, but we can't that doesn't mean we can't do anything. And I hear you I share your frustration. I've shared the horror of if that was one of my children. So they thank you for being here.

Council President Mancuso

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Chief Meier. Did you have anything?

Police Chief Meyer

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Yeah, the obviously the police department is very concerned about this because we're the ones who deal with it. So our officers routinely respond, I get calls at any I know that I'm there's an any given week, I'm gonna have interrupted sleep by the call of a shooting, we probably have way more shootings and you're even aware of the media is not even interested in him anymore, because they're become just commonplace. This is not something obviously, that the police can Can, can solve this as a huge issue. It's more multifaceted. We've seized we're seizing more illicit firearms than we've ever seized. Were at this point. We're seizing roughly a firearm a day, illegal firearm a day. And there are many, many more firearms out there that we're not seizing. But that's that's one part

of the equation. So contrast that and I'm not going to get into gun laws and these sorts of things. I didn't necessarily agree with the constitutional carry, I thought it would make things a little more difficult. But that gun doesn't just shoot people. It has to have somebody pulling the trigger consciously. And we have plenty of trigger pullers. So it's this has become an issue that is widespread, particularly in urban America. And it seems to have no end. So we're willing to be at the table, but I've been very clear, repeatedly. I think that folks want the police department to solve this. I don't I don't know how this is that we would solve this issue. That's a that's a societal issue and is clearly becoming more and more of a problem particularly with our youth. So we're certainly willing to be at the table and be part of those conversations. But the amount of shootings, the amount of gun violence that we're having is I'm start I'll be starting my 28th year with the local police department in January, and I've never seen anything like it.

Council President Mancuso

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Thank you. Next speaker please. Seeing none, we'll go to our **Council Comments**, and we begin with Councilman Tilton.

### COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Tolton

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Thank you, Madam Chair, I go first. Couple of things I, again, want to congratulate Senator Yuko for his dedication and service to the city of Euclid, but only the city of Euclid, but the districts surrounding you served us well for 16 years. And I'm glad I've got to know him in the last few years. So again, I just want to congratulate him on his service. Also, I want to gratulate. Or our I don't want to say our colleague, our current Councilwoman Mackintosh's for her service, her commitment to the city. You know, just just being here for for the year have I been here gained a lot, I've learned a lot from you. Proud to say that I could work alongside of you. You taught me some things, your commitment to the youth. Same was my passion also to try to make sure the city and the schools are working together as the residents that I talked about. And I think he tried to you know, make sure you push that forward. And again, with the environmental concerns that you have, again, proud to call you, my colleagues. And I wish you well. And to the residents I don't And last thing I'll say is everybody have a Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year.

Council President Mancuso

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Thank you, Councilman Jarosz.

Councilman Jarosz

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Thank you, Madam Chair. Earlier this year, city of Euclid and city council lost a beloved member. And this holiday season, I just want to take a moment to recognize the memory of Stephana Caviness. And also urge everyone you know, keep her and her family in your prayers and anybody else who has had a recent loss in their family that sometimes the holiday season is very difficult for folks who are suffering grief and loss. So just want to acknowledge once again, you know, there's the cherished memory of Stephana. I also want to welcome Tara Hannum. To to city council. And if you I believe you were here earlier, so you had the opportunity to listen to that ridiculously long resolution that was about the person you're replacing. And I think if you listen to that, just see you have some pretty big shoes to fill. So I'd say welcome. And please reach out to any of us, you know, anytime. So just I guess I got a few notes here for Ward five Councilwoman McIntosh. First of all, I think she was a model, not was like she's passed, but she in the tense of council to tenure a model of professionalism. And I think her model professionalism for present and future council members of any city is something to aspire to, and to emulate. I'm very proud to have served with her and I will miss her. And I don't say that out of any specific legislation, or program she initiated although there were many, or any particular vote on a particular issue. But I say that because of her thoughtful and conscientious manner in which she executed her duties as a council person and the respect that she had consistently shown towards her office, this council and towards the city of Euclid. One thing I can say firsthand having to get to know her a little bit over the years and I learned this firsthand and very early on in her tenure is that she is by no means a pushover of any sort. Looks can be deceiving. She does her homework. And she does one of the most impressive things any counsel can do is actually take the time to understand to do the research and to be prepared to have a well rounded and well informed opinion. And as willing to always think outside the box and to think and advocate progressively. She is someone I hold in the highest esteem and has always been a principled advocate for the residents and a champion for our community. I know this will continue even though she will no longer be sitting beside us. And I wish her nothing but the best in all her future endeavors. And with that, Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and Happy New Year. And look forward to seeing everybody. Next year.

Council President Mancuso

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Thank you. So, Councilwoman McIntosh.

Councilwoman McIntosh

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Oh, boy. Okay. Thank you, Madam Chair. And thanks to everyone who's joined us this evening. I'll first start off by congratulating Senator you go and offering my most just, he was really a role model coming into this, as many people in this room were, and continue will continue to be. But Senator Hugo was always so warm and inviting and taught me what it means to be a public servant. And I will be forever grateful to him for that. And I wish him all the best in his retirement, and I hope he doesn't do anything. No third act, just just enjoy family and friends. And to everyone in this room this evening. And everyone who's not in this room that I've been in touch with, since I announced my resignation, I am completely overwhelmed by your kindness, and your support, and your well wishes. And it was also amazing to hear people were very, like worried people were worried that I was leaving or something was wrong. And I just think that that goes to show how kind people in this community are and how we all just want to see each other succeed. And so I am very grateful for for that and will reassure everyone that we are not going anywhere that we are going to be on east to 14th Street for a while. And I am transitioning into a new role here at City Hall, I'll be in the planning department. So I'll still be working on community projects in just a different way, in a just a different role. And I am beyond excited for that opportunity. So I do want to thank everybody who's in this room. I have family here, I have friends here. And there's community members, neighbors, business owners, just my colleagues, the administration, I am just so thankful to you all, for all of your support. It's not easy, being a family member, probably for a council member, and my family has been very patient. As you know, I always have things to do or I'm late to something. And I can't really blame the community anymore for that. But maybe I still can. But I am just I can't words, can't express the words. So thank you. And I love you all. And thank you for your continued support. My counsel, Kyle colleagues, past and present, administration past and present, like everybody who has played a role. And I came into this position being very wide eyed and optimistic. And maybe not necessarily knowing exactly what I'd be doing here in this seat every week or every couple of weeks. But they quickly got me up to speed showed me the ropes educated me on how to make an impact, how to build a coalition of support, not necessarily needing people to agree with you all the time. But at least being supportive. And I think that really helped grow into me helped me grow into this role and I hope serve the residents of Ward five and the entire community in a manner that they deserve.

I also to council colleagues in particular, I've been very reflective the past few months on what we've all gone through together, members of the administration like we went through a global pandemic together and we quickly adapted we were agile and we supported the residents the way we needed to. We've transformed the city with lakefront front and development projects that continue to make headlines. We will continue to make headlines in a positive manner and I'm really, really excited to

work with you all, in just a different capacity, and hope that our relationships continue to strengthen. So my 10 seconds left, I just want to say thank you from the bottom of my heart and wish my successor, Tara, the best of luck, and I am here if you need me, please reach out with any questions ever. Always. And thank you, happy holidays.

Council President Mancuso

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Thank you.

Councilman Wojtila

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Thank you, Madam Chair. You know, as a council member, and as a council group we have many decisions to make. Five years ago, we, because of the vacancy caused in Ward five, we had to appoint a new Ward five council member. And I'm very proud of the decision we made five years ago. Two years after that, so three years ago, the residents of Ward five voted similarly and elected you to ward five council person, as an elected official and, and your your tenure, your five years have been awesome. Your involvement is incredible. I've enjoyed sitting next to you. Enjoy being your friend. And I do love you too. And I wish you all the best. I know you'll do great things in the planning department. I look forward to working with you in that role. With that I'd like to thank or I'd like to wish everybody a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, Happy Holidays to all safe holidays. And let's keep in mind those that are that are struggling. There are many out there. And let's all keep them in our prayers. Thank you.

Council President Mancuso

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Thank you, Councilwoman Jukic.

Councilwoman Jukic

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Thank you, Madam Chair. Right now I feel like stuck in a lot of emotions and thoughts, considering everything that's happened today and some of the comments. So the first thing I want to address is, is the very difficult topic of gun violence and safety, things that trouble all of us. And I really look forward to hearing some of those ideas that you have that like have proven to decrease violence. And I think I speak for all of my colleagues and the administration, but my colleagues in particular, that that we are very open to those ideas and those conversations. So I really look forward to that on a personal and on a community level, to learn some of those things that how we can support the police and our first responders, what we can do. So that's the first thing I want to address.

Second thing is Councilwoman McIntosh, you were one of the first people who encouraged me when this opportunity came up three years ago, and I'm very grateful for your encouragement to try something new and what's proven to be challenging. What I have found watching you and working with you is your ability, which I really admire and I aspire to, to be there for your residents. To really dig deeply into all the issues and things you're interested in, which was shown in that declaration. And to do all of those things, I think you're really an amazing example of a council person. And I have a lot to learn from you. I've learned a lot from you. So thank you for your service, and I'm glad that you'll still be around. The next thing is I'm a council president, it's okay if you called me Yuko because I think that Senator Yuko really paved the way for ethnic last names. So and he was here on my swearing in and I made a similar joke like you go and you catch so you could call me Yuko not a problem at all. Thank you so much. And then finally I'd like to wish everyone those who are celebrating Hanukkah, Happy Hanukkah. Merry Christmas. Happy holidays to everyone. Thank you.

Council President Mancuso

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Thank you. Councilwoman Steele.

Councilwoman Steele

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Thank you, Madam President. My condolences to the families who lost their children to gun violence. I am a huge advocate for our youth. For 30 years I worked in behavior health and the problem stems from people are exhausted families feel like there's no hope. It is our responsibility not just as counsel but as everyone's responsibility in this building. It takes a village How to raise one child. One child, you never know how you might impact one child may save a multitude. I know. There's been times, and I'm going to try to make this brief. There's been times when my husband and I have mentored children, they've grown up, they came back to us and said, didn't you use to give me breakfast sandwiches on the way to school? I didn't know how that impact that child. But that child said that helped them be able to concentrate. It takes a village to raise one child, don't be afraid. That's where we have to stop being afraid to talk to these young people. Okay, enough about that. I'm passionate about it. I want to work with whatever suggestions you have, we need to address this, this is an emergency. It is an emergency and we have to treat it just as an emergency. Not to my colleague. Oh, my goodness, I've learned so much from you. You're not only very, very passionate about what you do. You have such a sincerity. You really engage and you put your whole self into a project. I've learned a lot from you. And I know you're gonna be here, but I am going to miss your input. And to all of my colleagues, I want you guys to have a wonderful and safe holiday. And those who are dealing with mental health, remember, we have to be very

sensitive to people who have lost their family members, friends around this holiday is very, very difficult. Listen, everyone, enjoy your holiday, enjoy your family, because one day can make a difference in all of our lives. Remember, you have the president. So happy holiday to you all. God bless you all. Enjoy each other. And with that, I'm done. Thank you.

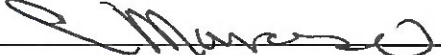
Council President Mancuso

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Thank you. A little bit of business first. We had we've had several people over the course of us putting on the city's website how to find the agendas for each meeting. And I think Mr. Woodmansi was last week or two weeks ago, saying the same thing we had difficulty. So our communication specialists and our council clerk got together and decided to literally draw out how to do it. We're gonna put it with every agenda that goes out for like the next two months to see if it's working any better. I mean, to those of us who go on Yep, we know you just right click up here. When you're not using the internet every day for the city. You're looking around, some people say go to the city council page, some say just stay on the website, the main page. So we've done a two sided flyer, look at it, use it, let me know if it's more trouble than it's worth. Or if it's actually doing the job, we want you to use the website, we want you to be able to find the agendas that we're going to be speaking to, it's important to us that you have them and that you understand what's going to be spoken about. So we're going to put them out with every agenda that's here. But most people I want you to use it to find the agendas that go out almost 5,6,7 days before we're going to do this. Okay, that's the first thing. The second thing I don't have anything else to say about Macintosh? It was two and a half hours and I kept going You gotta be kidding me. Yeah. I am I'm elated with your opportunity to move on. And now we got one of ours on the inside. We're gonna use it. We're gonna use congratulations, young lady. And to everybody please have a Happy Happy holiday. Christmas in New Year's however you spend them and then come back in January refresh so we can get back to work on some of the issues you've heard tonight. So with that, if there's no other issue. I'm going to have a motion to adjourn. So moved by Councilwoman McIntosh, seconded by Councilman Jarosz. All in favor, "Aye."

We are adjourned.

  
Clerk of Council

  
Council President