

**EUCLID CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**MINUTES FROM MAY 15, 2023**

**This regular Council Meeting was held on Monday, May 15, 2023  
at 7:00pm in the Euclid Municipal Center Council Chambers.  
Council President Pro Tem Kristian Jarosz, presided.**

Clerk Laboda

0:34

Good evening. Welcome to the Euclid City Council meeting for this Monday May 15. If able, please stand and join us for the **Pledge of Allegiance**.

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

We will do a roll call;

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

Okay. In the absence of Council President, the council shall elect a President Pro Tem. Article two, section two of the Charter. Historically, the most senior council member with the most Council experience is nominated and elected as Pro Tem. Can I have a motion to elect? Councilman Tanner?

Councilman Tanner

1:47

Thank you, Chair. I like to announce that Councilman Jarosz as the President Pro Tem.

Clerk Laboda

1:53

Okay, and the second councilman, or Councilwoman Hannum. Okay, we're going to take a vote;

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

Motion passes.

Councilman Jarosz will join us up here.

Councilman Epps

2:35

Mr. Chair, I'd like to make a motion to excuse Councilman Steele.

Councilman Jarosz

2:39

I was about to do that. Thank you need a motion to excuse Councilwoman Steele and Council President Mancuso. So motion made by Councilman Epps, seconded by Councilwoman Hannum.

All in favor, "Aye."

All right, we'll move on to **Communications**.

## COMMUNICATIONS

Clerk Laboda

3:01

We have Steel and Honor CMP doing business as Steel and Honor CMP 1420 Dille Road, Unit D. Euclid, Ohio 44117. And that's in Ward 1.

Councilman Jarosz

3:18

Assistant Law Director Rubadue.

Assistant Law Director Rubadue

3:20

Thank you. This has been reviewed this request has been reviewed. And it is our recommendation that council request a hearing in this matter. The Zoning Commissioner did research the property and it is located within a U6 industrial warehouse Use District and food and liquor related uses are not permitted in this use district. So and also there's a concern about even if it were permitted, there is a concern about parking. So therefore it is recommendation that the council would request a hearing.

Councilman Jarosz

3:51

Thank you, Councilman Tanner, this is in Ward 1.

Councilman Tanner

3:58

Thank you Chair. I talked to the gentleman in regards to the group that wanted to permanent have a permanent liquor license there and

explained the situation. So they are fully aware of the situations that you have stated. And I think they understand that. Thank you.

Councilman Jarosz

4:14

Other comments from Council? Okay, I'll make a motion... Councilman Wojtila.

Councilman Wojtila

4:22

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. So would it from a Planning and Zoning standpoint, would they need to seek some relief from us?

Councilman Jarosz

4:31

To administration?

Planning and Development Director Grogan Myers

4:35

Mr. Chair, to the councilman, that's correct. We would at least need to have a conversation to learn more about the proposal and the other uses on site, but that would likely culminate in the need to seek rezoning relief.

Councilman Wojtila

4:45

So it's a separate action then the liquor permit. They would before they'd open they'd have to come to Planning and Zoning Commission for some type of approval.

Planning and Development Director Grogan Myers

4:53

That is correct. (Thank you.)

Councilman Jarosz

4:58

Okay, like to make a motion to object to the license and request a hearing. Do I have a second? Councilman Tolton.

All in favor, "Aye."

Madam Clerk, please call the roll on objecting to the license.

Clerk Laboda

5:17

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

Motion to object has passed.

Councilman Jarosz

5:36

Do we have **Council Minutes**.

Clerk Laboda

5:39

We have Council Minutes for April 17, 2023

Councilman Jarosz

5:43

Councilman Wojtila.

Councilman Wojtila

5:44

Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'd like to make a motion to approve the council minutes from April 17, 2023.

Councilman Jarosz

5:50

Motion. Do I have a second? Councilwoman Hannum.

All in favor, "Aye."

Moving on to **Administration Reports and Communications**.

## ADMINISTRATION REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Gail

6:00

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Epps

6:02

Mr. Chair. Point of order. Nay on the minutes.

Councilman Jarosz

6:08

Ok. Make a motion. Nay's, we have one.

Mayor Gail

6:14

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to start we are just ahead of Memorial Day. So we have Mary Lou Yost, and members of the American Legion here with Miss former Miss Poppy if they would come forward, please. Unfortunately, we have Miss Poppy who was selected this year, came down with a fever today. So she was not able to be here this evening. But we have a proper resolution to present to Miss Poppy and we will read it so it's in the record. And we thank a former Miss Poppy for being here and I'll let Miss Yost talk a little bit about Miss Poppy. But well, let me let you do that first and then we'll read the proclamation.

Mary Lou Yost - American Legion

7:01

As most military people know you overcome and adapt. So when we got the phone call at four o'clock that Miss Poppy 2023 had a fever. Luckily Miss Poppy Madison Tatar. I get her and her sister mixed up all the time, Miss Poppy 2016 just happens to live down on 220. So she's here tonight. Do you want me to do my whole thing? Sure. On behalf of our president Helene Hendrix and our Poppy chairman, Jerry Kiral. I would like to thank council in the administration for letting us have this publicity today. I'd also like to thank the three businesses that allow us to distribute poppies on their property and those businesses who distribute a poppy can. We will be at Drug Mart, we meaning the ladies of the Auxillary, this coming Saturday, and then the Friday and Saturday we will be Friday and Saturday Memorial Day weekend we will be at Dave's. All of the donations that we get from the poppy distribution are restricted funds, we can only use those for the benefits of veterans. COVID kind of put a crimp in our style and we were able to make donations to Wade Park but we weren't allowed to go there. This year, we were able to supply Easter food baskets to five local veterans at Easter time. We were also able to help the Judge Sarah Harper Village down by Fisher House and Wade Park, 12 homeless female veterans needed laundry supplies, so we were able to do that. So we really appreciate your donations. We appreciate your support. I'm going to do a little commercial on behalf of our joint Veterans Council. Please join us Memorial Day. If you're an early riser, we will be at Euclid cemetery for services at 7:45am. From there when we go over to St Paul's. And, of course please join us along the parade route and then come to City Hall and the monument for the services afterwards. It's our way of honoring those who have given their lives in the service of their country. And we'd love to see smiling faces on the parade route writing waving at us. Thank you.

Mayor Gail

9:17

Thank you very much Mary Lo and thank you Madison for being here and stepping in. Once a poppy, once a Miss Poppy, always Miss Poppy, I understand. So I also want to recognize Andy and Jerri Kiral of the Joint Veterans Council. I'm not gonna interim, because it's been too long chairman and Kathy Golden are who are here as well thank you to the American Legion for all they do to support our veterans and our community. So, unfortunately Kylie Insana was not able to be here, but we have a Resolution for her that reads; a Resolution of recognition for Kyliana Insana 2023 Euclid American Legion Auxiliary Unit 343 Miss Poppy. The Poppy is Memorial flower. It is a tradition which began in the years following the First World War, when veterans returning to their homes remembered the wild poppies, which lined the devastated battlefields of France and Flanders Field. Today that symbolic flower continues to pay tribute to those who have answered the call to arms and made the ultimate sacrifice. Whereas the poppy is a source of hope and aid for many in our nation, as disabled veterans receive financial assistance for making poppies by hand as part of their therapy. The Poppy Day Program is designed exclusively for assistance to veterans and their families. Kylie Insana is the daughter of proud parents Jack and Alyssa Insana. She is the big sister to her three sisters, Kaylee, Camela and Kenzley. She is eight years old and currently in the second grade at Mill Ridge Elementary in Highland Heights. Her favorite subject is social studies and she likes poetry. She loves cooking and wants to be a chef someday. She also enjoys cheerleading, hip hop dancing, gymnastics, swimming, riding her bike, crafting and music. Kylie has a long history of family who were or are currently members of the Euclid American Legion Unit 343, sons of the American Legion Unit number 343 and the American Legion Auxiliary Unit number 343. Including great, great grandparents, grandparents, a great uncle and uncle and two second cousins. She loves attending breakfast with Santa a family tradition for four generations. Kylie is also honored and excited about being Miss Poppy and sharing the experience with her grandmother who was also a former Miss Poppy. So on behalf of the City Council the administration we hereby recognize Kylianna Insana as being named the 2023 Euclid American Legion Auxiliary unit 343 Miss Poppy. She will, her grandmother works at city hall, so she will be bringing Kylie in to collect donations from City Hall employees at a future date when she feels better. But if you would like to walk around, let me be the first to give you a donation and we'll get this to Kylie.

We would encourage everybody to support the .... Thank you very much for being here.

So, I will let her finish walking around and go ahead and start with some of my other announcements and several of the Directors and Chiefs have announcements.

I was also going to remind residents about Memorial Day. It really is one of our most honored traditions here in Euclid. So I do encourage people

to join us, starting with the graveside services at 7:45am at Euclid Cemetery, followed by the services at St. Paul's Cemetery and then the parade and so whether you, if you are interested in marching in the parade, you are welcome. Please call the Mayor's office or there is information on the website about how to register to be a participant and march in the parade. And we also need people to stand on the sidelines. So the parade kicks off at 10 down by the Irish American Club at Lake Shore and Shore Center Drive goes west along Lakeshore and then north 222nd Street so please feel free to line the parade route and then join us after the parade at the Veterans Monument right out here next to City Hall. Again, it is very much an honor for those who paid the ultimate price. The theme this year is "All gave some, but some gave all." We hope you'll join us.

Another event coming up that we invite everyone to join us for, Council passed a street dedication for former Councilwoman Stephana Caviness Ward one. So this Saturday on May 20<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon, we will have the street rededication service. This will be at the Euclid Mini Station at 20001 Euclid Avenue. We will be honored honorably dedicating Upper Valley drive changing the name to Stephana Caviness Way. So again, that's this Saturday May 20<sup>th</sup>, at noon at the Mini Station and Euclid Avenue. All are welcome.

June 3 is the 200 Street stroll that takes takes place along East 200 Street from 10am to 2pm. Please come visit the merchants on 200 Street as well as many community institutions and agencies who will set up tables along the street.

We were pleased to add another police officer last Monday we're happy to welcome Paul Joblonsky to the Euclid Police Department.

And I would like to congratulate all the graduates. My daughter graduated from college on Saturday. So that was an exciting day for us. But I know we're also heading into high school graduations and many other local colleges so, congrats and best wishes to all of the recent graduates. And we'll start with Directors Director Stephens.

Recreation Director Stephens

16:50

Thank you, Mayor, Mr. Chair to council and to those in the audience. It's just a quick announcement regarding Memorial Pool opening. We are scheduled to open the week of June 5. The exact times will be announced probably towards the end of the week once we get a better handle on lifeguard availability. And also Indian Hills spray park will also open the week of June 5 as well. Thank you.

Mayor Gail

17:17

Thank you. Ms Grida.

Assistant to the Mayor, Grida

17:21

Thank you, Mayor. I just want to invite everybody this Saturday after you go to Stephana Caviness honorable street naming event, if you can pop over to Shore Cultural Centre on the grounds of Shore this Saturday, we're doing our first Euc Flea. It's a vintage artisan market. We have several artisans that are coming with booth setup. We have a DJ, we have food trucks, and then we will have a live band to close the evening from four to six. The Euclid Shore Cultural Centre Board is in support of this, they're actually going to be serving adult beverages at the location. So feel free to to you know, celebrate Stephana and then come over to Shore and and have a nice day over at the vintage and flea market. Thank you so much.

Mayor Gail

18:06

Thank you very much. Director Grogan Myers.

Planning and Development Director Grogan Myers

18:09

Thank you, Mayor. Good evening, Council, Chair. Just a reminder that the city is working on developing its active transportation plan. And there is a survey that is open and available on the city's website at [cityofeuclid.com](http://cityofeuclid.com). On the homepage, there is a link to that survey. We absolutely would love your to have your feedback. Again, this is really focused on pedestrian and bike safety around the community. How can we improve and make sure that we're supporting residents, whether you drive, bike, take public transit, or use a mobility device, we want to make sure the city is open and welcoming and inclusive to all. If you do not have access to a computer, or would like to take the survey in paper. There are copies available in the lobby of City Hall. They can be completed at your home or in the lobby of city hall and returned to the front desk. Thank you.

Mayor Gail

19:00

Thank you, Chief Meyer.

Police Chief Meyer

19:04

Thank you, Mayor, Council Chair, members of council members, the audience a couple of announcements.

First off, I'd like to let the public know that we are going to do, we're back to doing our Junior Police Academy. So our 2023 Junior Police Academy will be held Monday, June 19 through Friday, June 23. And that's going to be each of those days from 8am to 12pm. And that will be at the Euclid Police Station. You don't have to be a resident of Euclid. You don't even need to be a resident of Cuyahoga County. If you want your children to participate in this any questions or or if you're looking to register, please go to our web page or contact our community policing unit.

Additionally, the month of May we'll also be doing our Hooked on Fishing, not on drugs. That will include all Euclid public elementary school fourth graders The Community Policing unit and Euclid police officers join students at the Portage Lakes for a day a fishing, lunch and a presentation on maintaining a healthy lifestyle that does not include using drugs. I'll be there all day on the 23<sup>rd</sup>, I believe, and it's it is amazing to watch these kids many of whom have not left Cuyahoga County and they're in Portage County for this and it's, the lake it's or the ponds are owned by by the State and they are well stocked. It doesn't take much to catch fish and to watch kids who've never been fishing. It's amazing. We do spend a good chunk of the day getting hooks out of clothing. But it's or or pulling the kids, it's shallow, but pulling the kids who, you know, keeping an eye on them near the shallow ends of this so it's it's an interesting day, it's all hands on deck.

Additionally too, we want to announce we'll be conducting a DUI checkpoint. The local police department urges motorists to keep safe by following all traffic laws never driving impaired and designating a sober driver. According to the Ohio State Highway Patrol in 2021. There were 12,762 Ovi related crashes, which resulted in 720 deaths and 8201 injuries. The operation of the sobriety checkpoint is an effort by the Euclid Police Department to impact the drunk driving problem by increasing the perception that drunk drivers will be detected and arrested, as well as actually arresting violators. And again to that's going to be Friday, May 26. And we'll announce on social media that the exact location next week. The, if you're wondering why we have to announce that's following constitutional mandates. So, if you're curious and why we wouldn't just want to keep that secret.

Additionally, Coffee With A Cop that will be Wednesday, May 31. That's from 9 to 11am that will be at the Home Depot. So stop by and enjoy doughnuts and coffee courtesy of the Home Depot. We do that right in the lobby, believe it or not, it's I really enjoy these and the Mayor comes to many of these and we get a lot of folks who stop by and, you know, show support or have interesting questions. So it's it's always good, always a good event.

And last, but not least is the East 200 Street Stroll and that will be Saturday June 3 from 10am to 2pm. And the EPD will have space to stroll with crime prevention resources. And that will conclude.

Mayor Gail

22:37

Thank you, Chief and Chief Haddock.

Fire Chief Haddock

22:41

Thank you, Mayor Mr. Chair, members of council and those watching that Euclid Fire Department will commence its annual hydrant maintenance program that will start this week which involves flushing and lubricating the hydrants. So we are posting in the areas that we are doing that we are also not doing it on the weekends. So if you should experience any discolored water, please run your cold water until it clears. Thank you.

Mayor Gail

23:05

Thank you, Chief and Mr. Chair. That completes our report this evening.

## COMMITTEE DOCUMENTATION

Councilman Jarosz

23:08

Thank you, Mayor. We're now moving on to **Committee Documentation**. Before we do the Board of Control, we will do our committee chair summaries. And I will read Council President Mancuso's summary for the Council Work Session held on May 1, 2023. As I mentioned on May 1 2023, there was a work session for regarding financial updates. Administration present was Mayor Gayle and Director of Finance Smith. All committee members were present reviewed receipts and disbursements for end of April 2023. We saw receipts of \$20,344,866 which is 39.9% of expected years total the expected receipts would have been about 33.3% for the same timeframe. We are a little ahead of estimated receipts for the year and comparison to 2021 disbursements for the same time frame are \$18,078,875 which is 33.7%. And expected, disbursements at this time would be 33.3. So we are right on target with projections review the fund balance through April this year, which is 11,440,718. This is \$2,102,054 more than we had the same time in 2022. We're also able to see comparisons back to 2019 for the same timeframe. 20,019 fund balance was 4,126,156 and 2021. The fund balance was \$5,869,081. In 2022, the fund balance was 9,338,664. So each of the last four years has seen an increase In the fund balance, Director Smith briefly discussed the lawsuit settlement. That is to be

legislation at tonight's agenda. She meant the previous agenda will come from the general fund, which means our 11,440,000 Summer and 18 general fund balance will be reduced by 1,150,000, paid out due to the lawsuit directly. Director Smith also reviewed a new form that we will be using going forward as well as he discussed coming legislation that appropriates specific dollars. There was this was an informational session for council. So there were no official actions taken. There were handouts provided which were revenue and expense reports year today for 2023. With comparisons to 2022 general fund balance year to date comparison last two years, there's a new form that was discussed, and a general revenue audit trail report of our general ledger. We will now move on to the Ad Hoc Committee from May 3, 2023. Councilwoman Jukic.

Councilwoman Jukic

26:05

Thank you, Mr. Chair. This is a summary of the Ad Hoc Committee of May 3, 2023. Meeting Agenda items were; review of how additional municipalities in Ohio handle their council meeting minutes, review and discussion of similarities and differences between the municipalities, discussion of what elements are important to include in meeting minutes. Council committee members present; Tanner, Hannum, Wojtila, Jukic, Epps was excused. Issues discussed; Each committee member had been asked to research at least three cities to see how they handle Council minutes. Wojtila checked Eastlake, Willoughby and Willowick. Hannum checked Strongsville, Cuyahoga Falls and one other. Tanner checked Beachwood, Wickliffe and Solon. Jukic looked at Newark, Mansfield, Middletown, Cuyahoga Falls, Elyria, Kettering, Springfield and Lorain. None of these cities had verbatim minutes. All had summary minutes with some variety of what is included and how the summary minutes looked. Cuyahoga Falls seemed to post an audio recording. The committee did not find any other communities that did verbatim minutes. Summary minutes was common practice for cities in Ohio, and the committee determined that it would make sense for Euclid to move in that direction. Then the similarities and differences between the municipalities was discussed. All did summary minutes. Most only listed the legislation and the votes without any summary of discussion. Many were very sparse with very little description. Some summarized citizen comments and Administration reports. Elyria summary minutes were reviewed as a good example. The committee then discussed what should be included in Euclid summary minutes and amended the originally proposed legislation. Summary minutes will follow the format of council meeting agendas and include all the major sections, Administration reports public comments and council person comments will be summarized. legislative discussion will generally not be summarized unless requested. The committee then voted to move the issue back to council with recommendation to approve and the actions taken were

moved the issue back to council with recommendation to approve. That concludes the summary of the Ad Hoc Committee.

Councilman Jarosz

28:38

Thank you. Move on to the Executive Finance committee which was held on May 8, 2023. Executive Finance Committee meeting held on May 8, 2023. Administration staff present was Mayor Gail, Assistant Law Director Rubadue, Special Assistant Grida. Committee members present all committee members present with Councilman Epps excused. Guests were Laura Kidder and Chef Farrell. Meeting agenda items number one was the Euclid Baking Collaborative at Shore Cultural Centre, discussion of Ordinance 023-23, an ordinance amending the consolidated Compensation Ordinance to establish a salary compensation for the Mayor of the City of Euclid, commencing with the term beginning January 1, 2024, with terms thereafter until adjusted. Agenda Item 3, discussion of budgeted expenses for council members to include data review concerning individual expense accounts for council members. And point four was discussion of proposed ordinance 024-23, an ordinance amending the consolidated Compensation Ordinance to establish the compensation level for a Council President and members of Euclid City Council commencing with the term beginning Jan 1, 2024 for terms thereafter until adjusted. Issues discussed; One, introduction and discussion of the you could bake in collaborative and Shore Cultural Centre, the Mayor, Laura Kidder and Miss Grida provided an overview of current events and strategies that are in place at Shore. Miss Grida introduced the concept of a baking collaborative and in our culinary area of Shore. She also discussed exploring different venues for the area. An RFP was developed in March of 2022 was to assist in developing a direction for the area, multiple people were interviewed. Miss Grida then introduced Chef Farrell, the Chef has 10 years experience and provided some background information that assisted committee members in understanding how the culinary area would be utilized. For more detail review the committee meeting video. Committee members asked questions about the strategy and potential success of the project. Miss Grida then explained to committee members what the pricing schedule would be going forward in the next year for bakers wanting to lease space in the culinary area. She also stated she would contract with the Chef for one year and evaluate strategy. Council asked questions for clarification. Action, none taken, no action was taken at this meeting. However, there are issues on today's agenda item. Issue two, the committee reviewed updated compensation data provided on mayoral salaries. This was requested at the 4-24 committee meeting. The updated data showed increases in Mayor's salaries in five of the municipalities. There was discussion about the salary being a flat rate or providing a 2% increase annually or providing an annual cost of living increase budgetary benefits, benefits for the mayor's position or also discuss actions taken committee members decide to use a flat rate salary

increase following following the discussion the committee passed a motion to approve an amendment to increase the Mayor compensation to 118,000. The committee also voted to send this amended legislation back to full council with recommendation for approval. More details please see and review the video. Issue discussed item three; committee members reviewed 11 municipalities to see how Council budget budgets worked in reference to providing individual council members with a set amount of money to be used for board activities. Only one city of the 11 reviewed provided a line item for individual council members expenses. The finance director contacted the city to determine how this model worked within the municipality as an individual members line item. All requests for its usage had to be cleared in advance by the law department in that municipality, municipality. In Euclid, the finance director would need to approve all expenses under \$500 in advance. There was discussion about restrictions in place for elected officials that further complicates and restricts this type of individual expense account. action taken was the committee members vote to not pursue individual expense accounts in the budget at this time. Issue discussed four; the committee reviewed and updated updated data pertaining to both council president and council members compensation discussion included looking at new average salaries for both council president and council members actions taken following discussion the committee approved a motion to amend the Compensation Ordinance to include 16,500 for city council president 14,500 for council members following the adjusted effective rate as of January 1, 2024 for council members in wards 1,3,5 and 7 and on January 1, 2026. For Ward's 2,4,6,8 and council president. The committee also voted to send this amended legislation back to full council council with recommendation for approval. With that will go to Board of Control. We Okay, so Councilman Wojtila, Sir?

Councilman Wojtila

33:58

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'd like to make a motion to approve the Board of Control minutes from April 24 and May 1, 2023. The council work session on May 1, 2023. The Ad Hoc Committee meeting on May 3, 2023. And the executive finance committee meeting on May 8, 2023.

Councilman Jarosz

34:17

I have a motion have a second by Councilwoman Jukic.

All in favor, "Aye."

Any opposed.

Okay with that we will move on to Committee of the Whole for legislative matters only. If you would like to speak to any of the items on tonight's agenda. Please step up to the microphone. Make sure the green light is on state your name and address and you will be given five minutes. Thank you.

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - LEGISLATIVE MATTERS

Resident - Audrey Kaplan Go...

34:54

Good evening. I'm Audrey Kaplan Goodman 20201 Glen Russ Lane. Regarding items five even six tonight, I had the opportunity to attend the meeting where this proposed project was discussed. How exciting for the city to have an incubator program of this magnitude. Chef Ferrell brings years of experience as a business owner and entrepreneur in their own right. This sounds like a wonderful opportunity for cottage bakers to have their own space to work and be mentored by someone who Chef Farrells experience. I know that Mrs. Kidder has worked long and hard on this proposal. She would not have brought this forward if she didn't think that Chef Farrell would be a wonderful tenant at Sure. I hope that council does not make this a first reading this evening. I'm sure you know by now that Laura Kidder does her homework and due diligence when it comes to adding tenants to Shore Cultural Centre. She has the knack for finding creative programming that would appeal to a wide audience. If anyone works tirelessly for the benefit of this city. It's Lori kiter approve this tonight. And let's get this going. Regarding items seven and eight. I know that these will probably pass probably get approved this evening. But I must express that I think the salary increases for the mayor and council members are way too high. I know that the salaries haven't been adjusted for over 10 years. But whose fault is that? Some members of council have been representing their constituents for more than one term. Why didn't you bring this up prior? You could have easily done that. The fault lies with you ladies and gentlemen, not anyone else. I hear that some council members never hold Ward meetings or return phone calls from concerned residents. That's your job, remember? And lastly, let us not forget that this council and mayor overturned a legal vote of the people. When we said no to Rita. I guess democracy is getting new blood. A raise of almost 31% for the mayor is outrageous. My only hope is that if this is approved tonight, the mayor vetoes this and accepts a lower annual amount. Thank you.

Councilman Jarosz

37:09

Next speaker

Resident Jeffrey Beck

37:20

Jeffrey Beck, 25540 Chatsworth, I want to talk about items, 7, 8 & 10. I missed the last meeting. But I was able to watch it on the library website. And frankly, I'm disappointed, you know, we live in a city where see I'm talking about am seven and eight. Right now we live in a city that a senior citizen can't walk down a street in the middle of the afternoon without

possibly being beaten half to death. Or a driver can't drive down the street without hitting series of chuck holes in any neighborhoods in the city, take a pick, take a look out your door, there's at least one house on your street that's unkempt. Whether it's cardboard on windows or high grass, or whatever it is. There's a lot of quality of life issues that we face in the City of Euclid. But instead of tackling any of that, we want to give ourselves raises. Yes, I know it's for the next person, but I'll get to that. 30 plus percent increase for the Mayor is way too high. I'm sure it'll get approved, because you have enough votes to prove just anything that they want. So I call you guys bobbleheads because that's what you do. But unfortunately, that's the, that's the case. So I know, I know this is gonna pass, but and I may be wrong about this, but I recall that part of the mayor's compensation was a city car use of the city car. If that's still the case, take it away. She lives right down the street, she can ride a bike. I mean, everything is about bikes now. We can save that expense. So if you're gonna give her 30 plus percent raise, take a look at what else is being given out there and adjust it accordingly. But it's just it's very, very sad that we have to deal with these kind of increases as residents because most residents don't make the money that the Mayor is asking for just in an increase. So that's that's a little bit much in my opinion. There really seems to be and the previous speaker brought it up. There seems to be a line of demarcation that has developed within the city and it's right in front of me. And everybody on that side of the line does what they want, when they want and however they want at the expense of everybody at the side of. And that seems to be what's going on here. Yes, I vote, my vote has been taken away more than once. Yeah, the big one was Rita. They took our vote away at Rita. But seven years ago, as a member of the Charter Review Commission, we passed, overwhelmingly passed, an ordinance that turned to city over to a city manager to have the city manager running as a professional. The Mayor buried that. So the people's vote was taken away then, too. So it's not the first time, but won't be the last time. And a lot of people vote and have been voting with their feet. I just had a good friend, longtime resident of Euclid just moved out of here and moved to Wickliffe. Why? Well, one thing he lived on a street that he couldn't get paved, even though he talked to his council person about it incessantly. But, again, I know, at least four council people sitting up here right now that don't return residents phone calls, she's right. I have a group, everybody knows I have a group of us made up of an awful lot of people. And I get a lot of phone calls. I know who returns phone calls, and I know who doesn't. So you're very fortunate that the public work that you do isn't treated like the private sector. And the private sector compensation is based upon results. And if that were true of the public sector, some of you wouldn't make what you're making right now, let alone an increase. So keep on sitting up there at your side of the line and make these decisions. And thank the deity that keeps you up here that day. And he has a name, it's called apathy. There's a lot of voter apathy in this city. And unfortunately, that's what keeps poor performance in office. Nobody wants to take the time to either run or go out and vote. That's where we run into situations like we have right now.

So I know this is gonna pass. The last thing I wanted to talk about the the summary minutes I'm not going to spend a lot of time on this, but we looked at it seven years ago during during the charter review when I was on charter review, and my problem was summary minutes is that allows opinion to be entered in so it's not verbatim that it's because you put down... what you say...am I out of time? (Yes, sir.) Thank you.

Resident - Victor Goodman

42:56

Victor Don Quixote Goodman because that's what it truly does feel like 20201. Glen Russ Lane. You compared your salaries and the mayor salary to cities that do not compare to you quit? And then you justified it. You said yes, we're Beachwood, and we're Strongsville and where Mentor, we're Cuyahoga Falls. I don't know how many other ones were here. So you compared us to people that we're not compared to and then you said, That's okay. You're gonna give the mayor a 39% raise. You're gonna give the council president who gets cheated. Only your 27% raise. And you give me yourself 31. If there's anybody that needs raises in the city, it's police and fire. They're the ones that do the job. You just vote. But you're, we'll pass it because our words mean nothing. Because we have none of the power. You have the power of the vote. All I know is that this council approved without a batter of an eye \$10 million dollars of ARPA money to go into the general fund. And by the way, it doesn't matter if each individual here didn't vote that way. But you as a council as a whole did. So that's where the 10 million. The 10 million is in this. Why not get a raise? You got the money somewhere else. You took away a great community rec center that could have been built for 25 million. And now we'll get a \$10 million basketball court. We the people voted against Rita and you the council, with the urgent of the mayor found a way around it and read it became part of the law. And also what's really fascinating is between E and F meeting one, and E & F meeting two, he gave the mayor additional 3 million, a \$3,000 raise for doing nothing. She didn't even have to show, she got \$3,000 extra because you found another comparison. That doesn't exist in reality, but justification for your decisions. So I guess I will echo my, my wife. I hope the mayor has enough dignity to veto this once you pass it, because I guess the question that was asked during the McCarthy hearings in the 50s is do you have you no decency left?

Councilman Jarosz

46:16

Thank you, we will now move on to the legislative Oh, I'm sorry.

Resident - Dante Gresham

46:24

Hello, my name is Dante Gresham. I live at 24650 Euclid Avenue. And I'm a Euclid resident, a 10 year Euclid resident. I support Item 4, the Yuko Park item. Senator Yuko Park. I support on five and six as servant I will serve as a board member for the Shore Cultural Centre. And I believe um just like on the other residency, I believe in oh, in Laura, and what she is doing. And I believe in our board, our board is young, and we need all the support that we can get. So, um, I think that this is a great program to have a culinary arts program, everywhere I go, everybody is talking about cooking. And being in the kitchen learning new things, especially after the pandemic saw support items five and six, and we need to get it passed immediately so that we can move forward. Um, when it comes to number nine, I support that as well. As we are living in a era where we need to have video we need to have surveillance we need and as well. As technology is growing, we need to make sure that we're using technology wisely. And I think that that is a wise thing to do to make sure that our cops have cameras on them. And especially me being a black male, I'm going to stand right behind it. Um, when it comes to the council and mayor raise, I believe Council does do need a raise. And I also believe our police and fire need raises as well, when it comes to our mayor raise just because that is is becoming very controversial in our city, I think we need to need to talk about it a little more, find out where we were where we can go what we can do, and stop trying to just like, run one person say nodding your head saying yes. And just actually listen to the residents and hear us out. And not saying somebody don't like the mayor or something like that. But we just need to talk it out and hear everybody's reasoning. And I think that is becoming a big issue in the city of Euclid. And everybody is talking about it. So we need to kind of pause on it and see a lot more information and get more information on it before we get to and you know, just bulldoze things on. And when it comes to our new recreation center, I want to see more amenities. Let's stop continuously putting the basketball court thinking that that's going to solve all the problems. We need more amenities in our new recreation center. Or when it comes to our kids when it comes to seniors when it comes to our middle age. On individuals. We need more amenities. And we need spaces where we can certainly do that is just on the agenda, please. Okay. Well, that will that was previously on on the agenda. But oh, um, I support our recreation center. And I think that we should move forward with it. But like residents said we need to think about it a little more. Thank you.

Councilman Jarosz

49:23

Thank you. Any other speakers?

Resident James Matthews

49:40

Good evening. I'm James Matthews. 160 East 214th Street. Wanted to speak about a couple of different things. This is my first council meeting. So yeah, just look forward to seeing me moving forward. I just wanted to, you know, exercise my civic duty as a citizen of Euclid now that I, you know, on the home in the city. been a longtime resident?

Councilman Jarosz

50:12

Are you speaking to an agenda item?

Resident James Matthews

50:14

Yes, I ,Okay, I just was introduced. (Oh, okay.) Thank you, everybody. I didn't think that was an issue been a longtime Euclid resident, and I want to speak about a couple of different items. So item 9 nine ordinance. For a uniformed police officer. Obviously, I'm in support of that, as the other constituent would just said, as a black male, that is very important that we exercise accountability when it comes to ourselves. And I think police have to be a part of that accountability. When it comes to enforcing laws within our city limits. Along with other agenda, agenda items, where we're increasing salaries, I just want to make sure that, you know, budgetary issues aren't the reason why we will reject an issue like issue nine. So if we're ready to increase salaries, we should also be ready to increase our accountability for the actions of the people who work for us next to us, and are subordinate to us. So I wanted to make sure that I spoke to that. I don't know about, you know, the salaries of the mayor, or the councilman, I'm sure you guys do as much work as you can. I'm not sure about the comparisons to other communities. So when it comes to items, seven and eight, I believe we're talking about compensation. Hopefully, you've done your due diligence, and that, you know, like the citizens here, say that we've been voted out of different decisions. Hopefully, those decisions have come to improve the lives of the constituents and not the opposite. And so I say that if this is something that's going to get passed, anyway, regardless of what is being said, at this podium, I want you all again, to take accountability for the increase in your salaries, and do the job that you've been asked to do. And the complaints that are being heard today of not answering calls and not listening to constituents. Maybe that increase in salary that is seems to be already going to be voted in should encourage you incentivize you to go ahead and take a bigger step leap forward for the citizens who basically pay your salaries. And I always also wanted to talk about the item 10. I believe that's the verbatim minutes, I'm in favor of summary minutes, as long as you guys actually are recording these meetings, and that these meetings are able to be seen, I want the opportunity to have

access to the meetings, because if we're not going to take the time, which I'll have like efficiency, as part of my background, so being efficient and not writing down every word may be one thing. But obviously touch speaking into a mic, there's a recording of this, I think these type of meetings should be available to citizens to not only look at or watch from at their home, but also go online and maybe watch them later. So, you know, in lieu of a verbatim minutes, maybe, you know, have some type of recording that, you know, we can go and look at on a regular basis so that we can hear what citizens said because what the gentleman who came before me said was true, before his time ran out, and mine is not going to run out is that a summary? I could summarize anything and make it sound a certain way. We see it every day in the media. We summarize different stats to make it sound favorable to what we want it to be. And I don't want my words to be summarized in a way that doesn't paint a picture that I was trying to portray at the moment. So if we're going to have summary minutes, I think that the recordings of the meeting should be available for the citizenry. And I think that is a very easy as and those are the only issues that I know of and I wanted to speak about today. Thank you.

Councilman Jarosz

54:34

Thank you. Next

Resident - Christopher Litwinowicz

54:43

Christopher Michael 20219 Morris Avenue. As far as what we see we don't see what they see. And that was hanging outside. And I've been requesting this that these you got 10-20 people here. Like I should be able to see the numbers. Because this this is, it don't go into detail. Transparency sad to see the council president is not here.

Councilman Jarosz

55:31

Is there a specific item agenda you're addressing?

Resident - Christopher Litwinowicz

55:38

Yeah, all of them. But we'll go we'll go section by section just like the last. Why wasn't the last speaker contested? That sounds like race, but it's only Chris. You know, I'm taking my time, allow five minutes. The bottom line is that I come to this podium. And I spoke actually to you Chair as a council person. And I'm talking about the council wages. When you talk about wages, I'm gonna talk about the school board. What if you came to this meeting? In this month, you only made \$250. I urge you. I urge you

to send this to the vote. And I really urge this to go back to committee. Because it ain't done right. Because the charter it needs go to charter amendment. And then y'all need to go research does not your values. By the way, Mayor, sorry, sorry, counsel, you're not fighting for yourself. So here comes two referendums. In two more weeks, unless you waive the second and third reading, then I'll be at your office tomorrow morning. So we'll just say Friday. Bottom line is that I think counsel deserves the most utmost respect to a change. It doesn't. It doesn't value out. Okay. So, as far as verbatim and summary, y'all gotta do what you got to do seem like the services is showing that the services have gone down, regardless if they're not or not. If you've taken something away, and you got residents who voiced their opinion and took their time out, but you're not listening. That's wasted time. All I can say is you're going to do what you're going to do. Because you've already had your committee meetings, you already got your five members to vote for raising why way past \$100,000 for the mayor salary. And when you look at money, you're looking at \$40 million so as a council member, I mean go ahead and do what you do. And we probably won't do to referendum but what I'm saying is that we can do something like that stop the price pricing process. And and and I actually think you might want to legally look at that look out as to a law firm and ask them the question you might think it's an ordinance that they just automatically does this I really urge for the last 15-20 years we're not we use our democracy that fill these seats. But we don't use our democracy to let us vote. You know, that's the main purpose of me being here. I like to see two three people out this community a madness and send them insaneness to the Board of Elections if I see that, then I know no referendum.

Councilman Jarosz  
Next Speaker

Resident Edie

59:52

Good evening, everyone. My name is Edie (inaudible). Kind of hard to hear right now. But anyway, The reason why I came this evening is because I have been calling trying to get in touch with the person that is my councilman. I live at 905 E 248th Street. No one has even touch base with me. I have some complaints and things scheduled, which is out from me. And I think it's very unfair. I don't even know who... Excuse

Councilman Jarosz

1:00:19

Excuse me. I'm sorry. Excuse me, ma'am. That this part of the council...

Resident Edie

1:00:26

I understand that but I have an agenda. I pay taxes here. And I just want this to be known and I do want to know who is my council person like to take care of their agenda. And it's always about you have to wait, this is why we have this. That's all I need to know.

Councilman Jarosz

1:00:47

Okay, I appreciate. At the end of the meeting, we know the floor is open for anybody who wants to talk about any topic for the good that's it. All right. Okay, and that will get that address

Councilman Jarosz

1:01:09

Go ahead Kristal, that's fine. Okay. Thank you. Alrighty, thank you. Miss Grida is coming out to speak to you. We will now move to the legislation port portion of our agenda. Madam Clerk, please read the first agenda item into the record.

## LEGISLATION

Clerk Laboda

1:01:35

**Resolution 050-23.** A resolution granting a US District exception pursuant to chapter 1375.01 A3 of the codified ordinances of the City of Euclid to Hanna Kay, H Studio applicant, to operate a personal service establishment in a U6 industrial and manufacturing Use District permanent parcel numbers 647-03-001, 22550 Lakeland Boulevard Euclid Ohio 44132.

Councilman Jarosz

1:02:20

Thank you. I'll entertain a motion for passage by Councilman Epps. Second by Councilman Tolton.  
All in favor, "Aye."  
I will go to Director Meyer.

Planning and Development Di...

1:02:30

Thank you, Mr. Chair, Good evening Council. As stated in the legislation. H Studio, Miss Hanna Kay has applied to operate a personal services business, a lash consulting business at 22550 Lakeland Boulevard. This is currently zoned U6 industrial and manufacturing. The Planning and

Zoning Commission heard this case at its meeting last week and unanimously passed its recommendation to grant a US District exception. The space is approximately 300 square feet in the Sherwin Williams paint building. If you're familiar. This is a very small office space. There's plenty of parking as determined by the Zoning Commissioner Mr. Scott Muscatello, and the business will offer services by appointment. So there was no concern as determined by the Planning and Zoning Commission for negative impacts to the existing businesses. So it was passed with recommendation for your consideration in granting a US District exemption.

Councilman Jarosz

1:03:29

Thank you. We'll go to council any questions from any members on council? Councilman Tolton.

Councilman Tolton

1:03:34

Thank you, Mr. Chair. This business is in my ward and actually met with the owners they actually left so they didn't stick around. But I visited the location. It is a small industrial building, very small, you can only probably put like one office or something, a desk and something like that in there. And then the space is really built out and what they want to do and it I think it fits that area. It's an excellent venue. I talked with again, with the owner, it's going to be by appointment only as the Director stated. So it's not going to be a lot of traffic in and out and things like that. They do want to stay in the community committed to the community that actually did some updating with the Sherwin Williams Building. They're recently expanding that so he owns that property. So, I would definitely recommend for passage.

Councilman Jarosz

1:04:22

Thank you. Any other questions or comments from Council? Seeing none, I will entertain a motion to close debate by Councilman Tolton. Second by Councilman Tanner, I'm sorry. I always do that. Second.

All in favor, "Aye."

Any opposed?

Madam Clerk, please call a roll on the resolution.

Clerk Laboda

1:04:53

Hannum, Yes. Wojtila, Yes. Jukic, Yes. Tanner, Yes. Tolton, Yes. Epps --- (out of Chambers), Jarosz, Yes.

Motion passes.

Councilman Jarosz

1:05:06

Okay, Madam Clerk, please read the second and second agenda item into the record.

Clerk Laboda

1:05:12

**Resolution 045-23.** A resolution to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources and the Army Corps of Engineers for approval of the shore structure in the submerged lands in Lake Erie adjacent to the property located at 26151 Lakeshore Boulevard Euclid, Ohio, 44132 bearing permanent parcel number 644-09-004.

Councilman Jarosz

1:05:46

I'll entertain a motion for passage by councilman Wojtila, seconded by Councilwoman Jukic.

All them favor, "Aye."

Back to Director Rubadue. Assistant Director Rubadue.

Assistant Law Director Rubadue

1:05:59

Thank you, Mr. Chair, Council may recall that this is similar to many resolutions that have been passed previously to assist residents with erosion control. This is mandated by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources in the Army Corps of Engineers that provide that owner of the property resolution to allow it to move forward with its project. This is a new application from the owners of the VISTA apartments for the shore structure at 26151 Lakeshore Boulevard. It is recommended that if this resolution would pass and the owners could move forward with their project.

Councilman Jarosz

1:06:40

Thank you. Any questions from Council? Okay, seeing none, I'll entertain a motion to close debate by Councilwoman Hannum, seconded by Councilman Tanner.

All in favor, "Aye."

Madam Clerk, please call the roll on the resolution.

Clerk Laboda

1:06:58

Wojtila, Yes. Jukic, Yes. Tanner, Yes. Tolton, Yes. Epps --- (out of Chambers). Hannum, Yes. Jarosz, Yes.  
Motion passes.

Councilman Jarosz

1:07:14

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

Clerk Laboda

1:07:21

**Ordinance 049-23.** An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service of the City of Euclid to enter into a contract extension with Cargill Salt, 24950 Country Club Boulevard, Suite 450, North Olmsted, Ohio 44070 for the city's requirements of salt for the 2023/2024 winter season, covering the period from November 1, 2023 through April 30, 2024.

Councilman Jarosz

1:08:01

Thank you. I'll entertain a motion for passage to begin the discussion by Councilman Wojtila. Seconded by Councilwoman Jukic.  
All in favor, "Aye."  
All right. We will now go to Director Knecht.

Service Director Knecht

1:08:15

Thank you, Chairman. The city has had an agreement with Cargill to provide clear lane salt for the last several years, Cargill has always been able to provide that product when requested and fulfilled our orders in full without delay. I would like to extend the current agreement at as is it is a no cost increase for this coming year. The price would be the same as what we're paying this year, which I found to be a very good price. Based on the increases that we're seeing on raw products. I was happy that they were able to offer this at a no cost increase. I'd be happy to answer any questions you may have on this this evening.

Councilman Jarosz

1:08:57

Thank you. Questions from Council? Councilman Wojtila.

Councilman Wojtila

1:09:01

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you for the fact sheet. I was just surprised when I saw the salt purchased in 2022 is quite a bit compared to 2021 and 20. Is this a calendar year, not a winter? So in other words, our last winter was very light. So I would think 2023 would be a pretty low.

Service Director Knecht

1:09:24

Chairman to the councilman. Yes, this is based on a calendar year. So 2022 would have been from January 1 to December 31 of 2022. That's the way we've always reported our salt usage. Yes, usage was down for 2023. And we will have those numbers shortly. (Thank you.)

Councilman Jarosz

1:09:45

Any other questions? Seeing none, entertain a motion to close debate by Councilman Tolton, seconded by Councilwoman Hannum.

All in favor, "Aye."

Okay. I'll also entertain a motion to suspend the rules and forego the second and third reading by Councilwoman Jukic, seconded by Councilman Wojtila.

All in favor, "Aye."

Any opposed? Seeing none.

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

Clerk Laboda

1:10:15

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

Ordinance passes.

Councilman Jarosz

1:10:31

Thank you. Madam Clerk, can you please read the fourth agenda item onto the record?

Clerk Laboda

1:10:35

**Ordinance 047-23.** An emergency ordinance authorizing the Director of Planning and Development to advertise for bids and enter into a

contract for labor and materials necessary for the construction of the Senator Kenny Yuko Park project.

Councilman Jarosz

1:10:56

Thank you. I'll entertain a motion for a passage to begin the discussion by Councilman Jukic. Second by Councilman, Councilman Epps.

All in favor, "Aye."

To Administration.

Planning and Development Director Grogan Myers

1:11:08

Thank you, Mr. Chair. Council, as you may recall, just about almost exactly one year ago, before you for consideration was the adoption of the waterfront phase three and what we are now calling the Kenny Yuko Park plan. This is for the approximately 5.6 acres located along the Lake Erie shoreline at East 246 street and Lakeshore Boulevard. The plan outlined a number of improvements that include a multipurpose trail, parking, green space and landscaping, as well as a beach house in what we are calling phase one. We are seeking and seeking your authorization to advertise for bids and enter into a contract to begin construction on again phase one, which focuses on the multipurpose trail construction, connecting the eastern end of the lakefront trail to Lakeshore Boulevard. It involves construction of a parking lot and bioswales stormwater retention which is required through various regulations, as well as grading, landscaping and other stormwater retention measures along the grade as you head down to the lake. In As you'll remember, we were awarded \$1 million from the state capital budget grant. So approximately two thirds of the entire cost of this project is being covered by state capital budget funds. Thanks in large part to Senator Kenny Hugo and his championship of the Euclid Waterfront Plan. With that, I'm happy to answer any questions. But I think this is a very exciting project. Certainly I know for the residents who live on both sides of this site. And the reason for the emergency ordinance is that it's really an active construction site leftover from the lakefront trail. That was the staging area. So the opportunity to begin construction this year, and really resolve the construction site and the mud pit that it is right now as the importance for the time is of the essence approach to this project. Thank you.

Councilman Jarosz

1:12:58

Any questions from Council? Councilman Wojtila.

Councilman Wojtila

1:13:02

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just a couple of comments. One is, I know right now, it's not visible and I've said this before, you cannot see the lake when you're driving on Lakeshore Boulevard. I compare this to the East 305 Street and Lakeshore Boulevard which is very, very popular. It's used extensively you cannot get to the water but you can see the water and it attracts it draws you to that. So I'm hoping we clear the mounds that blocked the visibility so that it will be used. There's also a lot of benches at East 305 street, I think I see one bench so I think a couple other benches might be nice just so people can park there. They don't want to watch they can sit there and utilize the utilize the the view and the park. See, there's a lot of good lighting, which is great. And I guess just to comment about bio retention. You do detention, stormwater management to detain the water and then release it at a slower rate. If the water seems to me if the water is going right to the lake, you wouldn't need to do that. So I don't know if we could look into that and maybe some avoid some costs. Because that seems kind of silly to detain stormwater because it's you're not going to impact the lake by the stormwater unless it's for stormwater quality issue, which is I'm talking that's probably what it is. That's it. Those are my comments. Thank you.

Councilman Jarosz

1:14:32

Thank you. Any other comments? Councilman Epps.

Councilman Epps

1:14:35

Thank you chair. And my colleague mentioned about clearing the mounds. I think those are very good points about visibility. So rather than say that we hope I will ask, is that the plan?

Planning and Development Director Grogan Myers

1:14:44

We are currently finalizing the plans. So part of the goal of the plan was to create an increase sightlines down to the lake. And so I will have to ask the engineer to look at some of the elevations to make sure we address some of that and any and all opportunities for us to be able to create clear sightlines down to the lake, we will absolutely under take in the plans, but the plans are not finalized yet. So that's why I say that.

## Councilman Epps

1:15:08

And I appreciate you saying that and just goes to what is frustration of mine that I have very often here is that we have legislation put before us for a plan that is not finalized, we shouldn't be voting on it until the plan is finalized. And this is how a lot of legislation happens here within these chambers. And I will speak to this because I think it goes right to the heart of this project. As folks, no, I have not been a supporter of all of the millions of dollars that are being drained out of this community. And in my opinion, the reason is because of inevitable demographic changes. And a lot of these folks have given up on the future of the community. And as a result of that we make decisions like this, I mentioned this one in correlation with that, because we want to make sure that there's access and that people can see all folks can see this, not just the folks who come here, not just the folks who are in your circles, but that everyone can see this particular part. The idea that you have to ask the engineer about visibility, to me just seems backwards, especially with the legislation being here before us, again, have not supported this bailout, for erosion protection along the lake, which is what this trail it has been, especially with the lack of dollars that are spent outside of town. And you hear me talk about this every time there's legislation that comes before us, that is for the North side of town. And I'm going to always continue to advocate for my side. And I just say that because when folks who live on the South side of town are on Lakeshore Boulevard, I want them to see that park, I want them to know they can come down and they can utilize that park too. And it just seems like a lot of things are being closed off and made for private for the folks who live along the lake. But yet communities and wards like mine who are very high contributors, when it comes to revenue to the entire city are not getting the bulk of that investment. Now, I will say this to that point, there's been a lot of investment and movement since I've been elected. And we're three and our right side of town in general. And I appreciate that. But I just want to make sure that we're not continuing as you are doing anyway, we're not continuing to just give away so much of our money to things that so much of our community is not going to get the opportunity to utilize. To be honest with you, I was ready tonight to make a movement to just say that this particular part is something we need to do to add on to what has already happened on Lakeshore Boulevard. And I would like to be able to say, Hey, let's go ahead and finish what we've already wasted millions of dollars to start. And to support this and hoping that we'll be able to do that. I'd like to make this a first reading so that we can get the final plan for council to make a vote. And so I make a motion to make this a first reading. Thank you.

Councilman Jarosz

1:17:46

We have a motion on the floor to make this a first reading any discussion on the motion? I'm sorry, I need a second. I'm sorry. Do I have a second for that motion? Okay, I have a second from Councilman Tolton. Any discussion on the motion? Seeing none, Madam Clerk, please call the... Councilman Wojtila.

Councilman Wojtila

1:18:12

Thank you, Mr. Chairman, if we if we made this a first reading and came to a second reading and our next meeting, which would be two weeks, three weeks? Would that be enough time to hear the final plan? Director Myers?

Planning and Development Director Grogan Myers

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Mr. Chair, the councilman, I don't have an exact answer for that. Part of, I understand it's frustrating for some, but part of the reason for the methodology is to make sure that we are getting this right. You're right, it is a large investment. But let's not forget also that this is largely being funded in local dollars from the Harbortown TIF, which is local property owners. Tax dollars being diverted towards this project. So the ask for addressing the time is of the essence is really the hope was to be out to bid in early June. So once the plans are finalized, and the goal is within the next couple of weeks for those plans to be finalized, and go out to bid. As you know that cost by environment is very volatile. And we are trying to stay on budget. So that's the goal behind it. We also have a timeframe of one year from the end of June to be able to spend the State Capital dollars. So that's the other deadline that we are watching as we work through all of this, if construction is not complete this year, and we expect that at least the landscaping will not be complete this year. That will be done in spring of 2024. So again, we're watching and we are on a very tight timeline as we work through construction.

Councilman Jarosz

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Okay, Councilwoman Jukic.

Councilwoman Jukic

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Thank you, Mr. Chair. I would like to see this project move forward for some of the reasons that Councilman Wojtila isn't about the sightlines it's also, it is becoming a bit of a problem in the ward also in terms of

overgrowth, and people entering it inappropriately and those kinds of things. So I would like to see it move forward. Thank you.

Councilman Jarosz

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Thank you. Any other comments on motion? Councilman Tolton.

Councilman Tolton

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Thank you, Mr. Chair, to the Director, you just mentioned about the timeline and funding and cost. If we delay it, would there be a significant cost increase? Would that really push the project back that much loaded with significant cost increase?

Planning and Development Director Grogan Myers

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Mr. Chair, to the council person, so the bidding timeline, again, was focused on getting the project out to bid in the first or second week of June. So based on all of that, if that's the timeframe that we're on, we push that back a couple of weeks. I don't know, I don't have the answer for you, as far as the exact dollar amounts that it may or may not cost the project. It's a balance of both the cost and the timeframe that we're working on and that I'm concerned about.

Councilman Jarosz

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Councilman Epps.

Councilman Epps

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Thank you, Chair. I guess and I appreciate your candor, and also appreciate you for being blunt and responding this question and saying that you don't know, I was wondering how you're going to answer that question. So I appreciate that. But this could have been brought to council in enough time, for it to be heard for us to respond the way that we're going to respond. So that you can still go out to bid by the beginning of June, who is going, I'm not even going to go into that, but whatever department that should be staying on top of and constantly knocking on the door of whoever it is, that's going to come up with the final design or the final plan should have been doing that prior to bringing the legislation to city council. And as many of you who were here watch and who are here know, I'm constantly you hear me with the nay vote, anytime there's an emergency motion and emergency piece of legislation. But that's the nature of the previous administration, this

administration has picked up that practice. And that is to motion or to make legislation emergency. And because council and I'm sorry, I know that everyone's not a fan of this. But because council have all have full time jobs as \$11,000 is how much we make as a city council person. As a result of it, we often sit here and we defer to the better judgment of the professionals. And so I always vote no on emergency legislation. And sometimes I still vote for the legislation because I believe in the legislation on its merits. But you hear me vote no on foregoing the second and third reading. Because I think that that's why you have three readings so that these things in the process can play out. If this was a put it in the end of April, then we'd be already at a third reading for this. And we would have already told you at the first reading that we want the final plan, you would have had a month almost to go and come back with that final plan. And then we would have passed it as you'd like us to do when you would have still been able to to meet your deadlines. And I'm asking my colleagues tonight, after we sit here and listen to resident after resident talk about all of the issues in the city. All of the issues in the city in this room. All of us are a part of the blame in that myself included. And as I listened to that, I'd like to see my colleagues tonight send a strong message that we mean business and we want you to come to us with sound legislation for us to pass. And I'm not saying that I don't I'm not going to support this. I'm saying let's see the plan that it is you want me to support and way too often, my colleagues here vote for legislation, having no idea what's really there until the project comes to fruition and it looks nothing like what was originally proposed. So that's the reason I made the motion. And I will continue to advocate for us to come with sound legislation and stop bringing us emergencies just to get done what you want to get done. Thank you.

Councilman Jarosz

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Any other comments on the motion? Seeing none. Madam Clerk, please call roll on the motion to send this to a second reading.

Clerk Laboda

1:24:12

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

Motion passes to send to a second reading.

Councilman Jarosz

1:24:30

Okay. So this will be sent to a second reading. Madam Clerk, please call the roll on the fifth agenda item

Clerk Laboda

1:24:43

**Ordinance 051-23.** An ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of Euclid or her designee to enter into an agreement with Chef Saidah Farrell, 15705 Van Aken Boulevard, Shaker Heights, Ohio, 44120 for managing the Euclid Baking Collective located at Shore Cultural Centre at 291 East 222<sup>nd</sup>, Euclid, Ohio, 44123 in an amount not to exceed \$56,000 for a one year contract beginning June 19, 2023. through June 18, 2024.

Councilman Jarosz

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Thank you. I'll entertain a motion for passage to begin the discussion motion by Councilman Tolton. Seconded by Councilman Epps.

All in favor, "Aye."

To Administration.

Mayor Gail

1:25:42

Thank you, Mr. Chair, I'll start and then turn it to Miss Grida. We had a very productive executive finance committee meeting with the presentation from Chef Farrell, Laura Kidder and Ms. Grida about this proposal. So we're really excited about it. As you know, since just very briefly summary, since the city took over the operation again, a couple years ago, we started working to make sure that we have new tenants there, we've really worked on a focus that makes it sort of an incubator model. And it's become home to arts, education, culture, community service, organizations and groups that provide a great benefit to the city. After we also then worked on some improvements to the building. So again, thanks to some support from former State Senator Kenny Yuko and then County Councilwoman, Sunny Simon, we were able to improve the windows and working room by room to make improvements throughout the building. The big piece was the culinary school and what to do with that. So beginning last year, Ms Grida and Mrs. Kidder started working on a plan, looking at how can we use it? What's, What are some different models and ultimately landed with this baking collective. It's an exciting model that meets the mission of the building and will provide some cash revenue, as well as services to the community, some of our small business entrepreneurs, and the community. So I will turn it to Miss Grida to share some of the details about this item and the following screen.

Assistant to the Mayor, Grida

1:27:15

Thank you very much. So tonight, I'm asking for your support for a one year contract for Chef Farrell for \$56,000. Chef Farrell will be the kitchen

manager for this space. I think if anybody tuned into that meeting or came to the meeting, you along with council heard that Laura and I know nothing about managing a kitchen. So, we needed to hire a chef that was also a kitchen manager, Chef Farrell comes to us with that experience. So with her help, we have devised the the culinary area up into pods that are rentable for baker's, Chef Farrells dream for this location is not only the commercial kitchen use, so she will be managing those tenants, she will be managing the space, she will be managing the schedule. She also is, as the name says, going to be building this collective. So beyond that, then these bakers can start joining together to buy ingredients in bulk and helping them understand the cost of running a business. She also comes with a ServSafe license, and she will be doing classes for the Baker's to help them come up with a budget and a forecast so that they know when they're financially ready to get their own space. So speaking to one of the residents comments after she saw the council meeting, this really does fit into kind of our incubator role model. We have based the budget on her one year salary right now so we can kind of measure how that's going to work. And we have looked at other comparable commercial kitchens in the Cleveland, Northeast Ohio area, we would be the one that is furthest east at this point, and there is a lot of demand. We have several bakers on our waiting list at Shore that are interested in renting this location. Chef Farrell also comes with folks that would like to move a little closer to home. So when we budgeted this forecast and I will ask for your support for the rent rental rates in the next agenda item. But as the Mayor alluded to, with her one year salary to be the manager of this space, and those tenants and with the rental rate that we have projected we are it is going to be cash positive. So we're happy about that. Those of you that have been around with us for a long time know that we need to continue that direction with anything that we do at Shore so very happy to be able to bring this to you tonight and happy to answer any questions.

Councilman Jarosz

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Thank you to Council. Councilwoman Hannum.

Councilwoman Hannum

1:29:44

Thank you Chair. I just wanted to put on record that since you guys told me about this when I came on board on council, this is something that I've been looking forward to and I'm really excited to see this happen. And so I hope you know Council will will have this and we can have Chef Ferrell start soon. Thank you.

Councilman Jarosz

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Thank you. Councilman Wojtila.

Councilman Wojtila

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Thank you, Mr. Chairman. So will the accounting of Shore, then take into account this separately, so we can check if it's cash positive? (Yes, absolutely.) Thank you.

Councilman Epps

1:30:19

Thank you, Chair. I just want to give Laura some flowers here. Laura Kidder, as you've heard, multiple residents appear to speak about it. And you constantly hear it come from this side of the room as well, is definitely the secret sauce or cultural center, and identified her as the secret sauce or sort of cultural center a long time ago. And the in quality immediately for us to get rid of the middleman company who hired Laura Kidder, who we were paying them to pay Laura get her and they were taking a profit and hire Laura Kidder, Laura Kidder into the city as a city employee, and we would see a lot more success. That decision was made last year, I applaud the Mayor for for making that decision. And I just want to point out at every opportunity I can, when something comes great, I'm sure that that was the right decision. And I was saying that in 2019. So definitely want to give Laura her credit. Also, when the Mayor mentioned the credit for folks who get help to get those windows, Laura played a huge role into that raise a lot of money from personal donors, etc, in order to be able to get those windows out to make sure that she gets credit for bringing windows to Shore Cultural Centre as well. And I have a couple of questions really quick one, the \$56,000 salary she's going to be cooking too, right? (Yes.) Okay, great. And the second thing is what happens if, or are you telling us that you are projecting it to be revenue positive, because you have a list of folks already ready to go?

Assistant to the Mayor, Grida

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That's correct. So, So I built the budget plan. I don't know if I can say that. So I built the budget plan. On one year with eight bakers, there will be nine bakers using this space, including Chef Ferrell, but eight that would be signing a contract. So we have triple that on the waiting list. So I don't anticipate there being any issues with that. So based on that number alone, and that is really indicative of our space and our equipment. At this time. We will be having cash positive program.

Councilman Epps

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great as well to make sure that you're making a projection not off of just figuring the numbers but off of actually having these folks ready to go when you say you have nine. So that's awesome. I think this is a great addition to Shore Cultural Centre and just about anything, especially if it's revenue positive that comes from Laura Kidder you're gonna get my support so Thank you.

Councilman Jarosz

1:32:43

Other discussion. Seeing none. I'll entertain a motion to close debate. Motion by Councilman Jukic, second by Councilman Wojtila.

All in favor, "Aye."

I'll entertain a motion to suspend the rules and for the forego the second and third reading. Motion by Councilman Tolton. Seconded by Councilman Tanner.

All in favor, "Aye."

Any opposed? "Nay." Noted

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

Clerk Laboda

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

Ordinance passes.

Councilman Jarosz

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

Clerk Laboda

1:33:29

**Ordinance 052-23.** An ordinance approving the fees for the rental of Euclid Baking Collective at the Shore Cultural Centre culinary space as set forth in the rental guide and policies.

Councilman Jarosz

1:33:46

Thank you. I'll entertain a motion for passage to begin the discussion motion by Councilwoman Hannum, seconded by Councilwoman Jukic.

All in favor, "Aye."

Back to the administration.

Assistant to the Mayor, Grida

1:33:56

Thank you so much again. So the rental rates that we are looking at for the culinary space. There are when we compared to popular options three days a week, and a day is considered six hours a day. So three days a week or five days a week. So we are wanting to ask for your support for the three day a week plan at \$15 an hour. Whether that is for 90 days or one year. For the one year price, we are going to give one month three because we are trying to drive that stability and trying to drive that consistency. So again, we can build these folks up to be able to have their own business. On the five day a week plan we're asking for \$14 an hour for the rent rates. These rates are definitely in the ballpark but a little lower in the ballpark as you guys saw at the committee meeting when we compared other commercial kitchens. Other commercial kitchens do provide some things we don't have. So we don't have free Wi Fi. We don't have HVAC, so there are some things that we just can't do before we start this Baking Collective. Chef Farrell does not see those necessarily as a deal breaker. Because we are also packaging our fees based on we're including a lot of ancillary services that other competition charges extra for. So for example, other commercial kitchens charge extra for you to rent the dry rack for you to rent cooler space for you to cover the cost of the towels that we get cleaned all the time. So I calculated what those were, I just added it to that rental rate. So we can advertise very cleanly that includes all of these items. So we feel that these are going to definitely be competitive. I think it gives us room to grow. Should this be as successful as we believe. So we might be coming back for rental increase at some point. But at this point to start out, we feel that this is competitive compared to the competition.

Councilman Jarosz

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Thank you. Members of council, any questions? Councilman Wojtila.

Councilman Wojtila

1:35:59

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. So so does Council approve all the rental rates? (Yes.)

Councilman Jarosz

1:36:08

Any other? Seeing none, I'll entertain a motion to close debate. Motion by Councilman Tanner, seconded by Councilwoman Jukic.  
All in favor, "Aye."

I'll entertain a motion to suspend the rules and to forego the second and third reading. Motion by Councilwoman Hannum, seconded by Councilman Wojtila.

All in favor, "Aye."

Any opposed? "Nay." Noted.

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

Clerk Laboda

1:36:37

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

Ordinance passes.

Councilman Jarosz

1:36:49

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

Clerk Laboda

1:36:56

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

Councilman Jarosz

1:37:21

Thank you. I'll entertain a motion for passage to begin the discussion. Motion by Councilman Tolton, seconded by Councilwoman Jukic.

All in favor, "Aye."

All right. We will go to Assistant Law Director Rubadue.

Assistant Law Director Rubadue

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Thank you, Mr. Chair, as the Council's aware this is an amendment to the consolidated Compensation Ordinance for the new term that will begin in January of 2024. After being in committee for several meetings, the members indicated that it would like to amend and voted to amend the compensation to be \$118,000 for this new term. They consider several factors and are recommending that for passage.

Councilman Jarosz

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Thank you. Any comments from Council? Councilman Epps.

Councilman Epps

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Thank you Chair. I'm gonna like to just make a motion that we move this on to another reading.

Councilman Jarosz

1:38:22

Do I have a second? Seeing none. Okay, any other comments on this ordinance? Councilman Wojtila.

Councilman Wojtila

1:38:35

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I had requested the 115, which was previously at the last committee meeting, it was bumped up to 118. I prefer the 115. And I would stick with that.

Councilman Jarosz

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Are you making a motion? Are you making a motion? (Yes)

Okay, we have a motion to amend that legislation. I have a second discussion on the motion. Seeing none.

Councilman Jarosz

1:39:21

Did you want to speak on? Yeah. Okay. Because perhaps I was waiting on you to call me.

Councilman Epps

1:39:26

Because perhaps I was waiting on you to call me. Thank you. Thank you Chair. I just wanna say to my colleagues and thank you for the motion. I wasn't in favor of this increase at 115 or increase to 115. And then I had a death in the family, missed the E & F meeting and it got bumped up by another \$3,000. And so I definitely appreciate you making that motion to bring it back down. As I said in the in the committee meeting, that first committee meeting about this conversation. You know, I proposed an increase for city council City Council members in the city of Euclid make \$11,000 a year they need an increase. They come back and I guess it's

like, well, if you get an increase, I get increase, because it comes back to us as legislation with an increase for the Mayor, the increase is more than what most of our residents make on their jobs. I just don't support the increase at all. But I do appreciate my colleague, saving the folks another \$3,000. I don't understand why none of my colleagues second my motion, I move it to a third reading as this is a second reading tonight. I hope the anticipation is to not vote on that. Again. That's the reason for the three readings to give folks an opportunity to come to the next meeting and speak on this issue if they want to continue to do so the record is important. I know there's legislation tonight that helps strike the record more and more to erase history and erase what's happening. But the record is important. And these three readings are important. It's an important part of democracy and important part of the process. And so if we're going to push this through without giving the folks their opportunity to hear this out over the course of three readings, then everybody should be voting no. Thank you.

Councilman Jarosz

1:41:03

Any other comments on the motion? Councilman Wojtila.

Councilman Tolton

1:41:08

Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Chair. Just got to piggyback off of my colleague here. What I've really piggybacked was just a comment, additional comment. I think we had a committee meeting, and I think we discussed this, and we made sure it was it was open to the public, make sure the public had a chance to, to weigh in on the increase. And most people spoke, you know, against the increase or whatnot. But I think we had enough opportunity to hear from the residents. Another third reading. I don't see, you know, what's going to really come out of that at this point. But I think we made sure we give enough opportunity for residents to speak and voice their opinions about this, this raise whether it's be the the mayors or the council's raise. So again, I would I would oppose a third reading.

Councilman Jarosz

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I think the motion on the floor though, is to take the 118 down to 115. That's the motion on the floor. Okay. (Okay.) So no more. Any more comments on that motion? None. Madam Clerk, please call the roll on the motion.

Clerk Laboda

1:42:24

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

Motion to Amend to \$115,000 passes.

Councilman Jarosz

1:42:40

Okay, we now have, any other comments on the compensation legislation itself?

Councilman Jarosz

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Councilman Epps.

Councilman Epps

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Thank you. And, again, and I won't repeat myself over and over again, for the sake of everyone's time was here tonight. But I understand my colleagues point that there were meetings on the issue. But again, there's three readings are in place for a reason, given folks one opportunity to opportunity is not enough. We know how many people we're hearing from from our constituents. And I know the emails that I'm getting and messages on social media and everything about doing this, and you still don't have the room filled tonight. So we're not always going to get everybody but we have new faces here tonight that we're not here at the last meeting. And that may happen at the next meeting. So unfortunate, but I think to your point also, the residents said absolutely, they didn't want it and you guys did it anyway, so I guess we might as well pass it.

Councilman Jarosz

1:43:47

Okay. Seeing no other comments. I'll entertain a motion to close debate.

Motion by Councilwoman Jukic. Second by Councilman Epps.

All in favor, "Aye."

I'll also entertain a motion to suspend the rules and forego the third reading. Motion by Councilwoman Hannum. Second by Councilman Wojtila.

All in favor, "Aye."

Any opposed? "Nay." Noted.

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

Clerk Laboda

1:44:19

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

Motion to send the full amended ordinance. I'm sorry motion passes with for the amended ordinance.

Councilman Jarosz

1:44:41

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

Clerk Laboda

1:44:48

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

Councilman Jarosz

1:45:14

Thank you. I'll entertain a motion for passage to begin discussion. Motion by Councilman Epps, second by Councilwoman Jukic.

All in favor, "Aye."

Once again, Assistant Director Rubadue.

Assistant Law Director Rubadue

1:45:25

Thank you, Mr. Chair to the Council. This is also an amendment to the Consolidated Compensation Ordinance that's proposed tonight. This was heard and discussed in an Executive and Finance Committee on April 24 and on May 8 of this year. The proposed compensation level and that is recommended for passage by this council is for the Council President to receive \$16,500 per year effective January 1 of 2026. Members of Council to receive \$14,500 effective January 1 of 24 and January 1 of 26 depending on the individual awards, when those each of those council seats become available.

Councilman Jarosz

1:46:10

Thank you. Comments from Council. Okay, seeing none, entertain a motion to close debate. Motion by Councilwoman Hannum, seconded by Councilman Wojtila.

All in favor, "Aye."

I'll entertain a motion to suspend the rules and to forego the third reading. Motion made by Councilman Tolton, seconded by Councilman Tanner.

All in favor, "Aye."

Any opposed? "Nay." Noted.

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

Clerk Laboda

1:46:43

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

Ordinance passes.

Councilman Jarosz

1:47:00

Thank you, Madam. Madam Clerk, can you please read the next agenda item into the record?

Clerk Laboda

1:47:06

**Ordinance 046-23.** An ordinance requiring all uniformed patrol officers of the Euclid Police Department to use and maintain as part of the standard uniform an operational body worn camera. And the administration shall include all appropriate funding requests to support the body worn camera program in its annual budget submitted to the Euclid City Council.

Councilman Jarosz

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Thank you, we will turn to the sponsor of this ordinance. Councilman Epps.

Councilman Epps

1:47:45

Thank you, Chair. I think as all of my colleagues are aware that our police officers currently have body cameras. I introduced legislation to purchase body cameras a couple of years ago. And with that legislation that I introduced, it also had a mandate, which was a requirement to

wear those cameras, I think the costs were around \$400,000. And my thought is if we're gonna spend \$400,000, to purchase these cameras, every officer ought to be wearing one I think at the time, somewhere around 20, maybe give or take a little officers were actually wearing body cameras voluntarily. And so kudos to those officers who are doing so before the legendary before we even have requirements to wear them. And who purchased them on their own, if I'm not mistaken, as well, in order to be able to wear them. At that time, the series of committee meetings and to the gentleman, you can always go to the Euclid Library website and watch any of our meetings there. And so I invite you to go and look at the Safety Committee conversations in which the administration was not for those cameras, then a deal was made somewhere and all of a sudden, they were supportive of the purchase for the cameras, but they struck the mandate. And so they purchased body cameras, but did not want to make it law that our officers were the body cameras. So what they did instead to make it appear as if they were still requiring was they made a rule. And I'm just gonna be honest with you, when you compare it to things like running a stop sign or running a traffic light, for example, if rules were enough, then we would have no laws. And we can go from experience where there have been significant instances of me misconduct by say that for lack of better words by members of our police department, in which there has been controversy around the decisions that were made and the discipline that was made by this mayor for that misconduct. And so I just I'm sorry, I don't have faith in the rule as much faith in the rule as I do in the law. And Councilwoman, former Councilwoman Caviness, God rest her soul was trying to get the mandate, she felt she got it wrong by supporting the mandate then. And she was trying to get the mandate passed and back on the agenda and Safety committee. And we all know she passed away and was not able to do that, given that we are dedicating the street in her honor this Saturday. And given that there is a rule that the Mayor has put in place for our officers to wear the body worn cameras, I'd like to just go that extra step further and make sure that we're protecting both our officers and the public, which was my intention when I introduced that legislation by requiring our officers to wear these body cameras. One more point I want to note for my colleagues, as we begin the discussion, is that and I don't see a reason for this to go to committee and have a conversation on it. Again, there have been several meetings and conversations, the administration agrees, because the administration has the rule in place. And I also want to point out that during the contract negotiations for our police officers, they negotiated \$1 extra per hour, because we were discussing my legislation and committee at the time. So all of our officers got one extra dollar per hour in lieu of the mandate being put in place. And they got that and then we still did not require it the mandate. And so I introduced this legislation tonight, so that we can finally put the nail in the coffin on this issue, and protect not only our officers, but protect our residents as well. Thank you.

Councilman Jarosz

1:51:18

Thank you. I will go to Chief Meyer. Any comments?

Police Chief Meyer

1:51:26

Yes, thank you. I never opposed the cameras. As I've mentioned multiple times, I wanted everybody to understand what an immense undertaking it would be and understand that we had to have the technology, the technology support in place to be able to do that, to manage the data is huge. No, the officers do not get \$1 extra dollar an hour to wear the cameras. That's absolutely not true. So, we do, when we got the cameras, we had to be we saw it worked hard to get a grant through the State to fund the large part of this body camera program. And as such, the Ohio Collaborative mandated that we have a wear policy for our officers. So we had to write a policy that fit the collaborative, we use Lexipol. So this was one of the first policies to come out that's vetted by their attorneys. So we already have something in place. That dictates that the officers are to wear body cameras. And they're a huge benefit for the officers, for the community, for everyone. But we already have this in place.

Councilman Jarosz

1:52:59

Thinking I guess that would be by sort of question by the legislation. We have a policy by which you can, police department sets the rules of how their officers operate. And within that policy is mandatory body cameras. This seems redundant to me. And I'm not sure the need if it's part of official department policy to wear the camera. Anybody else have any comments on that? Councilman Wojtila.

Councilman Wojtila

1:53:28

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. So I understand that there's, the concern isn't that they're not wearing their cameras? Is that correct, to the I guess I'll ask my question, and then you can add as the sponsor to comment on that. The concern isn't that they're not wearing their camera because they are wearing the cameras. It's a policy. Section three of the ordinance says the Euclid police department through the administration of the city of Euclid and the Mayor shall include all appropriate funding requests to support the body camera program in its annual budget submitted to the Euclid City Council. That to me sounds like we're obligating the police and the administration forever to do that. What if technology changes and the body worn the body camera program is outdated by something else? I think I guess I have trouble with these, this kind of legislation. Because it's it doesn't have the fluidity that we need as the chief needs

and as the our safety director needs to implement the policies for the police department.

Councilman Jarosz

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Thank you. Any other comments? Councilwoman Hannum.

Councilwoman Hannum

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Thank you Chair. Can you describe this policy to me and what it all entails? And if there is any sort of penalty for not wearing the camera.

Police Chief Meyer

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Yes, Councilwoman. So they're the they're not necessarily, the policy covers what you can traditionally think of the body camera, this is what they look like. But it also talks about the dash cams. So when we got the body cameras, we got all new dash cameras for the cars, we had dash cameras in the car, cars, but the company went out of business and trying to get parts they never, I mean, the the reliability of those was awful. So we do have a policy that covers both the the dash cam and the body cameras. And in its policy 419. Obviously, it's it's public record, I mean, it's whatever anybody wants, copy within get a copy of it. But it's file policy 419. And in section four 19.3 officers responsibilities, prior to going into service, each officer assigned patrol division will properly equip him or herself to record audio and video in the field utilizing both MVR systems. So that would be both the body camera and the dash camera. So it goes into obviously, some detail related to that requirement. Then it goes into the activation of the MVR's and it goes into all the particular incidents, that covers a wide wide range of things. incidents, talks about stopping and, and then reinitiating a recording, talks about when activation is not required. So the officers when they should have the body camera on and they're all aware of this, it only benefits them. When they when they don't have it on and they should have had it on, they need to they need to document why they did not. There are times it's like any technology, this equipment, there are times when it's simply there is a malfunction or the battery's dead, there's only a certain life to these to the batteries. And there are times when the batteries die on these two. So there could be any number of of reasons. So they must articulate that. And then the discipline would certainly depend on obviously, they're humans and you're reacting to something that happens very quickly, in your ability to to get that camera on and a split second, when you're just walking into something is something that we have to take into consideration, but they know go into calls, traffic stops, they need to turn the camera on and have it on, then. So those those would need to be addressed. But then you would have, God forbid,

an officer who decides to turn off the camera when it was absolutely not appropriate to turn off the camera. And we would obviously, I, would handle those on a case by case basis with discipline or retraining. And it's progressive discipline. So the officers are all aware of this. Again, they're they're not machines. They're human beings, and I have to allow for a certain level of of humaneness in this in this equation.

Councilman Jarosz

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Thank you, any other question that Councilman Tolton.

Councilman Tolton

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Thank you, Mr. Chair. Chief Meyers real quick. And you kind of mentioned some of the policy there. The policy that's in place currently. I'm assuming it gives a little leeway again, if officers come from a situation where it's appropriate to turn the cameras off, if someone is not clothed or something like that, they would have to turn, you know, obviously turn the cameras off at that point. And part of the policy covers that or will that also be if we do a mandate like this? Will it come about now that they're being punished because they turn it off in an inappropriate setting?

Police Chief Meyer

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I don't I don't know that that would be the case. You know, there are some some incidences where the MVR system will not be used to record. I don't know exactly what the legislation proposed by the councilman and how that would apply for the law department how that would affect our policy and when not to record. So I can't answer that question. I don't know based on the legislation.

Assistant Law Director Rubadue

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To the Chief. Thank you, Mr. Chair, that it really wouldn't change your policies that this mandate requires you to have a policy to utilize the body cams. And for the patrol officers to wear them as they are currently. So any specific instances which you have in your Lexipol policy, that is, as you is a national standard of when to use these body cams, it will continue to be enforced and utilized. It is my opinion that this will not change the policies that you have already in place.

Police Chief Meyer

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Thank you, if I can add to so this is this policy has been vetted out twice. So we have Lexipol, looking at our policies, it's attorneys that do that these are national standards. We also because we got grant funding for this, we had to get Ohio Collaborative. If anybody's curious what the Ohio Collaborative is they can Google it was set up by the governor to help with some standardized policies for police officers in the state of Ohio. It's not mandated. But it is in a general sense to follow their collaborative policies. It is the best policy to do so. And we certainly, you know, that is our goal. As we adjust our our policies. In the major policies, we are collaborative approved, this had to be it was mandated or we didn't get the \$200,000 that are our staff work really hard to get the grant for. So there's two, there's, Ohio Collaborative who worked closely, because they had some differences, even with what Lexipol wanted. So this isn't my policy, per se, this is Ohio collaborative and Lexipol. I do have, you know, some say in it, but very limited. So in this case, this is, you know, this is essentially there with these two entities that are heavily that with a heavy involvement of attorneys. This is what they they recommend or mandate. Thank you.

Councilman Tolton

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Judges just kind of follow up on making sure I'm understanding and as usual, the law director or the sponsor. So this mandate, is mandating the policy that's already in place was this mandate, strengthening the policy?

Assistant Law Director Rubadue

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Thank you to the Councilperson. This is, it's, it's I kind of like belts and suspenders. It is literally the policy that is in place is in compliance, I think. And I don't want to speak for Councilperson Epps who has brought for this he, he and I don't again, I don't want to speak for him. But he's attempting to mandate something that's already been in place for several years. So while it doesn't, it doesn't harm anything. It's there are some redundancies because I don't believe that the policies that the Chief has outlined just now in how that he has in place will be impacted by that the police officers are currently wearing the body cams and utilizing them per what was the Chief just set forth.

Police Chief Meyer

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And if I can go a little bit further. So we go into another section. Our our detectives are also required to wear those and they do when they do search warrants and or they're out in the field. They don't when they're

in the office, but understand all of their, their interviews are recorded. Now it's a completely different mechanism in an interview room where that's recorded. But they also wear these many times too, and they're not in uniform. We have body cameras for every single member of the police, all sworn officers from myself down to the newest officers. (Thank you,) all detectives.

Councilman Jarosz

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And I guess to the sponsor, we, you know, couple questions; is if this is just a redundancy, right, we have the policies in place. This doesn't change them. These are the current standards are, are the current policy is the industry standard. And then the question, I think the interesting one about the budgetary financial aspect going forward, what if technology changes that we just mandate, you have to keep funding this.

Councilman Epps

2:04:36

So thank you, Mr. Chair. So I have notes for all of you. Number one, though, I want to start with at the end for your question to the Chief about the officers discretion to turn on or off the camera when they feel the moment is inappropriate. That's what redaction is for. And I would have thought that that's what our Chief would have responded as somebody who is the supervisor over this policy. These officers don't have should not have the ability to turn on or off these cameras depending on the moment, that's the whole point of why we need a mandate. That's the reason for the mandate. And by you in your response with Councilwoman Tanner, or Hannum, even asked you the question about what are the consequences? We didn't hear those. We didn't hear what is the disciplinary action for an officer, when they break your policy or your rule, you said that you will handle it on a case by case basis. And that's not acceptable. So what I, so to that point, too, and so that's what redaction is for. And just so that you all know what redaction is. It's so that when a person does a public records request for that footage, it's going to gray out personal information about an individual nudity, all of these things, and all of these things that are achieved knows. So that's the answer to Councilman Tolton's question. The other point about working very hard to get the grant. And I won't spend a lot of time on that, but about working very hard to get the grant. Now what happened was we introduced the legislation, and during the time that we were having this conversation in the Safety Committee, the State said that they were going to provide funding to communities for this and then at that point, when and to try to get some of that funding. And I'm happy that we did that, to get the funding at that time, so that we don't have to bear the brunt of the entire cost to my colleague who has the concern about or just what is the spirit of this supposed to do is the idea that they are they aren't, I would like to trust them believe that every one of our

officers who are sworn to protect and serve us who are working up underneath the policies set by this safety director and this chief of police are doing what they're supposed to do when they're wearing them. But as the chief mentioned, they're not robots. They're humans. And human beings, make mistakes. Human beings rely very often on self preservation. Hence, the countless number of dollars that we've spent in paying people who have been mistreated by misconduct by police officers here, it's bankrupt in us, let's just be honest, then to the other point that my colleague mentioned about the fact that we were going to mandate this and what happens when things changes, we are about to change tonight, a rule that has been in place for a long time in his community. So when times change, you change the rules. And so it's as simple as that, you're going to change from verbatim minutes and go to summary minutes. So if the time comes, and the laws change, and the times change, just as they did to bring up the body worn camera discussions in the first place, then we'll make those necessary changes. That's why people elect this body to make those changes. So it to that point, again, not a reason not to do this now for everyone at home. And everyone who's here, you just heard all of this does this sound like folks who support this, or want a mandate in place? After hearing all of this is nothing else I'm sure our residents are feel more and more uncomfortable, or more and more, not confident in the fact that you all are going to imply any type of consequences for misuse of this particular policy. But thank you to Assistant Law Director Rubadue for pointing out what Law Director Kelley Sweeney did, when I asked her to draft this legislation, and she didn't put enough meat in it. So I am going to motion as I do not want this to go back to committee for a conversation. But I am going to make a motion that this be a first reading so that we can, first of all, make sure that there are consequences in the policy. And then take whatever those caused was sitting here with the pen waiting on the Chief to tell me what consequences he had. So I can amend this legislation tonight to include those consequences. Because if this is doing absolutely nothing in changing the requirement for officer or the man or mandate and officers to wear these by law is no different than the rule than again, why aren't we throwing away all of our laws? It makes no sense. And so all of this spin in this room about why we shouldn't have a mandate that supposedly we already have. If it's that simple, and we have a wire, why wasn't this easy? Why weren't we done with this in three minutes? Let's vote and make it a law. We all supposedly agree. But the problem is, is we all don't agree. We made the purchase because political times and political pressure calls for the purchase of body cameras. That's why the purchase was made. And then we did nothing to make sure that ahead to this council, who represents a community that is 70 plus percent African American 70 plus percent. Our census says 68. And we know everyone doesn't fill out the census. But this council, which represents 70 plus percent of African American community should be floored that this legislation came back and an opportunity to protect your residents the same way we protected our residents the same way we protected our officers because the intention was to protect both. The intention was to

protect both but now without adequate mandate with real teeth, the only folks will protect and our officers which I'm happy to protect it. But without a mandate, guarantee and every moment be recorded. We're not protecting every individual. We have an administration that is nowhere near 70% representation of this community. Our council was getting close. I thank God for that. I've been in these chambers for decades. But the idea that everyone's argument as to why we should not vote for this mandate is that we already have a rule tells you exactly how this administration and this council feels about body worn cameras. And so I would like to make a motion to make this a first reading so that we can give it the teeth it needs and protect this community the way this community needs to be protected. Thank you.

Councilman Jarosz

2:10:27

I have a motion to make this a first reading. Do I have a second? I have a second by I can have a second by Councilman Tanner and a discussion on the motion Councilman Tanner.

Councilman Tanner

2:10:45

Thank you Chair. And after going over some of the the policies, I came to a section Chief where it says the MRI system should be activated in the following situations which read to some of the people in the audience at home. All feild contacting environment actual and potential criminal conduct within video and audio range. traffic stops to include not limited to traffic violations, stranded motorists, priority responses, vehicle pursuits, arrests, vehicle searches, physical and verbal confrontations or use of force pedestrian checks, Ovi investigation, including field sobriety test, crimes in progress responding to In Progress calls. The word that I'm kind of stumped on his way to say it should be and not shall be.

Police Chief Meyer

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Yes, so. Again, all of the officers are fully aware that this body camera protects them just as much as it protects the public. They're all fully aware of that. We could've used should/shall. This is the the wording that we use with the approval of the collaborative and lexical. So both of those attorneys or more agencies, were comfortable with this. It also says that anytime that you should have and you didn't, you must document why you did not. I'd love to know what switcher.

Mayor Gail

2:12:55

I just speak real quick, please? (Yeah) I just want to be very clear that everybody hears this. We have body cameras for all the officers, they are required to wear them. There are consequences if they don't, just as there are consequences if they don't follow any other policy of the police department or the city. There's a process when somebody does not follow a policy, and it's progressive discipline, and it ends up, can ultimately result in termination. If that's that egregious. It starts with but it's progressive. So it depends on the situation as everything else, but very clearly, I want everybody to hear it. There are required for each officer to wear them. There are consequences if they're not wearing them if they are not using them appropriately. Certainly have a second reading on this and we can review the policy. The city sets that Chief and the police department set the policy.

Councilman Jarosz

2:13:55

Thank you. We we have a motion to send this to a second reading any discussion specifically on that motion? Okay. Councilman Tolton.

Councilman Tolton

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Thank you, Mr. Chair, I guess I'm trying to understand clearly. If we send into the second reading, then what are we trying to grasp on a second reading? Are we going to try to rework the language to make it more palatable make, you know, you're going to tighten it up? What are we trying to do for the second reading and possibly third reading, as I get the gist of what my colleague is wants to do here, but if we're if it's not gonna really make a big difference, if we're just doing the same thing, just to be doing the same thing, then we don't I don't want to waste people's time. But I want to understand what are we trying to do for that second reading?

Councilman Epps

2:14:50

Thank you, Mr. Chair. I'll just say to exactly what you just said. We want to make sure that it has teeth and what the Assistant Law Director has made clear out here is that it doesn't have enough teeth. And so that's the purpose of a second reading, even in the conversations that we've had, are there your concerns about what are the consequences? And I think what we've heard tonight, we still haven't heard any. We just heard that there are consequences. But we haven't heard any consequences. And so again, I am going to have an attorney take with this, again, as we always do as council members, we defer to the law department to write our

legislation. And thank you so much, Assistant Director Rubadue, for making clear that there is no there are no teeth here. And it explains why I got the legislation drafted so fast. So again, I'm at that is my purpose for moving into a second reading to do exactly what it takes to make you comfortable. Councilman Tolton, and that's to make sure that this has teeth, and that residents that look like both you and I are protected, just as our uniformed officers are small.

Councilman Tolton

2:15:48

Thank you, Mr. Chair. Thank you for that. Just real quick, then if we go to the second reading, and this is to the Chief or to the Mayor, could we see could we have a copy of the policy, and then the progression? I don't want to say punishment, but the the consequences?

Police Chief Meyer

2:16:09

You were provided, you do have the policy. And discipline is heavily controlled by the CBA, too. And it is progressive discipline. It depends on the seriousness of the seriousness of the infraction, you know, you can I can get their arms thrown up and everything else from the councilman over there. Okay. This Police Department, I work extremely hard. I have 28 years of dedicated service to the City of Euclid. Let me tell you about how much I care about the residents of Euclid. Okay, my dedication I show up every day, and I do my I do the best job that I can possibly do by our people. I'm trying to balance the needs of our residents, the needs of our police officers. And that's an extremely difficult job. I take all of this very seriously. I know it gets the eye rolling and the hands thrown up in the air and all this because it's just silly. And I have somehow have some nefarious purpose in this. I do not it's progressive discipline. Every situation is different. We don't have a standard guideline that tells you ABC, we don't have that. We have it controlled by the seriousness of the event, the circumstances of the event. And all of these things. It depends how the investigation of any infraction comes out. And we have collective bargaining agreements to that, that are relevant to these discussions. But no, we don't and you're not going to get a written document that's going... I'm done.

Councilman Jarosz

2:17:43

Thank you. (Mr. Chair.) You know what? We have a motion to send to a second reading. We're, we're going to take that vote if we have a first in a second. All right. So Madam Clerk, please call the roll on send this to a second reading.

Clerk Laboda

2:18:02

Tanner? No. Tolton No. Epps, Yes. Hannum, No. Wojtila, No. Jukic, Yes. Jarosz, No. Motion to send to a second reading fails.

Councilman Jarosz

2:18:30

I'm gonna entertain a motion... I'll entertain a motion to close the debate.

Councilman Epps

2:18:35

Motion by Mr. Chair point of order. The legislation as stands still is on the floor. Correct?

Councilman Jarosz

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That is correct.

Councilman Epps

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I'd like to speak spoken on I spoke to a motion

Councilman Jarosz

You spoke on the agenda. And the motion too, Okay.

Councilman Epps

2:18:56

And I have an opportunity to speak a second to the agenda. Thank you, sir. I just want to say, you know, the spirit of compromise is how this is supposed to work. Right? And so you all say that. It's not going to change anything, there no teeth? Well, I say let's move it to a second reading. Let's give it the teeth that makes you feel comfortable, not supported by either of my African American colleagues who sit here in order to get this right. And not only that, but here we are now with the legislation that sits no, you clapped, because you were in support of what he said. And so that's just the thing. We've got to find a way to work together. There are things that are important to you, and so we make sure they get done. But there are things that are important to so many other folks in this community that need to get done as well. The business of the people of the city of Euclid is the business that we should be conducting here. Not our individual agendas, the business of the people of the City of Euclid. And so many residents this is exactly why they

understand fully why you get so much flack and why there's so much controversy cocked up about Councilman Epps, because these are the types of things I am fighting for, and I will continue to fight for and I, you thought you got rid of these types of fights, and that you are getting rid of me. But that's not the case. Because this community is being destroyed right now. And legislation like this, protect us and help us moving forward. How many times are we going to sign off millions of dollars, which gave away almost \$4 million to somebody because of misconduct. And when that officer shot and killed that man, there was a lot of controversy around you not disciplining him appropriately. So now, we should trust that just because you tell us there's something in place, that there's something in place? And we can't continue to keep acting like we're getting it done for the people are acting like, we're, you know, we're making decisions that actually have teeth that are benefiting our community. But then every opportunity, you have to actually do that. You as the resident mentioned, you just turned into a bobble head. That is extremely frustrating. So again, this legislation is on the floor. I do. I mean, I think that it needs to have it needs to be amended to have teeth. I don't want to sit here and not take care of the piece of people's business. Well, yes, I can make an amendment right now, to put some consequences in place. Or we can give ourselves another couple of weeks to get it right. So I guess, the motion to not send it to a second read. And so I'll do what I always do take every measure I possibly can to try to get the best thing I can get for our residents. And so now, I will make a motion that we send this to Safety committee so that we can get it right and give it the teeth is required. On behalf of the residents of this community that is again 70 plus percent African American and underrepresented in these chambers for sure.

Councilman Jarosz

2:21:58

Motion on the floor to send this to a Safety Committee. Do I have a Second? Seconded by Councilman Hannum. Discussion, the motion to send to Safety Committee. Councilwoman Hannum.

Councilwoman Hannum

2:22:14

Thank you Chair. From my read of the legislation as it is written, it isn't doing what Councilman Epps wants it to do. And I don't think us sitting here trying to amendment to amend it on a fly. And council will work. I think it needs to go back to committee. I think this is completely needing to be restructured and rethought out I don't think this is the proper formula for this type of legislation. So I would say if this is the path, we want to take then we should move it back into a Safety committee. Thank you.

Councilwoman Jukic

2:22:51

Thank you, Mr. Chair. I'm not sure where this pertains. But I've been trying to make a comment during all the different motions and things. What I'd like to say is that I've been sitting on council in 2020, 21 and 22, very difficult times for the United States of America very difficult times for police, for the community for the police department for all of us. And what I want to be on record as saying is that my experience here on the council and with the administration is that there has been a movement towards protecting the police and protecting the citizens. And there has been support and a desire for body worn cameras for several years. Supported on this side and supported on that side. And some of the issues we ran into or supplies were all of the supply chain issues that everyone experienced funding and et cetera. So I just want to also be clear on my behalf. And what I witnessed here for the last three and a half years is that there is support for body worn cameras. And we've gotten to a point where we have them, we have the funding, we have the infrastructure, we purchased everything. There's from what I've understood, there was a policy in place, there's support, we supported the budget, etc. So, I'm agree and have always been in support of body worn cameras, because it protects everyone, the police and the citizens. And I'm just not sure what this legislation changes or makes more effective than what we currently have. I just wanted to share that. Thank you for the time.

Councilman Jarosz

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Thank you. We have a motion on the floor to send this to Public Safety Committee. Councilman Epps.

Councilman Epps

2:24:32

Thank you, Mr. Chair. Our Council President pro tem tonight is the chairman of the Safety Committee. And so I would love to hear from our Council President or the Chairman of the Safety Committee as I will give credit, I always give credit where credit's due, as I will give credit to Council President Mancuso in the regard that anytime something like this happens on the floor Council President make sure she says right then that we're going to move forward with scheduling that committee meeting. And so I just would ask right now on the record for the Chairman of this Committee to guarantee us that we're going to get a meeting on this legislation. If it is sent back to Safety Committee.

Councilman Jarosz

2:25:15

If this is sent to Safety Committee, we will have a committee meeting on it. Thank you. Seeing nothing else, Madam Clerk, please take a motion. Or I'm sorry, please take a roll call on the motion to send this to the Safety Committee.

Clerk Laboda

2:25:29

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

Motion to send to Safety Committee passes.

Councilman Jarosz

2:25:47

Thank you, Madam Clerk. Please read. So this will go the Safety Committee where we'll have a further discussion on it. Clerk please read the last agenda item into the record please.

Clerk Laboda

2:26:03

**Second reading of ordinance 052a-22.** An ordinance amending Section 121.15 "Clerk" of chapter 121 "Council" and Section 125.06 "Minutes" of Chapter 125 "Open Meetings" of the Legislative Code of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Euclid to discontinue the transcription of verbatim minutes for regular or special council meetings and to allow summary minutes to be prepared.

Councilman Jarosz

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Thank you, Madam Clerk, I will turn this over to the Chairman of that Ad Hoc Committee, Councilwoman Jukic.

Councilwoman Jukic

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Thank you, Mr. Chair. So this legislation has been sent back to council by the Ad Hoc committee with recommendation for passage. If you recall Council has been reviewing city ordinances to ensure their consistency with Ohio law, and the relevance to today's community and situation. The council verbatim minutes was one of those topics brought up. So this was first discussed in the past year and moved to ad hoc in order to drill down more into it. So the Ad Hoc committee met in February and again in on May 3. So, the committee reviewed the technology, the process, the

laws, the standard of practice and other communities in Ohio. And there was a lot of thoughtful discussion. And I encourage everyone to watch the committee meetings. Lots of thoughtful discussion on this topic, and it was determined to move to summary minutes. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

Councilman Jarosz

2:27:48

Thank you, Councilwoman Jukic. I need to acknowledge I made a mistake here, I need to entertain a motion for passage to begin the discussion.

Motion by Councilwoman Hannum. Second by Councilman Tolton.

All in favor, "Aye."

Nine out of 10, Not too bad for the first time. Any further discussion?

Councilman Epps.

Councilman Epps

2:28:09

Thank you Chair and I agree now that it's in is great. So no issues there. This is another example, I'm going to take this opportunity to point out two things to click two simple things. One, I've not been in supportive this the entire conversation. The reason I've not been as supportive for many reasons. One of the main reasons is because and I've gone back now and looked, but on several different occasions, several different occasions. And I just found one recently in our April third meeting, in which if you looked at the minutes from that meeting, they said I wasn't even there. But yet you go down through the minutes, and I was extremely engaged in all of the legislation and the conversation. But as far as the meeting, if you just look said I wasn't even there, that the that the clerk never caught my name. And I never answered that I was there. But I went immediately to the library's website. And I looked at the meeting to make sure I wasn't a couple of minutes late or anything like that. And lo and behold, I was right here, given the pledge, just like everyone else was. And for that reason, again, though, I have been and I still feel that when you get summary minutes from these folks, it does not tell the entire story. But because I was able to go right to the library website, and to be able to clear up that issue. And I think that people were probably more likely to go to the library website than they're going to be to even request a pump do a public records request to get what these verbatim minutes where I am going to support this tonight. Again, I will be watching very closely. As I have seen it happen time and time again and there's a growing, it seems to be a growing issue and concern from folks all over our country and erasing history and erasing the record and that's one of the reasons why this was something that I didn't want to do. I also understand that it takes a lot of our council clerk's time. So I'm hoping that she's a lot more available after this happens as well for you all and for us. Maybe she can even print some things for me which I don't always get that stuff printed all of that stuff now that we're doing this, and so I am going to support this again, because that's what

good government is. That's what good government looks like, even though I didn't support it before. Now that it's been talked through, Councilwoman, Chairwoman usage, had multiple meetings is always someone who at least it's fair to give an ear to a conversation, she vetted the process out. And at the end of it, though, I my reason was justified for not supporting it in the April 3 minutes, I am going to support it because the library record is a record that we have. And we also have to watch that very closely to because we've had meetings that have not been aired and all that sort of stuff. But for the most part, that record is there for residents. And for that reason, tonight, I'm gonna change my position and support this. And not only because of those reasons, but also to free up time for a council clerk. Thank you.

Councilman Jarosz

2:30:56

Any other comments? Seeing none. I'll entertain a motion to close debate. Motion by Councilman Tanner, second by Councilman Tolton.

All in favor, "Aye."

Okay. I'll also entertain a motion to suspend the rules and forego the third reading. Motion by Councilman Jukic. Seconded by Councilman Wojtila.

All in favor, "Aye."

Any opposed?

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

Clerk Laboda

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Epps,

Councilman Epps

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Councilman Hannum is supposed to be first on this piece, but yes.

Clerk Laboda

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Hannum, Yes. Wojtila, Yes. Jukic, Yes. Tanner, Yes. Tolton, Yes. Jarosz, Yes.

Ordinance passes.

Councilman Jarosz

2:31:48

Thank you, Madam Clerk. We have a ceremonial resolution. Can you please read that into the record?

Clerk Laboda

2:31:54

**Resolution 048-23.** A resolution of recognition for Kyliana Insana 2023 Euclid American Legion Auxiliary Unit #343 "Miss Poppy."

Councilman Jarosz

2:32:13

Thank you, I'll entertain a motion for a passage by Councilman Hannum. Seconded by Councilman Wojtila.

All in favor, "Aye."

I'll entertain a motion to close debate by Councilman Jukic, seconded by Councilman Tanner.

All in favor, "Aye."

Any opposed?

Madam Clerk, please call the roll on the resolution.

Clerk Laboda

2:32:32

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

Resolution passes.

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - PUBLIC PORTION

Councilman Jarosz

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Thank you. That's the conclusion of our legislative agenda for this evening, we now move on to the **Committee of the Whole**, the public portion where any member of the audience can speak to anything they believe is in the good of the city for five minutes, please step up to the mic name and address.

Resident - Christopher Litwinowicz

2:33:03

Christopher Litwinowicz, 21970 Morris Avenue. What I'm passing here to the city of Euclid is I'm taking initiative and we're gonna bring some leadership to this community. Chapter 30 Chapter 1391. Look on the Euclid codified ordinances, which you have got laws that you've got passed. This says retail gasoline or oil stations, quotation variants. Okay. So you can make variances to properties, you could do whatever. You can regulate, regulate, auto regulate a chief, how much is our gasoline bill? We pay every day cars that go around. And it's time to regulate this. If you regulate it, now you're saving money for the safety forces. So all your time and effort will be into regulating this manner is 10 businesses in

Euclid. You tell those 10 businesses they can't sell cigarettes until somebody show you an idea 21 So I want to hear you can't sponsor this. Like like, oh, no, man. I think I'm a genius. You got a problem. Council. Council. You've got a problem in some of our neighborhoods, you've got \$3 309-330-9369 I want a name. That's 279. By the way, I brought their business to marathon from East Cleveland out in his neighborhood. They came invested money. They listen to all your regulations, haven't they? Having all the businesses listen to the cigarette smoke? So wake up. And I don't have to do a petition. I'm sick of petitions. My whole life. I started with a petition piece of paper. I got signatures when I was 13 years old. I need you guys. Not just the mayor. I need council to really look at this. We should be here and it should be a no brainer. It should it should. I would just if you ever gone to a Cleveland council meeting. They don't even speak. But it's so rapid. I just, that's you know, we're doing good. But let me let me incite to let you guys know. Mr. Jarosz, how much is gas on 200 Street? Don't worry about it. I saw you communicating with people and not listening. Supposed to be listening and taking notes. We had conversations. Everybody's smiling up here, Chief. I wish the courts so the police officers in the courts are they required to wear their body cam too? Because I had a situation where I was asked to part of police officer and you always listen that got a situation messed up where this city is in debt. And why reiterate that? The game over with \$989,000.06 years ago was transferred to you guys's hands. Now it's telling me Judge Gallagher How you doing sir? I know if you're watching. I asked you to watch. Now I got to ask a judge. I got to communicate with the clerk of court again and ask them How do I tell our May mayor's assistants husband is involved as a witness to me being saying I couldn't go back into court. But all these people got jobs. And then my last note is not the jump 14 Five, that's what y'all making. I'm shaking my head. It's not even about the mayor getting 115,000 It's about you guys is really about you guys. And you guys should really just not run for office.

Councilman Jarosz

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Thank you, Next speaker.

Resident Sarita Page

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Good evening. My name is Sarita Page. I live at 1255 East 279th. Street Unit K. Colonial Park Association three.

Resident Charles

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My name is Charles (inaudible last name), same association. Unit 1251. We're here because we have an issue that we don't really know how who can help us with it's a garbage problem. Our neighbors put out garbage.

We have tried to get a result we've called the city and we've been told we've been told nothing can be done. We need help. We're here today to ask council to ask the city to help us clean up the trash problem that our neighbors are creating. And we have no legal way of doing anything about it to whoever we need help.

Resident Sarita Page

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Yes, this is an ordinance and our understanding is if the trash is out there before 6pm the night before and on Thursday morning seven o'clock taken out you know it's an ordinance. This personal I should say condominium association, which is condominium association two, okay, we're condominium association three. Okay, so we need to know since we're all up here talking about accountability. Something needs to be done. No one is being held accountable. They're putting the trash out. And no one is saying anything. Okay, it's garbage. Animals are getting into it. Yeah, rats, mice. Everything is getting into if you drive over there right now you will see it. And this has been going on for years. Thank you.

Assistant to the Mayor, Grida

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Sure. Hi Sarita. No, I'm just gonna respond to you guys. So you guys can walk back, that's perfectly fine. So we've talked to Sarita and I and potentially this gentleman I'm not quite sure for, I don't know, year and a half, maybe two years about the situation. The problem is that we don't know who's doing it. So for those of you that do know about our ordinance about the trash being out too early, or not being in the proper container, or not being contained, we do cite, we just don't know who this is, we have reached out to the condo association number three president to see if they could send to I'm sorry to see if they could send a notice reminding everybody what the code is. We don't, unfortunately, nobody ever sees who the actual person is. If we knew who the person was, we would be happy to do that citation, we would be happy to implement everything that can happen. That's the problem is we don't know who is doing it.

Resident Sarita Page

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So if the association, so the association itself cannot be held responsible? (That's correct.) And is that law? Is that something written? Okay, because if they're grass, because you know, a lot of us, the grass is high that like our association, if our grass is out of control, our Board gets a notice from the city saying, hey, association three, your grass is out of control. I don't understand why it can't be the same way for the trash. I understand about the individual, but it's the association that's being

affected, the whole association two and thus the neighborhood, you know, so that's..

Councilman Jarosz

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Why don't we take it offline? Sure. Sure. Kristal will talk to you over there and answer all those questions.

Resident Rick Knee

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I just want to speak to the association three. And I want to speak to the (name and address please, sir.) I'm sorry. My name is Rick Knee, and I'm at 1255 279th. Street. Thank you. And it seems to me that each condominium has associations. And it seems to me that the association if the association is held accountable, then somebody's somewhere knows who's putting that trash out if the if the association is held accountable. If somebody is holding the association accountable, they will find out who's who's doing it, because I've, I've reached out to Kristal. And you know, he said the Yeah, and Councilman Epps didn't get back to me, I wanted to say, but it still was wasn't resolved. So it's got to be something that we were taxpayers to I mean, and it's just getting frustrating. The bottom line is just frustrating. I've talked to other longtime, longtime members in the area, and they they're just ready to move. And you know, it is frustrating. And, you know, we're here to express our frustration.

Councilman Jarosz

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Thank you. Kristal is over there to kind of talk to you guys through this a little bit more.

Mayor Gail

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I would just say, we will. It's a tricky situation, but we will work the benefit is we can work with you and your association or connect us to Association that's causing the problem. Perhaps we can look at charging the association as a whole, that would prompt them to then figure out who it was and make sure that they're part of the solution to the differences and regular home you know, that's the address this one there's I don't know how many units in one association, multiple, many so they don't know we don't. But if we can bill the whole Association, we'll look and see if that's a possibility.

Councilman Jarosz

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Thank you. Next speaker.

Resident - Dante Gresham

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Hello, Dante Gresham, 24650 Euclid Avenue. I wanted to I'm just looking at some of the items. When it comes to the the Shore Centre, I just wanted to say thank you first to the Council for passing that because we're excited as a board on about this and I hope that you'll continue to support shore center. All of our elected officials continue to support on the shore center and what we're doing at the shore center because it's an amazing place. It's an amazing place and I want all the residents and people that's outside of Euclid to come to the shore center and see what we're doing. It's a very vibrant place. We have a lot of things going on. So I'm biased because I'm board member but I'm just come just come you will enjoy yourself. When it comes to the saw, I wanted to ask the question, what do we do when all we have leftover salt from a year like this previous year? It wasn't as much snow. So do we store it, store it or do we properly store it or? Okay, so that was one question on that I had when it comes to the council salary. I think that is good that it was raised. But I think that what the council Do we need a little more raise on the council because 14 on fit or 14,500 Yeah, it's money. But our council is working every each and every day. I know they all have full time jobs, but we need to really show our appreciation like come on. When it comes to the body camera, I'm just not understand and every time we bring up body cameras, everybody get all flustered or uneasy. Let's stop that right now. Oh, when it comes to body cameras as a graduate of MLK. Um, oh, program, where I have a certificate. Having surveillance on is important not only for the residents, not only for somebody of color, but people on them that are not of color, our officers, our safety department. And even if you don't do so, and safety cameras surveillance in the United States is a federal thing that's going on. So even if officers don't have their cameras on which we hope they are on doing that. Just like recently, we saw that officers got in trouble just because it was a camera on the street. So let's not think that we're trying those Tarm our officers are our anything and I know that data on is hard to store and expensive, because I already know all of the logistics, because I have all pada on certificate. I know that that's a problem. But the climate we're in, in United States, we're throwing money around, let's throw some money at something that's really going to be that really will help our community and let's stop being flustered when we talk about color, race. And oh, I'm also body cameras. Let's stop doing that. When it comes to, let's see, our recreation center, I hope I'm not speaking out of order. I want to continue to do that. I think that is good that we do have amenities. But we just need a little more. It's okay just as to say that we need a little more amenities. Let's stop getting upset about things, Sam, we need more amenities, more funding for our recreation center, to have a premier Recreation Center, we have to put money on towards it. That's That's point blank, I'm not going to continue to be on that issue. But we need the money for a premier Recreation Center. We've heard residents, they're upset because we don't have amenities there are well a minute we do but amenities

that the public wants on, and also the cost, some are saying that they want more on and some won't, the dollars to go towards something else with the recreation center. So we need to really, really zone into that. And I think that we're doing a good thing, a good job with bringing the public in and discussions because I want to know all of these concerns if we wasn't. So I think we're doing a good thing, but we still gotta have to have to be open minded as well. Just like the world is changing sports, activities, outdoor activities, indoor activities are changing, as well. And we got to continue to go with the change. And I think that was it. Oh, one my two announcements. Um the Board will be sponsoring Steam Fest. Euclid will have a Steam Fest this year. On September 16, 2023 and are trying Triangle Park at the Shore Center and also remember Euclid flea on this Saturday, May 20. Please come out and support the shore center and the City of Euclid Thank you

Councilman Jarosz

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Next speaker

Resident James Matthews

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James Matthews, 160 E. 214 St. I had an okay time sitting here listening to the deliberations today. Many of the situations it's my first time hearing about them. And as I said before, I'll be back to understand what's going on in the city of Euclid. As far as salaries again, great thing I would like to say that I am happy that the body cam issue is going back to committee. I want to speak directly to the administration and say that, you know, I've worked in Union environments for a very long time been a union rep. Been on different committees, whether there was safety, and others. There's bias, you know, depending on which side of the table we sit on, and I just want to make sure that we all consider beyond our administration, and while we talking about policies in the fact that they're set, and you said that they're set where, you know, you're the judge, jury, and prosecution, or as far as police discipline, some things do fall through the cracks, and you want to hold yourself accountable. And I want to make sure that there is some accountability as far as the top. And I want you guys as a committee to really look into an issue. That makes sense, because at the end of the day, we could talk about black, why and who's being protected. There's a lot of surveillance that's happening in the city that we don't discuss. I don't think, I don't know if it's being discussed in a committee. I know federally, I know that, you know, you guys have cameras sitting in different parking lots on Lakeland, you know, taking pictures of license plates and things of that nature. And, you know, you're holding your citizens accountable, and you're watching them for certain things. And without their knowledge a lot of times, so a lot of people don't know exactly why somebody stations out there, who the information is going to who is being sold to who's profiting it from it.

And the thing is that we know exactly who profit from police body cams, and it's all of us. And so, I want to make sure that, you know, you guys go back to committee that we do mandate, some type of TIF, as far as situational, disciplinary, because you can say, what situations, you know, warrant termination. And these different things. And I know, that goes to a point where, you know, collective bargaining, you run it up against walls, with negotiations and things of that nature. And I know, it's hard to try to tie your hands when it comes to these type of issues. But at the same time, the safety of the community is of utmost importance. And I want us to make sure that we try to catch the bias, and the prejudices that we all live with, in some type of knit that is built into the foundation of the laws of Euclid, and not just the policies of one administration, one chief of police, you guys are interchangeable, we can set something up, that can help move us forward for a long period of time. So whatever it takes for you guys, to smash your heads together, to come up with a policy that we can all follow, and that it can be law for police officers to do things the right way, in certain situations, because we're not saying mandate, every time a cop, because we were the talk was as if it's all or nothing. We, the law can be situational as well, the policy can be situational as well. So let's talk about situations where these things are warranted, because you're going to want that in the future. Because one thing I did here on the budget is that a million dollars of the general fund went to a case, you know, and with a certain level of accountability, you may be able to root out, catch through that net, those officers that usually progressively get worse over their time as a police officer, because it's usually not out of nowhere, is usually a progressive thing. So with progressive discipline, we need to make sure that we're mandating certain types of discipline for certain situations with police officers, and he's body cams are an avenue for us to make sure that we're seeing it and that we're holding ourselves accountable beyond our own feelings, our own bias and our own prejudices, because we all have Thank you.

Councilman Jarosz

Thank you. Next speaker.

Resident - Victor Goodman

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Victor Don Quixote Goodman 20201 Glen Russ Lane. In contrast, Chief, please stay on the job because you have to be the most frustrated man going. Council, whether you believe it or not, you have no authority on rules for the police department, you don't set those kinds of laws. You vote on pay raises. You vote on whatever, but you don't vote on the rules and regulations of your police department, because you have absolutely zero. credibility with it. You are not police. This man tries to keep this city lid on. And all you do is say to him, you don't do a good enough job. We want the right to tell you how many times you can pee in the toilet. You don't have that. Right? And how dare you think you do? Go back to

committee, what are you going to discuss? You're going to tell them that if a police officer doesn't turn on his body cam, that they are to fire him on the spot? You can't do that. You can't do that and shut up, Chris. You can't do that. He He's a union. We couldn't get rid of a police officer who absolutely abused a citizen in this city. We fired him and we're forced to put him back on the force because of the union contract. Or is it that nobody remembers anything? We don't set policy for police. You're unhappy with the police chief, fire him, you can't do that. This man is one of the most dedicated people I have ever met. And I know that he has no toleration for a bad cop. And if it were up to him, he gets he would have gotten rid of some. But he has a union agreement that prevents him from doing that. So I don't know what you're going to discuss in this. He's already told you that they are required to wear body cams, there are penalties, they are a progressive penalty. And believe me, you gotta move half of the heaven and earth to get a cop fired because of the Union. It's unbelievable. You spend so much time on this. And yet you passed your salaries without really discussions. I'm sorry, Mayor, that you lost \$3000. Now it's only a 35% raise. Madam Mayor, you you're gonna get a \$30,000 raise. Which is more than the average person making money in this city. Please find a reasonable amount you can live with, because I know you're not starving. And by the way, the council was arguing at one point about getting expenses, you now have given yourself a \$31, 31% raise. Make your own color copies, which is another thing that cracks me up. The argument was we need to make color copies to hand out to constituents that tell them that there is a meeting. I don't know I thought Black and White was pretty good. For the two people that are going to read it. My wife and I put out a call to the citizens to come tonight. Some did, but nothing and in the number. The one big blessing that Council and Administration has is the apathy of the voters. They just don't care what the hell you do. So you can do whatever you want. But Don Quixote will still be here. Thank you.

Councilman Jarosz

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Thank you, any other speakers? Seeing none, we will move on to Councilman comments. And tonight we begin with Councilwoman Hannum.

## COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilwoman Hannum

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Thank you Chair only one thing I'd like to mention tonight is the Euclid Flea being Saturday. Hope to see you guys all there. Have a good time.

Councilman Wojtila

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Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'd like this Director Knecht to give us an update on our street resurfacing. we budgeted a million dollars for that and just curious to see how that's coming along. If you can give us an update, please.

Service Director Knecht

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Chairman to the councilman, Yes. We're working with the city engineer, myself and the Mayor going over the list now. The streets that we had recommended came in over a million dollars. Prices are up quite a bit. So we're taking a look at that and refining it, and we'll have something out shortly.

Councilman Wojtila

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Thank you, Mr Chairman.

Councilwoman Jukic

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Thank you, Mr. Chair. No comments for me tonight.

Councilman Jarosz

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Thank you, Councilman Tanner.

Councilman Tanner

3:00:34

Thank you. Just wanted to mention that on Saturday, May 20, at 12 o'clock at the Mini-station on Euclid, there will be a ceremony for our late. Councilwoman Stephana. Please attend. Thank you.

Councilman Jarosz

Councilman Tolton

Councilman Tolton

3:00:55

Thank you, Mr. Chair. Just real quick. Director Grogan Myers, any update on Collision Bend, and when that may be opening?

Planning and Development Director Grogan Myers

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Mr. Chair to the Councilman, no update as of yet they continue to have supply chain issues and work through construction issues. So we're still working with them to get through all of those details. But no update on that timeline yet.

Councilman Tolton

3:01:18

Okay. Thank you. And the last thing that I have is this Thursday. At this, next there is excuse me, 5-25 at 6:30pm we gotta be having a meeting Community meeting at the was currently called the Patermo Event Centers at 22021 Euclid Avenue. New owners have taken over this building and they contacted me, they want to reach out to the community. And just explain to them talk with the community about the future plans for that that site. So we're looking at mainly E. 221st and 219, that's directly impacted by this, but any resident of Ward 2 can come. Again, it's on the 25th at 6:30. And the address is 22021Euclid. With that I say goodnight.

Councilman Jarosz

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Thank you. Councilman Epps.

Councilman Epps

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Thank you Chair, start by saying congratulations, of course to Miss Poppy. It's always good, we can have a positive moment here in chambers. And Ms. Poppy every year provides that for us. So thank you the want to reiterate what the Director mentioned in regards to pool openings, we're finally starting to get some weather which might require a little sweat. And so it's exciting to hear on June 5 Memorial Pool open. And that same week, the splash park and Indian Hills will open as well. I also want to remind the folks that what the Chief mentioned on May 26, there will be a DUI checkpoint. Chief if you could let us know you said that you guys will give us the update on the time is it it'll be posted on the city's website or... you know, the timelines.

Police Chief Meyer

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The guidelines are all set by the US Supreme Court. So we follow that timeline in our notifications.

Councilman Epps

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Now. That's fine. I guess.

Police Chief Meyer

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We're not gonna be doing that.

Councilman Epps

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She has changed. My question is more. So just when will you give the additional information? How will you post the additional information? That's all I'm asking.

Police Chief Meyer

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We have well, there's there's certain mandates the way we have to do it. We'll do it through a local media. But we'll also do it through our social media.

Councilman Epps

3:03:31

Thank you. And that checkpoint will be Friday. (Yes. May 26.) Thank you. The also remind everyone that the Chief had told us tonight that you can run cold water if you experience in discoloration with your water as a result of the hydrants being flushed, but we appreciate that for continuing here in the city of superior services. And so we appreciate that. And thank you for that little tip for folks, as well. That should help. I will skip that one. Oh, Chief, I'm aware that we're having issues across the nation in respect to finding qualified folks that want to serve. And I understand that. Can you explain is that the reason why we're opening up the Junior Academy to absolutely anybody can explain why we're not making that exclusive to Euclid residents. You can do it after my comments, please. And then can you please respond to the My question was for Miss Grida in responding to the fact that we have some associations that we can cite for some reasons and not for others. I think just for the sake of the record, I have the answer. But if you could let folks know that too because they heard that play out and I think that makes sense. I also want to thank the residents from colonial park for coming out tonight. We've had ongoing conversations I've knocked on doors as you all know I do all the time. Over the last three years. I spent my first year in council trying to help them deal with this issue. And it is difficult to figure out who the person is I've even tried to stick it out. And it's just way too difficult because it's not that they're doing it close to the times.

That's happening too. But what's more so is the issue is they're just throwing mattresses and bags and things on all different days of the week. And so it's very difficult to nail that down. I think the homeowner association conversation is a greater conversation that we need to be having in our community. Because when homeowner associations come, we don't really have answers as to how to really regulate that at all. But I want to also reiterate and congratulate our residents, all of them, Don Quixote as well, for being involved and being engaged. And I say that because when residents when you come out here, you get some type of response or reaction. And in the email, they're like, nobody responds to me, but my councilmen, and so come to the meeting, tell them at the meeting, and maybe you'll get some change. So I congratulate our residents for doing that. And then also, the gentleman who spoke tonight, who let both the mayor's assistant and myself know that it's Ohio, revised code, 53 point 11 that governs there's 36 different sections that govern homeowner associations. And so I look forward to digging into that. And Mayor Gail, if you could have the law department do so as well, as it's not just those homeowner associations, you know, there's an issue on Lakeshore Boulevard as well. So maybe we'll get something that Thank you.

Councilman Jarosz

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Thank you. I could probably handle a junior police academy question. It's for kids.

Police Chief Meyer

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Well, it's a little bit even more than that. We were gonna have our Safety Town, we had a complete lack of interest. So we were unable to run that program. In the summer, we have one child signed up for the junior police academy. We want as many folks as we can possibly have. It has nothing to do with police officer recruitment or hiring or retention is this age. We simply want kids we can run this, we can run this program. We do run a PAL basketball that is extremely successful. And yes, we have kids that come from not just our city, but other communities, because they love the program. But to answer that, Councilman Epps. His comment? Yes, there is a a persistent and severe shortage of police officers in this country. I think Council be surprised we're going to be approaching a contract negotiation here. Pretty soon, which I'm not part of, but it I think that will be eye opening. At this point, it's not just hiring, its retention. Folks are leaving in record numbers for other professions, or they're leaving urban police departments to go to suburban police departments. If something doesn't change within the next year, this country is going to be I would say in in a crisis. So yeah, to answer your question, but the junior police academy doesn't directly have anything to do with the recruitment or the hiring.

Councilman Jarosz

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Thank you. And yeah, I was gonna mention the junior police academy too, as give that a plug because all my kids have done it. And then as they got older, they actually have volunteer and Euclid Police Department does a really nice job with it. That's really all the comments I have for this evening.

Assistant to the Mayor, Grida

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So the grass situation at condo associations, the HOA was responsible for that, which is why we can cite the condo association for grass. Our ordinances in regards to garbage are pertinent to an owner. So that again as Councilman Epps is what our situation is in that regard. HOA's are extremely difficult because there's civil contracts between owners and the HOA. So there's really no jurisdiction the city has over them. So they are tough just like a landlord/tenant lease, same kind of situation. So that's our stumbling block. Thank you.

Councilman Jarosz

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Thank you, if any, nothing else to be come before us. I take a motion to adjourn by Councilman Tolton, second by Councilwoman Hannum. All in favor, "Aye."

We are adjourned



Clerk of Council



Council President