

COUNCIL MINUTES
MAY 5, 2003

The regular Council Meeting was held on Monday, May 5, 2003 at 7 p.m. in the Euclid City Hall Council Chamber. President Gudenas presided.

Members Present: Delaney, Gruber, Holzheimer Gail, Langman, Lisy, McTighe, Miller, Sustarsic, Gudenas

Others Present: Mayor Oyaski, Administrative Director Johnson, Finance Director Balazs, Acting CS&ED Director Gliha, Parks & Recreation Director DeMinico, Public Service Director Gulich, Asst. Law Director Vento de Crespo, Planning & Zoning Commissioner Hayes, Building Commissioner Apanasewicz, Police Chief Maine, Fire Chief Dworning, Asst. Service Director Driscoll, Housing Manager Tollerup, Sgt.-at-Arms Volk, Asst. Clerk of Council Miller

Invocation was given by the Rev. Mr. Bob Payne, Deacon at Holy Cross Church.

Liquor Permit

Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail moved to receive and approve without objection a request for a transfer of a D5 liquor permit to ranks Fairway, LLC d.b.a. The Fairway Lounge, 830 Babbitt Rd. Councilman Lisy seconded.

Roll Call: Yeas: Unanimous.

COMMUNICATIONS

A Resolution from the City of Bedford Heights opposing the elimination of E-check emission inspections.
A letter from Adelphia explaining new rates to be effective in June's billing statement.
A memo from Mayor Oyaski submitting a West Nile Virus Update from the County Health Dept.
A memo from Law Director Murphy re: Bequest to Euclid Dog Pound.
The April Report of the Euclid Animal Shelter.
The 2003 Maximus Report for Waste Water Treatment Plant.
A summary of legislation for tonight's agenda by Law Director Murphy.

President Gudenas - Now the way I read the City of Bedford Heights, they are asking the State Legislature to maintain their position to exempt cars of up to 5 years. We might want to consider joining in the future.

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Councilwoman Miller moved to receive and approve the Council Minutes of April 21, 2003. Councilman Sustarsic seconded. Yeas: Unanimous.

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Oyaski - We have a few presentations and a couple of brief reports starting with the Finance Director, Mr. Balazs.

Director Balazs - I did hand out the City Income Tax Report this evening and it's income received through April, which is 4 months or 1/3 of the year rather. We're up about a hundred thousand after a third of the year. So hopefully, this is an indication we bottomed out and, of course, the only direction we hope is to go up at this point on so we'll monitor that monthly. And you'll receive that report monthly as well.

We had a Finance Committee meeting last Wednesday night and the Chairman had indicated that he would like to direct the Administration into monthly budgeting vs. the annual appropriation method. The Budget Director, Paul Beckwith, has looked at the budget module in our system and he is indicating that the information that he can receive and put in there that he would be able to develop a methodology for monthly budgeting. And as soon as he presents that information, we'll get back to you Mr. Chairman as to the time frame and the inputting of the information from the various Chiefs and Directors.

Also, you indicated that evening that the City spent \$900,000 more than the amended appropriation back in June of 2002. And you were correct on that statement but included in that figure was the Rainy Day Fund of a half a million dollars that we had to make a correcting entry on that per the auditors. They wanted to make sure that that Rainy Day Fund was not in the General Fund but moved to another fund. So they could account for it properly as the State had required us.

In addition to that half a million we did have increased costs in the collection of our City Income Tax of about 175,000. And we did have some costs that were not able to meet the savings in our Safety Forces. But overall other than that 900,000 explanation, the City did have savings and basically the savings were introduced by the Mayor and also Councilman Lisy did present savings to our 2002 budget that did occur. So that's the status of that and what I mentioned before. When we have the information on the monthly budget, I'll get back to the Chairman and City Council members. Thank you very much.

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Director DeMinico - The Euclid Orchestra will be hosting their Spring Concert at the Shore Cultural Center on Sunday, May 18th at 3 p.m. and in conjunction with that the Friends of the Henn Mansion are conducting a dinner fundraiser after the event. So you can take in the concert and dinner. For ticket information please call 486-8379 or the Cultural Centre extension 289-2700, 3925.

Stay tuned. They'll be more information coming along shortly in regards to the Shade Tree Municipal Beautification Pond and Garden Tour, which will be taking place Sunday, June 29th. It's the second year for that and it should be quite exciting. We're increasing the participation so there'll be more information to follow. Thank you, Mayor.

Mayor Oyaski presented a Proclamation to Miss Poppy 2003, Erin Knaser.

Mayor Oyaski, Chief Maine and Officer Sebusch presented Special Certificates and a gift to Symone Lake and her father, Rodriguez Lake for their bravery and help in apprehending a bank robber.

Mayor Oyaski presented Resolution 97-2003 (458-03) to Mr. Hickerson recognizing May 2003 as Motorcycle Awareness Month in the City of Euclid.

REPORTS & COMMITTEE MINUTES

Councilwoman Miller moved to receive and approve the Housing Improvements & Building Standards Committee Minutes of April 2, 2003; Board of Control 4/7/03; 4/14/03; 4/21/03. Councilman Lisy seconded. Yeas: Unanimous.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Councilman Lisy moved to go into the Committee of the Whole for Legislative Matters Only. Councilman Gruber seconded. Yeas: Unanimous.

President Gudenas - The first 5 items are third reading, we are not voting on those. They will be discussed in two weeks.

Mr. Tom Cooke - 23100 Chardon Rd. Regarding #7, the residential planning for the greenspace. Although I'm really not fond of spending money, especially for consultants, this does seem like a wise thing to do as far as zoning classification considering we don't have any for the City of Euclid at this time.

#8, regarding the fire damaged house. It is unfortunate that it has to be torn down, but nobody wants a fire damaged house in their neighborhood that's unoccupied. I'm definitely in favor of that.

The ordinance regarding resurfacing, #9. I'm glad to see that. I understand that during these times money is extremely tight, extremely tight for everybody, but this is a time when we really do have to reach out and do things that are extremely difficult. This is an investment in the city, without question. Long term investment that has to continue on a regular basis.

#11, the upgrade regarding the 9-1-1 equipment. I'm extremely happy to see this. This will help both services, police and fire, correct? I just can't tell you how happy I am to see this as an ordinance and I definitely urge its passage and I urge continued investment in the capital equipment and manpower regarding the services. The services are the foundation of this community. It is where people move into this community, where businesses move to this community. They look at that first. The fire and the police, give an element of safety and security to the residents of this city and the businesses of the city. I urge you to continue to look at capital improvements in this area.

#12, pretty much follows along the same course. The purchase of the fire department vehicle, I definitely urge passage of that. Again continued focus and emphasis on the services, on a regular basis. We can't let this fall to the wayside. I understand money is extremely tight, it is extremely tight for everybody. It is at times like this when we must continue to invest in our community. That will come back in the long term. We all know that. Thank you.

Ms. Alice Yatsko - 26930 Gary Ave. I too would like to comment on #7. Several months ago when this was introduced by Pat Delaney and we had the gentlemen here, I had commented at that time. I felt this was a very good idea. We need professionals planning this community. Not the things that have been happening lately. We wouldn't be having this problem with greenspace and things like that if it had been planned properly by a professional. Thank you.

Mr. William Hilf - 891 E. 237 St. #7, I think this is a good idea for our city. Especially with the development that has been talked about up in the Hillandale area. And for other areas of the city where we have space right now. I think we should be looking to keep some of this greenspace because it is important and we have a wonderful view on Hillandale and it would be a shame because of the current zoning that we would lose that.

#13, I would like to applaud Council for coming up with a resolution and an idea to keep our animal shelter going and working strong. It is an important thing for the city to have and I hope that all of Council gets behind this. Thank you.

Mr. Harvey Mlachak - 23831 Lake Shore Blvd. Euclid, Ohio. I would like to address #6 tonight. To where somebody wants the Council to cut their pay. I don't think you guys should get a pay cut. I've been known to make a few phone calls to you council people on things that bothered me and some things that didn't bother me to much. A lot of people came up here and accused you people of having a part-time job. I don't think it's a part-time job. I don't think that a lot of citizens of our town realize how much time, effort and so forth that you put into your jobs. Even though its in line with other communities our size, pay their council people, I said before, I'm not to worried about what other communities do. I'm worried about the community hat I live in. This is like when you are at a baseball game and you steal second base. It is like telling the umpire time out, I want to go to first base. Once you've got it, you don't give it up. I think you gentlemen and ladies are a great job, especially when concerned citizens call you, you are always prompt in calling them back and trying to do the best you can. I don't believe that you should give yourselves a pay cut. I think you guys are doing a great job.

Ms. Regina Hauck - 116 E. 197 St. I'd also like to comment on #6. As you know I'm all for saving money for the city, but this legislation disturbs me. I don't feel comfortable lowering the Council's salary to a below average rate. I don't believe we have a council that performs at a below average capacity. Therefore, I don't think they deserve a below average rate of pay.

I live in Ward 1 and our representative is Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail. She attends all Council meetings and Committee Meetings. She comes to these meeting prepared and knowledgeable of the subject matter. If you listen to any of her comments during these meetings, it is evident that she has spent quite a bit time researching and understanding the legislation. This is not a below average performance.

Another example of a stellar performance has occurred during the budget meetings. While some members of Council were still trying to figure out what page of the budget was being discussed, Councilman Lisy and Council President Gudenas were busy bringing up cost-cutting ideas to the table. They were able to do this because they spent the time to understand not only the numbers, but the budgeting process and how the city is run. Again, this is not a below average performance.

I'm sure everyone in this room can give examples of how this Council has exceeded average performance levels. I do not know who will be running for Council in the fall, or who among you will be running for re-election. I am concerned that if we reduce the salary of the future Council to a below average pay rate, we may be sending a signal that we will also accept a below average performance. I think the citizens of Euclid deserve and expect better than that.

Since I am assuming most of you have other sources of income, this \$1,000 reduction wouldn't affect your lifestyle. However, in that same vein, it won't really affect the city's budget either. Our expenses are budgeted to be over \$32 million. \$9,000 is less than two one hundredths of a percent of our budget. Not something that any resident of the city is really going to see.

Last year Councilman Lisy did a study on the pay rates for Commission members in other cities. Many other cities do not pay their commission members, they volunteer their time. Our Commission members are amongst the highest paid. It was proposed to reduce their salary to the average rate. This was hotly contested and not approved. I don't understand why you wouldn't reduce commission salaries to the average rate, but are considering reducing council's salary to a below average rate.

My last comment on this subject is not directed to the members of council, but rather to the general public and media. If this item fails tonight, I'm sure the headlines will read, Council refuses to cut their own salaries. There will also be citizens writing letters to the Editor wondering why Council cut everyone else's budget but not their own. As you are writing these articles and letters, please remember something. A good portion of a Council member's pay goes right back into the community. While we, the average citizen can choose what organizations to support in the city, the Council members do not really have that choice. They are asked to support and buy tickets to just about everything that is happening in this city. Just within the past few weeks, they have been at least three activities: Babes on Blades, Hello Dolly at Show and the Blade & Edge Club show. I'll bet most of our council members bought tickets to these events even if they could not attend. I'm sure the groups that host these activities are grateful for the support of the Council. For all these reasons I'm asking that you vote no on #6. Let's not reduce ourselves to below average council. Thank you.

Councilman Lisy moved to rise and report. Councilman McTighe seconded. Yeas: Unanimous.

LEGISLATION

Res. (414-03) UDE Watergate - Pizza Shop

A resolution granting a Use District Exception pursuant to Chapter 1375.01(a)(3) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Euclid to AERC-Water, Inc. to allow a U-4 (Retail/Wholesale) use in a U-3 (Apartment) Use District at 26151-26241 Lake Shore Boulevard, P.P. #644-09-004. (Sponsored by Planning & Zoning Commission)

Third Reading. Public Hearing 5-19-03.

Res. (415-03) UDE Watergate - Video Rental Store

A resolution granting a Use District Exception pursuant to Chapter 1375.01(a)(3) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Euclid to AERC-Water, Inc. to allow a U-4 (Retail/Wholesale) use in a U-3 (Apartment) Use District at 26151-26241 Lake Shore Boulevard, P.P. #644-09-004. (Sponsored by Planning & Zoning Commission)

Third Reading. Public Hearing 5-19-03.

Res. (416-03) UDE Watergate - Travel Agency

A resolution granting a Use District Exception pursuant to Chapter 1375.01(a)(3) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Euclid to AERC-Water, Inc. to allow a U-4 (Retail/Wholesale) use in a U-3 (Apartment) Use District at 26151-26241 Lake Shore Boulevard, P.P. #644-09-004. (Sponsored by Planning & Zoning Commission)

Third Reading. Public Hearing 5-19-03.

Res. (417-03) UDE Watergate - Dry Cleaning Shop

A resolution granting a Use District Exception pursuant to Chapter 1375.01(a)(3) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Euclid to AERC-Water, Inc. to allow a U-4 (Retail/Wholesale) use in a U-3 (Apartment) Use District at 26151-26241 Lake Shore Boulevard, P.P. #644-09-004. (Sponsored by Planning & Zoning Commission)

Third Reading. Public Hearing 5-19-03.

Res. (418-03) UDE Watergate - Travel Agency

A resolution granting a Use District Exception pursuant to Chapter 1375.01(a)(3) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Euclid to AERC-Water, Inc. to allow a U-4 (Retail/Wholesale) use in a U-3 (Apartment) Use District at 26151-26241 Lake Shore Boulevard, P.P. #644-09-004. (Sponsored by Planning & Zoning Commission)

Third Reading. Public Hearing 5-19-03.

Ord. (456-03) Reduce Council Salary

An ordinance reducing the compensation paid to members of City Council beginning with the term commencing December 1, 2003. (Sponsored by Councilman Gruber)

Councilman Gruber moved for passage, Councilman McTighe seconded.

Councilman McTighe - I have a question. This is for who would be representing our Law Director. Does the Law Department publish the agendas here?

Asst. Law Director Vento - No we don't. The Law Department does not compose or type or publish the agenda. The agenda is prepared by the Clerk's office, the Clerk of Council.

Councilman McTighe - The little paragraph that we see on it, where it says, Council pay reduced from \$9,000 to \$8,000 and Council President reduced from \$10,000 to \$9,000 annually. Average Council pay in Ohio for cities of Euclid's size is approximately \$9,500 annually. Who writes that?

President Gudenas - That would be me.

Councilman McTighe- Just out of curiosity, a resident came up and said that we would be underpaid by having this pay cut going forward. When I presented months ago regarding Jefferson Wells saying cutting Council and published all that information stating the paying Council members and the size for what we have, it would be comparable to what everyone else from other suburbs have. Also I sit here and see how we can go out as a Council, got out and lay off people, we can approve cuts in budgets. But yet we can't even approve our own spending levels. I can see if we were increasing it, but we need to be able to take care of ourselves and then go forward. I personally would support this because I'm running not to make the money. Its nice because it does go back, as you see from the Poppies and Blades. But, I think we should take a look at ourselves again and hopefully I can bring it back again and say a cut in Council is what we need in the city to be in the ranks of where other cities are. From what another resident said, saying we're just following the lead of other communities, I don't think so. Maybe we'll show other communities that we take a look at ourselves first before moving on. That's basically all I have to say. Oh, I do have one comment regarding commission

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members. Those commission members' pay, there's a couple of them who took their pay and put it towards the budget of the school crossing guards. Their pays went to help maintain the school crossing guards. You can see that these individuals also realize that they pay is getting put back into the city of Euclid's budget to help them. Those are all my comments on this matter.

Councilman Gruber - I'll dovetail on Councilman McTighe's comment. I know a commission member that wrote a check for \$1,200 to help support the school crossing guards. They're probably doing their fair share. Where this all came about is from Jefferson Wells. Their study suggested that our pay was out of line compared to other communities. There are a lot of sub-standard communities around here. Let me tell you, Richmond Heights \$5,500. Eastlake \$6,700. Bay Village \$6,700. South Euclid \$7,000. Lakewood \$7,000. Cleveland Heights \$7,020. Those are our peer cities. University Heights \$7,700. Willowick \$6,000. If you guys are in for the money move to Westlake, they get \$11,000 and council president gets \$16,000. Shaker Heights \$7,200. Just today on WCPN, Ohio law makers may not like it but this week a legislative panel will hear a proposal to lower their pay. It is just one of a dozen proposals law makers will consider in various House and Senate Committees this week to help balance the State budget.

Yes, its not a lot of money. This would not affect this Council. If we would have done this along with the health care, there's about \$70,000 tied up there this Council could have saved. I think we should follow the lead of the commissions. Maybe look at ourselves a little closer. The reason this was brought up was from the Jefferson Wells. I know we had Council members that said we'd look under every rock for every nickel. I know we had one that said we must make cuts no matter how small. These are just a couple of comments that have made this Council chamber. I'll leave it up to this Council. I agree it is a small amount of money, it is about \$1,000. It is something we can do. It is something we can give back to the community. Jefferson Wells told us to do it. That's one of the reasons I put it on the agenda. It was their discretion and their request. That's why its there. We can run it through and vote on it. It was one of the recommendations from Jefferson Wells. We might as well try to get one of them out of that report.

President Gudenas - Any other comments? No one else? Just to clarify when it was said below average. The Ohio Municipal League in a publication like this did a survey of all Ohio and cities our size and our size classification the average pay for Council is about 9,500.

Councilman Gruber - It would be interesting to see if benefits were included in that. I'd be interested to see if they also include benefits in that.

President Gudenas - We'll ask them to do that survey, too. Any other comments? I see none.

Councilman Gruber moved to close debate; seconded by Councilman McTighe. Yeas: Unanimous.

Roll Call: Yeas: Gruber, McTighe

Nays: Delaney, Holzheimer Gail, Langman, Lisy, Miller, Sustarsic, Gudenas

Failed.

Ord. 98-2003 (459-03) Resid. Dev. District Cnslt.

An emergency ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of Euclid, or his designee, to enter into an agreement with Cawrse & Associates, Inc., 547 East Washington Street, Chagrin Falls, Ohio, for consulting services to prepare necessary standards for the zoning of a Planned Residential Development District. (Sponsored by Mayor Oyaski)

Councilman Delaney moved for passage; seconded by Councilman Lisy.

Mayor Oyaski - About 20 years ago the City hired the Regional Planning Commission to develop the original U-2A regulations, which became the ASF regulations and they were used to guide the development of Katy Rose Lane and Bennington Hamlet. And I've had discussions with the Council President. He believes that those regulations need to be revised and updated and because of the number of parcels in a number of different Wards are potentially involved and it's of general interest to the entire Council, I wanted to make you aware of it and, hopefully, solicit your approval tonight.

President Gudenas - Thank you. And again, this would apply to large or undeveloped parcels where the City would create a special zone classification to help preserve greenspace, trees, ravines, wetlands and the like. And create a category that doesn't fit into our standard single-family or attached single-family to give greater flexibility to preserve the green space. This would not be for any one specific parcel. This could be, I think, of parcels 2, 3 and 4 and possibly 1 that could qualify. Again, we're not rezoning anything. This firm did come make a presentation about a half-year ago or so and is ready, willing and able to proceed. They are professional planners and give us the extra piece from their years of experience in what has worked in other cities so that we can capitalize on what they've done elsewhere.

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Councilman Gruber - Properties that are already owned, would they be affected by this legislation?

President Gudenas - I believe all property is already owned.

Councilman Gruber - I mean, like, if we change like the church property of Hillandale is what they're talking about. Now, that the church owns that property and they bought under one zoning classification.

President Gudenas - Again, this is not to rezone any specific property. This is to create a new zoning classification that we could consider rezoning other properties to.

Councilman Gruber - Well, would they be grandfather under the old classification or would they have to abide by the new classification?

President Gudenas - We're not discussing that so we would ask, actually, I don't think that's something we can answer today. But my guess is every property in the City of Euclid has its own classification already. We don't have any land in the City without the zoning classification.

Mayor Oyaski - This legislation does not pertain to any particular parcel. It pertains to a study to analyze the particular zoning classification, whether it's revised ASF or a brand new district. Obviously, that would go through hearings with P&Z and have to be adopted by this Council. Then this Council would have to apply it to parcel by parcel. And there would be a number of issues that would have to be faced with each and every owner of the impacted property. But that's getting a little ahead of the game right now.

Councilman McTighe - What other firms came up to you that made this presentation?

Mayor Oyaski - I asked Mr. Gliha to contact the successor organization of the Regional Planning Organization, Regional Planning Commission because they had been involved in similar work 20 years ago now and their price was considerably higher.

Councilwoman Miller moved to close debate; seconded by Councilman Sustarsic. Yeas: Unanimous.

Councilman Lisy moved to suspend the rules; seconded by Councilman Langman. Yeas: Unanimous.

Roll Call: Yeas: Delaney, Gruber, Holzheimer Gail, Langman, Lisy, McTighe, Miller, Sustarsic, Gudenas Passed.

Ord. 99-2003 (451-03) Fire Damaged Home on E. 197

An ordinance authorizing the Commissioner of Building of the City of Euclid to solicit proposals and to enter into a contract for the public purpose of eliminating a fire damaged home in the neighborhood at 274 East 197 Street, Euclid, Ohio 44119 (Permanent Parcel No. 641-09-048) (Sponsored by Mayor Oyaski)

Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail moved for passage; seconded by Councilman Langman.

President Gudenas - This is the home that was under discussion before. We've already wanted to proceed and we are proceeding. Any comments?

Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail - I fully support this and hope Council will as well. One question to the Building Commissioner, Mr. Apanasewicz, what would be the time frame on this assuming it passes?

Commissioner Apanasewicz - It would have to be at least 30 days. We have to issue condemnation order, which is basically an ultimatum to the owner, either you must raze or repair the property or we will. So the ordinance, this allows us to proceed with the legal work that we need to do to have that done so demolition will probably proceed on June 6.

Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail moved to close debate; seconded by Councilman McTighe. Yeas: Unanimous.

Councilman Delaney moved to suspend the rules; seconded by Councilman Lisy. Yeas: Unanimous.

Roll Call: Yeas: Delaney, Gruber, Holzheimer Gail, Langman, Lisy, McTighe, Miller, Sustarsic, Gudenas Passed.

Ord. 100-2003 (453-03) Street Resurfacing Program for 2003

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public service of the City of Euclid to enter into contracts after advertising for bids for the labor and materials necessary for Street Resurfacing and Curb and Pavement Programs for the year 2003. (Sponsored by Councilman Sustarsic by request of the Service Director)

Councilman Sustarsic moved for passage; seconded by Councilwoman Miller.

President Gudenas - This is already in our Capital Budget and we are proceeding.

Director Gulich - Again, thank you Council for all your support and this ordinance. Our streets and our pavements are very important here and I'm looking forward to proceeding with the 2003 Resurfacing Program, Curbs and Pavement. This will allow the City to enter into contracts to proceed with that work.

President Gudenas - And do we have the list of streets?

Director Gulich - As a matter of fact, my Assistant, Dan Driscoll, previously delivered a list to members of Council. Obviously, we won't be able to do all the streets on that we will see that a revised list gets out based on our bid quantities that we receive.

President Gudenas - So it's not finalized yet. Or are you going in order #1 to #2?

Director Gulich - Correct.

President Gudenas - So we'll cut it off when the money runs out?

Director Gulich - That's kind of what we have to do, yes.

Mayor Oyaski - That list was prioritized that you gave them?

Director Gulich - Yes.

President Gudenas - Okay, very good. Any other comments?

Councilwoman Miller moved to suspend the rules; seconded by Councilman McTighe. Yeas: Unanimous.

Roll Call: Yeas: Delaney, Gruber, Holzheimer Gail, Langman, Lisy, McTighe, Miller, Sustarsic, Gudenas Passed.

Ord. 101-2003 (452-03) Auxiliary Police Annual Dinner

An emergency ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of Euclid to expend an amount not to exceed Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,00.00) to pay for the annual appreciation dinner for Euclid Auxiliary Police Officers to be held at the Manor Party Center. (Sponsored by Councilwoman Miller by request of the Police Chief)

Councilwoman Miller moved for passage; seconded by Councilman Gruber.

President Gudenas - This is our annual event, well deserved, for all of our great volunteers.

Chief Maine - I agree, Mr. Chairman. Last year our auxiliaries volunteered over 2200 hours. We would not be able to do the job that we do and create the presence that we are able to create out there without these people. This is a small token, I think, that we can show our appreciation and I would encourage its passage and you're all invited.

Mayor Oyaski - This is some little compensation that we provide that people that stand out in the snow and the cold and work hard for public safety and it would be great if the entire Council could join us that evening to salute the dedicated members of the auxiliary.

President Gudenas - We'll all try to be there.

Councilman Delaney moved to suspend the rules; seconded by Councilman Gruber. Yeas: Unanimous.

Roll Call: Yeas: Delaney, Gruber, Holzheimer Gail, Langman, Lisy, McTighe, Miller, Sustarsic, Gudenas Passed.

Ord. 102-2003 (454-03) Upgrade 9-1-1 Equipment

An emergency ordinance authorizing the Mayor as Ex-Officio Director of Public Safety of the City of Euclid to enter into a contract with SBC, 50 West Bower Street, Akron, Ohio, to upgrade the City's Wireless 9-1-1 equipment for dispatch, for an amount not to exceed Seventy Seven Thousand Dollars (\$77,000.00). (Sponsored by Councilwoman Miller by request of the Police Chief)

Councilman Lisy moved for passage; seconded by Councilman Langman.

President Gudenas - And this is something we also had approved in our Capital Budget and we are proceeding with it.

Chief Maine - Yes, sir. Both Chief Dworning and I feel this is a necessary piece of equipment to update our dispatching capabilities. The original equipment, the box, was put in, I believe, back in 86 or 87. They've been able to kind of band-aid it for the last 16, 17 years. And I think Mr. Johnson could attest to the recent amount of update that we've had to have to our 9-1-1 system in terms of maintenance. So this will be the first step in upgrading our capabilities and it's also the first step in that CAD project that we've talked about before. So they'll all be able to dovetail.

Councilman McTighe - Just have one quick question. Thank you, Council President. What's the life expectancy of this system?

Chief Maine - Any time you're talking about computer and communications equipment, I think you're talking about a life span somewhere 5-10 years. There's probably updates that we can do in terms of software, but this is hardware also. I think we've done a pretty good job of making the previous equipment last as long as it could and we'll do the same with this so probably 5-10 years.

Councilman McTighe - Thanks.

Councilman Lisy - Chief Maine, we discussed this, this was discussed at the Budget Hearings, the Capital Improvement Budget Hearings. And at that time your staff was going to be going out for report to figure out the needs for the City. Am I thinking of the right equipment?

Chief Maine - You talking about the radios?

Councilman Lisy - Yes.

Chief Maine - Yes, that's also on our agenda.

Councilman Lisy - Okay, but is that part of this one?

Chief Maine - This is not part of that, no.

Councilman Lisy - So there's more to come.

Chief Maine - Right.

Councilman Lisy - Okay, great.

Councilman McTighe moved to close debate; seconded by Councilwoman Miller. Yeas: Unanimous.

Councilman Gruber moved to suspend the rules; seconded by Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail. Yeas: Unanimous.

Roll Call: Yeas: Delaney, Gruber, Holzheimer Gail, Langman, Lisy, McTighe, Miller, Sustarsic, Gudenas Passed.

Ord. 103-2003 (457-03) Prchse Fire Command Vehicle Truck

An emergency ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service of the City of Euclid to purchase a command vehicle truck for the Fire Department from bob McCormack Chevrolet, through the State of Ohio cooperative Purchasing Program. (Sponsored by Councilwoman Miller by request of the Fire Chief)

Councilman Langman moved for passage; seconded by Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail.

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President Gudenas - And again, this was approved at our Capital Budget.

Chief Dworning - Mr. Chairman, the only think I'd like to add is that since that time the Superintendent of Motor Maintenance has been able to procure this vehicle for us through the State Co-op Purchasing Program. Thereby, we can waive the competitive bidding requirements and purchase this vehicle at a cheaper rate than we though we would be able to buy it initially.

President Gudenas - Very good.

Chief Dworning- You like that.

President Gudenas - Put on white walls.

Councilman Gruber moved to close debate; seconded by Councilman Delaney.

Councilman McTighe - I have just one question. How much is this vehicle going to cost at all?

Chief Dworning - We anticipated a cost of \$46,000. We won't exceed that once we outfit the vehicle with all the required lighting and radios and everything, it'll be below the \$46,000 cost Council approved.

Councilman McTighe - Okay, thanks.

President Gudenas - That's out the door.

Roll Call: Yeas: Delaney, Gruber, Holzheimer Gail, Langman, Lisy, McTighe, Miller, Sustarsic, Gudenas Passed.

Res. 104-2003 (460-03) Animal Shelter Spec. Rev. Fund

A resolution authorizing the establishment of a Special Revenue Fund for deposit of all funds allocated to the Euclid Animal Shelter. (Sponsored by Councilpersons Lisy, Langman & Miller)

Councilman Lisy moved for passage; seconded by Councilwoman Miller.

President Gudenas - And who would like to address this?

Councilman Lisy - We've been meeting with the Euclid Animal Shelter Commission and reviewing the operations and operational requirements for the Animal Shelter. Last Council Meeting we looked at, or we approved of moving the sub-lease from the Veterinarian Clinic to the Animal Shelter. As I was working with the Finance Dept. we realized there was no real mechanism in place for the way the Animal Shelter was currently budgeted for this type of transaction to occur. One reason for this legislation was creating a special revenue fund so that the revenues can be earmarked to it. Second, this legislation also encourages volunteers to do fund raising efforts and have that money earmarked for the Animal Shelter. Third, we have, as we've received in our Council package, a deceased resident left the Animal Shelter \$5,700 and this way the money can be allocated to the Animal Shelter instead of going to the General Fund. It is bookkeeping, a way to keep track of the money that's either raised by the Animal Shelter or, donated to the Animal Shelter for animal shelter activities.

President Gudenas - Just as the Golf Course has been an enterprise fund, we are creating an enterprise fund for the Animal Shelter, is that correct?

Director Balazs - Pretty close. We'll call this a special revenue fund, depending on the funds that come in through the lease, donations and so forth. This kind of segregates it, highlights the revenue and the activity of the department itself. To include the special revenue fund, we will have to move some money from the general fund into the animal shelter special revenue account. That will be at the next amendment to the budget, you'll see that as well. This gives us the authority to set up the special revenue account for the animal shelter.

Councilman Lisy - The difference between the special revenue fund and the enterprise fund is that the enterprise funds run at a surplus. This one will probably need a transfer from the general fund each year.

Councilman McTighe - The goal is not to have an animal shelter be self-supported?

Councilman Lisy - Ideally we'd like that. Realistically with all the animal control activities that are associated with our ordinances, that's run at a loss, that portion of it.

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President Gudenas - A big portion of that budget is animal control, not just animal shelter.

Councilman McTighe - Right, which this is all tied into. But is that the goal, going to go forward?

Councilman Lisy - We'd like to generate as much money as we could to offset the transfer from the general fund. Currently, though, to maintain just the activities of the Animal Control officers, we've approved a budget of roughly \$165,000. So, to get the animal shelter to be running as the animal shelter where there's adoptions and other activities going on, requires additional monies. That's where we're looking at doing the fund raisers, the grant writing and supplementing this special revenue fund with those separate cash transactions.

President Gudenas - All we're doing tonight is creating this fund. It is an accounting procedure. Hopefully at the next meeting or thereafter we'll have some additional plans.

Councilman Gruber - Director Balazs, how much do you anticipate transferring into this fund?

Director Balazs - I'll double check but I think in the amount of \$164,000 plus any lease payments we might have received in the general fund will be transferred to the special revenue account. Or whatever that balance is, but it will be within that range.

Councilman Gruber - That is just from this point of the year to the end of the year and next year we will have to renew the funding?

Director Balazs - We've allocated \$164,000 toward the Animal Shelter at this particular point.

President Gudenas - That's the current budget.

Director Balazs - Current budgeting. We certainly will highlight the activity over the Animal Shelter to show specifically what is raised and so forth. It will highlight the subsidy that maybe needed for the 2004 year.

Councilman Gruber - I'd also like to add at this time that Councilwoman Miller and Councilman Lisy did a wonderful job on bringing this together and working to get this back to where it should be. You both deserve credit.

Councilwoman Miller - I think it is important that we state that we're not asking for any more money except what's been allocated to the budget. What we're doing is working towards the monies coming strictly for the Animal Shelter. It is working straight from the budget.

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

Roll Call: Yeas: Delaney, Gruber, Holzheimer Gail, Langman, Lisy, McTighe, Miller, Sustarsic, Gudenas Passed.

CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

A resolution recognizing May 2003 as Motorcycle Awareness Month in the City of Euclid. (Sponsored by Mayor Oyaski and the entire Council)

Councilman Langman moved for passage, Councilman Sustarsic seconded.

Roll Call: Yeas: Delaney, Gruber, Holzheimer Gail, Langman, Lisy, McTighe, Miller, Sustarsic, Gudenas Passed.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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

President Gudenas - We are going to start something new next meeting. I was going to start this meeting but I didn't get around to it. Any specific complaints regarding curbs, trees, junk cars, whatever, we're going to have forms on the podium. Everyone can sign it in, right as you come in. Our Sgt.-at-Arms, Paul Volk will deliver immediately to the proper Director in triplicate and you will get a response in writing right after that. That will speed things up a lot.

Mrs. Madeline Scarniench - 1511 E. 221. Just some food for thought. Even though you almost unanimously denied lowering council's salary. How about raising it \$1,000 and eliminating the health care benefits? I've

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talked about this before. I do not tread lightly when I say that this is a part-time job. It is a part-time job. But everybody puts in full time hours. But just like everybody else that works part-time in the City, they don't have benefits. I would gladly give you another \$1,000 to the amount of money that you already get, but eliminate the medical.

As far as the Animal Shelter as the Chairman of the Commission for the Animal Shelter, we've all been working very hard to get the Shelter opened and, hopefully, within the next month, month and a half, it will be and we'll be able to make an announcement about that. I'd like to see us have an open house to invite people in, but at this time we're also talking about doing a fundraiser. So if there's everyone out in there in the general public who's interested in working on a proposed fundraiser that will take place later on this year or would like to volunteer at the Shelter, please call Ann. Give them your name and number and we'll be very happy to get back with them. Thank you.

President Gudenas - What number would that be, Madeline?

Mrs. Scarniench - I don't know it off hand, the Shelter. Okay? But we'll be very happy to back with them very soon. Thank you.

President Gudenas - 289-2057, 289-2057. Operators are standing by.

Mr. Tom Cooke - 23100 Chardon Rd. I would just like to take this opportunity to thank Council and the Administration for all the work they have done regarding the development that has happened. It is happening, continuing to happen right now in the City, in particular the Senior Center, the remodeling of the Golf Clubhouse, the development along 206, Edgecliff, the continued development, single-family housing throughout the City. K&D, the development, the big marina, wow, I mean, that's huge, that's huge. That's a long-term project that will happen on a continuing basis.

I really seriously believe this City is at a turning point and is turning in the right direction. And it couldn't happen at a better time than at a time when all communities are in economic distress and yet we have chosen to move forward and take that step basically, into the unknown when most communities would pull back and hold back. And I ask you to continue to do that and look forward.

And, again, I will make my pitch for the services because the services are the foundation to support this kind of development. You have strong services, strong police, strong fire, strong EMS, streets, recreation, all this is integral to supporting this kind of development. Thank you.

Mr. William Hilf - 891 E. 237th St. I was unable to attend the last meeting to thank Mayor Oyaski, Parks & Rec. Director DeMinico, Councilman Gruber and Councilman Delaney for joining me at our final performance of Hello Dolly and being raffled off to take a pie in the face. It's my second year of taking pies in the face and I know it's an enjoyable experience and thank you for taking part in that. I'd also like to thank Council President Gudenas for raffling off the opportunity to start a Council meeting. Greatly appreciated. The kids were very happy to have officials from the City there. Thank you for your participation to help benefit our Children's Theatre Company.

The other thing I'd like to bring up is totally unrelated to Shore, has nothing to do with the Theatre Company. But we've seen in both the Euclid Observer and the Sun Journal lately stories regarding the employment/residence of Councilman McTighe. And I'd like to see that addressed here tonight in some way, shape or form by the Councilman, especially in light, with the truth of this or not and considering his arguments in favor of cutting Council pay. I'd like to see where he stands on his residency. Thank you.

Mr. Joe Udovic - 21371 Naumann. First, I attended the ice show this past Saturday. It was very wonderful. I enjoyed the Council meeting on ice. That was real unique and interesting. So it was a wonderful show about everybody's performance include Mr. DeMinico. I, too, would like to address the issue that was just brought up. Both the Euclid Sun Journal and the Euclid Observer reported that the current Councilman Michael McTighe is no longer a fulltime Euclid resident. Residency requirements state a Councilperson from a Ward from reside in that Ward. Council-at-Large or Council President must live in the City of Euclid. Councilman McTighe is the Chairman of the Recreation Committee plus an active participant in other committees. He would not be able to chair his own meetings plus he'd be constantly absent at any other committee meetings that would require him to participate. With the current status, he is not fulfilling his oath of office plus he cannot address, meet any resident's concerns if they arise.

I picked up today an Oath of Office from the, Regina Cahill and Ann. It states I, Michael McTighe, do solemnly swear I will protect, defend the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution Laws in the State of Ohio, ordinances and Charter of the City of Euclid and the regulations and provisions of the City Council, Euclid City Council. And I will faithfully discharge the duties of Council-at-Large Slot B for the City of Euclid. It's signed by the Mayor and it's also dated.

Also one other argument, I was a former presiding judge for the Board of Elections a number of years ago. If a party tried to vote at a location that he or she was no longer registered or resided at, we challenged

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his or her ability to cast a ballot. With the current status of Mr. McTighe, he could not vote now in Euclid. Where you live is where you reside. I, too, would like to see this addressed this evening. Thank you. Mr. Ron Emser - 26501 Farringdon Ave. How about those garbage cans, Hank? No, I'm just kidding. Primarily, I wanted to let everybody know that the Lake Shore Group is starting the sunset celebrations on Sunday of Memorial Day weekend. And if we have any musicians in the City that would like to participate, we can get you 250+ people as an audience. We got electricity; we can plug you in. So we invite you to come down or give me a call, number is 216-731-5213. And that's primarily it. Thank you.

Mr. Tod Guntner - 390 E. 257. First of all, I'd like to thank you for establishing this Special Revenue Fund for the Animal Shelter. And second of all, I'd like to thank you for recognizing May 2003 as Motorcycle Awareness Month. I'm an underwriter in the Motorcycle Division for a major insurance company and motorcycles are enormous, especially with the gas prices and the entertainment value. There are more motorcycles on the road than there ever have been. And everyone needs to be aware and look out and they are on the road. They're going to stay on the road. They need to be safe just as we are in our cars. Thank you very much; have a good evening.

CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

Res. 97-2003 (458-03) May 2003 Motorcycle Awareness Month

A resolution recognizing May 2003 as **Motorcycle Awareness Month** in the City of Euclid. (Sponsored by Mayor Oyaski and the entire Council)

Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail moved for passage; seconded by Councilman Langman.

Roll Call: Yeas: Delaney, Gruber, Langman, Lisy, McTighe, Miller, Sustarsic, Gudenas
Passed.

COUNCILMEN'S COMMENTS

Councilman Lisy - It was fun at the Babes on Blades Broadway musical. We did have fun and I hope the audience enjoyed the performance. And with that, Bob, you mentioned something about an upcoming event between the Henn Mansion and the Orchestra. Could you give those dates and times again?

Director DeMinico - Yes. It is Sunday; May 18th is the concert. That starts at 3 o'clock at the Shore Cultural Centre and immediately after that will be, I believe it's going to be featuring an Italian dinner at the Friends of the Henn Mansion.

Councilman Lisy - Thank you.

Councilman McTighe - For all those accusing me of living elsewhere, I'm sorry to let you down; but I've been living in the City of Euclid at 191 E. 194th Street, Euclid, Ohio 44119 for over 25 years and I plan to do so for the next, hopefully, 25 years.

Also, finally, a professional journalist would probably go through the proper measures. They probably would have gone down to the Board of Elections and tried to find out where I'm elected and where my vote would be cast. So for all those that are accusing me whether a fine local paper in the City or anyone else, I'm sorry to let you down. And on that note, that's all I have.

President Gudenas - Well, to follow up there, you, we had a complaint sent to us via e-mail. You responded that you are, in fact, living in New Jersey and then I sent you an e-mail over a week ago asking for clarification, no response. So I would request that you answer those questions in writing by tomorrow or the next day. And if you'd like, I will give you those questions again because we do deserve a response to these questions. You can't just laugh them off and assume they're not there because you did admit to living in New Jersey.

Councilman McTighe - No, I am not. No, I did not admit that I'm living there. I have temporary housing there. So I again state for the record that I am resident of 194th Street, Euclid, Ohio.

President Gudenas - Would you be willing to answer these questions, at least, for us?

Councilman McTighe - Whatever.

President Gudenas - Will you?

Councilman McTighe - Sure, I mean, I just did. That's where I'm residing and that's where my place of residency is and I pay taxes into the City of Euclid.

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President Gudenas - You did get my e-mail from over a week ago?

Councilman McTighe - I did receive your e-mail.

President Gudenas - You didn't think you needed to respond?

Councilman McTighe - No, I did not feel that I needed to respond to you. I do not feel that I need to go out and tell you who my direct report is. I do not feel that I need to tell you when I'm flying in or when I'm flying out. Like how you did not do so when I accused you of not being at a meeting because I wasn't copied on an e-mail stating that you would be on vacation. Not only that our Charter states that the Chairman of the Finance Committee must attend all the Board of Control meetings, but you have missed over 90% of those meetings. So I would like to ask you why have you missed those meetings if we want to battle like that. But for right now, for all those residents, I'm living where I'm at and that's where it is. Like my fellow Councilman to the right, he flies out for business ventures, I, too, fly out for business ventures.

President Gudenas - To clarify, the City Council has set up an arrangement many years ago where the Board of Control is shared by all Council members.

Councilman McTighe - I'm not here to argue this. This is my time.

President Gudenas - I'm not arguing. You've made an accusation that really is insulting to me. So with that, Councilman, I'm going to ask that you respond to those questions by tomorrow. If you'd like, we could sit down tomorrow and go over those. Would that be okay?

Councilman McTighe - No. It's a conflict of my schedule.

President Gudenas - Wednesday?

Councilman McTighe - Friday morning would be okay with me.

President Gudenas - Friday morning?

Councilman McTighe - Sure.

President Gudenas - Okay, what time?

Councilman McTighe - I'll call you.

President Gudenas - Okay, in the meantime, I'll send you those questions.

Councilman McTighe - Sure and, again, my residency is 191 E. 194th Street, Euclid, Ohio 44119.

Councilwoman Miller - I, too, attended the Babes on Ice event and it was excellent. All I can say is I'm glad we don't vote on decisions the way the Council voted then throwing dice whether it was up or down, you know, whether we passed it or failed it. It was good.

At this time, I'd like to announce that Daryl and Fred and I are the members that worked on that Animal Shelter Committee and there's three members of the core that are here that are on the actual commission. And I'd like to have Madeline, Tod and Jan please stand up. And I'd like to personally thank you again for all the work you've done. And each one is, has a specialty and so that's what's important. So we're working on the fundraiser now. Thank you.

Councilman Sustarsic - I was at Blades on Broadway as well. I was on the ice. That's about the only thing you can say for it. I am healing nicely. The muscles are back in shape from that.

I'd like to particularly thank Kathy Griffith, Jackie Robison and Greg Taylor did a terrific job, outstanding job in addition to the facilities and the Director of the City of Euclid for Recreation. I look forward to more in the future.

Secondly, there was a recent article challenging my character and integrity so I feel that that needs to be addressed. Responsible reporting involves getting all the facts to the story and presenting an accurate and complete account of the situation. I didn't realize I had to account to the media for my absence from the inaugural of disc golf at Sims Park on Saturday, April 12th. Had anyone checked they would have known that I left for a week's vacation to South Carolina on April 11th. For verification you can ask Director DeMinico, who I told after the Council meeting earlier that week, that I would be unable to attend. You might also want to see a copy of my request, my deposit request and rental form indicating the arrival date of April 12th. If a call would have been made to my house, the answering machine would not only have explained my inability

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but would have advised the individual that they could contact Councilwoman Fay Miller if it was a Council-related matter. I thank her for her cooperation and graciousness.

Lastly, any attempts of contacting me by e-mail would have been met with the Out-of-Office message and this was all planned several months prior so as not to miss a Council meeting.

Regarding my proposal for an early retirement plan, which was endorsed by Jefferson Wells, the issue has been raised regarding my refusal to abstain from the vote. There was no reason to abstain. I gain no financial support from my son nor he from mine. My son is 27 years old, married and a homeowner and taxpayer of the City of Euclid. He became an employee of the City a year after I was unsuccessful in the mayoral campaign of 1995. That would indicate that he has been on the job for 7 years.

Mr. Tucci had been employed by the City for 4 years, while both in the same union, they work in different departments, each of which made their required budget cuts. Mr. Tucci was a union member for 4 years and Tony, who transferred from another department, was a member for 3-1/2 years. In April Mr. Tucci, although laid off at the end of January, successfully challenged my son's position because of seniority in the union. This can be verified by Mr. Gary Caldwell, President of AFSCME Local 2509 as well as by Mr. Patrick Graham, Department of Human Resources in the City of Euclid.

My introduction of the buyout program 10 months ago was based solely on the idea of decreasing the burden on the General Fund and restructuring the operations of the City. To infer as did some Council members to the Administration and coincidentally an article in the newspaper that I knew of my son's layoff that would happen 10 months later in an attempt to save his job and create a promotion is ludicrous. I guess they thought I had ESP or a crystal ball.

In closing my advice to the good citizens of Euclid when making a judgment about an individual, don't rely on just one source of information composed of innuendoes and non-objective observations. You deserve to get both sides of the story. Thank you.

President Gudenas - Thank you and as I stated earlier, these will be the forms or actually in quadruple or whatever the word is. They'll be on that podium starting next Council meeting. If you have any specific complaint about any kind of service issue or recreation issue or things like that, you would simply write down your complaint, your name and address if you'd like a written response and whom you would like this addressed to. Simply take the back copy; the other three will be delivered to the appropriate Director or Chief. And they will then respond to you in writing if that is the request that you have after they've looked into it through their department. So we would ask that we follow that as best we can starting with the next meeting. We will collect those at every meeting prior to the meeting's conclusion so that you will know that your response, your request has been properly delivered.

Mayor Oyaski - The person that submits it should keep a copy.

President Gudenas - Right, the back copy the person who submits will stay the back copy.

Councilman Gruber - First of all, I'd like to say that Arbor Day was a wonderful event sponsored by the Recreation Department and the Shade Tree Commission. It was an excellent job done by all. It was a very moving, touching event. They had a representative from NASA that gave a very nice speech.

Second of all I'd like to thank the Chardon Hill's Homeowners Association for inviting me to their meeting last week.

This one's for the Chief. I sent you an e-mail and we had spoke about it earlier about the basketball courts on Euclid Avenue by the mini-station and we'll try to work some resolve on getting those manned a little bit better through volunteers. And if anybody would like to volunteer for monitoring the basketball courts or mentor some of the kids in that area, please call the PAL office and they will put them on the right track.

Hank, railroad tracks?

President Gudenas - And actually all Councilmen...

Director Gulich - Councilman Gruber, since last meeting, I have not heard anything. I have two inquiries at the Norfolk and Southern Company and I haven't got a response from either of them yet. I'll continue my investigation.

Councilman Gruber - I know you will. Director DeMinico, this is in regards to the fence at the sledding hill. I know it's not sledding time now, but it will be again before you know it. Do you have any plans on any improvements or maybe repair of the fence? I had a couple complaints and plus, it looks pretty dangerous actually.

Director DeMinico - We've talked about it. We've worked with First Energy to try to get the pole situated. Actually, that hill is sliding. That's the reason for the fence to start to fall down. I think the best situation would be to remove that fence rather than put the expense of putting the fence up again and then through the years the hill possibly sliding again. I talked to Director Gulich a little bit about it. He's aware of it. We don't

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know if there's any sure stop fire situation about that particular piece of property. But I will talk to you at length about it after the meeting and we can weigh out our options.

Councilman Gruber - All right, very good, thank you, Director. And lastly, I've gone to homeowners associations and different meetings throughout the Ward. I have some recommendations for the Landmark Commission, which Councilman Delaney brought on board here. A couple of them are kind of interesting, allegedly on Glenridge we have the oldest barn and farmhouse in Euclid. The Slow-Poke, I'm not referring to you, that's the old Euclid railroad, that was the nickname for it. That would be a good landmark. McKinnon's Grove, which was a forested picnic area in Ward 4 and old Station 2 have all been nominated. So I'll be giving those to your Commission in writing.

Councilman Delaney - And I appreciate it.

Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail - I had the pleasure to serve on Euclid Hospital's Community Leadership Council together with Councilwoman Miller, the Mayor, the Police Chief and many other members of community organizations plus hospital staff, volunteers, doctors. And I just wanted to thank them for their ongoing involvement in the community and announce they're going further, once again. And they're going to be having a talking health program series. Their first one will start this Thursday, May 8th, and it's a Meet the Doc Night. You can meet, they have over 20 doctors that have volunteered to come in and various different specialties. So if you want to take a chance to meet some of the doctors, ask some questions, that's this Thursday, May 8, at the Waltz Auditorium at the Euclid Hospital.

As always I'm always very impressed at those meetings with their commitment to the community and the number of programs they have available to our residents.

I also just wanted to take a moment to publicly thank former Law Director Pat Murphy. We weren't able to publicly thank him, but I certainly enjoyed working with him. I appreciate his commitment to the City of Euclid, his commitment to public service and just wanted to say thank you to him and best wishes on his retirement.

President Gudenas - I think we all agree with that. We overlooked that so we're very sorry, but we certainly thank Patrick Murphy for his many years of help to our City.

Councilman Langman - Well, first of all, I'm privileged and honored to sit next to the Queen of the Ice, Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail, who was actually the star of the Council bit.

Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail - Well, I don't know about that.

Councilman Langman - Considering that none of us could skate very well, I'm not sure what kind of an honor that is; but she did a great job and it was a lot of fun and I wanted to thank as Councilman Sustarsic pointed out Kathy Griffith, Jackie Robison, Greg Taylor. But I also want to thank Chief Dworning and his paramedics because last Thursday at one of our rehearsals, one of the skaters had an accident and she hurt her neck and she was laid out on the ice. And Fred and I were commenting well, I wonder how long the paramedics would take to get there. And through the efforts of Ms. Griffith and Mr. Taylor, the paramedics arrived within minutes. They were quite professional. They stabilizer here and they did really a fantastic job. So, Chief, you and your paramedics should be commended for that.

Chief Dworning - Thank you.

President Gudenas - And I guess that's it and it's still light out. Spring is in the air; it's not dark. Motion to leave before it's dark?

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman McTighe moved to adjourn; seconded by Councilman Langman. Yeas: Unanimous.

Attest:

Clerk of Council

Council President