

EUCLID CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES FROM JANUARY 3, 2023

**This regular Council Meeting was held on Tuesday, January 3, 2023
at 7:00pm in the Euclid Municipal Center Council Chambers.
President Charlene Mancuso, presided.**

Council President Mancuso

0:11

Okay, we're gonna get started please. Good evening and welcome to the first Euclid City Council meeting of 2023. If able, please rise and join us 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.

Tonight, I'm going to turn it over to Mayor Gail to do our official swearing in of our Ward Five Councilwoman.

Mayor Gail

0:50

Miss Hannum if you would join us please.

It is my honor to welcome Tara Hannum to serve as the Ward 5 City Councilwoman and I am pleased to administer the oath. If you would raise your right hand and repeat after me. I, Tara Hannum.

Councilwoman Hannum

1:17

I, Tara Hannum, do solemnly swear that I will protect and defend the Constitution of the United States the Constitution of the United States laws, the Constitution and laws of the state of Ohio, the ordinances and charter the city of Euclid and the regulations and provisions of the city of Euclid and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of Ward five city council person for the City of Euclid, so help me God.

Mayor Gail

2:02

Congratulations. Welcome Councilwoman Hannum.

Council President Mancuso

2:16

Do you want to give her her flowers?

Appreciate it. Take your seat and now Council clerk would you call the roll.

Clerk Laboda

3:15

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

Council President Mancuso

3:29

Can I get a motion to excuse Councilman Wojtila? So moved by Councilman Jukic. Seconded by Councilman Tolton.

All in favor, "Aye."

Thank you very much. We are now going to go to do we have any

Communications?

Clerk Laboda

3:42

Yes, we do. Miguel Sanders, doing business as Migs Play Mor, 22466 Shore Center Drive.

Council President Mancuso

3:52

And I will turn this over to the law director Sweeney.

Law Director Sweeney

3:55

Thank you, Madam Chair. I did send a letter to the proprietor Mr. Sanders. I sent it by email and regular mail. He is not here this evening. He has not reached out to me either by email or by phone. I did give Councilwoman Hannum an update as to what transpired with the litigation we had with the Play Mor. I sent her a copy of the complaint and a copy of the court order and settlement agreement about that. Personally, I'm not I'm not in favor of having liquor at this establishment. They just started to get in our good graces and things are going smoothly over there. I would hate to take a step back and have issues that that place.

Council President Mancuso

4:40

Thank you. As a former Ward five council person and even as Council President, this is an establishment that created unnecessary safety constraints. Anytime they had a major event and there was, it had

nothing to do with liquor. But if you're allowing children to riot because of the timing that they're there, and you take no responsibility for any of it, which is what we on council saw time and time again, the fact that we had to go to court to get him to cease and desist or close, I tend to believe that your past experiences predict how you will be going forward. So I would also I would want to make a motion to object to this particular ask. Anyone else on council? Councilman Epps.

Councilman Epps

5:38

Madam Chair, I just want to also for the record, to mention, and it is no surprise that law directors when he is not in favor does not support this. There is not only a long history of issues with this particular business owner, who it looks like has just entered the room. So I actually will take a second and defer. I don't know if we're going to suspend the rules or whatever the case may be. But I would like to be able to still make my remarks but I want to give him an opportunity.

Council President Mancuso

6:02

I would like you to finish your remarks, and then we will suspend the rules.

Councilman Epps

6:05

I hear you but I'm going to stop so that I have the second opportunity to finish my five minutes after ...

Council President Mancuso

6:09

Sir, the process is, you will speak now and then we will suspend the rules.

Councilman Epps

6:13

With all due respect, Madam Chair, you don't tell me when to speak. Thank you. It was a motion to suspend the rules and what do you what would you like for me to say?

Council President Mancuso

6:27

I don't want you to say anything right now. Okay. You said enough. You said enough. Is there a motion to suspend the rules to hear from the

proprietor of the institution? So moved by Councilman Councilwoman Steele, seconded by Councilwoman Councilman Jarosz.

All in favor, "Aye."

Could we have you come to the podium gentlemen to answer any questions?

Please identify yourself for us, sir, and give your home address.

Miguel Sanders - Play Mor

My name is Miguel Sanders. My address is 22466 Shore Center Dr – Play Mor.

Council President Mancuso

7:16

Does anybody have any questions for this person? You have a question?

Councilman Epps.

Councilman Epps

7:30

Mr. Sanders, thanks for being here tonight. You almost missed your opportunity to be able to speak to this. I just would like for the record and for residents at home as well as for my colleagues and other folks who may have not already had a conversation. Could you explain to me I sent an email right away when I first saw this as to what you have in mind for liquor at this particular establishment. One, how do you plan to differentiate the difference in the times in which minor children are there as opposed to minor children not being there? Is this something that, what are your plans? Why do you need a liquor license to operate this skating rink?

Council President Mancuso

8:05

Did you push the button on the bottom of your microphone sir?

Miguel Sanders - Play Mor

8:12

Are you finished with your question, Sir? (Yes, sir.) Okay, well, first of all, I'd like to say hello to everyone here this evening. And the reason why makes played more fields that would be of assistance to have a liquor license is to promote business. Not only for me explain more, but, you know, to bring wholesome business to the city of Euclid. Quite often times we have a national following, which allows us to bring in people from all over the country, and thus, sometimes, and some of the events that we're having, I think a liquor license, what kinda, you know, assist us in providing what our clientele is looking for in terms of entertainment.

We also host other events at the rink, which over the last six months, we've hosted two boxing matches professional boxing matches, which we have had a temporary liquor license for both of those events, which were very successful. We've had comedy shows, concerts, and things of that nature. At one point in time, as you all may well know, we did have some issues with youth, in which we rectify that situation. We pivoted and our business now focuses on adults and adult entertainment. So that's, you know, one of the reasons why we're looking to utilize a, a liquor license, something that can be complimentary to our business, as we, you know, again, attempt to gain some of the revenue loss from not having you functions, which were, you know, sometimes problematic. And thus, you know, we follow up the rules that were set forth by the city, as well as the court system, as you all may well know, and we didn't, we've done our due diligence, and making that pivot the same as many businesses change what they did, how they perform their businesses, related to COVID. So we have to do the same. If we want to keep our doors open, and are able to address things like building violations, and, you know, those sorts of things. You know, we want to give back to the city, we consider ourselves a community partner. We do a lot of health and wellness initiatives, and constantly seeking, you know, to be whatever help we can be to the city of Euclid. Most recently, I have talked to believe, the village of I can't think of the name offhand. But somebody referred to us by the Chamber of Commerce, and we're looking to do a community event in the very near future. And I think February the 11th, which shows our willingness and intent to serve all and, you know, being in the liquor industry, is not new to me. I've never had any problems in the past, and serving alcohol and showing everybody is of proper age. And following the rules, we've also been able to ascertain a, a food service license, which, again, you know, is a complement to the business as well as the city where we can, you know, provide things to our customers to help them feel, you know, a little bit more comfortable, and help our players to be just a nice venue to attend. Even as I think of our last two boxing matches, many of the fire officials and police officers attended the venue where we saw alcohol, we ensured all the rules were followed. And I overheard many of them saying it was a great event, nothing like they expected. And they love to see many more. Recently, we've been contacted by May, whether from Las Vegas, he's interested in putting on some shows here in the city of Euclid. And so I think this is an excellent opportunity to showcase the beauty in the city of Euclid, and, you know, the things that we can provide without being problematic to the city. And so, with that, I mean, that's some of the reasons why we think having a liquor license would be imperative, and, and not only complimentary to our business, but to the city of Euclid. There's a lot of good things happening in the city. And we want to continue along that path, especially in the downtown area. Today I have my father who is a retired police officer, and from the city of Cleveland, Sergeant Johnson, also a retired councilman from Richmond heights along with who I call my coach, Pam. And so they're here in support of what we do and how

we do it. Understanding that, you know, it's all for the betterment of the city. So that's how we stand. (appreciate that.)

Council President Mancuso

14:54

Before you go on, we need to let your other council colleagues speak then you can do speak. Councilwoman Steele.

Councilwoman Steele

15:03

Good evening, and I'm so unable to get in touch with you I had some family problems. My concern is crowd control, safety, safety, safety, safety is one of the major issues I have. Obtaining a liquor license elevates safety and crime. I've seen, I'm all for promoting and building businesses in our city, God knows we need it. But we also have to make sure that people are safe. And there's crowd control. My concern is with the liquor license, how many? I guess how many security? How much security? Are you planning on having I know how large put in more years? And I know who might attend? And I know, the area quite well? How do you mean, how do you think you're going to maintain crowd?

Miguel Sanders - Play Mor

16:15

Well, I mean, simply put, for, you know, our initial sales, we're not looking to serve liquor on a daily basis, may explain more is not a hangout, it is a place for entertainment, to have fun to enjoy skating. Many of our skaters don't even drink as well as myself, I haven't drank in over 25 years. So safety as always, foremost, if we do sell liquor, on any given night, we will have a a security officer present to ensure that we have safety, and granite makes play more as over 20,000 square feet. However, I haven't had the luxury of filling it up on a regular basis. So, you know, that will be probably a good problem to have. But, you know, again, security is is needed. I know many of us may drink and have an occasional glass of wine or something when we go out and have something to eat, or watch a game or something. So, you know, I only want to provide some of the things that that you enjoy and help you be comfortable and socialize. And you know, where you feel comfortable and safe. So, you know, even as I mentioned the boxing matches in the past, you know, we've had some mom, many government officials attend those matches, along with some some national celebrities. So we don't want to put anybody, anybody including myself in harm's way. And you know, children as my background, I am a trained and licensed social worker. So, you know, I take that very seriously. And so, I could ensure you that children will not be served, and that proper identification procedures would be in place to ensure that only, you know, season 21 and over. responsible adults will be sir.

Councilwoman Steele

18:58

Thank you.

Council President Mancuso

19:00

Other comments? Councilman Tanner.

Councilman Tanner

19:04

Thank you, Madam Chair. Thank you for coming. Question. Do you have up to give you a if your event is like say from six o'clock to 10 o'clock? What would be your hours of operation as far as dispersing liquor before and after this matches? And would every event serve alcohol?

Miguel Sanders - Play Mor

19:31

No, sir, every event would not serve alcohol. Again, my initial thoughts is it's that we will not be serving alcohol on a daily basis. However, you know, opposed to needing to get, you know, a non profit to get a temporary permit and take that revenue elsewhere. You know, I'd rather be able to pay the city some taxes and, you know, just use the the permit, when, when, when needed, or required to do some of our special events for adults only.

Councilman Tanner

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And the other course part of the question was before and after, are you serving alcohol? Well, I mean, three, four hours before the event, four or five hours after the event, what?

Miguel Sanders - Play Mor

20:31

Well, the liquor license that we applied for, I'm not sure the letter and that sort of thing. But it is up until 1am only. Thus, you know, if an event is from six to 10, you know, I would probably say that we would stop like liquor at 10 o'clock when the event has commenced. Unless you know, they're some special sort of after party or something like that. But again, these would be secured events, with police officers in place to ensure that people are following rules. And, you know, I would have experienced bartenders to ensure that would not provide alcohol to someone who may have had one too many. (Thank you.)

Council President Mancuso

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Councilman Tolton

Councilman Tolton

21:34

Thank you, Madam Chair. Thanks for coming this evening. And I don't think it's, you know, first of all, you know, the city, you know, we must be good partners with with our business businesses in the city, and vice versa. And we want to keep good businesses in the city, we don't want to drive anybody away, we want to work with you guys. You want to make sure that you're staying here, you're vibrant, you're thriving. And as a you know, a business owner, I know you need to do what you need to do to make money. Because it's a business at the end of the day. So you want to make sure you're promoting your business. I don't necessarily see a real issue with with the permit, necessarily, because you have bowling out in alleys that serve alcohol, you know, during the day you have skate other skating where the server alcohol. So it's not something that's brand new, that you proposing. But the issue that I have with it is that is that you're turning this skating ring into an event center. You know what type of YouTube about boxing matches, you talk about birthday parties talk about all kinds of other events that could be there, that can lead into some issues later on. I'm not saying you know, just because you have an event says going to have issues and you don't I believe what you're saying that, you know, since you know, since the incident a few years ago, you have turned that you know, turned a model around, you had no other problems that I understand from your business. So I don't I don't have a problem with your running that. But I just have a problem with taking that family friendly business and turning it to an event center. All types of events will be there. You're not necessarily maybe controlling what type of events what type of crowds coming in there. And it to me just doesn't fit within the Master Plan of downtown of that area. I would like to see you take that venue and really promote it as a skating, I mean we talked, you got adult, my wife goes there sometime Thursday nights adult skating. You have skaters from all over the country that I would like to see that even pushed and promoted more of as a skating facility, which it is, as opposed to turning to an event center where it's just all types of different events, all types of different crowds coming in. That's my real concern with the application for the liquor license. How do you control the type of events that you have in there? And this is gonna be my question is going to be certain type events or anybody can rent it out for any type of entity would like.

Miguel Sanders - Play Mor

24:05

No, we do try to screen the people that we rent the venue out to, to ensure that they're doing things proper, and appropriately. It is a skating rink. I'm a skater. And there is a culture of skating that lives in Northeast Ohio. And that's very near and dear to me. Just this morning, we had our our weekly skate for our seniors. I have seniors as old as 88 who attend the skating rink every week without fail. And I think realistically keeps some of them alive because they look forward to coming week in and week out to skate to have coffee and donuts as We offer every week from Tuesday to, from 10 o'clock to 12:30. Throughout the week, we have skating in the evening for our delts. Which, you know, we do also share skaters with a rink six miles away, which is United States of America, who in some ways is a competitor. So we, we like to stay competitive, of course, and as you alluded to, they also have a liquor license. But nonetheless, we're not looking to be a full scale event skater, I mean, Event Center, you know, we are a skating rink. Most recently, I had a skater sign with Nike. He is currently on tour in Barcelona. For the next 90 days, we have some of the greatest skaters in the world, here in Euclid that skate with us, at least two to three times per week. So no way shape or form, would I be changing the skating rink into a full scale event center. When you talk about trying to supplement the revenue of the rank, you know, when I had to do that pivot from having teen events, I have to be constructive and, and creative in what I do and the type of business that I bring to the rink. And, you know, if that's an expensive corner, as you all may know, along with the condition that I received the rink in, I'm constantly trying to upgrade that corner, and rehab in that facility. You know, it would be my wish. And my goal, to make it the best skating rink in Ohio. And so we would never steer away from being a full scale skating rink.

Council President Mancuso

27:25

Thank you. Other questions? Councilman Jarosz.

Councilman Jarosz

27:31

Thank you, Madam Chair. And thank you for your attendance. If we're not serving liquor all the time, as you said, but want to do a kind of special event, what kind of special event? Why not simply get a temporary liquor license when you're doing a special event?

Miguel Sanders - Play Mor

27:47

Well, sir, I'm not a non for profit business. I am for profit, therefore, I don't don't have the right to apply for a liquor permit to on a temporary basis. And so typically, we have to partner with somebody to provide that service. And that service comes with a premium cost. And thus, you know, I just feel it more advantageous for us to attempt to get our own liquor permit.

Councilman Jarosz

28:21

And I think, you know, for the public, you know, we talked about the pivot that needed to be made, and I think it should be reminded that this is from our police officers and doing the research that in the three year period from 12-15-19 to 12-15-22, there are 77 reported police contacts involving this business. These reports include a property crime, crimes, five riots, assaults, carrying concealed weapons disturbances, aggravated menacing, and an alleged rape. And what it concerns me about this liquor license specifically, was part of the pivot had to do with children's events. And a flyer from a past children event, called the end of school year banger shows teenage kids essentially passed out drunk with, you know, red solo cups surrounding them. So I think, you know, it was not too long ago, the city took the unusual step to actually commission or go to the courts and attempt to close the business down because of the burden that this city was absorbing from some of the instances that were taking place there. And it just seems to me anyway, a little premature to so quickly switch to essentially saying everything's okay, go ahead. I have our liquor license. So I appreciate you coming in. From my perspective, you know, regardless of where this goes, the state has the final authority anyway. But I think we should at least be on record as a community, stressing the concerns that we have from several past incidents, many of them very serious, and all within a relatively short timeframe. So thank you.

Miguel Sanders - Play Mor

30:15

With all due respect, you know, when you mentioned an alleged rape, I take that very seriously. That shouldn't happen anywhere, to the best of my belief from the police officers, that was a totally unfounded allegation. You know, with regards and respect to marketing, many people, place ads, you know, perhaps providing sub subliminal messages. And I think that's truly what that red cup solo ad was. But for all intensive purposes, there were no alcohol sales or anything of that nature provided at that particular party. So, you know, I understand your concerns which are valid, but, you know, we run a good clean shop. That's what we do. And no one can say that I don't, because I try hard

with that. And so we have problems. I've made my apologies to the city, to the citizens of Euclid. And I stand by that. And, you know, I told you, I stopped drinking 25 years ago, because it was causing me problems, when things cause me problems I stop. And so I stand by that, and I will continue to try to do the right thing. If there's things I can improve on, I would ask that you pick up the phone, come see me, tell me let me know, if I'm not doing something correctly, properly. You know, fair, right. And just those are things I believe in. Is it fair? Is it right? And is it just and if it doesn't meet that test, is the problem. And I opened my phone and my doors to you.

Council President Mancuso

32:32

Thank you, sir. Final comments, I know, told me when to make a comment and Mr. Epps wanted to make comment. Was there anybody else? Yeah, you can go and then Mr. Tolton. And then Mr. Epps. Councilwoman Jukic.

Councilwoman Jukic

32:55

Thank you, Madam Chair. Thank you for coming. I appreciate you coming to tell a little bit about your plans and kind of what you're hoping to do differently than the problems in the past. I agree with a lot of my colleagues though, a big thing for us. And even earlier, I was talking to some of my residents and constituents related to safety and security, it feels like it's throwing a little bit of gasoline on a fire and to pick up on Councilman Jarosz also, is there a way to continue to get some temporary liquor license for a period of time to continue to see how all of that works before going for a full blown one, even if you have to partner with a nonprofit? Thank you.

Miguel Sanders - Play Mor

33:41

Well, I mean, you know, partnering with people is sometimes good, sometimes bad, sometimes doable, and sometimes not. You know, I'm in this rink business by myself. On my own part, I get guidance from people like Mr. Rose, and other residents around the city. And, you know, sometimes things don't always go your way. So I understand that. And where I can sometimes go it alone or, you know, not at the mercy of a partner. You know, that's what I sometimes do. I enjoy working with others, but, you know, many times you get a partner, they want the lion's share of the money. That's counterproductive to what we're trying to do.

Council President Mancuso

34:45

Is there anybody who has not spoken that wants to speak. Okay, we're gonna go in order. It was Councilman Epps. Then Councilman Tanner, and then Councilman Tolton. Councilman Epps.

Councilman Epps

34:57

Councilman Tolton, I want, Councilman Tolton has a question, so he can speak first.

Council President Mancuso

35:02

Thank you. No, we will go in order, sir. He can ask his question when it's his time to speak.

Councilman Epps

35:09

So Madam Chair to Director Sweeney, is there a limit to the number of temporary permits for liquor sales and a liquor license that an individual or establishment can have director Sweeney?

Law Director Sweeney

35:21

Madam Chair, Madam chair to the councilman, I think a nonprofits entitled to one within the 30 days. I think that's what we did. When we had our various concerts at the lake. We had four different nonprofits, and each one got their own liquor permit.

Councilman Epps

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And for the sake of myself, my colleagues and for the public as well. What are the, who first starters, approves those permits? And what are the stipulations to those permits being approved?

Law Director Sweeney

35:51

Madam Chair to the Councilman, that's all through the State of Ohio. City of Euclid does not have anything to do with that, I just know that the application has to be in at least 30 days in advance, you have to include a map and a diagram and an explanation of your event to the State.

Councilman Epps

36:03

And when you specify one applicant, one nonprofit applicant. So an individual could have a different nonprofit applicant every single week, as long as it's only once a month.

Law Director Sweeney

36:13

That is correct, I believe once every 30 days.

Councilman Epps

36:16

Gotcha. I appreciate you as well, Mr. Sanders, and thank you, Director Sweeney, for answering that. I just want to be on record and make clear that we we ran your background, as we do with other folks who come before us and have these licenses. And most of the time, we have no clue or history about the person applying ever at all. And there weren't any issues. I think that we are having an astronomical amount of issues with young people in the city of Euclid so much to the extent that we're having conversations about potentially penalizing parents for the actions of young people. And once you stop the youth events, the issues at your establishment stopped. And I know you would have loved to hear it. But it happened right before you walked in the door. But Director Sweeney even mentioned herself, there have been no issues, he sees things really being on the right track with you all, we're in a better space with the relationship at all, but yet still being against this particular permit. I am very, very, very concerned and nervous about this. And a lot of it surrounds around the issues of the youth events, but those have ceased and stopped. One thing I also know is that you couldn't if you wanted to turn that place from a skating rink into a full fledged Event Center, a club because the skaters aren't going to have it in the rink enough and spend enough time with these folks. They're just not going to allow that to happen. And I also know that the community of skaters are also a very big part of how you operate and how you add the functionality of that particular location in general. And I'll be honest, at this moment, right now, I don't know how I'm gonna vote when that time comes. But I want to make sure, and I think you've answered thoroughly some of the questions and concerns about what happens in respect to young people. And I was glad to hear Councilman Tolton mentioned that, it reminded us that bowling alleys and other skating rinks as well have these sort are these types of licenses. I don't know how I'm gonna cast this vote. But I will say to you that I'm glad that there is an there is an avenue in place for you to be able to have these temporary events and still be able to have liquor issued or liquor sold at these at these temporary events. But I also don't like the idea of us deciding who the winners and losers are. That's the reason why when that case that everyone's been talking about

here tonight, I came in support of play more of the skating rink of the family atmosphere at the rink, because I believe that what was being done to at the time was wrong. And I think for them to now come back and say that things are great. And for you to stop the things you were told to stop and be in full compliance to still stop you, when you meet all the other criteria is is again, picking and choosing winners and losers. It means that it's going to take a lot more from us from a police standpoint, it may take a lot more of us than just being proactive and having physical bodies around being willing to work and partner with your establishment so that you can be successful. Yes, it's going to require all of those things. However, I just think we're putting ourselves in potential litigation issues. When we tell people No, and we tell other people Yes, with no idea of what their backgrounds are at all. So I won't continue to go on and on. I look forward to hearing the question or the answers to the question that my colleague will ask. And I just want to remind everybody that we don't always like a lot of the votes and things that we make here. But then it all comes down to it. Does a person meet the criteria that they're applying for it? Does the location fall within a zone that can have this particular license? And these are the types of questions we're supposed to ask in these situations. But on the flip side, when you hear my colleagues talk about safety, it's very important. And years ago, you had a lot of safety issues. I want to applaud you for the changes that you've made at the rink and the entire escaped community for their poor for their part in planning that the part they played in that. And I defer to my colleagues and your decision. Good luck with your decision.

Council President Mancuso

40:09

Thank you, sir. Councilman Tanner, and we'll finish with Councilman Tolton.

Councilman Tanner

40:13

Thank you, Madam Chair. Mr. Sanders, I have a question out of a six month period, can you give me an estimation of how many events you think you might be having?

Miguel Sanders - Play Mor

40:27

Hmm. I would say I would like to at least have four events per month. You know, saying like, one per weekend, if possible, and those being different events. You know, most recently, we've had a huge, I guess, people interested in doing like 50th birthday parties, 40th birthday parties and things of that nature as well as some anniversary parties. So it would be my hope to say do three to four per month. You know, can that's an ambitious goal, I believe. But that will be my my hope.

Councilman Tanner
All right. Thank you.

Council President Mancuso
41:23
And we'll close with Councilman Tolton.

Councilman Tolton
41:26
Thank you, Madam Chair. Real quick, to my colleague or maybe to Chief Myers. I didn't hear those dates when you talked about the other instances where they last year? Well, last year now. I thought you said 22 or 21? Was that right? Or? No?

Councilman Jarosz
41:42
Between 12-15-19 and 12-15-22?

Councilman Tolton
41:46
So, okay, so you're saying we still had issues? Because I didn't get that. Thank you so much. All right. So we still had issues. You're saying? They're doing that period during those periods during those dates? Okay. Um, question for the Director Sweeney. I don't know, you know, you can, tell me if this is legal? Or how does this work, if we were to grant the license, could we put stipulations on it, where we will grant the license, if this does not become an event center? If it stays, and I'm not trying to hamstring your business necessarily. But if it stays a skating rink with some other things, but not an event center, because if you're saying you're having four or five a month, then you're just an event center, in my opinion, so I would rather see you just say we're not a skating rink, and we're an event center. Or we could put some stipulations, Is that Is that feasible, Is that legal? Director Sweeney.

Law Director Sweeney
42:43
Madam Chair to the Councilman, the City of Euclid does not grant the liquor permit, we either say we want to object to the application or not. So we can't put any stipulations on it. If we want to object to the permit, we would have a hearing before the State of Ohio and, and they'll determine whether Mr. Sanders should get that or not. With respect to

the Event Center, I think Ms. Grida has some comments about that, if the Chair wishes to address that.

Assistant to the Mayor, Grida

43:08

Happy New Year, Miguel, haven't seen you yet. So thank you, again, for coming in as well. So, you know, four events a month, I think would definitely help your bottom line, will help you be more vibrant as everybody here would like that to be. But that does then really kind of get into an event center, we did have a meeting with Mr. Sanders. So Council knows, right before the last boxing match, to really try to encourage them to consider being an event center, because we were finding out about the events a little bit too late, we couldn't go through the approval process. And we felt like this would release his requirement, if he could become an event center, then he could, you know, be free to do the types of events he'd like to do. That hasn't come to fruition yet. But I know that's a big conversation with you and your partners. But the other piece is that we do have a special event permit application, we did have a process setup with Mr. Sanders and his partner for that. And there was never permission for it to go through. But we get stuck because then it just went. And you know, we're not going to go in and close it down. And so the proper process to get that event didn't happen. And so we got to figure that out as well. So if you don't have an appetite to become an event center, but you want to do events, we do need to get really much much better about that special event permit application and that process, which does take you know, some planning a good 30 Day planning to make sure that that happens. So I was a little saddened to see that event go off but very happy that there were no issues. But we got to kind of clean that up on both on both ends. Thank you.

Council President Mancuso

44:51

Thank you. Okay, my colleagues, I'm going to make a motion to object to the said liquor license and request a hearing. I need a second. So moved by Councilman Jukic. Madam Clerk, please call the roll on objecting to the said liquor license.

Clerk Laboda

45:14

Tolton Yes.

Council President Mancuso

45:20

You have a microphone. Yeah. Okay. Make sure I understood

Councilman Tolton

45:23

Okay. Make sure I understood what we were voting on. I'm sorry, Madam Chair. I'm just I'm just running through my head here. Real quick. I'm gonna get a motion is to reject.

Council President Mancuso

45:44

To object to the license and request a hearing.

Clerk Laboda

45:56

Tolton, Yes. Epps, No. Jarosz, Yes. Hannum, Yes. Jukic, Yes. Steele, No. Tanner, No. And Mancuso, Yes. Rejection, request for a hearing passes.

Council President Mancuso

46:22

Thank you, sir, for coming before us and giving us the information you have.

Miguel Sanders - Play Mor

46:28

May I just ask what the hearing, what does that require?

Council President Mancuso

46:35

I would I would ask you to talk with Director Sweeney afterwards, and she can fill you in more on that. It's not something we deal with, something the State does.

Law Director Sweeney

46:44

Mr. Sanders will get a notice from the State setting a hearing date.

Miguel Sanders - Play Mor

46:47

Okay. Thank you.

Council President Mancuso

46:49

Thank you, sir. Okay, now we're gonna go back to Administration Reports and Communications and Mayor Gail. Oh, I'm sorry, we didn't do the Council Minutes. I'm sorry. Council minutes. Okay. So and I will turn to Councilman Jarosz for our **Council Minutes** for the 5th and the 19th of December.

Councilman Jarosz

47:13

Thank you, Madam Chair, motion to accept the Council Minutes from December 5 and December 19 of 2022.

Council President Mancuso

47:18

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

All in favor, "Aye."

Thank you very much. Now we will go to **Administrative Reports and Communication**.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS AND COMMUNICATION

Mayor Gail

47:27

Thank you Madam Chair. Good evening, members of council. Welcome to Councilwoman Hannum. Happy New Year to all we are looking forward to a productive and healthy and happy new year. So thank you all for the well wishes through the holidays. Thank you to the community members who created the beautiful cards at Shore Cultural Centre. They are still up so if you have a chance while the weather is still a little bit warm, please walk around and see them. They really were very creative and very well done. I'd like to say thank you and recognize Mike Tizzano. I don't know how many total years but for a number of years he has run to Tizzanos Party Center, hosted many community events, celebrations for the community. He has retired from that business and sold it so I would like to welcome and have best wishes to the new owners Lisa and Doug McGuthrey. They are operating it as Signature Events and Catering. We had a brief ribbon cutting last Friday and they held their first event Saturday. And then Saturday evening, New Year's Eve party. So best wishes to both of them. Tizzanos Party Center will continue on as a community asset under the new name Signature Events and Catering. Martin Luther King Day is coming up. City Hall will be closed in observance of Martin Luther King Day. That's Monday, January 16. So the council meeting will be that Tuesday, January 17. I'd like to invite all of the community members to join us on Sunday, January 15 for the annual

Martin Luther King event. This is with Faith in the City and Lakeshore Christian Church at 3pm on Sunday, January 15. The theme this year is promoting non-violence in a violent world. Again, Lake Shore Christian Church three o'clock on Sunday, January 15. And that is at 28010 Lakeshore Boulevard. For those interested in sustainability, NOACCA, which is the Northeast Ohio area coordinating agency which is our regional metropolitan planning organization will be working to develop a regional climate action plan for Northeast Ohio. They're having a series of listening sessions on January 10. We do have information about this on our website. There's a number of meetings going on at the same time in five different locations. The closest to us is Tri-C on 22nd Street or out at Lakeland Community College. Again, that's January 10. From 5:30 to 7. There is also a virtual option through a YouTube link so you can get information about that either on NOACCA's website or on our City of Euclid website. And I think Madam Chair, that was it, no announcements from directors. So that's it this evening.

Council President Mancuso

50:22

Okay. We will now go on to **Committee Documentation**, and to the chair of the Public Safety Committee to give the December 14 report, Councilman Jarosz.

COMMITTEE DOCUMENTATION

Councilman Jarosz

50:31

Thank you, Madam Chair. On December 14, 2022 there was a pub, there was a Safety Committee meeting. Their meeting agenda was ordinance 117-22 armed security guard, an ordinance amending Euclid codified ordinances chapter 767 security guards of the business regulation and taxation code of the city ordinances of the city of Euclid to provide for the registration of armed security guards and businesses who engage same and to require a uniform when acting as an armed security guard. We also discuss ordinance 144-22, Chapter 768 video surveillance systems for apartment complexes have the business regulation and taxation code of the codified ordinances of the city of Euclid to require apartment complexes to install video surveillance systems and provide access to the Euclid Police Department. Administrative Staff present was Mayor Gail, Law Director Sweeney, police Chief Meyer and City Prosecutor Casa. Committee members present were Councilman Tanner and Tolton, also attending was Councilman Wojtila and Council President Mancuso. We had a guest presenter, Lieutenant Dibiase of Richmond Heights Police Department. Issues discussed; ordinance 117-22, armed security guards. Ohio's adoption of open carry, which allows those 21 years of age or older to legally carry a concealed weapon without proof of completed training or receiving a background check has created a

degree of uncertainty that extends to this legislation. We anticipate changes to the State of Ohio Department of Commerce's current commerce is current codes surrounding the regulation of businesses and security guard registration. As we await clarification, the committee amended the ordinance and remove the sessions that specifically address security guard registration and businesses but maintain the requirement that security guards wear a uniform that clearly identifies them as security. The amended legislation was voted on and sent back to full council with recommendation for approval. Also discussed ordinance 144-22 chapter 768 video surveillance systems for apartment complexes. This legislation requires apartments with more than 50 units to install security cameras at specific locations and provide EPD access upon request. This legislation was based upon similar legislation from Richmond Heights. Lieutenant Dibiase from Richmond Heights Police Department attended our meeting via video conference. She relayed the effectiveness of this legislation to help solve crimes and locate suspects. She also answered questions from the committee and the administration. The ordinance was voted on and sent back to full council with recommendation for approval, the actions taken were we moved two issues back to council with recommendation for approval. Those were the two agenda items. Thank you, Madam Chair.

Council President Mancuso

53:19

Thank you. And I will turn it back over to you for the Board of Control meetings.

Councilman Jarosz

53:24

I'd like to make a motion to accept the Public Safety Committee documentation from December 14, 2022, as well as the Board of Control from November 28, 2022 to December 5, 2022. And December 12, 2022.

Council President Mancuso

53:39

Thank you do have a second. So moved by Councilwoman Steele.

All in favor, "Aye."

Thank you. We are now at our **Committee of the Whole for Legislative Matters only**. Anyone wishing to speak to the agenda items tonight please give us your name address and keep your comments to five minutes.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – LEGISLATIVE MATTERS ONLY

Resident - Christopher Litwinowicz

53:57

Christopher Michael Litwinowicz, 21970 Morris Avenue. First off, we talking about 200 Street. Prayers. That's all. We didn't even know that you're going to allocate and start planning on it but where's the money? And when is the job gonna get done? Because it's not gonna be two years, it's gonna be three years slow progress and this administration, you might think you're doing something, but you ain't doing nothing. Just like this agenda item today. Five items today. Wow. You're wasting our time. Just like what happened today with the representatives and emergency ordinance. ordinance 002-23. In your, to the public is what matters and for For a whole year, I asked you to change your thought. I don't know what you're talking about. I do. But where what what is this detail? And where is the money? Who, what, where when? Why? Eight years in office and we still don't know what. 12 years 20 years. This is sad. Okay, so I'm gonna ask some questions so it's a county road huh? What seller? Why is it a sponsored by ward four? Like, there is no organization here about these people elected? So we put a lot of we put whoever because I'm sure this person that I'm talking about, we've had for years, six years, How long have you been a council person of ward four, but his name is not on this. Sorry, I really there his residents, your residents would say the same thing. All 2500 of them. Now, this so backwards, I get five minutes, but I don't get none of my questions answer while I'm sitting here. Why is that? Because it will be simple just to go through this. ask you a question. You hit you reply to my question. The time keeps ticking. I'm on to the next one. So let's see. Okay, security guards. How are we funding this? When you legislate things, you must know how to fund it. We find it to an FYI. Every year we need to appropriate the budget. So with this legislation, we should be appropriate finance director, we should be a service director we should be appropriate. Man. I'm 20 years it is keep on coming to this podium and seeing seeing this this this this malfeasance this you know, how long did we say an hour with a business ah, I couldn't be that promoter. You know, I'm saying that's what are called promoters. Promoters don't get liquor licenses. As far as how they back on those kids. Thank you for letting me take this 30 seconds because I'm not speaking at the end. As far as these kids what you're gonna do the Euclid high school or Euclid central sir. This section is...

Council President Mancuso

58:21

Only on agenda items. Please stick to the agenda.

Resident - Christopher Litwinowicz

58:25

Some people don't listen, when you speak. I said thank you. I was I was going to leave and go back home. Because there's nothing to talk about. You got four items.

Council President Mancuso

58:38

Next speaker please. You could only speak to items on the agenda. No, no. At the end, if you when we speak to anything for the community you can you can then speak your comments if you would like. Okay, anyone else on agenda items only? Seeing none, we will begin our agenda. Madam Clerk, please read the first agenda item into the record.

Clerk Laboda

59:13

Ordinance 001-23. An ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of Euclid to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the Cuyahoga Soil and Water Conservation District to provide technical assistance in implementing soil and water conservation measures for the city of Euclid and other such advisory services as needed, and agreed for the year 2023 with the option to with the option to extend each year for five years.

Council President Mancuso

59:49

Thank you. I'll entertain a motion for passage to begin the discussion. So moved by Councilwoman Steele, second by Councilman Tanner. All in favor, "Aye." And we will begin with Director Knecht.

Service Director Knecht

1:00:00

Thank you, Madam Chair. This memorandum of understanding between Cuyahoga Soil and Water Conservation District and the city of Euclid is needed to help the city be able to comply with our MS4 permit through Ohio EPA, the services that the soil and water district or is able to provide to us is a very cost effective way to help us maintain our permit. They do site plan review, as well as site visits on construction sites. They also give technical assistance on local legislation. They do stormwater management, protection of sensitive areas, they'll give guidance on that they'll give us guidance on small drainage areas and wildlife habitat, habitat enhancements, all things that is more cost effective for us to use them over having someone on staff. This is a budgeted item that we have

done previously. And again, found to be a good value for the city. And I would be happy to answer any questions tonight on this.

Council President Mancuso

1:01:13

Thank you, sir. Discussion? Councilman Tolton.

Councilman Tolton

1:01:18

Thank you, Madam Chair. Director Knecht, real quick. We talked about the the costs, and alleged says not to exceed 16,5. And you usually when we say not to exceed it exceeds. So if this does exceed, will it be coming from the same pot, the same funds? Or will we come from another other funds? If we if it was to exceed to 16,5?

Service Director Knecht

1:01:47

Madam Chair to the Councilman, we have never exceeded the cost that has been stated in these contracts previously.

Councilman Tolton

1:01:54

Okay. Thank you. And a couple more questions real quick. And they will this includes studies for any development sites such as like the GE Tungsten site in my Ward or any other sites that are looking to redevelop.

Service Director Knecht

1:02:08

Madam Chair to the Councilman. If there is a plan submitted, they would be reviewing it to make sure that it complies with our ordinance as well as State ordinances.

Councilman Tolton

1:02:18

Okay. And two more questions real quick. So we would have to come before Council each year to approve the same request memorandum each year, because it's just for a year, correct? (That is correct.) Okay. And then also, if there are wetlands on these development sites, I'm assuming that they would recommend maybe to build not to build how to preserve the wetlands and things like that. And in species within the wetland.

Service Director Knecht

1:02:45

Madam Chair to the Councilman, yes, they would take a look at the wetlands, they would develop a plan. If that is a protected area, if it is something that can be altered, to move it to a different configuration to uh, still allow the construction. Every Avenue will be looked at between the state, the city and the developer, to make sure that they're complying with the regulations, and we're helping them do their development the best we can.

Councilman Tolton

1:03:15

Okay, thank you.

Council President Mancuso

1:03:17

Thank you. Councilman Tanner.

Councilman Tanner

1:03:18

Thank you, Madam Chair. Do we have? Do we get a yearly audit report?

Service Director Knecht

1:03:27

Madam Chair to the Councilman? No, we do not.

Councilman Tanner

1:03:31

So there's not a report that we actually can compare each year or how our how we're doing as a city.

Service Director Knecht

1:03:39

Madam Chair to the Councilman, we go project by project, each one with them and go through each project. So we would know how we're doing based on each project that they're handling for that period of time. If a project is over a two or three year period, then we would look at that over that two or three year period. (Thank you.)

Council President Mancuso

1:04:00

Other discussion. Councilman Steele.

Councilwoman Steele

1:04:03

Thank you, Madam Chair. So I'm because I'm learning about all of this. My concern is, I'm looking at it says number three protection of sensitive areas. Have those areas been determined? And do you do you see other areas that might potentially need this in the upcoming month or year?

Council President Mancuso

1:04:33

Director Knecht.

Service Director Knecht

1:04:34

Madam Chair to the Councilwoman. Those sensitive areas that are called out could be wetlands, it could be other sensitive areas such as stream banks, could be lakefront property. Those would be determined based on the project in its location.

Councilwoman Steele

1:04:56

I guess my question is those areas Do you have a set? Do you have the actual areas designated?

Service Director Knecht

1:05:06

Madam Chair to the Councilman? No, unless a property has been developed, and it's been identified as a sensitive area. No, we do not have a list citywide of sensitive areas.

Council President Mancuso

1:05:17

Thank you. Other discussion? Councilman Epps.

Councilman Epps

1:05:23

Thank you. I just want to follow up to and the finance director isn't here to ask him. And maybe that was the reason why you didn't ask Director

Knecht. But if someone could answer the question asked by Councilman Tolton. If exceeded, Where were those funds come from? I know you said that you don't anticipate this to exceed, but if it was to exceed, the question was where would those funds come from? If someone could please answer the question. Thank you.

Service Director Knecht

1:05:48

Madam Chair to the Councilman. If for some reason this was to exceed this would be paid from the account that is named. But that would also go through Board of Control as an exceeds if it were to exceed the contract price that is stated in the legislation.

Councilman Epps

1:06:06

Thanks for clarity.

Council President Mancuso

1:06:10

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

All in favor, "Aye."

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

All in favor, "Aye."

Those opposed, "Nay."

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

Clerk Laboda

1:06:39

Epps, Yes. Jarosz, Yes. Hannum, Yes. Jukic, Yes. Steele, Yes. Tanner, Yes. Tolton, Yes. Mancuso, Yes.

Ordinance passes.

Council President Mancuso

1:06:51

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

Clerk Laboda

1:06:55

Ordinance 002-23. An emergency ordinance enacted by the City of Euclid, Cuyahoga County, Ohio. hereinafter, referred to as the municipality in the matter of hereinafter described improvement and requests the cooperation of the of Cuyahoga, County of Cuyahoga, Ohio hereinafter referred to as County.

Council President Mancuso

1:07:23

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

All in favor, "Aye."

And we will go once again to Direct Knecht.

Service Director Knecht

1:07:33

Thank you, Madam Chair. This \$2.9 million Cuyahoga County project will consist of the resurfacing of East 200 Street from Lakeshore Boulevard to Mohican Avenue. Work included in this project is the curb repairs at a ramp replacement and installation, minor full depth repairs and is previously passed by council, water line replacement for that section. This is part of no ACA has Transportation Improvement Program. This project is anticipated to start in April 2024. That timeframe has been set by the county at this point. We currently have our city engineer working on the waterline portion which you pass legislation for previously the county is working on the design of the roadway. To answer a question that came in from Councilman well till earlier today, the maintenance of traffic plan will be spelled out by the county in this project, I have passed the concern along to them that he had about the traffic flow, trying to make sure that we do everything we can to help the businesses during the construction. Knowing that this will be a project that will take the whole season, we'll do the best we can to make sure that we're keeping the traffic moving through there so that the businesses don't see a huge decline in their traffic. Through the project time. i This project is being paid for by the county there is a local match. That match is approximately 293,000. When final bids are accepted from this project, we will know the exact amount of the local match, but it is anticipated to be in that area. I'd be happy to answer any questions you may have today.

Council President Mancuso

1:09:29

Thank you. Discussion Council. Councilman Tolton.

Councilman Tolton

1:09:34

Thank you, Madam Chair. Just real quick, looking at Section C was his funding. And maybe I'm a little confused here. But number four, it talks about a missing municipality is responsible 40% Whether it be come down to number five, it says contribute 50% I'm getting oh we met are we contributing 40% of the cause or 50% of the cost. So what why are they used to divergent here or am I not understanding.

Service Director Knecht

1:10:07

Madam Chairman, I'm trying to find that page here.

Mayor Gail

1:10:13

So it's different parts if you read the full sentence. The number four has to do with the cost of construction plans and specifications, which is the engineering work that needs to be done. Section five is the non federal share. So it's all, you know, it's different components of the plan.

Councilman Tolton

1:10:35

Okay. Okay. I just want to make sure I bring one out. I understand that. Okay. Thank you.

Council President Mancuso

1:10:40

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

All in favor, "Aye."

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

All in favor, "Aye."

Those opposed? Nay.

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

Clerk Laboda

1:11:08

Jarosz, Yes. Hannum, Yes. Jukic, Yes. Steele, Yes. Tanner, Yes. Tolton, Yes. Epps, Yes. Mancuso, Yes.
Ordinance Passes.

Council President Mancuso

1:11:20

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

Clerk Laboda

1:11:25

Ordinance 117B-22. An ordinance amending Euclid codified ordinance ordinances chapter 767, Security guards of the business regulation and taxation code of the codified ordinances of the city of Euclid to provide for registration of armed security guards and businesses who engaged same and to require a uniform when acting as an armed security guard.

Council President Mancuso

1:11:57

Thank you entertain a motion for passage to begin discussion. So moved by Councilwoman Steele, second by Councilman Tanner.

All in favor, "Aye."

Director Sweeney.

Law Director Sweeney

1:12:08

Thank you, Madam Chair. Councilman Jarosz explained what we went through at Safety Committee, we pared this down. We got rid of the armed security guard registration, business registration, kept the uniform sections. So the piece you have before you strikes out the sections we got rid of and keeps the uniforms. Happy to answer any questions you might have.

Council President Mancuso

1:12:30

Thank you. And I will go to Councilman Jarosz, and then to Councilman Tanner for any additional comments.

Councilman Jarosz

1:12:38

I don't have any additional, Madam Chair.

Council President Mancuso

1:12:40

Councilman Tanner.

Councilman Tanner

1:12:41

I don't have any either.

Council President Mancuso

1:12:42

Thank you. Any other discussion? Councilman Tolton.

Councilman Tolton

1:12:48

Thank you, Madam Chair, just just real quick. Under this ordinance under the penalties section 767.99. And it says if you violate this, it's a misdemeanor of the third degree, does that fall under that same penalty?

Law Director Sweeney

1:13:05

Madam Chair to the Councilman, that was already the penalty section in chapter 767. We did not change that at all. So any violations of that chapter result in that penalty section.

Councilman Tolton

1:13:17

Okay, so somebody doesn't have, I'm sorry. So if someone doesn't have a security jacket on, then that's a misdemeanor and a third degree for the owner of the property? (I would say so. Yeah.) And a \$500 fine or imprisonment?

Law Director Sweeney

1:13:38

Yes. Misdemeanor. Now charges have to be filed. This is in the business code. Right. So that would be brought potentially, under, gosh, I don't think it's the police. Yeah, it's I mean, it's, I mean it, well, no, it is criminal. I mean, it isn't a criminal section. But that charges, you know, a summons would be brought before the judge and adjudicated in court.

Councilman Tolton

1:14:11

For me, that just sounds kind of excessive for not wearing a jacket with security on it, I can see the civil penalty. But while we're talking about a misdemeanor, and possible imprisonment, and five, one out of five, no, it's not gonna just go right in prison, but that just seems kind of steep. For just not wearing a jacket with security. Oh, that's, that's a little steep

for me. Um, and then one last question. So we said it took out the security the arm security part, but am I looking at it here at the beginning of the orders, it says acting as an armed security guard. Am I reading this wrong?

Law Director Sweeney

1:14:49

We struck that section. So we did. Can you see the strikeout in a different color there. Do you have that in your version or mine?

Councilman Tolton

1:14:57

Okay, okay. So I'm just reading here. Okay. Okay, thank you.

Council President Mancuso

1:15:02

Other discussion? Councilman Epps.

Councilman Epps

1:15:05

Thank you. The, so just for clarity as we go for a vote on this a security guard or a security company that does not provide armed security? How does this how do they fall into this particular legislation? Do they still have? Are we going to create a registry for folks who are not armed? Where there is no registry at all? whatsoever?

Law Director Sweeney

1:15:31

Madam Chair, the Councilman, no registry, we removed that from this piece.

Councilman Epps

1:15:35

Okay. And in just to kind of when it comes down to enforcement for this, and I heard you right away, start to scramble as to how that will happen. Do I mean, who brings that particular?

Law Director Sweeney

1:15:50

Any of the prosecutors can, Madam Chairman to the Councilman, any of the prosecutors can bring charges? If a report is made somehow that we're aware, say the police happened to be on scene and they do

document it in a report that security was at such and such establishment, but they were not identified. You know, to me, that's factual basis where we potentially could bring a summons against.

Councilman Epps

1:16:11

So if our resident was at an event. And that wasn't the case. And they wanted to just report, Hey, there were security guards at this event. But they did not have on security. How what would happen in that event?

Law Director Sweeney

1:16:23

Madam Chair to the councilman, I would ask them to make a police report. And we would look into that.

Councilman Epps

1:16:28

Ask the resident to make a police report about that? (Yes.) All right. Are we gonna do anything to inform or let folks know that this is a new law? Are there any plans to do anything like that? (I'm not aware.) I mean, as far as - Chris, please - I mean, as far as as far as your intentions, you're saying you're not aware of it being done. Maybe by this? I don't know who you're referring to maybe sponsors or not. But you as the law director of the city, I'm asking you, are there any plans to inform folks that this is the way business should be done now?

Law Director Sweeney

1:17:01

Madam Chair to the Councilman, I have not made any plans with any other department heads to discuss rolling this out anywhere, we can do that. I've not done that yet.

Councilman Epps

1:17:12

I very much want to just end with that as very much. So like to I know the spirit of my colleague in bringing forth this legislation, and it seemed that it was watered down a bit to make it little more make a vote, a positive vote possible. Today, I'd like to ask if we can make this a first reading. I want to make an amendment to address the penalty piece that makes a lot more sense and makes my other colleagues even feel more comfortable. But I would like to have time to confer with my colleagues as to that amendment. So for that reason, I'd like to make a motion that we make this a first reading tonight.

Law Director Sweeney

1:17:52

Madam Chair, I think this piece and the next piece are technically both second readings that weren't adequately identified. They were at Council then they went to committee, and they're back to council tonight, these both should be listed a second readings. So just to clarify, Councilman Epps, his motion, it should go then to a third reading.

Councilman Epps

1:18:10

Thank you. And that isn't listed here. But you're right. It did was heard here first, and then went to committee. (And that's our bad for not clarifying.) So I'd like to make the motion that this be a second reading that that we move to a third reading on this particular legislation.

Council President Mancuso

1:18:24

We have motion on the floor a second by Councilman Jarosz. Thank you. All in favor, "Aye."

Thank you. All right. This will now go to a third reading. Correct? Yeah, they should. Yeah, we need to vote individually. Sorry. Call the roll. Yeah.

Clerk Laboda

1:18:47

Jukic, Yes. Steele, Yes. Tanner, Yes. Tolton, Yes. Epps, Yes. Jarosz, Yes. Hannum, Yes. Mancuso, Yes.

Motion to send to a third reading has passed.

Council President Mancuso

1:19:04

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

Clerk Laboda

1:19:09

Ordinance 144A-22. An ordinance enacting chapter 768. Video surveillance systems for apartment complexes of the business regulations and taxation code of the codified ordinances of the city of Euclid to require apartment complexes to install video surveillance systems and provide access to Euclid Police Department.

Council President Mancuso

1:19:37

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

All in favor, "Aye."

And we will go once again to Director Sweeney.

Law Director Sweeney

1:19:46

Thank you, Madam Chair. To all of Council. I advised Madam Chair earlier today that I did get a letter from a law firm representing, they don't indicate who, but a number of large apartment owners in the city. And they're questioning the city's ability to enact this legislation. I don't want to comment on the specifics until I've had more time to research the points in their letter. But just so council's aware, I did reach out to Richmond Heights law director, they have not received any challenge either before their legislation was enacted, or since they opined slightly to me as well on this letter. So I want to do just a little more research before we talk about this piece. So I would ask if somebody could make a motion to send this to a third reading as well.

Council President Mancuso

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Thank you. Discussion by council. So moved by Councilman Jarosz.

Calling on Councilman Jarosz, Sorry.

Councilman Jarosz

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Thank you, man. I'd like to make a motion to send this to a third reading.

Council President Mancuso

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Is there a second? So moved by Councilman Tanner. Is there any discussion on the motion only? Councilman Epps.

Councilman Epps

1:20:52

Thank you to Director Sweeney. And I know that you already stipulated you'd like to see it move to a third rating. But I'm just curious if with the legal issues and all of that if this is something that we should send back. And we don't have to rush to do this, although I love this legislation. Should we be sending this to a committee to further discuss this and then bring it back? Just I guess questioning. I don't want to say that but

questioning the timeframe for us to have this decision made as a third reading as opposed to Safety committee, where it can wait be vetted out, we have all these conversations come back to council as a third read and then be passed or shut down.

Law Director Sweeney

1:21:30

Madam Chair to the Councilman, I would like time to do the research. If I can get it done in two weeks. We'll have it on for third reading. If not, then we can put it in committee. I also think maybe depending on what my research unfolds, I might be totally comfortable saying let's go ahead. If I think it's something where it is questionable. Maybe we put a pin in this or have a have another committee meeting or maybe discuss it in an E and F in Executive Session, if there's some legal things that we need to talk about. So I would rather just keep it on the agenda. And let's press on and see.

Council President Mancuso

1:22:04

And there is a motion and the floor to vote for a third reading.

Councilman Epps

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And I appreciate you giving me that answer. And for the sake that there's emotional one, and we can send this back to you even as a third reading and it's still come back to council. Yeah, then that's fine. I'll support the motion. Thank you.

Council President Mancuso

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I'm sorry. You want to do what? Just to go. Okay, any other discussion?
Councilman Steele.

Councilwoman Steele

1:22:29

I just want to say I too, like this legislation, just saying how important it is safety, safety, safety. So many times I've went into apartment buildings, there was no cameras, not well lit. It felt dangerous. So to my colleagues, really think about this legislation, how it's so important to people. Okay, so think about it. I'm glad you're gonna do more research. But is this something that is needed? That's I just wanted that on record. Thank you.

Council President Mancuso

1:23:11

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

All in favor, "Aye."

Madam Clerk, would you call the roll and sending this to a third reading?

Clerk Laboda

1:23:27

Steele, Yes. Tanner, Yes. Tolton, Yes. Epps, Yes. Jarosz, Yes. Hannum, Yes. Jukic, Yes. Mancuso, Yes.

Motion to send to a third reading has passed.

Council President Mancuso

1:23:44

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

Clerk Laboda

1:23:48

Resolution 003-23. A resolution amending the council committees and assignments for the January 1, 2022 through January through December 31, 2023 term of the Council of the City of Euclid.

Council President Mancuso

1:24:08

Thank you entertain a motion for passage to begin this discussion. So moved by Councilman Tolton, second by Councilwoman Steele.

All in favor, "Aye."

Thank you and you want me to do this? Should you do to it? Okay. I, as the President of Council, we know we have been through two interview sessions with applications from residents in our community. We did vote to make the appointment to Miss Hannum. With that appointment, we have committees that our former council woman was part of, Miss Hannum will take those positions that our former Ward five council person would take. We have had a chairmanship change in the Sustainability Committee. As the most senior person, Councilwoman Jukic has said she would take over the Chair. We have an Administrative Committee that with the loss of our recent resignation, we have an opening and we would put Councilman Epps in there, if he is agreeable to that. Other than that everything on here will stay the same and those committees with those chairmanships will complete the term of the year 2023. That will go through December 31. Discussion. Councilman Epps.

Councilman Epps

1:25:35

Madam Chair, I just want to for the public and for the record to make clear, we all know that we lost our dear Councilman Caviness, I mean many she lost her battle to cancer last year. And at that time, the our Administrative Committee consists of the top five ranking members on city council in respect to seniority. When Councilman Caviness has passed away, there should have been a discussion head between Councilman Jukic and myself and the committee members as to the process of what happens soon as Councilman Jukic and I share level and seniority here on City Council, that did not take place. Don't want to see me on the Administrative Committee. And my opinion is why and as a result of it comes from a Euclid which was appointed to that space council woman McIntosh after resigning she was on that committee. And so the obvious choice is for me to be on that committee. I sent an email last week, maybe two weeks ago expressing my frustration about the decision made for Councilman Jukic, as well as asking why I hadn't been reached out to about being seated on this Administrative Committee. Council President was attached to that email. So just to answer your question, as you know, from receiving that email, which is what sparked this, I most definitely am interested in will be taking my seat on the Administrative Committee. Thank you.

Council President Mancuso

1:26:57

Thank you. Just to correct some misinformation. There was discussion as you received in the email. We did discuss this at a council meeting that you were not in attendance at. I think one of the council people asked if council woman Jukic was interested, she said yes, a motion was made seconded and voted upon. So there was process there was discussion, and it was done correctly. So any other discussion? Seeing none, I'll entertain a motion to close debate. So moved by Councilman Jarosz, second by Councilwoman Jukic.

All in favor, "Aye."

Madam Clerk, please call the roll on the resolution?

Clerk Laboda

1:27:38

Tanner, Yes, Tolton, Yes. Epps, Yes. Jarosz, Yes. Hannum, Yes, Jukic, Yes. Steele, Yes. Mancuso, Yes.
Resolution passes.

Council President Mancuso

1:27:51

Thank you. We will now go on to our second **Committee of the Whole public portion** of the meeting. Are residents who want to speak to anything, excuse me, for the good of the community. Please give us your name and address and limit your remarks to five minutes please.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – PUBLIC PORTION

School Bd Member Pam Turos

1:28:10

Good evening Council. Madam President. My name is Pam Turos. I am, I live at 40 East 212 Street. And I'm also a member of the local Board of Education. Last Council meeting, I was here discussing violence in our community and offering an invitation to all of city council to join me in forming a citywide collaboration around the reduction of gun violence in our community. And I just want to reaffirm my commitment to that work. And since that time, I've had a number of additional conversations, my next steps will be to reach out to some of you individually to envision what that work looks like as a community. And as part of that, I want to reaffirm that it is a community wide initiative and that we as city leaders have to lead it and we have to have responsibility for it. But that it does need to involve the entire community, the schools, the city leadership, and our business community. I know that I can count on Miguel Sanders to be a part of that movement when the time comes. My personal experience with Mr. Sanders and Migs Play Mor case started very much the same as many of you with a lot of preconceived ideas about what was going on over there. And as you know, as a mom and a person who's responsible for the safety of 1000s of students on a daily basis, safety is really my number one concern because nothing else we do matters if we can't keep kids safe. I have worked with Mr. Sanders as his coach through the Mandel Foundation's neighborhood leadership development program going on two years now, and I will continue to do that after tonight's meeting. I am disappointed by some of the recent reception that he received. I think there are still a lot of misconceptions about his intentions. and his values that have not come across yet to this group. And so I would just encourage all of you to really try and be open minded. The neighborhood Leadership Development Program is a very select group of individuals that are actually hand selected by Mayor Michael White, paid for completely a year of training and leadership credentials. And the entire time, every time I met and worked with Miguel as his coach through all of the curriculum, he was working on how to become a better partner to the city. And he has had great personal sacrifice in his business, and professionally, because he is adhering to what the city asked him to do two years ago, when he acknowledges things were beyond his control. And his dream of opening up that skating rink had to do with creating the family and youth

experiences that he had growing up. And we are in a time where our community makes it safe for business owner to do that. So all of the outcome on this is falling on Mr. Sanders shoulders. At this juncture with tonight's decision, and I understand our concerns about safety. I would encourage you all to really look a little more closely at some of those more recent incidences, I think, nothing really serious in our worst fears has happened there in well over two years, I think probably some of the minor incidents that are happening all over town all the time are more likely what's been happening there recently. And we have a responsibility to create a safe community. And in doing so it will be safe for him to serve youth in his business. And I know that he's again, committed to being a part of that. I don't know that any of you know that he is a graduate of the Mandel Case Western Reserve School of Social Work. He's a master's level social worker who led mentorship programs for Case Western Reserve for many years before he left that long term stable career to be a place of gathering for youth and families in our community. And he has had to pivot from that as a result of a problem that the entire community is faced with not just Mr. Sanders. And so when he comes back here, and I will help make sure that he does, and I will help him secure the nonprofits that he needs to over the course of the next six months or a year to continue having events safely. But when he comes back here, since there isn't an opportunity to comment before the decision gets made, I would just ask you to remember my comments this evening that I can speak to his character and commitment into doing this job in the right way. With a lot of circumstances against him, including a roof that was caving in on him, floors that he replaces tile by tile by hand, when they come up. He has invested his entire life into that skating rink, which is a service to our community and and I hope next time we can just really try and recognize that effort when he comes and asks us for the support. I appreciate those of you who who did remain open minded to that this evening and we will be back again for that decision. Thank you very much.

Council President Mancuso

1:33:06

Thank you. Next speaker please.

Resident - Christopher Litwinowicz

1:33:14

Christopher Michael, Euclid Ohio. Well, another year another year gone by and I feel like I'm ready to cry. So every day I wasted a whole year for the city. So every day I'm knocking on doors every day, giving the voter the opportunity to vote at home people laughed at me my whole life are the two points 61. Everybody in this community know me. But ladies and gentlemen of this city, keep playing. Keep playing and keep playing now. It's alright to make your point. You You You You make a law. Okay, I might have broke it. But you didn't look at the scenario. You elected

official you didn't look at is this a real candidate? And you give me some more evidence now because there is no police report. So without a police report, how would you summons me to court? just dismiss that charge. Let me get back onto the real list. Here's a Marine. Here's an 18 year old kid who graduated Euclid high school with all my fellow students that went to the Marine Corps who get out in my community. In 1993 I sat up there with a putter, that's what I just told that guy out there. The young gentleman who's the owner of like, didn't, you guys ain't listen. And two weeks ago, I just said, Stand up and shape up and shape out for the new year. And you still have this young man pleading, crying as a businessman. What type of permit do I need at 940 E 222nd, Sweeney, to sell marijuana? You know, that's the same scenario is that we've got ordinances. Oh, yeah, it could be at 470 E 200 street. But anyway, let me get back. Okay, I got you opened up now. There's more. I don't I don't think people listen to dispatch. I did. Because there was a situation a couple of nights ago, right around his way. Chief, Our police officers need more training. I'm not against you. I just don't think that what I heard is appropriate and that could cause the lawsuit. If ya'all don't know, I think somebody was shot, taken out, the ambulance was called and officers chose not to have an ambulance come into a situation in my community right around the block. Thanks to computers (Chief Meyer; That is categorically untrue.) I got three witnesses in my own family

Council President Mancuso

1:37:04

Mr. Litwinowicz, this is not a debate.

Resident - Christopher Liti...

It's not a debate. This is me to read redress my grievance in my community when I've got gunshots.

Council President Mancuso

It's not a debate He responded, move on.

Resident - Christopher Liti...

1:37:08

He said he's, he's out to order. You should have called him out of order. Like I said, I asked questions and they never get answered. So I sit here and talk for five minutes with my thumb up my butt. I ain't going nowhere. But what you just can't take the grievance that I said, I think your officers need training on coming to a situation. And I'm sorry, Chief, but I lost the 43 year old friend named Gangsta Boo. Hip Hop, she died. She passed away in Memphis, Tennessee. We actually got people from that organization who live in this stupid Euclid. Let me get back on to another thing. You go find yourself by calling me out to order in United

States Supreme Court. You as a Chair still don't want to pay somebody, you as a Mayor still forgetting and you all as Council. Now we got one new people. First off, welcome to the family. We'll be in conversations because I need an intelligent person to sponsor a payout. That's it.

Council President Mancuso

1:38:17

Next speaker please. Seeing none, we will move on to **Council Comments**. And we begin tonight with compliment Epps.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Epps

1:38:31

Thank you, Madam Chair, is always a great time and New Year's. And for me being sick throughout the holidays. It definitely is good to be back here in these Chambers with all of you. I look forward to another year of robust discussions and try my best to advocate for the residents of Ward 3 as I have always done and will continue to do in this final year of my term. Thank you.

Council President Mancuso

1:38:58

Thank you, Councilman Jarosz.

Councilman Jarosz

1:39:00

Thank you, Madam Chair. Just want to welcome our new council person representing Ward five. Had a nice first meeting. And just wish everybody happy new year and look forward to a lot of good stuff going forward. There will be had a conversation with the Assistant Fire Chief Anderson, he's interested in making a presentation to safety committee just some initiatives that the fire departments up to so look for that sometime in the next month or so we'll get that out of the calendar. Thank you.

Council President Mancuso

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Thank you. Councilwoman Hannon.

Councilwoman Hannum

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Madam Chair, I would like to thank everybody for the warm welcome. I've really appreciated everybody's assistance in getting started. And it has been really a great experience getting to know you all and I'm really looking forward to a great year. So thank you.

Council President Mancuso

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Thank you. Councilman Jukic.

Councilwoman Jukic

1:39:54

Thank you, Madam Chair. First of all, welcome Tara again. Happy New Year to everyone. I look forward to the end of the year and a new year for reflection and recommitting to things that are important. And as my colleague Councilman Epps mentioned, this is our final year of our four year term. So what I want to share is that in my ward, there are a lot of the apartment buildings that have a lot of issues. And I was very happy to see that we were moving on the on the video camera, I had a meeting with some of my constituents who are sharing with me, issues that are probably everywhere in apartment buildings, but security and safety is number one. So I I was happy to hear Pam Toros talk about a city wide initiative for decreasing violence and safety and security. So I wanted to thank my my residents who took the time to meet with me today. And I really feel like we need to we need to do more such as the legislation we had today for the video cameras in especially some of these high rises. I just wanted to share that as a personal mission and commitment for the new year. Thank you.

Council President Mancuso

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Thank you. Councilwoman Steele.

Councilwoman Steele

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Happy New Year to everyone. Wishing everyone a wonderful start of the year. Stay healthy. Stay engaged. I'm looking forward to doing more within the community, especially with my Ward. We have some exciting things. That's gonna start I'm happy about that. So stay tuned for an exciting year. Thank you.

Council President Mancuso

1:41:36

Thank you, Councilman Tanner.

Councilman Tanner

1:41:38

Thank you, Madam Chair. I want to say welcome aboard Tara. I want to also address the residents of council one, I'm sorry Ward One, keep the calls coming in. And I'm still working with Kimble as far as the the garbage collection and anything else and I appreciate the calls. I want you to understand that anytime you call me that it's not a problem. It is something for us to solve. Thank you.

Council President Mancuso

1:42:04

Thank you, Councilman Tolton.

Councilman Tolton

1:42:06

Thank you, Madam Chair. Like to say Happy New Year to everyone also and welcome. Councilman Hammond, Hannum. Yes. So welcome. Welcome. Sorry, I got the wrong, welcome. Real quick. Director Knecht, with email back and forth earlier today about the garbage. We know that's always an issue. And I appreciate your quick response. As always, concerning that. One thing I wanted to address because I got a lot of questions from residents. And even on my street, I don't understand how the driver can pick my trash. But then skip to homes, pick their trash, get four homes and pick their trash. So that's not a manpower thing. It's just something wrong with a driver, you know? And also, maybe they also need to be some education. Maybe we can get education, a component, something where maybe we can teach to residents about how to store their garbage, if that's the issue, and maybe wait is a problem for the collectors or something like that? Is there anything like that in the works or the city discuss anything like that?

Service Director Knecht

1:43:19

Madam chair to the councilman? Yes, Kimball and I have been a discussion about educational pieces. They're trying to put something together that they're going to use in a lot of their communities, and we will be one of them. We're not the only community that is asking for that. So it's definitely something that is on their radar, you know, to speak to the issue from yesterday, unfortunately, they had a lot of call offs, they, you know, they tried to fill each of those trucks with a driver that was capable of operating the equipment, they did not follow the routes properly, unfortunately, and did miss a lot of stops, did not make their turns correctly, to continue on the route. So they are well aware of that and understand that it was an issue. You know, unfortunately with with

the holiday, that, you know, they had some workers that chose not to come in and really put them in a situation. So instead of not picking up the entire city, which you know, other companies have done in the past with when they're short on drivers, they just don't come into the city Kimble did come in, unfortunately did less than stellar work in they are paying for it now by having to come back and redo those routes.

Councilman Tolton

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So they will be coming back to these streets that they may correct the day or two? Okay. Okay. Thank you. Okay.

Council President Mancuso

1:44:38

I don't know if it's time for Kimball to do a presentation to us again on what they can and cannot do. I think we had it in the Service Committee last time we had it. That might be appropriate. I know that Keep Euclid Beautiful also had a recycling event out in the lobby, which I found very useful to the folks that were there and it might be something we want to either take her canned speech that she hit, but it's it was good about what is recyclable what is not anymore. That was truly an education, which meant my recyclables go down, my garbage goes up, because there's a lot we can't do anymore. And with that Happy New Year to everybody. Welcome, young lady. I look forward to you and all of your expertise being used here. With that, I will ask for a motion to adjourn. So moved by Councilman Tanner, second by Councilman Jarosz. All in favor, "Aye."

We are adjourned.


Clerk of Council


Council President