

EUCLID CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES FROM APRIL 3, 2023

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

Council President Mancuso

0:11

Good evening and welcome to the April 3 Euclid 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. Madam Clerk, would you call the roll?

Clerk Laboda

0:45

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

Council President Mancuso

0:59

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

Clerk Laboda

1:03

Yes, we have Family Dollar Stores of Ohio LLC. doing business as Family Dollar. 330170. 33017. That's the number of the store, 19001 Euclid Avenue. And that's in Ward one.

Council President Mancuso

1:19

Thank you. And we're going to turn this over to our Assistant Law Director, Mary Katherine Mason.

Assistant Law Director & Prosecutor Mary Catherine Mason

1:26

Thank you. It is my understanding there was a application for a liquor permit this Family Dollar. There was some question as to whether this was a wet or dry district. And we were waiting back waiting for confirmation back from the board of elections to let us know whether it was a wet or dry district. However, it did receive some email correspondence from Councilperson Tanner on that there was another business in the area that did have a liquor license. I believe it is what district so we can put it to council. Sergeant Wittreich did do an investigation and there was nothing that would preclude this business from getting that liquor license.

Council President Mancuso

2:07

Thank you. Councilman Tanner.

Councilman Tanner

2:09

Thank you, Madam Chair. Speaking to the residents that was in the area, they really did not approve of the store actually maintaining and selling liquor. That was one of the reasons that I spoke to them. And after speaking to the district manager and the manager, basically all I got back was a corporate response about that of selling liquor. So I did not really agree with that and told them that due to the area, and due to some of the things that was happening, that was not in the best interest of the residents as of this time.

Council President Mancuso

2:52

So do you have a recommendation for us Sir?

Councilman Tanner

2:55

I have recommendations to not approve it? Okay.

Council President Mancuso

2:59

Okay. Is there a second on the floor? So moved by a Councilwoman Steele. All right, so we have a motion and a second to object to the said liquor license. Madam Clerk with you call the roll.

Councilman Epps

3:14

That's on the motion.

Council President Mancuso

3:15

We did motion and seconded both.

Councilman Epps

3:17

There's no discussion on the motion?

Council President Mancuso

3:19

No, no, he talked about it. We'll go to the councilperson first.

Councilman Epps

3:23

I know. But then after the motion is made, then there's a discussion on the motion. Before we go to a vote.

Council President Mancuso

3:31

I think you're right. You're right. Go ahead. Sorry.

Councilman Epps

3:33

Appreciate it. I just wanted to ask the question to my colleagues, because it seems like you have looked into this and have the information. Are they trying to do beer and wine at this store? Or are they trying to do a full-fledged liquor store?

Councilman Tanner

3:47

To my colleague, my understanding is they're gonna try to full-fledged.

Councilman Epps

3:50

Gotcha. And I appreciate that. And I echo my colleagues sentiments and the second from my other colleague, that we send a message that we

don't support this from City Council. We all do know that this goes to the State. And so the ultimate decision is not ours. But I'm glad that it seems my colleagues tonight are going to be prepared to suggest that we do not move forward with that establishment selling liquor. Thank you.

Council President Mancuso

4:17

Any other discussion? Seeing none, Madam Clerk, please call the roll.

Clerk Laboda

4:27

Tolton, Yes. Epps, Yes. Jarosz, Yes.

Mayor Gail

4:36

For clarification purposes, the motion was to object so a vote to say yes. Is that you object? We will we will send a letter objecting to the liquor license. I know it gets confusing.

Clerk Laboda

4:49

Hannum, Yes. Wojtila, Yes. Jukic, Yes. Steele, Yes, Tanner. Yes. Mancuso, Yes.

Motion to object has passed.

Council President Mancuso

5:01

Thank you. Are there any Council minutes?

Clerk Laboda

5:03

No Council minutes.

Council President Mancuso

5:04

Alright. We will then go to **Administrative Reports and Communications** and Mayor Gail.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Gail

5:07

Thank you. Good evening, Madam Chair, members of council and those joining us tonight. A couple of thank yous, couple of announcements. I would like to thank Upstage Players, I had the opportunity to go see their production. Not this past weekend, the weekend before of Matilda Jr. and there were many Euclid residents and families that participated. Many of us know the Hilf's and the Walsh and Walsh-Hilf family who put these productions on as volunteers that really did a wonderful job, congratulations and kudos to them. Anyone who has young children and are interested in theater, I think it's really a great opportunity for them to learn about it and participate. They don't cut anybody. It's all volunteer and they did a fantastic job. So congrats and kudos to everyone who participated.

I would like to thank and recognize two of our employees who are retiring or have retired in the last week. Dan Nagorski retired after 29 years in the Parks Department. And Tom Kander will retire on Friday after 31 years as a Euclid firefighter. So congratulations to both of them. And thank you for your years of service to the City of Euclid and our residents.

Also would like to thank the Genesis Group at Our Lady of the Lake who invited me to speak to them yesterday at their breakfast brunch program, I had the opportunity to share some of the good things happening here and take questions with them for a little bit of time and appreciated the opportunity to do that.

As a reminder, income tax city income tax is due April 18. That's a little bit later than usual because of federal holidays. So Tuesday, April 18 is tax day. And a reminder to residents you can file online electronically through Ritaohio.com website. You can call Rita directly, you can call our Euclid Tax Department directly. You can use the secure drop box here at City Hall to drop off your tax returns. Our tax department is taking appointments from April 1 through April 14. So they're working by appointment only to be able to handle residents efficiently. And on Monday, the 17th and Tuesday the 18th they will be only open for drop off. So feel free to try to plan ahead if you need an appointment and otherwise please feel free to do it electronically, again through the Rita Ohio website.

The Big Clean is coming up Saturday, April 22. Again, that's part of Keep Euclid Beautiful's program to help keep our community looking good. So it's a community wide litter pickup contest with Collinwood, so we're hoping to beat them this year. You can pick up supplies from 9 to 10. And then after cleaning up bring your trash back to the dumpsters that will be at C.E. Orr Arena to be counted and then stay for an Earth Day after party from 12 to 1 at the ice rink. We do ask that you register online if you're able to participate and that's through the City of Euclid website.

April is also computer recycling month. So from April 1 to April 30th. You can drop off computers, laptops, tablets, other telecom or DVD VCR type equipment at the service garage, which is located at 25200 Lakeland Boulevard. There are bins so you can drop it off 24 hours a day. And we ask that you do that rather than throwing it out in the trash.

Chief Meyer and I had the opportunity to join the Safe Kids safe community annual awards meeting last week. And we were thrilled that Kate McLaughlin was recognized several times through the comments for her work and what Euclid has been doing with in partnership with them. But she was also they created an award specifically for Kate because of all the great work that she does in the great creative ideas. So she was given the Coalition Ambassador award for her hard work and great work to support both Safe Kids Safe Communities but also her work here in Euclid. Amazon was recognized as outstanding corporate partner for many reasons, but primarily for their major donation working with Safe Kids Safe Community, Euclid police, Euclid schools to provide the bike helmets to all of our middle elementary school kids in Euclid public school. So Greg was able to be there and was recognized for Amazon's outstanding work. And two of our officers Officer Hounshell and Officer Gibbler were recognized for their work with seatbelt and OVI task forces and specific targeted work, so congratulations to all of them and it was great to host all of the the whole coalition here at the city in the city of Euclid at Signature Events up on E 260th.

Easter is coming up so I will remind everybody of the one of the Euclid traditions, Jellybeanville is back. It is the 62nd year. For those who are not familiar with Jellybeanville, Steve Castlak who lives at 25400 Zeman decorates his front yard and it really is a joy. So it is decorated it is complete is available for you to go by and enjoy. There is no cost but he will be taking donations for the Journey Center for safety and healing. That display will be up until the day after Easter. And I'm told the Easter Bunny will make an appearance on Easter Day beginning at 9am. If you go, until then I stopped by on Saturday and had the chance to talk to the mayor of Jellybeanville, Steve himself. So we appreciate his hard work and really bringing the joy to the community. So we'd encourage everybody to stop by and visit there. And with that, I will say Happy Easter, Happy Passover to anyone who celebrates and if you would like to join us, many of us will be participating in the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday at Our Lady of the Lake church which is located at 200 and Lakeshore Boulevard. That starts at noon on Good Friday, community Stations of the Cross. And with that, Director Stephens has some announcements.

Recreation Director Stephens

11:30

Thank you, Mayor, Madam Chair to Council and to the residents. Speaking of Easter, the Euclid Recreation Department along with Living Waters Church will be putting on the second annual Easter egg hunt at Sims Park. It takes place at 10 o'clock Saturday, April 8. If you plan on

participating, please go to the city of Euclid website and register and it's free to register on the on the recreation link. Secondly, today you can register for the summer camp. And that link will stay open until all the spots fill up for the first week. And lastly, I'm excited to announce that the Community Recreation and Wellness community engagement meeting the first meeting is scheduled to take place April 18, 6:30 here in City Hall, there will be a link, a survey link attached to the City of Euclid website and then also the recreation department, we will send the same link out to residents that are already participating in various programs. But again, that first community engagement meeting will take place on April 18, 6:30 here in City Hall. Thank you.

Mayor Gail

13:02

Thank you, Director and thank you Madam Chair. That completes our announcements this evening.

Council President Mancuso

13:06

Thank you. We will now go on to our **Committee Documentation**. And we will begin with the Community Assets and City Buildings committee.

COMMITTEE DOCUMENTATION

Councilwoman Jukic

13:20

Thank you, Madam Chair. The Community Assets and City Buildings committee was held on, meeting was held on March 8. The meeting agenda items were presentation of plans by Prospectus for the Community Recreation and Wellness Center. Administrative staff present were Mayor Holzheimer Gail and Recreation Director Mac Stephens. Committee, all committee members were present and we were also joined by Congressman, Congressman, Councilman Tolton and Councilwoman Steele. Guests presenters were Jim Wallace and Dave Urbanski from Prospectus Architecture. Items discussed, Director Stephens outlined the process used to select Prospectus Architecture to move the Community Recreation and Wellness facility project forward. The city received 19 proposals, interviewed six to seven finalists and chose Prospectus. Jim Wallace and Dave Urbanski made a presentation about their background and qualifications and their preliminary thoughts about the facility. Prospectus is the fourth largest architecture firm in Cleveland with experience with community and rec centers and sports complexes. They have teamed up with MSA sports one of the largest sports focused architectural firms in this region. Prospectus has done work with many cities in schools. Wallace Urbansky presented several possibilities for the facility at two locations. The former YMCA

site and the area between Orr ice arena and Babbitt Rd around the soccer fields area. They showed several drawings of the proposed facility at each site and discussed a few characteristics of each. There are three components that they are keeping in mind, designed for community, designed for recreation and designed for wellness. The committee discussed a proposal and timeline for moving the project forward. The presenter said the mission for the facility will guide the process and they plan at least three community engagement meetings. The first phase includes preliminary schematic design and design development. Phase two involves cost estimating and construction documents. Phase three is bidding and construction. The committee, other council members present and audience members asked questions and much discussion ensued about the process, what would be included in the facility, the locations and the costs? No action was taken. Thank you, Madam Chair.

Council President Mancuso

15:49

Thank you. The next committee was the Executive and Finance Committee. 3-20-23 And this was our second discussion with our outside counsel and Assistant Law Director on pending litigation concerning Mary Stewart, administrator of the estate of Luke Stewart versus Matthew Rhodes. Case number 21948028. All committee members were present, administrative staff was Mayor Gail and Assistant Law Director Rubadue. And our guests were attorney James A Climber, our outside legal. The committee members motioned and seconded to go into the executive session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code, 121.22 G. And Euclid codified ordinance 125.05C, the council committees and all other boards Commission's committees and other decision making bodies of the city shall conduct all meetings and 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 court action and roll call was taken with unanimous affirmative vote to recess into Executive Session. Upon return to council chambers, E and F went back on the record to resume the committee meeting. There was no action to be taken by the committee at this time in motion and second were made and a verbal affirmative vote was done to adjourn the meeting. We will then go on to our Public Safety meeting Chair.

Councilman Jarosz

17:24

Thank you, Madam Chair. There was a Public Safety Committee meeting held on March 22. The meeting agenda item was simply the Euclid Fire Department presentation. Committee members present were Council persons Tolton, Tanner, Epps and Steele, also attending was the City Council President Mancuso. Our guests were Chief Haddock, Assistant Chief Anderson and Captain Rowell. Euclid Fire Department Strategic

Plan was the issue discussed Chief Haddock, Assistant Chief Anderson and Captain Rowell presented the Euclid fire department's updated strategic plan. We reviewed past operations, current staffing and the department's strategic focus for 2023. We also discuss future equipment and vehicle needs. We anticipate this to be an ongoing conversation between the EFD, Council and the administration. Seeing that this there was no legislation, legislation associated with this committee meeting, there is no official actions taken.

Council President Mancuso

18:21

We will go to Councilman Wojtila.

Councilman Wojtila

18:25

Thank you, Madam Chair. I'd like to make a motion to approve the Board of Control minutes from March 20, 2023. The Community Assets and City Buildings committee meeting from March 8, 2023. The Executive Finance committee meeting from March 15, 2023. And the Public Safety Committee meeting on March 22, 2020.

Council President Mancuso

18:45

We have a motion on the floor. Do we have a second? So moved by Councilman Jarosz.

All in favor, "Aye."

Thank you very much. We will now go to our **Committee of the Whole for Legislative Matters only**. Anyone's wishing to speak to any item on the agenda agenda can come forward and give us your name and address. Seeing none, we will move forward on our legislative agenda. Madam Clerk, please read the first agenda item into the record.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - LEGISLATIVE MATTERS ONLY

Council President Mancuso

Seeing none, we will move forward on our legislative agenda. Madam Clerk, please read the first agenda item into the record.

LEGISLATION

Clerk Laboda

19:14

Ordinance 027-23. An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service of the city of Euclid to seek reimbursement of \$61,434.67 from

the Northeast Ohio regional Sewer District community cost share agreement for the purchase of a Pipe Hunter jet trailer.

Council President Mancuso

19:41

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

All in favor, "Aye."

And we will go to Director Knecht to begin.

Service Director Knecht

19:50

Thank you, Madam Chair. We brought legislation forward previously for the purchase of this jet trailer as I mentioned during that presentation that we would be applying for a grant to be reimbursed, which we were successful in receiving. So that will cover \$61,434.67 of the total cost. This is part of the Northeast Ohio regional Sewer District community cost share agreement, which we have used previously for other purchases that have been done in the past. I'd be happy to answer any questions anyone may have on this this evening.

Council President Mancuso

20:27

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

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.

All in favor, "Aye."

Those opposed? One.

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

Clerk Laboda

20:53

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

Ordinance 027-23 passes.

Council President Mancuso

21:14

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

Clerk Laboda

21:20

Ordinance 026-23. An ordinance to enter into a lead project agreement with the Ohio Department of Transportation for pedestrian safety improvements at eight locations on Euclid Avenue in the city of Euclid.

Council President Mancuso

21:38

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

All in favor, "Aye."

And Director Knecht, you're gonna begin the discussion today?

Service Director Knecht

21:48

Yes, Thank you Madam Chair. This ODOT led project is part of a bigger project for multiple communities. This will consist of pedestrian safety improvements at eight locations on Euclid Avenue. Locations include Chardon road between between 222nd and 228 streets, Babbitt road and East 260s street and Richmond Road. There was a map provided with the legislation that you can see these locations on. These locations were chosen based on their criteria of ODOT's pedestrian systematic safety program, and the ability of these proposed improvements to improve the quality of life for residents through safer pedestrian connections.

Improvements included in this project will include enhancements of pedestrian crossings, signage, curb ramps, refuge islands, signals, hybrid beacons and pavement markings. This ODOT led project plans to design the pedestrian safety improvements at the eight locations in 2023. For construction in 2024. The program splits costs between ODOT in the city, with ODOT, covering 90% of the design and construction costs in the city covering the remaining 10%. The city's portion of the design costs are estimated to be \$7,543.10. I'd be happy to answer any questions at this time.

Council President Mancuso

23:18

Discussion. Councilman Epps.

Councilman Epps

23:21

Thank you, Madam Chair. I just want to be added as a sponsor for this legislation. Thank you.

Council President Mancuso

23:28

Thank you. Other discussion? Councilwoman Steele.

Councilwoman Steele

23:32

Thank you, Madam Chair. I also would like to be a sponsor of this legislation.

Council President Mancuso

23:39

Okay. Is there anybody who doesn't want to be a sponsor? Let's make it easier. Okay. So we will add all of council to sponsorship. Okay. Any other discussion? Councilman Wojtila.

Councilman Wojtila

23:51

Thank you, Madam Chair, Director Knecht, the fact sheet says 50,000.

Service Director Knecht

23:58

That's for the construction costs. It's estimated to be when we get to the construction phase, our 10% will be approximately 50,000 based on the current construction costs, but as you know, during design, you know, they'll nail down a closer price.

Councilman Wojtila

24:14

Thank you. And then code 101-411-52205 is the general fund?

Mayor Gail

24:22

It is general fund that's part in Planning and Development. That's part of their other professional services line item. Director Grogan-Meyers budgeted for this expense. (Thank you.) You're welcome.

Council President Mancuso

24:33

Thank you. I'll take a motion to close debate. Mr. Epps?

Councilman Epps

24:41

Councilman Epps, Thank you, Madam Chair (Councilman Epps). That I just had a question because we were looking too, is there a map where do you guys do this? Or do we already know where these eight locations are? Is there a map something you can send us? I don't see it. (There's a map. Yes.) It's on the hardcopy, it wasn't on the electronic file. So thank you.

Council President Mancuso

25:05

Councilman Tolton.

Councilman Tolton

25:08

Thank you, Madam Chair. And I apologize, I didn't get the or didn't see the hard copy of the map. Director Knecht. Do we know specifically what's going in each location? Do you know exactly what's going on their location.

Service Director Knecht

25:24

Madam Chair to the Councilman, I do know exactly what's going on their location. Yeah, Madam Chair to the councilman. Because this is an ODOT project, they'll be taking a look at each of those locations and decide which of the grouping of things that I had spoken about before will be included in each of those sections. And then, you know, as they're going through design will have more information to pass it along and watch what will be included at each location.

Council President Mancuso

25:49

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

All in favor, "Aye."

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

All in favor, "Aye."

Those opposed?

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

Mayor Gail

26:12

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

Council President Mancuso

26:28

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

Clerk Laboda

26:33

Ordinance 028-23. An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service of the City of Euclid to enter into a contract after bids are received with the lowest and best bidder for the East 193, East 195 and East 196 Street waterline replacement projects.

Council President Mancuso

26:58

Thank you. I'll entertain a motion for passage to begin the discussion. So moved by Councilman Jarosz, second by Councilman Epps.
All in favor, "Aye."
We will go once again the Director Knecht.

Service Director Knecht

27:07

Thank you, Madam Chair. As we have discussed previously, this this project was going out for bid. We will be receiving bids at 2pm on April 10. In anticipation of that, we wanted to pass the legislation ahead of time to be able then to go ahead and review those bids and award that to the lowest and best bid at Board of Control. This project is anticipated to cost roughly \$2.3 million. So this is a sizable investment by Cleveland water in that neighborhood. And we're happy to have this move along. Councilman Tanner, I would like to add him to the legislation with our communication issues last week, I was not able to get a yes in time. So I want I wanted to make sure that we add him tonight to this legislation.

Council President Mancuso

28:02

Thank you. Discussion. Seeing none, I'll entertain a motion to close debate. So moved by Councilwoman Jukic, second by Councilman Wojtila. 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 Epps. All in favor, "Aye."
Those opposed?
Madam Clerk please call the roll on the notes of the ordinance.

Clerk Laboda

28:26

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

Council President Mancuso

28:45

Thank you. The fourth agenda item into the record.

Clerk Laboda

28:48

Resolution 030-23. A resolution requesting Cuyahoga County to proceed with the resurfacing of East 200 Street from Mohican Avenue to Lakeshore Boulevard in the cities of Cleveland and Euclid, and resolving that Euclid pay 100% of the preliminary and design engineering, construction and construction supervision of the waterline replacement and associated work within the City of Euclid.

Council President Mancuso

29:21

Thank you. I'll entertain a motion for passage to begin discussion. So moved by Councilman Tanner, second by Councilman Jarosz. All in favor, "Aye."
Once again to Director Knecht.

Service Director Knecht

29:32

Thank you, Madam Chair. This was previously in front of council we had discussed that the resurfacing of East 200 Street would be taking place in 2024. We had also discussed that we were going to do the waterline the county was open to the idea of combining those two projects so that we would have one contractor in handling the bidding for that. So Cleveland water will be paying for the waterline portion with the County then picking up the paving portion of this project. This will allow the County to go ahead, as I said, and be able to do the bids on this project and allow us to move forward then for next year's construction season.

Council President Mancuso

30:21

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

Clerk, please call the roll and the resolution

Clerk Laboda

30:39

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

Resolution passes.

Council President Mancuso

30:56

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

Clerk Laboda

31:01

Ordinance 029-23. An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service of the City of Euclid to enter into a contract with Tim Lally Chevrolet, 24999 Miles Road, Warrensville Heights, Ohio, 44128 for the purchase of 4, 2023 Chevrolet Police Interceptor utility vehicles for use in the police department in an amount not to exceed \$227,013.60.

Council President Mancuso

31:38

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

All in favor, "Aye."

Once again, we will go to Director Knecht.

Service Director Knecht

31:50

Thank you, Madam Chair. These four vehicles have recently become available. As we had talked about in the past with the supply chain issues we don't know when vehicles are going to be available. Tim Lalley has been doing a very good job of keeping us in the loop of when vehicles do become available for purchase. These vehicles would be used as frontline vehicles in the police department and would continue then to meet our needs for this year's purchase. Typically, we try to purchase around six of them per year. This will give us four of them to to get us moving. I'd be

happy to answer any questions or if you have anything further Chief on this.

Council President Mancuso

32:31

Chief, do you have any additional?

Police Chief Meyer

32:34

I have nothing additional.

Council President Mancuso

32:35

Thank you. Council? Discussion. Council.

Councilman Tolton

32:43

Thank you, Madam Chair. To Director Knecht or to Chief Meyers. These versus these are SUV's, am I correct? (That is correct.) Okay. Um, because I see most seems like most cities are going to SUVs as opposed to sedans. Is there a reason why and is there a lower price if we had sedans and your basic why are we getting SUV's basis, instead of sedan?

Service Director Knecht

33:10

Madam, Madam chair to the councilman. The only vehicles approved for police use at this point are SUVs. The Chrysler Group has the Durango Chevrolet has the Tahoe and Ford has the Explorer. Those are the only vehicles at this point that are authorized for police use.

Councilman Tolton

33:31

Okay, thank you.

Council President Mancuso

33:33

Councilman Tanner.

Councilman Tanner

33:36

Thank you, Madam Chair. Director. Do Do they give us an extended warranty on these vehicles?

Council President Mancuso

Director Knecht.

Service Director Knecht

33:45

Madam Chair to the Councilman, it's actually a very good question. Yes, there is one available, it is extremely pricey. You know it, with the mileage, mileage that we ended up putting on these in the first two years. It'll show 100,000 on the odometer in the first two years. But an actual runtime that is closer to 300,000 miles based on the formula that the manufacturers give us because each of the vehicles does have an hour meter. So just for a little bit of reference, you know, these frontline vehicles are coming in for an oil change every third week. That's how fast you know they're they're totaling up the total runtime on these.

Councilman Tanner

34:23

Okay, thank you.

Council President Mancuso

34:25

Other discussion. Councilman Epps.

Councilman Epps

34:28

Thank you. And just a final question to piggyback off of Councilman Tolton, for SUVs are the ones we're getting out of the Tahoes, all four Tahoes?

Service Director Knecht

34:37

Madam Chair to the Councilman, that is correct. Thank you.

Council President Mancuso

34:40

Any other discussion? Councilman Wojtila.

Fire Chief Haddock

34:44

Thank you, Madam Chair, Director Knecht when you say approved, these are the type of vehicles approved, approved by whom?

Service Director Knecht

34:52

Madam Chair to the Councilman. The, I don't remember the exact name of the organization, that does the approval on them, but this is something, you know, these vehicles have to go through rigorous testing to be able to be certified to be used by the police departments. And like I say, at this time, those are the only three that are available for order. Last year, there was still one sedan available from Chrysler, which is not, which is no longer available for order.

Council President Mancuso

35:24

Chief, did you want...?

Police Chief Meyer

35:25

Yeah, there there are police packages in in the three of the major manufacturers, but Ford got rid of the sedan, they don't have that anymore. They weren't selling enough. So the only police package is the Ford Explorer, and then, Director Knecht, can correct me if I'm wrong. And then for the Chevy, they don't have a sedan either. Chrysler does, they have both a sedan and an SUV? But those again, two are in very, very, very short supply.

Council President Mancuso

35:59

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

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

Those opposed? One.

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

Clerk Laboda

36:23

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

Council President Mancuso

36:41

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

Clerk Laboda

36:45

Ordinance 031-23. An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service of the city of Euclid. To enter into a contract with Tim Lally Chevrolet, 24999 Miles Road, Warrensville Heights, Ohio, 44128. For the purchase of 8, 2023 Chevrolet 2500 pickup trucks with snow plows for use in the Water Reclamation and Sewer Departments in the amount not to exceed \$410,028.

Council President Mancuso

37:24

Thank you, I'll entertain the motion for passage to begin the discussion. So moved by Councilman Tolton, second by Councilman Epps. All in favor, "Aye."
And we go once again to Director Knecht.

Service Director Knecht

37:35

Thank you, Madam Chair. The purchase of eight of these eight pickups will be these will be used in the water reclamation and sewer departments. These will be replacing units that are anywhere from 14 to 17 years old. Those units have reached their useful life, we had been looking to do a replacement on them. When these became available. Again, Tim Lally was able to call us with a fleet cancellation. So, we were able to secure these and these will be readily available so we can put them into service in the coming months.

Council President Mancuso

38:10

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

I'll entertain a motion to suspend the rules to forego the second and third reading. So moved by Councilman Jarosz. Second Councilwoman Jukic.
All in favor, "Aye."
Those opposed.
Madam Clerk, please call the roll on the merits of the ordinance.

Clerk Laboda

38:39

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

Council President Mancuso

38:55

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

Clerk Laboda

38:59

Ordinance 033-23. An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service of the City of Euclid to purchase 1, 2023 Ford F 150 pickup truck from Valley, Valley Ford Truck Centers, 5715 Canal Road, Cleveland, Ohio 44125. For use in the fire department in an amount not to exceed \$72,673.

Council President Mancuso

39:32

Thank you. I'll entertain a motion or passage to begin the discussion. So moved by Councilman Epps, seconded by Councilwoman Jukic.
All in favor, "Aye."
Once again to the Director Knecht.

Service Director Knecht

39:43

Thank you, Madam Chair. The purchase of this vehicle will allow the fire department to have a vehicle that can be used in frontline duty in operations as well as fire prevention. This will be replacing a unit that again is 14 years old. It has reached its useful life. This will be outfitted with several things at Valley Truck Center that will help put this into service quicker. And I'd be happy to answer any questions tonight.

Council President Mancuso

40:14

Thank you, discussion? Councilman Tanner.

Councilman Tanner

40:18

Thank you, Madam Chair. Director, do we trade the old trucks in.

Service Director Knecht

40:23

Madam Chair to the Councilman, we auction them off on a site called gov deals. And then that money is put back into the general fund.

Council President Mancuso

40:31

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

All in favor, "Aye."

I'll entertain a motion to suspend the rules to forego the second and third readings so moved by Councilman Jarosz, second by Councilman Epps.

All in favor, "Aye."

Those opposed?

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

Clerk Laboda

40:57

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

Ordinance passes.

Council President Mancuso

41:12

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

Clerk Laboda

41:16

Ordinance 034-23. An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service of the City of Euclid to purchase 2, 2023 Ford Explorer utility vehicles from Valley Ford truck centers, 5715 Canal Road, Cleveland, Ohio, 44125. For use in the fire department in an amount not to exceed \$91,500.

Council President Mancuso

41:45

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

All in favor, "Aye."

And we will go once again to Direct Knecht.

Service Director Knecht

41:56

Thank you, Madam Chair. This purchase will allow the fire department to have two vehicles that will be used by the Chief, the Assistant Chief as well as others when when they when they need to travel for city business. This will be replacing vehicles that are over 15 years of age and again have reached their useful life for us. These two vehicles were chosen by the fire department is being the perfect size and layout for what they needed to do with them. And Valley had the allocation to be able to order these units for us. I'd be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Council President Mancuso

42:37

Thank you. Chief Haddock did you want to add anything?

Fire Chief Haddock

42:42

Thank you, Madam Chair to Council. As with any of these purchases that we're looking at tonight, safe, reliable, and modern equipment and apparatus are essential for our fire department to serve the community. So, thank you.

Council President Mancuso

42:55

Thank you. Discussion. Councilman Tolton.

Councilman Tolton

42:59

Thank you, Madam Chair, to Director Knecht, or Chief Haddock, Will these, I know I know those elements a personal vehicles, but your vehicles to get around. But will they be maybe outfitted with any type of emergency equipment if those vehicles need to be you know, call to a scene or something?

Fire Chief Haddock

43:19

Madam Chair to Council, yes, we, we will respond to calls with those. And if we end up having to sit on wires or do something like that, but the Assistant Chief and I both respond to, actively, to any calls within the city and that will take place continue to take place.

Councilman Tolton

43:35

Right. But I'm gonna guess the question was will they be outfitted with any type of equipment, you know, emergency equipment and things like that that's needed and to see. (Yes, they will.) Okay, maybe I missed the answer. I'm sorry. Okay. Thank you.

Council President Mancuso

43:48

Other discussion? Councilman Wojtila.

Councilman Wojtila

43:51

Thank you, Madam Chair, to Director Smith. So these amounts were included in the budget that we recently approved? (Yes, they were.)

Council President Mancuso

44:05

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

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

All in favor, "Aye."

Those opposed, "nay." One.

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

Clerk Laboda

44:39

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

Ordinance passes.

Council President Mancuso

44:52

Thank you. Madam Clerk can you read the ninth agenda? I'm sorry. Read the ninth agenda item into the record.

Clerk Laboda

45:00

Ordinance 035-23. An ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of Euclid to enter into a contract with Sutphen Corporation, 6450 Eiterman Road, Dublin, Ohio 43016, for an aerial ladder truck for use by the Euclid Fire Department at a total cost not to exceed \$1,343,595.

Council President Mancuso

45:32

Thank you. I'll entertain motion for passage. I'll entertain a motion for passage to discuss. So moved by Councilwoman Steele, seconded by Councilman Epps.

All in favor, "Aye."

And we will go to Director Knecht.

Service Director Knecht

45:46

Thank you, Madam Chair. This vehicle, which has been discussed multiple times, is critical in the operations for the fire department, this allows them to be able to reach higher stories of buildings, it is something that the current vehicle has struggled to stay in service. As we have taken a look at different manufacturers of these vehicles, we knew that we did not want to purchase what we had previously. Unfortunately, that company was bought out their assets by another, another firm that does fire apparatus, which made it extremely difficult to keep that truck running is a lot of those parts were proprietary. As we went through this process looking at different vehicles Sutphin, which is constructed here in Ohio, we own their equipment already, they have been very good with being able to get us parts. They were very good during the build process of the previous two engines. And we would like to be able to move forward with them again, on this ladder build. The typical time for a ladder build right now is being quoted from 27 to 30 months with most manufacturers. Sutphin had a slot in the build line already set aside for what they call a demo unit. So they were willing to let us customize that demo unit to our specs so that we could have this truck in 12 months, which would be a very short timeframe in comparison to what we had seen for others. I'd be happy to answer any questions on this or Captain Rowell or Chief Haddock. Thank you.

Council President Mancuso

47:34

Thank you. Chief, do you want to add anything else?

Captain Rowell

Thank you, Madam Chair and council. Do we have any questions on the purchase of this vehicle?

Council President Mancuso

Hang on Councilwoman Steele was your hand up? Go ahead.

Councilwoman Steele

47:53

Thank you, Madam Chair. Just at the question is, in the meantime, I'm sorry. I can't read your name. (Captain Rowell). I know we need these items to have a good running Fire Department. But in the meantime, I know this is fast to get it in 12 months. But what if something happens in the interim? With the vehicle that we already have? What will we do? Because it's my understanding that the parts are so hard to come by. And I know that we are really struggling to get, you know, adequate equipment to make sure that things are running properly. What will you do in the interim, if the vehicle that you already have breaks down.

Fire Chief Haddock

48:49

So right now City Garage is working on those vehicles. We have reserve apparatus that we're constantly trying to get fixed and maintained. And if we have any issues with the ladder truck, we usually call Mutual Aid at this time being without a ladder. So we'll call Wickliffe or another city in case we need a ladder truck.

Councilwoman Steele

49:11

That's what I thought I just want to I want the public to understand what you have to do in order to do your jobs. That's why I wanted you to answer that question. And you've answered it. Thank you.

Council President Mancuso

49:23

Councilman Epps.

Councilman Epps

49:26

Thank you, Madam Chair, to the Captain or to the Chief, I don't recall and could just be my memory. But I don't recall hearing that one of these vehicles is gonna be ready within 12 months. Is that news that we've just gotten? And if so, are there any other vehicles that were in now that are going to be ready within 12 months? That seems really quick, based on what we are a, great news, but just curious.

Fire Chief Haddock

49:50

Yes, Madam Chair and Council. So they have Demo units, stock units and custom units. The Demo units are usually used in travel around and a scale the department's get to see them with a stock unit. Sutphen has worked with us before. So they made sure that they could work with us again, to have a vehicle prepared for us. Sutphen will have a vehicle ready March of 2024, the other companies. Rosenbauer and peers cannot meet that requirement. Pierce would be at the end of 2024. And Roosenbauer would be later than that.

Councilman Epps

50:27

Got it appreciate that. Can't put a price on strong relationships.

Council President Mancuso

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

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, enthusiastically, seconded by Councilman Epps.

All in favor, "Aye."

Any opposed? Seeing none,

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

Clerk Laboda

51:05

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

Council President Mancuso

51:20

Thank you. Please read the 10th agenda item into the record.

Clerk Laboda

51:24

Resolution 025-23. A resolution proclaiming April 2023 as Fair Housing Month in Euclid, recognizing and celebrating the 55th anniversary of the Fair Housing Act, and reiterating the city's commitment to housing without discrimination in the city and to maintaining an inclusive community.

Council President Mancuso

51:50

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

All in favor, "Aye."

And we will go to the Mayor.

Mayor Gail

51:59

Thank you, Madam Chair, excuse me, before I address this particular ordinance, I just want to go back and thank council for their support with the additional vehicles this year. I know we discussed it through the budget process. And so thank you for the additional funding that is available because we have the revenue replacement, and we added to the cash balance last year. You know, over the last couple of years, it's been very difficult to get vehicles, we have some serious vehicle needs. So we really appreciate your willingness to let us do that. I also want to thank, take a minute to thank our motor maintenance, Director Knecht and the motor maintenance department, they do a phenomenal job keeping our vehicles running and safe and on top of and you heard of the strength of the relationships that they have. By making sure these vehicles are available. Many other places aren't getting vehicles and Director Knecht has maintained those strong relationships that enabled him to be made aware of when fleets other people cancelled and kind of moved us up the line. And the mechanics do just a phenomenal job. I also want to thank Captain Rowell and the fire department, you received his overview of all the work that went into looking at vehicles and we tasked them to look at you know all of the fire vehicles and let's make sure we're developing a plan so that we you know, stay on top of and make sure that we're providing the vehicles to make sure they can do their jobs. So thank you to Captain Rowell and the fire department for all the work to get to this point. Thank you to council for your support of all the vehicle purchases tonight.

So April is Fair Housing Month and I want to recognize and thank the planning and development department and Ed Chenock, Community Development Manager is here. As a community development block grant recipient, we are required to affirmatively further fair housing. More than required, we are committed to it. So this ordinance is really just an opportunity to restate to the community our commitment to furthering fair housing in the community. And we do that through a number of different activities. We contract with the Fair Housing Center to provide things like housing audits, housing, sales and rental audits, to respond to complaints of housing discrimination to resolve landlord tenant conflicts, if necessary, referring items to the Ohio Civil Rights Commission and to the Housing and Urban Development. We also use them and Mr. Chenock to conduct landlord education in fair housing. So we additionally every five years we worked with HUD and conducted an analysis of impediments to Fair Housing Choice, looking at your housing market and identifying actions to reduce discrimination. So appreciate the hard work that the Planning and Development Department and Mr. Chenock specifically are doing. We have over the years updated our fair housing ordinance, made sure we are current with protected classes and and just appreciate this opportunity to remind the community and declare and recognize April as Fair Housing Month.

Council President Mancuso

55:09

Thank you. Discussion? Councilman Epps.

Councilman Epps

55:11

Thank you, Madam Chair. I'm sure, then maybe my colleagues want to do so as well. But I'd like to be added as a sponsor for this.

Council President Mancuso

55:16

Thank you. Other discussion? Councilwoman Hannum.

Councilwoman Hannum

55:22

Could you let us know some of the ways in which the city has found that we could reduce discrimination through fair housing.

Mayor Gail

55:33

Some of the things is around education. So making sure that landlords and tenants are aware of the rules through our landlord tenant trainings

that happen when they learn helpful hints and tips of how to do that. We have in the past held for educational forums specifically for realtors. That's another good way and we can be happy. I'll be happy to have Mr. Chenock share if there's other things I we've done it we've done forums through neighborhood associations when they've been active. Talking with Oh, Mr. Chenock's coming up. I don't know. If you wanted to the suspend the rules and ask Mr. Chenock to share some of that. Appreciate I'm sure he appreciates the opportunity.

Council President Mancuso

56:19

So moved by Councilman Epps, second by council, Councilman Tanner. All in favor, "Aye."
Thank you.
Those opposed. None.
Councilman, oh, you just became a Councilman.

Community Development Manager Chenock

56:33

Madam Chair to the to the Councilwoman, some other avenues that we educate realtors, homeowners, tenants are through our as the Mayor said, trainings through the through the Legal Aid Society of Greater Cleveland as well as the Fair Housing Center for rates and research as well as any information that we receive daily, or periodically from HUD regarding fair housing. we disseminate it through the department and also to residents and associated stakeholders.

Council President Mancuso

57:14

Any other questions? I'm sorry, Councilman Steele.

Councilwoman Steele

57:19

Thank you, Madam Chair. And thank you for answering our questions today. But I do have a question. If indeed one of someone comes to you, somebody from out of state or in state comes and say, you know, I want to purchase this property, and they are discriminated? What are the steps that they have to take? Do they come to you guys? Do they go to you know, because this talks about different programs where they can learn about how to, I guess, how to be able to maneuver? But what what is our responsibility in our city? What do we do?

Community Development Manager Chenock

58:00

Madam Chair to the Councilwoman, how it goes is that when, when I received a complaint, I link them to the Fair Housing Center for rights and research. Either I refer them to the Fair Housing Center for rights and research or I take their name, their address their contact information, and, and I connect the two together. And I do follow through just to make sure that first off, there is discrimination present. And the onus is on the Fair Housing Center to to investigate for discrimination if there is any to be found, and then to take steps through their mediation process to ensure that that discrimination, if found through their auditing process, is addressed.

Councilwoman Steele

58:45

Thank you seems like a lot. The reason why I asked this is because a lot of times people will call and say I've been discriminated. How is kind of that's my word against yours. So the question that I have is, how can we prove that? How can we make sure, I'm sure we have all the paperwork and everything like that, but again, that's your word against mine. So we want to make sure that we can make residents feel comfortable enough not afraid to come even if they do have all this education, sometimes people are just not comfortable enough or frightened that something may happen they may be get blackballed or, and things of that nature and we want to make sure that we I guess, what I'm trying to say is make sure that they have enough support, to be able to move ahead and not be afraid, because that happens a lot. We don't you know, it happens, trust me. So, I just want to make sure that we just say okay, I took your number down I called fair housing, let's go from step to step to step. So is that what we did exactly what we do? Awesome. Thank you.

Community Development Manager Chenock

Absolutely right.

Mayor Gail

1:00:09

Madam Chair. The other thing that I would add just to Councilman Councilwoman Steele. That's why we contract with Fair Housing Center. They have trained investigators, they have people who are trained in doing this. So they know how to get their data, how to make the case, if there is one, and what the how to help them proceed to the next step. So that's part of that contracted services, they are trained in that and the legalities of everything that goes along with it. Thank you.

Council President Mancuso

1:00:37

Thank you. Other discussion? Councilman Epps.

Councilman Epps

1:00:39

Thank you Chair. I just want to piggyback off of what my colleague said, as well. And as I listened to that, it seemed, this is the reason why these things being so complicated a lot of times and the reason why folks don't come forward, afraid of what type of retribution they're going to get is also another reason for that. So I just want to obviously, this administration has always been supportive of this. And that's great. I commend you on that. I just want to make sure that we're doing everything we can, and continue to encourage you to get the information out. This is another way we definitely could be using our board. Hey, have you been discriminated against? And these are the things in the steps you can take because these things do happen, as my colleague said, a lot more than you think. Right here in the streets of Euclid. So thank you.

Council President Mancuso

1:01:23

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

All in favor. "Aye."

Madam Clerk, please call the roll on the resolution.

Clerk Laboda

1:01:39

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

Resolution passes.

Council President Mancuso

1:01:54

Thank you. Madam Clerk, could you please read the final agenda item into the record?

Clerk Laboda

1:01:59

Resolution 032-23. A resolution recognizing Friday, April 28, 2023, as Arbor Day in the city of Euclid, and encouraging all residents throughout our community to appreciate the beauty, value, benefit and significance of trees to our city.

Council President Mancuso

1:02:21

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

All in favor, "Aye."

We'll go, once again, to Mayor Gail.

Mayor Gail

1:02:31

Thank you, Madam Chair. This resolution officially recognizes as April 28 as Arbor Day. We are very fortunate we have been designated for 32 years in a row as a Tree City USA designee. And with that designation comes a couple of requirements. One is maintaining a tree board and that is our Shade Tree Commission. The second is having a tree care ordinance which we do, having an annual forestry budget to take care of the trees which we do, and hosting an Arbor Day observance and proclamation each year. So that is why the resolution is in front of you. But I do want to take a minute to thank our Shade Tree Commission and thank the chairperson Greg Lawrence. Shade Tree Commissioners Roy Lyric, Amanda Wood, Jody Lathrow, Alyssa Zurly, Paul K, Charlene Joyce and our Council Rep. Councilwoman Hannum for their hard work. The Commission has really gained some strength and has been very active working on our tree canopy has helped us acquire grants has helped us determine best places to plant trees and how to maintain them long term. I will take this opportunity to invite everybody that Euclid Shade Tree Commission is hosting a get to know the Shade Tree Commission or the Meet Euclid Shade Tree Commission at the Euclid Public Library next Wednesday, April 12 at 7pm. They will be making brief presentations and talking about the work that they're doing so everybody is invited out to meet the shade tree also would certainly like to invite everyone to join us for the Arbor Day ceremony that will be on April 28 at 6pm. This year the Shade Tree Commission selected former Mayor Paul Oyaski to plant a tree in his honor so he will be with us. He has not only served as Mayor and several positions within the city Public Service and in Planning and Community Development, went on to work at the County in economic development has continued to volunteer with the Euclid Historical Society, umpires for softball still and has stayed active in the community. So, any of you who know Paul know, I'm sure, there will be some stories of Euclid history as part of that celebration. Well deserved. So happy Arbor Day to everybody and appreciate Council's support. So we can continue to gain that Tree City USA designation.

Council President Mancuso

1:05:03

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

All in favor, "Aye."

Madam Clerk, please call the roll and the resolution.

Clerk Laboda

1:05:22

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

Resolution passes.

Council President Mancuso

1:05:37

Thank you. We will now go to our second **Committee of the Whole**, where the audience may speak to anything for the good of the city. Please give us your name, address and kindly keep your remarks to under five minutes.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – PUBLIC PORTION

Council President Mancuso

1:06:10

The button, okay.

Resident - Dante Gresham

1:06:11

Can you hear me? Yes. Hello, my name is Dante Gresham. I live at 24650 Euclid Avenue. I wanted to rise and support our street improvements, especially on Euclid Avenue. Also wanted to urge us to think about what we can do with Euclid Avenue because I live on Euclid Avenue. And I hear cars zooming down the street all the time. And I know our police department probably have the form problems on Euclid Avenue with drivers. Because I personally hear it all the time. So I do support those improvements. Also, I want to support our safety vehicles on purchases. And with our police department and our fire department. Oh, I'm because I believe a city is as strong as their public safety departments. And I wanted to make sure that I wanted to support that because you click on we need to make sure that our public safety departments are taken care of. I also wanted to support the snow plows on especially living in Northeast Ohio, we can all see a lot of snow storms but I also wanted to give on thanks to the city because I did see a little a nice

improvement. We're getting the snow out the way along this year although we didn't have many snow storms, but the ones that we did, um I was able to get out and get to where I needed to get to. And also I wanted to support the Fair Housing our month ago um here in April but also not only supported but give an urge and also continue that commitment of bringing that awareness that we need more safe, sustainable and lead free housing and for our residents here not only here in Euclid, but all over the United States. I want to also make sure our housing we know that people are discriminated against every day and being also not only that but people die every day that are unhoused so on and we live in one world the richest nation in a world and people still die without being housed so I wanted to make sure our stat and supported the Fair Housing oh a month here and here in the city of only Euclid and that's all, thank you.

Council President Mancuso

1:08:30

Thank you, Sir. Next speaker please.

Resident - Richard Fiorelli

1:08:55

Richard Fiorelli, 758 E. 232nd street. It's the tagline the guy who sketches at the council meetings. I have one shout out compliment and then one request of Director Knecht. Total Thumbs up for Joe, I'll mispronounce pronounce his name, but I got the spelling correct. It's either Kapuso or proposal. It's CAPUZO. And he's the he now works with the park areas on the waterfront. And he assisted me in getting a tire up to the Waterfront Trail and out of there and some rusted fishing furniture that was well beyond his own, you know, responsibilities that day. So you know, give them a raise, give him a pat on back, if anything, put him put his name in the record as you know one of the good guys and then I'm declining rapidly my neighborhood with credibility because I'm generally known as the guy at the council meetings and I now have five potholes in front of my house. And it's getting to be the joke it's patches on tops of patches and and for the sake of me selfishly. I'd love it if you guys would just cold cold patch. The five potholes, potholes, chuckholes whatever you want to call them, in front of 758 East 232 street and then I can tell my neighbor, you know, quit yapping at me, come to the council meetings? Thank you.

Council President Mancuso

1:10:19

Thank you, sir. Next speaker please.

Resident - Christopher Litwinowicz

1:10:32

Christopher Michael Litwinowicz, 21970 Morris Avenue Euclid Ohio 44123. I'm wasting my breath. Because the city you think thank you just gonna come and smirk and fill up the low 20-30 year old streets? Is there a purchase agreement for what they call a mill grinder. We invest into assets, but we ain't invest into equipment. Anything that's on this agenda is good to go. But that's because less than a week ago or two weeks ago, there was an important meeting that the public wasn't allowed to speak at what I hold right here, I think it's a joke to my council lady at 8:34 in the morning, I get a little citation saying sign posted. Three houses up there is a sign posted but it's this beast to traffic, not the whole street. On top of it. My rights been violated years ago. And that's all I see. I wake up to this different type of weeks different type of situations living in this community y'all can do better. And the funny thing is, is 7:30 I was at the police department waiting on somebody, they decided to pull off and actually saw somebody that's all and I'm to the point does the city have any interest into reckless, reckless, reckless reconcile the situation with a judgment that in a funny I had to make some phone calls to get another judge back up on the bench. So now is legal. I don't know what you were talking about. And you guys don't know what I'm talking about. We talked about leadership, there was some money taken. And this money needs to come back. So who write the checks. If I take you to court, we gotta judge origin judgment. Does council need to allocate those funds? Because that's the slippery slope of all these years. The money transferred from the court to the city. Everybody's hurting. Now what a young man that did a lot of work. And as I drive around, I still I'm not smoking, but it's like okay. You got a little cleanup. That's supposed to supposed to disperse of what I did, equal opportunity of employment. Applications always on file. Nobody caught it. What needs to happen is Y'all wake up in write the check the same threats do I need to go get a with a man with (untranscribable) that already tried to get for a petition? Or I mean, it all makes sense. It just don't make sense. It just don't make sense. You know, businessman shaking my head but bottom line is I'll see you in court.

Council President Mancuso

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Next speaker please.

Resident - Martha Jones

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Good evening. You could smile he's gone. My name is Martha Jones. I live at 315 Katey Rose Lane

Council President Mancuso

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Ma'am, I can't hear up here. It's an on your microphone.

Resident - Martha Jones

1:16:08

Oh, you can't hear me? Here you go. Does that work? (Yes. Better.) Okay. Good afternoon. My name is Martha Jones. I live at 315 Katie Rose Lane. 44143. Euclid Ohio. I didn't come to complain. I came to ask for help. Okay, in ordinance 11. Resolution. Oh, 03-23, where do I get the tree ordinance and take care of tree information. Because I'm gonna tell you, we feel like we're a lost community up there. And I met Councilman Tanner, and the previous council person. And I've been working trying to get us back beautified I even found us a grant for our HOA, because we couldn't get Euclid to do anything for us. So we're trying to help ourselves. So I need to find out how to this tree ordinance because we have trees that's on wires, and no one wants to come out and take those down. They said it's the illuminating companies, they just tell us what we need to do. And we'll get it done. We will get it done. Because you won't work for us. We got to work for ourselves. And if you can get us point and sense of direction so we can get these done. We don't have a problem because we're private Street. And that's all we get. We're a private Street, we're a private street. So since we're a private Street, we're going to work to bring our community back up. Because you all are not working for us for our tax money. So I just asked for help. That's all I'm asking for the help. We found a grant online, we looked at one of the grants that you all had. And I went search, I worked for Beachwood building department. So I know how to do the research that I need to do. I looked at the easement today, because we got a problem at the end of our street. And when I found out where property line was, I found that that was Euclid that should have fixed this particular problem for the last couple of years. So you're gonna be hearing from us, but I just need help, who to go to how to get these issues rectified. Thank you.

Mayor Gail

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Thank you, not knowing this specific situation, there is a difference between if a tree is on public property and private property. I'll talk with you after , I'll come and make sure we talk with you and I'm happy to get your copy of the tree ordinance. But I want to talk with you about more of your specifics after the meeting if you could wait.

Resident - Victor Goodman

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Victor Goodman 20201 Glen Russ Lane. I was sitting at home watching the meeting, thinking I wouldn't be here. And then, to my amazement,

the Council President seem to forget, for the second time about a meeting held on 3-15, E and F, with Moore Counseling that my wife had come here two weeks ago and asked why there wasn't a synopsis. And sure enough, we were told by the Council President on that night that it would be at this meeting. Now, we keep on hearing well, you know, I gotta keep the rumors down. And I got to stop the conspiracy theories. But I find it amazing is that a second meeting with Moore Counseling that went and had a resolution has not been reported to the people of Euclid again. There is absolutely no excuse the Council President and was one of the smartest people I know. And if it was going to be, Oh, I forgot. I'm afraid I find that inexcusable, there is no reason that that was not part of the summaries again tonight. And I demand an explanation. And I demand a report so that the people of Euclid know what's going on here. It was a lot more than just Stewart, Council President. And there is no reason I would be sitting at home watching the end of jeopardy. Instead, I'm here, because I, as a citizen, want to know why it was convenient to again, forget about that. Thank you.

Council President Mancuso

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Thank you. We did do a summary for the 15th. And after that, that should already be, you should be able to pick up a copy of it from our council clerk.

Resident - Victor Goodman

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No, no, no, no. Let's not, you did not report on the meeting after Stuart, when you came back into session. And Mrs. Moore, Dr. Moore was here there was a full, complete discussion. It was then resolved to keep it in committee. And yet this particular summary has been omitted not once. But now twice. You didn't have it at the last meeting and promised it would be at this one. And then you didn't do it at this meeting.

Council President Mancuso

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First of all, those were two separate meetings. We did adjourn from the Luke Stuart one, which is why it was and then came back and then well, no, after we came back, we adjourned. So that was the end of that meeting. And then we went into the other meeting. And we can get you a copy of that.

Resident - Victor Goodman

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I don't want a copy. I want your summary read on the public record of what happened in that meeting. And the resolution of city council. And if

you council people don't stand up for this kind of stuff, what are you standing up for? This is the definite omission. And this is why rumors get started and conspiracy theories, because one thing I know we're not pulling in **another reader**.

Council President Mancuso

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Thank you and I will get you clarification. Oh, absolutely. I thought we already did it. Okay, sir. Any other speakers? Seeing none, we will then begin with our **Council Comments**. And I believe we start with Councilman Tanner tonight.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Tanner

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Thank you, Madam Chair. I like to announce in Ward 1 that there will be a meeting Tuesday, April 18. From 6 to 8:30 at the Chancelight School located at 1941 Sagamore Drive. Also, I'd like to apologize to the residents of Jamestown for not being able to receive the Euclid Observer. Georgetown, I'm sorry, Georgetown for not being able to receive the Euclid observer. We've tried from the city. Many of times I've talked to the editor and we've tried different things with the post office and for some reason, they won't deliver it. It's, I don't know I've asked the Mayor, we're still paying the government. So if I have to go to Channel 19, to find out why they will not deliver our newsletters as part of their job, I will. So again, I apologize for your not being able to receive it as of now. Thank you.

Councilman Tolton

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Thank you, Madam Chair. Just a couple of quick things. I also want to congratulate our retirees going forward. You know, I hope you enjoy your retirement and just don't sit at home make sure you guys keep keep active. To Director Knecht. One of the resident's brought up about chuckholes. Do we have a plan for this spring to kind of fill some of those holes around the city?

Service Director Knecht

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Madam Chair to the Councilman, Yes, we're out cold patching right now, as soon as the asphalt plants open, we will be doing extensive patching.

Councilman Tolton

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Okay, thank you. Couple more things I want to remind residents of Ward 2 not to overstuff their trash cans. That's some of the reason why, Kimble will not take your trash when it's overstuff. And then they pass it by so just kind of remind people don't overstuff the trash cans. If your lid cannot close down, then it's overstuff. So let's not try to do that. Also reminder of the new cellphone laws that go into effect. So make sure you're not holding your cell phone in your hand while driving, because that's the first that's you can be stopped for that. Well, anyway, just a reminder of that. I'm also let's, with a couple of things, oh, this for Ward 2 residents again, this Wednesday, the fifth, I am having a virtual coffee with a Councilman. Again, it's a Zoom meeting, it's April 5, this Wednesday at 6:30pm, you can go onto the city's website to get the meeting ID and passcode. So the meeting will be by like an hour and a half. And again, it's just a session for me just to listen to the residents, hear some of your concerns about Ward 2. And I'll be able to explain a few things going on in the Ward. Tuesday again, April 5, at 6:30. And the last thing that I have is we know Easter is coming. So Happy Easter to everyone. But also just to remind people that we remember what Easter is truly all about. Thank you.

Council President Mancuso

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Thank you, sir.

Councilman Epps

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Thank you Chair. The first thing I want to make sure that I mentioned to the resident Miss Martha, think you said, Jones, definitely appreciate you coming out. We love to hear what's going on when we can't see everything. So we appreciate that. I along with Councilman Tolton, last year, had a couple of meetings with the administration to assist in private Street in his ward. I believe it was 233rd. And I continue to be a part of those conversations, try to assist them in that process. I encourage them that type of conversation with your councilman, as well as with the administration, I think that can be helpful. And those folks are moving forward with their next project. I'd love to help with that as well. So I'm gonna make sure I mentioned that to you. The next thing is the Big Clean April 22. I participated in a Big Clean last year for the very first time. Amazing event. I look forward to trying to redeem our win from Collinwood as well. Go to cityofeuclid.com to register for the event. My family looking is looking forward to being with you guys that day. The other thing I want to make sure folks know this is a very important issue, as you know council made the first initial vote to hire Perspectus to begin the process for our recreation center. And the first of those

meetings as was announced by the Director tonight, April 13, 6:30pm. Right here at City Hall. I look forward to seeing you on April 18. Sorry, April 18 at 6:30pm. I look forward to seeing you all here that night. Congratulations to former Mayor Oyaski at kind of a personal connection with he and his family as I we spent every Saturday morning bowling together at Palisades back in the day and kind of was always open and friendly to answer questions and talk about city stuff. And that has continued. He also does as Mayor Gail mentioned, he's still is an umpire. And so with all the other service that he has given to the city, I definitely think that this is an honor that is fitting for the former Mayor. So I wanted to make sure I say congratulations to him. And then tomorrow night at 6:30pm, The Euclid Revitalization committee will be having a meeting here in council chambers. I am the chair for that committee. I look forward to those discussions and an update on all things Euclid Avenue. And we have another meeting scheduled in June. And the goal is to have four of those over the course of this year before my term is over in November, and try to kind of button up some things that we want it to do. COVID put a put a halt to some of those things. To Mr. Gresham, who mentioned tonight as well, about the speed limit on Euclid Avenue. That is something I have been trying to get done for a very long time at the time, just so that you know the reason was cited as COVID for not giving us a good assessment of what the travel patterns are on Euclid Avenue at that time. So I look forward to trying to get the law director to reach back out to ODOT so that we can look into that I really think it's a necessity to lower the speed limit from 35 to 25 on Euclid Avenue, especially in the on the eastern end of the city for sure, where we have a high number of bars and businesses of entertainment. So we're also going to discuss event centers tomorrow night here as well as those updates. And what I want to do in all of these meetings is make sure that we open up the floor for any resident or business owner all things Euclid Avenue to, one, be able to come out and give their ideas at this first meeting, but over these next several meetings, to make sure that you're holding us accountable to making sure that we're looking into the things that you came out and suggested to us, and the input that you gave us. So I just want to make sure that folks know that first meeting for this year of that committee will be tomorrow night here at 6:30pm. I think that may be everything, definitely want to wish, happy Resurrection Sunday to everyone. Next week, we won't get an opportunity to say that to you, as my colleague said, keep in mind what this is all about. And with that, I will defer the rest of my time for my colleagues. Thank you. Goodnight.

Council President Mancuso

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Thank you, Sir. Councilman Jarosz.

Councilman Jarosz

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Thank you, Madam Chair. I just like to wish everybody Happy Easter. Happy Passover for those celebrating. Thank you.

Council President Mancuso

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Thank you, Councilwoman Hannum.

Councilwoman Hannum

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Thank you, Madam Chair. As member of the Shade Tree Commission, I would like to remind anyone who's interested in the trees and canopies in the City of Euclid, there will be a meet the Shade Tree Commission on April 12 at 7pm in the public library, we will also hold meetings on Thursdays, it's the third Thursday of every month at 6pm right here in city council chambers and you can come, it's open to the public. If you love trees, if you want to talk about trees, that's what Shade Tree Commission is about. And they would love to hear from the public. And they would love to hear your suggestions and ideas. So for anybody who's interested in that, please come out. There will also be at the Arbor Day celebration on the 20th and the Earth Day Big Clean. The Shade Tree Commission will also be sponsoring that event on the 22nd. That's all Thank you.

Council President Mancuso

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Thank you, Councilman Wojtila.

Councilman Wojtila

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Thank you, Madam Chair. I'm happy to share that lap swimming has returned to Euclid at the high school. And it's right now it's Monday through Thursday 6:30am to 8am. And this is being run through the school but a group called USCLE swim program, which is the early indications there. It's a phenomenal group dedicated to learning to swim, and enabling children and adults that may maybe don't normally have access to swim lessons have access to swim lessons. So they're looking to start swim lessons April the week of April 17. Stay tuned for the city has on the website on the homepage. It has details about the lap swim that started last week. And hopefully there'll be new information as to learn to swim starts up not only during weeknights, but also starting on Saturday. So again, stay tuned to the city's website for details on that. Mayor, I was hoping you could help us with driving by East 246th Street

in the eastern edge of the boardwalk. Is there any update that you can provide on that, I know we got a grant for some money in the upland portion? If you could provide an update? That would be great.

Mayor Gail

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Sure. Thank you. So two separate projects at the eastern end. 248 to 258 is what we're calling Yuko Park. And that's the plan council approved. We worked with Biolosky architects to develop the plan for the beach house in the parking and the trail down to that, as you are aware thanks to former Senator Yuko, we did get a million dollars of state capital funding to work on the eastern part. So we are, we continue to work with by Biolosky architects who are finished they're finishing up the schematic design phase that would take the master plan that was approved from concept to reality. So we're they just recently wanted to look at topographical and utility work that has been surveyed. From that phase, they will then move to construction documents and then go out to bid the plan is still that construction would start this year on the eastern phase. And again the foundation level so we have the million dollars of state capital that will not build the building. But we should be able to do phase one which would be the parking the accessible trail to the to the Waterfront Trail. And then we're hoping to connect the eastern part to Sims Park through the sidewalk a larger sidewalk potentially to make a nice loop. And on the western end, upland Sims Park which is about the five acre we did just execute the contract with the Ohio Public Works commission for the, I think it's \$450,000 grant. We worked with Western Reserve Land Conservancy. So that's going to be conserved mostly trails and some seeding and nature based improvements at that site. So we both projects continue to move forward, hopefully for construction or implementation this year later this year. Just as a reminder I will continue to share details with you. But for anyone that wants to keep up, the Planning and Development department does a great job of the active projects page. So if you go to the Planning and Development website, on the left side under active projects, there's a regular update on and there's a multiple multiple projects under underway. We're out to bid on the Hero Park trail, continue to work on multiple projects. So..

Councilman Wojtila

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Thank you. Thanks for that update. And with that, I'd just like to wish everybody a blessed and happy Easter. Thank you.

Council President Mancuso

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Thank you, Sir. Councilwoman Jukic.

Councilwoman Jukic

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Thank you, Madam Chair. I would only like to wish everyone Happy Easter and Passover for those who celebrate. Thank you.

Council President Mancuso

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Thank you. Councilwoman Steele.

Councilwoman Steele

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Thank you, Madam Chair. This is for Ward 8, we we will be having our community meeting April 12 at the Euclid Public Library in the Shore room from 7 to 8:30pm. We'll be having discussions on having our Ward 8 delegate program. We'll be looking at the Euclid Seniors programs and we'll have q&a. Please come out if you have any topics that you want to talk about or questions, we need you there. Also, I would like to just let those who are on the Program and Recreation Committee, we're going to have our meeting on April the 19th at 6:30. Just so you know, It's a reminder. And I want to wish everyone Happy Easter. Happy resurrection. Happy Passover. Enjoy your family. Enjoy your friends and stay safe. Last I want to thank the Euclid Fire Department and the Euclid Police Department for the work they did last week. There was a horrible accident March 28. Most of you read about it, heard about it. Listen, our police department and fire department you guys get yelled at, screamed at, cussed at, talked about. But you guys do incredible work. And I just want to just say thank you. Thank you. Thank you. You guys are amazing. I don't think you get enough credit. So you're getting credit for me today. Thank you. And enjoy the rest of your weekend again, happy Resurrection Sunday.

Council President Mancuso

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Thank you. And you're hearing that there's a lot of work being done in committee work so much so I'm trying to get in an E & F meeting, because we need to talk about the salary adjustments, and that's where it needs to go. We actually have two dates that our clerk gave you today. And they are the 10th and the 12th of next week. Get to her soon. If we don't have a quorum, I've got to go out to like the 24th before I have another meeting, but I want to get it on the books. So it'll be May. So take a look at your emails when you get home and give her a holler. If you can, you can't. Just let me know because we got to keep working out because there's an awful lot of other work being done simultaneously. And to Mr. Goodman. I know I did the report. I will make sure you get it. If we did do it, If you we didn't do it. We will do it here. That's the purpose of it. That's

why I created it. So we will get it to you, sir. So with that, I will wish everybody Happy Easter or Passover if that's how you choose to celebrate. And I will take a motion to adjourn. So moved by Councilwoman Steele, seconded by Councilman Tanner. All in favor, "Aye."

We are adjourned.



Clerk of Council



Council President