

EUCLID CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES FROM MARCH 20, 2023

**This regular Council Meeting was held on Monday, March 20, 2023
at 7:00pm in the Euclid Municipal Center Council Chambers.
President Charlene Mancuso, presided.**

Council President Mancuso

0:16

Good evening and welcome to this Monday, March 20, the Yukon city council meeting if able, please rise and join me for the **Pledge of Allegiance**.

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

Thank you. For everybody out there, please do not pay attention to the clock on the wall, as it must need a battery or something because it's about nine minutes late. Please call the roll.

Clerk Laboda

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

Council President Mancuso

1:05

Thank you. Do you have any **Communications**?

COMMUNICATIONS

Clerk Laboda

1:08

Yes, we have one. Cuyahoga County Board of Elections.

Council President Mancuso

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Okay. Every council person, I believe, was presented this. The Board of Elections precinct conversation. The Mayor actually spoke with Director

Anthony Perlotti, who sent this out to us a while ago. He shared that the Board of Elections looks at precincts after the census. Much like we look at wards. They tried to make the precinct sizes uniform in the number of voters across the county. Their average is approximately 1150 voters per precinct. Euclid currently has 39 precincts and 865 average voter per precinct. So they propose the new map of 32 precincts with an average of 1054 per precinct. In the new proposal. All eight wards have four precincts previously, all but Ward two had five precincts and Ward 2 had 4. The impact of this is the loss of members of the precinct committee members for the political parties. But that does not go into effect until the next election of precinct committee members which is a year away. Other impact will be a savings to the city in the election classes the city the costs to the city are based on the number of precincts we have. They also gave us a proposed map that will be presented at the Board of Elections at their April board meeting. Council does not need to act. This is just a notification and voters in each of the precincts will be notified. I'm going to have our council clerk read into the minutes the actual letter that council received.

Clerk Laboda

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The Euclid City Council has made modifications to the municipalities Ward boundaries, and has submitted these modifications to the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections (CCBOE) for rectifications. The modifications of Ward boundaries require the CCBOE to adjust the precinct boundaries assigned to the newly established Ward boundaries and rebalance the assignment of electors to the two precincts. Precinct boundaries do not cross over Ward boundary lines. And there are other precinct requirements placed upon the CCBOE pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 3501.18. A precinct cannot exceed 1400 electors contained in a single precinct. Our goal is to assign 1150 electors to a precinct to allow for fluctuations in population. Prior to the suggested modifications. The city of Euclid currently has 39 precincts. One of the CCBOE's Ward boundary implementations is completed. The city of Euclid will have 30 once, I'm sorry, once the city of Euclid will have 32 precincts. Please distribute this information to the council members for their discussion at a council meeting. I ask that you provide me by April 10, 2023 with any comments and the date of the meeting that council discussed the precinct modifications. Council is not required to take action on this new precinct boundaries. The Euclid Ward boundary modifications will be acknowledged and respect respective precinct modifications will be authorized at the CCBOE's board meeting on April 28, 2023. Attached you will find two maps, map one titled current precincts, displays the current ward boundaries and map two, titled proposed precincts, displays the ward and precinct boundaries after modifications. The white areas on map number two represent the geographic area not impacted by the boundaries. Please confirm receipt of this email and do not hesitate to contact me with questions. Respectfully, Anthony Perlotti.

Council President Mancuso

5:20

Thank you. And since all council members did receive this, if there are any further comments on it, we can do this during our compliments comments. Okay, so with that, do we have any Council minutes?

Clerk Laboda

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Yes, March 6, 2023.

Council President Mancuso

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And I'll turn it over to Councilman Wojtila.

Councilman Wojtila

5:37

Thank you, Madam Chair. I'd like to make a motion to approve the council minutes from March 6, 2023.

Council President Mancuso

5:42

Thank you. Do I have a second? So moved by Councilman Tolton. All in favor, "Aye."

Thank you. And we will now go to **Administrative Reports and Communications**, Assistant Law Director Rubadue.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS AND COMMUNICATION

Assistant Law Director Rubadue

5:52

Thank you, Madam Chair to the Council. We have several reports from our heads of departments. So I'm going to first turn to Director Stevens for his report.

Recreation Director Stephens

6:02

Thank you, Madam Chair to Council and those in the audience. Just a couple of quick announcements from the Recreation Department. We have our sing into the spring karaoke event this Friday, March 24 6pm until 8pm at the lakefront Community Center. This is not a competition is for all ages, and family friendly. There will also be a photo booth, lots of

music and pizza and just a ton of fun. Pre-registration is required for the event. And then secondly, just a reminder that we are having our second annual Easter egg hunt on Saturday, April 8 at Sam's Park. This event will begin at 10 o'clock AM. Thank you.

Assistant Law Director Rubadue

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Okay, Thank you. We'll turn now to Director Grogan-Myers for his report.

Planning and Development Director Grogan-Myers

6:59

Good evening Council. First, the Planning and Development Department hosted a series of community meetings on March 7th and March 8th at the LaSalle Theater to discuss the future of the Lakeshore Chevy sights on East 185 Street. The meetings were well attended by both Cleveland and Euclid residents if you could not make the meeting, as well as the public if you could not make the meeting. The boards from the meeting are in the atrium of city hall for the next week or so. Those are the boards that were used during the community meeting so you can see the responses that were given, as well as provide some additional responses of your own. We look forward to summarizing the rich feedback we received and determining the next steps for the Lakeshore savvy sites. Second, the department will host the third public meeting for the Euclid Avenue-Chardon road TLCI study next Tuesday, March 28th at 6pm at Moore Counseling. NOACA will present its draft findings based on the previous two public meetings, the feedback from the residents and relevant crash data. So they'll give their recommendations and seek public feedback based on those draft recommendations. Third, the Heritage Park home repair grant program is underway with CHN Housing Partners reaching out to residents who applied since November of last year. As of late last week, CHN had touched base with about 20 of the first applicants so they're working on a first come first serve basis, 13 of which were ineligible based on geography. So it is taking time to work through those applications. But they are doing so. They continue to follow up and assist those who meet the eligibility, eligibility criteria with the full application and getting their project started. We look forward to seeing many of those projects start hopefully in April, weather permitting. Fourth, we have discussed the development of the neighborhood traffic program over the past several months. And as the administration had promised, by this meeting, we wanted to share with you our preliminary thoughts with the Department of the Planning and Development, Police, Fire and Public Service working to develop the framework for a program that addresses the concerns of residents while taking a data driven approach to developing solutions. Included at your desk is an outline of the program's framework beginning with a resident complaint. Highlighting the criteria for the streets that are included in the program. Not all streets are included. But highlighting the criteria in

which you can determine which streets are included in the program, how the city will collect data on traffic volume and speeds and what criteria we will be using to analyze the data for the next steps. There is some time to review we certainly welcome your feedback. We ultimately need snow to not be falling in order for this program to get underway. Snow does impact people's travel, travel speeds and so it would skew the data. So we welcome your feedback. I looking forward to being able to address resident's complaints in a holistic data driven manner. Thank you.

Council President Mancuso

9:55

Can I add that this is the report that you sent to council a couple of weeks ago. The active transportation plan that they active report that we got a couple of weeks of the rules saying what are we going to do with this? That's the lead up into this meeting. Okay, so I would review that before we actually have that meeting. Okay.

Assistant Law Director Rubadue

10:13

Thank you. I will now turn to Chief Meyer for a record about the police department.

Police Chief Meyer

10:19

Thank you, Council President, members of the audience, a couple of announcements, we do have a Coffee with a Cop coming up, it's going to be on Wednesday, March 29. And that's from 9am to 11am. And it's going to be at the Home Depot located on East 200 street. They will be providing coffee and donuts. And remember, this is Home Depot money. So it should be good coffee and lots of donuts. So anybody who wants to stop by please do, we'll do it in the kind of in the lobby area. And it gives us a lot of contact with a lot of residents. Also to our own officer, George P, to Officer George will be speaking at Career Day, a sorry, Career Day on law enforcement. And he'll be doing that the Arbor Elementary School on March 30. On Thursday, March 30. And last, our own Kate McLaughlin will be, she's actually co-chairing this year's Ohio Crime Prevention Conference in Dublin, Ohio. We also that conference will be having a number of our officers speaking on a number of topics in which they have expertise. So, I think that it's it's a great honor. But we're well represented at this State convention.

Assistant Law Director Rubadue

11:34

To Chief Haddock, with a report from the fire department.

Fire Chief Haddock

11:37

Thank you, Assistant Law Director, acting Law Director and acting Mayor, Madam Chair, members of Council on those watching. Last week, we turned our clocks ahead. And that used to be the reminder for us to check our smoke alarms to see that they work and that they're the date that they were manufactured. If any of those would be more than 10 years old, you're gonna want to replace those, you actually should be doing that every month tested them to make sure they work. So, if you are an owner occupied residence that you could fire department in conjunction with the American Red Cross will replace your smoke alarms free of charge. And you can call 216-289-8402 to schedule that appointment. Thank you.

Assistant Law Director Rubadue

12:23

Thank you. And finally, Director Knecht has report from the Service Department.

Service Director Knecht

12:28

Thank you, Assistant Director revenue, Madam Chair, Council and those watching and those in the audience. I just want to remind everybody that you'll see the projects that we discussed previously about waterline replacement being bid in the paper for the next several weeks. That includes the long awaited project for East 193, 195 and 196 off a Euclid Avenue. So, we are moving forward with that. And once we have bids in, we'll be happy to report back. Thank you.

Assistant Law Director Rubadue

13:04

Thank you, Madam Chair. That concludes the administration's reports for the Thank you.

Council President Mancuso

13:07

We will now go on to **Committee Documentation**. And we will begin with the ad hoc committee and the chair. Councilwoman Jukic.

COMMITTEE DOCUMENTATION

Councilwoman Jukic

13:16

Thank you, Madam Chair. This is the summary of the Ad Hoc Committee which took place on February 22, 2023. The meeting agenda items were council meeting minutes. Overview of the current process for city council meeting minutes the review of Ohio law requirements examples of other municipalities, overview of current technology and discussion of pros and cons discussion of proposed legislation. All committee members were present. I presented a PowerPoint with an overview of the current process where we reviewed the Ohio law requirements examples of for other communities' summary minutes; Lakewood, Parma, Cleveland Heights, Richmond Heights, we reviewed the current audiovisual technology used in council chambers, and listed pros and cons for keeping verbatim minutes. I recommended having another meeting to continue to discuss the topic and requested the committee members each research three additional communities to see how they keep their council minutes. The examples gathered so far show that most cities use summary minutes of some kind. We discussed challenges of verbatim minutes and potential challenges of summary minutes. The committee members agreed to meet again in May. There's no further action, the issue will stay in committee. And that's the report Madam Chair.

Council President Mancuso

14:42

Thank you. The next report is the Executive and Finance Committee meeting that was held on March 6th of 23. And our agenda item was discussing with outside counsel and the Assistant Law Director on pending litigation concerning Mary Stewart the administrator of the estate of Luke Stewart Sr. versus Matthews Rodes, 21-948028. We had from the administration Mayor Gail and the assistant Law Director Rubadue. All of the committee members were present. And we had the outside attorney James Climber from Mazanec, Raskin and Ryder here. The committee members motioned and second, the motion to recess into executive session, as is provided by the Ohio Revised Code and the Euclid codified codes. The council committees and all other Boards, Commission's, committees and other decision making bodies of the city shall conduct all meetings in public except for executive sessions, which shall be closed to the public. called for the following purposes, conferences with an attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are subject or pending or imminent in court action. A roll call was taken with a unanimous affirmative vote to recess into Executive Session. Upon return to counsel. The E & F committee went back on the record to resume the committee meeting, as there was no action to be taken at this E & F meeting. There was a motion and a second to adjourn in a verbal affirmative vote to adjourn

and then we will go on to the third committee meeting and the Chair, Councilman Jarosz.

Councilman Jarosz

16:19

Thank you, Madam Chair. On March 13, there was a business development City Planning and Housing Committee held on their two agenda items to be discussed first was Ordinance 018-23 to enter into a contract with Euclid Development Corporation for operating support. With the second agenda item being review of the city's city of Euclid land reutilization program handbook or pricing and pricing policy. administration members present were Mayor Gail and Director Grogan Myers. Committee members present were Tolton, Hannum, Wojtila, Steele was excused although she did text in questions. We also had some guests from EDCOR, Mr. Burns and Mr. Beck. Issues discussed; Ordinance 018-23, which will provide temporary city funding for the hiring of an executive director for our local community development corporation CDC, known as EDCOR. We discussed and will provide examples of the value and positive impact that dynamic CDC can have on a community. We review EDCOR's long history and why hiring an executive director is necessary for EDCOR to thrive and potentially expand services within Euclid. City funding will begin in 2023 and phase out over the next couple of years. The executive director salary will then be paid through the operating budget of EDCOR. After several questions from all committee members, the committee then voted and unanimously approved the legislation to be sent back to full council with a recommendation for approval. We then discussed the land, the Euclid land reutilization program, Director Grogan-Myers informed the committee that the administration is currently reviewing the programs handbook and pricing policy and will soon return to the committee with recommendations. The actions taken was that we did move ordinances 018-23 back to full council with recommendation for approval. Thank you.

Council President Mancuso

18:09

Thank you. And we'll turn it over to Councilman Wojtila.

Councilman Wojtila

18:13

Thank you, Madam Chair, like to make a motion to approve the Ad Hoc Committee summary dated February 22, 2023, the Executive Finance committee from March 6, 2023, the Business Development and City Planning committee from March 13, and Board of Control from February 27 and March 13, 2023.

Council President Mancuso

18:34

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

All in favor, "Aye."

Thank you. And now we will go to the **Committee of the Whole** for the **legislative matters only**. Anyone wishing to speak please come to the podium. Give us your name, address. And please keep your comments to anything on the agenda tonight. Thank you.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – LEGISLATIVE MATTERS ONLY

Resident - Christopher Litwinowicz

18:54

Christopher Michael Litwinowicz, 21970 Morris Avenue. Thank you for listening. Sometimes I wasn't able to reach our individual council people. So I left messages talking about issue number six and number seven. Let's get to the bottom line council. This unfair. I love the idea. But it's unfair. Tell Miss Sweeney I'm gonna keep this copy because it's going on initiative petition in our community. \$120,000 and then our council only gets 13 -14,000 You know what Social Security disability is a \$900 a month. You're defeating the purpose. In America you make money. Get up, stand up and walk out of here. If you don't think \$50,000 should be a council person salary. And as far as what was comments, and I needed without getting called out in order. To Ward one council, when they talk about 1400 voters, that's that whole complex there. It all makes sense. Well, I'll come back to it. The city needs to build a building so we can all vote it. Let me get back onto this. We need someone to amend this then you also need to make it retroactive. So the only person that that's getting the advance is the Mayor. But it was it was it was pinpointed? I've asked for 100,000. That was 11,000 more when you're given 50, some 40, more 1000 more dollars, you really suffer in this city. And this all this stuff right here is evidence in United States Supreme Court. The bottom line is, you know, looking through here EDCOR, that's a no brainer. You allocated \$10 million for the rec department, but now you taking some of that operation away. And that was just five minutes to looking at this packet. See this packet. This should be all the way up here for everybody. This has the information that they need. Nobody. Nobody knew. You know. And the sad thing is I want to ask why the Mayor ain't here today with no comment. You know, is it is it political? Is it because you trying to get the raise?

Council President Mancuso

22:11

Mr. Litwinowicz, let's stick with the agenda, please.

Resident - Christopher Litwinowicz

22:17

No comment. Like I said, you know, you test an issue of rights. Don't have a right to ask why somebody who's elected in his community who is not here (Sir, please keep it to the agenda). We didn't, we never excused her. Do we? Excuse her? Okay, thank you. But as I'm looking through this, you know.

Councilman Epps

22:40

Madam Chair point of order her salary is on the agenda. Just so we're clear.

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Resident - Christopher Liti...

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(Continue.) I'm not here to fight with people. I'm here to stand up. And and and we're limited ourselves. And these council people is the heart of the city. You don't get the phone calls. They do mayor. I'm losing hope, enjoy.

Council President Mancuso

23:06

Thank you, sir. Next speaker please.

Resident Jeffrey Beck

23:21

Jeffery, Beck, 25540 Chatworth. Item number, item number three. I attended the committee meeting last week and and answered a lot with Mr. Burns, several questions that were placed to us and listen to the conversation. The consensus was to, as Mr. Jarosz said, to sent it back to the full council with a recommendation to approve. And I urge council if they could waive the third reading because it does a second reading on this. Go ahead and vote tonight. We really need to get going and and get an executive director on board. So I urge council to waive the third read on this and go ahead and vote tonight and vote in the approval on items number six and seven. It doesn't stay there. But I would respectfully ask for these items to be a first raving There's no hurry item. So doesn't need to be passed tonight. So if you could make those a first rating be greatly appreciative. Thank you.

Council President Mancuso

Thank you, Sir.

Resident - Belinda Fulton

24:51

Good evening. I'm Belinda Fulton 27113 Shoreview Avenue, Euclid, Ohio. So I'm talking about item three. For years, about a dozen volunteers have been doing everything that Ed Corps has done for the city of youth with volunteers as in, we get paid nothing and we don't mind. But without a director, we can't do more. And that's the goal. That's the objective. So hiring a director letting us do fundraising through that process, we should be able to financially sustain ourselves in a couple years, and not need money from the city. That's our goal. Lots of the parts of Euclid that run on volunteers, but if we want to accomplish our goals, we're going to need that. I would also share Mr. Beck's request to waive the third reading and make itself. Alright, thank you.

Council President Mancuso

25:53

Thank you. Next speaker please.

Resident - Audrey Kaplan Goodman

26:01

Good evening. I'm Audrey Kaplan Goodman 20201 Glen Russ Lane. Regarding item number six. Let me first remind council that you are the stewards of the taxpayer money. You must spend it wisely. You're very generous in comparing us to cities like Mentor, Strongsville, Beachwood, Lakewood, as far as salaries for the Mayor goes, we have nowhere near the income level of people living in those cities. Yet you're asking for almost 40% increase in the mayor salary. How are you justifying that? The average salaries of these nine cities are only \$106,000. You want to give her 120,000? That's ridiculous. I'm sorry. But you know, and is this the total compensation for her? I know she has a city car. Who pays for the gas and the maintenance on that vehicle? Does she have health benefits through the city? I know she's also the Safety Director for Euclid. I don't think there's a separate line item in the budget for that. But what exactly are the duties of the safety director? I think it's been asked before, but I don't know that we ever got an answer. So I'd like that address tonight as well. Regarding item number five, the rec center. There were only three people that showed up for the meeting of Perspectus the other night, Victor and I were there along with another citizen. And we saw a very nice demonstration of you know, an idea of what was to be built as a rec center Wellness Center for the city. But this odd this tonight on the agenda is really putting the cart before the horse. You haven't asked the public what we want in a recreation or wellness center. I know that's part of phase one. And they're going to be you know, community meetings. But you really need to find out what we're looking for, what do we want? What do we need, and then go from there. A quarter million dollars plus is a lot of money to shell out for just phase

one. And phase two, three, maybe there's four or five? I don't know how many more phases? That's to be determined? How much does anybody have an estimate of what those phases are going to cost? I'm sure prospectus has some idea. And we need to get those figures. I had the proposal from prospectus reviewed by a prominent architect here in Cleveland. He's extremely familiar with their firm and they do fabulous jobs, they really do. But the cost was quite excessive in his opinion, and should be shaved. So I don't know whether that can happen or not. I know that Director Stevens charges for his programs now with the with the current rec center. And if if this is approved, he looked to expand those programs at the Rec Center. Will we be charging for those programs? And if so, how much? And what about the citizens of Euclid? Will we have to pay a fee to use the Rec Center? And what kind of amenities are going to be there for us? You know, you have to address the senior population who's looking for ways to stay active. And right now we don't have that. So I hope you will address that tonight. Will there be a cost to the citizens of Euclid. And as far as the EDCOR piece, just vote on it and pass it tonight. It shouldn't go to a third reading. Thank you.

Council President Mancuso

29:38

Thank you. Next speaker please.

Resident - Daryl Langman

29:41

Good evening, folks. Happy Spring. First I'll talk about the important stuff. Charlene I want to thank you directly for sending the sympathy card for mom. She really enjoyed going with you to the senior center way back when and the family really appreciates it. I know it's out of order, I'm sorry. Items number six and seven. It seems like this ordinance shows a tremendous amount of tone deafness. And what I mean by that is, the economy is in some turmoil right now. You have banking issues, you have high inflation, you have layoffs and major industries. The proposed increases in the mayor salary and the council salary just seems to be proposed at the wrong time. The increase in the mayor salary of approximately \$30,000 is probably more than a lot of Euclid residents earn in a year. So it's just not the right time to do that. And I know you have deadlines that has to be done within a certain amount of time. If you look at Euclidean income demographics are average median household income, and per capita income is below the county averages. So this is not a wealthy community that could just easily absorb these costs. Also, poverty rate in Euclid is about 21% per the current census figures, the counties is estimated around 16%. So this seems to be the wrong thing to do at the very wrong time. And finally, there was a little blurb and Saturday's plain-dealer about bankruptcy declarations chapter 13. Chapter 13 Bankruptcy is basically for people that are working and

have an income as opposed to other chapters in Bankruptcy Code. Nationally, since the end of pandemic aid, the chapter 13 Bankruptcy declarations are about 30% Cuyahoga County it's estimated 27%. So it just seems wrong that public officials are getting a big raise, while the average residents have to worry about paying for food that's going up paying for utilities are go going up or even having a job. So you guys may be gung ho on doing this, fine. My only suggestion if you do proceed, and I hope you don't, is that you amend that no current member, either mayor or council person will reap the benefits of the increase. So and I say that because the way it's written, it's the next term, etc. You know, politics in Euclid, what are competitive races and more competitive council, the Mayor is probably going to run maybe unopposed, little opposition. That just that just doesn't seem right. And then for item number five, and again, I haven't followed this very closely, rec center. And I know it's being paid through our money. But I did read that Mayfield Heights are building one with an aquatic center is going to cost them \$34 million. So what are we getting for 10 million? What are we getting that the community hasn't already built with the new schools? I think that we should be working with them, so that the community can better utilize those facilities. And I hear that the rec center may be geared more towards the youth of the community. Well, they're at the schools all day long. So why not use, better utilize them? I think the emphasis should be and again, you probably discussed this. We have a police station at 72 years old, you have an obsolete jail. Fire Stations number one and number three needs to be rebuilt. That's where I think some of this ARPA money should be. That is if you can't build a marina. Thanks and have a good spring.

Council President Mancuso

33:36

Thank you, sir. Hey, Christopher, please. Next speaker please.

Council President Mancuso

33:48

Is your microphone and green light on?

Resident - Brian Milbank

33:55

Number three. I'll turn that off. Didn't want to hear what I had to say. I'm on the Board of EDCOR. So I was happy to hear that it came out of committee. With the recommendation for passage. Having an executive director EDCOR will really transform the capabilities of that organization and transform community development in Euclid. So I'm here to just recommend that you pass number three, thank you.

Council President Mancuso

34:19

Thank you. Next speaker please.

Resident - Ms. Taylor

Pearletha Taylor, 1495 E. 193rd Street. Agree with most of the car up resident they have come up with for me right now. This is the awful time to try to give the mayor such a large raise. This city is in dire need a lot of repairs and a lot of things. Don't even own a grocery store, one grocery store in his whole city and you want to put up a rec center. I think it's a little too late. Because right now this City is suffering is suffering very bad. Also, I can see the council people getting a raise, I really care. You guys work hard. I know you take a lot of heat, especially me that you take a lot of heat. But I think all these years, I can see that. But with the Mayor coming up with such a large raise, like one of the speakers spoke, some residents doesn't make \$35,000 a year. We have seniors that can't make it? And we hear, I'm looking also at the EDCOR. I'm not saying they may not need money. But I do want to say one thing, why didn't you try to get EDCOR to partner with Heritage Park and help us with our project? We've been working on this project for over two years. And we get nowhere. They just partnered us with CHN housing, and they are doing a lousy job, application went out. And you're gonna know what, how many people got them. Very few. I'm a resident myself, and I am a senior. And what I am doing is printing application for people that did not receive applications. We met for years, EDCOR would have been perfect for that project. But you contract the ABA material out also. It's just right now everything that city is trying to do is the wrong timing. And they put the counselor in a problem. I just want the council to know, you do not work for the city, you work for the people. And you are here to take care of the people and meet the need that two people need the streets and things as often I just spent a ton of money fixing a sewer problem, which I've been paying in the city for the longest. And then they see that oh, my little income, I have to take care of my business. But I hear that you want to give this large raise to a Mayor. No, you need to start thinking out the box and what is better put the city and the residents. And right now the things you've come up with is not making it. Everyone that speaking tonight they're speaking from their heart, we've been here a long time, we're not fly by nights. Most of these cities have been here. They've been here for years. But right now, you're coming up. We're not getting what we need in the city. The city is drowning in debt, it drowning in poverty. We have our senior citizens at Indian Hills, no one seemed to care. They cannot even get away to the voting pole. So what are you doing to help our citizens? What are you doing to bring up their property in this city? Some neighborhoods is falling and some has gone up. Our neighborhoods have fallen apart. Why can't you take some of that money and buy some homes up, renovate them and teach some residents how to buy a home and bring the city back? We losing residents like everything. And I'm

gonna tell you, it's bad. Euclid have a bad rap. We don't even have a jail. A fire department. There's suffering, but you want to try to give the Mayor that amount of money. Build a rec center. The reason we have so much crime in this city today, because everybody know go to Euclid. They don't have a police station, they have a station but they don't have a jail. You get slapped on your hand and sent to court. And what good is that? Please start thinking about the residents and the city as a whole. The way you spend money, we will be broke bankrupt. We don't have that type of money flowing to the city. So people start thinking and I asked you all these things on this ordinance tonight, do some hard thinking. Do not pass in it. Unless you do some hard thinking. Please go back and have a reading on the Mayor and rec center and other things that shouldn't be there. Thank you.

Council President Mancuso

39:27

Thank you. Next speaker please.

Resident - Dante Gresham

39:38

Hello, my name is Dante Gresham. I live at on 24650 Euclid Avenue. Euclid Ohio. I wanted to just speak on my support first, um because there are some good things going on. My support um of item three. I would like to support that I want our um elders to know that they do have something they can look to, they can go to, if they need me help with their homes. And also I want to also extend the idea of helping our elders, elders have sustainable living. So not just helping them with one thing or a couple of things at their homes. But if they need a need, something that that costs even more, helping them with that to make sure that their living is long term here in the city of Euclid and also not only their own them, but their family on living is long term here in the city of Euclid on as well in the same home. And I also wanted to speak about item five, I do support a recreational center here in the city of Euclid on something that the young people and not only the young people, but our elders are allies of Euclid can go to, but I'm not only thinking about a recreational center, I'm thinking about a diplomatic center. Or I'm here in the city of Euclid not only where we can go, and Oh, um, have recreation and, um, exercise and explore ways to for fitness. But having that way where we all can gather and have all diplomatic conversations in the public. Um, we always say where can we have open dialogues, other than here in the chambers, well a recreation recreational center is the best in a perfect place, and also want to echo, I don't hope that it will be a expense. So use the recreational centers, or once is built because we need something where it's free, people can go to and also love to programming. So sometimes you do need to have those expenses sometimes when doing doing programming for recreation on purposes, so but for recreational center, I do not think that we should have a fee. And just because this

item is a hot topic, I think that item six should go to a second reading. And that's all Thank you.

Council President Mancuso

42:30

Thank you, Sir. Any other speakers? Seeing none, we will then go to our legislative agendas. Madam Clerk, would you please read the first agenda item into the record?

LEGISLATION

Clerk Laboda

42:43

Third Reading of ordinance 015-23. An emergency ordinance amending ordinance number 148-2022 which makes the annual appropriations for all expenditures for the City of Euclid for the period ending December 31, 2023..

Council President Mancuso

43:06

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

All in favor, "Aye."

Thank you and we will begin with Director Smith to start the discussion.

Finance Director Smith

43:17

Thank you, Madam Chair to Council. So, I'll give a brief overview of where we are at with the budget process for 2023. Budget books were sent to council on February 3rd of this year. Since then, we've had three budget meetings. We've had two readings on council, four of the budget. I've had conversations with multiple council people answered questions they had. As we've said in the past, and we keep repeating this budget has to be sent to the county by March 31st. Our budget, for the newer council members, with the finance department we continually monitor this budget, once it's passed, throughout the year. We provide updates to council on a monthly basis, a monthly basis prior to our council meetings in our work sessions, work sessions. And I just wanted to let Council know, especially newer members that this budget that we're passing or that is on the agenda this evening, does not authorize any expenditures. We're passing a number not to exceed any of the expenditures that we talked about whether it's fire departments, building department, roads, those come back to council if they exceed \$50,000. At that time, that piece of legislation will be voted on by Council to approve that

expenditure. Recently there have been some questions regarding the financial forecast for 2025. I'm not gonna go too much into the budget for 2025 what we anticipate, but I just will say looking back in 2016 when the Mayor took office, the general fund balance the city had was \$3.2 million. At the end of 2022, the general fund balance for the city was 12.2 million to ours, that's a 283% increase from 2016. The budget that you have in front of you, is it three, nine, I'm sorry, is it \$9.5 million, which is still an increase of approximately 200%, over 2016. There have been a lot of questions regarding why we're paying for things out of the general fund that we typically haven't in the past, we keep talking about revenue replacement, and what that means to the general fund. As we know, we transferred two or \$4 million into the general fund in 2022. We have budgeted to transfer \$3 million in 2023, an additional \$3 million in 2024. In the past two years, things that we have paid for out of the general fund that we haven't typically or historically paid for are as follows; In 2022, we paid for \$1.65 million dollars in road resurfacing out of two out of the general fund, about 200,000 hours for an IT infrastructure infrastructure project came out of the general fund. In 2023, we're estimating a \$1 million road project. As I said, these additional ones I'll mention now will be coming back to you for approval. So we have a \$2 million road resurfacing project for 2023. We're paying for 200,000 hours of the body cam project that we started last year, it's the second payment and final payment of that, that I guess we'll call it project. There's \$2.6 million of vehicles in general fund that we're paying for this year. \$600,000 of those vehicles have already been committed by council through legislation, the additional \$2 million will, as I said, come back to council at a later date for approval, whether it be fire department, service department or police department. And there's also a \$50,000, \$49,000 Bobcat that we're paying for Bearcat, I'm sorry for the police department out of the general fund this year, again, typically wouldn't be paid for in the general fund. Historically, those costs that I've just talked about come out of either the Capital Improvement Fund or the bond retirement fund, to look back in 2017, just kind of where we are, where we were then and where we are today. In 2017, we didn't have enough in the bond retirement fund to be able to make our debt payment, we had to transfer a million dollars from the general fund into the bond retirement fund just in order to make our annual debt payment. On the advice of our bond counsel, this year, when we looked at financing, which is what we are able to do in that bond retirement fund, it was suggested by our bond counsel that we if we had the cash available, which we do, not to go out for debt in 2023, because of the price in the market, and in the in the issuance costs. So that is why we're taking these expenses out of the general fund. Whereas in the past, we would have taken them out of bond retirement or capital improvement provement. What this does due to the just because we're doing these things, it does improve our situation for the bond retirement fund, immensely. About a year ago, we had our bond Council come to come in front of Council and speak about projects that we were looking at. It was around \$20 million, that at that time, we were told, and on on the bond Council advice that were the city

was able to finance a project like that from the bond retirement fund. It didn't leave a lot of room for other projects. But it was something that we could do at that time. Since then, things have improved. The current budget that we're about to pass pays off \$750,000 of our current short term note of about \$1.5 million. The plan is to pay that note off completely next year, that will lead the city with four long term bonds in the bond retirement fund that we will, some of those will be falling off in the near term, about \$600,000 will fall, \$600,000, our annual payment will fall off to 2025. So again, when we look at future projects, things that the city can do, that greatly improves our ability to finance these projects with the bond retirement fund that we have currently. So, with that being said, I will turn it over to council. If there are any questions, I'd be happy to answer them.

Council President Mancuso

Thank you. Councilman Epps.

Councilman Epps

49:22

Thank you, Madam Chair. And thank you to Director Smith for that overview. Some of the details that you spoke about specifically, we're addressing concerns that I have put out on the floor as well as through email conversations that has that have happened throughout these budget hearings. Some of those things that would have been nice to hear prior to tonight but I guess Better late than never. So again, thank you for the overview. I still find myself in a position where we have mentioned now the numbers 2025, but still have not gone into the concerns with which my main concern is how much how many of our safety forces are, we're going to have to lay off come 2025. Because the reason we have which you heard tonight, the reason we have transferred been able to transfer money into the into our general fund for revenue replacement is strictly because of police and fire expenses, which are deemed expenses that went up during the pandemic. And the idea that these aren't serious concerns that we're going to have to face and address come 2025 simply because we have cash right now, today is should be very concerning, not only for my colleagues here tonight, but also for the public in general. I proposed some cuts. And I am going to make an amendment tonight to make some of those cuts. I understand the education that the finance director is trying to give new members of council and respect to the fact that you're just approving a number and this keeps being said it was said during our our budget hearings, oh, don't worry about the big number, you're proving a larger number, when it come back to you for these for these smaller things than it was Don't worry about the smaller numbers. I don't want you guys to get caught up on the smaller numbers because you need to focus on the bigger number. And these are things that again, should not only concern my colleagues, but should concern the public as well. And the reality is, and this will be the first budget that this mayor

has submitted to this council that I will not be able to support. That is been taking a pretty heavy toll on me considering that this is the most important thing that I feel like we do a city council. But I've done all of my due diligence, I've done all of my reaching out that I can do. I've done all of my suggestions, took a look at the budget and took some lines I like I like that line items out that I feel will really be beneficial and sustaining or at least preserving some of the funds that we have on hand right now to make sure that our we don't have to do layoffs and safety forces come 2025. And so I've done everything that I could to try to get the support, I need to be able to make some of these reductions, because just as you mentioned, you can always come back to council to amend for more as well. And so with that being said, I'll make the amendments for those things tonight, whether they fail or not, I want the public to know that again, I've done my part as a legislator to try and get them to amend these numbers so that they fit and make sense for the fiscal situation we are currently in. And because of that, or because of no movement on anyone's part. In that regard. I will not be able to support this budget as is tonight. I would like to make an amendment. There is a line item in the budget in which you guys are trying to add an additional employee in the plan development department. That is an amendment that I would like to make Madam Chair, if you could tell me do I need to give you all of my amendments now or how would you prefer me?

Council President Mancuso

53:11

One at a time, Sir.

Councilman Epps

53:14

Okay, so then the First Amendment, then I will make will be the amendment to eliminate the additional position trying to be added in the Planning Development Department.

Council President Mancuso

53:23

All right. We have motion on the floor. Do we have a second? So moved by Councilman Wojtila. Discussion? Councilman Wojtila.

Councilman Wojtila

53:31

Thank you, Madam Chair. I did talk with Director Grogan-Myers on Friday. And this amount, while doesn't seem like a great amount, but it's only for a portion of the year and the amount is \$42,614.50. And that the Planning and Development which is 411 department, especially in light of the third piece of legislation with EDCOR. And the new position. Well,

this, the position in Planning and Development Department was going to focus more on things like Kuhars, former Kuhars were going to convert that to usable and a functioning facility. I think we can do that within the current Planning and Development Department, and possibly with the assistance of the new EDCOR executive director. So I am in support of that amendment. Thank you.

Council President Mancuso

54:23

Other discussion? Councilwoman Jukic.

Councilwoman Jukic

54:27

Thank you, Madam Chair, have a question for the Director. During the budget meetings. I recall asking that the duties, how you envision this position would also bring in income. And I'll just share what I recall. But if you don't mind, you know, giving more information as well, that the duties and tasks and focus area of this position would result in some income and that made me comfortable with moving forward with that position because it would almost pay for itself. Can you please expound on that a little bit, thank you.

Planning and Development Director Grogan-Myers

55:02

Madam Chair, to the Council person. So I recognize that we are working in a financial environment working within the budget. So I focused on the revenue streams that this position can help generate the first. And it was something that we did as a trial run back in mid-February, was doing tax, tax delinquency outreach. Now, I recognize as Councilman Wojtila pointed out in the committee meeting, the city collects roughly 6% of those property taxes that are there, excuse me, the city share is roughly 6% of the property taxes collected. We sent out 48 letters to property tax owners who weren't delinquent last year and became delinquent this year mean something happened last year, they didn't pay half of all of their property taxes. In that time, we've spoken with 12 property owners, or excuse me, a total property owners have paid a combined total of about \$69,000 in property taxes, which amounts to roughly \$4,900 coming into the city directly. So that is cash coming to the city through the collections itself. Now, the city is not in the business of collecting property taxes, I understand that. But that is one point where it took about an hour's worth of time to generate the letters. And we did speak with three property owners directly who were not aware of a delinquency up till that point. So the larger vision of this position is one of neighborhood stabilization, addressing problem properties that the housing department has encountered, that are just stuck, property owner might be deceased, an LLC out of the country, whatever the case

may be, it's a property that stuck and not being resolved for the neighborhood. So that's why I say while I look at this as being a position that is much larger than just as financial impact, we have to at the end of the day, talk about dollars and cents. Tax delinquency outreach is one piece. Kuhars is another great example. We currently have one residential property in the city's land bank that we are working on renovating to sell to a new resident of the community. Ultimately, those are opportunities that only come through things like property tax, delinquency, outreach, or donation. So that pipeline is created by having someone in that position, there isn't someone in that position now. So it ultimately becomes a catches catch cam. And we miss opportunities home sit there without resolve. We were lucky to have cohorts come in, thanks to former commissioner Paul Beno and his diligent work on that. But there are a number of opportunities that pass us by because we don't have someone watching that on a daily basis. So ultimately, this position is envisioned to be a financially self-sustaining position, which is unique in both the department and the city. But it's something that based on my experience, and just a month's worth of work, a couple hours worth of work over the past month. It's something that I believe sustainable.

Council President Mancuso

58:00

Thank you. Other discussion? Hang on, sir, let's make sure everybody's had a chance to speak. Any other questions? No. Okay, you can finish up, Councilman. Councilman Epps.

Councilman Epps

58:19

Thank you. I just want to point out and again, to commend the Director in this department for your thoughts in creation of this position. This is all good work that we are glad that you guys are doing, and glad that you're excited about doing and that we want you to do for sure. Just don't see why we have to create a new position right now in this environment in order to do so you acknowledge yourself how much you're able to accomplish just in a couple of hours of work over the last month. So with that being said, I'd love to see you assign that task to someone on your staff for a couple of hours a month, so that we can get that yield that type of result. And so just want to make clear that I totally support those efforts. We just cannot afford to hire someone new to do it right now. Thank you.

Council President Mancuso

59:06

Thank you. Okay. We'll finish with discussion. So take a call to close debate. So moved by Councilman Epps, second by Councilman Jarosz. All in favor, "Aye."

We will now go ahead and take a roll call for the amendment to delete the FTE. That is approximately \$42,415 from the CSN ed department.

Clerk Laboda

59:37

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

Amendment to eliminate the Planning and Development position passes.

Council President Mancuso

1:00:03

Okay, so let's go back to the full ordinance right now. And is there any other discussion on the full ordinance? Councilman Tolton? Councilman Epps.

Councilman Epps

1:00:18

Thank you, Madam Chair, then a lot of the conversations that I've had with my colleagues or with some of my colleagues, as well as again, in the spirit of compromise. The originally I suggested that we stagger the roads project, as well as the \$2.6 million that has been proposed currently, for capital vehicles and such. I would like to make an amendment tonight that we cut that dollar amount from \$2.6 million to \$1.3 million in the \$2.6 million capital project line item.

Council President Mancuso

1:00:58

In the Service Department, you're talking about?

Councilman Epps

1:01:02

I'm sorry, I didn't hear you.

Council President Mancuso

1:01:03

Is it in the Service Department you want to take that from? (Yes.)
Discussion on that amendment?

Finance Director Smith

1:01:13

Oh, sorry, Madam Chair to Council, I just I just need some clarification. So that amendment would be to Motor Maintenance Department. That is

where the the budget amount for those vehicles was coming out of, and of the 1.3, that you're suggesting to be reduced by point six of that. I'm sorry, 600,000 of that has already been committed by Council. So just for clarification.

Councilman Epps

1:01:41

Thank you, Director Smith, Madam Chair, can I amend it amend the amendment? Considering the 600,000, that has already been committed by council, I'd like to make that cut from 2.6 million to \$1.9 million. I don't want to whatever you guys intended to do this year, the goal is not to have you do none of that. And so the \$1.3 million was just simply cutting that in half. And but if there's 600,000 has already been committed, then to cut it to 1.3 would ask you to cut your, your proposed budget about 2.6. Even more than the 1.3. And I don't want to do that. So with that being said, I'd like to amend the or I'd like to make the amendment to cut the \$2.6 million from the motor maintenance to \$1.9 million to accommodate the 600.

Council President Mancuso

1:02:30

Okay, and we need a second on that amendment, amending the amendment. Seeing none, that amendment fails. Other discussion will go back to the full document. Councilman Epps.

Councilman Epps

1:02:48

Thank you, Madam Chair. There was one more section with the road resurfacing, if you could explain for me and and also the three things I want. I have a question for the Director on the two line items that are in agenda items that are number six and seven. These how does this affect the budget for this considering that they're going to be for next year for everybody? It should not affect these numbers at all? Correct?

Finance Director Smith

1:03:19

That is correct. The the increases in pay won't be until next year. The EDCOR piece of legislation will be an amendment that will come back to council if passed. If that piece of legislation is passed.

Councilman Epps

1:03:35

Okay, thank you. Then I'd like to also make an amendment to the budget in general from \$1 million in road resurfacing, resurfacing to half million

\$500,000 for road resurfacing, as opposed to the 1 million proposed.
Thank you.

Assistant Law Director Rubadue

1:03:54

Point of Order. I believe there was an amendment on the floor. Then we're now adding a second amendment?

Council President Mancuso

1:04:00

No, it wasn't that first amendment was, (I apologize.) Okay. These on the second amendment that is from the motor maintenance to take it to 600 600,000 from 1.326. I'm sorry, 26. Okay. So that's where we stand on that motion. That motion failed. Okay. Sorry. Sorry. Sorry. Okay. All right. I'm in the right place.

Councilman Epps

1:04:27

So again, I was making a motion to cut the road resurfacing from \$1 million to \$500,000. Thank you.

Council President Mancuso

1:04:35

Thank you. So we need a second on that. Councilman Tolton. Well, we need a second. Thank you. Now you can make a comment. Thank you.

Councilman Tolton

1:04:48

Thank you, Madam Chair. I'm slow tonight. Okay. Um, I guess this question is to you, Assistant Law Director or or Mr. Knecht for the million dollars, how many is, I don't you know, I don't know exactly what it would cost to do some of these roads in the city for million dollars, how many roads would we conceivably get get repaved versus half a million dollars?

Council President Mancuso

Director Knecht

Service Director Knecht

1:05:23

Madam, Madam Chair to the Councilman? It's really a loaded question. It depends on the streets that are, you know, the width of the street, the

length of the street, the surface that's being used on the street, the the repairs that need done to each one. So, you know, essentially, you're cutting the programming in half is what you're doing. So whatever we would have been able to accomplish, we could accomplish 50% less at the reduced amount.

Councilman Tolton

1:05:49

But But at that million, I mean, I would think you guys are looking to get 10 roads, five streets, you know, five streets, ten streets. What are we kind of like...

Service Director Knecht

1:05:56

We would hope to be able to do eight streets for that million.

Councilman Tolton

1:05:58

How many? (Eight.) Eight streets with that million. Okay. Okay, so you said we've cut that in half. And if we reduce that, maybe to four streets or something like that? (Correct.) reduce that. Okay. Thank you.

Council President Mancuso

1:06:09

Other discussion? Councilman Jarosz.

Councilman Jarosz

1:06:12

Thank you, Madam Chair. I won't be supporting any cuts in roads resurfacing, I think that's kind of the basics of what we need to do here. And I know, almost everybody I talked to in my Ward talks about how bad their roads are. And roads, left unmaintained, unfixed, do not get cheaper or better over time. So I would like to, frankly, do as many roads as we possibly can while the cash is available. I think that's kind of our one of our basic features here is make sure our infrastructure is maintained. Thank you.

Council President Mancuso

1:06:46

Thank you. Other discussion? Councilman Tanner.

Councilman Tanner

1:06:51

Thank you, Madam Chair. Director, you have any idea of what roads on your books that you have to repair?

Council President Mancuso

Director Knecht.

Service Director Knecht

1:07:00

Madam Chair to the Councilman, there's a long list that's always ongoing. We're continually adding streets to that list. So no, it would not be fair to call out streets here tonight, because I do not know \$1 value at this point. So at this point, I can't tell you which roads, it's going to be until we're firm on \$1 value. So I understand what we're working with.

Councilman Tanner

1:07:21

Okay, can you you to give us a list when that when you get done with that? (Yes.)

Council President Mancuso

1:07:31

Thank you. Other discussion? Councilman Wojtila.

Councilman Wojtila

1:07:33

Thank you, Madam Chair, just a little historical perspective. So two years ago, we spent about 2 million. And I know Ward six, we had three streets. One was right by the Early Learning Village Center. So that was a nice long street to the other ones were very, very small. In Ward six. So we don't get a lot for 2,000,00 2 years ago, we won't get a lot for a million. Thank you.

Council President Mancuso

1:07:57

Any other discussion? Councilwoman Jukic.

Councilwoman Jukic

1:08:02

Thank you, Madam Chair. I also support doing as many streets as we can. Thank you.

Council President Mancuso

1:08:07

Thank you. Any other speakers before we close with Councilman Epps? Councilman Epps.

Councilman Epps

1:08:13

Thank you, Madam Chair. Again, and I want to make clear this to the public. I don't, I'm not going to play politics with roads, I'm not going to play politics with a budget, I'm not going to play politics with the future of Euclid in general. It is no, not the residents fault. Nor is it City Council's fault that it hasn't been the priority to continue to maintain the streets every year. We understand that the mayor is up for reelection this year. I understand that. But these are things that we need to be considering. In the grand scheme of things as opposed to in the midst of an election year. I also want to make sure that I point out that I'm not afraid to make tough choices and decisions that you have to wait. I'm going to prioritize having police officers and firefighters to respond to the increase in crime rates in our community, as opposed to neglect that our current leaders have neglect that has gone by our current leaders over the past years. I also want to make clear that it is crazy that for a million dollars all we get is a streets. I also will say that the idea that you come before us and ask for a million dollars to repave streets we understand again, it's an election year you want to say that, but you have no idea even what eight streets and I'm sick and tired of being as a council member to be complicit and making reckless decisions as they just throw numbers out and just throw things out and we support it every single time. There has not been capital projects like these in my entire tenure here on council that I've ever not supported. But I understand the fiscal environment that we're going to be in come 2025 And I want you all you all to mark my words, that those cuts are gonna come Those cuts are going to come in police and fire. And so I just want to make sure that I make that clear. My intention was not even to make that proposal tonight. But in lieu of the fact that we did not get the cuts in the capital projects, I went back to try to find the dollars to sit in our bank account to make sure that we have police and fire come 2025. So the question that I also want to ask, and I know you said it wouldn't be fair tonight, to have to give out streets, but you've been asking for a million dollars. And it's and I know you all are put on the spot as well as the mayor is not here tonight to defend our own budget. But you asked

for a million dollars. And you can't tell us what streets. Can you tell us tonight that you're going to prioritize in every ward, we'll get one street.

Service Director Knecht

1:10:42

Madam Chair to the Councilman, as we do every time that there is a paving program. Yes, we, I prioritize so that each Ward gets one street. If it's a bigger program, then each ward will get two streets. We try to make it as fair across the board, you know, the length of the streets are taken into consideration so that each Ward, we try to make it as close as possible to the length that each one gets. So it's as fair as possible across the city.

Councilman Epps

1:11:11

I appreciate you answering that. But with all due respect, that is not always the case. But I look forward to seeing what that list looks like.

Council President Mancuso

1:11:17

Thank you. Thank you. I'll take a motion to close debate. So moved by Councilman Wojtila, second by Councilman Jarosz.

All in favor, "Aye."

Please call the roll and the amendment to cut a million to \$500,000.

Clerk Laboda

1:11:34

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

Council President Mancuso

1:11:53

Thank you. Let's go back to the full document. Once again. Any other discussion on the full amended document? Councilman Epps.

Councilman Epps

1:12:03

Thank you, Madam Chair. To Director Smith. Are there any numbers at all and within this budget from our, for the Rec Center? Is it the same with the 260,000 being proposed tonight for the rec center that that will have to come back as an amendment.

Finance Director Smith

1:12:22

Madam Chair to the Councilman, the number for the rec center would be in the ARPA fund. The \$15 million. That's budgeted in there. That's where we would take that expense from.

Councilman Epps

1:12:33

That 260,000? (Yes.) So we will never see \$1 amount. Or you will never come back to council for money from the from our budget or from the city's budget for the Rec Center.

Finance Director Smith

1:12:45

We, well, just as we did tonight with a piece of legislation, it's authorizing for the first phase, that's how everything will be presented to council. It will come back as a piece of legislation authorizing expenditure over \$50,000 (to come out of ARPA funds) out any any funding doesn't matter what fund it is. It's the same, regardless of the fund.

Councilman Epps

1:13:05

One, one that is, and I'm asking for a reason, you're saying that no dollar amount, you will never come back to this council to ask for anything for the rec center this year outside of ARPA funds. Is that what you're saying tonight?

Finance Director Smith

1:13:20

Based on our current budget of \$10 million for the Rec Center, and what we have put what we have given to the architects, I would say no, we will not be back to ask for additional money from any other fund, other than ARPA.

Councilman Epps

1:13:37

Alright, and I appreciate you saying that. And we'll keep a close eye and see if that happens. But I just want to make clear the reason for asking these things is because you are very strategic tonight and put in the entire budget as item number one. And so as all of these subsequent items on the agenda have dollar amounts associated with them. I'm just trying to get as many questions in on your entire budget as we know this council will pass it tonight. Thank you.

Council President Mancuso

1:14:01

Thank you, Madam Clerk. Please call the roll. Oh, close debate. Sorry. Sorry, Sir. Oh, you have another, I'm sorry, I missed you totally. Councilwoman Steele.

Councilwoman Steele

1:14:11

Thank you, Madam Chair. I'm very new to this and green. So forgive me if I ask some questions that may ruffle feathers. I'm not trying to do that. I just need to get an understand. Okay. There's some line items that I need to get clarification on. And if we can't do it tonight, I would like a listing of it. If I can, am I able to do that, Madam Chair, without being out of order.

Council President Mancuso

1:14:38

You can call out the list if he has the information tonight. He can give it to you. I'm not sure what line items are how many there are.

Councilwoman Steele

Okay, Well, this is for Building and Housing. Okay, line item 1013.11 - 52205 other professional services page 42. I have the actual budget.

Finance Director Smith

1:15:07

Madam Chair to the Councilwoman, I'm fortunate I'm gonna have to get back to you on that. I do not have my...

Councilwoman Steele

1:15:12

Can I just give you the line item numbers and you can you can...

Finance Director Smith

1:15:15

Give me, Yeah. Okay. Or if you'd like you could actually reached out to me and we could go through that. I mean, I don't just don't have...

Councilwoman Steele

1:15:22

I wanted to be on record. Okay. (Okay. That's fine.) Okay, so that's on page 42. Again, 101-311-52205 other professional services. PAGE 42. Under Building and Housing, that's one under Planning and Development, line item 101-411-52205. Other professional services page 46. Building, sorry, Public Buildings. line item number 101-521-52205. PAGE 50. And the last one I'm going to ask about is parks. It's line item 101-551-52205. Other professional services. PAGE 54. That's it. Thank you.

Finance Director Smith

1:16:37

Madam Chair to the Councilwoman, I will get those two first thing in the morning.

Council President Mancuso

1:16:41

Thank you. And now we have a motion to close debate. So moved by Councilman Jarosz, second by Councilwoman Steele.

All in favor, "Aye."

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

Clerk Laboda

1:16:59

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

Council President Mancuso

1:17:29

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

Clerk Laboda

1:17:37

Ordinance 021-23. An emergency ordinance providing for the schedule of inter transfer of funds between all funds.

Council President Mancuso

1:17:48

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

All in favor, "Aye."

We will go once again to Finance Director Smith.

Finance Director Smith

1:18:01

Thank you, Madam Chair to Council, along with any budget that city council passes, if there are transfers within that budget, additional legislation is needed per the Ohio Revised Code. So in the current 2023 budget, these are the transfers that went between funds that like I said their additional piece of legislation is needed. So from the general fund, we will be transferring \$150,000 to the recreation operating fund \$130 to the animal shelter \$50,000 to the nuisance abatement fund \$155,000 to Shore Cultural Center and \$200,000 to the self-insurance fund from the ARPA fund 259. We'll be transferring \$3 million into the general fund from unclaimed funds fund 290, we'll be transferring \$60,926 into the general fund from wastewater treatment will be transferring 809, 800 \$899,750 into creeks and sewers and \$600,000 into the equipment replacement fund from fund 515 Peterson trunkline fund, we'll be transferring \$585,250 into the creeks and sewer fund. Thank you, Madam Chair.

Council President Mancuso

1:19:16

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

All in favor, "Aye."

Madam Clerk, please join me in a motion to suspend the rules to forego the second and third reading. So moved by Councilman Jarosz, second by Councilman Wojtila.

All in favor, "Aye."

Those opposed? Nay.

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

Clerk Laboda

1:19:46

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

Ordinance 021-23 passes.

Council President Mancuso

1:20:09

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

Clerk Laboda

1:20:15

Second reading of ordinance 018-23. An ordinance authorizing the Director of the Department of Planning and Development of the City of Euclid to enter into a contract with the Euclid Development Corporation EDCOR for operating support at a cost not to exceed \$100,000 for a nine month period from April 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023.

Council President Mancuso

1:20:46

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

All in favor, "Aye."

Oh, sorry. Thank you, and we will go to Director Grogan-Meyers to begin.

Planning and Development Director Grogan-Meyers

1:21:00

Thank you, Madam Chair. Counselors as previously discussed in committee on March 13. Really, this is designed to be one a self sustaining model. So we're really trying to get EDCOR up and running in this new vision as outlined in strategy design groups, June 2021. Survey and findings report. It really identified there's a lot of opportunity within the community. And you heard members of the public speak tonight, that there are opportunities to support seniors to support first time homebuyers with grants and other opportunities but also provide other housing support. Certainly the options ahead are almost unlimited. But really, it starts with making sure we staff and skill up. That was the point of the planning and development department budget. And that's the point of this legislation is staffing up because ultimately what we've seen is there's a great opportunity, and not a deep bank of staff to be able to support this work. Certainly, Miss Thompson, Mrs. Thompson, who currently works for EDCOR does a great job in terms of supporting downpayment assistance, and the low interest loan programs. But there's plenty more work to be done. And having a full time executive director who's tasked with one, fundraising on making sure the organization is financially self-sustainable, but also really working on a vision towards what comes next. If all the opportunities that are before us, we have to start prioritizing where we go first. So having an executive director is really the first step towards achieving that. And it's outlined in our master plan. And it specifically calls for support in the city

supporting a CDC to quote strategically invest in struggling neighborhoods by investing in housing and the amenities that provide a strong sense of place. That was the charge that's, you heard the the board members for those who are at the committee meeting board, board members, Mr. Beck and Mr. Burns, talked about housing as being the priority, the focus, but certainly there's a lot of opportunity. This is the first step. And from here, we can have conversations about where do we go next? How do we get there? But this has got to be step one. Thank you.

Council President Mancuso

1:23:10

Thank you. Discussion, discussion by council? Councilman Jarosz.

Councilman Jarosz

1:23:14

Thank you, Madam Chair. I I'd like my name added to this legislation. (Thank you) but also I want to thank Director Grogan Meyers, administration, for their efforts, I want to thank the current and past EDCOR board members for maintaining and doing all their work and volunteering all those hours over the past several years. And also for embracing this change. I think this is a huge step in a very good direction. So just wanted to put that out there. Thank you.

Council President Mancuso

1:23:44

Thank you. Would all of council like to put their name on it? Is there anybody who doesn't want their name? That'd be easier. Okay, so the entire council will sponsor this. Thank you, Councilman Jarosz. Councilman Tolton.

Councilman Tolton

1:23:58

Thank you, Madam Chair. Quick question to Director Grogan-Meyers. I would the city, would would have any type of oversight over the selection of the executive director. Along with the board?

Council President Mancuso

1:24:14

Director, you just became a doc. Sorry.

Planning and Development Director Grogan-Meyers

1:24:19

Madam, Chair, the Councilperson, I'm working on the doctorate I'll get back to you know, so great question that came up in the committee meeting as well. The hiring and supervision of the executive director is the board's purview. Ultimately, the city through this legislation is authorizing funds for this year and this year alone. And so we would still have to come back to city council in 2024 and 2025. So that is a funding decision that you can continue to make on an annual basis. But ultimately, I think that by us working together as we have been and as we continue to do and plan to do that I don't think that I can envision at this moment at least a situation where we might need to make any sort of decision like that.

Councilman Tolton

1:25:08

Okay, thank you. It was also a quick comment, as I said, stated in the committee meeting, to the board members, that I think that you know, when you go out for your search, and I know, we talked about looking Northeast Ohio and looking locally, but I would just, you know, just hope that you guys do a real robust search for Director not just limit your search to just, you know, Northeast Ohio, but go out and look beyond that. So we can get somebody with some creative ideas, to move the move the agency forward. Also, again, I would hope that you might even take my suggestion about rebranding EDCOR, and the things that you do because you're doing something new, and you want to present it new, because now you're going to reach a whole new demographics of citizens. So you want to let them know that this is a new and cool, this is something new, we're not just doing the downpayment assistance. So just take that in consideration. Thank you.

Council President Mancuso

1:26:03

Thank you, Sir. Councilman Epps.

Councilman Epps

1:26:06

Thank you, Madam Chair. I appreciate my colleague for mentioning adding everyone, I think that everyone, including the board members on EDCOR as well, are excited about the idea of expansion. I served on the board at EDCOR years ago, and there were innovative ideas that I had at the time, and a lot of, I would say, not so excited to move and make new decisions and try things in a different way. And so I'm glad to see that this is where everyone is now for sure. I do want to ask the question. And to piggyback off of what my colleague said, first is basically, your point is

that if we don't like the decision made is that we could just choose to not fund the next year. And that's the role that we play in the decision making of the executive director. That's what you were saying, right?

Planning and Development Di...

1:26:57

Madam Chair, the Councilperson, correct. The city is acting as funder of the this position, and really this vision.

Councilman Epps

1:27:04

Got it. And even though in supporting this, I'm happy to know from my conversations with Mrs. Thompson, that her intention is to still stay right now, we definitely appreciate that. There's a lot of wealth, a wealth of knowledge inside your head and your office. And so I'm happy to know that you are going to be sticking around, it's still a part of the process. And the other question to Director is, I know that and there has been a lot and congratulations to you all, we got what we wanted. We definitely need a CDC that does a lot more. But there has been a lot of funding and financial stuff that's happened in order to force this thing along. And so what does this mean for the allocating of funds or the disbursement of funds from the city for loans? Throughout the rest of this year? We're going to release things now. Or what does that look like?

Planning and Development Director Grogan-Meyers

1:27:58

Madam Chair, the Councilperson, I'm not quite sure what you mean by financial things. But like I say, let's answer it this way. So, council approved the CDBG budget in December, which included \$50,000 for CDC slash housing services. That is what's included to administer a downpayment assistance and low interest loan program. Historically, EDCOR has been funded out of EDCOR, or through CDBG, excuse me, and EDCOR has been funded out of CDBG. And we're taking a different approach this year. So the council approved CDBG budget includes \$50,000 for services, which we will be releasing an RFP this month for those services, as we committed to council we would do. The other piece is (for what services?) CDC housing services for the admitted administration of low interest loan.

Councilman Epps

1:28:53

So then that will that not happen? And can you talk a little more about your new approach compared to what we've done in previous years.

Planning and Development Director Grogan-Meyers

1:29:00

Previous years have included a direct contract with EDCOR through the CDBG budget. This is ultimately fixing the budget at \$50,000. And we'll take a new accomplishments focused approach to delivering those services. So it's a funding based on an accomplishment based on loan made model. This is something that had been discussed in the CDC, the CDC, the system's Advisory Committee, which is the board that advises you on the CDBG budget.

Councilman Epps

1:29:31

I imagine that's what you've already been doing. Correct. Have you just been given it to him? I mean, what's How's that different from what you've done? What you did last year.

Planning and Development Director Grogan-Meyers

1:29:39

So previous years have focused on EDCOR making an ask for certain funding support for the administration. And the funding is irrespective to loans made, it's for essentially operating expenses, to make sure that Mrs. Tomsic is there and providing those services. The ultimate change here is its funding based on actual accomplishments, loans given. That's a different metric than what has been done previously. Ultimately, we're following and trying to bring ourselves into closer conformance with HUD regulations, which focuses on accomplishment driven contract.

Councilman Epps

1:30:20

And so when you say you're gonna go out for them, thank you for that, RFP for those services, then would those services not be carried out them by Mrs. Tomsic or by the existing board? How does that affect what they've already done in comparison to last year?

Planning and Development Director Grogan-Myers

1:30:38

Madam Chair, to the Councilman, it's the point of an RFP process is to find the suitable partner to in order to do this work and to deliver ultimately the accomplishments we seek. And that's loans dispersed into the community. Certainly EDCOR has a long tradition of delivering those services in the city. But the the point and the promise that was made was that we would deliver an RFP to examine and make sure, as we've talked about inflation, as we've talked about cost rising, we need to be mindful that CDBG dollars continue to shrink. Our budget continues to shrink or

continues to hold steady well below what it has been historically, we need to make sure that we're staying compliant with HUD regulations and delivering those costs, and those product products as affordably as possible to maximize the benefit for the community. That's the point of the RFP process.

Councilman Epps

1:31:31

And have, as you've heard here tonight, and you've said through other meetings as well, and so you know, that's something that is very important to me, also. I think that that was news, just delivered here tonight, and it's something I look forward to watch and play out. In the meantime, happy to support this and glad we're added as sponsors for the legislation.

Council President Mancuso

1:31:49

Thank you, Sir. Other discussion? Councilman Wojtila.

Councilman Wojtila

1:31:53

Thank you, Madam Chair, there was a request to take this a third or waive third reading. I assume we'll address that. And also the monies that come out of 101 411 5205, which is currently 171,000. So if this passes, do you anticipate an amendment down the road?

Finance Director Smith

1:32:18

Madam Chair to Council, there will, would be an amendment? I don't know if we can do that tonight. I don't. I think I have to put it back on as a separate piece. Okay. Yeah, I think so. What if this passes, I will bring it back at the next meeting, if Council likes and amend the budget. Thank you.

Council President Mancuso

1:32:35

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

All in favor, "Aye."

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

All in favor, "Aye."

Those opposed? One.

Madam Clerk, please call the roll on the ordinance.

Clerk Laboda

1:33:00

Wojtila, Yes. Jukic, Yes. Steele, Yes. Tanner, Yes. Tolton Yes. Epps, Yes. Jarosz, Yes. Hannum, Yes. Mancuso, Yes.
Ordinance 018-23 passes.

Council President Mancuso

1:33:21

Thank you. This is very exciting. I looking forward to seeing the progress.
Madam Clerk, please read the fourth agenda item into the record.

Clerk Laboda

1:33:31

Ordinance 022-23. An emergency ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of Euclid to make a one-time annual voluntary contribution toward the downtown Euclid improvement district property assessment at a cost not to exceed \$65,052.04 for services from January 1, 2023. Through December 31, 2023.

Council President Mancuso

1:34:05

Thank you. I'll entertain a motion for passage to begin the discussion. So moved by Councilwoman Jukic. Did I see a hand there? Councilman Tanner? All in favor, "Aye."
We'll go once again to Director Grogan-Myers.

Planning and Development Director Grogan-Myers

1:34:20

Thank you, Madam Chair. Just to kick off the conversation. I'll turn it over to Economic Development Manager Callie Cripps. This is related to the work we've been doing on the downtown special improvement district and related to the city's inclusion of its property in the downtown area. And related to that work. With that I'd like to turn it over to Manager Cripps.

Council President Mancuso

Young lady.

Economic Development Manager Cripps

1:34:42

Thank you, Director, Madam Chair. So this is a subsequent piece to ordinance passed on March 6 that levies assessments for the services for the downtown Euclid Improvement Corporation. This authorizes a one time payment in lieu of having it go to US certified assessment. We call that the voluntary contribution. So this is kind of the next step from our assessment that was passed.

Council President Mancuso

1:35:09

Thank you. Discussion. Councilman Wojtila.

Councilman Wojtila

1:35:13

Thank you, Madam Chair. So it's voluntary, because if we don't make the payment, then it would be assessed over the years on your property tax. Thank you.

Economic Development Manager Cripps

Correct.

Council President Mancuso

1:35:22

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

Councilman Epps

1:35:49

Madam Chair, Point of Order. It's not an emergency?

Council President Mancuso

1:35:52

I'm sorry, what? The emergency. This means it will take place in 30 days or less than thirty days. It'll take place immediately.

Councilman Epps

1:35:59

Or you made a motion to forego the second and third read and I was just pointing out that is not an emergency ordinance. Doesn't have to be an emergency.

Council President Mancuso

1:36:07

It says emergency ordinance on it for number four.

Councilman Epps

1:36:13

I got an email earlier. Okay. Thank you.

Council President Mancuso

1:36:16

Okay, so motion to suspend the rules and forego the second and third reading. So moved by Councilman Jarosz, second by Councilwoman Steele.

All in favor, "Aye."

Those opposed? Nay.

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

Clerk Laboda

1:36:33

Jukic, Yes. Steele, Yes. Tanner, Yes. Tolton, Yes. Epps, Yes. Jarosz, Yes. Hannum, Yes. Wojtila, Yes. Mancuso, Yes.
Ordinance 022-23 passes.

Council President Mancuso

1:36:52

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

Clerk Laboda

1:36:57

Ordinance 020-23. An emergency ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of Euclid or her designee to enter into an agreement with Prospectus, 1300 East Ninth Street, Suite 910, Cleveland, Ohio, 44144 for schematic design services for the Euclid Community Recreation and Wellness facility in an amount not to exceed \$260,000.

Council President Mancuso

1:37:30

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

All in favor, "Aye."

And we will now go to Director Stephens to begin that discussion.

Recreation Director Stephens

1:37:42

Thank you, Madam Chair to Council. So in May of 2022. The idea of a recreation and wellness facility was discussed there at the assets meeting at that time. During the latter part of 2022. Through the leadership of Director Grogan-Myers an RFQ, was put together and sent out to various architecture and engineering firms. We received 19 responses of which, through an internal committee, seven of those respondents were interviewed, and which led us to having a much deeper discussion with Prospectus. With Council support this ordinance would allow the city to enter into an agreement with Prospectus for schematic design services for this proposed Euclid Community Recreation and Wellness facility. This would cover the fees associated with the first of the three phases. The first phase is important was an important part because this phase would actually be the kickoff for Community, Community Engagement and input regarding the project. With that, I will entertain any questions that council may have.

Council President Mancuso

1:39:13

Discussion? Councilman Tolton.

Councilman Tolton

1:39:17

Thank you, Madam Chair, I guess is to Director Stephens. One of the residents did ask a question earlier concerning the costs of the schematics and indicating that there was an agency or person who said it could be done a little bit cheaper when we went out for for bids or whatever we come up with anything that was a little bit cheaper or is this kind of what the industry is calling for this type of pricing now because of course, you know, inflation and all of that.

Recreation Director Stephens

1:39:45

Madam Chair to the Councilman. Some of the responses from RFQ contain some detailed financial information many of them didn't. Um, I

think, you know, in regards to the costs for the phase two, and phase three is going to be somewhat dependent on how phase, how the initial phase plays out. So, for example, trying to determine what type of facility our city needs, the space, what type of equipment and etc, I think will play a part into what the fees for phase two and three will be.

Councilman Tolton

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But, I appreciate the answer, but maybe I'm just not understanding. But there was nothing that would indicate that that could be any cheaper than the two, the 266 that we're putting. The we're 260 that we're requesting now.

Recreation Director Stephens

1:40:58

Madam Chair to the Councilman. Again, a lot of it is just depending on if, you know, if we were to... I'll give you an example. So one of the proposals or responses to the RFQ indicated that they could build one court and then one court on the outside of the of the facility, I would think that those fees would be a lot less, but it wouldn't address the needs that our city would need in a Rec and Wellness Center.

Councilman Tolton

1:41:36

Okay, so then. So this price, kind of like you said, it's based on the needs that we're saying that we need. So they will look at two courts, four Courts, wherever the case is, wherever the outside person looks at that they don't have they're not privy to all that information. So they would kind of say, well, it could be less, but they don't know all the information that you guys put forward.

Recreation Director Stephens

1:41:56

Madam Chair to the Councilman, based on the information that I think we received in RFQ's, I, from what I can recall, I think this was one of the better fee proposals out of the 19.

Council President Mancuso

1:42:15

Other discussion, Councilwoman Steele.

Councilwoman Steele

1:42:19

Thank you. Excuse me. Thank you, Madam Chair and to Director Stevens, thank you for getting all of this together, I know it's taxing. However, one of the residents came up and spoke and said - My mic is on. Can you hear me now? - Okay. Excuse me. As one of the residents said today, is there possibility now possibility to meet with the residents first, before we get all of this these proposals done or how much it's going to cost? That way they'll know in advance what we need. Will that change? I'm sure it will change things. But would it? Wouldn't it be more? Wouldn't it be a better idea to do that instead of assuming. So, we wouldn't have to go back...

Council President Mancuso

Director Stephens.

Recreation Director Stephens

1:43:16

Madam Chair to Councilwoman Steele. So through a lot of our discussions and evaluations, the recreation department offers anywhere from 30 to 35 programs that we offer, specifically from the rec department, our senior programs, there's 20 Plus programs. And so, when, through my discussions with Perspectus, one of the things that they've requested is what type of programming does the city participate in. So for example, I gave him a list of every single program that a resident can sign up for. And just based that off of the last two or three years, there are some years where certain types of programming was very popular. And then many years certain types of programming was not popular. So for example, one of the things that was discussed in a in the space of the courts, Pickleball is one of the fastest growing sports in the country. We don't really have a designated space for indoor pickleball in the city, although there has been space utilized that the schools and we do have two outdoor pickleball courts, but the idea The information that I gave her perspective was that if we have two courts or three courts, those courts need to be versatile and that they can handle not only pickleball, but volleyball or basketball or, or various other activities or even special events. So, as they're putting together the schematic design there, they're taking that into account. We had an outdoor walking program last spring that a number of residents participated in, but a lot of residents want to do indoor walking, especially when the weather is like it currently is. So I've requested that we have an indoor walking track, because those are the phone calls that we receive in the recreation department. So we're trying to, to build a facility based on what residents are already signing up for, and based upon trends that are coming. Another example would be you take Euclid Boys League, or our girls softball program, oftentimes during the winter months, they have nowhere to practice. So I've said we need to have a

suspended batting cage or a space within this facility, so that girls and boys can have batting practice or do fielding practice. So that's sort of how the initial spaces are being created. Once the schematic design is complete, then the idea is to take it out to the public and get input from the public to determine what are some other ideas that the public or that residents would have to include in this schematic design?

Councilwoman Steele

1:47:05

I guess my question is, wouldn't it be feasible to do that first, instead of going and give and still after the fact? Because again, I don't know what the cost is going to be after the fact. You follow me? (No) They, they already gave us a cost, right? Of what you've already given them. Okay, so if when they get this together, and then we go back out to our residents. They're gonna give us a second reading. Is that, am I correct?

Recreation Director Stephens

1:47:44

Councilwoman, so if if we go out next week, and get input from our residents right now, and residents say they want a, b and c within this facility, Prospectus is going to take that information, and they're still going to charge us the same amount that's in the current fee proposal. That won't change.

Councilwoman Steele

1:48:04

Okay. Well, that's what I was wondering, is it going to change visa vie, if you do it before or after? That was my concern? And you say, No. (The fee doesn't change.) Okay. Thank you.

Council President Mancuso

1:48:21

Other discussion? Councilman Epps.

Councilman Epps

1:48:24

Thank you, Madam Chair. And thank you to the residents who spoke tonight, I think that there's always quite a bit of input, quite a bit of insight that we get from our residents. And so I appreciate that. I also want to just dismount on those things just a little bit. We heard tonight that Mayfield is spending \$34 million to build their facility. It was something that was discussed throughout our meetings that we also that we had already about the cost is going way beyond \$10 million, in order to get half of what it is that we need here in Euclid. I think that we should

not be trying to as one of the gentlemen from perspectives said to me when we were walking out of our meeting or committee meeting, and I proposed this same question to him. And his response was well, for that price, and what are we going to get was my question and his response was for that price, I mean, you'll get something. And I think that that's pretty telling as to what we're going to end up getting for \$10 million dollars. And this is from the folks who were proposing given this money to carry out this task for us. I also want to point out something that a resident said tonight about this is too late. Now we need a rec center. So I'm not going to say that it's too late to have one. But when you don't have the money. It's a whole nother conversation. And I think the problem is is we don't have the money within this proposal. Within ARPA funds alone are proposing \$10 million and they're already chunking away at that would this 260 is going to come out of that and anything else they're going to come back to as council is still going to come out of that \$10 million before we even get to the place of breaking ground. And so I think that there needs to be a larger conversation with partners like Amazon and Lincoln, about public and private partnership in building this facility, I'd like to be the first one to throw out there. And you guys can leverage those conversations with Lincoln a lot faster than I can. But that it'd be pretty dope to give naming rights to somebody like Lincoln Electric, here within our community. And I see the young people now calling the facility the link, which I think is symbolic of the goals for what we're trying to accomplish with this rec center in the first place. I just think that the as my colleague Councilman Steele mentioned, with the residents being engaged in the process, and we had heard from you all on that side of the room that \$260,000 Once we decide to do this, when we're kind of all in so we're making a decision tonight, though, it appears for \$260,000. But we're making a decision to move forward with this project and build this rec center. And this administration was very smart, along with the Council President and the way that it was presented to us and council, I mean, in our committee. So in our committee, it wasn't legislation. So council didn't have an opportunity to vote as to if it should come out of committee or not. They just submitted it as a conversation. And then after we had that conversation, I think that there were many members of this body who were not 100% comfortable with moving forward with this, and it might not have even made it out of committee had it came to committee as legislation. But now here it sits as legislation on our council agenda for us to make the larger decision about what we're going to do rec center or no rec center. I'd like to make a motion that we send this to the Recreation Committee, where it belongs, so that Councilwoman Steele, who was the chairwoman of that committee can carry out these public discussions in these public conversations in conjunction with the administration as well. That is my motion tonight. Thank you.

Council President Mancuso

1:51:58

Okay, we have a motion on the floor to send this to the Recreation Committee. Is there a second? Second, by Councilwoman Steele. Madam Clerk, please call the roll. Please call the roll on. I'm sorry. I'm sorry. Sorry. I'm listening to two different things here. We have some discussion on the motion only.

Councilman Tolton

1:52:29

Thank you, Madam Chair. I guess I'm just trying to understand from my colleague, if we put it in committee, I mean, I noticed you talked about more discussions. But what I get what are we kind of looking to get out of your committee with discussing this? And when (Are you addressing me?) Well, yeah, then he can Well, he made the motion to put it. So...

Councilwoman Steele

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Well, the thing is, I'm for this, everyone in here knows that I am for the recreation. But when the citizen came up and made that strong statement, to why not have you guys involved first before going have the schematic? It made me think like, okay, yeah, that makes sense. That makes sense. And that's why did I answer your question?

Councilman Tolton

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Oh, I just respond. Okay. I mean, you did to a point. But I think what this does, like, with the community meetings, that we're gonna have my design after that's gonna, that's when the committee community will give their feedback as to what they want to see within the rec center. So this is just starting the process, so they can go forward. So I mean, it's up to my colleagues what they want to do, but I think we got to have at least three community meetings, so that it doesn't, again, the community can voice their concerns what they want to see in that rec center. So that's, that's all, that's my comment.

Council President Mancuso

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Thanks. Wait, wait, wait, it's Councilwoman Hannum has a question.

Councilman Epps

He just asked me a question.

Councilwoman Hannum

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So, point of clarification for this being an emergency ordinance.

Council President Mancuso

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Is your mic on?

Councilwoman Hannum

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Yeah. With this being an emergency ordinance, what would this do to the timeline for what this project that is already mapped out?

Council President Mancuso

Director Stephens?

Recreation Director Stephens

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Madam chair to the Councilwoman. This would allow Perspectus to initiate the schematic design. And also, as I mentioned earlier, one of the more important pieces is take it out to the community and actually engage the community you know, in different parts of the city to make sure we get the input that I think everyone would like to see.

Councilwoman Hannum

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Would moving this back into committee delay the timeline that's already been worked out with Perspectus?

Recreation Director Stephens

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Madam Chair to the Councilwoman, yes. There is, I don't have the exact timeline in front of me, but the, I believe, the initial phase, I believe was a 10 week phase. But I think, you know, the sooner that we can get it out to the, to the public, again, to get engagement and really find out in addition to the information that's already been submitted to Prospectus but, but get more information from the public so that, ideally, this can be a concept can be put together, that I think the majority of residents would like to see.

Council President Mancuso

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Councilman Wojtila.

Councilman Wojtila

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Thank you, Madam Chair. The way I look at it is right now there's a blank canvas. And we don't know exactly what to put on the canvas. And this Prospectus would help us take it to the community with something I think I think it's better to look at something and comment on it. It's gonna be very preliminary very schematic, but I think it's easier to comment on something that's put together versus wait, yeah, just waiting and seeing, Okay, what do you what does everybody think I think you have to start with something, and then mold and shape it, change it from there. So I support this and voting on it tonight. And I think one of the things, it's important to notice, or important to note that this is the first phase, the way it's been laid out with the second phase being the actual construction documents, we're not obligated to hire Perspectus on the next phase, if we don't think they're doing a good job or just don't don't like their product, we can go to other firms and, and utilize other firms. What the end product of this phase would be, you could give it to other engineering and architectural firms, they could prepare the construction documents. Thank you.

Council President Mancuso

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Councilwoman Steele.

Councilwoman Steele

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So now that my colleagues has broken it down, as you have broken it down, Director Stephens. I'm going to pull it, I'm going to pull my decision. Okay, says I needed clarity. Let me be clear to everyone in here. This is a lot of money. I needed to get clarity. And I think all of you why while they're talking, I think you all need clarity to we are trying to move in and get funds allocated for this probe this project. And if you don't ask you don't know. So that's why I asked and I hope I didn't ruffle any feathers. And if I did, I apologize. But I have to get it out here. So with that, thank you.

Council President Mancuso

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All right. So we still have a motion on the floor. You're don't want it in your committee. Councilman Epps, you're willing to withdraw your motion?

Councilman Epps

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And Madam Chair, thank you and I'm not willing to withdraw my motion. I'll make the motion to put it back in E & F where the conversation began. And it doesn't look like that that's going to happen. But I want to make clear that we have in there again, the reason for this motion is \$260,000. We're going to spend this too. And I said this in the conversations, then we're going to spend this money to pay these people to then engage our community as to what our community wants. We've got a room with ten, well with nine politicians and elected officials minus the mayor's absence tonight. But we have not 10 elected officials here in the city and the idea that we have to pay somebody \$260,000 to go and engage our residents as to what it is that they want, to me is a waste of taxpayer money. And the reason for pushing it back to answer Councilman Tolton's questions because I sit here in committee meeting after committee meeting and in legislative session with all of my colleagues and I hear Councilman Totin asked questions all the time about the ARPA funds and about, you know, not wanting us to spend his money not wanting to spend his money. But yet he casts a yes vote every single time for to spend the ARPA funds. And so to answer your question, the reason why I'm saying this is because the reality is, is \$10 million is not going to make this happen. And what's going to happen as we start to spend money, and then we don't have the funds to finish the project, because this administration's idea of leading is to throw everything up now. And we'll figure out how to put the pieces together later. I think that's a failed strategy. And that's the reason I'm making the motion so that we can not only engage the public within the executive and finance committee and carry out this process with us in our message boards to get the information out to the public at what it is that we're trying to do. So it can be a larger discussion. I'd like to see that happen. And I'd also like to see further discussion about the public private partnership to just make the decision to do this knowing, you know, all we have is that 9 million and change left in the ARPA funds is irresponsible on behalf of this administration. And this Council. Thank you.

Council President Mancuso

2:00:21

Okay, so Councilman Epps wants to retain his motion. Who seconded the motion?

Councilman Epps

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No, I don't, change the committee. (So which committee now) Change it to a motion to go to the E&F committee where the conversation began?

Council President Mancuso

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To E and F. All right, do we have a second on that motion? We have none. So that fails. All right. So any other discussion on the actual legislation Councilwoman Jukic.

Councilwoman Jukic

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Thank you, Madam Chair. So I'm supportive of things that we can do to improve our community. I think Prospectus gave a very impressive presentation. And what I liked about them in particular, was that they have worked with a lot of schools and nonprofits that don't have a lot of money, just like us. So they have experience with working within budgets. I also liked that they even at the very first conversation talked about, this is what you could do, potentially, with what you have, and then we could set things up for the future, if you get more money. For example, Councilman Epps if we get some money from some of our corporate donors, so I really liked them as a company. Also, when I read the all the services that they would give for this amount of money, I think we're actually getting quite a bit as I look at this, in terms of all the different things that that they would do as part of this. So I'm supportive of moving forward with this. Thank you.

Council President Mancuso

2:01:59

Thank you, Councilman Tanner.

Councilman Tanner

2:02:03

Director I have a question, why don't, why don't you just, sorry, what happens once you put the survey out there? And let's say it all comes back totally different than what you plan? What's your next phase, then?

Recreation Director Stephens

2:02:20

Madam Chair to the Councilman. So yes, you know, I've worked as a paid employee for 21 years in the recreation department. I feel like I have a pretty good feel for what the community wants and the things that they

sign up for. But obviously, if after this community engagement, other ideas are expressed, and I'm sure there will be, then then I think some of the concepts that I have will have to change, obviously, because it's it's not my rec center, it's the community's rec center. And, you know, I just want, first and foremost, for it to meet the needs of our community. Bottom line.

Council President Mancuso

2:03:09

Thank you. Any other discussion? Councilman Tolton.

Councilman Tolton

2:03:15

Thank you, Madam Chair. Director Smith, I guess is the question. With that 10 million that's allotted now, for the Rec Center. And we still have some ARPA funds left over if the cost was to increase. We could take some more from that ARPA funds to add to that, is that correct? or No?

Finance Director Smith

2:03:35

Madam Chair to the Councilman. So currently, we, when the Mayor gave her meeting regarding the ARPA funds, she talked about these buckets that we had money in those buckets are just a term that we use to kind of direct how, where the money was, where she anticipated going. Those funds could be used for other things. They're, they're not committed to a bucket. However, if the project runs over a \$10 million dollar amount, then you have to get approval from the Treasury Department. We'd have to put this project in front of them. I'm not sure exactly how that works. But at that time, if that were to be an over a \$10 million project that would have to be approved by the Treasury Department.

Councilman Tolton

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Thank you. And just to answer my colleague here, yes, I was definitely, you know, through this whole process, you know, concerned about using ARPA funds and not, you know, using for any and everything. But I think that community has spoken that over this past year that they want a rec center. It was between the kinda the Rec Center and police station, I think the Rec Center kind of came to the top. So again, if that fits within that scope of ARPA funds, and I would I would be for moving forward with that project. So that's the reason why I would vote for that. So just to answer that question. Thank you, Madam Chair.

Council President Mancuso

2:04:59

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

All in favor, "Aye."

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

All in favor, "Aye."

Those opposed? One.

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

Clerk Laboda

2:05:28

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

Ordinance 020-23 passes.

Council President Mancuso

2:05:48

Thank you. Will you please read in ordinance or agenda Item six into the record.

Clerk Laboda

2:05:56

Ordinance 023-23. An ordinance amending the Consolidated Compensation Ordinance to establish the compensation level for the Mayor of the City of Euclid, commencing with the term beginning January 1, 2024. For terms thereafter until adjusted.

Council President Mancuso

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Thank you, I want to take a motion for passage to begin the discussion. So moved by Councilman Wojtila. Second by Councilwoman Jukic. And I'm going to go ahead and get started with this and clear up some of the rumors that have been floating around. When we actually did, if you can remember last year, we put together for our non-union employees a salary structure by position that had not been done in Euclid before. In doing that we gathered a lot of data about in through other cities. At that time, I charged our clerk with kind of gathering city data, one of the things that I think we needed to see is the populations, if they had full time or part time people as mayor, council president, so we were gathering that data. And as you well know, there's lots of other things going on. So we got some of it together and it's set. While we move

forward into January. In January, we again went through, and we tried to look at the data using only as a starting principle, something that was relative. So out of the 11 cities, we tried to do population that was closest to us. That was one way to look at it. So we took an average of that for mayor, council president. Then we went to we took out the Beachwood and what was the other one is small Middleburg Heights. Took that population out to see what we got on an average. And there's other ways you can look at it, there's multiple other things you can do with it. And I would expect council to do that. This is only a first blush, because I think we do need to look at it. When I looked at the minutes that how it was handled the last time which was back in 2013, it was not a dissimilar process. So this, in my mind is a beginning process for council to actually review this and come up with other ideas that they think are pertinent. But I do think it is good for us to go through the exercise of determining what, where, who, how, when. So I'm gonna turn this over to the Assistant Law Director for a moment, and then we'll open up for questions.

Assistant Law Director Rubadue

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Actually, I think you articulated quite effectively, I don't really have much to add, I just want to add to this, I don't think you mentioned the timeframe for doing this or with regard to how this compensation should be fixed based on our Charter. And just generally, it's kind of a confusing language. It says the annual compensation of the Mayor shall be fixed at least 30 days before and no more than 150 days before the time for filing nominating petitions. Therefore, that would be roughly between March 9 and July 9, where if the council is going to act on this, they, for both the somebody that council salaries as well as the mayor salary, that would be for both those so the timeframe is between March 9 which obviously we're past, and July 9 where it would have to be set so that would be give adequate time for anybody who is running for that next election to be able to pull their petitions and and be able to seek out election. I believe that has already been mentioned. But this is all for future Council persons and future Mayor. It's not presumed that those people who are voting on it today will be also benefiting from this because they would have to run and seek re-election and win and it would only be for those next time for all the officers.

Council President Mancuso

2:10:03

Okay. And as we move forward, I think I'm going to make a motion that this go to the Executive & Finance Committee. I need a second. So moved by Councilman Jarosz. Any discussion on the motion only? Councilman Epps.

Councilman Epps

2:10:19

Thank you, Chair. And I'm assuming your reason for it to go to E and F is for us to discuss it on its merits?

Council President Mancuso

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So we can get everybody there discussing it at one time. All right. And

Councilman Epps

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All right. And I definitely appreciate that. I talked to a couple of my colleagues and they concur. We hear the Council President say we, we, but the very first time that we saw these numbers was when it appeared on the agenda just like you as the public. So I want to make clear that I had no input. I don't know about the rest of my colleagues, but I had no input in these numbers for the increases for either council or for the mayor. And I just want to make that clear, \$30,000 increase for the Mayor and \$3500 for each council is ridiculous. On the Mayor side, and I don't support that, and I just want to make that clear. Thank you.

Council President Mancuso

2:11:07

Thank you. And I do apologize to my colleagues, because you should have gotten an email from me. I actually had all this stuff, and I didn't think it was coming out until April. So I thought I had a few weeks. Forgive me. So we have a motion. We have a second to send it to committee. Any other discussion? Seeing none, Madam Clerk, please call the roll on sending this to the Executive and Finance Committee.

Clerk Laboda

2:11:33

Tanner, Yes. Tolton, Yes. Epps, Yes. Jarosz, Yes. Hannum, Yes. Wojtila, Yes. Jukic, Yes. Steele, Yes. Mancuso, Yes.
Motion to send to E & F passes.

Council President Mancuso

2:11:51

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

Clerk Laboda

2:11:57

Ordinance 024-23. An ordinance amending the consolidated Compensation Ordinance to establish the compensation level for council President and Members of Council of the City of Euclid, commencing with the term beginning January 1, 2024. For terms thereafter until adjusted.

Council President Mancuso

2:12:20

Thank you, I'll entertain a motion for passage to begin the discussion.

Councilwoman Jukic, second by Councilman Jarosz.

All in favor, "Aye."

And I will again speak to this one also there if you notice, you've got one fact sheet because the information is so very similar one to the mayor, and one is the Council itself, the process is the same. And I would again ask us to go into E & F so they can both be discussed and whatever other parameters we think we need to have be included in this. Councilman Tanner, are you raising your please? Oh, you're done. I thought you had a question. Okay. Any question? Any other? Your seconding it? Is there any discussion on the motion? Councilman Epps.

Councilman Epps

2:13:09

I wait until the committee meeting to make my amendments. Thank you.

Council President Mancuso

2:13:12

Sure. Any other discussion? Seeing none, I'll entertain... Call the roll on sending this to E and F.

Clerk Laboda

2:13:24

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

Motion to send to E & F has passed.

Council President Mancuso

2:13:39

Thank you. We will now go to the second **Committee of the Whole** for anything for the good of the city, please come to the podium. Give us your first your name and address. And please keep your comments to five minutes.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – PUBLIC PORTION

Resident - Christopher Litwinowicz

2:13:54

Christopher Michael Litwinowicz, 21970 Morris Avenue. Somebody gets your calculators out \$50 A truck. It's how many times per Euclid Avenue 5000. We get ripped off because somebody don't want to spend your taxpayer dollars as a director was asked upon this director to buy asphalt scraper. Somebody asked, how many streets can you do? I can't return you. The entire city of Euclid from Euclid Avenue. It's not that hard. It's not that hard. You don't want to buy the equipment. Why are you up here? My question is to the assistant to the mayor. charter amendment. You shouldn't be sitting up here. If our mayor can't sit up here by seat you sit up here. You are not the acting mayor. By the way, council president will be You're the acting mayor of this administration today. Congratulations. On \$100,000 scraper I already pointed out is because they want to fix Euclid. But they're checking you in numbers. Because the last eight years Oh, we ain't never going broke the city give \$40 million a year. And I'll say that until I get my million dollars. That is part of the \$3 million that was left. And you lucky I agreed? Because I should go after all three. I gotta tell the assistant to the mayor. Have you contacted your husband to let Council know about the situation at the courthouse? Is everybody just closing their eyes to this stuff? You know, I gotta go get this. So I'm well informed about what? Ibn, you can have this, you gotta sign these tonight. But the two are taken away from you, you're wasting time counsel. You're falling into their tricks. I might have a heart attack. You'd like to be ourselves security. I don't. Hopefully this makes it understanding that your agendas pay, which are smiling, smart. Your name is going to go to the United States Supreme Court as representing this community. There's no reason why we can't get to the bottom of this. 25,000 bags? Are you willing to give me \$2? A bag? I've heard it all. When are we going to fix this issue? Because I don't have a mayor in this community. Do I got counsel? Or is it is it? Is it one woman show? Everybody knows. But what is the big deal when I could prove the case? The sad thing is Council you You appointed somebody. And then the following year, she's the assistant to the mayor, I got nothing against you or your husband. What I'm saying is that I have to prove my case. I was illegally searched and seized. I took this city to court. Your law director was present. So was your prosecutor. Judge Sitapur told you and told me shut up about your money. Let's talk about your conversion of your vehicle. You gave me a \$700. Check. Finance Director. We not done to why? Governor, I subpoenaed his pump. But he doesn't have a judicial forfeiture against me or my business. This will be the last time if it's not on April's agenda, you're telling me to go to Washington DC, are you telling me to contact the Department of Justice? I love this city. All I'm asking for and I don't even want it money for bagging those leaves. I just want the money that the court sees. I say that it is because nobody ain't

gonna do nothing about it. So I'm going to court to get \$15 million. I'll make a decision.

Council President Mancuso

2:18:46

Thank you, sir. Next speaker please.

Resident Jeffrey Beck

2:18:58

Jeffrey Beck, 25540 Chadworth. First, thank you for supporting EDCOR. We're really looking forward to getting moving forward. I talked to our president and she has an ad made up and ready to go. So thank you very much for that vote of confidence. Secondly, a couple of things that were brought up tonight. One, Council President, if I did a public records request asking for the information that you say you have compiled from other cities on that compensation, would that request be honored?

Council President Mancuso

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Would it be honored? It's public information.

Resident Jeffrey Beck

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Okay, so you would release that information to the public? Okay.

Council President Mancuso

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Sure. That's why you got it from every city. We call them they gave us their numbers.

Resident Jeffrey Beck

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But you would, but is that a call in every city you would app you would give us that information? Okay, very good. Thank you. And lastly, I had to chuckle city back there. Took me back to my, our early days of coming to this council meeting, which I believe was during the first administration of the former mayor, who was and still is an accountant. And a question was asked that I very legitimate question about specific line items in a budget that were listed as other professional services. Well, I asked that same question all those years ago, only a different way. I added up all the line items in the budget, they had other professional services listed. And it turned out it was the second largest line item in the budget. So I got up before I don't know if this was before a budget hearing our council

meeting I was 20 years ago, I don't remember but I remember asking the mayor what does that contain? What is involved? What is it that all this money that just listed as other professional services? And the answer that he gave me, which is on tape somewhere, I don't remember when it was, but really caused me to say, I gotta keep coming back and see what other nonsense that they're up to. Yeah, so he gave me was, well, our accounting program only allows so many line items per area. So we have to lump everything else and other professional services. My jaw dropped and so did several people sitting up at his desk right now. So I was told after the meeting that I hope people, I didn't believe that I did it. And it's one of the reasons I'm still back. So thank you.

Council President Mancuso

2:21:40

Thank you, sir. Next speaker please.

Resident - Dante Gresham

2:21:48

Hello, Dante Gresham, 22465 Euclid Avenue, I wanted to talk about um my roads, heard a lot of we want to do or get as many roads done as possible, but also want to add to the possibility of making sure not only in as many roads done, but again, I'm done in a sustainable environmental humanly, all friendly, and also, um, transportation alternative, leave friendly ways, so that we can have a possibility of having nice roads for biking. People can walk trails, and stuff like that, in the city of Euclid. The second one is what are recreations recreational center support that idea, but also want us to go on the um go on the record saying that we need to also think outside of the box not only thinking about training the person but the body, but Oh, um, that's trying to person's mind. That's why also on well suggested the diplomatic alarm area and or center for um our residents can have a free area to go to when they want to have on community meetings or gatherings. I'm also um that I would like to see in that particular um building, a yoga room. Oh, um, things like that, like pickleball. Oh, I support that as well. A sauna, a steam room, things like that, like the YMCA may offer and also gone above and beyond on what another basically, fitness center may offer. And also we want to think about, oh, I'm not diluting the quality of our recreational center just because of the cost. Oh, I love it. Um hold on when I say that, do take in mind a cost of a recreational center. But the amount that we're speaking about, we won't get the best in a premier or recreational center. So we also so to up our own recreational center. We got to also bring in like we said the community because the community knows best what they want. And what I see is I like um I see in the city of Euclid, we like to talk, we like to discuss, we like to explore ideas and put our ideas out there. That's why having a area where we can talk and do on diplomatic things. Oh, um, the last thing is I wanted to also sound alarm again on train derailments that's occurring all around in Ohio and

around the world. And we want to take that into consideration because right in my Ward three, we have train tracks that run right through on my my ward and we also have on great assets that are that's for the city of Euclid, Ohio and provide financial stability for Euclid Ohio, Euclid Ohio, imagine having a train derailment in those that particular area and that will be catastrophic and environmentally dangerous on forest and those are the only items. Thank you.

Council President Mancuso

2:24:52

Thank you, sir. Next speaker please.

Resident - Audrey Kaplan Goodman

2:25:02

Audrey Kaplan Goodman, 20201 Glen Russ Lane. I'd like to ask why there was no committee documentation for the meeting regarding Euclid Connection. And the \$488,000. You were considering giving to Moore Counseling to hire the social worker and the case manager. That wasn't even mentioned at the beginning of the meeting tonight. My questions regarding the Mayor and the compensations. Totally dismissed. I know you sent it to the E & F committee, but I think my questions deserve answers that the public needs to hear. So I'd like answers to those if you wish you can. And Director Grogan-Meyers, what time is the meeting Tuesday night regarding Chardon Road and can we get it on the digital signs so that people are aware of it? Thank you.

Council President Mancuso

2:26:01

Thank you. Next speaker please.

Resident Morris Woodmancy

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Morris Woodmancy, 20341 Blackfoot.

Council President Mancuso

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Sir. Mrs. Kaplan, the committee report will be at the next council meeting. Like the committee you heard tonight there would like the last two weeks, so that that meeting summary will be here at the next council meeting. Okay, I'm sorry. Go ahead. Okay.

Resident Morris Woodmancy

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Okay. Well, I know that council has kind of making their decision.

Council President Mancuso

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I got it. Go ahead, sir. We're not gonna interrupt you again.

Resident Morris Woodmancy

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Okay. I know council when making their decisions is privy sometimes to information that is not readily available to the common person out here on the street. And I just like for tonight, I just wish it was the common person that item five on their hadn't taken on the appearance of being a case of we need to pass it to find out what's in it. But that's not why I'm up here tonight, I came up here tonight to visit, revisit my issue of several years ago, I was up here twice. When they were replacing the gas line along Glenridge Road. I reported that the surface of that road was being seriously damaged by the gross mis-use of the equipment used in that endeavor. And I was told that would be addressed when the project was over project's been over with now for about three years, there's been some patch work, but there's been no significant effort made to get that road back in the condition it was in before they started that. I would like to see that happen. As I'm getting tired of dodging people that are coming across the center line to get rid of that edge damage on that road. Along with that, when they got done putting that gas line in the head to replace the sidewalk. numerous places on that sidewalk are underwater after a rain and covered with mud for weeks there-after, at some point in time, I would assume somebody's going to talk to the land owners in that position and ask them to put that sidewalk back into code. And I would hesitate I will be really upset if that happens. These for-profit companies come in and they've got this job to do. But when they leave, they leave a mess. And it shouldn't be up to the taxpayer to solve those. I would like to see some effort on both of those cases up there. Thank you. Good night.

Council President Mancuso

2:29:01

Thank you. Director Knecht? Can you address what he was talking about as far as the the gas line and then the sidewalks been a longtime issue?

Service Director Knecht

2:29:09

Yeah, Madam Chair, when those projects are done, there's a pre construction video done, we review the project's at the end, if there is any damage that was done caused by the construction, that is addressed by the contractor, again, you know, taking into consideration what it was the condition it was in before it was done and then again at the end to make sure that it is restored as it was before that they were there.

Council President Mancuso

2:29:37

Okay, thank you. And if you have any, any other discussions, I would, I would hook up with the Director Knecht. And we're going to go back to Director Grogan-Myers. Thank you. I actually thought he was going to talk about that too.

Planning and Development Director Grogan Myers

2:29:50

Thank you, Madam Chair to Miss Kaplan Goodman. The public meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 28, 6:30pm at Moore Counseling, we have been working with the city's communication manager. So it'll be on the boards as well. But and we did also share the information with the respective council people and the stakeholder group, which does include the Chardon Hills HOA president, so as well, so just so you know.

Council President Mancuso

2:30:15

Next speaker, please.

Resident - Ms. Taylor

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Pearletha Taylor, 1495 E 193. I'm coming to council tonight, again to ask will someone please make a motion to improve our nuisance law. Because right now we have a law that is not being taken serious, especially for my community. We have houses is causing problems. And I'm told they rent a property, and they can't do anything about it. But these are real property that no one is living there. They rent the property to sublease it to for parties and other activities. Not good activities, but bad activities. But we are told we can call the police. But if the police get there, and nothing's going on, it's nothing they can do is shooting going on there. But they come back and say, well, the police say it wasn't a people problem that they would shoot. But why was they shooting at that house? That particular house. We have a problem here in Euclid. You said up and you talk about spending money, council just sign the contract

spinning, but you're not taking care of the resident. So I hope someone will make an ordinance to look at the nuisance law in the city of Euclid also. Director of Planning and Development I've met with you and you have been at several meetings with the Heritage Park homeowners association. We've been working on a project for almost three years, we have to the end of this year to complete this project. And the money goes back. Right now we get nowhere. You said our contract was up contracted to clean the house in network. We gain very little support from them. We talk into them now. But application was supposed to go out. I was late coming to the meeting because I was getting calls from everyone. Then I get an application. The people that have come to the meeting over and over again. They are not getting application. But other people are getting these application. I've been in contact with Cleveland Housing Network. Everything that we talked about in our meetings that we was having has been changed. Cleveland Housing Network made a whole new project. People call me left and right. I'm telling you don't worry about, I print out to some applications. Because I don't know what's going on. We asked people to come from Cleveland Housing Network to talk with us. They spy with us what they're gonna do. They never can make it but now they said maybe they can make these meetings. So I'm telling you, I'm listening at all it is all this so called good stuff going on. But my question is who are following up on some of these projects that you are subcontracted out? We have a problem. And not only that, we have a big problem. You could spend money like his Wow. Like it just falling from trees. You don't know what tomorrow going brain. Citizens are moving in it right now we have more renters in our city. Then we have homeowners, homeowners renting the houses out. And I sit up here tonight and I see what you all doing. He's just rubber stamp and everything go by some things you take into committee. It's not. Like I said before, you do not work for the city. You work for the people and you're supposed to be making sure that the city go forward and do the right things so that the citizen will stay and new ones will come in and we're not getting new ones. What we are good our relatives. I had a big project over this weekend. That came out of my pocket, but you can give money to everybody and do everything but you're not helping the homeless and especially to senior citizens. You can shake your head. You can not tell him better i but you're not doing your job. because you're not getting out there seeing the whole picture, you just get bits and pieces raises you ready to get out things you read this Monday, just man in your city is going down. You need to look forward to the future, because seniors will be leaving, and you're not gonna have any homeowners anymore.

Council President Mancuso

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Thank you. Did you want to respond? (No.) Because you gave an update at the beginning. She was not here at the beginning. Maybe just kind of go over that a little bit. Sure, then I'm happy to go over you actually went

over some of this at the beginning for later. So he's going to review it a little bit for you.

Planning and Development Director Grogan-Myers

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So as of late last week, CHN has touched base with about 20 of the first applicants 13, of which were ineligible based on geography. They're responding to every single application that came in, because a lot of those homeowners and they are homeowners are Euclid residents who just did not live in the Heritage Park neighborhood, so that everyone's deserving of a response, even if they're not eligible. So that's what CHN has been working on. They continue to follow up and assist homeowners that do meet the eligibility criteria. As you noted, some homeowners are hearing back, but there are a lot of applications. And there are a lot of applications from people who don't live in the Heritage Park neighborhood who they are responding to. So that was the update I provided at the beginning of the meeting. And just providing again.

Council President Mancuso

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Thank you. Let's get together afterwards. Okay. Next speaker sir.

Bishop Tom Owens

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Tom Owens, 24951 North Lakeland Boulevard, I rise again to ask questions about what's going to be done with those who violate the law who've been cut free. Prosecutors and judges not doing their job, talking to those from the attorney general's office and that's become the new reform. There is no reform. You're turning them loose. Chief is there not enough laws on the on... to arrest people with guns? There is...

Police Chief Meyer

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We have plenty of laws. We're not holding people accountable for the violation of those laws?

Bishop Tom Owens

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Hold them accountable. The young man that you guys cut loose from my church? He's still he's still not gonna. What's more amazing is whenever they called they called him to a traffic court. Everybody was shocked he didn't show up. No, you can't believe he would show up. He's a felon. He has a felony warrant. Now he has two felony warrants, had a gun. He had drugs and a scale. And he was going to drag the girl that was with him on

the driver's side so should she take the blame? What a prince and you guys cut him loose. That's the amazing thing is, we can do all the promising we want to do we can have everything we want. We need the Rec Center. We need all those things. But by the way, two things people look for streets being safe and good schools. And if you don't have those, they move out. We have more than more than 40 more than 96,000 people die a year in drugs, 96,000. We have plenty of laws, but they're still doing and we can create all the laws until we get back to helping our families become families and helping families cultivate the home. And then it has to be there has to be consequences for what they do. I like when the council member says you don't got to hold the family accountable. If your kid acts acts crazy, then put them in jail. I hope the lady from the police department asked me Chief calls me and I willingly did it that one of his captains call me said Pastor can you help a family? The young man is shot. Illegally of course to get an illegal gun, of course got plenty of gun laws, like one more laws gonna help them out of four children, you know how many of her children are alive? One, because we're all doing dope, they're all doing drugs. If we don't do something, and there has to be it has to be a consequence for what they do on the street. We just cut them free, they're not gonna do anything. So now I think still I go back to what I said the last Council meeting, I think you have to put the judges and and the lawyers and prosecutors in jail. When they turn these people loose and they recreate these crimes. You'd have to you have to be accountability. Something happens in my church who is accountable? Me. So sooner or later somebody has to be held accountable for what's going on. The police are doing a great job and pulling them off the streets and doing their thing and and all they do is they cut them loose before the inks dry. How is that even possible? So somewhere down the line, city council you're gonna have start holding the legal department. We did a survey I serve on the taking the violence off the street, they did a survey the last survey the last question, they asked those citizens of Euclid this question. So how do you feel about the police and how do you think what's going on the city and this is what they said. They said they thought the police were doing a good job. But they believed that the law department needed to do more. And they were felony. 83% tell you You better watch the writing's on the wall. And by the way, Madam President, there is no way you make enough money to do this job. The Mayor, or any of y'all, to hear us get up and complain all the time. But somewhere along the line, something has to be done. You know, and I'm telling you, I'm gonna keep coming back. And if I have to, I'll start bringing people with me we'll fill up this room we'll fill up the rotunda, until someone says, why are you cutting these people free? If we need open up the open up the jail, open the jail, take the \$560,000 you're gonna give the Moore's and open up the jail. He said, what's not a very nice when it's not supposed to be the Taj Mahal. I don't care if they live in cockroaches and deal with fleas. Jail is supposed to be reform. I don't want to go there. I don't want to be comfortable. I want them to go in and say, you know, I don't want ever to come back here again. So anybody's got answers to why they cut them free. Let me know.

Council President Mancuso

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Thank you, sir. Okay, we will now go to **Councilman's Comments**. And I think we'd begin with Councilwoman Steele.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilwoman Steele

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Thank you, Madam Chair. And thank you to all that came out tonight. And Bishop, please bring more people, please. Because so many times I hear people say, Oh, we don't know. We don't know. Well, we have the internet. We have the the public access. We have minutes. I think right now people are losing hope. People are tired. People are just depressed because everything around us feels like it's falling apart. And I know, we get a lot of criticism. But hey, we accepted. We accepted this position you guys voted us in. And as I said before, and I'll say it again. I didn't. I didn't. I knew what I was getting into. I'm not here to be liked. I'm here to do a job. And I'm going to do the best I can. And with that you guys have a good evening.

Council President Mancuso

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Thank you, Councilman Tanner.

Council President Mancuso

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Come on now.

Council President Mancuso

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Councilman Tolton.

Councilman Tanner

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Thank you, Madam Chair. I'm the other Tanner.

Council President Mancuso

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Yes, you are.

Councilman Tolton

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Just real quick. Couple of things. Chief Myers. We had spoke some time ago about how patrol coming in, do some patrolling. And you had got back to me and saying that they were agreeable with that. When is that, I know East Cleveland they're starting in a couple of weeks and when is our timeline to get them in here.

Police Chief Meyer

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I'm still waiting to hear back, I showed you the email that I sent to the lieutenant who's in charge of the Cuyahoga County post, as I told you, it's very political and their decision making. But I shared with you the email and I asked them specifically, I told them that the residents and our elected officials supported this they need to know their support. And then specifically what kind of enforcement we're looking at. And I spelled that out. I have a suspicion. It's interesting. You bring that up just reading the story where they're now in East Cleveland with the traffic enforcement. I think that's what their hair their heavenly to do. They won't come in. This is just me reading between the lines, they won't come in and help police the city in a shortage. But I think that they're they're coming in and helping with the traffic enforcement will help in that capacity. So I think that probably we got moved a little back a little bit to the back in that so I have not heard back yet. He told me that it would be some time but that they would would get back to me. We do have our ID up and our staff are to traffic enforcement grants. We have officers they know to specifically we have problems on Euclid Avenue and Lakeshore Boulevard and specifically, which is the Highway Patrol and as the US that are focused on the grant. They look at speed in that center lane passing violations. Folks are using that center lane that's turning lane. You can't use it to pass in the reckless driving that I see on Euclid Avenue and Lakeshore Boulevard is insane along with the speeding, obviously while they're out looking for those offenses, they'll look for other offenses. So we have those those folks focused with those overtime grants and those areas. And I do have an upcoming meeting. The feds are interested too in knowing what they can do so the Justice Department the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms is interested to helping us with gun seizures but helping in the federal prosecution of those gun crimes. I think that our offenders will be quite surprised when they realize what federal time looks at looks like compared to state time that don't get here or don't get here in Cuyahoga County.

Councilman Tolton

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Okay, Okay I guess this is for Director Knecht. And then maybe Miss Greta can jump in because she's familiar with it, last Monday Kimball missed a lot of garbage bales on my street and a couple other streets. And residents, some residents have gotten tickets, including myself. So I had called Kimball that morning, and they said that was their mistake of sending a driver the next day. So I did ask that those tickets be rescinded. So I just got to know where we are with that. As far as the tickets.

Assistant to the Mayor, Kri...

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We gave them all to you Councilman Tolton because you want to take care of the residents on your street. Sue Cvelbar, who works, is our nuisance coordinator in that department was sick Thursday, Friday, and today, she's the one that takes care of those. So I'm sure that she will get back to you. I forwarded your email to her.

Councilman Tolton

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Okay. Perfect. Thank you. And this is for Assistant Law Director. There was a, there is a home on Miller for quite some time. This actually was passed to me from from council person Caviness. The place was deplorable. Ceilings falling out flooding in the basement. You know, Resident just couldn't get any any real relief from the landowner landlord, I tried calling number of times goes right to voicemail. They never return the calls. Unfortunately, the the resident has moved and actually moved out of out of state at this point. Now I know we can't go in to do inspections in the homes. Am I correct? Let me ask that question first.

Assistant Law Director Rubadue

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Yes, thank you to the Councilman. We can go in with a search warrant unless we have permission to go into the house. So if there are sworn statements with regard to health and safety issues, we can seek a search warrant from Judge Gallagher we don't do it as often because there is quite a process. And we need actual evidence of health and safety issues to allow us to go into a home to inspect. I didn't hear we think somebody coughed right when you were saying the name of the street. So if you could give me the address, I could definitely look into the details about that property. But I think you're going to ask a few additional questions. So I don't want to interrupt your train of thought. But we do prosecute housing code violations, there's a lot of times, owners that might not live

in the state, we still will prosecute those owners. But there is a process. So I would have to look at that actual case to tell you where we are in the process. And frankly, if we're aware of these violations, but I presume we are aware of them.

Councilman Tolton

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So when they when a rental is registered with the city, we can't go in and inspect that rental upon registration, can we or can we? Correct?

Assistant Law Director Rubadue

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The owners will indicate whether we have permission to do an interior inspection or just an exterior inspection. So if an owner has opted for an exterior only inspection, we will honor that.

Councilman Tolton

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So but is there any way because the problem would would that particular properties that we couldn't go in to see and this this was CMHA, and they had and I've got I've got the copies of the violations and you can see the violations that was there. But because we couldn't go in then the landlord was saying something else to the city. So is there something that we can do is upon registration where some I don't know some kind of legislation where we are allowed to go in to inspect these properties?

Assistant Law Director Rubadue

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To the Councilman. No, frankly, without a search warrant, we cannot go in there is quite a lot of case law. On the Record. It is a constitutional issue where it is considered an unlawful search. Just as you don't want police officers just wandering into your house without probable cause to go in. We do not as a city officials and inspectors have permission to just go into people's homes. People have frankly rights. Again, if we can document health and safety issues. If we have actual evidence of those issues. We can seek a search warrant and then that would for better term Trump those rights but there is a tremendous amount of case law in the State of Ohio that requires us to ask that question, do we have the right to go into your property and if the owner of the property says no, then we abide by that.

Councilman Tolton

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So then and I guess you've kind of answered it but so if the tenant is complaining they're in deplorable conditions and if they come to the city or I guess you have as a nuisance, then we would have to get a search warrant to go in, and then Trump the landlord's request, or how does that work?

Assistant Law Director Rubadue

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Well, they have some other options too. With regard to generally, what I would advise a tenant to do is they could put a file their money and submit it to the court and hold it into escrow, they would not have to pay their rent, they have to be current with their rent. And then they would have to put their rent into escrow with the court and get, there's a process involved and I don't want to go through it. But basically with it before 30 days in advance, you have to list all the items that need to be corrected with the owner, you have to notify the owner that you are going to be putting this in escrow, there's a whole list of items on the Euclid Municipal Court website of how to do this process, and then they would have to file that with a court. A lot of times a tenant can get action taken is if they withhold funds. There are also other mechanisms to go through. But but as as a general rule, we we even upon invitation of a tenant, we will not go into your property without a search warrant.

Council President Mancuso

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Okay, thank you. Councilman Epps.

Councilman Epps

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Excuse me, thank you, Madam Chair. I went to my colleague Council and told him I helped quite a few of my residents actually go through the escrow process in order to get their landlords to do something. So if I can help you with that as well. I wanna say that, you know, people who have lived here in Euclid, and are from Euclid, they already understand that Euclid is not the Euclid that it once was. But because of the reputation of Euclid, those same folks as well as investors, Euclid remains prime real estate for rentals, because people see themselves as pulling themselves out from where they come from, and wanting something better and respect to schools and respect to safety and respect to city services, all of these things. And as a result of it, they very much so want to get to Euclid. And because the people who live here know that Euclid is no longer the Euclid of yesteryear. And based off a leadership that we currently have, we're continuing to go down the path of destruction as opposed to

success because those folks know that as a result of it, we are these, because those folks know that they're able to go on and continue to rent out their homes. And for all those folks who wonder why I'm so concerned about the budget, you can go and another way of communication with me as well on follow me at Marcus Epps for Euclid on Instagram, and you can see videos of it is very appropriate for me to let my residents know how to get in touch with you where you are running for office, I have not put any petitions to run for any office. And I'm definitely not running for the seat that I'm sitting in. So I'm going to continue to finish my moments for my time. Another way for folks to get in contact with me is definitely you can find me on Instagram, as well as Facebook, as well as my city email and my cell phone number which is all published on the city website. But you can reach you can (excuse me)

Council President Mancuso

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finish, please.

Councilman Epps

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Thank you. And again, they're another places you can see we're even in the heart of the pandemic. I have always been concerned about the budget going back before I was even elected to City Council. So this isn't something new because of an office that's been sawed or run. This is something I was concerned about even before I was elected to the City Council. The budget continues even after tonight to be of great concern. And we will have to make severe cuts and more than likely in sit in safety come 2025 due to a lack of city dollars to sustain our current staffing levels. COVID Relief dollars are the only way that we are surviving right now. In fact, had COVID not happened we will be in a hole pretty deep already. And I've been urging my colleagues throughout this process to push this administration to slow down when it comes to spending. Yet as you saw tonight, no movement. Tonight, I what I was been asking my colleagues over the last week or so is once we saw these numbers for city council and numbers for the mayor for increases was that I propose we have another conversation. We were told in previous meetings as we continue to kick the can down the road for the budget or for the budget vote that we will get another budget hearing to talk about a host of concerns like my colleague Councilman Steele has, and we all I think had concerns and questions and grill during the budget hearings in respect to prevent other professional services. We want we deserved another meeting to have those conversations. I propose that we meet tomorrow even making sure that we still get this budget passed by March 31, which is our deadline in an effort to be able to support that budget and for us to be a united front as a community. But I will not continue to see here whether my colleagues do so or not and continue to be a rubber stamp for this administration who is making severely, severely hurt decisions

that affect all of our lives, all of your lives. And we're just going to continue to keep voting in. Okay, yeah. So go spend a quarter million on this, go spend this, go, go do this. And let's try this. And we're getting nowhere. We're getting nowhere. And I'm not going to continue to sit here and do that I announced two years ago, I was not running for reelection for my seat. And that's a big part of the reason why, because from this seat as one vote here on this city council, as long as the rubber stamp folks exists, we're never going to get this administration to do anything different than what they're doing. So the answer is not that that's true, at some point, we have to change the leadership at the top. So I just want to make clear that if you again, you go to the library's website and see these videos, and these meetings that have gone on over the past three years, and this is what I do, every day, every meeting all the time, and I won't stop doing that, because it's an election year, because it's not smart to say or do things in an election year, you get deserves better than what we're getting. And I'm going to continue to push for that. Thank you.

Council President Mancuso

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Councilman Jarosz.

Councilman Jarosz

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Thank you, Madam Chair. This Wednesday, we're going to have a Safety committee meeting, the Euclid Fire Department will be presenting to us a strategic plan. Since I have Captain, Chief, Sorry, Chief Haddock, if you guys need Avi, whatever you want to do, please get with Cheryl to kind of help coordinate that so we can get ready to handouts copies, that'd be great. And then also just wanted to kind of mention something on Councilman Tolton's comments regarding housing questions. We do have some newer folks. And a few years ago, we had a committee meeting, we brought the law department in and housing department just to kind of help people on council sort of understand, or a little bit of insight how the process kind of unfolds, whether it be a nuisance property, whether it be the sorts of issues of you know, rental registration, how does that work? Because, you know, one of the more frustrating lessons I learned early on was things take way longer than you would expect. And one of those reasons is just, you know, Assistant, a law director rubidium, imagine, you know, people's constitutional rights, the law makes sure you got to dot i's and cross your t's legally before you can take action, even though we often know beforehand, the reality of a situation. So maybe it makes sense for us to kind of have one of those meetings where folks that come ask questions as hypotheticals, help ask real world questions of hey, here's what I'm seeing. Here's the calls. I'm getting. What what's the next steps? What should I expect? You know, when these things happen? That might be helpful, folks, just to

understand because different, you know, different issues require different resolutions and kind of travel through different channels. So maybe something fourth, come out, talk with colleagues on council, see if that would be of interest to them. But other than that, just reiterate, we have a Safety Committee meeting this Wednesday with the Fire Department. Thank you.

Council President Mancuso

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Thank you. Councilwoman Hannum.

Councilwoman Hannum

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No comments for this evening.

Council President Mancuso

Councilman Wojtila.

Councilman Wojtila

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Thank you, Madam Chair. Like to inform the residents of a Upstage Players which is a local youth community theater. Their annual performances are this weekend. And it's Matilda, Jr. and it's Friday, March 24. Saturday, March 25. Both of those are at 730 and Sunday at 230. And it's at the Cleveland Public Library, which is the old Villa Angela High School at 17109 Lakeshore, and they're a great group founded by people here in Euclid, but it's a regional program and I'd like to encourage everybody to support upstages players. And with regard to the budget, when would you think there'll be our next work session before Council? To talk about... April. (April, which second meeting in April.) Thank you.

Council President Mancuso

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Thank you. Can I ask, Are they selling tickets at the door? Because they know, they do a lot of pre-sale. Okay, thank you. Okay, Councilwoman Jukic.

Councilwoman Jukic

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Thank you, Madam Chair. Nothing for me tonight. Thank you.

Council President Mancuso

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Thank you. Councilwoman Steele. Oh, you're done. You're done. Okay, so I think we've done the committee meeting that's coming up. I just want to correct there was no promise of a budget another budget hearing. I went back and listened and watched the video. That night there was a motion passed and I remember saying clearly there may be a meeting but this motion is about the third reading only. So just want to clear that up. And so with that, I will take a motion to adjourn. So moved by Councilwoman Steele. Second by Councilman Tanner. All in favor, "Aye."

We are adjourned.



Clerk of Council



Council President