

EUCLID CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES FROM JUNE 5, 2023

**This regular Council Meeting was held on Monday, June 5, 2023
at 7:00pm in the Euclid Municipal Center Council Chambers.
Council President Charlene Mancuso, presided.**

Council President Mancuso

1:18

Good evening and welcome to the Euclid City Council meeting for June 5.
Join me in the **Pledge of Allegiance**.

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

Thank you. Madam Clerk please call the roll.

Clerk Laboda

1:50

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

NOTE: Councilman Epps arrived after roll call.

Council President Mancuso

2:07

Can I have a motion to excuse got a motion to excuse Councilwoman
Jukic? So moved by Councilman Jarosz, second Steele. Do we have any
Communications?

Clerk Laboda

2:22

No Communications. Thank you.

Council President Mancuso

2:25

Council minutes?

Clerk Laboda

2:26

We have **Council Minutes** from May 1 and May 15 of 2023.

Council President Mancuso

Councilman Wojtila.

Councilman Wojtila

2:34

Thank you, Madam Chair. I'd like to make a motion to approve the **Council Minutes** from May 1 and May 15, 2023. Do I have a second?

Council President Mancuso

2:47

Do I have a second? **Administration Reports and Communications**, Mayor.

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS AND COMMUNICATION

Mayor Gail

2:48

Good evening, Madam Chair, members of Council and those joining us. Thank you for being here this evening. We would like to start by recognizing some outstanding students at both Euclid High School and Villa Angela-St. Joe's. I will start with Euclid High School and Claire Carmody if you would like to come forward please. So Claire is Valedictorian of Euclid High School, and we would like to honor you and present you with the proclamation on behalf of the city. This is a resolution of congratulations to Claire Carmody for her accomplishments and achieving the designation of valedictorian of the Euclid High School graduating class of 2023. Whereas Claire is graduating from Euclid High School as a distinguished scholar all four years, Co- President of the National Honor Society and recipient of the Department award for math, Claire was President of the award winning Save the Environment Club, Vice Chair of the Viola section and enjoys volunteering and helping others during her free time. Whereas, Claire also distinguished herself as an excellent athlete, as Captain of the soccer team and a varsity player for three years. Whereas Claire will be attending the University of Cincinnati in the fall and majoring in Environmental Engineering. Claire is incredibly grateful for all the staff, classmates and family for their support during her high school journey, and is proud of all the graduates in her class. On behalf of City Council in the administration, we hereby honor and extend our congratulations to Claire Carmody on achieving the designation of Valedictorian of Euclid

high school class of 2023. Congratulations on your many outstanding accomplishments throughout your high school career. And we wish you much continued success. Now you will represent us well.

Congratulations.

I don't see Carly Walsh. We will read those perhaps at the end, I don't see Mary Radachy, but we have Nathan Udics.

So Villa Angela-St. Joseph had a Valedictorian and a Salutatorian and they're both Euclid residents, so Nathan Udics come on up.

Congratulations to you as well. Okay, so I have a resolution of congratulations to Nathan Udics for his accomplishments in achieving the designation of Salutatorian of Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School graduating class of 2023. Whereas Nathan is a lifelong resident of the City of Euclid and attended St. Robert-Williams school from kindergarten through eighth grade. Before attending Villa Angeles-St. Joseph high school for four years. Whereas Nathan is graduating from Villa Angelo St. Joseph High School with the highest grade in the religion classes. He also was a member of the National Honor Society serving as its Secretary during his senior year. Nathan helped keep scores in the robotics program by taking the course and participating on the school's team, his junior and senior years, Whereas Nathan was involved with Catholic schools for peace and justice from his sophomore year through senior year, as President of the VASJ section his senior year, he is also in the school choir and enjoys singing with the choir during school masses, while he attends mass regularly at St. Robert Williams parish and participates in the Euclid Life team program and has helped with their summer festivals since the second grade. On behalf of the council and the administration we hereby honor and extend our congratulations to Nathan Udics on achieving the designation of Salutatorian of the Villa Angela St. Joseph High School graduating class of 2023. Congratulations on your outstanding achievements. Best of luck in all your future endeavors. Congratulations.

We are very grateful that you came out. We are honored to recognize you for your outstanding achievements. Thank you and continue great success, but in the meantime, you're welcome to stay, but we understand if you don't want to stay, we give you permission.

So just a couple of thank yous. I do want to thank Joint Veterans Council for the wonderful Memorial Day parade ceremonies and parade. Locash served as the chairman representing the Euclid Vets and Colonel Shara Ludwick, present presented the main speech at the monument after the parade, again just kudos to allowing her help. Thank you to the Service Department. Thank you to the city staff who helped make the events happen despite a little bit of construction moving around but I think it was a great success and everyone enjoyed it. A really a great way to honor our veterans and those who paid the ultimate price. So thank you to everyone who participated with that.

Also, thank you to Shari Gregoric for putting on again a wonderful 200 Street Stroll this past weekend, and all the community organizations and businesses around 200 who participated. It was a great opportunity to

connect with the residents, talk with them and walked up and down 200 Street, see what's what's happening there.

It was a busy weekend, so I just want to thank and recognize the Friends of Euclid Creek who put on a native plant sale at Sims park yesterday. Euclid Pet Pals who had a fundraiser Friday evening, Euclid orchestra played their last concert of the season yesterday. Euclid Hunger Center who had a happy hour on Thursday, it really was a great chance again to meet and talk with residents. And really remind you that there are many diverse opportunities to get involved and volunteer here in our city. So if you are looking for something to do some way to give back to the community, there's a lot of wonderful organizations. If we can be helpful and helping make any connections to organizations, please give the Mayor's office a call. We'll be happy to connect you.

I do want to congratulate Fred Stolt, officer Fred Stolt retired last week. Friday was his last day after 31 years of service to the City of Euclid. Many of us know Fred is also a Euclid resident. So we look forward to seeing him around town wish him a happy, healthy retirement.

One issue that has come up already this year is fireworks. So I would like to remind the public that despite the fact that the state has allowed fireworks to be blown off on certain holidays, the city council last year passed a resolution continuing the ban on the discharge the ignition, ignition and explosion of fireworks. We have already gotten complaints of fireworks this year. We know not everybody is following that. So with that in mind, Kate McLaughlin over at the police department with community policing and Safe Kids - Safe Community kind of took on the challenge. We had had some requests from residents of what can we do? How can we better educate people. So she worked with Safe Kids/Safe Communities and put together a whole series of posters that will be going up with both a message about fireworks and a DUI message. They have posters that will be hung at barber shops, hardware stores, convenience stores, beverage stores starting in the next, I think, week or so. Oh, the Chief has them. And so we have planned if any council member would like to take some and make sure they get put up in certain places like and make them available as well. It is a very difficult thing to enforce. So if residents do have, if you have fireworks happening around you, you can call the police, the best thing to do is to give an exact address if you know it, they can respond, but they do have to see it themselves. We will ask everyone please, please refrain from fireworks. They are illegal here in Euclid. So just wanted to make sure we get that message out well we'll continue to get it out through social media and do the best job that we can to enforce and keep it safe. And just a home example it was a two weeks ago, Chief Haddock, that there was actually a fire caused by fireworks that were exploded and then they put them in the garbage can, they ignited something in the garbage can which then caught both the car and the house on fire and did quite a bit of damage. So they are dangerous. They are a nuisance and we ask our residents, remind you and let you make sure you're aware they are illegal here in Euclid.

The last couple of announcements from Directors, but before we do that, Juneteenth is Monday, June 19. City Hall will be closed in observance of Juneteenth, which means our council meeting will be Tuesday June 20. I hope you will all join us at some community events for Juneteenth. One will be at Amani Church at 832 East 222nd Street from 11:30 to 4, they will have music and food trucks vendors and activities for all and then the second is at Euclid Public Library from 6 to 9, they will have music featuring the band forecast and food trucks sweet smoky soul food truck and la scoops ice cream cart and ask that you bring along chair to enjoy the music and activities. Director Stevens.

Recreation Director Stephens

14:04

Thank you, Mayor, Madam Chair to Council and to those in the audience. Just want to let make sure everyone is aware that Memorial Pool and Indian Hills Spray Park opened today. For the pool schedule, please follow us on Facebook, City of Euclid recreation for the pool schedule updates along with program information and announcements.

Also, there will not be a mailed or printed guide this summer. But we will have a flip book online within the next two weeks.

Also, our summer Panther Camp began this week and runs weekly. There is space still available, but spots are filling up fast.

Also swim team started practice this week, but they are still taking registration.

Our four by four soccer program begins June 10th for ages four through 12. It's \$35 for residents, \$50 for non-residents.

And again, you can find information at cityofeuclid.com for soccer, the summer camp and swim team.

Also, Sunshine Yoga at Sims Park began Saturday, June 17 at 9am to 10am. And that's a new time for 2023. It's free all levels welcome. There will also be sessions July 15 and August 19.

Our annual Touch a Truck event will be in C E Orr Ice Arena parking lot Saturday June 24. The time is 10am to 12pm. And that is a free event for all ages.

Our food truck is set for Saturday, July 29, 4pm until 9:30. Some of the favorites from last year along with some new trucks attending. We have the band Hubs Groove, northern explorer animal encounters, face painting, a balloon artist and inflatables by game craze and many more events.

And lastly, we are still hiring lifeguards. The application is still available online. Thank you.

Mayor Gail

16:16

Thank you, Director Stephens. Ms. Grida.

Assistant to the Mayor, Grida

16:20

Thank you, Mayor. I just wanted to thank everybody that were able to make it out to the May Euc Flea that we had at Shore Cultural Centre on the grounds of Triangle Park. It was a little bit iffy weather in the beginning, but it ended up being a beautiful day. Wanted to remind you the next one will be July 8. If you are not into flea markets as the two men on both sides of me aren't. We do have a live band that starts at four o'clock to six o'clock so you can consider it a concert in the park as well. So you can come up for that part. And track tracks. And you know, just I wanted to make sure that you all were aware again July 8 from 10 to six. Thank you.

Mayor Gail

16:55

Thank you and Director Grogan Myers.

Planning and Development Director Grogan Myers

16:59

Thank you, Good evening Council Members and the public. This Thursday, June 8 at 5:30pm we will cut the ribbon on the new Tungsten Park Playground project. So I hope that you come and join us. There will be ice cream, as with the Hero Park playground, ribbon cutting. So again, that's this Thursday, June 8 at 5:30pm. After this, we will then kick off as we did with the Hero Park Playground, the next round of planning so there will be additional site work and additional amenities that are developed at Tungsten Park. But that kicks off with our ribbon cutting this Thursday. Thank you.

Mayor Gail

17:32

Thank you and Chief Meyer.

Police Chief Meyer

17:36

Thank you, Mayor, Members of Council, members of the audience a couple of announcements. Lincoln Electric Health Fair. This is going to be Wednesday, June 7, and that's from 10:30 to 1:30pm. And that's at the Lincoln Electric main facility. During Lincoln Electric's employee health for the community policing unit we'll be distributing safety materials to promotes seatbelt use, don't drink and drive and ensure that babies and children are in the correct car seats.

Then on Saturday, June 10, we'll be hosting, this is our second year, we are not hosting, but we'll be participating sorry, in the Guns to Gardens.

That's from 11am to 1pm. Again, on Saturday, June 10. That'll be at the Church of the Epiphany, which is 21000 Lakeshore Boulevard. You can anonymously turn in your firearm for gift cards. Amounts of the cards range from 100 to 200. Based on the type of handgun or rifle you turn in. Firearms must be unloaded in the trunk of your vehicle, no ammunition please. Firearms are destroyed on site which you can watch the forage and action as the firearms become garden tools.

And then Wednesday, June 14, it'll be the outdoor gaming and grilling at the library. And that is from 3 to 6pm. The community policing unit will be grilling hotdogs and hamburgers for children attending the free outdoor gaming event at the library. It's a pretty popular event. Children and teens are welcome to enjoy the Ohio mobile gaming activities.

And then on Thursday, June 15. Great Expectations preschool visit, our community policing unit will be visiting preschool to engage with children and talk about summertime safety for kids and they'll be doing that in the afternoon.

And once again, we will be conducting another OVI checkpoint. This one will be on Friday, June 30. The Euclid Police Department social media will announce the location next week. The police department urges motorists to keep safe by following all traffic laws, never driving impaired and designating a sober driving driver sorry. According to the Ohio highway patrol in 2021. There were 12,762 OVI related crashes which resulted in 720 deaths and 8201 injuries. The operation of a 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, arrested, sorry, detected arrested, as well as actually arresting violators.

A couple other announcements; we will be, it looks like we have a pretty good group for our Junior Police Academy, which will begin Monday, June 19. And it will run through Friday, June 23.

Also, I know it's kind of giving you a lot of heads up. But we'll be once again doing our National Night Out. This is a national event, this will be on August 1, it's the first Tuesday of August. That's what it always is. We'll be doing it from 4 to 7pm. At the Harmony Park that's at East 276 and Sydney. Hot dogs, chips, water are provided. Music, games, activities, this is usually a very well attended event. It's one of the ones I really, really enjoy too. So we have a lot of folks there. It's a lot of safe activities for kids. And it's just a it's just a fun event.

I also wanted to let everyone know too that in an effort to get the speeders and the the folks that are using the passing lane of the turning lane as a passing lane, that will be aggressively enforcing those violations. We have been all along, but this will be an increase through the month of June, there will be numerous dates, the Highway Patrol will be augmenting our traffic unit. And I can tell you our traffic unit has been making a lot of stops, because I get the documentation. So we made a lot of stops for speed. The speed on Euclid Avenue was 35 miles an hour, it's not 50 Plus, it's not 70-80-90 plus, the turning or the passing lane, or the turning lane, sorry, is not meant for passing, we're going to have a head on fatal collision in these intersections where folks just disregard the law

and drive recklessly. So those are those or I want everybody to be aware. So don't be surprised if you see folks or officers and the Highway Patrol out making stops and issuing tickets.

And as the Mayor said, I want to remind everybody to Fourth of July, it's a huge I know it's a huge weekend, it's big for all of us. But the drinking, the fireworks, and the firearms are, once again, I'm afraid going to be an issue. So make sure that you have a sober driver don't drive impaired. The fireworks, they are still illegal in the City of Euclid. I would encourage everybody to to not use them. And additionally to the firearms. The celebratory gunfire is something that's going to lead to deadly consequence. So I want to remind everybody not to get involved in any of those activities. Thanks.

Mayor Gail

23:02

Thank you, Chief and Chief Haddock.

Fire Chief Haddock

23:06

Thank you, Mayor, Madam Chair, members, the Council and those watching. The Euclid Fire Department hydrant maintenance program is again underway. So first and foremost, I do ask that when you see the crews out there, please drive slowly when you go by them. It's not a competition to try to soak them or to do anything like that. But it's with these high speeds that people are going it's just very, very dangerous situation. So please be careful they are wearing their green vest, they do have the vehicle blocking. If you should happen to experience any, we do post in the areas that we go out before. And if you would happen to see any discolored water when we're, when you're flushing then just run the cold water for as long as it takes for that to clear. And that's it. So thank you very much.

Mayor Gail

23:49

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

Council President Mancuso

23:54

Thank you. We will now go on to the **Committee Documentation**.
Councilman Wojtila.

COMMITTEE DOCUMENTATION

Councilman Wojtila

24:00

Thank you, Madam Chair. I'd like to make a motion to approve the Board of Control minutes from May 8, May 15, and May 22, 2023.

Council President Mancuso

24:09

Thank you. Do we have a second? So moved by Councilman Jarosz.

All in favor, "Aye."

Thank you. We will now go to the first **Committee of the Whole** for legislative matters only. Anyone wishing to speak to anything on the agenda this evening and come up to the podium. Give us your name, address and keep your comments to things that are on the agenda and for five minutes.

Seeing none, we will then go on we will then go on to our agenda. Madam Clerk, please read the first agenda item into the record.

LEGISLATION

Clerk Laboda

24:46

Ordinance 063-23. Alternative Tax Budget information.

Council President Mancuso

24:55

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

All in favor, "Aye."

And we will go to Finance Director Smith to begin the discussion.

Finance Director Smith

25:07

Thank you, Madam Chair to Council. So this is the annual tax budget that's required to be passed by the city in order to remain in compliance with the Ohio Revised Code 5705.04. The alternative tax budget serves three primary purposes. It allows the County Auditor to set the property tax rate for the next year for the city. It allows the city to collect its share of undivided local government tax revenue. And then it allows the County Auditor to provide the city with the certificate of estimated resources. The tax budget in front of you provides the County with our current tax levies our outstanding debt, our debt payment due within one year and our estimated beginning fund balances from the 2023

budget. Again, this has to be to the County by July 23. So your passage tonight would be appreciated. Thank you.

Council President Mancuso

25:59

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

All in favor, "Aye."

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

All in favor, "Aye."

Those opposed? One.

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

Clerk Laboda

26:27

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

Ordinance passes.

Council President Mancuso

26:40

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

Clerk Laboda

26:44

Ordinance 065-23. An ordinance establishing a fee of \$30 per person for the Euclid Fire Departments Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) program for Euclid residents and businesses.

Council President Mancuso

27:01

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

All in favor, "Aye."

And we will go to Chief Haddock.

Fire Chief Haddock

27:12

Thank you, Madam Chair, members of council and those watching. Last year, the Euclid Fire Department completed its first ever strategic plan, community driven strategic plan, and different areas where we're found

that the community was looking for and one of those was the community risk reduction. So to address one of those community risk reductions, we decided to implement a community CPR program. And there's costs associated with that when we have to affiliate with a hospital so they can produce the card. And that card right now is it's like 20, some dollars. And then there's also books that have to go along, you have to maintain instructor ratios of six to one. So there's a little bit of fee that's involved with this. And these fees would offset that, that cost, so I'm happy to answer any questions.

Council President Mancuso

28:00

Thank you. Discussion. Councilman Tolton.

Councilman Tolton

28:05

Thank you, Madam Chair. Chief, just real quick, will, this. When a resident signs up for this, will this be conducted here at City Hall, at one of the hospitals, where will this training be conducted at?

Fire Chief Haddock

28:18

Madam Chair to the Councilman, and we have not yet rolled out the program, as far as we're, we're going to try to be as friendly as we can and convenient. So if you know we can maybe do it here, do it at a business, whatever works that we can do. Again, with those instructor ratios, or if it's a small group of six, we can have you know, smaller size. If we get a little bit bigger, we need to have more instructors. And so I'm sure it'll roll around, but equipment's portable.

Council President Mancuso

28:49

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

All in favor, "Aye."

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

All in favor, "Aye."

Those opposed? One.

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

Clerk Laboda

29:12

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

Council President Mancuso

29:26

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

Clerk Laboda

29:31

Ordinance 062-23. An ordinance authorizing the sale of permanent parcel number 642-22-107, vacant lot on Fuller Avenue from the Euclid Landbank to Brian Mauric for the amount of \$1,000 as authorized by Ordinance numbers 98-2010 and 101-2011.

Council President Mancuso

30:00

Thank you. I'll entertain a motion for passage to begin discussion. So moved by Councilman Jarosz, second by Councilwoman Steele.
All in favor, "Aye."
And we will go to Planning and Development Director Grogan-Myers.

Planning and Development Director Grogan-Myers

30:11

Thank you, Madam Chair. This item was heard at the May 9, 2023, Planning and Zoning Commission, and ultimately would sell the property to Brian Mauric for the purpose of yard expansion. So this is a pretty standard Landbank sale. So, we're asking for your support tonight to transfer the property to Mr. Mauric for \$1,000.

Council President Mancuso

30:33

Thank you. Any discussion? Seeing none, I'll entertain a motion to close debate. So moved by Councilman Epps, second by Councilman Jarosz.
All in favor, "Aye."
I'll entertain a motion to suspend the rules to forego the second and third reading. So moved by Councilman Wojtila, second by Councilman Jarosz.
All in favor, "Aye."
Those opposed? Seeing none.
Madam Clerk, please call the roll on the merits of the ordinance.

Clerk Laboda

31:00

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

Council President Mancuso

31:17

Thank you. And please read the fourth agenda item into the record.

Clerk Laboda

31:21

Resolution 061-23. A resolution authorizing the Director of Planning and Development or his designee to apply for, accept and expend a fiscal year 2023 Healthy Urban Tree Canopy Grant in an amount up to \$50,000 from the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission.

Council President Mancuso

31:46

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

All in favor, "Aye."

We will go once again to Planning and Development Director Grogan Myers.

Planning and Development Director Grogan Myers

31:58

Thank you, Madam Chair. This grant is a familiar grant. This is now the 3rd year running that we are hoping to be awarded healthy urban tree canopy grant dollars. This year's plan is to undertake tree planting activities throughout the city as well as maximize the amount of dollars that we can through the grant for maintenance activities, specifically targeting mature and old growth trees. That is one component that is vital to the maintenance of long term of the tree canopy. So planting trees is important for the future of tree canopy, but also making sure that we are maintaining the trees today that provide the current canopy. So we are seeking your support in the submission of this grant. There is a 10% match of \$5,000 and those funds will be derived from the city's CDBG municipal beautification program fund.

Council President Mancuso

32:47

Thank you, discussion. Councilman Tolton.

Councilman Tolton

32:52

Thank you, Madam Chair, to Director Grogan Myers. When, when will these trees be supplied and planted? What's the timeline for that?

Planning and Development Director Grogan Myers

33:02

Madam Chair, to the Councilman. Our hope is that we would be able to plant in Spring of 2024. That follows based on the previous year's grant award. But we will know when and if we are awarded. We'll be able to build a more solid timeline for you, but basing it off of last year's grant award and timeframe, we would look at Spring 2024.

Council President Mancuso

33:25

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

All in favor, "Aye."

Madam Clerk, please call the roll and the resolution.

Clerk Laboda

33:39

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

Resolution passes.

Council President Mancuso

33:52

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

Clerk Laboda

33:56

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 Senator Kenny Yuko Park project, and this is the second reading.

Council President Mancuso

34:18

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

All in favor, "Aye."

Once again to Planning Director Grogan Myers.

Planning and Development Director Grogan Myers

34:28

Thank you, Madam Chair. As a brief reminder from the previous meeting, this is for Senator Kenny Yugo Park focused on phase one, which is the Parkland improvements only it does not include the beach house construction. That includes a new paved trailhead, connecting the Eastern lakefront trail with Lakeshore Boulevard, vehicle drive and parking lot, stormwater retention, landscaping and other park amenities. We're asking for your support for passage this evening. Again, because this is an active construction site, we made sure to take the time to address Councilman Wojtila's, his concerns, thank you for raising your concerns around the mounding, we made sure to address those concerns. So we appreciate the constructive feedback. But I believe at this point, we are ready to proceed with the bidding out of the project. And this would help us to close out the project by the end of 2023.

Council President Mancuso

35:18

Thank you, discussion. Councilman Wojtila.

Councilman Wojtila

35:24

Thank you, Madam Chair. I just like to thank Director Myers and Project Coordinator McIntosh for meeting me outside, going through the plans and making the changes. I think the improved visibility will be a great asset as you're driving down the street. So thank you.

Council President Mancuso

35:44

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

All in favor, "Aye."

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

All in favor, "Aye."

Any opposed? Seeing none.
Madam Clerk? Please call the roll on the merits of the ordinance.

Clerk Laboda

36:11

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

Council President Mancuso

36:24

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

Clerk Laboda

36:29

Ordinance 053-23. An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service of the City of Euclid to enter into a professional services agreement with GPD group for the design work for the East 276, East 224th, East 226, East 236 and East 238th streets waterline replacement projects in an amount not to exceed \$221,975.

Council President Mancuso

37:04

Thank you. I'll entertain a motion for passage to begin this discussion. So moved by Councilman Wojtila, second by Councilman Tolton.
All in favor, "Aye."
And we will go to Service Director Knecht.

Service Director Knecht

37:15

Thank you, Madam Chair. These five projects were awarded funding by the Cleveland water suburban water line replacement program, the water lines and hydrants would be replaced on the streets, the streets would be resurfaced at the conclusion of the project. I would request that GPD group, our engine, city engineering firm, be awarded the design work on these projects. We anticipate we are anticipating bidding in 2024. For as long as material is available, and Cleveland water approves these in a timely manner. Once the design is complete, I would, these projects are in wards two and three. And I would be happy to answer any questions that anyone may have tonight on these.

Council President Mancuso

37:59

Thank you, Sir. Discussion? Seeing none, I'll entertain a motion to close debate. So moved by Councilman Tolton, second by Councilman Wojtila. All in favor, "Aye."

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

All in favor, "Aye."

Any opposed? One.

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

Clerk Laboda

38:28

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

Ordinance passes.

Council President Mancuso

38:42

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

Clerk Laboda

38:47

Ordinance 054-23. An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service of the City of Euclid to enter into a professional services agreement with GPD group for the construction administration and inspection services for the East 206, East 211 and East 216 streets waterline replacement project in an amount not to exceed \$124,992.

Council President Mancuso

39:21

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

All in favor, "Aye."

And we will go back to Director Knecht.

Service Director Knecht

39:32

Thank you, Madam Chair. GPD group would provide the contract administration and inspection services on these water line replacement projects. This project was recently bid and awarded to a contractor we

would expect this to be starting within the next 60 days. This is a typical inspection and contract administration, as we've done on previous projects, and I would be happy to answer any questions you may have on this tonight.

Council President Mancuso

40:02

Thank you, Sir. Discussion? Councilman Wojtila.

Councilman Wojtila

40:06

Thank you, Madam Chair, to Director Knecht, that I think last time we had legislation on the other streets that were doing the water line is a different firm. Did we get pricing from the, this project from that firm, or do we want to stick with GPD?

Service Director Knecht

40:24

Madam Chair to the Councilman. It was based on availability of who had inspectors in the timeframe that we needed for this project and GPD group was the one that had the availability at that time.

Council President Mancuso

40:37

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

All in favor, "Aye."

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

All in favor, "Aye."

Those opposed? One.

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

Clerk Laboda

41:04

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

Ordinance passes.

Council President Mancuso

41:19

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

Clerk Laboda

41:23

Ordinance 060-23. An emergency ordinance amending ordinance 124-2022. The 2022 Consolidated Compensation Ordinance to add a position of Building Housing Nuisance Coordinator supervisor position to the ordinance.

Council President Mancuso

41:47

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

All in favor, "Aye."

Thank you and we will go to Assistant Director Rubadue.

Assistant Law Director Rubadue

41:58

Thank you, Madam Chair. This is an amendment to the Consolidated Comp Ordinance. It's simply a housekeeping item to include this position in our comp ordinance. This was a position that was included in the budget in March 20th of 2023. The new role was necessitated by an increase in some of the services being provided by the coordinators, including other departments and being the point of contact for residents and businesses to come to one place to schedule services, scheduled inspections and pay their payment for permits. Thank you. This just a streamlining of the services and the coordinator, supervisor position was added.

Council President Mancuso

42:45

Thank you. Discussion? Councilman Wojtila.

Councilman Wojtila

42:49

It's, just just so everybody's clear, the fact that we're creating the position doesn't require council approval, while creating the position requires council approval and that we've already approved it through the budget. So had they, had the building department wanted to hire another position that was already on here? We wouldn't need this

legislation. So it's just like a new category within this exhibit A. Thank you.

Council President Mancuso

43:15

Thank you. Other discussion? Councilman Tanner.

Councilman Tanner

43:20

Thank you, Madam Chair. If it's already in the budget, can you answer me why do we have to make this an emergency?

Council President Mancuso

43:30

Assistant Director Rubadue.

Assistant Law Director Rubadue

43:32

This is simply, Thank you. Um, this is simply adding the named position into the comp ordinance. And the city has moved forward with hiring this position and then wanted to make sure that the position as well as the job description was included in the Compensation Ordinance. It's the reason is because it has been budgeted for paid for and the city is moving forward. So to have the position being filled as we speak. It's just quickly trying to get everything just cleaned up in the language.

Councilman Tanner

44:14

I'm not sure I totally understand. If it's budgeted, then why is it made to be an emergency? Why is it here at all?

Mayor Gail

44:28

The emergency language allows us to make it effective tomorrow as opposed to waiting 30 days. So this is the busiest time that, of the Building and Housing Department. They're dealing with grass nuisances, they're dealing with you know, lots of inspections. There's been some changes in staffing in that department. So we would like to make it effective immediately. The emergency ordinance is, is the timing of it. So emergency ordinance goes into effect immediately upon signage or Regular ordinance takes 30 days to go into effect.

Councilman Tanner

45:08

So basically, this person is already in a position.

Mayor Gail

45:13

The position has been posted. We went through interviews, I believe, four different interviews. And the position has been, yes, filled, we cannot pay the salary until it gets included into the ordinance. So it's been budgeted it was it's a little bit of a learning curve with this new Compensation Ordinance to be fair, the previous ordinances we have coordinator positions, this, but this new ordinance names them specifically. So because we don't have a building housing nuisance coordinator. We do have other coordinators, we have zoning coordinator, Activities Coordinator Planning and Development Coordinator. So our original thought was the coordinators in there. But this is upon review. We want to make sure it's very clearly from an audit standpoint, making sure we've got it included in the ordinance.

Councilman Tanner

46:12

Okay, thank you.

Council President Mancuso

46:14

Councilwoman Steele.

Councilwoman Steele

46:19

Thank you, Madam Chair. And I'm trying to figure out how to ask this because I'm a little bit confused. When the person, the person has been hired, is that correct? (Yes.) Okay. So with that being said, Is this person going to be part of the union as well? (No.) Okay. My next question is, when they were hired, did they get a job description, the responsibilities? And was that already printed on their form once they got hired? That's my concern.

Mayor Gail

47:04

Yes. Yeah. The job was, there's a job description. It's been posted. It was posted through our employment process, went through the interview process. So this understands, yes.

Councilwoman Steele

47:16

So building housing nuisance coordinator supervisor that was given to them prior to this coming to council, correct? You understand why I'm asking these questions because I don't understand, if it was in the budget was why was, why wasn't that designated? Then that the name of that I'm not trying to be difficult. I'm just trying to understand not just for myself, but for our constituents. Can you explain it? Because I think everyone here is looking puzzled. Because it's like your, your, your backstroking. And we want to be clear, when we do things like this, just so we won't get caught doing something wrong. We want to make sure that we do things appropriately, professionally and clearly. So that's why I'm asking these questions. I'm not trying to beat up anyone, I just need to be clear. Thank you.

Finance Director Smith

48:17

Madam Chair to the Councilwoman, so the way the process works is when we present a budget to council, it's kind of a, it's a framework of what we're looking to do in the prior year. And there's \$1 amount attached to that budget. And what we like to show is how we come up with that dollar figure within in the budget. So what you see on a position worksheets is what we anticipate being the upcoming year of positions and amounts, we're going to pay the people we can only then the following year, we can only pay people according to the salary ordinance, which is what we corrected when we did that. And with the salary ordinance update, I think two years or a year ago. So once the position is in the budget, then they can go ahead and hire them. From my perspective and from an auditing standpoint, I can't pay that person, that position until Council approves it in the salary ordinance regardless of what the budget says. So, they did their legwork in filling the position when it comes to my department and then paying that individual on payroll. I can't pay them the coordinator position until I until it's in the Compensation Ordinance. And I mean, I don't want to oversimplify it. But if it's not passed in the Compensation Ordinance, it won't be paid that individual.

Councilwoman Steele

49:36

Thank you.

Mayor Gail

49:39

The position. Just to be clear, though, the position was named in the budget in the position worksheets. It was named housing coordinator supervisor and approved through that process.

Council President Mancuso

49:57

Other discussion. Councilman Jarosz.

Councilman Jarosz

50:00

So just from a clarity, again with a clarity, we're going to when we were had the budget meetings, we're talking about having a building housing nuisance coordinator, supervisor, we approve that budget. Okay, let's start with that position, however, was maybe a bit of an oversight as we didn't have that specific position named within our compensation or it so therefore, we have to be apples to apples. So this adds the official title of building housing nuisance coordinator to the Compensation Ordinance, correct?

Finance Director Smith

50:32

Madam Chair to the Councilman, that is absolutely correct. What happens each year is during an audit period, the auditors will pick individuals random sample of employees, they'll take that individual, they'll take their payroll, they'll see how much he's being paid those then cross reference that to the Compensation Ordinance. And until that, and that Compensation Ordinance has to match what that individuals title is and what counsel is authorized them to be paid. Thank you.

Council President Mancuso

50:59

Other discussion? Councilman Tolton.

Councilman Tolton

51:02

Thank you, Madam Chair. One question. I'm not sure who can answer this. So with this position, how does that look? Or how does that work on the ground? With this position? Will the the staff report directly to them? Will that make you know, the communication flow quicker? Easier? Will we be getting back to the residence quicker? How does that look on on the ground?

Council President Mancuso

51:29

Assistant to the Mayor, Grida

Assistant to the Mayor, Grida

51:31

Thank you. Thank you, Councilman Tolton. So the coordinators, the staff up front, and the front of the house responds to this coordinator supervisor who answers to the building housing and nuisance manager. And then they answer to me through the Mayor's office. (Talk about their role.) So okay, so this role, one of the things that the Mayor and I discussed for a change for Building and Housing in this year was to try, to it was actually based on something Councilman Wojtila brought to our attention, try to make sure that we can create a framework where all nuisance calls, whether it's from council, whether it's from residents have one place to go. And then we triage those calls. Councilman Wojtila came to us with a very unique flow chart that had you guys having to triage who gets what type of nuisance call. So we didn't want to have to go through all that. So one of the improvements that this is going to do on that end, because a lot of people feel like Building and Housing a nuisance does everything except for police and fire, is going to help us streamline that. So we really need somebody to help coordinate that staff to add that addition. Also, we have since taken over the zoning inspections for our zoning department. So that is an added burden as well on the staff. And then we had to have absorbed some of the service inspections in regards to trees. So we have kind of really boosted up this in the last few months. So we felt like this was time to kind of divide and conquer there. You're welcome.

Councilman Epps

53:09

Thank you Chair. First question is to Miss Grida, who did our zoning inspections previously?

Assistant to the Mayor, Grida

53:16

The Zoning Commissioner had an Inspector, he has since separated from us. And I believe we're looking at trying to make that position a little more robust. But since we already do inspections, we've worked together to try to again have one department do all the inspection so residents and council can go to one department to get those answers in the past assistant separated.

Councilman Epps

53:37

So when you mentioned that the goal is to try to make that position more robust. We're never going to see you come and ask for a zoning this zoning position again, or that's already included in a budget. So what happens to that position? Are you going to fill that position at some point?

Assistant to the Mayor, Grida

53:51

So that's not in my department? If it, I don't know, Director of Grogan-Myers, if you'd like to answer that.

Planning and Development Director Grogan-Myers

53:58

Madam Chair, the Councilman, so that position serves two functions. You may know Mr. Ben Beam, he was the zoning and architectural review board secretary. So he was in charge of staffing the two boards architecture review board and Planning and Zoning Commission, taping the meeting minutes and advising residents and fence companies and dumpster companies helping them through the zoning approvals process. And in addition to that work, he was doing inspections. So in his absence, not having anyone else to be able to do the inspections. We worked with our Building and Housing Department counterparts. And just as Ms. Grida shared, it's something that ultimately Building and Housing is already taking the majority of those calls, because from a resident perspective, that's where the permits are pulled. That's where the inspectors are. And so that felt like a very natural flow from a resident perspective.

Councilman Epps

54:52

Okay, so I asked Miss Grida, the question she said she couldn't answer it. Then she passed it to you, Director to answer it. Can you please answer the question?

Planning and Development Di..

55:04

I did answer the question.

Councilman Epps

55:05

You did not. Will we be hiring someone in that to replace that role that is now vacated by the former individual who did the zoning inspections? That's a yes or no question that you did not answer it. Can you please answer that question?

Planning and Development Di...

55:18

Madam Chair to the Councilman, Yes.

Councilman Epps

55:21

Yes, you will be, okay. And I mentioned that because Miss Grida had mentioned as a pitch to get this position approved tonight, that this part, we also had that extra burden. But if you're going to come back to us and still end up filling that, then that burden is irrelevant to the conversation for this particular position. Now, Emily Heil is the individual that you hired already, and who's already performing the duties of this position. Is that correct? Yes? Somebody? (Yes.) Okay. How long has Emily been with the city? In the housing department?

Assistant to the Mayor, Grida

55:51

Three and a half years, I believe.

Councilman Epps

55:53

And has her and what is her role been for the last three and a half years?

Assistant to the Mayor, Kri...

55:56

A coordinator in the front office?

Councilman Epps

55:59

Okay, so we now have Ms. Grida, who supervises, oversees the housing department, we still have Q, correct? (Yes.) Who is the housing manager. (Yes.) Right. And now we need somebody else to be the direct line of contact for residents. So we're naming a supervisor position for nuisance to be the direct line for residents. I'd rather see Ms. Heil, with all due respect, we need more nuisance inspectors on the street, are we going to

now with adding this new coordinator? Is this gonna allow us to now be able to proactively inspect? Because we also know that we are only going out when it comes to nuisance based off of complaints and calls. So by adding this new position are we going to now be proactive and start inspecting as a regular part of daily work for our inspectors in the city? What can you talk to me about that? Because when I hear you say this, the first thing that comes to mind is during budget hearings, there was a position if I'm not mistaken, that you were trying to add and council said, No, we're not going to add any more new positions. And then here we are now here tonight saying that, well now I need you to pass this tonight as an emergency ordinance. And Mayor Gail, you said so it can start happening tomorrow. But how long has it really been happening? How long has she already been performing the duties of this position?

Assistant to the Mayor, Kri...

57:21

Maybe about 10 days, maybe close to two weeks?

Councilman Epps

57:24

Why would you put someone in a position working for the city that you had not got council approval for yet? Mayor Gail, please?

Mayor Gail

57:36

Well, you did have council approval through the budget process. And so that's what we were operating on, as I indicated earlier.

Councilman Epps

57:44

What is it that you need to start tomorrow? That's what I guess that's my question.

Mayor Gail

57:48

She's being paid on her other salary up until now? So she's doing the work. But we could not pay her the increased rate? Because it's not in the compensation order?

Councilman Epps

58:00

And what is her salary base? She's getting paid now?

Mayor Gail

58:02

I don't have that off the top of my head.

Councilman Epps

58:06

And here we are, again, with this. You could, this is on the agenda tonight. How do you not know what this position paid before and what the raise is going to be for this position? Now? How do you not know that?

Mayor Gail

58:16

I can give you the the range is, I don't have the union she previously was in the end. So with all due respect, Councilman, nobody called and asked us a question about any of this either. So it's on both of us, too, if we're going to be prepared, I did not think, I did not bring the exact amount with me. I'd be happy to share that with you.

Councilman Epps

58:35

And with all due respect Mayor to you, you have an entire staff, you have a Finance Director who's sitting right next to you. You're asking us tonight to make this decision so that this person can get this raise tomorrow, and nobody here can tell us what that raise is from?

Assistant Law Director Rubadue

58:56

If I may, this position was already discussed through the budgeting process and council approved the position, the housekeeping item, the only thing we're here today is not to discuss the person who was selected for the position or what this position really entails because the council has already approved that. What we're here today is to clarify this in the comp ordinance, compensated comp ordinance. So if you look at the Ord or the the comp ordinance under Section six, you see there's many coordinator and supervisory positions listed. So in the past, what would happen before this new comp ordinance took place was it would say assistant director or it would say supervisory coordinator, and that would encompass all the different departments. In this new comp ordinance. It specifies what department in what coordinate or what department and what's supervisory. So there was the understanding and it was decided that this would be the pay range that it would be 43,335 to \$58,850 for salary, that is the range. And clearly this role falls into this category with all the other supervisors and coordinators. Unfortunately,

what was overlooked through really no fault, was that didn't specifically say building housing a nuisance coordinator supervisor, it's the same as every other supervisory role in every other department. So that's what we're just adding that language so that in the comp ordinance, it's specific to the department, but that in March of 2020, council already approved of this position, it was specifically listed in the budget. And that's what the housing department went forward, posted the position interviewed candidates selected, who would be able to obtain this position. And when the administration was crossing their T's and dotting their I's, they said, this isn't yet in that department supervisor is not yet in this comp ordinance. So that's what we're correcting. We're not improving the position, we're just adding the specific name to the department.

Councilman Epps

1:01:15

Yeah, and, and I appreciate you saying that, but there, there is a lot here. And I'm gonna make a motion for the sake of everyone's time tonight, and for the sake of keeping with the rules of the Council President, and not going through all of this here today. But you guys can't keep bringing legislation here making it emergency legislation telling us that there was something in Oh, it's a technicality as to why we're doing it. And this council just keep voting yes, for it every time. This is the role that we play within the three branches of government for the City of Euclid. And so the fact that this employee has already been hired, already been doing these functions and everything without you, the administration crossing their T's or dotting their I's, it gives me concern and other colleagues of mine concern as well. And so I'm going to ask to give you an opportunity to make this make more sense in a different forum that we make this a first reading tonight. But I also at the same time, make clear that I don't see why we need another supervisor in the housing department and are we going to now start to proactively inspect that question was not answered either. So Madam Chair, I'd like to make this a first reading.

Council President Mancuso

1:02:26

Is there a second? Seeing none, Motion fails. Other discussion? Seeing none, I'll entertain a motion to close debate. So moved by Councilman Hannum. Second by Councilman Jarosz.

All in favor, "Aye."

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

All in favor, "Aye."

Those opposed? Is that more than one of one? Two? I'm sorry. Okay. Madam Clerk, please call the roll on the merits of the ordinance.

Clerk Laboda

1:03:19

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

Council President Mancuso

1:03:36

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

Clerk Laboda

1:03:42

Ordinance 064-23. An ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of Euclid to issue the 2023 Neighborhood Association Grant.

Council President Mancuso

1:03:56

Thank you. I'll entertain a motion for passage to begin the discussion. So moved by Councilwoman Steele, seconded by Councilman Tanner.
All in favor, "Aye."
And we will now go to Ms. Grida.

Assistant to the Mayor, Grida

1:04:07

Thank you. Thank you, Madam Chair. So this is our legislation for our annual neighborhood association grant which is available for beach clubs and neighborhood association groups that have been in existence for a minimum of a year, as long as they have a checking account with two members names on it, and have had two meetings and one event for their entire membership. They qualify, Council two years ago raised the rate of the grant from \$200 to \$250. So we are happy to support the neighborhood associations. Oftentimes they use these for their events, they use it for postage, they use it to do flyers or newsletters. So we're happy to be able to help them out. upon passage of this after the 30 days, we will send the letters out and the applications and begin to process those as they come in. I am happy to Sir, any questions?

Council President Mancuso

Discussion? Councilman Epps.

Councilman Epps

1:05:07

Thank you, Chair. Obviously, this is something I support. This is really an opportunity. And as Ms. Grida mentioned, neighborhood associations use this money for all sorts of things. Um, I remember we did block parties with ours when we had them, but coordination for their meetings, flyers, all that sort of thing. And as we work to try to bring our smaller sections of our community together, I think this is something great. I was also instrumental in that increase as well. And so of course, I support this tonight, won't be asking for another increase. But thank you for continuing this program.

Council President Mancuso

1:05:39

Thank you. Other the discussion? Councilman Hannum.

Councilwoman Hannum

1:05:46

Thank you. Thank you, Chair. Is there a limit to the number of associations that can be funded under this?

Assistant to the Mayor, Grida

1:05:55

The only limit would be the budget, we budget the same amount every year, we've always had leftover. Over the year, some groups have disbanded and we're, you know, busy trying to organize more. So we'd like to keep that amount in there. We've never gotten close to that. Should we get close to that? I would probably come back to council to ask if we could increase that in order to accommodate those groups.

Council President Mancuso

1:06:17

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

All in favor, "Aye."

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

All in favor, "Aye."

Those opposed? Seeing none.

Madam Clerk? Please call the roll in merits of the ordinance.

Clerk Laboda

1:06:43

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

Council President Mancuso

1:06:57

Thank you. Madam Clerk, please read the 10th agenda item into the record.

Clerk Laboda

1:07:02

Ordinance 057-23. An ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of Euclid or her designee to enter into an agreement with Community Innovation Network through Case Western Reserve University, 10900 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44106 on behalf of the Euclid HopeTask Force, gun violence reduction Task Force, for a community engagement and planning process to help in reducing the gun violence in an amount not to exceed \$54,000 with half of the project, or \$27,000 being funded by the City of Euclid.

Council President Mancuso

1:07:51

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

Mayor Gail

1:08:01

Thank you, Madam Chair. I think Council has heard of the gun violence reduction Task Force or hope Task Force. It is a community city wide collaborative task force with the purpose of decreasing gun violence and improving safety in the community. The task force is made up of community members community institutions, community partners committed to improving community safety. The city has been represented by myself, police fire Municipal Court and council members I know have participated in some of the Zoom calls and are supportive. The task force one of their initiatives is to further engage the community and get more residents involved. So we received a proposal from the Community Innovation Network, which is a I guess, part of the Mandel school at Case Western Reserve that works with communities and community agencies really around specifically community engagement

and community solutions planning. They provided us proposal that I provided to you in your packet for a four phase approach to engaging the community and developing a community safety plan with very strong community engagement. Because this is a collaborative process. It is going to be funded by multiple agencies. We are asking for the city to contribute half up to half which is \$27,000. The remaining funds would come in part from the schools and the library who have committed to funding it, as well as potentially the hospital, Kiwanis and other community partners. So we're asking for your consideration and happy to answer any questions that you might have.

Council President Mancuso

1:09:56

Thank you. Discussion? Council Epps.

Councilman Epps

1:09:59

Thank you, Chair. I'd also like to motion again for this to be to go to another reading as well. You know, I know that this Congress, this has been discussed multiple times. And this, I've now been in two separate events, community events in which the whole task force has, you know, a table pretend to pavilion or something of this sort. And every time it's stocked with a political, a particular political candidates, folks, and that's the gear that the Hope taskforce is where. So I'm now in a place where as opposed to being supportive of anything that is going to reduce violence or crime in our community. Now wondering, are we funding an agency that is really working as a political entity in our community. And I think that is something we should seriously look into both Mayor Gail and I both witnessed this happen at the Stroll event in particular. And I am concerned and I think that we all should be concerned as we funnel, taxpayer dollars to an organization that is, and again, we're all entitled to support who we want individually, politically. But when you now begin to blur the lines, and it begins to seem as if your efforts are to get someone elected, as opposed to reducing violence in our community, I think it's something we should give pause to. And we should not be given 10s of 1000s of dollars to agencies who are doing that. And so for that reason, at least for now, until we can look into that. And if that is even if they may even make sense for us to or we're allowed to give money to an agency like that. I'd like to make this a first reading for that reason. Thank you.

Council President Mancuso

1:11:41

Thank you. We have a motion to make it a first reading. Is there a second? Yes? (Councilman Tolton.) Okay, now discussion on that motion to make it a first reading only? Councilman Jarosz.

Councilman Jarosz

1:11:58

Thank you, Madam Chair. I'm in favor of this being a first reading. But for the second reading, I would be very interested from the administration to point to anything where this community Innovation Network has demonstrated any expertise in crime reduction has done any consulting that actually has worked in reducing crime has done frankly, anything surrounding gun violence, I check to their website. I read all their research, I read all their past proposals and consulting jobs. I've watched YouTube videos where members of the Community Innovation Network, discussed what they do. And at no time, did I see anything specifically focused on law enforcement, violence, reduction, et cetera. So in order to get my support on this, while the goals are laudable, I just don't see how this is going to result in anything. Thank you.

Council President Mancuso

1:13:10

Councilwoman Steele.

Councilwoman Steele

1:13:15

I'm sorry, I too, am in agreement with my council members. My concern is the success rate. I am all for safety, safety, safety, safety. But again, these are our taxpayers monies. And we have to be very, we have to be due diligence, due diligence. When we are doing things in this manner, especially it's a sensitive manner. And we have to make sure that we have our T's crossed our I's dotted when we're dealing with this. I am for safety. But I just need to dive in a little bit more and understand what we're getting into who we are partnering with, because my concern is what is the success rate? What, What have what has been done, because of what they're putting on paper, you know, where's the data. And as, as my colleague has said, he hasn't seen anything. And that's what I'm concerned about.

Council President Mancuso

1:14:21

My colleagues will, will allow, I would like to ask my colleague to take back his motion to go to a second reading. And as you know, my philosophy of discussing things on the floor. We've already surpassed that time. And it sounds as if more questions and more hands that were raised. So I would make a motion to send this to committee. I would need a second on that. And it could go to Safety Committee, if the if our chairs willing to take it. Okay, so I need a second, on that. First of all, I need Councilman Epps to withdraw going just to a second reading.

Councilman Epps

1:14:58

I appreciate you saying that. I will withdraw the motion.

Council President Mancuso

1:15:01

Thank you. All right, so we have a first and a second. Okay, so we have a motion in a second to send this to the Safety Committee. Madam Clerk, please. Or is there any other discussion before we do that? Madam Clerk, please call the roll on sending this legislation to Safety Committee.

Clerk Laboda

1:15:23

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

Councilman Epps

1:15:36

Yes. No, I'm sorry. My vote is No.

Clerk Laboda

1:15:43

Mancuso, Yes.

Motion passes for this to be sent to the Safety Committee.
Ordinance 057-23.

Council President Mancuso

1:15:51

Thank you, Madam Clerk, please read the 11th agenda item number the record.

Clerk Laboda

1:15:59

Resolution 055-23. A resolution of congratulations to Claire Carmody for her accomplishment in achieving the designation of Valedictorian of the Euclid High School graduating Class of 2023.

Council President Mancuso

1:16:17

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

All in favor, "Aye."

Is there any further discussion on this resolution? Seeing none, I'll entertain a motion to close debate. So moved by Councilman Tolton, seconded by Councilman Tanner. Madam Clerk, please call the roll on the resolution.

Clerk Laboda

1:16:44

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

Resolution passes.

Council President Mancuso

1:16:56

Thank you, Madam Clerk, please read the 12th agenda item into the record.

Clerk Laboda

1:17:04

Resolution 056-23. A resolution of congratulations to Carly Walsh for her accomplishment in achieving the designation of Sally salutatorian of the Euclid high school graduating class of 2023.

Council President Mancuso

1:17:23

I'll entertain a motion for passage. So moved by Councilman Tanner, second by, Did you raise your hands?

All in favor, "Aye."

Mayor Gail

1:17:33

Madam Chair. I'm sorry if I could. I just, even though Carly wasn't here. If I could just share very quickly. I won't read the whole thing. But I do want to recognize Carly Walsh. She was also a distinguished honors recipient member of the National Honor Society, completed several honors courses and earned 28 credits for College Credit Plus. She was a member of the environmental club member of the orchestra, distinguished herself also as an excellent athlete as a captain of the varsity soccer team, together with Claire who we spoke of earlier. And so let's see. Carly will be attending Ohio University in the fall and majoring in forensic chemistry. So we wish and to extend our congratulations to Carly Walsh and being the Salutatorian for Euclid High School.

Council President Mancuso

1:18:22

Thank you. Is there any further discussion? Seeing none, I'll entertain a motion to close debate. So moved by Councilman Rotella second by Councilman Steele.

All in favor, "Aye."

Madam Clerk, please call the roll in the resolution.

Clerk Laboda

1:18:35

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

Resolution passes.

Council President Mancuso

1:18:47

Thank you, Madam Clerk, please read the 13 agenda item into the record.

Clerk Laboda

1:18:52

Resolution 058-23. A resolution of congratulations to Mary Radachy for her accomplishment in achieving the designation of Valedictorian of Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School graduating class of 2023.

Council President Mancuso

1:19:12

I'm going to take a motion for passage so moved by Councilman Tanner, seconded by Councilman Tolton.

All in favor, "Aye."

Would you like to read into the..

Mayor Gail

1:19:20

Yes, thank you. We would like to extend our congratulations to Mary Radachy. She is a lifelong resident of Euclid. She is third of four daughters of the proud parents David and Diane Radachy. Mary is graduating from VASJ with a 4.53 grade point average. She also served as a girls empowerment meeting leader. She is a product of Euclid youth soccer, distinguished herself as an excellent athlete as a four year player at VASJ varsity soccer team and two of those years served as Captain. Mary is also an employee of the City of Euclid Recreation Department where she has worked both at the Orr Ice Arena and the Ralph V. Hill Memorial Pool as a lifeguard. She will be our lifeguard manager this

summer. So we're thrilled to have kept her employed here. Mary will be attending the University of Dayton in the fall to study Applied Mathematical Economics. So we congratulate Mary Racachy. She is the Valedictorian of VASJ. And we will make sure we get both Mary and Carly their proclamations.

Council President Mancuso

1:20:31

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

All in favor, "Aye."

Madam Clerk, please call the roll and the resolution.

Clerk Laboda

1:20:44

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

Resolution passes.

Council President Mancuso

1:20:56

Madam Clerk, please read the last agenda item into the record.

Clerk Laboda

1:21:00

Resolution 059-23. A resolution of congratulations to Nathan Udics for his accomplishment and achieving the designation of Salutatorian of the Villa Angela-St. Joseph high school graduating Class of 2023.

Council President Mancuso

1:21:19

Thank you. I'll entertain a motion for passage. So moved by Councilman Tolton. Second by Councilman Tanner.

All in favor, "Aye."

Is there any further discussion on the resolution? Seeing none, I'll entertain a motion to close debate. So moved by Councilman Hannum. Second by Councilman Tanner. Madam Clerk, please call the roll on the merits and the resolution? Sorry.

Clerk Laboda

1:21:41

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

Council President Mancuso

1:21:53

Thank you. We now go to the second of our **Committee of the Whole** where residents can speak to anything for the good of the city. Those wishing to speak, please come to the podium. Give us your name and address and keep your comments to five minutes.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - PUBLIC PORTION

Resident Regina Hauck

1:22:12

Regina Hauck, 116 E 197.

Council President Mancuso

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Is your microphone on dear?

Resident Regina Hauck

1:22:19

It was on before? Yeah. I want to thank you for putting number 10 in committee. I had questions on that. But I was unfortunately late for the meeting. I was sitting in traffic on Lake Shore. What a surprise. Anyway, my questions are the City of Euclid is paying 50% of it. We also are getting money from you good city schools and you could library and then other partner agencies. I'd like to know how much money is coming from taxpayers for this. So is it 99% and 1%. From privately funded? I'd like to know that. I also want to know how is it going to be how are the outcomes are going to be measured. Because we all know we can't just say X number of shootings this year compared to X number of shootings the following year, there are other determinants in there. So I'd like to know that. While I'm here, I want to catch up on things since I haven't been here for a while. Going back for a while, in April, I went to shred day. And I want to thank the administration. I went early in the morning, the line was very long already. And it went so smoothly and so quickly. And I was so happy to see so many residents taking advantage of it. So I want to thank you for having that for us. The other thing I wanted to talk about were beginning election season. And I think some of you need some reminders as to do's and don'ts. I've been working on elections

since I was 12 years old. So passing things out. So I know these things. This came to my house over the weekend it was put in my mailbox. And it was not delivered by the mailman. So I think we need to know that this is not allowed to be putting in my mailbox. According to the Postal Service. Only authorized USPS delivery personnel are authorized to place items in the mailbox. By law. A mailbox is only intended for the receipt of postage paid US Mail. This is a federal law and you can be fined up to \$10,000 per occurrence. So I think you need to make sure your volunteers know the laws because we don't want you getting fined and then coming back and asking for another raise. And I find it very humorous that so much time was spent today and the raise of one person who was going to be a supervisor and was promoted from within the city when there was no discussion last week last council meeting when it came to giving yourselves a raise. But that's just my own personal opinion. But what I really came here to discuss, and I'm going to read this, because this is very important to me. The action taken at the last Council meeting to stop for Batum minutes at this meeting, I've been coming to these meetings for many years. And while my comments may not have always been popular, one thing that was always true is that I stood behind my comments, I never shied away from controversy. One thing I have never done and I will never do is stand behind another person's interpretations of what I said. However, that is what you're asking us to do. By getting rid of verbatim minutes. When summarizing comments, you can drastically alter the intent of the speaker, I take great offense to this, I am capable of speaking for myself. And I do not believe counsel has the right to change my words, and take away my right to free speech. As we all know what is said and what is heard can be drastically different. Since I have a few more minutes. I just want to add that the council person who said this legislation is needed. Because other cities are doing this, I say you should be ashamed of yourself. Just once. I would like one of you to say we are doing something because it's the right thing to do. I would love Euclid to be the first to do something to be the leader. Instead of always taking the easy way out and following others. It's not too late. I challenge you, one of you to bring this item back on the agenda and do the right thing and reverse this legislation. Let's do the right thing for once. Look around, taking the easy way out isn't working out too. Well, now is it? Thank you.

Council President Mancuso

1:27:10

Thank you. Next speaker please.

Resident - Daniel Burns

1:27:19

Hello, Daniel Burns, 869 East 260th St. I was Valedictorian of my high school. And so when I saw that resolution today, it made me think about the amount of work I put in to get that position to get to that point. And

when I talked to other valedictorians in college or when I find them just you know, on the street, it's not a thing that comes up in conversation. I find what I think of as the valedictorian spirit, right, it's this, this desire to be the best you possible, the desire to maybe even be the best, write large. And we reward that with congratulations and the position and the resolutions. And yet, we see here occasionally, that sometimes you could doesn't do homework. Sometimes when it does group projects, it lets others do all the heavy lifting. When it does do the work, it doesn't go far enough. Maybe we should get more technical assistance for neighborhood associations. Maybe we should connect some park to downtown. When we talk about crime prevention, we have various organizations that have been showing us what the you could hope taskforce has been saying Right? It's not new information, right? Rand Corporation has white papers, Mom of Mayors Against Illegal Guns, Moms Demand Action, the United Conference of Mayors everyone's talking about crime. It's not like this is a new phenomenon that like oh man, we need this organization to help us figure out how to solve this problem. It's a it's a it's a solved it. There's plenty of ideas out there that are worth trying and that have worked in other cities. But if we're going to attract Valedictorians, like me, keep valedictorians like Mary it's pivotal that we have that valedictorian spirit of striving to do everything at the best level possible. Thank you.

Council President Mancuso

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Thank you. Next speaker please.

Resident - Victor Goodman

1:30:00

Victor Goodman, 20201 Glen Russ Lane. Don Quixote lives. Anyway. First, I want to do some to do listing. Mainly, this would be for Mr. Knecht. So start to write the bump on the road of Chardon and you could add new by the breakfast, that nits that's going to cause a problem that somebody's going too fast. And I guess it was a watermain thing and, and nobody has really fixed it and it's quite a gully, okay. Number two, the telephone pole hanging on Grand Boulevard. It's been weeks and weeks. And there's no reason that if it's a telephone line, or to power line, or whatever it is, but somebody can literally reach up and grab this. It needs to be fixed already, rather than continue. The Mammoth dead tree On Gilly row where the house was taken down, if you might remember, it's a gigantic tree just before the railroad tracks. This is a is a menace waiting to happen. The branch it's all dead in the city needs to pay the expense and take the tree down to where there are no branches. Because one day, it's either going to be a pedestrian or a car that gets a heavy, big branch down. And the hanging wire. Also on Grand Boulevard, which I told you, I'd tell you about it right near champs that you're heading north off of you have a Glenridge it's a little thin one that's hanging straight down.

Then the next thing I want to just quickly talk about is something just happened. I'm sorry, but I believe in democracy. So no matter what council person puts forth a motion, that should at least be one council person extra. That seconds it. Even if you fail the motion, at least the common courtesy of a fellow council person to at least say I second, then you can vote it down. But at least That's democracy, not the other way around. Now, I have decided that I want to be part of a solution instead of a problem. So I have two suggestions tonight. I don't know if either one is legal, that will now be Miss Rubadue to decide. First is our biggest problem of housing of rental properties purchased by out of state out of country or out of anywhere, okay. They become nuisances. So I would like to see an ordinance passed, requiring from this date forward, that any purchase of a rental property or for the use of rental property, that an escrow must be placed by the by the owner, so that the city if they charged for mowing your grass or doing anything, the city no longer has to front, they can collect right out of an escrow account. And I think there's a very logical thing, if it's legal, to make someone you're out of state, you're out of country, you got to put 10-20 -\$30,000 in escrow, whatever the city deems appropriate. So I'd like to see that go forward. And as I wind down, I want to see one council person, although I did see that this is, I think, maybe getting discussed by Charter Review. But we must change the charter back. When it comes to how we elect our council. We need to go to a smaller Ward Council. And we need to bring At-Large back, whether that's 5/3 or 4/4 as it used to be, but we need somebody to bring it forward, or I'll bring it forward as a resolution. But we really you want future Mayors, you want future Council presidents and you want a better grouping of council people, then you need to widen the trench so that more people are eligible to be elected. And how do we elect when we only have two positions in the city? Of a Council President and a Mayor that runs city wide? If we would have some some at large council people, we will and this is something that has been told if you want a better class, then have the courage to bring it forward and vote a Charter change need to go back? The the Justice Department decree is over, long over time for you to wake up and stop doing the dead things. Thank you.

Council President Mancuso

1:35:12

Thank you, Director Knecht, you want to address Mr. Goodman's concerns?

Service Director Knecht

1:35:19

Madam Chair to the resident, we will look into these issues. Thank you.

Council President Mancuso

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Okay, we have also the motion and the I'm sorry. Oh, on the pole? Okay. Councilman Tanner.

Councilman Tanner

1:35:37

Thank you, Madam Chair. To the residents. I used to let you know that I have called the Illuminating Company and the telephone company couple of time many times. They told me that that poll is on the schedule. And therefore, there's nothing until they can fulfill that schedule. That's as far as I can get. Thank you.

Council President Mancuso

1:36:01

Thank you. And Assistant Director Rubadue, do did you want to speak to the out of state proposal to put things in escrow?

Assistant Law Director Rubadue

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Thank you, I'm happy to look into it. And I will research that idea.

Council President Mancuso

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And let's see, other than the Charter Review, I know they are at work looking at multiple things. And I hope they do have a very good, solid discussion about that and can move forward.

Resident Addie Lewis

1:36:32

Good evening, everyone. My name is Addie Lewis, I came a couple of weeks ago about a complaint. I have more complaint I have your name and address please 905 used to call the extreme. Euclid Ohio. I have more complaints. We have some new neighbors that moved into a neighborhood. They're not cutting the grass. We you know, we take very good care of our yard and everything. The backyard is we got rats running around walking from guard to yard because this yard needs to be clean. And that gave the address before 911 is 2.8 Street. We are a taxpayer and I need some kind of resolution to these serious problems. Because rats and things bring rabies and disease. And I don't think it's clear. And also other people on the blockchain I've taken care of their yard. Like it's another house lower down. It's red and white. I can't remember the address. I think it's 850. Their grass is high and

everything. But anything goes wrong with my house, somebody's calling in or something. And there is nothing wrong with my house. So therefore, someone needs to look into it. I have talked to my council woman, and she said she was looking into it. Also, I talked to Kristal and she says, but nothing is happening. And something needs to be done immediately. Thank you and have a great evening.

Council President Mancuso

1:37:50

Thank you. Could I ask you to talk with both Councilwoman Steele and Miss Grida when we're finished?

Resident - Audrey Kaplan Go...

1:38:03

Audrey Kaplan Goodman, 20201 Glen Russ Lane. Want to make a comment about the splash park. You know, we have no pool up in our area anymore. So we have the splash park. But the splash park is not open on Sundays when families would use it. Now, there's no lifeguard needed up there. We easily could get a constituency of homeowners to come up, turn the water on at a certain time and turn it off on a Sunday. Would that be a possibility so that the residents can enjoy it with all the kids that live up there?

Council President Mancuso

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Thank you. Director Stephens.

Recreation Director Stephens

1:38:42

Madam Chair to the resident, I would, I will speak with our pool operator, I will look into it. Thank you.

Council President Mancuso

1:38:52

Next speaker please.

Resident Debbie Howard

1:38:54

Hi, good evening. My name is Debbie Howard. I reside 20301 Glen Russ Lane. And my concern, I was listening to one of the other residents. We have a relatively new resident on the street. Is there some type of handbook that's available for new residents of Euclid to inform them, to educate them about what's allowed what's expected in the city. People

move from the inner city and they bring inner city behaviors with them. You know, thankfully, I've really, Glen Ross has been a very nice quiet street and I want it to stay a nice quiet street. Dogs, you know, I have a dog, I have two dogs. She has dogs, her dogs, they've run up this little one little dog, he's not on a leash, she told me he doesn't use a leash. So that's a problem. And I think that we need to address that. And I spoke to Tanner about the loud music. You know, I know holidays people celebrate and I'm all for that. But I think that we have a right to have some type of quiet time and I don't think that you know, I'm really grateful because I have called the police and the police have responded and I will just use the call and say, Hey, there's 20291, can you just let them know the music's pretty loud, and they will come out and address that. So I just think that as we don't have an association there, and I'm listening here, and I remember one time we did, and associations are really great for the community. And I remember on Blackfoot, they tried to get it. The people are older now. And younger people just don't want to be bothered. And it's so unfortunate, you know, so I don't know, how do we get this information out? How do you? How do you communicate with you know, they used to put fliers out to say that there's meetings or whatever? How do we communicate with new residents? How do we reach out to there's no sense of community? That's what I really feel is lacking? How do we what do we work? And how do we make that happen? Thank you.

Council President Mancuso

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Have you worked with your council person at all?

Resident Debbie Howard

1:40:50

Yes, like, Oh, he's wonderful. I mean, I call him he responds. So it's, it's not, I don't know, I just think, you know, listening here, I'm really happy to be here. And I'm retired now. So I'd like to put some more time into the community because Euclid. I've been here a long time. So I don't want, you know, I think there's a lot of great possibilities here.

Council President Mancuso

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I think, stick around and we're gonna have you talk with Ms. Grida, there are actual documents that we can give a new homeowner, okay, so that they know some of the ordinances and some of the rules of the road. And that may help and I'm glad you now have more time because you might get an association started with a little bit of help. (Thank you.) You're quite welcome. Next speaker please.

Resident Morris Woodmancy

1:41:39

Morris Woodmancy, 20341 Blackfoot Avenue. I wasn't planning on speaking tonight. But my observations here is just some of the other some of the other issues. Back in 2017, there was a in depth survey made of the five inner suburbs of Cleveland. And it was there was a report issued on that, that was called communities at the crossroads. They issued five play areas that needed attention. And I can't remember all five of them. One of them was control your rentals. Make property ownership more possible. collect the taxes. And that's where leaves me so anyway, it produced a flurry of meetings, different areas of the city and things like that. And then it seems to have pretty much dropped off the radar. I don't even know do all the council people even aware that this issue this study was done. It was done at no cost to the cities by the Western Reserve. So I guess my question tonight is, we've had what 2017 We've had six years to study this. Which crossroads did we take? Which direction are we going? In six years? I haven't seen any change. So did we just table this thing? Are we still studying it? You know, where are we at as a city? Are we taking this advice? Are we ignoring it? You know what, what did we do? Thank you.

Council President Mancuso

1:43:34

Thank you, Councilman, Mayor Gail. sorry.

Mayor Gail

1:43:38

Thank you. I believe what Mr. Woodmansi is talking about is the thriving communities housing report or survey. So they did a survey of all of the homes we worked with, I think, a couple other communities and they did a street bikes are a block, parcel by parcel inventory rated the home's A to F identified what needed work. What didn't? We've instituted? I don't have the report in front of me, but we have definitely utilized some of that information. We've updated our housing codes, we've improved the inspection process from the standpoint of efficiency using iPads, you know, right in the field. From the planning and development, I'm not going to cover all of them, but from the planning and development side looking at how do we attack and how do we get out the delinquencies and getting things through tax foreclosure so we can get the parcels to us. We've done select demolition, we've done it spurred some new construction in areas. I think the Heritage Home Exterior Home Improvement Program is a great example of looking at targeted home repair programs. certainly continue to partner with Cleveland Housing Network. Other agencies that are, EDCOR, that are providing homes Um, repair resources and loans. We were part of the restoration society's program for a couple of years. And so we continue to work on improving

our housing, we continue to talk about new ways to do that. And I think this, you know, coordinator position that we talked about earlier, as one example of lots of the work that's happened in the housing, a lot of it is data specific. So looking at, and making sure we're putting information into the systems and so happy to talk a little bit more about that. It's funny, we were just talking about that, that now is five years old. And is that something we would want to revisit and have them come in and look at, you know, to do a new inventory, your correct, grant funded that original work? I just was at a meeting this past week, I was on a panel for Vibrant Neo 2040, which is a multi county plan looking at, you know, sustainability, and how do we prevent sprawl? And how do we make sure, you know, communities like ours continue to grow and thrive. And so that discussion, Matt Zone, who now leads thriving communities Institute was there and we talked a little bit about the inventory, they just completed a parcel by parcel inventory in Cleveland. And so looking at, it's not just one tactic, it's many tactics that all come together to improve the housing stock. So I appreciate you bringing that up. Perhaps at a future Housing Committee, we can look at that report again, and see how we did this. I think the sidewalk program was a direct out lay of that, sidewalks were one of the areas that were identified in many of you know, many of the parcels and so create, creating, creating a program to help residents get that funded, but so happy happy to talk more and happy to you know, we could share that with there's a number of new council members who maybe haven't seen that. So we'll make sure you guys get a copy of that.

Council President Mancuso

1:47:03

Thank you. Any other speakers? Seeing...

Resident – Richard Fiorelli

1:47:23

Richard Fiorelli, 758 E 232nd Street, the guy who? So years ago, Scott Meyer said, and I swear he actually said this. I need the teachers to teach, I need to preachers to preach and I need parents to be parents. And when he said it, I thought, well, that doesn't solve any of our immediate problems. So, I think we could all agree that we need some large strategic plans. I think, Mr. Woodmansi has suggested to address and I think everybody would agree that we're trying to do it. And then there's those immediate needs that everybody feels, so I wasn't Valedictorian. I was so low, they made me take an adult English class, so I could be accepted at the Cleveland Institute of Art. So I know what it's like to have to really start at the bottom, bottom, on probation and work your way up to the Victor Shreckingloss Award. So I know the two extremes. And I think the most valuable thing I learned was just sheer perseverance. You just stick with it. And thankfully, Dwayne left because I want to, I want to use him as a great example. I hope he didn't just step back in home. Great. I was

there at the original Red Ribbon Cutting contest, contests, no ceremony. And I think Mac Stevens was there. I think the Mayor was there, I, you know, the Development Director, Holiday probably was there back then. And Allison was there. And Dwayne represents the small businessman in Euclid is really giving his honest goal of it. And he's he's had the glass shattered on his on his front door, and he would he's the one that gets it replaced immediately. And I can't, I can't speak highly enough of like, he's the literally the little guy who's just struggling day to day to make ends meet. And I won't go into any of the specifics of health problems, but you say that he had a medical leave of absence for a while now. And it was another gentleman who stepped up to work voluntarily to keep the shop open for two afternoons a week, which is, which is just outstanding, I mean, speaks highly of perseverance and a willingness to you know, like, let's make it happen. And so, you know, you know, I believe in the small gestures. So did I get the first name correct? I think so. So this is the calling card, you walk into his shop anytime in the next year. This is what you hand them. And you'll make my day.

Council President Mancuso

1:50:19

Thank you, Sir. Next speaker. Seeing none, we will then go to the **Council Comments**. And we're going to begin with Councilman Wojtila.

Councilman Wojtila

1:50:38

Thank you, Madam Chair. I'd like to make a few comments. One piggybacking and Director Stevens comments about the pool, it is open, it is clean, clear, and the water is very warm, much warmer than the air temperature this morning. So I'd encourage everybody to get out and use their pool, but also like to take the time to acknowledge resident of ward 6 sent us all an email, including the Mayor about the fire department and how they went above and beyond the their duties. And she was extremely grateful. I just realized today looking at that, she didn't copy the fire department so I'll forward it to you. But I'd like to, since she took the time to acknowledge the fire department, I'd like to do the same and particularly acknowledge firefighters time Calum and Joe for the work that they did with this Ward 6 resident. She's very grateful. And just another example of how great both the police and fire are here in Euclid. Mayor, I sent you an email last night along with the Assistant Law Director Rubadue and I don't know if we talked about this last year, but the whole idea of the nuisance violations, making the fireworks of blowing off the fireworks igniting fireworks. shooting guns is already a nuisance. But can we just say that if they get one observed, recognize or what's the word we use the verified firework event or shooting a gun event that that that then becomes a nuisance property and then that becomes automatically defined. I think if we can do something that makes it requires legislation, I'd like to work towards that. And then we

can broadcast that as well. But people will get fined. And it's I think it would be I don't want to say simple but easier than maybe the typical process for penalties for people flying. Igniting fireworks. So I don't know, your sister ever do have any comments on that I'd be interested in hearing them.

Council President Mancuso

1:52:54

Thank you, Councilman Steele.

Assistant Law Director Rubadue

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Thank you, Madam Chair, with regard to the nuisance ordinances as council is aware, currently we have to, if you have two or more nuisance activities that are verified, and typically verified by the police, then you get there is a letter sent to the owner of the property indicating that it is a declared nuisance property. And then therefore any additional activity that is also verified by police will become a fine and it begins at \$250. And it goes up from there. We do have an assistant prosecutor who reviews these on a monthly basis and puts things on the watch list or on the nuisance list after they've been declared. The only other time that it is a one incident is if there is a felony drug activity, that's the current code. So we could definitely look into it. The problem with something like fireworks and I think there's some frustration in the community is that it is very hard to have a police verify who is actually setting up off the fireworks. So if a neighbor calls because of the complaint, they call the police, they give a general area or a house that it's happening. Once the police arrive, they do not necessarily observe that activity. And the this cannot be verified by a neighbor. It has to be verified by a police officer and documented in a police report etc. So yes, we could definitely look into modifying our nuisance ordinances. But with all activity, the loud music is another example of complaints that we receive. And it's very hard to have it verified because by the time the police get there, two, three minutes later, a lot of times the music's turned down or they do not independently observe that so yes, we're happy to look into that, but I would caution we would probably want to be consistent because one for this two for that, it gets a little little bit complicated, but we could definitely do do that and look into that.

Council President Mancuso

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I'm sure Councilman Wojtila would be happy to work on that with you. Councilwoman Steele.

Councilwoman Steele

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Thank you, Madam Chair. And I wanted to just say congratulations to our, the Valedictorians, Valedictorians and Salutatorians and all of our graduates. It is hard. Just pushing through, you know, our young people, they go through a lot of stress or in school when, and I know this, I see it, I hear it. So congratulations to you did it. Also, I want to push forward with the idea that I've been trying to push out to the community to my residents in Ward 8. I've been trying to get this street delegate program together. And it's exactly what some of you have been talking about. We have we have people come into our community, they come from different parts, they may not come from Ohio, they may come from out of state, they don't know the ordinances, they don't know the rules and regulations of our city. And then they'll they'll do things like not pick up their trash or have their dogs out on, you know, not leashed, or let them use the restroom, in someone else's grass or in their own and not pick up. We have clear ordinances in our city. And with the program that I've been trying to push is that I'm not asking people to be how can I say it, the police, but just give a friendly reminder, hey, you're new in this neighborhood, here's a packet, here's all the ordinances. Here's all the ordinances because a lot of people just don't know. And sometimes it's a little scary, I get it. Some people are not welcoming. I get it. But in order for us to be a community, a community, a community, we must stand together and work together. Whether we like it or not as I hear our residents come up here and say, oh, we need you to be a leader. We need you to push for it. But we can't do it by ourselves. Look at look around. There's only like, what, 15 people in here? Why is that? We have these meetings? How many times? Twice a month? Twice a month? No. We have the same people come in every single week. I mean, every time we have the meetings they're telling, they're televised. The squeaky wheel gets the oil. If you don't come, don't complain. I'm sorry, I'm being real rough right now. I'm being Angela. Don't complain. Don't complain when something happens. You have the opportunity to come in here and and have your voice heard. But you're not here. You're absent. And that's all I have to say. Have a good evening, everyone.

Councilman Tanner

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Thank you, Madam Chair. I wanted to thank everyone that came to our former councilwoman Caviness' street signing ceremony. I appreciate that very much. Also want to state that we sit here up here as council and sit up here as city elected officials, yet at the same time, we owe it to you as residents, you bring us problems, you come and and voice what is your concerns. And I will be the first one to tell you that we're like screw screw. We're holding that piece there. But it's not as tight as it should be. And it's up to all of us to tighten that screw up to help satisfy you when it comes to ordinances as far as dogs, landlords, whatever the problem is,

we need to listen to you. We need to tighten those rules up. We're supposed to be your representative. If we don't do that, then I should not be up here. And we all should not be up here. So it is up to us to listen to you, understand what you're saying. Understand that we're not always right up here. It's up to you to also judge us and let that's why you put us in these positions to tell us whether we right or wrong. And I'm stating to you that as far as I'm concerned that tell me I have no problem I understand the residents to say about dogs, I go out I work with with the people, I let them know, I don't have any problem walking up to someone and letting them know what the problems is. And all I'm saying is, is that our rules need to be stricter. You know, I understand, you want me to shoot 10 times, but only got a six shooter. So when I'm going back and asking the people that's in charge, give me more bullets. I need more bullets to do this job. Correct. And that means tightening up these rules that we already have. With that. Good night.

Council President Mancuso

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Thank you. Councilman Tolton.

Councilman Tolton

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Thank you, Madam Chair. I don't know if I want to follow that. Just real quick, Chief Meyer, you answered my question earlier. I was going to ask you about the OHP, which you said they're coming. In June this month, I believe you said they're going to be doing traffic control on some our main thoroughfare. So that's excellent. I do applaud you guys I've seen when I go to work in the morning, I see a traffic enforcement officer on E 222nd. Just about every day last week, stopping vehicles. So I appreciate that because they do fly up 222nd before we go on the freeway, and then they'll cut over from that one lane to try to jump over. And I also, you know, causes a lot of backup and things like that. So thank you for that. Director. Can I just a quick update on that fire hydrant replacement on 222nd? Is there any news on that?

Service Director Knecht

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Madam chair to the Councilman, I'll check with Cleveland water again and see where it's at on their schedule.

Councilman Tolton

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Okay, thank you, thank you. But I also want to congratulate all the graduates great job, and, you know, good luck in your future. And since

we're not going to be here, on the third Monday of this month, I would just want to say Happy June 10. And with that, goodnight.

Council President Mancuso

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Thank you. Councilman Epps.

Councilman Epps

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Thank you Chair. Just want to start by saying obviously, as my colleagues have congratulations to those graduates. And Councilman Steele, good for you for acknowledging all the graduates who were able to persevere through, they've had an interesting experience and start to high school with all the COVID changes and all these things. And so, kudos to the class of 2023, for sure. Great time and safe time had at the Memorial Day Parade this year, I always say our parade is a great opportunity to experience the real diversity in Euclid. And this year, again, was no disappointment as that diversity is on full display. I'm at our Memorial Day Parade. Also, congratulations again to Fred. It's bittersweet. His retirement. Definitely one of the good guys and I made sure I reached out to him personally to let him know that his service appreciate his service and his service will be missed in our police department. To the resident who mentioned the escrow accounts. That is something I heard you say it I'm like, Yes, I remember as a resident on that side of the room eight to 10 years ago, suggesting that as well. I think that is something that we need to look out or look into to figure out how we can implement that. I think at the time I was talking about only 10,000. And I think that that's still as appropriate. And so I would like to know if, when or how, if you could get back to me with that Law Director Rubadue, I'd appreciate it. And then I also wanted to and if someone could address this for me, as many folks know, I definitely had a Tec nine, poured out on myself, my children, my grandmother, and my great uncle. On last Thursday, we were all sitting out on the porch. I walked across the street, we were getting something from the house across the street at my house. And when we walked across the street, I guess the car that had just passed before we walked we stepped too closely to his vehicle. And me thinking oh, this person was know me. They roll by and they saw me so when they stopped just passed our house. We're like, we're like looking and waiting to see this car reverse back and they never reverse back. The driver got out and the drivers said, What's your effing problem? Or is there an FM problems? We said, I said I spoke up and said no, this is my house. The response after I say no, this is my house was, I don't care. You came extremely close to my car. And as he says that, the gentleman who was behind the driver's seat, got out of the car and swung around a Tec nine. And when he said that I was nervous because my grandmother mentioned out of her mouth, which as we all do, and the moral of the story is please be careful, folks. She's like, Oh my god, baby you have a

gun to this young man who looked all 14 years old. It definitely younger than my 16 and 17 year old who were standing there with me, and he was he was nervous, barely can handle this gun. And at that moment, I wanted to respond in upset, I didn't have a gun on me, I'm literally just crossing the street. I looked around, saw the individual standing there, threw my hands up and just said, my bad. And when I said that he got they got back in their car, and they pulled off, they proceeded to continue to ride by the house after that. And at that point, I called up police. Police responded in a timely manner, which I definitely appreciate it. I was nervous about that. But Police did respond in a timely manner. And the officer who came out was well tempered. And he was great, a great response to our call. But what he said to me was, it gave me great concern. And I think now that I understand this from talking to other officers that this is policy in Euclid, but we gave them clear descriptions on the kids, clear descriptions on the vehicles and his response to me was, this is aggravated menacing. And that is not a serious enough crime for us to even chase them if we were to spot these vehicles. To hear that, and I'm sure for residents as well who have heard this because the conversation would happen to me has happened has been going on over social media. It just makes you wonder when you hear about all the crime that's happening and in the shoulder shrugs and the hands thrown as if some of these policies aren't the reasons why our streets are so unsafe today, to hear an officer say that aggravated menacing, a young man could pull out a Tec nine on a neighborhood where there were kids playing everywhere, my dogs were in the yard. My, again, grandmother's sitting on the porch, and it was a lot going on. These kids didn't care about the car right in the middle of this, and you're telling me that because they're clearly riding around looking for trouble, the idea that there's nothing we can do in a situation like that, again, in the words of my colleague, Councilman Tanner, let us know we didn't need to do to give you more bullets, because after having conversations with further or other members in our police department as well, this is a huge issue. And our officers are not happy about these policies. So if somebody could please explain that I know other communities have it. So please don't lead with that. But if somebody can explain how that correlates with what we are dealing with here in Euclid, and how that's an effective policy, I definitely would appreciate it. Thank you.

Police Chief Meyer

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Yes, I can answer that. When I started, we chased until the wheels came off. That's what we did. But it was law and order and this county supported that. They don't. I feel that we put our officers in a position there criminally indicting officers, for chases that lead to accidents where people are injured or killed. They just don't, we just don't feel that we have the support for it. We paid some substantial lawsuits, basically acting as the insurance company for felons that we were chasing, where they ran into cars, we didn't hit the car, and we ended up paying huge six

figure a settlements on that. I am fully in support of this council. If everybody, I want full support, is going to encourage us to do that understanding that there will be complaints that will come, there will be scrutiny from the media, and we'll open ourselves up to additional lawsuits. I absolutely, as long as I have full support full understanding, and the officers understand that, will go forward.

Councilman Epps

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Thank you for that, Chief. I appreciate that.

Councilman Jarosz

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Thank you, Madam Chair. Since it was mentioned, with Dwayne and Bananas for Bikes, I will say while he was on medical leave, I had a bike issue I had, I thought I had one problem with my bike and I had an idea of what it costs or what it would cost me. So I could up to as the guy who was helping him out great guy goes, well, you also need this, then you need this. And then you need this. And I would recommend you change this. And I go okay, and it was still less than what I thought my original price was. So it couldn't have been a better service. Just a really cool place. If you ever have a chance, check out the Banana's for Bikes. Just I just need to walk around check it out. So congratulations, our first time up there but definitely won't be our last with all valedictorian. So the torrents we saw today to congratulate my own son graduated from VASJ as well, he wasn't valedictorian, salutatorian and missed it by this much. And actually that much. But he did, you know, we're very we're very proud. We're very proud of him. And just want to mention the 200 Street stroll again. I was out of town. I was out of town, both Memorial Day parade as well as the 200 St Stroll. But a few council meetings ago I mentioned the concept of just one person making a really big difference. I think Sherry Zegoric and what they do with the 200 Street Stroll is exactly a perfect example of that. Because let's be frank, that would not exist without for her. It only exists because she wills it to be. And she's out there all the time, knocking on doors. And I think that's great. Another thing I've been seeing recently, specifically in Ward 4, I'm sure it's happening elsewhere. But I've probably counted four or five residents, I don't know who they are just walking either down Lake Shore, up 200 Street, 185th just picking up trash, just on their own, just walking around picking it up. So to those folks out there, should you happen to be watching. Thank you very much that is part of that and community engagement that you're not going to, you're not going to get a resolution for it. You know, no, no one's cutting any money. No grants. But that makes a profound difference and is exactly what is needed and something we should foster at every turn. I believe that, oh, you know, the old Dairy Queen on 200 street is no longer a Dairy Queen, but as a Euclid treats. I don't know who owns it if it's the same people or not, but

man, they have a great staff are very friendly, young kids. And it's, it's, it's great. So please check that out. It's not a Dairy Queen anymore, just as good and a lot cheaper. For So congratulations to Euclid Treats, looks great. And with that, stay safe, I guess. Yeah, I think those the Chiefs comments, we take that very seriously. And I think this is a council that is 100% ready to act on that. And in some regard.

Police Chief Meyer

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If I could address that further, our pursuit policy allows us to pursue with with supervisor input and monitoring felons, felonies, violent felonies. That type of incident, by most supervisors would be allowed to go to a certain point, basically, in a pursuit, you're constantly balancing the need to apprehend the offender against the danger of killing innocent third parties, or the officer being injured. So it is a case by case basis. I know everybody wants a checklist and everything. You're asking the officers to do the most complicated job in the world with checklists, I can't, it's there. There are nuances. There are dynamics of situations that become very difficult. But we did restrict it in in in response to huge lawsuits to the political environment that exists, particularly in Cuyahoga County, I do see that starting to turn, I really do people are just fed up, I'm fed up. I've told you 1000 times, I like law and order. I believe in rule of law. This this touchy feely stuff that we're getting into, I don't have any use for it. Basically, I want our officers to do two things. I want them to find a way to connect with community. I want to use them to use their their humaneness to connect so that they they build the trust in those relationships with the communities, the community will then support support them. I also want them going out and proactively and aggressively addressing our crime control issues. Will that bring bring complaints? Yes. Will that bring accusations of race and other issues? I'm sure that it will. I need to point out that by this time, last year, we had six homicides, six, we've had zero, some of our other crime numbers are down. And I understand we're going to commission whatever they're going to look at. What do I think the biggest issue is, we have been hammering gun seizures, we have a unit that's dedicated to this. I believe in in the community policing and the things we do. I also believe in going out and putting the bad guys in jail. We don't have a lot of jail space for it. But I believe in that, and I'm just very happy to see that we're, we're returning to that. I'm gonna make no mistake, this is a lawn order Chief. And I don't care. I'll say it and I'll say it any day of the week. So I just wanted to make that clear.

Councilman Jarosz

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No, I would. Since my time, so running, I will say you know, I've been part of those some of those settlements. And when you kind of get the reality of what happened, it's shocking that the best course of legal action was to

cut those checks. So I agree with you 100%. And absolutely the most difficult job there's there is right now, we have a combination of simultaneously asking our police officers to do more and do less, it seems at times and it's extremely difficult. And I think not only can this council speak in one voice on these issues, but it may make sense for us to speak to the County in one voice on these issues. And maybe next I've compiled quite a bit of data out there in terms of the thinking behind some of these practices, and maybe it's maybe it's worth shining a light on that a little bit and just some of the results and that are coming of how many innocent people are being hurt and harmed and maimed because of somebody's political motivations at times that you see at certain levels where, and we'll talk about it more, but I think it's absolutely a county issue, of course, and we shouldn't stand for it. And I think it's time for us to start speaking up. I've mentioned that before in the past, where I think part of the problem is, everybody's one big party runs everything. So everybody's everybody's friend. And go, but I think there's an accountability because good people, honest, hardworking people are being hurt. For other people's sense of self righteousness, I would say. So I'll go on with. That's it for me. Thank you.

Council President Mancuso

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Councilwoman Hannum.

Councilwoman Hannum

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Thank you, Madam Chair. Congratulations to the graduates. And I would also like to invite Ward 5 as having a meeting on Saturday, January, June 10, at 10am at the Atlas theater right there on Lake Shore. So, you know, stop by come in, we'll talk a little bit about what the rec department has going on. A little bit about community policing. And we'll also discuss the special improvement district and you know, we'll have time for questions at the end for the residents. So I'm really looking forward to it. We've got a great location. And I'm excited to be holding my first board meeting. So I hope to see everybody out there. This Saturday at 10am. Thanks.

Council President Mancuso

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Thank you. I would just like to ask our all of council to look at the dates of July 10 or July 12. As I'm going to try to hold an E & F meeting. We've had some movement on a project that has been around forever Celebration Village. And their thoughts about wanting to move forward. There have been multiple changes on our council. And I don't think it's fair to anybody here to just bring it back to council I think they need to come. And once again, tell us what they're doing what they want to be

doing, what we've been through and take it from there. So the first dates I'm not even looking at June because June is like jam packed for everybody. But I am looking at the dates July 10 or 12th. So if you would get ahold of Cheryl and let her know if you're available on either of those dates. I would appreciate it. And with that if there's nothing else before this group, I will ask for a motion to adjourn. So moved by Councilman Tanner second by Councilman Epps. We are adjourned.



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