

**EUCLID CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**MINUTES FROM JANUARY 17, 2023**

**This regular Council Meeting was held on Tuesday, January 17, 2023  
at 7:00pm in the Euclid Municipal Center Council Chambers.  
President Charlene Mancuso, presided.**

Council President Mancuso

0:08

Good evening and welcome to the Euclid city council meeting and this January 17 2023. If able, please rise and join me in the **Pledge of Allegiance**.

**I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.**

Thank you. Madam Clerk, would you call the roll?

Clerk Laboda

0:38

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

Council President Mancuso

0:48

Do we have any communications?

Clerk Laboda

0:53

There are no communications today. (Council minutes), council minutes from January 3, 2023.

Council President Mancuso

1:01

And I will turn it over to Councilman Wojtila.

Councilman Wojtila

1:03

Thank you, Madam Chair. I'd like to make a motion to accept the meeting minutes from city council meeting minutes from January 3, 2023.

Council President Mancuso

1:10

Do I have a second? So moved by Councilman Jarosz,

All in favor, "Aye."

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

## ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Gail

1:19

Thank you, Madam Chair. Good evening, everyone. A couple of announcements. I'd like to start by thanking Reverend Brian Moore, Dr. Martina Moore, Lakeshore Christian Church as well as the Faith in the City group for putting together the wonderful and very meaningful Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration on Sunday. Thanks to the council members who took the time to attend as well as the community members. It really was a very nice event. Thank you to Dana Heil who did a lot of the work to organize and, and get people there. So really, if you missed it, I'm sorry, look for it next year. Also, congratulations to Prince Pempton and his business is called Royally Fit. We just had a ribbon cutting prior to the council meeting. He is a fitness professional personal trainer nutritional guidance and offers group fitness. He had previously worked out of his home here in Euclid, but now has grown into a space at Shore so he is on the second floor of Shore Cultural Centre, Room 241, Royally Fit. Welcome to Prince and his business. Also, happy to welcome four new firefighters who were sworn in last Friday. They began today with their training and orientation. They all bring experience from other fire departments. So happy to welcome Owen Smith, Matthew Hurst, Sam Meany and Steven Stokes to the Euclid Fire Department. I also want to take just a minute to thank and acknowledge, we had a few retirements in the police department over the last two months. Thank you to Sergeant Dan Novitsky, Officer Dan Sawyer, and Officer Roosevelt Linder. We thank them for their service to the City of Euclid and wish them a healthy, long and happy retirement. And I do want to acknowledge Chief Meyer and his team as well as Tina Dick and our human resources department. They've been working hard on updating the recruitment strategies and marketing for police officers. I'm sure you've seen in the news, it's becoming increasingly difficult to hire police officers. And so they've really looked at doing things differently. putting together some different materials, looking at some national testing opportunities, going to be visiting academies and reserve centers and really focusing on advertising and marketing, Euclid Police Department as a great place to work. So keep your eyes open and share those ads or share that information with anyone who you think might be interested in joining the Euclid Police Department. And there is also will be a job fair coming up. We are working together with the Euclid Chamber of Commerce,

Ohio Means Jobs, Moore Counseling and Cleveland Builds to host a job fair right here in Euclid on Friday, January 27, from one to three, that will be out Moore Counseling and Mediation and there are lots of Euclid businesses that we will be there on site that have jobs available, we'll be taking applications, as well as some resources available to people who may be looking for a job but those don't fit. So other career training opportunities. So it's really been a great partnership to work with those organizations. Ohio Means Jobs also has a resource person working out of the Euclid Public Library two days a week, and we look forward to continued partnerships with them to help people get connected to jobs. So it did send that to council. Please feel free to share that with your networks and anyone who might be looking for a job. Director Grogan-Myers.

Planning and Development Director Grogan-Myers

5:00

Thank you, Mayor. Good evening Council. Just one brief announcement for you this Thursday, January 19 between 6pm and 8pm, the City will host in partnership with the Fair Housing Center for rights and research of fair housing and landlord tenant training, which will be held virtually. So again, this is this Thursday, January 19. Between 6 and 8pm, held via zoom registration in advance is required. So then you will receive the Zoom details so you can log on. The registration is available at [thehousingcenter.org/events](http://thehousingcenter.org/events). The information the flyer is available on the city's website. It's been put to the city social media, but just wanted to be able to share that with you. It'll feature speakers from the Fair Housing Center, from the Legal Aid Society, as well as our very own Ed Chenock. Community Development Manager here for the city. It's certainly been his hard work for affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing, making sure that landlord tenant training fair housing training is available. So this is the first of the year. We anticipate we will have another probably around mid March. We'll be sure to share further details as we get closer. But again, that's this Thursday, January 19, 6 to 8pm. Thank you.

Mayor Gail

6:10

Thank you, Chief Meyer.

Police Chief Meyer

6:12

Thank you, Mayor. Good evening, members of council and members of the audience. Just two announcements, we'll be giving a senior safety talk. That will be Monday, January 23, at 1pm at Euclid Hill Villa. Community policing. will be speaking with seniors at the Euclid Hill Villa about general safety and crime prevention. And then we'll have a Cop a

question, which will be on Wednesday, January 25. That's at 12:15pm. And that's at the Euclid Senior Center. This is a community policing monthly visit to the seniors to answer questions and talk about current crime and prevention measures for seniors.

Mayor Gail

6:54

Thank you. That completes our report this evening.

Council President Mancuso

6:57

Thank you. Is there any **Committee Documentation**?

Clerk Laboda

7:01

No committee documentation?

Council President Mancuso

7:03

Okay. At this point, we will go to our first **Committee of the Whole for Legislative Matters only**. Anyone wishing to speak please come to the podium and give us your name and address and please keep your comments to five minutes.

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

Resident Lou Melner

7:25

My name is Lou Melner. I live at 19711 Edgecliffe Dr. This is in relation to action item number one. By including city owned property in the improvement district, would require additional fees that are sitting below the obligating themselves to was this was optional. Where did you find out? Thank you.

Council President Mancuso

7:48

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

## LEGISLATION

Clerk Laboda

8:01

**Resolution 006-23.** A resolution amending resolution number 106-2020 to request that additional property owned by the City of Euclid be included in the downtown Euclid Improvement District.

Council President Mancuso

8:19

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

All in favor, "Aye."

And we will go to Director Grogan-Meyers.

Planning and Development Director Grogan-Myers

8:32

Good evening again Council. I'll provide you some introductory comments and then ask Manager Cripps to speak to the specifics. As you'll recall, when we talked about the other Cid legislation recently, you'll recall that there are multiple pieces of legislation that we need to pass to keep everything moving forward. This legislation furthers that effort. So we are about 50% of the way done, which is a great start for the year. To answer Mr. Milner's question. So the question was, were there were these special assessments required or optional? The answer is they're optional. But this is something that the city had indicated via legislation in 2020, excuse me, that the city wanted to participate in this Special Improvement District, and make sure to encourage investment to attract property owners as part of this conversation. And I think testament before you tonight, with all the legislation that we've seen tonight and forthcoming, it worked. We had property owners who joined the effort with us to create this special improvement district. So just want to make sure to respond to Mr. Milner's question. I'll ask Manager Cripps to talk to the specifics.

Economic Development Manager Cripps

9:37

Thank you, Director. So as you'll see, this is an amendment to 106-20 that requests that eight parcels that were previously not included in the downtown, Euclid improvement district be added. The original legislation that was passed in 2020 authorized all parcels at that time that were in the proposed district. be included. However, Are since then a couple factors are at play. First, we've actually added additional territory to the district, which was not within the original boundaries. Specifically, that was Sims Park that was not included in the original. And

then second, we've actually acquired additional properties specifically the former Breeze Cleaners site at 22671 shore Center Drive, which in 2020, was privately owned. So, in addition to exhibit A in your packet, which outlines all the city owned parcels to be included in the district, there's also a map with boundaries that are also included for the record. So if passed and all Euclid owned properties are included the total special assessment in 2023 would be \$64,661.81.

Council President Mancuso

10:52

Thank you, Council discussion, Councilwoman Jukic.

Councilwoman Jukic

10:57

Thank you, Madam Chair. I just have one quick question on the map. Kind of where is that border? The eastern border? I can't quite tell from the map. Which street is that? (It's Sims Park, its border of Sim's Park, basically.) Thank you.

Council President Mancuso

11:15

Other questions? Discussion? Councilman Wojtila.

Councilman Wojtila

11:21

Thank you, Madam Chair. I don't know if we've ever seen the exhibit A before. But are we saying that all the all the residential properties are included?

Economic Development Manager Cripps

11:30

No, no residential properties included only commercial and properties that flank Lakeshore Boulevard, Shore center Drive East 222. It's basically all the commercial corridors.

Councilman Wojtila

11:40

That's what I thought, but the blue, lmakes it look like it's a lot of the residential.

Economic Development Manager Cripps

11:45

So the attorneys had said basically the way that the description is written is that it gives an irregular boundaries. So this to include all of our parcels, the wastewater treatment center, instead of kind of making it a an irregular border, this was more, we hoped easier to understand knowing that all residential properties were excluded.

Councilman Wojtila

12:10

Okay, thank you. And then one last question. Did the City of Euclid as a property owner sign off as a petitioner and number of percentages? So I think it makes sense that if we sign that we should be part of it. Thank you.

Council President Mancuso

12:24

Thank you. Other discussion. Seeing none, I'll entertain a motion to close debate. So moved by Councilman Jarosz, second by Councilman Tolton. All in favor, "Aye."

Madam Clerk please call the roll on the resolution.

Clerk Laboda

12:37

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

Resolution passes.

Council President Mancuso

12:50

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

Clerk Laboda

12:53

**Resolution 007-23.** A resolution declaring it necessary to implement the plan of services adopted by the downtown Euclid improvement district. And the necessity to levy a special assessment for services set forth in said plan upon the lots and lands benefiting under the plan.

Council President Mancuso

13:18

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

All in favor, "Aye."

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

Planning and Development Director Grogan-Meyers

13:28

Thank you, Madam Chair, just briefly, with all special assessment legislation that we pass under this type of Ohio Revised Code Section requires three pieces of legislation. This is number two out of three. So the first piece of legislation you consider back in November, which approved the creation of the downtown special improvement district itself, so that created the legal entity. And then this is the second piece of legislation that accompanies that. With that, I'd like to turn it over to Manager Cripps to talk to the specifics of the legislation.

Economic Development Manager Cripps

13:58

Thank you, Director, Madam Chair. So as Patrick mentioned, this is the second step of the process to formally approving and establishing a Special Improvement District. As you will have seen in the memo that I sent on Friday, this is a required legislative step, declaring it necessary to implement the comprehensive services plan and to levy special assessments as part of the plan which funds the the services. This does follow the initial legislation that council passed back in November of 22, whereby we accepted the property owners petitions, their draft articles of incorporation for the organization as well as the services plan. Also included in your packet is a complete parcel assessment list. So this is every parcel that's included in the entire district, and all of their individual assessments, which is where you actually get the total for Euclid's assessment. If passed. Again, the total special assessment district or total a special assessment for the city owned parcels would be that \$64,661 in 2023

Council President Mancuso

15:00

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

All in favor, "Aye."

Madam Clerk, please call the roll on the resolution.

Clerk Laboda

15:13

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

Council President Mancuso

15:28

Thank you, Madam Clerk, please be the third agenda item enter the record.

Clerk Laboda

15:31

An emergency, I'm sorry, **Ordinance 008-23**. An emergency ordinance authorizing the Mayor's Office of the City of Euclid to advertise for bids and enter into a contract for the sidewalk replacement program within the City of Euclid.

Council President Mancuso

15:48

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

All in favor, "Aye."

And we will go once, we will go to council, Council, we will go to Special Assistant to the Mayor, Grida.

Assistant to the Mayor, Grida

16:03

Thank you so much, as just a frame of a little bit of history, City Council approved are piloting this sidewalk program back in kind of a late season of 2021. The reason why the building housing a nuisance department started this program was kind of for three reasons. One was that folks were having a very hard time finding a contractor to come out and be able to remedy their one or two sidewalk blocks. When they were able to find a contractor, that price was exorbitant. And then the third reason was, you know, we've always felt a little responsible for the sidewalk blocks that had been compromised by the tree lawn trees that we planted. So we thought this is kind of a good time to sort of pilot this program and throw out bids for contractors and let them give us a price. And then we would use this as a voluntary program, residents could call in and say I've got sidewalks that need to be repaired, can you come out and inspect it, we would inspect it. And then residents had 30 days to remedy it themselves if they'd like. Or if they didn't, then we would use the contractor and fix that sidewalk block. For those that are

compromised by the tree laundry, there would be no charge to the resident for any other sidewalk blocks. I believe in the last contract, it was \$350 each for the resident, they could choose to pay that in full, or they could choose to let it ride and then we would put it on their property taxes. So fast forward to this season, we do this bidding every two years. So it's time to go out for contractors. Again, we have been able in totality to replace a little over 440 sidewalk blocks, which is fantastic. Again, thanks to counsel who increased our ask when it became such a successful program. So this is really legislation to go out for bid again. I will be you know asking counsel to help me spread the word about this program. We'll do it again in the observer. But you know, want to make sure that we get a lot of people on the books that need to get their sidewalks fixed. So I'm happy to answer any questions.

Council President Mancuso

18:04

Thank you. Discussion. Councilman Tolton.

Councilman Tolton

18:10

Thank you, Madam Chair. To Mrs. Grida, what when when you go out for bids will council see all the bids that came back? And so we can look at who was the lowest I mean, because usually it comes back and you just think the administration says this was the lowest we went with them. Can we get a copy of everybody that put you know, put their bid in.

Assistant to the Mayor, Grida

18:30

So we do open the bids at Board of Control. Okay. And then they award it from Board of Control. So they are all available, but that's when we do open it and award it.

Councilman Tolton

18:40

Okay. Okay, thank you. (You're welcome.)

Council President Mancuso

18:44

Other discussion? Seeing none, I'll entertain a motion to close debate. So moved by... I can't see you. Councilman Tanner, 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 Wojtila, second by Councilwoman Steele.

All in favor, "Aye."

Those opposed? One.

Madam Clerk, please read the please call the roll on the merits of the legislation.

Clerk Laboda

19:16

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

Ordinance passes.

Council President Mancuso

19:30

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

Clerk Laboda

19:35

**Ordinance 009-23.** An ordinance authorizing the Mayor's Office of the City of Euclid to advertise for bids and enter into a contract for the grass cutting, yard cleanup program within the City of Euclid.

Council President Mancuso

19:50

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

All in favor, "Aye."

And we will go once again to Special Assistant Grida.

Assistant to the Mayor, Grida

20:01

Thank you very much. Very similar, we have to go out for bid every two years for grass nuisance contractors. This is when, as you all know, we have an ordinance on the books that if your lawn gets taller than six inches, you have to maintain it. So we do have a team that goes out in sites, you get 48 hours, once you get that ticket for you to remedy that situation, and then there's no charge, or we send a contractor or staff out to mow the lawn. We've been very lucky the last couple of seasons to have enough people in the nuisance department to minimize the use of this contractor. But you just never know. We've also been blessed that a lot of our nuisance inspectors have been promoted into other areas of

the city to take a more career lead job. So that's fantastic. So we do need to have a backup plan so we can keep up with the grass. I will say that in general, the number of lawns that we have to cite continues to decline, including those that are on the grass Watch Program, which are kind of the habitual folks that we cite kind of every 10 days. So so we're happy about the progress of this, I would like nothing better than to not have to staff anybody to mow lawns. But right now, it's still a necessity. So I would be looking for your support, but happy to answer any questions.

Council President Mancuso

21:13

Thank you. discussion. Seeing none. Councilman Tanner.

Councilman Tanner

21:22

Thank you, Madam Chair. How many nuisance inspectors do we have? As up to date?

Assistant to the Mayor, Kri...

21:28

Today? We have three full time. (Okay, thank you.) There's an opening since you're retired.

Council President Mancuso

21:40

Any other discussion? Seeing none, oops, Councilwoman Steele.

Councilwoman Steele

21:50

Thank you, Madam Chair. The question I have is, when we cite the people, how much time do they do they get to fix the fix? They're the problem. (They get 48 hours we give) How many? How many? I guess how many tickets do they get before they really get? You know?

Assistant to the Mayor, Grida

22:12

Just one. Yeah. I mean, typically, we're using some logic here, right? You know, your grass is growing. So you know it's getting taller. So you get one shot at all the warning and you have 48 hours to remedy it. And after that we do mow it to a charge of \$150.

Councilwoman Steele

22:30

That's where I was going next. So people will know that it's it's not cheap. It's \$150.

Assistant to the Mayor, Grida

22:36

Yeah, you don't want to hire us to mow your lawn. That would be expensive.

Councilwoman Steele

Okay, that's what I needed. Thank you.

Council President Mancuso

22:39

Any other discussion? I'll entertain a motion to close debate. So moved by Councilman Jarosz. Second by Councilwoman Steele.

All in favor, "Aye."

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

All in favor, "Aye."

Those opposed? One.

Madam Clerk? Please call the roll on the merits of the ordinates.

Clerk Laboda

23:06

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

Ordinance passes.

Council President Mancuso

23:18

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

Clerk Laboda

23:24

**Ordinance 004-23.** An emergency ordinance authorizing the Director of Planning and Development to advertise for bids and enter into a contract for labor and materials necessary for the construction of Hero Park Trail project.

Council President Mancuso

23:43

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

All in favor, "Aye."

And we will go once again to Director Grogan Meyer.

Planning and Development Director Grogan-Meyers

23:54

Thank you, Madam Chair. So, we've spoken about Hero Park several times I made sure to include the master plan on your desk just for reference. This was a community led community driven master plan for the park. It creates a an approximately two thirds of a mile trail around the stormwater retention basin in here parked on 222nd and Euclid sandwiched between 222 & 228th. As you may recall, earlier this year, I apologize. We're in 2022 to mid-January or July, we cut the ribbon. We cut the ribbon on Hero Park playground. So this is building off of that this was developed in partnership with the community. And so ultimately what we're asking for is your approval to seek bids to build this into reality. We have funding as noted in the legislation from Community Development Block Grant funds, community development, supplemental grant funds, as well as county ARPA dollars and a grant from America Walks. So we have a very healthy grant balance to help fund the project in working with Hovancik and Associates, the engineer on the project, they're confident that the project will be delivered on a reasonable budget, which is good news considering the cost escalations we've seen recently. So this will help us realize the Hero Park Trail vision.

Council President Mancuso

25:18

Thank you. Discussion. Councilman Tolton.

Councilman Tolton

25:24

Thank you, Madam Chair. Yeah, this is definitely in favor. This was excellent program project that the city is putting forth. I think it'd be a great addition to that area, to Euclid Avenue to the Hero Park. But a quick couple of questions, Director. Okay, well, the costs are the payment that we're sending to Steven, for next for the document preparation. How much is that? Is that coming out of this same funding?

Planning and Development Director Grogan-Meyers

25:59

Madam Chair to the Councilman. So that is we budgeted for approximately 38,000. I believe we're overestimating for the engineering fees, but that includes for construction administration as well. So monitoring the contractor throughout construction for compliance with the plans. Those funds are being paid out of the County ARPA funds as well. We made sure to write the grant and ask for funds so that ultimately the city is trying to deliver this project with as little local dollars as possible.

Councilman Tolton

26:25

Okay. Thank you.

Council President Mancuso

26:27

Other discussion? Councilman Epps.

Councilman Epps

26:31

Thank you Madam Chair. Definitely support this as well as the chairman of the Euclid Revitalization Committee. And just wanted to note that I like to be added as a sponsor. Thank you.

Council President Mancuso

26:40

Thank you. Councilman Wojtila.

Councilman Wojtila

26:44

Thank you, Madam Chair. The signage locations I see with the blue circle, What type of thing is would that be?

Planning and Development Director Grogan-Meyers

26:54

Madam Chair to the Councilman, So that's a great question. We have not talked about seating or signage. As noted in the master plan. This is focusing on the asphalt trail itself. And any sort of accessory items that we may need to address, for example, there's a few light poles in the path of the trail. So we'll remove those move those poles over. That's all that's addressed in the plan. As of now, should we have extra funding leftover?

That is something we would start looking at as kind of a phase two, if you will, on this project is looking at seating and signage.

Councilman Wojtila

27:27

So I would assume that signage it doesn't include sign is visible, so people know that there's a walking trail, that would be part of the signage to come.

Planning and Development Director Grogan-Meyers

27:38

Madam Chair to the Councilman. That's correct, whether it's gateway or announcement signage, as far as announcing its Hero Park, what Park amenities there may be specific mile markers or noting that there's a steep incline if you are so inclined to go up the hill, or rather take the loop and circle back around. All of those elements are still being planned. And they're not part of these construction documents that we would bid out. (Thank you.)

Council President Mancuso

28:06

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

All in favor, "Aye."

Entertain a motion to suspend the rules to forego the second and third reading. So moved by Councilman Jukic, second by Councilman Jarosz.

All in favor, "Aye."

Those opposed?

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

Clerk Laboda

28:34

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

Ordinance passes.

Council President Mancuso

28:50

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

Clerk Laboda

28:56

**Resolution 005-23.** A resolution appointing Tara Hannum to serve as City of Euclid representative on the downtown Euclid Improvement Corporation.

Council President Mancuso

29:10

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

All in favor, "Aye."

And we will go to Director Grogan-Meyers.

Planning and Development Director Grogan-Meyers

29:21

Madam Chair. I'd like to ask Manager Cripps to speak on this matter if she may.

Economic Development Manager Cripps

29:27

Thank you, Director. So this is the final piece before you really into the Downtown Euclid Special Improvement District tonight, which updates the city's representation on the board of the SID to include Ward five's new council person, Tara Hannum. In accordance with the Ohio Revised Code and the articles of incorporation, it's actually required that both the Mayor and a council appointment be made on the board. So we're mirroring the original appointment of then Ward 5 Councilperson McIntosh and recommending that the most appropriate legislative appointment would obviously be the councilperson who is most involved in the district.

Council President Mancuso

30:03

Thank you. Any discussion? Seeing none, I'll entertain a motion to close debate. So moved by Councilwoman Steele. Second by Councilman Epps. Madam Clerk, please call the roll on the resolution.

Clerk Laboda

30:19

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

Resolution passes.

Council President Mancuso

30:32

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

Clerk Laboda

30:38

**Third Reading of Ordinance 144a-22.** An ordinance enacting chapter 768 video surveillance systems for apartment complexes of 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.

Council President Mancuso

31:06

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

All in favor, "Aye."

And we will go to Law Director Sweeney.

Law Director Sweeney

31:19

Thank you, Madam Chair. So this was on for a second reading last meeting. And I told council that we got a letter threatening litigation from an attorney who represents some apartment complexes. And I needed some time to review his letter to see if I felt there was any merit to it. I did respond to the attorney and I sent counsel a copy of that letter. I don't know if everybody received it. I did get response from some folks back. I don't want to go over it in detail. You'll see it in your emails. But basically, he argued about the constitutionality of the code as it may conflict with a particular Ohio Revised Code. But in further reviewing that Ohio Revised Code, this chapter does not apply to any of the following which are housing building health or safety codes. So I am arguing this as a health and safety code. This pertains to the health and safety of our residents. Many of you and I know Councilman Jukic has gotten complaints as a very recently from some tenants and apartments in her ward. I'm concerned for their for their health and safety. So I also discussed in my letter that there's no expectation of privacy on the exterior of the buildings or in the parking lots. I also advise him that there have been a number of cities in the United States that that have implemented similar measures requiring surveillance cameras on certain classes of businesses, including but not limited to Houston, Texas, Dallas, Texas, Vicksburg, Mississippi, Minneapolis, Minnesota, Merrillville, Indiana. I don't mention but there were a ton of cities in the Philippines. Also. It was kind of strange that those popped up. And then

of course in our neighboring city of Richmond Heights where we modelled this code from so I'm comfortable going forward further discussing this matter today. Thank you.

Council President Mancuso

33:09

Discussion. Councilman Tanner.

Councilman Tanner

33:14

Thank you, Madam Chair. I can't see you. But when will this go in effect for the apartment building complex?

Law Director Sweeney

33:23

Yes, Madam Chair to the Councilman. So this is not considered an emergency. So it'd be 30 days from the date of passage, that I hope to use that 30 days to maybe get our ducks in a row with the police department and IT department get letters drafted to the 50-50 or more unit apartment complexes, I think we determined there were almost did we say there's about 80 of those 80 to 100, maybe, I think 100 that have 50 units or more get specifications from Richmond Heights as to what specs they used for their cameras, systems, chat with our IT department on things like that. Discuss with professionals about what that camera system looks like. This also gives them, once the letters go out up, so I'm not going to send the letter until it's in effect. Then once that letter goes out, we have an appeal process and things along those lines.

Councilman Tanner

34:20

Will letters be registered so that if the apartment building complex's received them, they can't claim that they were not notified.

Law Director Sweeney

34:28

I certainly can send those certified mail. Yeah, they and they do have six months to comply. Per what we have in the code right now. (Thank you.)

Council President Mancuso

34:37

Discussion. Councilwoman Steele.

Councilwoman Steele

34:41

Thank you, Madam Chair and thank you for for doing the research on this. I feel that I strongly feel that this is so needed. Many times I've heard people going to their, you know corridors and things of that nature where As the lighting is dim, there's no surveillance, they just don't feel safe. And that's terrible not to feel safe where you live. So I want to appreciate you so much for going a step further and doing the research on this. Thank you.

Council President Mancuso

35:15

Other discussion? Councilman Epps.

Councilman Epps

35:18

Thank you, Madam Chair. To Director Sweeney. Just for clarification, there are not actually 100 properties, there's no way we have 100 properties.

Law Director Sweeney

35:30

My statistics it was? I thought it was more than that. Chief, you don't have your statistics handy, do you? So the number of I don't have that list handy. This is 50. These are apartment complexes with 50 or more units.

Councilman Epps

35:48

There was like there's no way we have...

Law Director Sweeney

35:52

There are 30 something, maybe there's 30 something. I'm sorry, I don't remember that exact number. But it's 50 units or more.

Councilman Epps

35:59

And so you're saying you believe that there were 30-30, Plus? Okay, I just wanted to clarify that.

Law Director Sweeney

36:08

I don't remember the exact number. I don't have that Excel spreadsheet. I don't have that with me.

Councilman Epps

36:13

Gotcha. And then the other thing and just echo the comments from Councilwoman Steele. And I appreciate you going the extra mile and making sure that once you receive that letter, that you were going to be sure that this is legislation that is legal. And it's not going to put us any future in any future jeopardy. So I appreciate you doing that as well. The intention when I introduced legislation a few years ago, to put pole cameras at the corner of streets where we had increased crime, the intention at that time was to provide a certain layer of safety for the same residents that we're talking about. I have many residents in my Ward who are faced with this as well as my colleagues, and are faced with coming home to these pitch black properties and not feeling safe with the increased crime here in our community. And the intention when I introduced that legislation was to try to do just that, and to provide an extra layer of safety. And so I think that this legislation does that. And with the opinion given tonight, I hope we're not putting ourselves in any jeopardy here, but I'm comfortable tonight supporting this. So thank you.

Law Director Sweeney

37:17

Madam Chair, if I can respond. So you know, nothing's guaranteed. There's no saying that this attorney is still not going to sue us. You know, based on the letter that I gave him. He still, as my friend, Patrick here says, Get two attorneys in a room and you get three different opinions. So there's nothing to say that somebody is still not going to challenge this, but we'll give it a try. We'll fight it if we have to. And I think it's worth at least trying.

Council President Mancuso

37:42

Thank you. Other discussion? Councilman Tolton. Were you done?

Councilman Epps

37:49

Thank you, Director Sweeney, the main points were you saw exclusions for safety and reason for safety. And I think that you're absolutely correct. I agree with the fact that this is about protection and safety. So I think we're good. Thank you.

Council President Mancuso

38:04

Councilman Tolton.

Councilman Tolton

38:07

Thank you, Madam Chair. To Director Sweeney, real quick so that this attorney did not respond to your letter after you sent it to him. Correct. (I just sent it today.) You just sent it today, okay. Thank you.

Council President Mancuso

38:18

Any other discussion? Seeing none, I'll entertain a motion to close debate. So moved by Councilwoman Steele. Second by Councilwoman Jukic. All in favor, "Aye."

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

Clerk Laboda

38:31

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

Ordinance passes.

Council President Mancuso

38:47

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

Clerk Laboda

38:51

**Third Reading of Ordinance 117b-22.** An ordinance amending Euclid codified 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

39:23

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

We will go once again to Director Sweeney.

Law Director Sweeney

39:34

Thank you, Madam Chair. So this was on for second reading at the last meeting. At that meeting council person Tolton brought up that he had concerns with the penalty section of it being a misdemeanor of the third degree. He didn't want to see jail time involved with this type of situation. So we went back to the drawing board and I've had email conversations with Councilman Epps, Councilman Tolton and Councilman Tanner about what they would like to see with this piece. So we did make a couple of adjustments, that we changed the penalty to a minor misdemeanor, there was no jail time associated with that particular section of the code, the most is \$150 fine. The other thing we changed which I want everybody to pay attention to this part, because this is an addition, you didn't get a copy of it, because we're still working on the B version of legislation. So based on the discussions we had, they wanted to add a section that the uniform section will be enforced against any owner or operator of a security company, or a sole proprietor who is engaged as a security guard. So it is not against a bar owner, a restaurant owner a special event permit holder, it is against security companies and security guards. So I think that might need to be discussed.

Council President Mancuso

40:51

So that would be an amendment to that.

Law Director Sweeney

40:54

That would be an amendment if council so chooses, but that is the wording that we last landed on.

Council President Mancuso

41:00

Okay, so let's talk about the amendment first. Is there a discussion on the amendment. Councilwoman Jukic.

Councilwoman Jukic

41:09

Point of order, please, can you please repeat your amendment? Thank you.

Law Director Sweeney

41:13

This section will be enforced against any owner or operator of a security company, or a sole proprietor who is engaged as a security guard. So security guard company, or if I'm just acting as a security guard with my own company, and then the minor misdemeanor penalty consequent?

Council President Mancuso

Councilman Wojtila.

Councilman Wojtila

41:38

And where would that be located in the ordinance in the legislation?

Law Director Sweeney

41:42

Under the Uniform section. So 767.04 uniforms the highlighted section, it says anyone engaged your last amendment was anyone engaged as a security guard in the city shall be required to wear an identifying uniform consisting of those words security and prominent letters of no less than three inches both on the front and back of the uniform. This section will be enforced against any owner or operator of a security company, or a sole proprietor who is engaged as a security guard.

Councilman Wojtila

42:12

Okay, it's clear that it doesn't apply to 767.01. But specifically 767.04. (Correct.) Thank you.

Council President Mancuso

42:21

Other discussion? Councilman Tolton.

Councilman Tolton

42:26

Thank you, Madam Chair, to the Law Director. So with that amendment, so when you say sole proprietor, so it has to be so if I hire my brother to be the security guard, he has to have a business license, or I can just hire my brother, and he doesn't have any license? Any anything. I could just hire my security guy put the jacket on him, and he's good to go.

Law Director Sweeney

42:47

Madam chair to the councilman. Yes, you could. (Thank you.)

Council President Mancuso

42:55

Hang on a minute. Is there anybody else who wishes to discuss before we go back to councilman? Councilman Jukic. That's when you could close this out.

Councilwoman Jukic

43:04

Thank you, Madam Chair, to the Law Director. So this amendment would impose a penalty on the security company or a person. And what did you say about the establishment like the restaurant or whomever they would not be liable under this amendment?

Law Director Sweeney

43:23

Yes, Madam Chair to the Councilman. The three Council folks that I discussed this with did not want bar or restaurant owners culpable for this. So that is their request.

Council President Mancuso

43:41

Ok? Councilman Jarosz.

Councilman Jarosz

43:42

Thank you, Madam Chair. Um, oftentimes we have you got police officers working as security. I assume in the past, I assume their uniform was plenty good enough. Do they need to have security here? I mean, that legislation doesn't speak to off duty officers.

Law Director Sweeney

44:03

Madam Chair to the Councilman, they would wear their City of Euclid uniform, police uniform.

Councilman Jarosz

44:08

Okay. And I guess I just like to hear from the sponsors or associate making this amendment why they don't want the people actually hiring the security guards to have some responsibility. Thank you.

Council President Mancuso

Councilman Tolton. Oh, Tanner, sorry.

Councilman Tanner

44:29

Sorry. Thank you, Madam Chair. In regards to this legislation, it was deemed that it was put forth where the person that actually hire a company should not be responsible for knowing the job of the company that they hire. In regards to when you hire a company in Euclid, whether it's any kind of contractor, you don't know yourself their job. They're supposed to know the rules and regulations of Euclid to be able to come in here and do the work. So therefore, when you hire a security company, it's up to that company to know the rules and regulations of the city to be able to work in the City of Euclid.

Council President Mancuso

45:17

Okay. Are you're finished? Are you finished Councilman Jarosz.

Councilman Jarosz

45:22

Yeah, I think so. Okay, Councilman Epps.

Council President Mancuso

45:24

Okay, Councilman Epps.

Councilman Epps

45:26

Thank you, Madam Chair. And as well elaborate a little bit on what Councilman Tanner said. And it's no different than the consumer, the customer who walks into a restaurant. And they have the expectation that that restaurant is obeying the law that that restaurant has all their updated licensing, and that they are being compliant with what is required of them. I think that that same expectation is of that restaurant or business owner, who it's not just restaurant and bar owners. I mean,

we're talking about any business owner, we're talking about any individual who decides to pull a permit for an event inside of a park. And so it's important that those folks who are doing security business, that there'll be a lot. With that being said, I do think I had a conversation with some security company owners to in particular over the weekend, I also went to some of the businesses in my ward and asked them to pull up a camera who those who are required to have security, just to take a peek at what security officers are wearing now. And I think Councilman Jarosz brings up a good point tonight and talking about our Euclid officers direct just want to you mentioned that our officers would wear their police uniform. But technically, if they're they've been engaged for security. If we put this in place, they're they're not obeying the law, just as some of the off duty security off duty police officers who are providing security within our city for other businesses now, who are not Euclid officers, are they then permitted to wear their uniform, I have officers that I've saw who have police on their backs of officers who I saw who are wearing a full police uniform without any badges or stripes, but has a hanging badge of some sort in the front. I'll talk to a security company owner this weekend who said that this is problematic considering that security companies are not even selling the shirts with the three inch lettering on the front anymore. But on the back only. I've also talked to my colleagues who mentioned to me about an arm badge as well for security. I'm not a security company owner, so I'm not sure about that. But I did go and look at the site he sent and there was nothing there. Like that. They even mentioned it concern about the fact that many of them to protect themselves with the increase in crime rate and gun usage and everything right here in Euclid, but all over the country. But right here in Euclid in particular, as where this legislation has been put forth. These folks, they want to wear a vest. And they're talking about the fact that the vest doesn't have the security lettering for three inches in the front anymore, but they want to be able to wear a vest to protect themselves. I still think there are a lot of moving parts and not sure if the language that we have in particular works. I like what my colleague mentioned as a suggestion at the beginning of the meeting. I'll let him speak to that some more. But about just making a blanket that you have to be identifying yourselves in some way shape or form. As opposed to the specifics about the lettering as after talking to a company I saw something different.

Law Director Sweeney

48:21

Madam Chair, since there still seem to be some questions. Maybe the proper thing is to put this back in committee for further discussion.

Council President Mancuso

48:29

Yes, because I don't think everybody's on the same page right now. We've got pieces and parts. Okay, who has not spoken yet? And then

we'll go back. Okay. Is there anybody who wishes to speak? Who has not yet? Okay, then we'll go to Councilman Tolton.

Councilman Tolton

48:47

Thank you, Madam Chair. Just some clarification here. Um, so I noticed that I didn't get a chance to respond to you, Director. I'm not sure how my name got on here as a sponsor? I just saw my name on here. Unless I'm looking at the wrong thing. I'm sorry. You're looking at? I'm sorry, I'm sorry. I was gonna read a saying. Okay. I'm sorry. I'm sorry. So we'll we'll step back there. When when we, and again, when we were saying that? Because we had discussions. We were going back and forth Friday concerning this, and you know, you know, I still have problems with the penalty portion and all that kind of stuff. I don't see because the penalty is still a misdemeanor and the first degree misdemeanor is still a criminal offense. That person has a record that's on your record for life unless you get it expunged or something like that. So I would be I have a problem with just the individual. Like I said, I hired my brother and somebody who doesn't have the jacket on and we're going to charge him with a criminal offense. You know, I would say that business should be the one that'd be in charge something like that as security for, but not just an individual, I would probably see something like this is if you're going to have a party with alcohol, you have to hire security of security company security firm, period. I mean, we talked about earlier you mentioned about with the open carry laws, you gotta have 1000 people ever guns anyway. So you know, who's to say, who's got what, what's going on? So as this is written now, I mean, I can't support this. I can't support this. So thank you.

Council President Mancuso

50:35

Okay. All right. We have a... go ahead Councilman Wojtila.

Councilman Wojtila

50:39

Thank you, Madam Chair. So we're talking about bars and restaurants hiring security guards in my correct and that a bar is not required to have a security guard unless there's a different piece of legislation or a different section of the code that requires it. So while we're thinking about this, and if it is going to committee because right now this section talks about security guards, departments and security guards for large retail stores in excess of 100,000 square feet. So when we're thinking about not penalizing the person that hires them, it would really be those people. Unless there's some other code section that requires bars. And it looks like the Law Director's shaking her head.

Law Director Sweeney

51:24

Madam Chair to the Councilman. No, there's not.

Councilman Wojtila

51:27

So just something to think about as we consider this and take it back to committee. If that's what we're doing. Thank you.

Council President Mancuso

51:35

Thank you. Are there any other discussions before I move forward? First, we have a motion on the floor, which has been seconded we've had discussion. So we first need to vote on the motion on the floor to add the amendment. Please call the roll.

Clerk Laboda

51:53

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

Motion does not pass.

Council President Mancuso

52:17

Okay, now, I need a motion for I will make a motion to send this back into the Public Safety Committee. I need a second. So moved by Councilman Jarosz. Any discussion on the motion only of going into the public safety? Seeing none, I'll entertain a motion to close debate. Councilwoman, Councilwoman Jukic and Councilman Wojtila. Thank you and Madam Clerk call the roll on sending this to a back to the Public Safety Committee.

Clerk Laboda

52:50

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

Motion to send it back to the committee passes.

Council President Mancuso

53:12

Thank you very much. Madam Clerk, please be the ninth agenda item into the record.

Clerk Laboda

53:19

**Ordinance 010-23.** An ordinance to budget \$75,000 in Euclid City Council's budget in the event they need to engage outside legal counsel to assist them in matters.

Council President Mancuso

53:37

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."

As I look at this information, I see that it says that it is to go to the Executive and Finance Committee meeting for further discussion. Therefore, I will make a motion that we do just that. I need a second. So moved by Councilman Tanner. Any discussion on just the motion? Seeing none, I'll entertain a motion to close debate. So moved by Councilman Tanner, Tolton. Got a separate you guys and second by Councilman Jarosz.

All in favor, "Aye."

Opposed.

Madam Clerk, please call the roll. And sending this to the executive and Finance Committee.

Clerk Laboda

54:25

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

Motion to send to the E & F Committee passes.

Council President Mancuso

54:42

Thank you. We will now go to our second **Committee of the Whole public portion** where you speak to any issue for the good of the city. Please come to the podium. Give us your name and address and keep your comments to five minutes please. This is the green light on now.

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - PUBLIC PORTION

Resident Lou Melner

55:05

My name is Lou Melnor. I live at 19711 Edgecliff Drive. In relation to the collection of income tax in the city, a portion of that tax goes to the school system. There has been some, some discussion as of late, that the amount that the city was giving to the school system was more than they

should be receiving. And the city started to put some amounts in escrow. And my question is, has that been resolved yet? If it has been resolved? Is the resolution what the school system was always getting the end result? Or what the city thought it should be? Or was there a compromise? And if it is resolved, how far back did that go into effect? And will it be in effect in the future until that income tax is changed? Thank you.

Council President Mancuso

56:04

Thank you. And we can go to Mayor Gail or Director Smith...

Finance Director Smith

56:15

Madam Chair to the resident. It has not been resolved. It's going on approximately four years. Since the inception of the change, we originally, we at one point were giving the school 20 point I believe .06% of whatever we collected. When we looked at it, we changed the percentage to 16.49%. And that's a simple calculation of the city's income taxes 2.85 We give the city point four 7% of that income tax. Or I'm sorry, the school point four 7%. And that's a 16.49% of the total collection. We've had some discussions that we've come to no resolution really with what we're going to do. We have continued to give them the 16.49% and will continue until told otherwise.

Council President Mancuso

57:14

Thank you. Next speaker please.

Business Owner Holly Fraser

57:23

Hi, my name is Holly Fraser.

Council President Mancuso

57:25

Get the green button. Okay. There you go. Now, it's on.

Business Owner Holly Fraser

57:32

You know what, I'm short.

Council President Mancuso

57:34

Not an excuse.

Business Owner Holly Fraser

57:38

Again, my name is Holly Fraser. I'm a business owner in the city of Euclid of a restaurant called The Breakfast Place. I'm here in a public safety capacity looking for some resolution, the intersection of Euclid - Chardon road. I've had my business for two years. In those two years, I have seen three people get killed through these auto accidents because of the intersection and several car accidents. They've wiped out the bus shelter several times that debris rolls back into my parking lot. It affects the intersection. Me being there in the daytime. I've noticed that if you're coming up Chardon road headed southbound, and the traffic that's headed Eastern west of Euclid Avenue. The light is green, the Chardon Road southbound traffic, I believe or think that there should be a no turn on red sign assigned there. Because what's happening a lot of times is now people that are headed up towards Euclid Avenue are attempting to make the right the traffic heading westbound on Euclid are colliding together and causing several accidents. I've indicated to the officers they suggested that I come here and spoke to council and they suggested that I come here to voice my concern. I've asked could a security guard or excuse me, a police officer monitor the section so that you can see the flow of traffic so that I'm not just the only person observing this as my customers that come in there. It affects my business. It's knocked out my power twice. It's knocked out my internet. But beyond that it's killed people several times. So if there's anything that you all could look into, to offer some sort of safety assistance to the city residents of Euclid, I would greatly appreciate it.

Council President Mancuso

59:54

If you could, do you want to respond now? We can meet afterwards.

Mayor Gail

1:00:00

Thank you for coming Miss Frazer. And if you have not been to The Breakfast Place, please do, they have wonderful croissant breakfast sandwiches. We are actually in the middle of a study with NOACA. NOACA is the Northeast Ohio area coordinating agency and there's the past through agency for a lot of federal funds transportation funding. So we'll make sure you have the information from the past sessions. We've had at least two public meetings. It's looking specifically at the shard and Euclid intersection, because it has been identified as one that has safety

issues. So Director Grogan-Meyers, who is here to my right there, his department is leading that planning study. If afterwards, if you want to wait a minute, we can make sure you get some information about that. We're getting close to the recommendation report, I believe. Do you want to add anything, Director?

Planning and Development Director Grogan-Meyers

1:00:55

Thank you, Mayor. Yes. So we're probably a little over halfway through the study period was delayed by some staff issues over at NOACA. We anticipate another public meeting here probably in early spring. But this intersection is of great concern for the city. We are studying this. We've been studying this in spring of last year. As I said it was put on delay previously just due to some staffing issues, but this is absolutely an intersection of concern. I'll be happy to touch base with you after this. (Thank you. Sir.)

Resident Jeffrey Beck

1:01:30

Jeffrey Beck, 25540 Chatworth. I'll echo on that The Breakfast Place, you have fantastic food. If anybody doesn't know the study, they're talking about the Metro Parks is requesting or possibly looking at shutting down the long portion of Chardon Hill, which would detour all that traffic by your place. And in my opinion, that extra traffic is lead to even more accidents, and more issues than than you currently have. So hopefully, the city will not concede and allow the metro parks to take over that long portion of Chardon Hill and shut it down. But that's not what I was. I came up here for the security guard legislation, we provide to the residents of this city a list of approved remodelers building contractors that are licensed and insured and have the ability to you know, do a good job and they've been vetted. And and it seems to have worked out well, we've recommended quite a few off of that call, you don't have to use that list. But if you do, it gives you a sense of you know, at ease at peace, because you know that the company you're dealing with is legitimate. Now, when it comes to security guard legislation, maybe we should take a look at doing the same. Because some of these security companies are licensed by that insured, you can have rates that people can pick from them. That doesn't mean they have to, but if they hire their brother in law, who shows up three sheets that are women shoot somebody, then you're gonna have lawyers all over the place that I wouldn't want them to come back at the city. So it might be worthwhile to take a look at doing something like that, adding that in there just like we do with building contractors right now. Thank you.

Council President Mancuso

1:03:31

Thank you, sir. Next speaker please.

Resident – Fritz Heiss

1:03:47

Fritz Heiss - I'm a three year resident of the city my first time here, actually second time I'm wrong. I have a hypothetical situation. Consider a...

Councilman Epps

1:03:59

point of order, sir, can you state your address?

Resident Fritz Heiss

1:04:01

Oh 22727 Edgecliff. On the lake. I have a hypothetical. Consider property owner in an eastern suburb of a metropolitan area. This property owner has a gated entrance to his driveway. Through misfortune, a garbage truck hooks that gate and damages it to the point that it needs to be repaired and or replaced. This homeowner approaches this city and says I have an issue. The city's response is Well, that's an issue between you and the garbage service. Fine, so the homeowner approaches the garbage service and has for the last three plus weeks. And the garbage service acknowledges the phone call and nothing. So this homeowner is caught between the city who refuses to acknowledge the damage and the contracted garbage service that refuses to acknowledge the damage. What does the homeowner do? I'm not asking for a response, I'm simply presenting a predicament. I have two more points to this property on the lake. Middle may kind of warm not quite to warm day, a little bit of fog. I mean, just a glorious late spring day. I have 13 deer on my property at one time. And I'm just curious as to whether the city has discussed since I'm relatively new here, the harvesting of such deer I'm a country boy at heart. And I'm not saying pulling out a gun and shooting them. But there are other way other ways to gather deer again hypothetical. But as the city considered this. Three, I take regular walks on the shore path at Sims park. There are some design issues that need to be addressed. One through prevailing winds on Lake Erie basically ensure that all the sand that is distributed on the beach basically ends up a foot deep, depending on how long the storm lasts at the entrance way off the beach. And to with large rains, the steep embankments, especially those with concrete Palisades in front of them are going to be subjected to deep runoff grooves you have not it's already happening. All you have to do is take a walk and see where the mud is collecting. Anyhow, I'm not offering a solution but I think that the regular visitation by an employee of the city

to watch that would be worthwhile. And then and this is kind of nitpicking but the trash pickup is spotty. Those are my three points. Thank you for my time.

Council President Mancuso

1:07:34

Thank you, sir. And these are all ... What did you say? hypothetical? Got it? Okay, just checking.

Law Director Sweeney

1:07:48

Madam Chair, I can respond. Sir, if you want to call the Law Department tomorrow about the Kimball matter, hypothetically, if it's you or you can tell your friend to call the Law Department tomorrow. Kimball does indemnify the city for any issues. That's part of our contract. But the Service Director and I can press them to take care of this for you.

Resident Fritz Heiss

1:08:17

On the conversation with an individual from the city, who I do not recall, basically flat out told me unless you have valid proof that it was done, you have no standing and I have no standing. All I know is I look out in the morning and I have a gate and I look out in the afternoon, and I have a broken gate.

Council President Mancuso

1:08:37

That's okay, sir.

Law Director Sweeney

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We'll talk, we'll talk tomorrow about that. And then about the deer culling. Council did have a number of meetings on the topic about a program to be implemented. But the council voted it down. And that was about a year and a half ago.

Resident Fritz Heiss

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One thing I can suggest.

Council President Mancuso

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Sir, Yes, sir. Sir, sir, sir. This is not a conversation. Yeah, we have to stop you there. Any other remarks you would want to make to the Law Director, we can do after the meeting. Okay. Thank you. Next speaker please. Seeing none, we will then go to Councilman comments. And we begin with Councilman Jarosz.

Councilman Jarosz

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Thank you, Madam Chair. I don't have any comments this evening. Thank you.

Council President Mancuso

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Councilwoman Hannum.

Councilwoman Hannum

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Thank you, Madam Chair. I had the pleasure of going to Frederick Douglass High School for an event this week. And it was my first time at the high school. And it was a really great event that was coordinated by the students giving tours and the students were very enthusiastic about the building about their lessons and how the school was structured. And it was really eye opening for me to see a school that was different from what I am used to and to see how they were responding to their new lessons. And so it was just a really great event and if you haven't had a chance Hands to go out and look at that, I would say, go out and check out the new school. And also, I would like to say that I attended the ribbon cutting for Royally Fit today. And I would like to wish them continued success in their new space at Shore Center. Thank you.

Council President Mancuso

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Thank you, Councilman Wojtila.

Councilman Wojtila

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Thank you, Madam Chair. And I have no comments tonight.

Council President Mancuso

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Thank you, Councilman Jukic.

Councilwoman Jukic

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Thank you, Madam Chair. I do have comments tonight. I would like to welcome the new fire fighters. I wasn't able to make the swearing in ceremony, but I wanted to welcome them to Euclid. And then the other thing I just want to say is that as chair of the community assets committee, I am planning to have a committee meeting sometime right after budgets and to talk a little bit more in detail about what our plans are for some of the public buildings like potential police station, rec center, or ice arena and things like that. So I just wanted to let everyone know that that is, as soon as we get a date that I hope to have that meeting. Thank you.

Council President Mancuso

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Thank you. Councilwoman Steele.

Councilwoman Steele

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Good evening. Thank you, Madam Chair. I just want to say good evening to everyone continue to stay safe. Just wanted to put out there the there is an increase in the flu, COVID again, and, what is it RSV? If you're sick, stay home, don't come to work, don't come to school because it spreads too many people are getting sick. And the hospitals are getting overwhelmed again. So let's be mindful of that. And also, I just want to wish everyone a good evening, a healthy week and stay safe. That's it. Thank you.

Council President Mancuso

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Thank you. Councilman Tanner.

Councilman Tanner

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Thank you, Madam Chair. I just wanted to say to the owner of The Breakfast Place. I do. I do hear your concerns. And not only your concerns, but JD Byrider, has also has contacted me, and I guarantee you we will come up with a solution in the future for this. Thank you.

Council President Mancuso

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Councilman Tolton.

Councilman Tolton

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Thank you, Madam Chair. A couple of quick comments to Chief Myer. I know there's a lot of cities around here and you know, that theft of the Kia and the Hyundai's and they're giving out steering column locks. Do we have any plans to do anything like that in the future?

Police Chief Meyer

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We just received about 80 of them. And have we made it a priority to give out those out to folks who've had those vehicles taken they will be recovered. They don't the juveniles that steal them don't take them very far. And I think that we've gone through that at there were days where we were having double digit thefts of those vehicles daily. There were multiple days in a row where we have in double digit deaths. They can also contact dealerships or manufacturer, the manufacturer, the key and the Hyundai are made by the same company. Not gonna get to... their their manufacturer is very aware of the issue and should be taking care of this.

Councilman Tolton

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Right, because I own two Kias. So yeah.

Police Chief Meyer

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So we did, we had 80 and I think we've gone through those pretty quickly.

Councilman Tolton

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So, So were they advertised? I didn't see any advertisement on the city's website, anything about that list. I just missed it.

Police Chief Meyer

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You know, we didn't advertise it, what we may have, in the sense of on our Facebook page, talked about those that we had given away. But it

wasn't something that generally would come in and pick up. We were specifically decided to focus on the limited number we had on those folks who had already had a vehicle taken.

Councilman Tolton

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Is there any plans to expand that possibly, you know, besides people who have already been taken but just two people that have those kinds of vehicles.

Police Chief Meyer

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If we're given those products, but we're not paying for those but if we're given those by the manufacturer, certainly we'll distribute those. Again though I would reach out to the dealership and or the manufacturer, I think that they have a real obligation knowing that there's a serious flaw with the majority of the years except for the newest year models so there is recourse for you to be able to get those when we do get more I can reach out to you and let you know that we've gotten more and and we can get you those it's your best course right now with those vehicles. It's your best defense right now. To use those they're extremely easy to steal because they're and they're stealing them in droves, so...

Councilman Tolton

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Couple other things just to the residents of Ward two. I'm still, it's still in the planning stage. But we're planning on planning have a Virtual coffee with the councilman, hopefully the next couple of weeks. So stay tuned to that. Just another mechanism to try to reach the residents of Ward 2, besides just the normal face to face Ward meeting, so just again, just FYI, just be on the lookout for that. And with that, I'll say goodnight.

Councilwoman Steele

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Thank you. Councilman Epps.

Councilman Epps

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Thank you. Um, a couple of things tonight. For starters, always thank you to our grateful when new business owners and residents come out and speak so to you, Mr. Heiss, as well as Ms. Fraser? Good to see you all here tonight. I had a conversation with Miss Frazier prior to the meeting. And the what I liked was the fact that and we have a lot of residents like this, and you could all the time, but I like that she offered up something she

identified as a problem. But she also had a solution. She's like, I've been watching this. And I see that this is a way that may be able to help this. But I was happy to have Mr. Beck mentioned, what's taken place with this conversation. So yes, the intersection is a focus right now, as the director mentioned, but the focus of it is the metro parks are trying to get that Western leg closed. I do also think that it would be catastrophic. To do. So you're going to just have increased problems at that intersection. And this, again, which we've mentioned in our very first conversations that we had, I really hope that we're considering things of this nature and not just trying to obviously in the spirit of good partnership with the metro parks, we can't just do everything requested of us, we have to think about safety in all regards. So I was happy to see you all here tonight to talk about that. Director swinging, can you please make sure that when the response come, I wish that we could have waited to see about that response. But obviously we move forward to legislation, on your opinion. But when the response comes back from that attorney, if any, can you be sure that that gets sent to council as well, I'd like to see what his angle is, and his opinion. And then in closing, I to know two things another, the Amazon trucks continue to be an issue. It seems like sometimes it gets better sometimes it gets worse, obviously with them cutting out the smaller Sprinter vans, and that process has slowed down a lot of that traffic throughout the area. But I know you all are aware and familiar, we came home a few nights. Think is was, want to say it was Thursday, no maybe it was Saturday night. No, it was Friday night, actually. And this truck, I mean it completely, they get to the point where they realize they can't make that turn. And then he just decided he was gonna back up down the entire street took out a stop sign, I'm sure you're going to hear from the residents who live at that property, about the deep holes that are now in the middle of their lawn. And the street was blocked off for hours as well. I'm not sure if now a conversation needs to be had, it needs to be had now or sit down with these folks about this. But they have to do more about educating these truck drivers because it's destroying people's properties again, I also want to say that there have been ongoing conversations for those of my colleagues who are on the Euclid Avenue Revitalization committee. We've been having ongoing conversations over the last few years about our signage throughout the city. And we really talked about the entrance and our entrances throughout at the Wickliffe border at the Cleveland border and that sort of thing. And kind of what I believe kind of stalled the process at that time was, and which rightfully so a conversation that we need to be unified. If we're going to make these decisions, we need to look at changing the signage everywhere. So also after budget hearings, my intent to have another conversation so that we can try to get that accomplished in this year 2023 as well. Just wanted to make sure that my colleagues knew that as well as residents at home. And I believe that I've covered everything as well and bid you all good night. Thank you.

Council President Mancuso

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Thank you. I also had gotten calls about the Amazon, not the vans, but the big trucks, we did find a contact at Amazon that we normally work with the people who call me literally called like a week later to say it's so quiet, we think everybody left, but it's the huge trucks that are doing it. So we just may have to stay on top of it. Because every you know, they're gonna be good for a month and then they're gonna do it again, because they're really not allowed to go down that street. There are signs that say they're not supposed to be there. So I also got those calls. So we were getting temporary, so we're going to have to stay on top of it. For council members, we had a meeting scheduled for January 25. Take it off of your calendar. We can do nothing in here because they're going to be redoing all of our IT stuff. So we can't record we can't do anything so there will be no meetings that week. As far as the budget hearings coming up, the dates we have are February 8, February 13 and February 15 and we will begin at 6:30 and all council as you heard in the work session will have your, make sure if you want to book you will It, Director Smith, no, everybody will get it online. But I know everybody likes to be able to scribble their notes. So with that, if there is...

Assistant to the Mayor, Kri...

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...just there's still going to be a Board of Control potentially, it just might not be located in here and all that you're skipping that. Okay. Yeah.

Council President Mancuso

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All right. Yeah, that we just can't do it. All right. I'll take a motion to adjourn. So moved by Councilman Tanner. Seconded by Councilwoman Steele.

All in favor, "Aye."

We are adjourned.

  
Clerk of Council

  
Council President