

EUCLID CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES FROM MAY 1, 2023

**This regular Council Meeting was held on Monday, May 1, 2023
at 7:00pm in the Euclid Municipal Center Council Chambers.
Council President Charlene Mancuso, presided.**

Council President Mancuso

2:25

Welcome to the Euclid City Council meeting on this Monday, May 1st, 2023.
If able, please rise and join us in the **Pledge of Allegiance**.

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

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

Clerk Laboda

3:04

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

Council President Mancuso

3:19

Thank you. Are there any **Communications**?

COMMUNICATIONS

Clerk Laboda

3:26

Yes, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Cleveland Alumni Chapter Inc. Doing
Business as Venue on the Vine Entertainment Complex, 20713 North Vine,
Euclid, 44119. And that's in Ward 2.

Council President Mancuso

3:44

Thank you and we go to Assistant Law Director Rubadue. Thank you. Thank
you, Madam Chair.

Assistant Law Director Rubadue

3:53

Thank you. Thank you, Madam Chair. This is a social and service organization that is requesting a liquor permit Sergeant Whittreich offered research on this applicant and has found nothing to preclude this organization from getting a liquor permit. So therefore, the city has no information or knowledge that would require council to request a hearing in this matter.

Council President Mancuso

4:18

Okay. And since this is in Ward 2, Councilman Tolton.

Councilman Tolton

4:22

Thank you, Madam Chair. Just real quick. I met with some of the members of the organization yesterday over at the Venue, thoroughly impressed by what they want to do over there. This is a quality organization. They've been around for 100 plus years. So they bring a real commitment to the community. They've been in the Cleveland area for years, but they're bringing that to Euclid now. Even yesterday, they talked about some of their plans over there. They already started, I believe, today they were going to have the whole parking lot paved. They had some roofing work done already. and these are, you know, professional men, these are doctors, lawyers, CEOs, CFO's, entrepreneurs, and they talked about some of the things they're gonna have in there basically, kind of keeping what what was already going on there. So you know, repass, things like that, weddings, wedding parties, things like that. So and you've got a real commitment to the community, which I really like. One of the things Mr. Butts told me yesterday that you're actually going to be going into the community. Later on this spring, early summer, enact walking through the community, letting people know that they're and what they're doing, and how many businesses do we find coming to our city? And do that? You know, so I was really impressed by that. And other things they want to do they want to work with the youth. I'm definitely impressed by that. So I see have no anything against giving them that permit. And I hope my colleagues also approved that, but I want to take a moment one of the gentlemen wanted to speak, Madam Chair, do we need to suspend the rules that have them to come?

Council President Mancuso

5:57

Do we have questions for him? (Alright, Okay.) We'll suspend the rules. We need to make a motion.

Councilman Tolton

6:07

Okay. Well, I'll make a motion to suspend the rules.

Council President Mancuso

6:08

Okay. And we need Second. Second.

All in favor, "Aye."

The gentleman come to the front desk here. Thank you, sir. And if you'll give us your name and address. Is your is the green light on by the microphone?

At the bottom? It'll it'll, it's green. There you go.

Speaker Derrick Funderburk

6:32

Okay, it's on now. Can you hear me?

Council President Mancuso

6:34

Yes, we can.

Speaker Derrick Funderburk

6:35

Thank you very much. My name is Derrick Funderburk. I am a resident of Bedford Heights, Ohio. But we are here. And I represent Kappa Alpha PSI Fraternity Cleveland Alumni Chapter. I am the current poll mark, which is actually the president, for those of you that are not a part of any Greek organizations. We have been in Cleveland for 103 years, where we have started off in the inner city of Cleveland, down on 100th Street, and we moved up and purchased two complexes apartment complexes in the city of shaker close to Shaker Square. We recently sold those two buildings. And we found that this the Slovenian society home was for sale. So we reached out and it fit all of the activities that we currently are doing. So the first thing we looked at was, number one, can we bring over our food drives, can we bring over our, our Kappa League, which is for all of the youth from ninth grade through 12th grade, where we are helping to get those young men and women into schools and to colleges and to trades and be able to help them be able to move forward and be able to be good stewards, and be effective leaders within a community. One thing about us and as you can see, my brothers are here assembled is that we are professional men. Yes, we all attended college, we have a lot of fun in college, as most of us it. But the main thing for us now is just to be able to reach back and to be able to help help those that need us. Yes, we do strive to help our minority community. But we are open to all activities. We're all members of all of communities. And we have a, I would like to say, an impeccable record within the county of Cuyahoga as being those that support very good initiatives, those that drive initiatives, because

we've had many community leaders just to speak of a few that were our fraternity brothers were Carl and Louis Stokes. They were giants in the community as well as within the parties that lead Cuyahoga County as well. I don't see any reason, I can answer any questions that any of you may have. We are just determined and we are excited. We're happy to bring all of the activities that we have here. And as I was explaining to Councilman Tolton, that we had just received 25 laptops, in order to begin our student activities over here in the fall, we're going to have all of our activities come out of Slovenia home. And we are not planning to change any of the business that was there prior to us. We're going to conduct business the same way. As was stated we are going to have weddings, re-passes, birthday parties, and we were just having a discussion where we were saying, You know what it seems like most of our crowd is like 60, 50 to 60 years old. We don't mind it doesn't matter to us because we have our own private area. And yes, we are applying for a liquor license. And that's for the for the membership to enjoy over there. We have a very nice, very, very wonderful membership. We have our Senior Brothers over, we have senior brothers, those that are 55 and above who who make up 25 to 35% of our dues paying membership. But outside of that we have all ages from those recent graduates to those that are in their mid 40s and 50s. When I speak about our scholarship programs, we also have our Kappa scholarship foundation where he where he we have given out over 250,000 dollars in scholarships for students over the past 15 to 20 years. And that being said, we are just excited, I think you can hear it in my voice. We are ready, we are prepared. We want to be a part of Euclid not just as a building and not just a group of folks that are over on the side, but you're going to see us you're going to see us active in a community. We also have members that are part of your school system. I believe we have one that's in your middle school, which I know for a fact that had multiple children that were part of our scholarship program over there, I believe 20 plus students that came out of the middle school there along with we also have them over in Cleveland Heights, where the wrestling coach over there was mentoring multiple children there. And we also have them as St. Edward's were one of our members is at first black dean of students at St. Edward's High School. And we have a total of six years as I'm counting them out of young men that we have brought. And we have been mentoring with teaching them how to tie ties, teaching them how to interview, teaching how to fill out scholarships, these are some of the small things that we do as Kappa Alpha PSI in the City of Euclid, as well as Cleveland, and across the nation. We are an international fraternity. And the difference between Kappa Alpha PSI and I think some some things that people may not know is historically black fraternities and sororities, once we begin and we join, this is a lifetime commitment for us. This is not something that we do while we're just in college. This is where we're truly invested. And we believe in the theme of achievement. And that is what we're here to do. So if you have any questions for me, I will answer them. And thank you for your time.

Council President Mancuso

11:33

Thank you, sir, very much. We can hear the passion in your voice. Is there any other discussion? Councilman Epps?

Councilman Epps

11:39

Thank you, Chair, and to the gentleman and to the entire organization. I also want to make sure the public understands and for folks who are watching, there's a discussion about events centers right now, you are a free standing, building. And I also want to point out to note that this is the former Slovenian Home site that has now been purchased and operated now by Kappa by the Kappa Fraternity organization. I think that is very awesome. And also indicative of a lot of the demographic changes that we experienced here in our community. I'm excited about all the new programming and the way you guys are trying to come here feet first, and engage in our youth in particular here within our community, and just want to welcome you guys. If there's ever anything we can do, let us know. Thank you very much.

Council President Mancuso

12:18

Thank you. Having heard the discussion, I would like to make a motion that we accept this without objection. Do I have a second? I'm gonna give this second to Councilman Tolton. Madam Clerk, please call the roll and accepting this without objection.

Clerk Laboda

12:39

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

Motion passes.

Council President Mancuso

12:51

Thank you. Congratulations.

Speaker Derrick Funderburk

12:52

Thank you very much.

Council President Mancuso

12:53

Do we have any communications? I'm sorry, **Council Minutes**.

Councilman Wojtila

13:06

I'd like to make a motion to approve the council minutes for March 20, 2023 and April 3, 2023.

Council President Mancuso

13:12

Thank you. We have a motion. Do we have a second? So moved by Councilwoman Jukic.

All in favor, "Aye."

Thank you very much. We'll now go to Administrative Reports and **Communications**. Mayor Gail.

Mayor Gail

13:23

Thank you, Madam Chair. Good evening, members of council and good evening audience and most of our Euclid Fire Department is here. So we're glad to see that. We, during COVID took a break and did not do our administering new oaths of office or promotions here in front of city council and we wanted to bring that back. So, I will ask Chief Haddock and Assistant Chief Anderson to come forward.

Fire Chief Haddock

14:01

Well, good evening and welcome to Euclid city council chambers. My name is Chris Haddock, and I'm the fire Chief of the Euclid Fire Department. And as the Mayor mentioned, we have a very exciting evening tonight, we are not only going to welcome two new members to our family, but we're also going to promote one of our firefighters to the rank of Lieutenant. So these are these ceremonies are really a big deal. And we like to make them special for the people that are involved. And the pandemic pandemic really threw a curveball at us. So here we are, after three years getting back to doing it in here. We feel that it's really important for our council and for administration to see the faces of the people that are serving the fire department. And we also have the option when you do it here to have it recorded. So it's good for looking at later and having it archived. So the past two years for the Euclid fire department had been incredibly exciting. We've had a lot of events going on, including today's ceremony. We'll have hired welcome 26 new recruits to our fire department over last two years. We've welcomed 9 recruits in March of 21, 6 in August of 21, 3 in February of 22. 2 in May of 22, 4 this past January and two more tonight. Now, these hirings have been necessitated not only for retirements, but we've also had members that left for other departments. And then we've also added to our staffing levels. So about 1/3 of our fire department changed over in a really short time. Other exciting happenings we had last year, we celebrated our 100 year anniversary as being

a paid career fire departments. And we also completed our first ever community driven strategic plan, which will provide a roadmap for us for the next five years. So what we're going to do is we're going to do the oath for the promotion first, and then we will have the oath for the two new recruits. And then they'll let us exit everybody that wants to go out. And we'll have some refreshments out in the lobby. And for those who have never been to fire station one, if you can, you're welcome to go take a tour when you when you come down here. So again, we have a really nice crowd here this evening. We do have members of the Euclid Fire Department that are on duty, off duty, we had some retirees I thought I saw. And we also have fire Local 337 President, might be on a call, he was supposed to be here. We do have members, some other fire departments here. So thanks for coming up here. And I certainly want to thank the members from the families that are in family and friends that are getting the, of the members that get sworn in tonight. So thank you for coming up. So next to me, we have Mayor Kirsten Holzheimer Gail, and she'll be administering the oaths and we also have Assistant Chief Will Anderson and he'll be writing a little bio of everybody that comes up here. So tonight's, tonight's activities are also necessitated because we had two retirements. And one of those individuals was firefighter Tom Kander, who served the city for 31 years. And Lieutenant Pete Bernake was back there, he served our city for 30 years. So, I think we should give them a nice round of applause.

You know, so as you're about to do this promotion here, I do want to congratulate the other firefighters that had the courage and the commitment to participate in these exams. It's these are not easy. It requires a tremendous amount of work. And just because you weren't successful this time, doesn't mean you won't be next time. So I hope you'll continue to persevere and keep doing your best for our fire department. So the job of fire Lieutenant is described by our job description, it says a we're a first level supervisor, well, I can guarantee it's a lot more than that. The lieutenant is in charge of a five member crew at each firehouse. And he's responsible for leading the crew on those calls that they respond to. Additionally, they are responsible for training the crews, which they we train every day, performing company inspections, conducting the conduct of their crews, discipline, giving orders, following orders, and also for the maintenance of the high morale of their crews, they're also responsible for maintaining their own personal proficiency and competencies. So here we go, we got all that hard work we do, we get you come up on a fire scene. And these lieutenants are there, they're often the very first ones a come up on the scene. So it is their responsibility to perform an accurate size up and then take action. So in the fire service, they'll say the first five minutes of decisions that are made in the first five minutes of a call can dictate the next five hours and that's very truthful. So on the Euclid Fire Department, we do stress continuous improvement. And I can tell you that with that this past promotional exam was the most thorough and rigorous in a department history. And that is this whole testing concluded of a written examination, which had four texts in it with company officer standards, Safety Officer Standards and our policies and procedures, there was an assessment center with this gives the opportunity for the candidate to try to solve problems via roleplay, or actually through demonstrating their skills verbally. Then we also do a paired comparison, where the other all the

officers on the fire department rate each candidate against each other with five desirable leadership traits. So after all, that we did really good and that all that hard work and studying and all that. So now you get to really put the put your test to the road here and it's going to be you put your time in, you've studied hard, you've done your experience. So I'm going to wish you the best. We're going to have you come on up here and bring your family. Thank you.

Assistant Fire Chief Anderson

19:45

While Frank comes up, I'll share a little information. Frank was sworn in as a Euclid firefighter on May 5, 2008. Little did he know 15 years ago that he'd be coming up here tonight. take the oath as a lieutenant. He's proven himself as competent, coachable and trusted in 15 years with Euclid Fire Department. Frank's professional development, and Department involvement consists of the following; an associate's degree in fire science from Waldorf University. He served as an Acting Lieutenant since 2014. He is certified by the state of Ohio as a fire safety inspector. He's involved in a number of committees, including the Euclid Fire Department clothing committee, Frank is responsible for designing our 100 year anniversary patch that we wear on our T shirts. He's a fitness enthusiast, he contributes to the local 337 wellness fitness committee, where he also serves as an American American Council of exercise Board Certified Pure fitness trainer. He's also on the ambulance specification committee. Frank also serves as an executive board member for local 337 and I'm told he is the best goalie in the history of Euclid Fire hockey team. In addition, in addition to all that, Frank has some roots here in the Euclid Fire Department. His family tree consists of James Greeno, who served the city of Euclid from 1943 to 1974. And retired platoon Chief Ken Bradford who served from 1965 to 1992. After Frank takes the oath, he'll be assigned bid Lieutenant badge number 8. Congratulations, Frank. Keep learning and keep leading.

Mayor Gail

21:38

Thank you, you're ready for the oath? Congratulations, if you would raise your right hand and repeat after me. I Frank Marino,

Firefighter Frank Guarino

21:46

I, Frank Marino, do solemnly swear

Mayor Gail

do solemnly swear

Firefighter Frank Guarino

do solemnly swear

Mayor Gail

21:50

that I will protect and defend that I will protect and defend the Constitution of the United States,

Firefighter Frank Guarino

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that I will protect and defend that I will protect and defend the Constitution of the United States,

Mayor Gail

the Constitution and laws of the state of Ohio of the state of Ohio

Firefighter Frank Guarino

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Mayor Gail

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Firefighter Frank Guarino

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Mayor Gail

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Firefighter Frank Guarino

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Mayor Gail

And that I will faithfully discharge the duties of Lieutenant the duties of Lieutenant for the city of Euclid,

Firefighter Frank Garino

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and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of Lieutenant the duties of Lieutenant for the city of Euclid,

Mayor Gail

So help me God.

Firefighter Frank Garino

22:24

So help me God.

Mayor Gail

Congratulations, Lieutenant Garino.

Firefighter Frank Garino

22:57

Well, thank you. Thank you for everybody that came out tonight. All past current and soon to be future members of the fire department, family and friends. I can't thank everybody enough for for this fine showing. Chief, Mayor Gail, Assistant Chief Anderson, my family, my father, Larry Garino. Here, my mother, Phyllis. I'm not here without them and their guidance throughout, you know, all these years. My two beautiful children here, Vincent and Lydia, and of course, my wife. Again, it's not possible without her. The commitment that this takes for the studying portion of the promotion process is, it's long, it's rigorous, and she made more sacrifices than I could ever ask for. So thank you, everybody that's here tonight. And I look forward to my new role here at Euclid fire.

Fire Chief Haddock

24:14

Maintaining adequate staffing levels allows us to safely provide excellent fire and EMS services to our community. So tonight's events didn't just magically happen. It took a tremendously collaborative team effort. And I'm going to recognize a few of the leaders that did make this happen. So first of all, Mayor Kirsten Holzheimer Gail, she's continued to support the Euclid Fire Department. During her tenure as Mayor. With the welcoming of our two newest recruits, our staffing levels will be an 85. And this is the highest it's been since 2002. And that's over 20 years. And again, this exemplifies our Mayor's commitment to the Euclid Fire Department and the safety of our citizens. I also want to recognize and thank Euclid City Council, because we know there are many needs in the city and The City Council with the leadership of President Charlene Mancuso continues to support us. I also

want to recognize Assistant Chief Will Anderson. He is one of the most incredible individuals that I've ever met. His passion and dedication for not only the fire service, but for the Euclid Fire Department has elevated our organization to the next level. And he will take over the reins as fire chief this summer. I also want to thank the members of our candidate interview committee. So on this committee, each rank of our fire department is represented along with our union president. And they're the ones that are going to be working with the individuals that we hire, so their input is invaluable. I also want to thank the administrative assistants, Lisa Cvelbar and Chris Novak, they helped set everything up and get all the logistics for today. And finally, to Mrs. Toni Strah. Mrs. Toni Straw is the wife of retired firefighter Rich Strah. And she makes the most amazing cakes in the world. She made the cakes that are in the back over there that we're going to celebrate with. I always say this, they're banana and chocolate. And that's not for you. I like it, so I'll have yours. Recruitment of flyers, recruitment of new personnel in the fire service is a serious challenge, not only in Euclid, not only in Northeast Ohio, but across the country, for whatever reason, fewer and fewer young people are interested in this job. So to add to this challenge, we don't want just anybody working for our department. We want people that want to serve on the Euclid fire department and we want the best. So there's a couple of different concepts we implemented to try to meet these challenges and overcome them. And one of them was the concept of the Northeast Ohio regional firefighter entrance exam. So basically what this is the Civil Service Commission's of eight cities got together, and they've joined forces. And basically what it's resulted in is an increased, diverse pool of applicants, which has also led to an increase diverse pool of candidates that have passed successfully passed. So a candidate can take one test and then be eligible for multiple cities. And there's a significant cost savings to the city as well. So this option has allowed us to throw a cast a huge net out to find the best candidates to serve our city. And it has allowed us to get the recruits that we have here today. So we've participated in this exam twice before, we're going to be doing it one more time again, this October. I do have information back on that back on our table over there and that poster happens to represent we have three of our individuals that are on that thing. So looks pretty good. If you know anyone that's interested pass the word. So I'm gonna let we're gonna call up the candidates right now let the Mayor administer the oath.

Assistant Fire Chief Anderson

27:41

Matt Tibjash is graduate of Brush High School, has a bachelor's degree from John Carroll University in philosophy and decided a bachelor's wasn't enough so we went for a master's degree from Cleveland State University also in philosophy. In 2022. He completed his EMT basic training in May, and his fire academy training in July from Tri C. He's currently completing his EMT paramedic training from University Hospitals Parma Medical Center, and he will finish paramedic school and take his state certification exam in September. Matt joins us as a cadet firefighter after the most recent regional entrance tests that Chief Haddock just mentioned. He's previously worked as an educator in Frankfurt, Germany, and most recently as a part time

firefighter for the city of Willoughby Hills since October. Matt, you're being assigned badge 43. We know you'll be a true asset to the city of Euclid. Welcome to the Euclid Fire Department family.

Mayor Gail

28:43

Thank you. If you would raise your right hand and repeat after me. I, Matthew Tibjash do solemnly swear do solemnly swear

Firefighter Matthew Tibjash

28:50

I, Matthew Tibjash do solemnly swear.

Mayor Gail

That I will protect and defend

Firefighter Matthew Tibjash

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Mayor Gail

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Firefighter Matthew Tibjash

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Mayor Gail

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Firefighter Matthew Tibjash

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Firefighter Matthew Tibjash
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Mayor Gail
29:31
Congratulations, welcome aboard.

Mayor Gail
29:42
Dad come on up

Firefighter Matthew Tibjash
29:55
This is my dad Jeff Tibjash, everybody.

Mayor Gail

30:28

Very good. Congratulations.

Assistant Fire Chief Anderson

30:44

Ryan come on up please.

Assistant Fire Chief Anderson

30:56

Just want them to come up. Ryan and family come on up here, you're the next contestants. So Ryan is a graduate of Campbell Memorial High School on the southeast side of Youngstown. He has a bachelor's degree from Kent State University in Integrated Health Studies with a concentration in health services. He resides here in Euclid with his wife. He completed his fire academy training at Tri C and he's scheduled to complete his paramedic training from Tri C in July. Ryan joins us as a cadet firefighter after serving as a cadet firefighter for the City of Canton. Before that he worked as an administrative Program Coordinator in the anesthesia and respiratory appointments center for the Cleveland Clinic, where he ensured caregivers provided the best possible customer service to patients. Ryan, you're being assigned badge number 79. We're confident you're going to be a great addition to the Euclid fire department and city of Euclid. Welcome to our family. Why don't you introduce us to yours.

Firefighter Ryan Brown

32:04

It's my lovely beautiful wife, Tracy. It's my mom Stephanie. My dad Greg.

Mayor Gail

32:10

Are you ready for the oath? (yes.) All right. Raise your right hand. Repeat after me. I, Ryan Brown do solemnly swear

Firefighter Ryan Brown

32:17

I, Ryan Brown do solemnly swear

Mayor Gail

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Mayor Gail
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Firefighter Ryan Brown

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Mayor Gail

33:01

Congratulations. Welcome.

Thank you congratulations.

Fire Chief Haddock

34:03

So, in closing, I'll say real quick, the work that a firefighter performs is not easy. It can be emotionally and physically exhausting at times, it can also be rewarding beyond imagination. We will give you the training and tools to do your job safely. Safety is our number one priority. The safety of our firefighters and the safety of our residents if we can't arrive at our customer side that were of no use to them. We will provide the training and the tools you need to provide the effort, dedication and passion, so I wish you all healthy and happy careers with the human Fire Department. Thank you.

Mayor Gail

36:42

Thank you very much. You know, I think it's wonderful for us to celebrate this. It's one of their wonderful accomplishments both from a promotion standpoint, but also for new firefighters coming in. And really, it's great for the community to be able to enjoy that and, and be part of that as well. So thank you for your indulgence in the extra time. So congratulations to Lieutenant Garino and our new firefighters.

I also am pleased to announce that we also swore in three new police officers this past Friday and they started today. So congratulations and welcome to Jeremy Poojakowski, Jake Tanski and Timothy Ramos. They, we welcome them to the police department.

A couple of thank you's, thank you to the Shade Tree Commission, they put on a very lovely Arbor Day Program and ceremony this past Friday. And it takes a team, so thank you to the Shade Tree. Thank you to the Service department for arranging the planting of the tree and planting the tree. And thank you to the historical Historical Society trustees who hosted the event. And congratulations once again to former mayor Paul Oyaski who was the

honoree of the day. It was really a wonderful event. And thanks to all who helped that, make that happen.

I also want to thank Monica Grays who is a Euclid resident and owns a business on East 185 street. She put on a program on Saturday called Naomi Women of Distinction that celebrated the accomplishments of predominantly black women and what they've done. And it was a wonderful event at Signature Events. I would say probably 300 people, 250-300 people, wonderful women, young and old who are doing wonderful things in the community. And so a few awards, a few recognitions and I was honored to be able to welcome them to Euclid.

And I also want to thank everyone who participated in the Big Clean. Despite the weather, we did collect more than 200 bags of trash, several old tires and carts and different act different things that were pulled out of the woods or out of different areas across the city. In addition, I think about 178 people also took the kits to do cleanup at their own time. So we really appreciate while the weather didn't cooperate, it was still a very successful event. We had a number of partner organizations who had tables and shared information about Earth Day and how to recycle and different environmental activities. So really appreciate the keep Euclid beautiful committee and all of their volunteers for that great success. And there's activities that happen throughout the year as part of Keep Euclid Beautiful. If you're interested, please give Linda Beck a call or look for information on the website.

A couple of announcements coming up. This Thursday. We will host the National Day of Prayer this Thursday, May 4 at 12 o'clock here in city council chambers, you can join community leaders in prayer, prayer and reflection for our community. This is something that happens every year, thanks to the faith in the city group for organizing it once again.

The Memorial Day Parade is coming up Monday, May 29. And we are asking every organization or group that would like to participate, please let us know. There is a registration form that is available on the city website. Also, if anyone is interested in helping, we also always can use some volunteers. The Memorial Day parade will happen at 10am. And the other pre ceremonies at the cemeteries will happen as well beginning at 7:45am at Euclid cemetery. We'll have more to announce next meeting with that. They do have a new theme this year and it is "All Gave Some, but Some Gave All" so a great remembrance of why we celebrate and have Memorial Day.

And just as a little pre notice at the next council meeting, we will recognize Miss Poppy so she will also have poppy's available for anyone who would like a poppy.

Euclid Municipal Court has partnered with Torrid employment, they will have a representative from their organization at the Euclid Municipal Court this Thursday, May 4 from 12 to 2 and Thursday, May 18. From 12 to 2 Torrid's employment is an agency that can help people to get jobs keep jobs or advance in their career. So that is open to anyone who would like to come learn about what they can do.

The Euclid Flea will be Saturday, May 20. That is kind of a step up from our pop up shops that we started last year. It is an art and vintage market. It will take place at Shore Cultural Centre, but also include in addition to the shopping, live music, food trucks and fun for all so we encourage everybody to come out Saturday, May 20th, from 10 to 6.

This Thursday, there will be a Solar Co Op session. This is being put on by the Solar United neighbors and Cuyahoga County Department of Sustainability. It is here in City Hall at 6pm. The Cuyahoga County Solar Co Op has offered a partnership with Solar United neighbors to enable members to negotiate utility prices below market rate and look at using rooftop solar on their homes and some of the incentives that are available for that. So if you're interested in learning more about that we encourage you to come out this Thursday, at six o'clock here at City Hall.

We've been getting a number of questions about utility prices. And you've seen some items in the news, I'm sure about NOPEC or about the cost of utility rates going up. Just as a reminder, Euclid is part of we have our own energy aggregation program. Back in, I believe 2000. We joined we created that authorized by City Council. We have both an aggregation for electricity and also an aggregation for gas, our programs, our opt out programs, which means you are automatically in the program unless you chose not to be in it. So I would and we have very competitive rates. So for instance, our electric aggregation is currently with energy harbor. It is a fixed rate. That was a four year term. So it started April of 2021 and goes through April of 2025. It is a fixed rate at 4.87 cents per kilowatt hour. We also offer a 100% renewable energy option at five cents per kilowatt per hour. Anyone who would like to get information. If you look at your electric bill, it should say energy harbor if you are in the city's aggregation program, if it says something else you might be in a different program, you can call energy harbor to try to get into the city program. There is no cost to join. And if you are in it and find a better rate, there's no cost to opt out or to change. I will say just as a word of caution, if you're with a different company, you should check with that company to see if you have an early termination fee. Some do. So there's the number for Energy Harbor is 1-866-636-3745. And there is information on the city of Euclid website. It is under the residents tab. Electric aggregation and a different tab for gas aggregation of the electricity is the one that a lot of people have been asking you about but just for information or gas aggregation is through constellation that is also a fixed rate. That was Saturday, April of 2020, 2020 and goes through April of 2024. And that is at 2.845 cents per MCF. And I have their number as well. So there has been some information about Noah peck the city of Euclid is not a member of Noah Peck, we have always been able to get rates that were more favorable than the no Peck rate. So we have been, it has been a benefit to our residents who have stayed in the Euclid aggregation program. So the the best course of action, if you have questions about that would be to call either one of those providers directly. For general information carry and Santa and the law department has some information, but your best bet is to go directly to those companies. So again, that information is on our city website. And is a very good deal. I think that the announcements that I have, but I will turn to Director Stephens first for an announcement from the recreation department.

Recreation Director Stephens

46:02

Thank you, Mayor, Madam President, to Council and those in the audience of the Euclid recreation department. We are still accepting applications for

lifeguard positions. We have several positions that we need to fill, you can fill out an online application if you go on the city's website. Also just want to make mention that the survey link for opinions regarding the Rec and Wellness Center is still live. So, if you are still interested in providing an opinion, feel free to go to the city of Euclid website and you can click on the link. Thank you.

Mayor Gail

46:41

Thank you and Director Grogan Myers.

Planning and Development Director Grogan-Myers

46:44

Thank you. Good evening Council President, City Council. Last month, the Planning and Zoning Commission approved the variances required to keep the Euclid medical buildings solar panel project moving forward. So good news both on the residential front as you heard the Mayor talk about and on the commercial front. This is a \$1.4 million investment in the building and one of the largest sustainability investments to date in the city. The project will begin construction later this summer, and has already attracted the attention of prospective tenants. We are excited to see this investment in the building and along the Euclid Avenue corridor, as well as the investment in sustainability as this project builds towards the city-wide goal of reducing our greenhouse gas emissions 30% by 2030. Additionally, this week is National Small Business Week, focusing our attention on the hard work and dedication of small businesses in every community. The Small Business Administration estimates that two thirds of all new jobs and 44% of economic activity in the United States is generated by small businesses this week, challenge yourself to support Euclid small businesses by purchasing something that you would normally buy online or in a big box store from a Euclid small business. Thank you.

Mayor Gail

48:03

Thank you and Captain Holden.

Police Captain Donna Holden

48:07

Thank you, Mayor, Council President, Council members and members of the community of Euclid. I'm proud to share with you some activities of the Euclid police department that we're engaging in. Currently we are hosting to Euclid high school students for their capstone project. That's a three week program. So Miss Daria Rogers and Caitlin Bogner have been spending their time with us they've been a pleasure to have and they wrap up their capstone project on Friday. Soon we'll be hosting some tours with students from Pinnacle Academy and they have two tours scheduled here at the police

department. The month of May kicks off Motorcycle Safety Month and I encourage folks drivers to be aware and try to reduce any of our accidents here in Euclid. The statistic I have here is in 22 there were 16 accidents involving motorcycles we'd like to see that reduced this next year. And soon we will be starting our hooked on fishing not on drugs program throughout the month of May where you could please department in the PAL activities organization. We'll be hosting all Euclid public elementary school fourth graders for a fishing outing, which is one of our favorite activities of the year. So that's what we have going on.

Mayor Gail

49:27

Thank you Captain and I believe Chief Haddock was going to just announce that we will, the fire department will be starting hydrant flushing soon, so I don't know the exact dates but they typically will put a sign up on your street that announces the next day of hydrant flushing. And from past announcements I know that after that happens sometimes your water might be a little bit brown. Please continue to please continue to let your water run until it's clear. There are no safety issues with that. So we'll look for a There are additional information from him, but I know he wanted to alert residents that hydrant flushing would be happening soon. And thank you, Madam Chair. That completes our reports this evening.

Council President Mancuso

50:08

Thank you. We'll now go on to **Committee Documentation**. And we will begin with the Euclid Avenue Revitalization Committee on April 4, and I'll refer this the Councilman Epps.

COMMITTEE DOCUMENTATION

Councilman Epps

50:22

Thank you chair, the Euclid Avenue Revitalization Committee, which I'm the Chairman of met on April 4, 2023. The agenda items were city update and Event Center update and discussion. The administration staff president was the director and manager from the planning and development team. The committee members present myself, Councilman Tanner, Councilman Tolton, Councilman Jarosz, and Councilman Wojtila. Thank you to my colleagues, the guests and presenters, there were none. We opened with remarks from myself Chairman Epps with essentially an overview of the committee itself, some goals for the committee for the year, and some accomplishments both personal and for the city on the South side of town as well. Next, the administration staff echoed the accomplishments and the investment in these last three years and when I want to give us a list of new businesses as well identify and how we are getting unoccupied retail spaces field, which is a great thing. Important to note also is they were almost all and

work three. I'm pretty active in these processes and have connected specific business owners with property owners and assisted in as many ways as I can over these last three years and was glad to hear the commitment and focus continuation plans by the administration in their presentation. Next on the agenda was the event center update and discussion. There were some wires crossed and no one was there to give an update from the city. We will add this to the agenda for our June meeting. And hopefully someone is available when given opportunity for the public to speak, a Ward 3 business owner who the administration mentioned in their list of accomplishments earlier in the meeting came forward to discuss some issues he had been having of late with the administration and respect toward the business, possibly not being appropriate for the use district it is located in, discussion was held between the business owner and the committee and look forward to further discussion and an update at our next scheduled Euclid Avenue revitalization committee meeting, which is scheduled for June 21 of 2023. Committee members agreed that everyone would have three top priorities sent to me prior to that next meeting in June. I will then take those up that avenue priorities and come up with a common three to five amongst my colleagues for us to try and focus on for the remainder of this year. The goal here is to also to leave a more clear blueprint for the next session in 2024. And those new Euclid Avenue revitalization committee members to tackle. There was no legislation so nothing was moved out of Council. Thank you.

Council President Mancuso

52:48

Thank you. We will then go on to the Executive and Finance committee meeting that was held on 4/17/2023 where we had Mayor Gail, the finance Director Smith and Assistant Law Director Rubadue at this. We had our outside attorney also, Mr. Climber. Our committee members motion and second a motion to recess into executive session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 121.22 G 3 B 3 sorry and Euclid codified ordinance 125.05 C the council committees and all other boards Commission's committees and other decision making bodies of the city shall conduct all meetings in public with the except for executive sessions, which shall be closed to the public called for the following purposes. conferences with an attorney through the public body concerning disputes involving public body that are subject or pending or imminent court actions. A roll call was taken with a unanimous affirmative vote to recess into Executive Session. Upon our turn from the executive session, we were back on the record. The E&F committee members made a motion to request the department developed legislation that would settle the case number 21948028, Mary Stewart administrator of the estate of Luke Stewart Sr versus Matthew Rhodes motion was seconded a roll call the committee was taken unanimous vote was recorded. Having no other additional business to conduct the motion was to adjourn at this second. The second E&F committee meeting was 4/24 and there were two agenda items. Item one was discussion of an ordinance 124-23 an ordinance amending the consolidated compensation to establish the compensation level for Council President and members of the city council commencing with the term beginning January 1, 2024. Our second agenda item was discussion of a

proposed 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. All members were present. Administrative staff was Finance Director Smith and Assistant Law Director Rubadue. The issues discussed before we got into the agenda items one and two. We were also given the required deadline of 7/9/2023. So, the committee had a timeframe within which to work. This timeframe in this is in the city Charter, in Article Six salaries and bonds. We then went to agenda item one, there was discussion by committee members expressing their rationale for choosing a specific level of increase for city council and council president. The committee members discuss the need to attract people with the necessary skills needed to manage the financial needs of the city. There was a request to review the budget concerning council member expenses. For more detail, please view the video documentation because the budgetary review requests was not an agenda item for this E&F committee. That discussion will be needed to be scheduled at a more appropriate appropriate and future E&F meeting. The Agenda Item one actions taken there was a motion and a second to amend the compensation for city council president and council members to increase salaries to 20,016 16,500. Respectfully. The motion failed, then a recommendation was made to increase the salaries to 16,500 & 14,500. Respectfully. There was no vote on this recommendation. The council committees voted to keep the council compensation discussion in committee without a vote until a council member expense budget could be reviewed at a future E&F meeting. Agenda item two the mayoral salaries differing salary levels was suggested by committee members and the range they range from 100,000 to 120,000. There was discussion about salary being a flat rate, providing a 2% increase annually or providing an annual cost of living increase. The committee passed the posts pass a motion to recommend a \$115,000 salary. However, the Committee voted to keep the mayoral Compensation Ordinance in the E&F Committee while they gathered further data. Following the discussions, following the discussions the action that was taken. There's a motion to second and to amend for council President and members. There was no vote on the recommendation and the we will continue to look at scheduling the next E&F for the budget, the expense budget following the discussion the mayoral salary 101-120. The increased however, that was also kept in committee as I stated prior handouts that were given there was a spreadsheet that currently that contain currently available data from cities in Northeast Ohio, demonstrating current mayoral and council salaries as a 121 or 122. There was a motion to try to get more updated data on the mayoral salaries as far as date. And if they were still in place it as of 2023. There was also a suggestion that more cities be included and the decision was made for any council person who wanted more cities included with data to send those requests directly to the law department. And with that, the committee was adjourned. We will then go on to Committee Programming and Recreation Committee that was on April 19, 2023. And to Council Chairman Steele.

Councilwoman Steele

58:51

Thank you, Madam, Madam President. This is this took place. The Programming and Recreation Committee took place April 19, 2023. Meeting meeting agenda items are the following update on Wellness and Recreation Center. Update on summer programming, update on parks and playgrounds, update on summer jobs. Committee members present Councilman Marcus Epps, Councilwoman Tara Hannum and Councilwoman Maria Jukic. The administration is Director Mac Stephens. The Recreation and Wellness Center, Director Stephens discussed the Wellness and Recreation Center community meeting which was held on April 18. The community brought some of their concerns about what they would like to have and it consisted of the following space to exercise space for youth programming in a multipurpose space. They also discuss site locations there are three potential sites A, B and C. Site A is where the YMCA once was located, Site B is at the Babbitt soccer field, Site C is the Memorial parking lot. There is a survey on the Euclid website concerning the Recreation and Wellness Center. There will be a second community, community meeting which Director Stephens said he liked to have on the south side and Councilman Epps mentioned he agreed that would be good because many people don't have cars. Summer programming Director Stevens advised the first week of summer camp registration is already full. However, there is still room to register for football and soccer. They are currently working on getting the aquatic lessons, Urban Swim will be overseeing some of those swimming lessons at the school. Summer activities will consist of getting the food trucks because last year's food truck event was a success and they are looking forward to having this event. Again, stay tuned. Karaoke under the stars. There's talk about having this event since the last karaoke event was a success. Director Stephens mentioned this is the largest revenue for summer programs and 20 years since he has been the director of recreation department. And this is why it's so important for the city to have a Wellness and Recreation Center. Audience comments and concern; we have resident Marlon he mentioned he would like to see the recreation become a reality. And is there money for the building a building the facility and what is the size of the facility. Director Stephens advised him the center is going to be much larger than the YMCA and there is 10 million allocated for this building. Councilman Epps also mentioned the entire council unanimously voted to have this facility and that we are now moving forward to getting this built. Resident Deborah Creymore thanked the committee and Director Stephens for their hard work and putting all this together. Parks and playgrounds; Hero Park will have its upgrade, some of the tennis courts will be turned into pickleball. Councilman Epps asked about completion of Tungsten playground Director Stephens stated he will have to get with Director Grogan Myers. Concerning the completion of the playground, Councilman Epps also thanked Director Stephens and his staff for their hard work summer jobs. The city is hiring youth counselors for the summer programs in lifeguards, there has been an increase in pay for the lifeguards. For more information, please go to the website on the Euclid city portal. Lastly, Director Stephens wanted to acknowledge and thank his staff for all their hard work. This is all for our minutes. Thank you.

Council President Mancuso

1:02:49

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

Councilman Wojtila

1:02:53

Thank you, Madam Chair. I'd like to make a motion to approve the Board of Control minutes from April 10 and April 17, 2023. The Euclid Avenue Revitalization Committee from April 4, 2023, the Executive and Finance committee meeting from April 17 and April 24, 2023, and the Community Programming and Recreation Committee meeting on April 19, 2023.

Council President Mancuso

1:03:15

Thank you, do we have a second? So moved by Councilwoman Jukic.

All in favor, "Aye."

Thank you and we will now move to the first **Committee of the Whole** for **Legislative matters only**. Anyone wishing to speak please come to the Deus give us your name and address and limit your comments to five minutes.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – LEGISLATIVE MATTERS ONLY

Resident - Christopher Litwinowicz

1:03:40

Christopher Michael Litwinowicz, Morris Avenue. Euclid Ohio first off council I'm glad to see that there's an emergency ordinance number two and also number three when when you when you review this number one it's been probably five six years in the making. Now council know the numbers, but the public needs to know the number. I don't care if you did an executive session number four nobody thought East 191, If you go do East 193 you're gonna have to loop around that back part to get to the plaza. And since we can't well, we can but we don't want to enforce our own law. So at the same time, their parking lot needs to get done, probably on the tax dollars on the taxpayer dime. It makes sense, then that whole region, oh, by the way, you miss one more street is 204. Now that now that really covers that whole area for the for all the grants, you know, I wish you guys the best of luck improving on Hero Park. And, again, as far as number five, you know, we're not thinking outdoor, or indoor building there. So we really, how would you evaluate that area? So when when a young child comes over and sees grandma, there nutt'in the do in the neighborhood. So I really urge that a basketball court now what is the question for number four? What is the time span? So could we regulate to we order within 30 days, two weeks? I mean, these are these are, you scrape it, it sits there for a day, two days, the most. And I think when we talk to our contractor, we need to have asphalt on deck. You know that we need to make sure that these companies can do the job.

You know. And as far as concrete in that area, have y'all put the plan to take the city to do a lot the workers could do a lot and we're stretched. But we do need a straight department. And I just feel like that section right there. The main road, Euclid Ave, okay, you privatized it. But as far as that road, telling me that we don't have a budget \$50 an hour, there's people that want to work. You know, I mean, it's just sad, you know, we we get it done. And then the question is, is already May. So will it get done by September? Because you know, it was raining in October. So like you got to look at those two, two things, and I like to see every street get done, but it's best to start in that corner hub. But thank you for your hard work. And enjoy your evening.

Council President Mancuso

1:08:21

Thank you, Sir. Next speaker. Seeing none, we will then move on to our **Legislative** agenda. Madam Clerk, would you please read the first agenda item into the record?

LEGISLATION

Clerk Laboda

1:08:37

Ordinance 038-23. An emergency ordinance authorizing the Director of Law to settle the lawsuit. Mary Stewart, admin of the estate of Luke O Stuart Senior versus Matthew Rhodes, Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas CV-21-948028 under Terms and Conditions discussed in Executive Session of the Euclid City Council.

Council President Mancuso

1:09:10

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

All in favor, "Aye."

And we will go to Assistant Law Director Rubadue.

Assistant Law Director Rubadue

1:09:20

Thank you, Madam Chair to the council. This is the case of the Estate of Luke Stewart, who brought a lawsuit back in 2017. And in the federal court and the United States District Court and the city did prevail in that case, but on appeal, some of those causes of action were reversed back in the case was remanded to Common Pleas Court. So, after the court went to a jury trial, the jury did return a verdict in favor of the plaintiffs, the estate of Luke Stuart. The city did appeal that during the, before it was heard on appeal, The underlying court had the parties, the city as well as the plaintiffs engage in a mediation. During the course of this mediation, a framework of a settlement was discussed, and it is significantly less than the jury verdict that was

rendered. Three Executive Sessions, there was a discussion with outside counsel and the outside counsel went through all the pros and cons of resolution of this matter, settlement as well. It was the general consensus of the party, everybody in an Executive Session, and the recommendation of the outside counsel as well as Law Director that the city should, was encouraged to settle. So this is the final step where council is asked to vote to authorize the settlement of this action. It is going to be paid over three years and three equal sums, there will be no interest for the payments, and this would authorize the overall settlement and then you'll be asked to authorize the first payment that will be made to the estate.

Council President Mancuso

1:11:08

Thank you, discussion by council, Councilman Epps.

Councilman Epps

1:11:13

Thank you, Chair. And thank you to Assistant Director Rubadue for the overview provided for the public today. This is a somber moment, I think, for us as a community as a whole. I am happy that we can now finally put this behind us. And not only that, but I believe this family can start the process of trying to put all of this behind them as well. I do as the law director, said I do think from our conversations, we did come together with the best possible scenario, considering, but I just want to note for the record, that these this payment that now we have to make over the next three years is a payment that we are making because of poor choices by one officer and the Euclid Police Department, but it is not indicative of the entire police department as a whole. But with this, I think that we all need to remain mindful that there are still some issues and concerns that we need to continue to work toward. And I want to applaud the city for attempting to do that. I think there's a lot further that we can go. But I'm happy to be getting this behind us. So thank you.

Council President Mancuso

1:12:28

Thank you. 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 reading. So moved by Councilman Tolton, second by Councilman Wojtila. All in favor, "Aye."

Those opposed? One.

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

Clerk Laboda

1:12:54

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

Council President Mancuso

1:13:09

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

Clerk Laboda

1:13:14

Ordinance 040-23. An emergency ordinance amending ordinance 14-2023, which makes the annual appropriations for all expenditures for the city of Euclid for the period ending December 31 2023.

Council President Mancuso

1:13:34

Thank you. I'll entertain a motion for passage to begin the discussion. So moved by Councilwoman Jukic, second by Councilman Jarosz.
All in favor, "Aye."
And we will go to Finance Director Smith.

Finance Director Smith

1:13:44

Thank you, Madam Chair to Council. So this is the first appropriation amendment that we have for 2023. I'll go through the four items on it. The first item is a transfer from the general fund of \$1,050,000 to the self Insurance Fund. The second is an increase in appropriations of \$100,000. And this is in accordance with **Ordinance 2023**, which is the contract with EDCOR. Those are that is it for the general fund. The third appropriation amendment is the \$1,050,000 appropriation from the self-insurance fund to cover the ordinance that was just passed. And the final one is a \$500 increase to the CID waterfront erosion fund. And this money is to pay for the auditor treasurer fees for money received within that fund this year. The expenses that the county charges is allocated amongst the funds based on the percentage of money in those funds. If there's any questions, I'd be happy to answer them.

Council President Mancuso

1:14:46

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

All in favor, "Aye."

I will entertain 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? One.

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

Clerk Laboda

1:15:17

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

Ordinance passes.

Council President Mancuso

1:15:34

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

Clerk Laboda

1:15:37

Ordinance 041-23. An emergency ordinance providing for the schedule of inter transfer funds between funds.

Council President Mancuso

1:15:49

Thank you. I'll entertain a motion for passage to begin the discussion. So moved by Councilman Tolton. Second by Councilman Epps. We will go back to Director Smith.

Finance Director Smith

1:15:59

Thank you, Madam Chair to Council along with the appropriation ordinance. When funds are transferred from one funds to one fund to another, an additional piece of legislation is required. This authorizes the interfund transfer from the general fund of \$1,050,000 to the self-insurance fund 630. Thank you.

Council President Mancuso

1:16:16

Thank you, discussion? Councilman Epps.

Councilman Epps

1:16:20

Thank you, Chair, to Director Smith. And this in particular is for the settlement payment. Correct? (Correct.) And the so that's 1,050,00. For three years? Do we, are we gonna have to do this every year as well? Or does this happen one time now that covers the entire thing?

Finance Director Smith

1:16:38

Madam Chair to the Councilman, so in each budget each year during the budget process, we will, for the next two years, will include this in the appropriation and the budget process. And along with the final or the original authorization of the appropriation. This will be included in the transfer ordinance that we do annually.

Councilman Epps

1:16:57

Thank you. And as with some of the other lawsuits that we've had recently, this is the last one that were responsible for paying, everything else is covered under the underneath our insurance, correct. (That is correct.) Thank you.

Council President Mancuso

1:17:12

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

All in favor, "Aye."

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?

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

Clerk Laboda

1:17:34

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

Ordinance passes.

Council President Mancuso

1:17:49

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

Clerk Laboda

1:17:53

Ordinance 039-23. An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service of the City of Euclid to enter into a contract with Quality Control Inspection, Inc. 9500 Midwest Avenue, Garfield Heights, Ohio 44125, for construction, administration, and inspection services for the East 193, 195, and 196 Streets waterline replacement program for an amount not to exceed \$116,520.

Council President Mancuso

1:18:36

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

All in favor, "Aye."

We will go to Service Director Knecht to begin the discussion.

Service Director Knecht

1:18:47

Thank you, Madam Chair. This last piece of legislation on this project would allow quality control inspections incorporated to provide contract administration and inspection services at a cost not to exceed \$116,520 on the total project price of just over 2.3 million. This project again is a water line replacement project done under the Cleveland water department's suburban water line replacement project. This will replace the water lines on east 193 East 195 and East 196. Quality control inspections personnel will provide the Contract Administration Services starting with the pre-construction through final completion. This project is expected to kick off later in May and will be completed this fall.

Council President Mancuso

1:19:42

Thank you. Discussion. Councilman Wojtila.

Councilman Wojtila

1:19:46

Thank you, Madam Chair to Director Knecht. Have we used Quality Construction Inspections previously?

Service Director Knecht

1:19:52

Madam Chair to the Councilman, No, this is the first time we will be working with them. They've come highly recommended from several engineering firms, and they've done a lot of work in the Cleveland, Columbus and Philadelphia areas.

Councilman Wojtila

1:20:05

In the proposal amount seems very competitive. (Correct.)

Council President Mancuso

1:20:08

Thank you. Councilwoman Steele.

Councilwoman Steele

1:20:13

Thank you, Madam Chair. After this segment is done, the next phase, do we have a next phase for water for the replacement?

Service Director Knecht

1:20:28

Madam, Madam Chair to the Councilwoman, this phase will replace on these three streets with paving at the end of the project.

Councilwoman Steele

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So we don't we don't foresee any other water lines needing to be replaced after this. Because we've had a lot of water main breaks. So I'm just wondering, have we looked at all of this as a whole, the city? Are we just doing this case by case? Is this a case by case?

Service Director Knecht

1:21:00

Madam Chair to the Councilwoman, what happens is Cleveland, the Cleveland water department takes the city as a whole takes a look at the streets that are in the worst shape. They look at all the communities that are in their program, divide up a pot of money and disperse that between the communities is equally as they can each year to get roads done. As you'll see, we have a second project out for bid this year with three more streets. So that'll be a total of six streets this year that we will be completing under this program with Cleveland water. (Thank you.)

Council President Mancuso

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Councilman Tanner.

Councilman Tanner

1:21:46

Thank you, Madam Chair, Director, is there any way that you can give us a heads up so that we can notify the residents right before the project starts so that residents will be aware of the job that's going to take place?

Service Director Knecht

1:22:02

Madam Chair to the Councilman, Yes, this was awarded this afternoon at Board of Control. And then the contractor will be working with us now to let us know their timeline. And we will be getting word out to the residents in that area.

Council President Mancuso

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And I think it was Councilman Tolton.

Councilman Tolton

1:22:21

Thank you, Madam Chair. To the Director. I'm glad my colleague asked that question about some of the other lines because I keep getting asked in the community. And I think a lot of people on the impression that the city does the water line. So I'm kind of glad for the explanation that it's the City of Cleveland, they own the water lines, they put forth the, if I'm correct, and correct me if I'm wrong, they put forth the agenda with streets are to be done. Now can the city have you could make recommendations to Cleveland water as far as certain streets or is just all under their control?

Service Director Knecht

1:22:55

Madam Chair to the Councilman, we put our list of streets and that we would like to see, in some cases, it's taken as much as 10 years to get some of those streets done. Again, it's it's a small pot of money that they continue to do. And you know, they look at the priority level and go ahead and award those accordingly. Traditionally, Euclid has done very well in this program, compared to a lot of communities. But our lines are some of the oldest in Cuyahoga County, which is why we do get a large share of the money.

Council President Mancuso

1:23:32

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 Tolton, second by Councilman Wojtila. All in favor, "Aye."

Those opposed? One.

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

Clerk Laboda

1:23:58

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

Ordinance passes.

Council President Mancuso

1:24:12

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

Clerk Laboda

1:24:16

Resolution 042-23. A resolution to accept and expend a grant from the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Ohio Traffic Safety Office, 1970 West Broad Street, fifth floor, Columbus, Ohio 43223, for use by the Euclid Police Department to establish teen driver training scholarship programs.

Council President Mancuso

1:24:46

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

All in favor, "Aye."

And we will now go to Captain Holden.

Police Captain Donna Holden

1:24:58

Madam Chair and Council, this will allow the Euclid Police Department to establish Teen Driver Education scholarships. The Ohio Traffic Safety Office and the all the Ohio Department of Public Safety are funding the \$25,000 for this, this driver's education is narrow towards the 16 and 17 year olds of our community from low income families. Research Data shows a correlation between the completion of driver training by youth who obtained their driver's licenses before the age of 18. And a reduction in the number of traffic crashes during their first year of licensure. The driving school partner is a local business and centrally located to the community, the youth who received the driver's education may ultimately have more opportunity to get jobs. And will be determined later as we do surveys as the scholarship continues.

Council President Mancuso

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Thank you. Discussion. Councilwoman Steele.

Councilwoman Steele

1:26:00

Thank you, Madam Chair. This is a great program. I really like it. My question is this, even though this is a grant, have you talked about the amount of money that it's going to be allocated for the grants, and how many students would be able to receive the, you know, the scholarship.

Police Captain Donna Holden

1:26:24

Madam President to the Council, I believe that this will be around 60 students that we'll be able to provide scholarships for which will certainly help the community exponentially. And they are staging the funding too, for to us. So that takes place after we complete these formalities. So I am working with them on how this will unfold. So they will be paying that money up front.

Councilwoman Steele

1:26:52

Oh, that's awesome. Thank you so much. (Thank you.)

Council President Mancuso

1:26:54

Thank you. Councilman Epps.

Councilman Epps

1:26:58

Thank you, Chair. And to the Captain, thank you for explaining this process to us. We know that we have a lot of reckless drivers on our streets now. Well, unfortunately, these are the folks who are teaching our young people how to drive in many cases. And so I think that this is great. And kudos to you all for putting all this together. Thank you.

Council President Mancuso

1:27:20

Thank you. Other discussion? Councilman Tolton.

Councilman Tolton

1:27:24

Thank you, Madam Chair. Just one quick question Captain Holden. If you're saying maybe about 60 students, and you said it's going to be turned over to a local business, local driving school here, which is great. Just in any event that the classes are like super full, will they be able to take this grant and go to any driving school in Cuyahoga County or is it just strictly for our local one?

Police Captain Donna Holden

1:27:49

Madam Chair to the Councilman, we do have some flexibility with the driving schools we can partner with. We have to work through the Ohio Traffic Safety Office to select those schools. But we're starting as close to within the community as possible. And then as we have just under two years to go through this grant, and too, if we do find that there's other schools that we may use, that's certainly an option.

Councilman Tolton

1:28:19

We want to keep it in Euclid though.

Council President Mancuso

1:28:23

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

All in favor, "Aye."

Madam Clerk, please call the roll on the resolution.

Clerk Laboda

1:28:38

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

Resolution passes.

Council President Mancuso

1:28:52

Thank you. Madam Clerk, please read Agenda Item six into the record.

Clerk Laboda

1:28:56

Resolution 043-23. A resolution authorizing the Mayor of the City of Euclid or her designee to execute and submit a grant application to the Ohio

Department of Natural Resources natural nature works grant program for improvements to Hero Park.

Council President Mancuso

1:29:19

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

All in favor, "Aye."

And we will go to Director Grogan Myers for discussion.

Planning and Development Director Grogan Myers

1:29:31

Thank you, Madam Chair. This resolution authorizes the Department of Planning and Development to submit a grant application for the ODNR NatureWorks grant, which is a familiar grant that we've applied for in the past. The grant deadline is June 1, 2023. So just about a month away, actually, it will provide up to 75% reimbursement of eligible costs up to \$150,000. And this builds off of a public meeting that we held back in July, 2022 when we celebrated cutting the ribbon of the Hero Park playground, we then followed it up with a public meeting to seek residents input on what amenities would they like to see following the construction of the Hero Park trail. That's the two thirds of a mile walking trail that is currently under construction are heading towards construction here this summer based on that feedback, that is what has informed this grant application or will inform this grant application, following up on seating areas, lighting for safety, as well as landscaping to help naturalize the space a little bit more, and build on the walking trail on that experience. So this resolution authorizes us to submit a grant grant application to that effect.

Council President Mancuso

1:30:46

Thank you. Discussion. Councilman Tolton.

Councilman Tolton

1:30:52

Thank you, Madam Chair. Can we move this button a little bit closer? Just real quick to Director Grogan Myers. Would that grant, is there any consideration for artwork in the park?

Planning and Development Director Grogan Myers

1:31:05

Madam Chair, the Councilman, there is not consideration of artwork at this time. But that is something that I know came up in the public meeting. And that's something we were certainly interested in exploring. But that would be outside of this grant application.

Council President Mancuso

1:31:19

Other discussion? Councilwoman Steele.

Councilwoman Steele

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Thank you, Madam Chair. Director Grogan Myers, will there, I noticed, I know you said something about safety. Will there be lighting because sometimes people like to walk at night? Will there be any lighting?

Planning and Development Director Grogan Myers

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Director Madam Chair to the Councilperson, Yes, there will be lighting. (Awesome.)

Council President Mancuso

1:31:40

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

All in favor, "Aye."

Madam Clerk, please call the roll on the resolution.

Clerk Laboda

1:31:56

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

Resolution passes.

Council President Mancuso

1:32:10

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

Clerk Laboda

1:32:14

Resolution 044-23. A resolution authorizing the Mayor of the City of Euclid, or her designee to execute and submit a grant application to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Storybook Trail through the recreational trails program for improvements to Hero Park.

Council President Mancuso

1:32:38

Thank you. I'll entertain a motion for passage to begin the discussion. So moved by Councilwoman Jukic. Second by Councilwoman, Councilman Tolton. Sorry, Sir. And we will go to Director Grogan Myers again.

Planning and Development Director Grogan Myers

1:32:51

Thank you, Madam Chair. This follows up on the previous bit of legislation and looks to help create Hero Park as an area that really celebrates children in the environment, celebrates children learning about the environment. And this is a great opportunity for young children to be able to do so through a storybook storybook trail. So if you're not familiar, in this case, we actually already will have the trail. So we'll focus on signage, and access to kids learning about nature through books like The Very Hungry Caterpillar to engage with the environment around them. So really, the idea was to help create a bridge between the playground and the ball field that's already there, the walking trail that will be there, and really helped create a bridge between the two to help kids grow from maybe being younger and playing on the playground, learning about nature and then ending up developing a love of nature through the storybook trail.

Council President Mancuso

1:33:47

Thank you. Discussion. Councilman Jarosz.

Councilman Jarosz

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Thank you, Madam Chair, just a comment. I have spent an ordinate amount of time at Hero Park the last few years. And when we first started, kind of going up there just to play baseball with with the team that I that I helped coach, what you saw was just really a field and the hill kids would sled up. I am very pleased that this community has embraced this piece of property and has created a vision that I think this is more than a local neighborhood playground. This is a destination for people all over the city in the area. I mean, this is just a really cool spot. And I think the resources that we're pouring into this to do it right will pay off in dividends over the years. I'm very happy to support this. Thank you.

Council President Mancuso

1:34:37

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

Madam Clerk, please call the roll. Please call the roll on the Resolution.

Clerk Laboda

1:34:53

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

Council President Mancuso

1:35:08

Thank you. We are now to our second **Committee of the Whole**, where you may speak for anything for the good of the city, please give us your name, address and limit your comments to five minutes please.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – PUBLIC PORTION

Resident - Christopher Litwinowicz

1:35:29

Christopher Michael Litwinowicz. Morris avenue. Euclid, Ohio. Last time I was in this podium, somebody was screaming stating that you shouldn't park at night. I got up at seven o'clock in the morning, move my car, put it right in front of my house. 11:44am I come out my house. And I got a little sticky thing on my window. Office officer 73? I see that number a couple of times on my window. Is this a ticket town? Are we that thirsty. And then when you call an officer the law can come to the address. Look to three doors down to see a sign the sign this way? Not this way. So when he's got arrows, arrows, that means 22030 and 22031. Say no parking during these times. So when you try to explain that, you get the run around. I'm fed up with the run around. So as the residents that's the bad news. The good news is let me explain something. There was questions about does Cleveland water. Now this is the city of Euclid. It's your responsibility. Why are you Why Why you keep on putting it off to Cleveland. We'll never, we'll never, never ever get we'll still be leaking water. We'll still have crack. We just put in a brand new Euclid Avenue. And I had to make the phone call to the Cleveland water and Cleveland to get them out here. And I called the service department. So thanks to service, ladies. The infrastructure bill is a blessing. But I see we don't care that there's all this money infrastructure. That's your sewers. By the way, a council. We've been paying into the Peterson water firm for over 20 Some years in this city keeps on getting portions and then they do what they want with it. Because a finance director is not on the budget is not on record. How much money is in the city from the Peterson water line. Then the infrastructure bill will give you enough money but this city is starting to become lame duck. Finance Director service director, we need the tools we need the scraper from counsel that's gonna cost \$500,000 The amount of money that you just spent on 190/3 for three streets. Man I said that's a lot of asphalt in million dollars is a lot of asphalt you spending 2 million think you get ripped off again? No, I'm getting done on a bigger scale. We elect all these people in a state promised the same thing and we don't see none. That 9093 I was hoping that a petition drive would help this city. I believe it has

but the money structure is there Even even even without the infrastructure bill, this city and you can go out to bond. You could you could do all types of things and get money on the interest of the city's taxpayer dollars. So 40 million times four years times four years ties for years. It ain't getting done. And honestly, I see you November 7.

Council President Mancuso

1:40:27

Thank you, Sir. Next speaker please. Seeing none, we will then go to council comments. Councilman Epps you begin today.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Epps

1:40:42

Thank you, Chair. And I want to start by thanking or a special thanks to Naomi Women of Distinction. The organization arranged and coordinated by Monica Gray's. This was a women's empowerment event and empowering it was I was invited by Monica, the organizer to greet and welcome everyone to eucalypts word three as they entered the event. Nearly 400 women gathered in at signature events of all ages, it was truly amazing watching mothers and aunts and grandmothers come in with the young ladies in their lives. And I'm sure those young ladies were empowered by the event as I and all the other attendees were. Congratulations to Monique and our entire committee on a well thought out and orchestrated event. And thanks for choosing Euclid, more specifically Ward 3 to hold that event. This year's Big Clean event was a success despite the rain, I was happy to be involved. Again this year, the rain caused our team to lose most of our signed up volunteers, but not all. And so I definitely want to thank those folks who still participated for however long on that rainy day, and welcome more of you to participate in this event next year. Also, the reception at the ice arena that followed was also well attended. I was happy to be there with my team. As many of you know, it's a friendly competition between Euclid and Collinwood. And last year, Collinwood was victorious. And I was happy to see this year Euclid in the midst of all the rain still prevail. And so I want to give a special thanks to Linda Beck and her team at Keep Euclid Beautiful for all the hard work on that event as it continues to grow. I also want to congratulate the Euclid High School marching band and the high school administration in general for hosting their first time ever Battle of the Bands. seven schools across the state as well as a school from Washington DC, which was wonderful, their band was wonderful. Attended, it was great, it was peaceful. It was professionally it was professionally organized and run. And I was happy to be there and to participate on behalf of the city. In closing, I want to mention that since I've been that since I've been on Euclid City Council I've pushed for and call for a reduction in the speed limit on Euclid Avenue. We continue to see horrific accidents that happen across our entire city. But specifically on Euclid Avenue, infrastructure damage continues to occur. And in certain locations, such as with the most recent accident caused significant power outage to the

Ward 2 and Ward 3 residents on that street, as well as damage to a specific home who has experienced damage before from accidents at that intersection, we need to do something we really need to do something in regards to the speed limit. Now COVID was cited from the Law Director before is a difficult time to do the study necessary and I think that was probably wise. But I think we need to revisit this and we'll be bringing the conversation back up and hopefully get some movement on this very important important Southside matter. Also, congratulations to former Mayor Oyaski on the tree planted this past Friday in his honor. I intended to be there. But my son has been now designated as the pitcher of his baseball team. And I'm taking that very seriously. And so with that being said, I spent that evening with my kid. I definitely, you all have heard time and time again about all of the different capacities that former Mayor Oyaski has served in regards to the or in respect to the city of Euclid. And so I wanted to publicly thank him again and congratulate him on the tree planted. Thank you. That's all I have for tonight.

Council President Mancuso

1:44:23

Thank you, Councilman Jarosz.

Councilman Jarosz

1:44:25

Thank you, Madam Chair first need to apologize to any Ward 4 residents. I have been in and out mostly out of email for a few weeks now. So if I haven't returned your email, I'm not ignoring it. I can't access my email hopefully that will be resolved in the next day or so. also kind of want to kind of hit on Hero Park a little bit. And the more I've kind of been involved with the city the more you sort of realize that as things get done, sometimes there's the assumption that they were always meant to go done, they're getting done anyway. But when I think about some unique and interesting projects that have taken place, most of the time, they're champion by just a handful of people, whether they be residents themselves, or a handful of folks internally, within administration who really have a drive and a passion to see these things through, you know, Hero Park, you know, that sat there looking terrible. No, I want to say terrible, looking like a field, almost my whole life. There's a little shabby baseball field back there, Euclid Boys League, decided to raise funds, pair parents volunteered, they constructed fences, they constructed infrastructure, they put in new dirt to the point where as we would play for our 9-10 travel team, almost every team that came by go, this is the best field we play. And then you get a little bit of momentum there. Only because of the hard work and dedication of a handful of individuals. Then as more people come there, they see the potential, and then people get ideas. And now we're moving towards a Hero Park, which I think will just be a fantastic destination spot for our community. You know, and even this little things, right, even Jelly Bean Ville had a chance to grow there over, you know, Easter. And here's one guy who's been doing one thing, he does a couple of things, of course, you know, one guy who pursues his passion for putting a smile on family's faces during the holidays. And it's been there for

decades. And it's just a great little thing. And really our communities is made up of individuals. And I think the more we can empower folks to participate, the more we allow folks to bring their ideas to the table. I think the better we will be, you know, and I say this at the same instance of almost being my son and I almost being killed by a stolen Hyundai that was pulling out of you know, Milton Avenue not too long ago, as we pull in here comes one, you know, stolen, police chasing, you know, and you kind of get this push and pull of, you know, it's made up of individuals on both sides, I guess sometimes. But the more I think about the little things and how many things that I've seen get done that I know, they wouldn't have gotten done. If it wasn't for just a couple people really pushing for it, not letting it go away. The more I'm amazed that things get done at all. And I will say one last thing about Hero Park, I want to thank Dan Knecht in the service department for the maintenance of that park. And again, talk about little things. So our group of guys, we aged out of that field, we can't play there anymore. But we do play in another field within the city. But it's not a city field. It's it's supposed to, to be taken care of by a different entity within the city and the world of difference between maintenance being on top of it being responsive is quite eye opening. So even those little things, you know, just being able to line a field for a baseball game, showing up and you know, killing the weeds in the infield, those little things really matter. Because people not only within the community, but outside the community are constantly visiting, and everybody, whether they like to admit it or not, are judging, right? This is really nice. This isn't really nice, oh, this is better than what we have. This isn't as good as what we have. And I think the more we think in that vein, of hey, we're almost it's a showcase in almost everything we do. And the better we can do it, I think, you know, the more on the right track will be of just always going hey, is this the best we can do it? Obviously given lead resources and staff and what have you. But again, I just want to give, you know, thanks for those individuals who do participate, for those who do take the time to go out of their way who do spend their own funds do spend, you know, a weekend away from the kids because they want to get some stuff done for the community. Those are little things that really go a long way. And without folks like that. I mean, you could pass all the ordinances you want it, it won't matter. So thank you.

Council President Mancuso
Thank you, Councilwoman Hannum.

Councilwoman Hannum

1:49:15

Thank you, Madam Chair. I just wanted to thank those who were sworn in tonight for joining our team in Euclid. It was really great to see new members coming aboard on the fire department. I'd also like to thank those who came aboard on Friday for the police department. It's really great to see people joining, you know, the services, the fire department, the police department. And, you know, like you guys mentioned earlier, it's not something that a lot of people are getting into anymore and hopefully this will spark some people

to get interested in going into the police or into the fire department. So congratulations on a great night.

Council President Mancuso
Thank you, Councilman Wojtila.

Councilman Wojtila
1:49:58
Thank you, Madam Chair. I have no comments.

Council President Mancuso
Thank you, Councilwoman Jukic.

Councilwoman Jukic
1:50:02
Thank you, Madam Chair. I would also like to congratulate the new firefighters in the city, the new lieutenant who was promoted tonight, as well as the new police, who were sworn in on Friday. And unfortunately, a couple of weeks ago, in my little corner of the neighborhood, we had to call the police and the fire to assist us with an emergency in our in our neighborhood. And I was very pleased with the service, the professionalism, the empathy, the compassion, shown by the policemen and the firefighters that night. So thank you, and welcome to our new team members, as Councilwoman Hannum, called them. Thank you.

Council President Mancuso
Councilwoman Steele.

Councilwoman Steele
1:50:45
Thank you, Madam Chair, just wanted to piggyback on with my colleague said congratulations to our new police officers and firefighters and to the promotion of the lieutenant. It is, people think that your jobs are easy, it's hard. And it is a service public service. And people don't understand, you guys put your lives on the line every single day you walk out their door. And I don't know about anyone else. But I'm so appreciative. Because if you've ever had any emergency that happens, you have to call on these people, you may not know them, but you have to put your trust in them. So with that being said, Congratulations. I'm glad people are still sticking their necks out. And joining firefighters and the police department. Also, I wanted to just talk about how we as a community, let's take care of our properties help each other. You know, and like my colleague said, we are always being judged. It's some is getting close to getting warmer, hopefully it will get warmer and stay warmer. But I'm noticing that people are having their lawns need to be cut.

Some people don't have lawn mowers. And this is why I've been really pushing the street delegate program because some of the people that live on streets, they know the ordinances, we have new people moving here in our city, they don't know the ordinances and then they get these tickets for high grass. And because they don't know so I'm just putting it out there to our residents. Summertime, springtime, you have to cut your grass. If you don't, you're gonna get a ticket. I hate to be the bearer of bad news. But that's just the way it is. I have to let you know. Also, if you don't know if you know someone that hasn't gone more, ask them you know, closed mouth don't get fed. That's what my dad used to always say. So again, summertime is coming springtime because it's here, but it's really not here. But anyway. We're hopeful. If you need help, and you know somebody that's on your street that is very, very verbal and nice. Talk to them about the ordinances, if you don't know call me. And if I don't know, I'll point you in the right direction. And in closing, I want to say it is it is thunderstorm season people. Please, please, please be careful about having your candles, I know the lights go out sometime because of thunderstorms. This creates fires. Be careful. We just have to be vigilant because there it has it is storm season. There's a lot of storms and we need to pay attention. So be vigilant in that. And with that I am closing. Good night. Thank you. Thank you, Councilman Tanner.

Council President Mancuso
Thank you, Councilman Tanner

Councilman Tanner

1:54:01

Thank you, Madam Chair. I also want to piggyback on until the Fire and Police Cadets that have congratulations that has now joined our city forces. Also for Ward two. I mean, I'm sorry, not Ward two, Ward one. Okay, okay. Yeah. So for ones congratulations on the street repair. We know it's well overdue, but please be patient. And we know it's going to be some inconvenience that's going to call for a while, but please bear witness that we will get that done and you will be happy with it. And then they also I want to tell the 36 residents that participated in the grant program, the Yeah, Heritage Park grant program congratulations and that the applications are in and they are working on them. On May 20, on a Saturday, there will be a street sign dedication ceremony for our late Councilwoman Savannah Caviness at noon at the Euclid mini Station, located at 20001 Euclid Avenue, please come out and join us to dedicate that for our late Councilwoman. And with that, that's it. Thank you.

Council President Mancuso
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Thank you, Councilman Tolton.

Councilman Tolton

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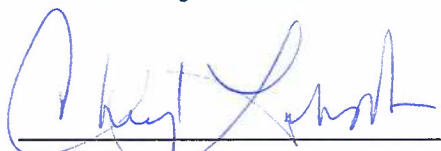
Thank you, Madam Chair. I too just want to congratulate our new fire cadets and our new police officers sworn in on and on Friday. With that I say good night.

Council President Mancuso

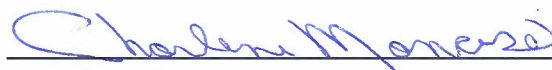
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Thank you. I'm just going to tell us about the next E & F meeting, which will be on Monday, the eighth of May, where we will again, talk about our compensation. We'll talk about our expense budgets. So that as soon as we can get the data together, because you have to remember we're talking to many different municipalities. We will get that out to anybody wishing to for additional add a data, as I said during the summary, needs to call the law department and get that information to them so it can be included. And with that if there is nothing else before this august group, 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