

COUNCIL MINUTES

November 15, 1999

The regular City Council Meeting was held on Monday, November 15, 1999 at 7 PM in the Euclid City Hall Council Chamber. President Cervenik presided.

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

Others Present: Mayor Oyaski, Service Director DiNero, Finance Director Balazs, Parks & Recreation Director DeMinico, Law Director Murphy, Administrative Director Johnson, CS&ED Director Koran, Zoning Commissioner Hayes, Police Capt. Maine, Asst. Fire Chief O'Connell, Asst. Service Director Gulich, Sgt.-at-Arms Stankus, Clerk of Council Cahill.

Liquor Permits

Councilman Dallos moved receive without objection the request for a stock D1, D2, D6 to Convenient Food Mart at 22299 Euclid Avenue. Councilman Farrell seconded.

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

Councilman Korosec moved to receive without objection the request for a new C1, C2 liquor permit to Aquaeast Inc., DBA BP Shop at 24310 Lakeland Blvd. Councilman Gallagher seconded.

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

Communications

Council has received the following communications:

A memo from Law Director Murphy regarding the East Ohio Energy Water Line Replacement Program.

A policy from Administrative Director Johnson regarding the city's policy on the use of electronic equipment by employees.

An Inner-Ring Suburbs Housing Trends & Issues report from the Lutheran Housing Corporation.

A Henn Mansion update from Director DeMinico.

A memo from Lisa Mayernik regarding the 1999 Neighborhood/Condominium/Tenant Grant.

From Service Director DiNero, a report on the Public Auction held October 23, 1999.

From Parks & Recreation Director DeMinico, applications to the Ohio Historic Site Preservation Advisory Board for the Shore Cultural Centre and the Henn Mansion.

From Law Director Murphy, a summary of legislation on tonight's agenda.

Council Minutes

Councilwoman Miller moved to approve the Council Minutes of November 1, 1999.

Councilman Vadnal seconded. Yeas: Unanimous.

Administration Reports & Communications

Mayor Oyaski – Good evening ladies and gentlemen. This is the last Council meeting of this term. I have presentations to make this evening. We do have Councilwoman-elect Beverly Valencic tonight and I want to welcome her as well as State Representative Ed Jerse. Tonight is bittersweet because this is the last meeting we will have the opportunity to serve with Councilman Dallos, Councilman Farrell and Councilman Vadnal. Those three gentlemen won 13 out of 14 elections and the only loss that they suffered was more than 20 years ago. I think that indicates how truly responsive they are to the public. They will be missed by the administration and I think the Council and the public. They are diligent and I do think they exemplify common sense.

Mayor Oyaski presented Councilman Vadnal with Resolution No. 246-1999.

Mayor Oyaski presented Councilman Farrell with Resolution No. 244-1999.

Mayor Oyaski presented Councilman Dallos with Resolution No. 245-1999.

President Cervenik – We will miss all of you. Councilman Vadnal is probably the quietest of the three, however as you mentioned with the paperwork and the volumes of it, when he spoke and voted, it was very evident that you did your homework and knew what you were speaking about and knew why you voted the way you were. I will miss you in the years to come. Councilman Farrell, as you said, our friendship has gone back many years. I still don't know how you got me to vote for that sound wall. But, I did and that's just one of the accomplishments that you did and I have been very proud to serve with you. Councilman Dallos, all of the comments you mentioned about me sitting next to you, I learned so much from you. Our little conversations back and forth, discussing the issues, our phone conversations, you really made my 10 years a very good learning experience, a good experience all around. I couldn't have done it without you. All three of you, you will be missed, stay involved in the community because we need you. Our next meeting we will meet the three new Council People. I am looking forward to the next few years.

Reports & Committee Minutes

Councilwoman Miller moved to accept the Human Officer's Report – October, 1999; Euclid Community Concerns Report – 8/99 & 9/99; Police Report – September, 1999; Board of Control – 10/18/99, 10/25/99, 11/1/99; Planning & Zoning Minutes, September 29, 1999. Councilman Farrell seconded. Yeas: Unanimous.

Lot Splits

Councilwoman McGarry moved to sustain a lot split for a .043 acre strip out of P.P. #641-32-006. Councilwoman Miller seconded.

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

Councilman Vadnal moved to sustain a lot split for a .002 acre strip out of P.P. #641-32-004. Councilman Dallos seconded.

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

Councilman Vadnal moved to sustain a lot split for a .202 acre strip out of P.P. #641-32-007. Councilman Farrell seconded.

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

Councilman Vadnal moved to sustain a lot split for a .063 acre strip out of P.P. #641-32-005. Councilman Farrell seconded.

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

Councilman Dallos moved to sustain the consolidation of the parcels into the existing P.P. #641-32-005. Councilman Farrell seconded.

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

President Cervenik recognized former Councilman Don Malone.

Committee of the Whole

Dorothy Fike – 20271 Delaware Rd. I have two questions this evening. One is on #7, about the health benefits. I don't quite understand it. In the old, it seems that being deleted is the how much the employer will pay and how much the employee will pay. Is that now that the employer meaning the city, is going to pay 100% after the deductible?

President Cervenik – That's correct.

Mrs. Fike – After the deductible the city will be paying 100%?

President Cervenik – After the deductible.

Mrs. Fike – Of all of the health costs?

President Cervenik – Right.

Mrs. Fike – On the last one, about the ambulance. If there is, well the total cost is \$102,000 I understand and there is only something like \$24,663 remaining in the budget and yet you are going to ask to pay for it by immediately when you purchase it. Where is, is there money someplace? Where is that extra money going to come from?

President Cervenik – We can probably discuss that during the discussion on that ordinance, if that's okay with you.

Mrs. Fike – Yes, thank you.

Ed Jerse – 54 E. 212 St. If the chair will indulge me, I realize this is ceremonial. When I got my agenda in the mail, I just wanted to come down and add my voice to the congratulations of the three retiring members. You know I was thinking during this campaign how much this Council has changed since I left in 1993. In fact, I think Fay is the only one that still has served in the position she is in. Bill and I of course served and Dan Flowers will be joining us again. Fay is the only one left who was there when we started back in '89. We are really losing three class acts here tonight. Rick Vadnal actually took my seat. Rick, that is appropriate, he is a fellow Slovenian, a fellow Viking and a fellow lawyer. I think he has done a solid job here. Kevin Farrell and I go back to little league, serving at St. Joe's on student council. Again, he's somebody that really wasn't a politician so much as someone who is just here to do a good job and solid job. A lot of people have mentioned Joe Farrell tonight. I kind of look in Joe's absence that Joe Dallos is kind of taking on that mantle. I know Fay you are the dean of the council, but I think Joe you've been involved in Euclid politics since long, long before I was. We always look to you for solid advice. It was very welcome. I also remember, I love Joe Dallos, the one thing I love about Joe Dallos is that he once drove Jimmy Hoffa to the airport.

President Cervenik – The last ride? What did you do with him Joe?

Mr. Jerse – I just wanted to come here tonight because we shared a lot of things going back to that first retreat back in 1989 where Joe Farrell put us together on a bus and drove us God knows where, to get us together to bond a little bit as Council. I served four years here and I look at Kevin Farrell who was coming in after I was a veteran and he served eight years. He did a tremendous job for this city. We are going to really miss all of you. Thank you.

Councilman Dallos moved to rise and report. Councilman Gallagher seconded. Yeas:
Unanimous.

President Cervenik - #6 has been pulled.

LEGISLATION

Ord. (578-99) Rezoning/Babbitt Rd.

An ordinance rezoning P.P. #644-32-002, 541 Babbitt Road, from U-2 to U-R-3 use district and further amending Ord. No. 2812. (Sponsored by Councilwoman McGarry by request of the Building Commissioner)

Second Reading.

Public Hearing 12/6/99.

Ord. 248-1999 (648-99) Vacate/Chickasaw/E. 205

An ordinance vacating Chickasaw Ave. and E. 205 St. in their entirety. (Sponsored by the Planning & Zoning Commission)

Councilman Korosec moved for passage. Councilman Farrell seconded.

Director Koran – This is an ordinance vacating Chickasaw Avenue and East 205 Street in their entirety. This is part of the Home Depot project. This will save the City money in the long run. The service department will no longer have to maintain these two thoroughfares. If there are any specific questions about this, Mr. Hayes can answer them.

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

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

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

Res. 249-1999 (649-99) UDE/Special Permit/K.M. Management

A resolution amending Res. No. 144-1999, passed by the Council of the City of Euclid on June 21, 1999, granting a use district exception to K.M. Quality Management and also granting two (2) special permits for the property located at 20001 Euclid Ave. (Sponsored by Councilman Dallos)

Councilman Dallos moved for passage. Councilman Vadnal seconded.

Mr. Hayes – Just before summer recess K.M. Quality Management came in here and asked for a use district exception to allow a self storage building to be constructed on the property, along the west side of the property, approximately half way back. Since then they have reconsidered their ideas and their plans there. Now they would like to put that same type of project up closer to the front of the property just to the west of the existing office type building that is there right now. This came to Planning & Zoning last month, it was approved there unanimously. It has to be confirmed by Council before it is approved.

Councilman Dallos – I would like to waive the State Representative Jerse rules for the three hearings and move that we pass this here this evening.

Councilman Dallos moved to waive the Jerse rules. Councilman Farrell seconded.

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

Councilman Dallos – I believe in the last package we received the sketch of the property and I believe this evening we have a little plot planned, so it's going to be a big blessing for Euclid Avenue. I don't think we have to go on into a long discussion. It is a very favorable project for the city.

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

Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail 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. 250-1999 (645a-99) Bond Anticipation Notes

An ordinance to provide for the issuance of \$2,415,000 bond anticipation notes of the City of Euclid, Ohio in anticipation of the issuance of bonds for various purposes, and declaring an emergency. (Sponsored by Councilman Cervenik by request of the Finance Director)

Councilwoman Miller moved for passage. Councilman Farrell seconded.

Director Balazs – We did have a typo on the first page, it has been replaced. The \$750,000 was changed to \$375,000 you might have to amend that Mr. Chairman. The \$375,000, this is the amount that we borrowed a year ago for the tearing down of the incinerator site. The balance of the borrowing of last year was for Parklawn Gardens. The total amount of this note renewal is \$2,415,000 and is due at the end of the year. We are recommending at this time to renew the note for that amount. If there are any questions on that I would be glad to answer them.

President Cervenik – Director Murphy do we need a formal amendment, or is the substitution ordinance adequate?

Director Murphy – The substituted ordinance should be adequate.

Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail moved to close debate. Councilwoman Miller seconded. Yeas: Unanimous.

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

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

Passed.

Res. 251-1999 (647-99) Tax Rate Levied

A resolution adopting the rate of each tax necessary to be levied both inside and outside the ten-mill limitation, as certified by the Cuyahoga County Budget Commission. (Sponsored by Mayor Oyaski and the entire Council)

Councilman Korosec moved for passage. Councilman Gallagher seconded.

Director Balazs – This represents the portion of the millage attributable to the City of Euclid. The total is 15.7 mil. The current millage for the city is 96.20. As you recall at the last election we added 6.9 for the school system. This brings our millage for the City of Euclid up to 103.10, 103 mills. Effective for on your tax bill coming out in December for your first payment in the year 2000. The city school portion now would be close to 70.40, the county's is similar to the city's around 15 mills each, of course the library adds 1.80. That will make up the total mills of 103 mills for the year 2000. This has to be submitted to the budget commission prior to December 1st. It is required that each council member signs off on the millage. We will present that, if approved to the budget commission on the county level. If there are any questions concerning the city's portion of the millage, I would be glad to answer that. This millage remains the same as last year. No change.

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

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

Passed.

Ord. (647-99) PULLED

An emergency ordinance authorizing the Director of Administration of the City of Euclid to extend the agreements for medical, dental, vision, life, and pharmacy health care insurance for eligible employees for up to a two (2) year period, commencing 1/1/00 and expiring 12/31/01. (Sponsored by Councilman Cervenik by request of the Administrative Director)

PULLED.

Ord. 252-1999 (639-99) Health Benefits

An emergency ordinance amending Section 22(.3)(A) of the Consolidated Compensation Ordinance No. 227-1996, setting the health benefits to be granted to City of Euclid personnel other than employees of a collective bargaining unit and municipal court personnel. (Sponsor Mayor Oyaski)

Councilman Vadnal moved for passage. Councilman Dallos seconded.

Director Murphy – This change in the compensation ordinance relative to non-union employees of the city will make their health care benefits equal and the same as the benefits that have been negotiated with the various union employees of the city for the next 2 years, 2000 and 2001. If you have any other questions, we will answer them for you.

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

Councilman Vadnal 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. 253-1999 (633-99) Neighborhood Assoc. Grant

An ordinance authorizing, empowering and directing the Mayor of the City of Euclid to renew the Neighborhood/Tenant/Condominium Association Grant for the year 2000. (Sponsored by Councilman Gallagher)

Councilman Gallagher moved for passage. Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail seconded.

Councilman Gallagher – I am very pleased with the success of this program. It is a very simple program and it involves a small amount of money from the city. It is only \$10,000 but provides a \$250 grant to I believe 36 different neighborhood associations. In fact this program has directly resulted in the creation of several new neighborhood associations. I think it fosters the spirit of community and relationships that we are seeking to develop here. I urge its renewal.

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

Councilwoman Miller 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. 254-1999 (643-99) Purchase Street Sweeper

An emergency ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service of the City of Euclid to purchase an Elgin Geo Vac Sweeper for the Streets Department through the State of Ohio Cooperative Purchasing Program. (Sponsored by Councilman Dallos by request of the Service Director)

Councilman Dallos moved for passage. Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail seconded.

Mayor Oyaski – Before Mr. DiNero explains the specifics of #9, there are a couple of items that are placed before you tonight that I think are very important that we should act on them sooner rather than later. Item #9, item #11 and item #13 and #14 are matters that effect the capital improvement budget. The roof repairs at Fire Station #1 are imperative that we make them at the present time. The equipment that is mentioned in #9 we lost a major piece of equipment due to a fire last week. What I am asking the Council to do in these four pieces to amend the capital budget so that the administration can make these four important purchases. What it does basically is advance money we would have otherwise have spent in next year's capital budget to this fall so that we can proceed at the present time. I don't think there is any reason to wait on any of the four. All four are essential or imperative to some degree. It does require an amendment to the '99 budget, thus reducing the money available next year. I do strongly support all four of the matters starting with #9, which Mr. DiNero can explain.

Director DiNero – On November 8th we had a fire in our vac-all sweeper. They determined that it was a gas leak. It was a 1979 Ford vac-all. This is a pretty important piece of equipment that we have in the street department.

Director DiNero - It helps with our leaf pickup, also it sweeps our streets. We would like to buy this through the state co-op program. I already spoke to this particular dealer and we could purchase a demonstrator of this type of equipment for approximately \$6000 cheaper than the value of the equipment. It has a minimum amount of hours, which we will get a full warranty. At this time I think we need to go forward and purchase this vehicle.

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

Councilwoman Miller 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. 255-1999 (646-99) NationsWaste/Lease

An emergency ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service of the City of Euclid to enter into a rental agreement with NationsWaste, Inc. to temporarily lease the City's property at 27700 Lakeland Blvd. (Sponsored by Councilman Dallos by request of the Service Director)

Councilman Korosec moved for passage. Councilman Vadnal seconded.

Director DiNero – The president of NationsWaste approached me about renting our property at the incinerator property, the fenced in area that Waste Management used. It would be strictly a month to month agreement for \$1000 a month just to store their vehicles that they are using in the City of Euclid to pick up our solid waste. They understand fully that this is a month and that when sell the property they have to go.

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

Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail 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. 256-1999 Bids/Roof/Station #1

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 to repair the roof of Fire Station No. 1. (Sponsored by Councilwoman Miller by request of the Service Director)

Councilwoman Miller moved for passage, Councilman Vadnal seconded.

Director DiNero – You just have to go over and look at some of the leaks that they have at that one fire station. One day the Chief called me, it was raining, and he said come over right away, I want to show you something. I went over there, it is in the Platoon Leaders room, where he sleeps and has his office. There is plastic on the ceiling and it is pitched towards the window to drain it out the window. This roof is in really bad shape. I think it is the original roof, or it might have been done 25 years ago. This roof is in need of replacement. The engineer's estimate is \$142,800. This is something that is necessary and should be done.

President Cervenik – Director DiNero, should we be taking steps here to ensure that these types of situations don't happen? Sounds like this has been leaking for sometime. Preventive maintenance?

Director DiNero – Yes, what's happening there is the felt. We had Tremco come out and inspect the roof. That's their specialty. What's happening there is the felt that's under the roof is all saturated and you don't know where the leaks are coming from. There is felt and then tar or whatever they put over the top of it. At this point, just repairing is not doing any good. We try to stay up on the leaks but that roof, we've been repairing all the time. It needs to be done.

President Cervenik – My point is, this Council should it last year when we appropriated funds to fix the garage. We always seem to have a tendency not to ask to spend money on our buildings. I think that day has come and gone. We need to take a certain portion of our budget and do these kinds of items before they come up. I think Council will support that. We're making people take care of their property and we need to do the same. In the long run, it is a lot a cheaper. Be sure to ask when you need something in the capital budget come January, February.

Councilman Gallagher – I understand the importance of this. The question I have is, it is my understanding that you are going to add a pitched roof now? You will put a brand new roof on it with a peak?

Director DiNero – yes.

Councilman Gallagher – Any alternatives to that, which would, in your opinion, work as well?

Director DiNero – From what I understand from the engineer, most of the problems we have with roofs is they are all flat roofs. He is recommending putting a pitched roof on there to eliminate some of our problems with leaks. I think this will do it.

Councilman Gallagher – There is no alternative to taking off the existing roof and re-doing it? Based on what you said before, the old roof lasted 25 years?

Director DiNero – Yes, we are talking 25 years but we had to constantly go up there and do repairs. Normally it should have been done 10 years ago. I'm saying the last 25 years because of all the leaks and what the Fire Department has put up with there. Our Assistant Fire Chief can elaborate more than I can, because he is in that building all the time.

Asst. Chief O'Connell – It is a constant problem with the leaks. We are open to anything that they can do to repair the building. Whether it is pitched roof, repair the flat roof, whatever it takes. All I know is station #3 has been there since 1958 and we don't have any problems with water there because it is a pitched roof. The other fire stations with flat roofs, we've had problems with station #2. Station #1 is a flat roof. I think the engineer's got the right idea when you go to a pitched roof to take care of the problem once and for all as opposed to just repairing the roof again.

Councilman Gallagher – I'm just trying to get a cost comparison if you have one to repairing the flat roof versus this. I realize this is obviously the superior plan, but what's the cost difference?

Director DiNero – I can get you that cost if you would like it.

Councilman Gallagher – You're recommending this as the only real reliable choice.

Director DiNero – What I recommend to you tonight is basically what the engineer is recommending that we should do. I think that we discussed it between the Asst. Fire Chief and the Chief and they would like from our past experience the flat roof we have problems. Even in this city hall, this city hall is only 12 years old and we are doing a number of repairs on this roof already, which is a flat roof. We also have problems over at the jail, which is a flat roof. If we are going to spend the money I think that we ought to spend it in the right way and take whatever the engineer is recommending.

Councilman Gallagher – I agree I think this is the right choice and I'm going to support this but I think it's appropriate to have the numbers in front of us for cost comparisons.

Director DiNero – I'll get you that cost.

Councilman Dallos – I think I was in the roofing business probably before Gallagher was even born. The problems with flat roofs, I was a superintendent estimator for a roofing company, we specialized in flat roofs. You have a tremendous amount of what I call flashing and stress problems, particularly when the weather changes drastically. You usually have problems with the flashing. To do it correctly you should go to copper cap flashing, copper base flashing.

Councilman Dallos - When you get into that and you get into doing the flat roof properly the expense is going to be probably very high. If you just put another new roof on there over the existing one and just do what I call base flashing, you will have problems within 5 to 7 years.

Councilman Vadnal moved to close debate. Councilman Farrell seconded. Yeas: Unanimous.

Councilman Dallos moved to suspend the rules. Councilwoman Miller seconded. Yeas: Unanimous.

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

Passed.

Ord. 257-1999 (632-99) Bids/Contract/Fire Hydrants

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service of the City of Euclid to enter into a contract after advertising for bids for the installation and/or repair of fire hydrants for a period commencing upon execution of a contract until midnight, December 31, 2000. (Sponsored by Councilman Dallos by request of the Service Director)

Councilman Dallos moved for passage. Councilman Farrell seconded.

Director DiNero – This is our normal ordinance that we need to go out for bids for fire hydrants. These are the hydrants that are struck through accidents. As far as the leaky hydrants, the City of Cleveland repairs those. These are strictly hydrants that are caused from accidents that we fix, have our contractor and then we bill the insurance companies if there are any insurance involved there.

Councilwoman Miller moved to close debate. Councilman Dallos 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.

Res. 258-1999 (636-99) Amend Budget/Female Firefighter/Renovations

A resolution amending the 1999 Capital Improvement Budget for the Euclid Fire Department to provide for renovations to accommodate the first female firefighter hired in the history of the Euclid Fire Department. (Sponsored by Councilwoman Miller by request of the Fire Chief)

Councilwoman Miller moved for passage. Councilwoman McGarry seconded.

Asst. Chief O'Connell – What we are asking for here is to reallocate some of our '99 capital budget resources. They were originally intended to be used for our air truck but instead we want to use them to start some remodeling and some renovations to help accommodate the female firefighter. All of these fire stations were built in the 40's, 50's and 60's and are built to accommodate a single sex department if you will. Bathrooms, locker rooms, showers are all one room, no doors, no dividers. We are trying to make some improvements in that area.

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. 259-1999 (635-99) Amend Budget/Purchase Ambulance

A resolution to amend the 1999 Fire Department Capital Improvement Budget to include \$102,236.50 which would enable the Fire Department to pay, in full upon delivery, for one new Horton Ambulance. (Sponsored by Councilwoman Miller by request of the Fire Chief)

Councilwoman Miller moved for passage. Councilman Vadnal seconded.

Director Balazs – To start off to answer Dorothy Fike’s question in the 1999 capital budget we had \$100,000 requested by the fire department for ambulance purchases. Chief Dworning decided to pay off the Horton Ambulance that arrived the first part of this year, the pay off figures are included in your ordinance. We had a balance left of \$24,000 that is indicated in the ordinance. The other medical ambulance that is arriving at the end of November, first part of December, if it arrives in the year 2000 we wouldn’t have this problem. Since it will be arriving early we decided at this point to pay off that balance. We are applying that \$24,000 to the \$126,000 purchase price. We are requesting a pay off this year on that ambulance and also in the year 2000 they will be requesting an additional ambulance for the year 2000. So you can see that they are updating the equipment in their area. They should be completed with their purchases at the end of 2000. If there are any further questions either I can answer that or Asst. Chief O’Connell.

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

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

Passed.

CEREMONIAL RESOLUTIONS

Res. 244-1999 (634-99) Kevin Farrell

A resolution of appreciation to Councilman Kevin Farrell for his dedicated and superior service to the City of Euclid. (Sponsored by Mayor Oyaski and the entire Council)

Res. 245-1999 (637-99) Joseph Dallos

A resolution of appreciation to Councilman Joseph Dallos in recognition of his dynamic and committed Council service to the City of Euclid. (Sponsored by Mayor Oyaski and the entire Council)

Res. 246-1999 (641-99) Richard Vadnal

A resolution of appreciation to Councilman Richard A. Vadnal in recognition of six years of dedicated and superlative service to the residents of the City of Euclid. (Sponsored by Mayor Oyaski and the entire Council)

Res. 247-1999 (642-99) Frances Legat

A memorial resolution in remembrance of Frances Legat, who passed away on November 1, 1999 at the young age of 102. (Sponsored by Mayor Oyaski and the entire Council)

Councilman Dallos moved for passage, Councilman Farrell seconded.

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

Passed.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Councilman Gallagher moved to go into the Committee of the Whole, Councilwoman Miller seconded. Yeas: Unanimous.

Mr. Jack Fraier – 235 Greenbriar Court. I would like to join those who are saying farewell to our three councilmen tonight. Saying, hasta la vista, hor voure and dolce devanna. Councilmen and all politicians are sometimes heckled, but I believe in the principle of nil nicci bonom mor touice a Latin expression that means “Say only good things about those who have departed, or who are about to depart.

First of all Councilman Vadnal. That rarest of all Councilman at Large. One who lives south of the railroad tracks. We’ll certainly miss you. That is of course Euclid’s authentically historic area. The birthplace of Charles F. Brush and others.

I was especially impressed when the famous landmark ordinance came up a few months ago. You opposed it because you saw a flaw in that ordinance. A commission that could have become an architectural Gestapo, that would have unreeled miles and miles of red tape to frustrate anybody wishing to repair, remodel or improve a home. Good luck to you.

Councilman Kevin Farrell. I saw him in operation when he served on the Master Plan Task Force.

Mr. Fraier - I was a member also and I was impressed with the quality of his comments and questions. However the high point of Kevin's career on Council came when he became a member, in fact probably the high point of his life, when he served as the council representative on the Shade Tree Commission. I hope all members of Council are aware that service on the Shade Tree Commission automatically makes you a candidate for sainthood. After Kevin is canonized, we'll need a place to remember him. And we have it, old fire station #2 on Euclid Ave., let's turn it into the St. Kevin Chapel. We can easily remove those plain glass windows on the garage door and put in some stained glass. Also, that would be a great place for our annual Arbor Day ceremonies. In case it is raining, we can go inside and plant a tree in a barrel. Thank you Kevin for your work and for your commitment to trees and to better spelling.

Joe Dallos has been around so long he is almost synonymous with Ward 4. Joe will be gone, but he will not be forgotten. At home I have a cigar box filled with Joe Dallos fingernail files. People in Wards 1 and 2, can bask in the glow of the glistening waters of Lake Erie. Down in Ward 4, we bask in the glow of glistening fingernails. Joe has done a lot for municipal beautification. For those of us that live in condominiums and private roads, we are especially grateful for his work in getting rubbish collection. Here is the front page of the Sun Journal for February 7, 1991. It was a great day for us when those trucks first arrived. Trash and Joe go together.

Now it is a practice in the City of Euclid to name something after a citizen who has done something significant. We have Sims Park, named after Mayor Sims. We have the C.E. Orr Ice Arena. We have the John Piscitello Service Department Garage. In Joe's case, we need to name something for him. Perhaps the next time the city buys a deluxe dump truck, we can name it the SS Joe Dallos. We can even christen that truck, but not with a bottle of champagne. Please no alcoholic beverages, but instead, let's get a bottle of water from Euclid Creek, which flows so gently and majestically through Ward 4. Thank you Joe for your work.

For those councilmen who have won elections and will be returning, congratulations, but remember you will be watched, weighed and measured. Thank you.

Mr. Patrick Kacar – 150 E. 233. I have a couple of comments/questions, probably for Director DiNero. Thank you for the work done on the streets Babbitt and Miller. You are doing a great job. But, I do have two questions. First of all, why was 260th restriped for one lane going each way?

Director DiNero – I think Capt. Maine can answer that better than I can.

Capt. Maine – My understanding is, Capt. Repicky from the Traffic Division could probably answer that better than I can, but my understanding is that it was all part of better traffic utilization plan. The center lane could be better used for turning vehicles. It would alleviate the lanes that were there. Although it was 4 lanes, they weren't wide enough and didn't meet state standards. With the continuing accidents we were having there, lane changes and so forth it was decided to make that one way each direction with a turning lane in the middle.

Mr. Kacar – Also, 222 and the southbound curb lane by St. Christine's are there any plans to fix the pot holes where they had the water main break about a month ago?

Director DiNero – Yes, in fact we sort of neglected that because we have all of our people collecting leaves at this time we want to try to get all of our leaves up before the snow falls. That will be taken care of before not too long.

Mr. Kacar – I also want to comment on an article last week in the Sun Journal about the Gateway condos. I want to congratulate the city, it needed to be done, it needed to be done a while ago. There was an article quote attributed to the Euclid Community Concerns Kent Smith about financial help for relocating those that we've displaced. Where are we planning on getting that money from? I don't know if that's a smart idea to use tax money.

President Cervenik – There are no intentions or legislative actions on at this time to allow that. I don't think we will be partaking of that.

Mr. Kacar – Okay, it just bothered me that we were possibly considering using tax money to relocate people. Thank you.

Rick Kapelich – 239 E. 238. My first question is actually a two-part question. I attended a meeting October 22nd at St. Roberts concerning the marina project. I didn't know if this was going to be something that would actually look at something to go with council. My second concern was it was brought up during the meeting that are there any violations at the Americana Apartments. If there are why aren't they being taken care of? That's all I have.

Director Koran – I can answer the Americana question. Our Housing Manager Erik Tollerup has informed me that almost all of the violations at the Americana have been corrected except for the parking garage, which is still an outstanding issue. They are having an engineering study conducted to determine the best way to fix the garage and to determine the problems there. That is the predominate violation that currently exists. As you probably know, we inspect every unit there once a year. Our inspectors are scheduling manual inspections this year. We will stay on top of the Americana to make sure that no class a violations reoccur.

Mr. Kapelich – I guess the second part to my question then if anyone had seen on Saturday night on channel 3 news I'm under the impression that Associated Estates are the owners of that apartment complex and they have some problems downtown. Does that bring a concern to Council that we don't have the same thing happen here?

President Cervenik – It has been a concern of Council, it has been a concern of the administration and it has been a very big concern of the housing department. They have been, as Director Koran reiterated, they have been there. They will keep on that property.

Harvey Mlachak – 23831 Lake Shore Blvd. Just an observation on this last election. To quote if they, I don't know if they still say it or not, but I thought it was cool. You drove up and down Lake Shore Boulevard and the various main streets and side streets and you seen all of these political signs up there for people who had ambition for one office or another. For people who live in those homes who backed these people who had ambition to serve this city. I thought it was great in spite of the fact that a few years back some members of council who were on council at that time some voted for it, some voted against it. There are people on the administration who backed Mayor Lynch at the time who wanted to take that freedom away from us. It was one gentleman, former Councilman and now State Senator Jerse who got up and told you people that will never fly. It's been tried, it's going to cost you \$200,000. I don't say I can quote this verbatim, but former Mayor Lynch says I don't care what it costs, I am going to fight it. Well, it cost the people of the City of Euclid about \$500,000. But, driving up and down the streets of our fair town, I thought it was great that you could express what you wanted to run for and which candidate you wanted to back. Let' not lose that freedom.

The other thing that kind of disturbed me and I would like to bring up, the only reason I didn't bring it up last week was because I wasn't here, the fishing was too good. The lease for the Eaton Family Credit Union was up. They are renting the space in city hall for \$200 a month. Their lease is up and we want to move them next door. One gentleman here, Mr. Cervenik in particular says I don't think that we should put them over there or I may be getting things a little not quite as clear as you made them, that we should put taxpayer's dollars to support and back a private entity at the rate of \$500 a month. I called Mr. Cervenik the following day and I told them I said, Mr. Cervenik I thought that was pretty nice of you to bring up before the public that the city should not become another landlord for a private entity. Then I expressed my surprise and amazement that in their proposed lease I wondered why there were 9 people here and these programs being aired that it says the credit union shall occupy the space rent free for the first year of the lease except that a one month's security deposit and so forth. You are going to move them from over there from \$200, cut some guy that has an office building to fight his own tax dollars and give them a year's rent free. Gentlemen, let me ask you one question, is this respect for taxpayer's dollars, I think not. Thank you.

Councilman Dallos moved to rise and report. Councilman Vadnal seconded.

Councilmen's Comments

Councilman Farrell – When I gave my little speech a while ago, I was just kind of winging it and since then I thought of a few other people that I've left out that I should thank and recognize. One of them being Jack Johnson, as you all probably know I had my television show and I couldn't have done that without Jack being my producer. So, thank you very much for that. I also want to thank the Mayor.

Councilman Farrell - I think that one of the things that I admire most about you Paul is the fact that you are not scared about attacking non-sexy issues, issues that are so important to this city and I appreciate you for doing that. And then our unsung heroes, Regina and Ernie, thanks for your support. And, of course my family and my friends, particularly during campaigns. With that I will say good night.

Councilwoman Miller – I too would like to wish Kevin, Rich and Joe much success, happiness and good health in the future to come. We certainly will miss you and I know I will miss you, all three of you. You've been an asset to this council. I would also like to state that on November 11th we had an excellent ceremony here in the city hall of the Veteran's Day. Quite a few council people were here, Harvey. Oh, he's not listening.

President Cervenik – Paybacks for last year.

Councilwoman Miller – I would like to state Harvey that we had a beautiful ceremony here on November 11th for Veteran's Day and quite a few council people were here.

Mr. Mlachak – Thank you very much.

Councilman Dallos – I would like to say one thing in defense of our council packages, offense of our council packages. I hope that the administration considers printing on both sides of the paper. To me anytime you get one of these packages and I see how big it is and sometimes a half-inch or an inch bigger than this, consider in defense of Jack Fraier how many trees that we have killed. I just hope that we start considering using both sides of the paper. Tomorrow I will go back to my office, my one daughter goes to catholic school in Parkersburg, West Virginia, my other daughter goes to catholic school in Parma. They use good sides of the paper. I will take the staples out, put them in boxes and send them to my grand kids who use them in catholic schools, it's being recycled. I think we should really look into that next year.

If you come up to Middle Bass and you see this old guy sleeping under the break wall, you know I'm here, you can wake me up. You can talk to me about Euclid in 2000, 2010, hopefully 2020 and I'll tell you about the 50's, 60's, 70's, 80's and 90's. I appreciate everybody here at the table. It was a great council, I really enjoyed it. Again thank everybody.

President Cervenik – Thank you. Everyone here this evening when we adjourn is invited out to the lobby for some cake and punch.

Adjournment

Councilman Dallos moved to adjourn. Councilmen Farrell and Vadnal seconded. Yeas: Unanimous.

Meeting adjourned.

Attest:

Clerk of Council

Council President