

COUNCIL MINUTES
APRIL 5, 1999

The regular Council Meeting was held on Monday, April 5, 1999 at 7 PM in the Euclid City Hall Council Chambers. President Cervenik presided.

Members Present: Dallos, Farrell, Holzheimer Gail, Gallagher, Korosec, McGarry, Miller, Vadnal, Cervenik.

Others Present: Mayor Oyaski, Fire Chief Dworning, Police Chief Baumgart, Finance Director Balazs, Service Director DiNero, Parks & Recreation Director DeMinico, Law Director Murphy, Asst. Service Director Gulich, Asst. CS&ED Director Gliha, Building Commissioner Apanasewicz, Zoning Commissioner Hayes, Sgt.-at-Arms Stankus, Clerk of Council Cahill.

Liquor Permits

Councilman Korosec moved to receive and approve a D5 stock transfer liquor permit for Sherwood Associates, D.b.a. Sherwood Lounge at 21181 Euclid Avenue, 1st floor. Councilman Gallagher seconded.

Roll Call: Yeas: Dallos, Farrell, Holzheimer Gail, Gallagher, Korosec, McGarry, Miller, Vadnal, Cervenik.
Approved.

Councilwoman McGarry moved to receive and approve a D1, D2, D6 stock transfers liquor permit for C&C Beverage, Inc., D.b.a. Stevensons Bar & Beverage at 23749 Lake Shore Boulevard. Councilwoman Miller seconded.

Roll Call: Yeas: Dallos, Farrell, Holzheimer Gail, Gallagher, Korosec, McGarry, Miller, Vadnal, Cervenik.
Approved.

Communications

A letter from resident Helen Conger regarding saving of the tennis courts at Memorial Park, and response from Mayor Oyaski.

The Cuyahoga County League of Women Voters 1997-1999 study on the Impact of Transportation Policy on Outmigration in Cuyahoga County.

A letter from State Representative Ed Jerse thanking Council for Res. 47-1999, opposing Megan's Law.

A letter to Mayor Oyaski from the Board of County Commissioners regarding a location for a new jail facility.

A summary of legislation on tonight's agenda from Law Director Murphy.

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Councilwoman Miller moved to receive and approve the Council Minutes of March 15, 1999. Councilman Vadnal seconded. Yeas: Unanimous.

Administration Reports & Communications

Mayor Oyaski – Good evening and I hope everyone had a Happy Easter and a Happy Passover celebration. We have a number of reports and presentations, Mr. Chairman. I'd like to start first with the Law Director who wants to brief the Council on the Charter Review Commission Meeting.

Director Murphy – I think I sent you all correspondence already. It's just a reminder since the meeting is this week, Thursday night at 7:00 in these chambers. The City's duly appointed Charter Review Commission will be meeting and will be discussing specifically Article 2 of the Charter with respect to slot elections and term limits. In particular, the at-large Councilpeople are invited by the Commission to come and express their opinions, if you have any on slot elections in particular and generally any other elected official is welcome to come and discuss the topic of term limits or even the topic of slot elections, as are any members of the general public. Thank you.

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Mayor Oyaski – Mr. DeMinico, the Recreation Director has a special announcement regarding a program on Saturday, April 10th.

Director DeMinico – The Parks and Recreation Department is excited to announce the opening of the Admirals Club, this Saturday, April 10th. We are going to kick off the afternoon with a concert at 4:00 in the Centre gymnasium. A ribbon cutting ceremony will take place at 7:00 that evening. Everything is falling into place. It should be a real neat place for the kids to hang out at. We are inviting everybody to participate that day. Thanks.

Mayor Oyaski – The Fire Chief has received some computer-generated drawings regarding the new station #2 on Chardon Road. We have scheduled an Architectural Review Board Meeting for Thursday, April 22nd at 7:00 in these chambers. The Council is clearly invited to that and I would ask Chief Dworring to briefly describe the concept as it exists today.

Chief Dworring – These drawings are probably difficult to see for the members of the audience, but we received these, they are computer-generated drawings from Architectural Resources. To be honest with you, we are very pleased with the exterior design of this building. This was based on input by a lot of people, myself, our community as well as Mayor Oyaski and Council President Cervenik. And equally important, the interior design concept for this building is just as well as the exterior design concept. The functionality of this station is exactly what we are looking for. I'd like to pass these around. What you can do is pretty much take a walk around the building, starting with the northeast corner of the building and that would be looking at Chardon Road. And, you walk around down to the southeast corner, which would be headed towards the car lot, which would be on this side of the building. Continuing our tour, we walk around to the rear of the building, we would be in this portion of the drawing. Finally we go around to which would be the northwest side of the building, which would be where that playground area is, this is pretty much the crew's portion of the building with the dormitories in the rear and the kitchen and functionality on this side of the building. I am pleased with Architectural Resources and what they have done with this design concept, trying to get a flavor of some of the old historical types of things that years ago the arches and dental work and that type of thing, and try and blend that in with some type of modern facility. As the Mayor said, we are having an ARB Meeting on April 22nd. From there hopefully we can break ground.

Mayor Oyaski – Thank you Chief Dworring. On March 21st there was a wonderful celebration at the Slovenian Home on St. Clair in the old neighborhood by St. Vitas. We have a number of the award winners here tonight and I would like to present them copies of the resolutions.

Mayor Oyaski presented Emilee Jenko with Resolution No. 72-1999.

Mayor Oyaski presented Patricia Ann Ipavec-Clarke with Resolution No. 71-1999.

Mayor Oyaski presented Harry Bruhle with Resolution No. 73-1999.

Mayor Oyaski presented Stanley Erzen with Resolution No. 70-1999.

Mayor Oyaski presented Patricia Ann Ipavec-Clarke with a Proclamation honoring the Slovenian National Home in Cleveland for 75 years of service.

Mayor Oyaski and Police Chief Baumgart presented Catherine David with Resolution No. 75-1999.

Mayor Oyaski presented the 1999 Villa Angela-St. Joseph Lady Viking Basketball Team with Resolution No. 74-1999.

Reports & Committee Minutes

Councilwoman Miller moved to accept the 1998 Annual Police Report; February, 1999 Police Report; February, 1999 Fire Report; Charter Review Commission Minutes of 2/11/99; Planning & Zoning Minutes of 2/17/99; Board of Control Minutes of 3/8/99, 3/15/99 & 3/22/99.

Councilman Vadnal seconded. Yeas: Unanimous.

Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail moved to add Res. No. (462-99) in Memoriam of Lester Hertz. Councilman Dallos seconded.

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Roll Call: Yeas: Dallos, Farrell, Holzheimer Gail, Gallagher, Korosec, McGarry, Miller, Vadnal, Cervenik.
Added to Agenda.

Councilwoman Miller moved to move Item #16 on the Agenda, Res. No. (444-99) up to Item #1 on the agenda. Councilwoman McGarry seconded. Yeas: Unanimous.

Councilman Farrell moved to go into Committee of the Whole. Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail seconded.

Committee of the Whole

Dorothy Fike – 20271 Delaware Rd. I have several questions. #2, the fire station, have we ever had a legal description of it, and if not, I would like a copy please. #3, the lease agreement with the Henn, Friends of the Henn Mansion, I thought there was going to be some amendments or changes to it, yet I see, according to this it is the same lease has been extended. I would like to know at some time more about that, why some of the changes that were talked about over the past year have not been instituted. I want #4 on the fingerprints, I thought we already had one approved with the State. I want to know if this is the same, if it is different, what is different if it's different. #10, what is armor stone revetment adjacent to Lake Erie between north of the Clubhouse. I would like to know more about that.

I'd also now like to speak in support of since you changed it to #1, I had it for #16. I urge the Council members to support the resolution in support of Issue 4, the \$6.9 mil school levy. It is very important for Euclid to have this levy approved. We need to have young families with children move into Euclid and they want excellent schools. The Euclid schools have been economizing in many ways. For example, collective purchasing which is similar to what the City does through the State purchasing agreement. They have delayed textbook purchases and in order to have students prepared for today's society, they must have current, up to date textbooks. The administration is doing an excellent job of eliminating non-district students. If anyone here tonight, either on the Council or in the public, or anyone watching Channel 51 knows of anyone who is a non-residents who might be attending Euclid schools, please call the Board of Education because they are trying to get that all in order. Euclid school employees recently accepted very minimal salary increases and our teachers are the fifth lowest paid in the 31 districts in the county. Euclid student proficiency test scores are up an average of 25%. By addressing the weaknesses, the schools have instituted remedial and intervention programs. They also are assisting students at the third grade level to intervene early, as necessary as students prepare to take the 4th grade proficiency test the next school year. These students are the first group that must pass the test before being promoted to the next grade, which is very important. Revenue from property taxes has not increased since 1992. The revenue from this State is constantly changing and you know right now is in a state of indecision. This school levy is an investment in the future. My five daughters all received an excellent education at Euclid Schools. I want the Euclid children of today and tomorrow to have the same kind of education my children were fortunate enough to have. So, again, I ask you to support the school levy. Thank you.

Florence Humphry – Hillcrest Drive. The young man with me, I'm proud is also a resident of Euclid Villas. Thank you for this opportunity to speak. The Council has a chance tonight to call attention to the importance of community spirit by naming the mini park at Grand Blvd. and Buena Vista Dr. for the Evans family. Why the Evans family?

Many years ago, a young English boy quit school at 14 to start working, saving money to pay for his passage to the United States. It took that young man, Jay Leonard Evans 12 years to earn enough money to pay for his passage. In 1913 he arrived in Euclid Village to reside with his cousins on Dille Rd., the Hutchinsons. That young man became a dynamic force in Euclid. He is associated with Euclid Crane and Hoist, Eureka Electric Company, which became Euclid Electric Company, his signature company, Euclid Road and the Armington family.

That young man helped found the Euclid Kiwanis Club, was the first president in 1928. He was a member of the Euclid School Board back in Depression Days for 10 years. It is not solely for his financial successes the merit naming, honoring him, naming the park after the Evans family, but his community spirit and the contributions to Euclid. His daughter, Evelyn Kubach furthered that commitment to Euclid when she founded a \$1 million scholarship in their name, her parents, Jay Leonard and Gladys Evans at Ohio Wesleyan University, strictly for Euclid graduates. We hope that we will have Euclid students taking advantage of that \$1 million for years and years to come.

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Mrs. Humphry - Leonard and his wife were among the first families to plant their roots in the new Euclid Villas subdivision in the 1920's. Their contribution to the character of the area was great. They moved into their home in 1926 at 1900 Grand Blvd. He took advantage of the vacant adjoining lot, having it cleared and a croquet court laid out. Hilltop residents, neighbors were urged to participate in nightly games of croquet. His biography states that if a game lasted until dark, he would turn his automobile facing the court with the lights on and illuminate the game. That lot was offered at Sheriff's sale due to unpaid property taxes. Mrs. Evans secured the property with \$50. The Second World War brought new and many families to the hilltop and the neighborhood continued to congregate at the site for recreation and social.

Euclid Electric and Manufacturing, his company, had prospered through the war years and moved to new large quarters in Madison, Ohio in 1947. Following the graduation of their only child from Euclid Central High School in ...

President Cervenik - You only have 30 seconds to finish.

Mrs. Humphry - Oh, this is Joe and he's the one who is going to carry the torch for us and keep Euclid Villa's Association going strong and keeping us all enjoying sociability and one to another. Joe, would you say one word.

Joe Vislocky - 1805 Pinehurst Dr. I've been a Euclid resident for 33 years. I am the acting president of the new Euclid Villa's Association as we try to rejuvenate the association. All I'd like to do at this time is encourage you to support this motion and to help us dedicate this park to someone who has done a great deal for the residents of Euclid and the Euclid students. Thank you.

Joseph Udovic - 21371 Naumann. A question about #5, on this automated teller that's going to go in the Municipal Lobby. I just left Lakeland College to register for some classes. I noticed they have a teller and they've got some security. What type of security procedures or cameras will be around the teller machine? I know criminals are very bold and brazen in the 1990's into the year 2000. I would like to see it be in a more safer location so someone does not get held up at that teller machine.

On #13, the way I see it is, there's a lot more people in the City of Euclid who deserve that name. Judge Niccum, for one, has done a lot for our community. I know when I was younger, I heard everybody say "stick 'em Niccum", but I know that, I don't see why we could not name the park after him, Louis Stokes, there's a lot more I think, people who deserve the name of the park.

As far as #16 goes, I am against the levy, I'll be honest. A number of years ago I was told by the School Board that they will be closing some of the schools down to save us some money. Two years during the election I talked, at Roosevelt, I talked to a couple of the board members. They could not answer me one basic question, what happened to the money when the schools were closed that they were supposed to save? Nobody came up with a good answer of what they did with the money. That's why I'm against the levy. If someone can answer that question, then I'd reconsider. Thank you.

Anthony Fodi - President Euclid Chamber of Commerce. For the past few months, the Chamber, through its legislative committee has been researching the upcoming school levy. At our last meeting, they voted unanimously in support of the school levy. We think that it's an important part of this community and it's a much-needed levy for the students and for the long-term growth of our businesses. We would urge Council to support the levy as well. Thank you.

Ron Seymour - Principal, Euclid High School. I knew about the meeting this evening and I just was thinking back. I had four children who finished 12 years each at the public schools in Euclid. They graduated in the late '80's. At that time I knew that there were many neighbors who were contributing and investing their hard-earned cash into the Euclid Public Schools. I was grateful at that time. Now, as we prepare for the new millennium, I'm hoping that some of these same taxpayers, many of the same taxpayers, and many of the new taxpayers can see their way to invest in or continue to invest even more in the schools. I know it's a difficult thing to give up cash for taxes. I certainly hope that the elected leaders here in our community will support the levy tonight with their vote so that the people can follow them in the direction that we would like to go. Thank you very much.

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Courtney Holzheimer – I'm here to speak on behalf of the school levy and urge all of you to support the school levy as well. I am a mother with three young children, two of whom, are in the Euclid schools at Lincoln and receiving a wonderful learning opportunity, wonderful experiences there. I hope to have my third child also attend there and learn in such a supportive, diverse environment as my older two are in. I am also a member of our community, a voter, a professional, a taxpayer who certainly doesn't love to pay taxes. Nobody does, but I think it's important to maintain Euclid as a wonderful community for all. Finally, I am a member of this generation who would very much like to see future generations enjoy a high quality of life. One way for all of us to ensure meeting this goal is to continue our support of the public schools which educate so many of our children. I am sure most of us can think of a good reason to show our support of Euclid's children by voting for the School levy on May 4th. Many of us are parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, neighbors, friends of a child benefiting from this school system. I hope that those who support our children in our schools will remember to vote on May 4th. Thank you.

Allison Smith – 115 East 208 St. I'm not much of a public speaker so I'll keep it simple. Based on the property value of my home, an increase in the property tax I would pay is probably equal to the cost of a Nintendo 64 system. I think it's a better use of my money to invest in Euclid Public Schools. I hope you'll agree and vote for the levy on May 4th. Thank you.

Jill Russell – 131 East 194 St. I grew up in Euclid. I attended Euclid High School. I believe in Euclid. I lived in Michigan for 9 years and when I moved back with my husband and son we chose to live in Euclid and give our son the same opportunities I had growing up here. I'm not here to sell you on Euclid. We wouldn't be here if we didn't believe in Euclid. But, just believing in Euclid isn't going to pass the school levy. I'm currently a college recruiter, I recruit high school students to go to college to further their education. If the levy does not pass we will be unable to give our future Euclid students the opportunities and challenges they have today of learning, if programs become unavailable. How will be able to challenge their potential and prepare these students for their future if the levy does not pass? Euclid students are going to be some of our future leaders and they deserve a quality education and a strong community. Our community is as good as our schools. We believe in our community, why not show our belief in our schools and vote yes for the levy in May. Thank you.

Tony Granito – This is Ms. Jane Mast and this is Ms. Dawn Durnik. We are here on behalf of the 5000 or so, students of the Euclid City Schools. We are also fifth and sixth grade teachers over at Forest Park Elementary school and in addition to that, the three of us have had the benefit of a Euclid City School education. All of us have lived here our entire lives and we are here to ask the support of the City and all of the citizens for the Euclid City School levy, which is coming up on the next election. Thank you.

Carol Beasley – 1830 Sagamore. We are here this evening to show our support for the tax levy for the support of the Euclid City Schools. We are asking Council to support the tax levy. My children are currently in Euclid City Schools and they so far have been very fortunate to have had enthusiastic teachers who have made learning fun. With the passing of the levy, it will continue to be able to hire teachers who are enthusiastic, teachers who want to stay in the school district, not just use this as a one-year, get a little under my belt, and move on district. Also, when I moved to Euclid from St. Louis, Missouri, because my husband's job relocated us here, that we moved to Ohio, we had to find what school district was an A school district to make a decision as to where we would buy a home. When we moved in, Euclid City Schools met that requirement. I want to make sure that my children are able to continue to live in and go to school in the same area. I would hate to have to now pay an increase in taxes but have them go to another school or pay taxes and them not be able to go to the school system in which we live. When we look at the schools, the schools are in need of new books, we also need to make sure that the classrooms are not overcrowded so that the children will benefit from a smaller classroom. As a lot of our classroom teachers have more than one teacher can handle at any time. We also hope that everyone understands that a few cents, on lady mentioned earlier, that few cents wont hurt that much. Yes, it will be an increase, but it won't hurt that much. As we had here earlier, people who were honored earlier this evening, they were proud to say that they were Euclid School graduates. This is a wonderful community. It's a great place to have our children grow up in. I just hope that everyone understands there are things that maybe didn't go right previously about schools closing, but this is a new group.

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Mrs. Beasley - This is a new time. We have to move with the future so that our children can one day, in about 20 years, maybe sit here and say I'm a proud Euclid City graduate. Thank you.

Donna Sudar - 19420 S. Lake Shore Blvd. I've been a resident of Euclid for 15 years and I feel privileged to live in a community which provides my family with excellent services, a safe and strong neighborhood, as well as a neighborhood association that's been around since 1928, a recreation department that is bigger and better than ever, and not to mention the luxury of living next door to a truly great lake. I also am the mother of 4 children, one attends 6th grade at Forest Park, another 3rd grade at Lincoln and one day a week goes to Thomas Jefferson for the ACE program. I also have a daughter who is hearing impaired and attends Upson for the Tots program. I've been president of Lincoln PTA for three years and will continue for one more year in 1999-2000. I've also been involved in Forest Park PTA and PTA Council. From my experiences as a parent and from my involvement in PTA I have developed a very strong involvement and belief in the potential of Euclid City Schools. One day I was sitting at a McDonald's with my four children when a school bus pulled up. Written on the side of the bus were the words, "a community is known for the schools that it keeps." From that day on, it became clear to me how simple the importance of good schools are to a community and how important it is for us all to support our schools to ensure that our community has a bright future. Our community needs to be known for the schools that it keeps. Thank you.

Jack Fraier - 235 Greenbriar. I have comments on two items on the agenda. First, Item #13, the renaming of the little park on Buena Vista Drive to Evan Park, I certainly second Florence Humphrey's desire to have that change made. She called this little park to my attention last week. I went up to visit it and my goodness what a thrill. There in the corner of that park is a Moses Cleveland tree. A Moses Cleveland tree is a tree that was living here back in 1796. Just looking at the trunk of that tree, that tree is born well before 1796, it may go back to 1732, the year of George Washington's birth. What a wonderful living link we have to our past in that park. The tree, however, does need some attention. Some fertilizing, some pruning, some cabling. It would be a tragedy if a branch should fall from that tree and strike a child or an adult or even a candidate for public office. Let's take care of that.

Of course I do support Issue #4 that's coming up on the levy May 4th, the school levy. As a retired teacher, I do know how important it is to have this done. I began my teaching career 50 years ago, I spent most of my career in the Cleveland Heights, University Heights district, a district with a top-notch salary schedule. The district I began in, had a very poor schedule. When I was teaching, the fellow teachers around me said when you have a chance get out. I was greatly concerned to see how low the schedule salary has slumped in Euclid. There is a real threat. This could be a place to start but no place to stay. The foundation of any school district is the teachers who stay with it. Thank you.

Dr. Ralph Lori - I am a retired pediatrician who started 80 years ago in education. I was four years of age when I went to school. I've been in the Euclid School System off and on in many different ways. I would not like to offer many statistics because you've had plenty. I would like this Council to study how many Euclid graduates go to college and how many were there because of their athletic and scholastic abilities. I think you would be very surprised, it is phenomenal. Maybe the principal could tell us some of those figures. Next I would sense there is something the matter when we test children in the fourth grade for a proficiency test when the variations in their background are so dissimilar. Some people have computers in their homes, some people don't even have a book in their home. How can a fourth grader with some varied background, take a proficiency test and have anything effective come out of it? I would like this council also as a City group study proficiency tests and object to them even on a state and national level. I think many teachers would be able to back that statement up.

Now then, the third I would like to make is we are in inflation whether we like it or not. Every year we have inflation of 1 or 2%. In five years, it's almost 10%. Think of the amount of learning that has happened in that same percentage way with inflation in learning. At this point it is very obvious we should have this Council support the school levy. I would do this, I would challenge this Council for any meetings that they attend to persistently sell and continue to sell this school levy. Thank you.

Ken Ferlito - 151 East 214 St. I also teach at Euclid High School and at Roosevelt Elementary School. I am here to speak on behalf of my wife, Annie Ferlito and our three children. My wife is also a teacher in the Orange Schools. This is about our children. Sometimes I think we forget that.

Mr. Ferlito - If you watch on the days when it's nice out and you see these children outside playing, these are the people that are benefited by this levy. There are numerous young children in this City that deserve an excellent education that Euclid does offer. But, funding does need to be there to support this kind of education. If this levy doesn't pass, that funding is not going to be there. It's been years since we've passed a levy and it's time for us to do it again.

Unfortunately, our state requires us to do our funding for education in this manner. Every three to five years a school district needs to come back to ask for funds to keep an excellent education going. We trust our schools. My one son is in first grade at Lincoln and my daughter will be attending there next year. Hopefully in about 5 years my youngest son will be attending there also.

Our kids come prepared to learn and the teachers are working hard to meet their needs. We are deeply impressed with what is happening in our schools. Holding standards for ourselves is a good thing. We need to have pride in Euclid and in Euclid Schools. We need to talk positively about ourselves. There are many people out there that think the vote is going down and I have a hard time believing that.

I also had the pleasure to direct the musical here at Euclid. This last year we just did the "Wizard of Oz," with sell-out crowds. I mean over 1500 people at each of the shows. That's never happened at Euclid before. I can't believe a ship is going down when people are attending musicals and the arts and one of those same nights we had another 4000 people over watching the Shaw-Euclid game. That same night, happening here in Euclid. That is a great thing to keep happening here in Euclid. I think people forget it. They talk about the good old days. We're living in them. We are living in the good old days right now. Sell-out crowds, even on the same night as a sport event, in Euclid. It used to be just sports they thought. Something good is happening here and we need to talk about it. We need to support it. We need to show our children that we really do care about them. They are the greatest asset we have here in Euclid. They truly are.

We have great students. This past year we involved elementary students in our Big Show. We had over 150 come and audition for 20 spots. People want to be here. But, we have got to keep them. As the one lady before me spoke, I want teachers to come to this district to want to stay here, not use us as a stepping stone. Not use us because of our past reputation, I want teachers who want to come here and teach my children and love my children and have a passion for my children. If we don't give the salaries that the area districts are doing, how can we keep them? Also, with the shortage of teachers, we are going to end up with the crap. We are going to end up with the bad ones, we are going to end up with the ones that don't care about teaching, they are in it because that's what they started out for in college. I want teachers who want to stay. I want teachers who love their profession and are willing to put in the extra hours because the district pays a good salary. I beg you to support our levy and support our children.

Janelle Daugherty - 121 East 200 St. Just a little of my background includes a Bachelor's degree from Ohio State University of which my husband, who was a Euclid High School graduate, has a degree from Ohio State. My business background includes selling residential and commercial properties and banking. This issue is not only a school levy issue, it's a property value issue. If we do not support the base of a strong community, our public school system, we cannot move forward as a community. If the quality of a public school system diminishes, so does the image of the city. New people won't move in and residents will move to a city where there are quality schools. While parochial schools enhance a community, the quality of the public schools is what perspective homeowners base their decision on when choosing a city in which to live. We must remember that in the past there was a much larger business tax base that supported the schools. This is not the case today. The closure of PMX and Kaufmanns alone is a loss of \$350,000 per year. The devaluation of Euclid Square Mall is a loss of \$240,000 per year for the schools. The way the telephone equipment is devalued will result in a loss of revenues of \$550,000 per year from public utilities. The city income tax is 2.85%, the City gets 2.38% and the schools get .47%, which accounts for only 12% of the school's budget.

The city income tax, which is 2.85%, is really misleading because in Euclid you get 100% credit if you work in another city. If you take that into consideration, we are much lower on the scale of the total amount of city tax that we actually pay. People need to realize this. People have mentioned before that the salaries are fifth from the bottom. We can't have quality schools if we don't have quality teachers. The levy must pass in 1999 to even use it in the year 2000. Time is of the essence. We must give our support now, not later.

There is a significant percentage of transient tenants that effect our test scores. The proficiency test scores must be looked at with this in mind. Test scores have improved. 60% of students graduating from Euclid High School go on to college.

Mrs. Daugherty - School funds are not adjusted for inflation. Just imagine if you never got a cost of living increase on your job. You would be in the poor house rather quickly. We must realize that schools are not compensated enough because of this fact. Remember, 60% of parochial students go on to Euclid High School after 8th grade, so parochial parents should also support the school levy for their children's future. 48 cents a day, \$174 a year, it's not much to ask to keep a strong community. Special education, public schools must have that money allocated. A special education child can cost as much as \$30,000 per year. Sometimes we become so busy in our daily lives, that we let important community issues pass us by. This school levy issue is too important to all of us. It will effect the future of Euclid. We must protect and promote the future of Euclid by investing in our community.

In Euclid we have down to earth families enjoying life together. We have that hometown feeling. As I've said before, it's a rare commodity, treasure it. Again, I feel the number one question a family will ask when deciding whether to live in this city is do you have good schools? Are they supported by the residents? Remember, Euclid is a lakefront community with very affordable housing. The same house that costs \$80,000 in Euclid would probably cost \$120,000 or more in other cities. So, instead of paying property taxes on \$80,000 in another city you would be paying property taxes on \$120,000 somewhere else. That's something to think about.

Supporting the school levy insures appreciation of your most valuable investment, your home. How is that? Take an \$80,000 home with the \$6.9 school mil levy it costs about \$170 per year. If that same home appreciated at 2% per year, that would be an appreciation of approximately \$1600. Okay, if you subtract \$170 that you have to pay for the school levy, you still are appreciating your home \$1430. To me it's a simple gain. So, by supporting the school levy you are protecting your property values. Today, Euclid is a wonderful city to raise a family. Let's keep it that way for tomorrow by voting yes for the school levy. Thank you.

Sandra Bowes - 21520 Miller Ave. Last Council meeting when I left, I thought about what Ms. Daugherty said. I thought, here's me tearing down a house on Miller and we are losing taxes on that house. Why is the responsibility of the schools put solely on the homeowner? I'm sad to see that Mr. Koran is not here because I was going to direct this towards him. We have so many empty storefronts and empty lots that are within the City that are losing money for our schools. So, here we are saying, homeowners, go out there and put through a levy that we need more school money. I'm saying to the City, let's put our nose to the grindstone and get some more businesses into these empty properties.

I was thinking about that house. Now that it's torn down, it doesn't have to pay taxes on the structure that is not there. We are losing money. Go around the City, I took a ride and really concentrated, my husband was driving, on all of these empty properties. I said, look at this, we are losing money. That's where I think we have to get that money back into the schools and ask our City Council members to let's get some more business into this City so our schools can get some more money. Thank you.

Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail moved to rise and report. Councilman Gallagher seconded.

Legislation

Res. 76-1999 (444-99) Support School Levy

A resolution in support of Issue No. 4, a 6.9 mil levy for Euclid Schools to use toward providing Euclid's students a first rate education to be voted on May 4, 1999. (Sponsored by Mayor Oyaski and the entire Council)

Councilwoman McGarry moved for passage. Councilwoman Miller seconded.

Mayor Oyaski - I don't want to be redundant but, many of our fine citizens, I think, have made a very clear case for the necessity of the school levy, which is Issue 4 on the May ballot. As a 1970 graduate of Euclid High School I believe in my heart that I owe a great deal of my success in public service to the education I received at Noble, Memorial, Shore and Euclid High School. Young and old, black and white, public and parochial, we are all in this community together. We need to keep pulling the right direction. I think Issue 4, the school levy represents an investment in our community, our schools and our property values and I'd ask the Council to join with me in supporting this resolution and working with the public to pass this levy in May. Thank you.

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Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail – I don't want to reiterate what everyone said, but I would just like to touch on one more point. I am going to support this resolution and support Issue 4 on May 4th because Euclid Schools provide quality education. They have proven their fiscal responsibility and without increased funding, the quality of education in our community will suffer. I believe the strength of a community is integrally linked to the strength and support of its school system. We will not attract new families or retain the existing families without quality schools. Support of this levy is critical to the future of our schools and to the future of our community. I hope you and I hope all residents will join me in supporting Issue 4. While Mr. Ferlito is here I was able to see the Big Show and it was fantastic. I wanted to congratulate you, all of the parents and all of the other teachers that helped him, as well as the many students that were involved. What a way to show the strength of the Euclid Schools. It was very well done. Thank you.

Councilwoman Miller – I too am 100% behind this. I am going to be retiring in June so I do not see this as a conflict of interest, since I will not be benefiting from this particular issue. The monies will be coming in next year.

Councilwoman McGarry – I've been supportive of it for a long time, Mr. President, and would urge my colleagues to vote for this resolution this evening.

President Cervenik – I would just like to lend my support also to Issue 4. A year or so ago, I had some reservations about the amount and the support of a previous levy. Since that time this present school board and administration has done everything that was asked of them to do. They cut back on administration, they found innovative ways to save money through reduction in utilities, they instituted an early retirement plan, which yes, does cost us to lose some of our more established teachers such as Councilwoman Miller, but does lower our salary overall. I've had the opportunity to go to Euclid High School during the day while class is going on. I have to tell you that I was very impressed at the much more orderly in fact than I can remember my high school being back in the '70's. Kids are in class, they are studying. We spoke at Civics Day and we had the auditorium filled with seniors that were participating in Civics Day. They asked very intelligent questions. They were a very well behaved audience and we look forward to working with them.

The schools are a great place to have our children educated. They have made the cuts where they can and the next cuts are going to have to be educational cuts. We cannot afford that. We want people to move into Euclid and buy our homes that are available because they have a good school system. Yes it will be \$170 a year. Look at it as a maintenance contract on your appliances or your roof. It's a small investment to pay to keep your property value strong and keep our neighborhoods strong. I appreciate Council's support of this resolution, the Mayor and Administration's support of this. We all need to get out and let the community know that this time, the 4th try, it should pass. We need this, it will be done. I congratulate all of you who spoke this evening. If you speak like this in other places, other than this Council Chamber, you have a good chance of passing this levy.

Councilman Dallos moved to close debate. Councilman Gallagher seconded.

Roll Call: Yeas: Dallos, Farrell, Holzheimer Gail, Gallagher, Korosec, McGarry, Miller, Vadnal, Cervenik.

Passed.

Ord. (453-99) Rezoning/Roseland

An ordinance rezoning P.P. #646-23-079, 19230 Roseland Ave., from U-4 to U-5 use district and further amending Ord. No. 2812. (Sponsored by Planning and Zoning Commission)

First Reading.

Public Hearing 5/3/99.

Ord. (409-99) Rezoning/New Fire Station

An ordinance rezoning P.P. #646-30-007, from U-R-1 to U-R-3 use district and further amending Ord. No. 2812. (Sponsored by Mayor Oyaski) (New Fire Station Parcel)

Second Reading.

Public Hearing 4/19/99.

Res. (456-99) Henn Mansion/Lease

A resolution authorizing the Mayor of the City of Euclid to extend the Lease Agreement with the Friends of the Henn Mansion, Inc., for the use of the Henn Mansion located at Sims Park at 23131 Lake Shore Blvd., in Euclid for a period of three (3) years with an option to renew for an additional three (3) years. (Sponsored by Mayor Oyaski)

Councilwoman McGarry moved for passage. Councilman Korosec seconded.

Mayor Oyaski – I'd ask that the Council place this in an appropriate committee. I do strongly support the extension of the lease with the Friends of the Henn. I think they have made remarkable progress in organizing a dedicated group of volunteers who have their hearts committed on restoring that home there on Sims Park on the lakefront. They do need more time, I think they are deserving of an extension. Councilwoman McGarry has indicated that she wants to discuss some of these terms at length. All I'd ask is that the lease expires on July 10th and I would hope the Council would be able to approve final language and approve the extension of the lease before Council goes into recess. But, it does have my support for a continuation of our relationship. Thank you.

Councilwoman McGarry moved to place Res. (456-99) in the Parks & Recreation Commission. Councilman Farrell seconded.

Roll Call: Yeas: Dallos, Farrell, Holzheimer Gail, Gallagher, Korosec, McGarry, Miller, Vadnal, Cervenik.
In Committee.

Ord. 77-1999 (452-99) Fingerprint system

An emergency ordinance authorizing the Mayor as Ex-Officio Director of Public Safety of the City of Euclid to enter into a contract with Cogent Systems, Inc. for the purchase of an Automated Fingerprint Identification System (AFIS), for an amount not to exceed \$48,000. (Sponsored by Councilwoman Miller by request of the Police Chief)

Councilwoman Miller moved for passage. Councilman Vadnal seconded.

Chief Baumgart - To explain this briefly, the State of Ohio entered a contract with Cogent Systems in order to maintain a database of fingerprints. Any fingerprints that we send to BCI are automatically placed in this database. In order to gain any advantage over this, we would have a system whereby we can take any latent print that we have at any crime scene and inquire into the system. We would be able to get immediate feedback from the prints that they have on file to give us as close as a match as they can. They sometimes send 20, they may send 5, they may send 30, then it's still up to an individual who is trained in order to determine if that is the correct fingerprint or not, that we can identify from that crime scene.

This system, there are two systems right now that are similar in nature. One is the Morefall system and Cogent System. We had the Morefall at our Police Station and it was a trial basis over a period of time. We were feeding data into Cleveland's system. In turn, Cleveland was feeding into the State system as well. We had a number of hits on that system whereby we were able to identify people who were giving us false information. We also had information leading us to a suspect in a fifteen-year-old homicide. We saw the value of this system. Unfortunately, Morefall wants about \$120,000 for their system. This system is a lot less expensive. It does exactly the same thing, it just uses a different mode of doing it. It is tied into the Ohio system. So, we can send our information right to BCI, instead of through Cleveland. Therefore, we have decided to go with this system for those reasons. We were able to obtain the grant and change the grant funding around in order to purchase this particular item. By the way that includes the scanning machines, computers, everything is included in that cost.

Councilman Farrell moved to close debate. Councilman Dallos seconded.

Councilwoman Miller moved to suspend the rules. Councilwoman McGarry seconded.

Roll Call: Yeas: Dallos, Farrell, Holzheimer Gail, Gallagher, Korosec, McGarry, Miller, Vadnal, Cervenik.
Passed.

Ord. 78-1999 (446-99) Court ATM

An emergency ordinance amending Res. 55-1999, passed by Council on March 15, 1999, authorizing the Director of Administration of the City of Euclid to enter into an agreement with WRG Services, Inc., 21651 Tungsten Road, Euclid, OH for lease of space to provide for the placement and installation of an Automated Teller Machine (ATM) in the lobby of the Municipal Court. (Sponsor Councilman Cervenik by request Law Director)

Councilman Farrell moved for passage. Councilman Gallagher seconded.

Director Murphy – This is a simple clarification and housekeeping item as the ordinance addresses. You did pass this matter as a resolution back on March 15th, however since the matter does involve an agreement to use space within the building, an ordinance rather than a resolution is required. This is presented to you tonight simply to clarify and make the action an ordinance rather than a resolution.

President Cervenik – Mr. DiNero are there any safety precautions with the installation? The question was asked by a member of the audience, as to how this ATM, will there be a surveillance, where is going to be located, so that the people who use that will be secure.

Director DiNero – I presume that there is going to be a camera there. The location I am not aware of where they are going to install it. But, it will be inside and it will be closed whenever the court is closed. That machine will not for anybody to use except for the people that are in the court during the court hours.

President Cervenik – Then it will be in the court itself?

Director DiNero – It will be in the lobby.

Mayor Oyaski – We are working with the Judge and the clerk as well as the Chief. The Judge has been fortunate to receive a grant and we will make sure that this is a secure environment for all of the people involved, as well as particularly the users of the ATM. All of the details haven't been worked out and I don't know if we would announce them necessarily in public. But, it will be a secured facility.

Councilman Vadnal moved to close debate. Councilwoman Miller seconded. Yeas: Unanimous.

Councilwoman McGarry moved to suspend the rules. Councilman Korosec seconded. Yeas: Unanimous.

Roll Call: Yeas: Dallos, Farrell, Holzheimer Gail, Gallagher, Korosec, McGarry, Miller, Vadnal, Cervenik.
Passed.

Ord. 79-1999 (461-99) Waste Disposal

An emergency ordinance amending Ord. No. 19-1999, passed by the Council of the City of Euclid on January 19, 1999, which allowed the City to advertise for bids for the collection and disposal of solid waste. (Sponsored by Mayor Oyaski by request of Service Director)

Councilman Dallos moved for passage. Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail seconded.

Director DiNero – We passed an ordinance to go out for bids for our solid waste in January. I would like to amend that ordinance to say, to be able to extend after five years contract that we would enter, to extend it for two years. Which, the original ordinance did not have it in the ordinance in January.

President Cervenik – And the reason for that?

Mayor Oyaski – When we went out for bids in 1992 we did have the authority to extend that contract added on. We do want to keep all of our options open when we go out for bids on collection this time. We will take bids as an alternate for an additional two years.

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Mayor Oyaski - The lengthy term did work to our advantage. We have one of the best collection unit prices around. Mr. DiNero did bring this to my attention and we do want to keep all of our options open as we go into collection, including the possible inclusion of the last two years for a lengthier term of a contract.

Councilman Dallos moved to close debate. Councilman Gallagher seconded. Yeas: Unanimous.

Councilwoman McGarry moved to suspend the rules. Councilman Vadnal seconded. Yeas: Unanimous.

Roll Call: Yeas: Dallos, Farrell, Holzheimer Gail, Gallagher, Korosec, McGarry, Miller, Vadnal, Cervenik.
Passed.

Ord. 80-1999 (445-99) Hire contractor/streets

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service of the City of Euclid to enter into a contract after advertising for bids for the hiring of a contractor to be used to make emergency repairs when needed due to unexpected and unanticipated damage to City of Euclid sewers, sludge lines and streets for a one year period commencing upon execution of the contract. (Sponsor by Councilman Gallagher by request of Service Director)

Councilman Gallagher moved for passage. Councilman Korosec seconded.

Director DiNero - This is our normal procedure. We go out every year for bids for emergency contract. This way if we have a problem with our sewer sludge line we do have a contract. We already have hourly rates and we've been doing this for about the last 10 years. It's worked out perfect.

Mayor Oyaski - Just so the Council knows over at 204 and Lake Shore Blvd., where Lilly Creek goes into Arcadia, there is an underground culvert there that did collapse last week. It is an emergency job of which the Service Director is just referring to. We are getting some engineering done and some estimates, but that's the kind of thing that does happen without any forewarning because of a washout onto the pavement. Mr. DiNero is working quickly to get that improved, but that is an example of the type of problem that can suddenly crop up. It's not budgeted and we will come to you to work out all of the details. Thank you.

Councilman Gallagher moved to close debate. Councilman Korosec seconded. Yeas: Unanimous.

Councilwoman McGarry moved to suspend the rules. Councilman Vadnal seconded. Yeas: Unanimous.

Roll Call: Yeas: Dallos, Farrell, Holzheimer Gail, Gallagher, Korosec, McGarry, Miller, Vadnal, Cervenik.
Passed.

Ord. 81-1999 (448-99) Purchase Vehicles

An emergency ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service of the City of Euclid to purchase various vehicles through the State of Ohio Cooperative Purchasing Program. (Sponsored by Councilman Dallos by request of the Service Director)

Councilman Dallos moved for passage. Councilman Farrell seconded.

Director DiNero - As the ordinance reads that we would like to buy a Cherokee Jeep for our street department, also a one-ton dump truck for our building maintenance, which will replace a 1983 truck that he has now and also a riding mower for the Waste Water Treatment Plant. The first two vehicles will come out of the \$200,000 that was set aside in our capital budget that was up to the discretion of the director. The riding mower will come out of the wastewater capital improvement money. After passage of this ordinance we will order these pieces of equipment. Councilman Dallos moved to close debate. Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail seconded. Yeas: Unanimous.

Councilman Korosec moved to suspend the rules. Councilman Gallagher seconded. Yeas: Unanimous.

Roll Call: Yeas: Dallos, Farrell, Holzheimer Gail, Gallagher, Korosec, McGarry, Miller, Vadnal, Cervenik.
Passed.

Ord. 82-1999 (451-99) Dog Obedience Classes

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service of the City of Euclid to enter into a one-year agreement with Cathy Crawford for the use of the outdoor training facility at the Euclid Animal Pound to conduct dog obedience training classes. (Sponsored by Councilwoman Miller by request of the Police Chief)

Councilwoman Miller moved for passage. Councilwoman McGarry seconded.

Councilwoman Miller – This is the training that goes on in the summertime and it's done by this same person every year and it's open to the public to take their doggies over and get trained. Which is where my dog needs to go.

Councilwoman Miller moved to close debate. Councilman Vadnal seconded. Yeas: Unanimous.

Councilwoman McGarry moved to suspend the rules. Councilman Korosec seconded. Yeas: Unanimous.

Roll Call: Yeas: Dallos, Farrell, Holzheimer Gail, Gallagher, Korosec, McGarry, Miller, Vadnal, Cervenik.
Passed.

Ord. 83-1999 (459-99) Armor Stone Revetment

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service of the City of Euclid to enter into a contract after advertising for bids for the labor and materials necessary for a new Armor Stone Revetment adjacent to Lake Erie, between E. 224th and E. 221st Streets (North of Euclid Park Clubhouse) (Sponsor Councilman Dallos by request of Service Director)

Councilman Dallos moved for passage. Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail seconded.

Director DiNero – This project is behind the Euclid Clubhouse down on Lake Shore Boulevard there. Actually I think towards the end of last summer, early fall we were down there investigating the banks, they were starting to erode, big cracks were in there. So, this project will help to stabilize the banks at the end of the Clubhouse there. As far as Dorothy's question, with Armor Stone. Armor Stone is placed at the bottom of the bluffs to break the waves and that's why it's called Armor Stone. The stones are approximately 2 tons apiece and they are placed at the bottom of the bluffs. This breaks the waves and stops the erosion.

President Cervenik -- This is similar to what many of our residents are doing the shore now?

Director DiNero – Very similar, yes. We do have the approval of ODNR and also the Corp of Engineers to go ahead with this project.

Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail – I think about a year and a half to two years ago, we held some meetings with people from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources and some geologists, in their opinion, at that time, to the residents, this type of erosion management system was the best available in their opinion. I support this.

Director DiNero – Right now we are fortunate that the lake is down by 18" to 2'. That is one of the lowest levels it has been in a long time.

Councilman Gallagher – Any idea what the cost might be on this?

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Director DiNero – I think it was approximately, Matrix Engineering put out an estimate. It is somewhere in the area of \$100,000 and that is in the capital budget.

Councilman Gallagher moved to close debate, Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail seconded. Yeas: Unanimous.

Councilman Korosec moved to suspend the rules, Councilwoman McGarry seconded. Yeas: Unanimous.

Roll Call: Yeas: Dallos, Farrell, Holzheimer Gail, Gallagher, Korosec, McGarry, Miller, Vadnal, Cervenik.

Passed.

Ord. 84-1999 (454-99) Fencing Briardale

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Parks & Recreation of the City of Euclid to execute a professional service contract with Lake, Inc. for engineering services regarding the installation of protective fencing for the driving range and hole #12 at the Briardale Greens Golf Course. (Sponsor Councilwoman McGarry by request of Parks & Rec. Director)

Councilwoman McGarry moved for passage, Councilwoman Miller seconded.

Director DeMinico – This ordinance and the next ordinance will allow the department to draw up specifications and plans to improve our driving range fencing. We will actually be lengthening it by 60 ft. along the east side, hole #4, and the tee area of #5. Not only will it be enlarging the landing area, refraining the balls from exiting at that point, we are also going to heighten it from 23' to 30' in that same area. The driving range is approximately 450 linear feet. We will be purchasing 17 poles. The existing poles cannot be reused. We determined that by some tests that have been taken.

The fence along #12 tee will be an extension from the existing fence. We are looking at approximately 80-100 ft. will be the chain link fence. Five posts approximately 70 ft. high, will need to be purchased. This will require an amendment to our budget. We didn't have this money put into the budget at the beginning of the year. Those were some round numbers that we have used from the previous course fence extension that was done around 5 years ago. The numbers that myself and Mr. Holmes had put together did not match up to what the engineering costs are. I do caution this Council that we will come back for a budget amendment. I'd be happy to answer any questions.

Councilman Farrell - When do we anticipate all this work to take place?

Director DeMinico – With approval tonight, plans and specifications can be prepared, ready for bid, middle to late this month. Which could mean contracts being awarded, sometime in early to middle of May and construction to start at that point in time. We do not feel that we will have to close the driving range. Poles will be going up on the exterior of the range.

We would be allowed to still utilize that facility. That should not be a problem for a loss of revenue.

Councilman Farrell – But the range is closed now.

Director DeMinico – The range should be open tomorrow. We had over 200 ft. of netting that was damaged. It took a little while to get it in. We utilized the high ranger today to put up two-thirds of it. The remainder will be done tomorrow.

Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail – I had a call from a resident, it doesn't have to do with this particular fencing, but the fencing along Babbitt Road. The chain link was taken down and split rails were put up. Which I do think looks nicer. Her question and concern was safety issues. Have you had any experience since the fencing has been changed, problems with balls flying into the street and across?

Director DeMinico – We received a call from I assume the same resident. They happen to live across the street from an area. The report that I had was some juveniles were seen hitting balls from #18 into the Memorial Park area and they live very close to that. I had requested that the next time they see any type of activity like that to certainly give us a call.

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Director DeMinico - While we can't keep all the golf balls in the golf course, the houses along Babbitt Road, I can safely say we have never had any type of claims for broken windows and we certainly don't anticipate any because of the removal of that fence. I have talked to that resident and we've been in contact.

Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail - No problems yet. The course will open in a couple of days probably.

Director DeMinico - We haven't received a call other than that one call when the fence came down.

Councilwoman Miller moved to close debate, Councilwoman McGarry seconded. Yeas: Unanimous.

Councilman Dallos moved to suspend the rules, Councilman Farrell seconded. Yeas: Unanimous.

Roll Call: Yeas: Dallos, Farrell, Holzheimer Gail, Gallagher, Korosec, McGarry, Miller, Vadnal, Cervenik.

Passed.

Ord. 85-1999 (455-99) Fencing Briardale

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Parks & Recreation of the City of Euclid to enter into a contract after advertising for bids for the purchase and installation of protective fencing and poles for the driving range and hole #12 at the Briardale Greens Golf Course. (Sponsored by Councilwoman McGarry by request of Parks & Rec. Director)

Councilwoman McGarry moved for passage, Councilman Vadnal seconded.

Councilman Gallagher - What is the estimated cost?

Director DeMinico - We are anticipating that the driving range would be above \$50,000 and #12 could be as high as \$25,000.

Councilman Gallagher - How much did you budget originally?

Director DeMinico - Approximately \$40,000.

Councilman Gallagher moved to close debate, Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail seconded. Yeas: Unanimous.

Councilman Dallos moved to suspend the rules, Councilman Gallagher seconded. Yeas: Unanimous.

Roll Call: Yeas: Dallos, Farrell, Holzheimer Gail, Gallagher, Korosec, McGarry, Miller, Vadnal, Cervenik

Passed.

Res. 86-1999 (449-99) Evans Park

A resolution naming and declaring the public playground at Grand Boulevard and Buena Vista Drive in Euclid, Ohio "Evans Park", in honor of the family that created it. (Sponsored by Mayor Oyaski)

Councilwoman Miller moved for passage, Councilman Gallagher seconded.

Mayor Oyaski - Florence Humphrey is a local treasure for a number of reasons, but her latest contribution to the community was bringing to the attention of the Administration the tremendous efforts of a long ago family, the Evans family. This park that we are talking about is a small park but it is very important in the neighborhood that the new association president refers to. I don't think this park has a name. Tonight we are going to give it a very appropriate name on behalf of the Evans family, which I think their contributions to Euclid are at least on a par with the famous Henn Family down on the lake.

Mayor Oyaski - We are aware of this tree and I know Mr. DeMinico will be commuting with Moses Cleveland to make that tree a little bit safer, Mr. Fraier. I know Mr. DeMinico met with the Recreation Commission on the appropriate of this name. I did read the biography that Florence gave me. I think the Evans Park name is extremely appropriate and I'd ask Council not only to pass this resolution, but to join with us at some time in the next month or two after we make some improvements to have a formal dedication up on this beautiful street in the fourth ward.

Councilman Dallos moved to close debate, Councilwoman Miller seconded. Yeas: Unanimous.

Roll Call: Yeas: Dallos, Farrell, Holzheimer Gail, Gallagher, Korosec, McGarry, Miller, Vadnal, Cervenik.

Passed.

Res. 87-1999 (450-99) Erosion Loan Program

A resolution of support for Senate Bill 43 which would amend Sections 317.08, 6121.01, 6121.04 and 6121.061 and enact Section 1507.71 of the Ohio Revised Code in order to create a coastal erosion loan program that would provide financial assistance to property owners for the construction of erosion control structures in erosion areas. (Sponsor Mayor Oyaski and Councilwomen Holzheimer Gail and McGarry)

Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail moved for passage. Councilwoman McGarry seconded.

Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail – We had talked about earlier with the school issue, property values and this is another issue that directly effects property values of many homes along the lake. There are many beautiful homes and neighborhoods, as well, along the lake that are or may be effected by erosion at some point. Erosion, again, has very direct effect on property values not only for the people who live directly there, but for the neighborhoods that depend on the parks along the lake and for all residents who enjoy the public access of the lake. Senate Bill 43 would help make the very expensive erosion control measures more affordable. I ask Council to support this resolution this evening.

Councilwoman McGarry – There are a number of unprotected areas also in Ward 2 and even though we are enjoying a lower level now, there had been high levels in the past. That coupled with some of the serious storms we've sustained, people have literally lost ground in there ongoing battle with erosion. Now would be the time for people to do some erosion control. I support this wholeheartedly.

Mayor Oyaski – I join the lakefront Council representatives in supporting this. We were contacted by Senator Gardner, who is attempting to pass a bill in the General Assembly and I'm very pleased to see Councilwoman McGarry and Holzheimer Gail supporting this effort to help our lakefront property owners. Thank you.

Councilwoman Miller moved to close debate. Councilman Vadnal seconded. Yeas: Unanimous.

Roll Call: Yeas: Dallos, Farrell, Holzheimer Gail, Gallagher, Korosec, McGarry, Miller, Vadnal, Cervenik.

Passed.

Res. 88-1999 (447-99) Homestead Exemption Increase

A resolution of support for House Bill 56 which will increase the Homestead Exemption eligibility ceiling from \$20,800.00 to \$25,000.00 for senior and disabled homeowners. (Sponsored by Mayor Oyaski)

Councilman Korosec moved for passage. Councilman Gallagher seconded.

Mayor Oyaski – Many of our residents need and take advantage of the Homestead Exemption Program. The eligibility requirements have not been modified in several years.

Mayor Oyaski - I'm asking the Council to join with me and supporting House Bill 56 sponsored by Greater Cleveland Representative, Dale Miller, which would attempt to increase the threshold amounts for homestead eligibility. There are a number of Euclid families that would benefit. I think this change is overdue and I'd ask the Council to support House Bill 56 as well as this resolution.

Councilman Vadnal moved to close debate. Councilwoman Miller seconded. Ayes:
Unanimous.

Roll Call: Yeas: Dallos, Farrell, Holzheimer Gail, Gallagher, Korosec, McGarry, Miller,
Vadnal, Cervenik.
Passed.

President Cervenik - Before we vote on ceremonial resolutions, we all received a resolution this evening in remembrance of Lester Hertz. Chief Baumgart is going to say a few words about our long-time citizen.

Chief Baumgart - You may have noticed the flag at half-mast and I really appreciate the City doing that. Even though Lester was not really an employee of the City he worked for us without pay. On Friday morning, about 11 AM he passed away. He was an exceptional man. Fortunately, the good part about it is we honored him long before his death. The auxiliary room is named after him. We were able last year, the FOP created a scholarship fund in his name for any student graduating from Euclid High School that goes on into law enforcement. He accomplished a lot in his life. He has five patents, I didn't realize that Les had five patents. He is also in light bulb analysis and he did a lot of that for us in our accident investigation. He helped me personally set up classes to teach accident investigation and technical work on light bulbs. He worked without pay for over 30 years as a police auxiliary and 20 years as director of the auxiliary. He started our home watch detail. He was a member of the FOPA, the Kiwanis, the GM Fullum Society, a recipient of the YMCA certificate of appreciation, and he was recipient of Lodge 18 Gold Service Badge and General Electric Award for Invention, as well the American Legion Post's 343 Citizen of the Year. We will miss Lester and I would appreciate a moment of silence for him.

Everyone observed a moment of silence for Lester Hertz.

CEREMONIAL RESOLUTIONS

Res. 74-1999 (458-99) VASJ Lady Vikings Basketball

A resolution of congratulations to the Villa Angela-St. Joseph Lady Vikings Basketball Team for winning the 1999 Ohio High School Athletic Association Division III State Championship at St. Johns Arena in Columbus, Ohio on March 20, 1999. (Sponsored by Mayor Oyaski and the entire Council)

Res. 75-1999 (460-99) Catherine David

A resolution of appreciation to Catherine David for 30 years of service as a Euclid Police Dispatcher on the occasion of her retirement on March 26, 1999. (Sponsored by Mayor Oyaski and the entire Council)

Res. 89-1999 (462-99) Lester Hertz

A memorial resolution in remembrance of Lester Hertz, who passed away on April 2, 1999 at the age of 82. (Sponsored by Mayor Oyaski and the entire Council) (Placed on Agenda-24 Hour Notice Waived)

Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail moved for passage of Ceremonial Resolutions. Councilman Gallagher seconded.

Roll Call: Yeas: Dallos, Farrell, Holzheimer Gail, Gallagher, Korosec, McGarry, Miller,
Vadnal, Cervenik.
Passed.

Councilman Dallos moved to go into Committee of the Whole. Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail seconded.

Committee of the Whole

Jennifer Trickett – 74 East 197 St. First of all I would like to thank City Council for officially endorsing their support for the school levy. At the risk of sounding redundant, I would like to take a minute to express my opinion and why I will be voting yes for the school levy and why I urge the residents of Euclid to do so also. My husband and I are originally from the Akron area. A little over three years ago, my husband's post-graduate schooling through the Cleveland Clinic required us to live somewhere with easy access to the highway due to the fact that he would be on-call. After looking for temporary housing in many cities throughout Greater Cleveland, we chose Euclid. When my husband graduated he was hired by the Cleveland Clinic as a profusionist. We could have moved anywhere in Greater Cleveland, but we chose to stay in Euclid. We are now homeowners in Euclid. We love it here. We've met so many great people, we could not have handpicked better neighbors. You can't see what Euclid has to offer. First of all, we have the lake, we have proximity to a major city going through a total revitalization. Euclid offers easy highway access, great city services, a beautiful new library, affordable quality housing and most importantly, excellent schools.

Euclid offers the perfect housing stock for young families. Euclid provides quality educational opportunities for our children now, but in order to maintain this quality education Euclid offers to our children we need to maintain and support our schools. Families who care about the quality of their children's education do not move to communities who do not support their schools. My daughter is a kindergartner at Lincoln Elementary. I am a homeowner in Euclid. I've heard people say it doesn't effect me, I don't have school aged children or I don't have any children, or my kids don't attend public schools or my kids are done with school, passing the levy doesn't effect me. But, my question to these people is, do you have grandchildren in the schools, or a niece or nephew, or a good neighbor, or maybe that nice kid who mows your lawn or shovels your walk, attends Euclid schools? Are you a homeowner in Euclid? Are you a Euclid resident? Then the passage or non-passage of this school levy effects you. If the levy does not pass the quality of our schools diminish and our property values will not appreciate. So many people I've met since moving to Euclid, grew up in Euclid and have chosen to raise their families here. I was so impressed by this when I moved here. People value tradition that's why they stay. If we support the tradition of excellent schools we will support the tradition of having an excellent community here in Euclid.

Councilwoman McGarry moved to rise and report. Councilman Vadnal seconded.

Councilmen's Comments

Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail – I just wanted to remind Council and the public that there will be a Community Services, Senior Programs and Utilities Committee Meeting next Monday, April 12th. On the agenda will be discussion of the local impact of electric deregulation and the ordinance authorizing Euclid Community Concerns Contract. There also will be, tomorrow evening, a meeting for anyone interested in working on Shore Cultural Centre renovation at 7:00 in Shore Cultural Centre Community Room. Thank you.

President Cervenik – I have tentatively scheduled an Executive Council Committee Meeting for April 21st at which time we will have a report concerning the recent happenings at the jail. We will be able to have some questions answered at that time. I would ask that you over the next two weeks think about what happened at the jail and what you would like to see done. I know the administration and chief are going to do the same, we will have a little working session and see what needs to be done there, so that we don't have any predicaments happening again. It will be April 21st, I know one councilperson said that they can't make it. It's a good day that's why I'd like to keep it there.

Adjournment

Councilman Korosec moved to adjourn. Councilman Vadnal seconded.

Attest:

Clerk of Council

President of Council