

COUNCIL MINUTES
MAY 19, 2003

The regular Council Meeting was held on Monday, May 19, 2003 at 7 p.m. in the Euclid City Hall Council Chamber. President Gudenas presided.

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

Councilman Sustarsic moved to excuse Councilman McTighe; seconded by Councilwoman Miller. Yeas: Unanimous.

President Gudenas - Just to bring that up real quickly, Councilman Lisy, the Mayor and I did meet with Councilman McTighe and his attorney regarding his residency. And at the end of the meeting we really didn't have all the answers to the questions. He had requested that we have an executive session, which means a private meeting, no public, no press with him regarding that. He'd like to know if we want that or some other plan. Is there any comment on that now or at the end of the meeting regarding his request?

Councilman Langman - I think we can discuss it now. I would object to that quite frankly. He was elected by the public; therefore, any meetings that we should have should be held quickly and in the public forum.

President Gudenas - Okay, is it, again, I thought this private meeting may not be appropriate.

Councilman Sustarsic - Well, I was wondering based upon the fact that he did make that overture and that might be the only way that we might find out the ultimate answers maybe we should honor that request.

President Gudenas - That, whatever you'd like. Were there any other...

Councilman Delaney - Was this not brought about by a member of the public?

President Gudenas - Yes.

Councilman Delaney - By e-mail. I've also heard several times from people questioning. It's been in the newspaper. I have no interest in going behind closed doors and possibly violating Sunshine laws. I think the questions that should be asked which is the intent of where you plan to spend your immediate future and future could be addressed in public since the complaint came from the public. It's been touted in the newspaper. I see no point in meeting behind closed doors.

President Gudenas - The argument from McTighe is that it's a personnel matter and that's why it should be an executive session, which normally personnel matters are, but I'm not sure. Does the Law Department have any comment? Would that be a possible thing for us to do, executive session?

Asst. Director Vento de Crespo - It is permissible to hold an executive session regarding personnel matters. Normally, the normal procedure would be to open the meeting in public, have a motion to go into executive session, have some discussion. Vote on whether to actually go into executive session, do that and then come back out and close the meeting in the open.

President Gudenas - Okay, so it is permissible?

Asst. Director Vento de Crespo - Yes.

President Gudenas - For this type of topic?

Asst. Director Vento de Crespo - Yes, it is. Another suggestion would be to maybe appoint a minority of Council to look into it outside of a meeting and then make a recommendation.

President Gudenas - Right and my own concern is that the lawyer sort of implied there'd be a black mark on McTighe's record and possible lawsuit if we do did some research with his employer. And I was a little concerned about that. So what, and I personally don't know if we ask for his schedule over the next several weeks, we're not really sure what his schedule is. So what, so far we've heard both sides anything else? Do we want to vote on it or just deliberate it later?

Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail - I would suggest we set the meeting date and we can debate it when we make the motion to go into executive session at that time.

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President Gudenas - Okay, that's good. How about tentatively shoot for Wednesday the 18th of June? That gives us plenty of notice because I'm not sure if he's here next week and then we've already got two things booked and then the regular Council meeting.

Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail - My own concern, Mr. Chairman, is that's a month away. If he's not fulfilling his duty, and I'm not saying that's the case, I'd rather act on it sooner than later.

President Gudenas - Well, we could see if he's available next week.

Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail - I guess it's not a month away this is the 19th, oh, it is.

President Gudenas - We have a meeting on Tuesday already scheduled we could see. Okay. So we'll see if the Tuesday or Wednesday works. My guess is that if any day works it'll be Tuesday. We'll see. We'll contact him and see if an earlier date will work. Okay, so we'll leave that up in the air.

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

Invocation was given by Rev. Marie Phillips of the Church of the Epiphany.

COMMUNICATIONS

A marketing update from CB Richard Ellis.

A letter from Mayor Oyaski to the Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging notifying changes in contract specification.

A letter from Hilltop Village regarding an interim site to house the Euclid Senior programs.

A summary of legislation on tonight's agenda by Assistant Law Director Vento.

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Councilwoman Miller moved to receive and approve the Council Minutes of May 5, 2003; seconded by Councilman Lisy. Yeas: Unanimous.

ADMINISTRATION REPFORTS & COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Oyaski and Chief Maine presented Res. 23-2003 to Detective Joseph Bensi, Badge #46, upon his retirement from the Euclid Police Department after 32 years of distinguished service to the City of Euclid.

Mayor Oyaski and Chief Maine presented Res. 105-2003 to Euclid Patrol James Goodwin, Badge #7, upon his retirement from the Euclid Police Department.

Mayor Oyaski and Parks & Recreation Director DeMinico presented Res. 108-2003 in appreciation to the Euclid Blade and Edge Figure Skating Club, which was accepted by Kathy Griffith.

Mayor Oyaski - I just want to remind the Council and the public that next Monday is Memorial Day. We have been invited to a 7:45 a.m. Observance at the Euclid Cemetery followed by an 8:15 in the morning Observance at the St. Paul Cemetery culminating in the Parade beginning down 222nd Street near 228th and Lakeshore. It'll start at 10 o'clock and end up at the Veterans' Monument. So I hope everyone can join us to observe this very special Memorial Day in 2003. And, Mr. Chairman, we are finished. Mr. DeMinico has a comment.

Director DeMinico - Another one of our volunteer organizations is putting on a very huge special event this weekend. Euclid Youth Soccer Association will be hosting, I believe it's their 9th Annual Memorial Day Classic. Saturday and Sunday, Memorial Park, over 100 teams from all over northeast Ohio as well as Pennsylvania, some teams are coming in. So if you have an opportunity this weekend, stop by the park and see kids as young as 6 or 7 years old up to 13 or 14 years old playing a great game of soccer. Thank you, Mayor.

Mayor Oyaski - Thank you.

President Gudenas - Thank you very much.

REPORTS & COMMITTEE MINUTES

Councilwoman Miller moved to receive and approve Executive & Finance Committee Minutes of April 30th and Board of Control Minutes of April 28th, 2003; seconded by Councilman Langman. Yeas: Unanimous.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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

President Gudenas - Now, we're into the Committee of the Whole portion where anybody can talk about items on the agenda. Although immediately after that when we go back into regular session, we will have a public hearing first on Items 1 through 4. And then after that's voted upon, we will have a public hearing on Item #5. So if you're here to talk about Items 1 through 5, the public hearing portion would be the appropriate time, which will be a couple minutes after this portion. So it really doesn't matter, I guess. So in the meantime we can get started if you'd like with your name and address.

And we have started our written complaints section there in the back, anybody that has anything to say about anything regarding specific property complaints etc. leave them back there. Our Sgt.-at-Arms will pick them up during the meeting and make sure they're delivered.

Mr. Tim McKay - 362 E 232nd St. I'm here to speak in favor of #7 on the docket this evening, which is to go ahead and submit a proposal to the State for a terrace. This follows along with the Master Plan that was approved by Council and has moved forward here in the City. It's something that will not only enhance the park. It will be something that other communities take a look at. If the Council doesn't know this, there are at least 3 other communities that have taken up the same type of cause because we've been successful. So it is truly a shining example and I hope that you will see fit to be able to allow us to continue on this. Thank you.

Mr. Albert Park - Chesterland. I am a landscape architect and professional site planning consultant and past President of the Ohio Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects. When I first saw the historic and potential merits of renovating the Henn Mansion, I joined early on to lend my assistance to achieve the goals of preserving this home for the residents of Euclid. The home has continually served as a gathering place for numerous group functions, wedding receptions and dinners. And the City of Euclid should be very proud of its past support. The home is an historic landmark that continues to raise funds towards its own upkeep and continues to move in a wise and well-thought-out strategy of priorities due to the great talents present on the Board of Trustees.

Over the past several years the Henn Board of Trustees and the many volunteers in the Euclid community have proven an ability and viability to follow through in the commitments made to restore this home to its former and now current grandeur. I, for one, appreciate this City's past support and I urge your continued support towards this successful project. Thank you.

Mr. Tom Cooke - 23100 Chardon Rd. I'm here to speak in favor of Item #6, materials to be used for the presentation of the development along Lakeshore Blvd. and 222/Babbitt area. I think this is going to be a great start for the continued future outlook for Euclid and development in Euclid. And I'd like to see this in other areas and not stop here and continue to move forward from the development stage, from the studying stage to the building stage. This is exactly what I'm talking about when I was here at the last or couple of Council meetings ago when I said that I really think that Euclid has turned the corner and is really moving forward. And you can also see this in other cities, but I think we have a better handle on it. Right now, I think, you know, Lakewood's doing this or something along those lines. We don't quite have the problems that they have. And I think this is a great idea. Keep on going forward with this.

Also, Item #7, I'm in favor of the construction of the terrace at the Henn Mansion. The building continues to be an asset to this community and is slowly drawing people to it on a regular and continuing basis. And it's, you can just start to see it to become part of like a shining star in Sims Park. And just that along with the proposed development along Lakeshore right up and down Lakeshore from 200 to 260th is just really moving along nicely.

Also, I would personally like to say congratulations to the Euclid Blade & Edge Figure Skating. My wife was a figure skater for Euclid Blade & Edge and I spent a lot of early mornings meeting her there at 5:30 when I was dating her a lot of years ago. That's it. Thank you.

Mr. Ronald Stackhouse - 154 E. 207th. I'm here in favor of Item #7, but I do have a question. Will the Councilmen be able to have fundraisers there with this public money going in? Is that a legal expenditure?

President Gudenas - I believe the house can be rented by anybody in the City.

Mr. Stackhouse - Yeah, but, you guys control the budgets and the others...

President Gudenas - We don't control the Henn Mansion budget.

Mr. Stackhouse - Okay, I believe ya.

President Gudenas - And the Henn Mansion is available for anybody in the City to rent. You would call the Friends of the Henn Mansion to make arrangements.

Mayor Oyaski - We do have a request for an event and it's following the same exact rules that anybody else that wants to rent the facilities. So the more the merrier and the current proposal follows exactly the same rules as anybody else has followed.

Councilman Delaney moved to rise and report; seconded by Council Gruber. Yeas: Unanimous.

LEGISLATION

Res. 109-2003 (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-Watergate, 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)

President Gudenas - And this is a public hearing so at this time if anybody here would like to discuss Item #1, this would be the appropriate time. Are there any questions from Council on this?

Councilman Sustarsic - One thing I wouldn't be excited about would be the eventual inclusive of liquor sales in this particular thing. Although I was thinking maybe that might come up later if such a license would be applied for. But I just thought it inappropriate to, in other words, I'm in support of it; but as far as anything relating to liquor sales, I wouldn't.

President Gudenas - Okay. No such request has been made regarding this proposal. So this is strictly for a dry pizza parlor. Any other questions? We can then proceed to vote on that.

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

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

Res. 110-2003 (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-Watergate, 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)

President Gudenas - Also a public hearing on Item 2 if there's anybody here would like to talk about Item 2. I see none and this is a video rental store. No comment on what they're renting.

Councilman Langman - Just for the Council's information, Tom Fazio from the Watergate Property Manager is here tonight if there are any specific questions about any of these. And I think it might be a good idea if, Mr. Tollerup, you can give us an update on what progress they're made as far as addressing some of the violations over the past time as we go through some of these items.

Manager Tollerup - Over the past 6-1/2 years that I've been with the City, certainly code enforcement of apartments has been a very important issue with Administration and Council. Over that time, Associated has taken the Watergate and upgraded it significantly. As I mentioned earlier to you today, we're very impressed with tenant screening, security, maintenance, improvements to the units and, of course, most notably the \$9 million renovation and complete replacement of the underground parking facility and the above ground deck. So the Housing Department's been very pleased with progress at the apartment complex and Mr. Fazio should be commended. He's done a one heck of a job as Apartment Manager of the Watergate and we couldn't be happier.

President Gudenas - Anything else?

Councilman Langman - Just one more thing, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Fazio, he's kind of shy about these things; but I'll speak for him. I had the opportunity to meet with the landscape architecture that was retained by Associated Estates. And the plans to redo the entranceway to the Watergate are very good. It will include

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more greenspace signature entrance. The complex will be gated just as we've seen down at Harbor Crest. So I think it bears repeating what Mr. Tollerup says that the Watergate has made progress and we're looking for more.

President Gudenas - And when will the work you're mentioning on the entrance take place?

Councilman Langman - Well, that still has to go through some review by our Service Department as far as traffic goes. We need to do some traffic counts. But the plans are preliminary, but they are moving forward. I can't give an estimate maybe Mr. Fazio could. Late summer I would think.

Mr. Fazio - Late summer.

President Gudenas - Late summer? Very good.

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

Res. 111-2003 (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-Watergate, 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)

Councilman Lisy moved for passage; seconded by Councilman Langman.

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

Res. 112-2003 (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-Watergate, 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)

Councilman Langman moved for passage; seconded by Councilman Sustarsic.

Mrs. Madeline Scarniench - 1511 E. 221. Just a question in general about all of them. If one of these businesses moves out, they have to come back again for a new Use District Exception if they change the business, is that correct?

President Gudenas - Is it to change the ownership?

Mrs. Scarniench - No, no, the business, say the travel agent comes in and leaves and they get somebody else who wants to come and it's not a travel agent. So they would have to come back again to Council?

President Gudenas - Yes.

Mrs. Scarniench - Okay, thank you.

President Gudenas - But if it's another travel agent, somebody just buying the travel agency would be okay.

Mrs. Scarniench - Right.

President Gudenas - No pet shops.

Councilwoman Miller - No pet shops. I have a question about all of these too.

I realize that these are all in Watergate, but would the public be allowed to go in and use the travel agent or the pizza or the dry cleaning...

President Gudenas - I don't believe so.

Councilwoman Miller - This is strictly for the apartments? Okay. Because you mentioned that it was going to be gated and I just wondered how they were going to be able to get in there.

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President Gudenas - Strictly private.

Councilwoman Miller - Okay, thank you.

President Gudenas - And it was actually and obviously built for that many, many years ago and the attempt was made before. And I think now they're finally going through with it. Shops, just as at Harbor Crest, those are private too.

Councilwoman Miller - I just wanted to clarify that.

President Gudenas - Yes, so these are all private operations and it really is a great pleasure. I remember when I was the Ward 2 Councilman we had tremendous problems, not speaking of any management present, at the various high rises along Lakeshore Boulevard. And I remember counting all the police calls and they have dropped dramatically. There have been multi-million of dollars invested. Good, old Lake Erie is helping us considerably with the power or the draw of the lake. And it's really a pleasure for this the third and largest of our major high rises to be well underway in redevelopment and renovation to help approve a small part of a multi-million dollar endeavor. So it's very good for us, Lakeshore Boulevard has made a dramatic turnaround from about 10 years ago or so.

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

Res. 113-2003 (418-03) Living Waters Church - Daycare

A resolution granting a Use District Exception pursuant to Chapter 1375.01(a)(3) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Euclid to Reverend Thomas Owens of Living Waters Church of God to allow a UR-1 (School/Daycare) use in a UR-2 (Church) Use District at 24951 North Lakeland Blvd., Permanent Parcel #2 643-26-021, 022, 023, 024. (Sponsored by Planning & zoning Commission)

Councilman Lisy moved for passage; seconded by Councilwoman Miller.

President Gudenas - Are there any comments? Again, this is not for a school. This is strictly for daycare operation. I think that question came up before. This is a public hearing so anybody who would like to talk about it this would be the appropriate time.

Ms. Kathy Lorber - 895 E. 248th. I live behind the parcel #s of 021, 22, 23 and 24. I do have a few questions. I don't know what the operating hours, the child age group that they're going to be servicing and who governs the overseeing the daycare center. Is it a City thing or is it State or is it Federal?

President Gudenas - Pastor Owens is here. Would you like to answer those questions? So we have a question about the hours of operation, the age group and who's overseeing it. This is not a City of Euclid.

Rev. Thomas Owens - We have a director that has to have a degree and has a license for the daycare. She will be running it. Also, it will begin about 7, 7:30 in the morning and end somewhere about 6 o'clock in the afternoon. The ages will be 2-1/2 years of age. There will not be any infants because our building is not, will not meet the requirements for that nor do we want it to. It has to have a water sprinkling system, those kind of things. We're not going to have those, at least not at this point in time.

President Gudenas - Okay and when you say 2-1/2 and above...

Rev. Owens - To the age of, you know, school age 'til 5, 6 years old.

President Gudenas - Any other questions?

Ms. Lorber - Yes. Okay, I understand for the fact that they had to, they chose to put in a playground area. The playground area that originally was there the swing set was on the property between the home and the 3-car garage. They have since moved it. It is now directly behind my home and my neighbor's home. I will not have peace with this playground and this facility right there behind us. What I would like to know is, is there another space that they can use that would allow them to still have access to the playground but away from the residential area? I do have photos to show you the closeness they are to myself and my neighbor's and, unfortunately, I was just out there the other night with a friend talking on my patio and we could not even hear ourselves and we were this close.

The problem is that I have a very small piece of property and they have a very deep lot that goes into the residential area on our side of the street. My question is and my hope is that they would consider please

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moving it so that it would go to a different area that it would not encroach on the residential area for our peace of mind and quiet. Thank you.

President Gudenas - Thank you and Rev. Owens, would you like to address that or is there any comment?

Rev. Owens - No, when we put, the playground part was always on that piece of property. We just moved it a little further back to the deepest part. One of the concerns that we had and was voiced, I think, by several of the City Council members were because it is such a busy piece of property. We have about what 400,000 people traveling in front of our property at any given day or week, whatever it is. So we moved it back and we even put up a privacy fence for Miss Kathy at no cost to her. It cost us. So we're doing everything we can to put a buffer between us and them. And if she had noise the other night, I don't know what it was about because it wasn't us. Usually our people are not there late at night unless the kids are there. We have a lot of kids in the neighborhood who come and play on our property. And we welcome them to do that. I mean, we won't want to scare the kids off and we don't want to isolate them. I mean, we don't want to put a fence around our property to keep the kids off. You know, we want to be as user friendly as possible. You know, we want to welcome everyone so...

President Gudenas - Is there anything at all that could be done to address without, you know, compromising what you're doing to adjust that location? To take into account whatever...

Rev. Owens - We'll do everything we can. We're not going to be out there late at night and disturb her. But I don't know that there's a better location. I just don't see where it is. We can look with our architect and with our people and do what we can. We're not, we're not, you know, try to disturb our neighbors, try to keep them up nor do we want them disturbing us so we're doing our best.

President Gudenas - Was that location selected because of future expansion and the like?

Rev. Owens - Yes.

President Gudenas - That's one of the reasons?

Rev. Owens - Correct. Unless you put it in front of the church, then that would be right on the road.

President Gudenas - Right. I'm not, unfortunately, I haven't seen all those drawings so I can't really comment. Maybe there is something we can do or some other sound barrier, device, whatever could be put over there. But that's a good point.

Councilman Langman - Mr. Hayes, what is the maximum number of children that would be allowed in the facility?

Commissioner Hayes - I'm sorry, Mr. Langman, I haven't checked that out yet. We have to verify with the State according to the square footage of the building how many they'll allow.

President Gudenas - Is there any idea?

Commissioner Hayes - I'm guessing it would be 30 to 40 possibly off 250. The other thing you'd probably want to keep in mind general rule I don't foresee the children being out there playing at 7 o'clock at night. Those play areas, generally, are for midday type of play areas.

President Gudenas - Do we have any City rules, regulations, etc. governing location of play areas at daycare centers regarding neighborhood?

Commissioner Hayes - We only, generally, check to make sure that they're in the safety area that they possibly could be at the property. As everybody knows, that is at the corner of 250th and Lakeland. We discouraged them from even using the doors to the church on the Lakeland side of the building for children. So they've done everything they could to try to make sure that the neighbors were as comfortable, I guess, you could say as possible.

I know Rev. Owens and his church just put up a 6' privacy fence along that property line to give the neighbors some sort of privacy. They have a 4' chain link fence that they've used to chain in that play area so that the kids are safe as possible on that grass area. As I said, I would image that they would probably be there more during midday when, generally, people are not at home.

President Gudenas - And we take it this daycare is Monday through Friday as opposed to Saturday and Sunday too or is it including Saturday and Sunday?

Rev. Owens - Yes that is.

President Gudenas - All right. Well, it would be something maybe if somebody has some ideas after we take a look at it we could perhaps make some suggestions. Any other comments?

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

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

Ord. 114-2003 (462-03) Amend KA, Inc. Contract

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Community Services & Economic Development of the City of Euclid to amend the contract with KA, Inc. to allow payment of reimbursables and purchase of up to forty bound master plan booklets at a total cost not to exceed \$3,437.38. (Sponsored by Council persons Gudenas, Holzheimer Gail and Langman)

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

President Gudenas - Since this came up, I know Councilman Lisy and I looked into it. It is important. First, we should announce that we are having a meeting this coming Tuesday, the day after Memorial Day, with KA so that they will unveil the plans that they've worked on for a very long time. And the purpose of this is to provide copies to the press and merchants and other people interested in this. But some of these copies, I talked to KA. They were going to farm this out to an outside source and it's quite expensive. And they have no objection for us to shop it around. And I know Councilman Lisy has done so and we believe we can reduce that cost quite a bit because they're assuming we would have every page in full color, bound and the whole thing. And we don't need to be quite that elaborate for everybody. Councilman Lisy, anything further? I think they e-mailed all the electronic stuff to you?

Councilman Lisy - It was too big to e-mail so they're, pick up on CD-ROM. Pick it up tomorrow morning on CD-ROM. And so it will be available electronically, some of the images. But more importantly, they're planning on copying the entire book which is roughly 35 pages and make 40 copies, 40 color copies on 11 x 17. And we do not, I mean, you look at the information and many pages on the inside are redundant and are just as informative in black and white as they would be in color. And so when we're looking at it we can get this cost down to around \$1,500.00 by shopping around so the 3400 roughly it is, \$3,437.38.

President Gudenas - So we anticipate around 1500 or so?

Councilman Lisy - Yes.

President Gudenas - Any idea who this, who we're going to?

Councilman Lisy - Kinko's.

President Gudenas - Kinko's, I've heard of them. So we're going to plan on, it is actually, some of these copies went out to about \$85 presentation issues, which is excessive.

Councilman Lisy - The numbers aren't unrealistic. It was that there were ways to reduce the cost by looking at what we really need to present to the Administration, Council and business owners that want to see copies of this.

President Gudenas - Right and for those who need the whole thing, investors, landlord etc. they have the disc, which most people in that business would have access to and that costs us pennies. So even though, I don't know if we need to amend it right now, but our suggestion and I spoke to KA. They're more than happy to have us get the copies instead of them to reduce that cost. We'll report back what that is, but it will be significantly less than the \$3400.

Councilman Delaney - I just have a question for the Administration. On the last two weeks in a row, I've been on the Board of Control and whether it's 1500 or 3400, why do we have it on the Council floor?

Mayor Oyaski - The Council had earlier set a limit of \$20,000 for their KA services. So if what the Council President said is true, you're not hiring KA you're hiring some other vendor I don't think you need this legislation. But when Council sets a limit in the ordinance as to how much we're going to pay KA only

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Council can increase that. That's why this was submitted to you before tonight's discussion where it appears there's no desire to use KA. So I mean we could pull this legislation, do you follow what I'm saying?

Councilman Delaney - Thank you for your explanation.

President Gudenas - Okay. So either way it doesn't matter. We'll just pull it.

Manager DeWine - Excuse me, we still have some issues with this legislation. Part of the KA contract was a separate line item for the reimbursables. The contract was not to exceed \$20,000. They incurred expenses for duplication as a part of their process. Presentation drawings they use in meeting with City Council members, Administration and some of the property owners. So it's still necessary to include an amount of about \$1400 to reimburse them for those expenses.

President Gudenas - Okay. Is it 1400 even, not to exceed 1400?

Manager DeWine - You amend it not to exceed 1400. It should cover their expenses.

President Gudenas - I see. Okay so that explains why it's so expensive. So we could amend this to not to exceed 1400 and the balance we'll just pay Kinko's directly.

Mayor Oyaski - Agreed, but I think you can delete the reference to the 40 bound master plan. That's, you are increasing the...

President Gudenas - Right.

Mayor Oyaski - Okay.

President Gudenas - Well, should we amend it then for all this rigmarole?

Asst. Director Vento de Crespo - Yeah.

Councilman Lisy moved to amend the legislation to remove the 40 bound master plan booklets; seconded by Councilman Langman.

Roll Call: Yeas: Delaney, Gruber, Holzheimer Gail, Langman, Lisy, Miller, Sustarsic, Gudenas
Amendment passed.

President Gudenas - Okay so now we're just voting on the 1400 and they did prepare a great deal of color renderings and things like that, which is above and beyond the call of duty.

Asst. Director Vento de Crespo - You would need an amendment to lower the total cost not to exceed 1400 as well.

Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail moved to amend legislation to allow payment of reimbursables at a total cost not to exceed \$1400; seconded by Councilman Gruber.

Roll Call: Yeas: Delaney, Gruber, Holzheimer Gail, Langman, Lisy, Miller, Sustarsic, Gudenas
Amendment passed.

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

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

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

Res. 115-2003 (461-03) Natureworks - Henn Mansion Terrace

A resolution authorizing the Mayor of the City of Euclid, or his designee, to apply for a Natureworks Grant through the Ohio Department of Natural Resources to construct a Terrace at the Henn Mansion in Sims Park. (Sponsored by Councilman McTighe by request of the Director of Parks & Recreation)

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

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Director DeMinico - Probably a couple of months ago we came to Council seeking your approval to apply for the grant. At that point in time we did not have a project. We were kicking around several ideas. This project has risen to the forefront. We've talked to the Friends of the Henn Mansion. It has been part of their master plan since the beginning when they started that. We are working with Mr. Parker, the landscape architect, as well as another Euclid individual that is on our Shade Tree Commission that is volunteering some of his time for some of the concepts and some of the materials. It's a very exciting project. We are as well, with any of the ODNR grants for Natureworks the deadline is July 1st for the application. We would not hear until May of 2004 if we were to be successful at that point in time. So I believe the ordinance itself has 2003 General Permanent Improvement monies. We're looking at 2004 perhaps 2005 depending upon the extent of the work that would be need to be done. For right now we are just asking for Council's support for this project so we can finalize our application and send it down to Columbus.

President Gudenas - And this is for exterior work towards the lakeside of the mansion?

Director DeMinico - That is correct, Mr. Chairman. It would not be connected to any part of the building other than a stone walkway. That would inhibit its stature on the National Historic Register. You don't want to put any kind of attachments to the existing building. So that research was done. This grant application is up to 75% reimbursable. They can so choose to go to 50%. That is entirely up to the amount of funds that are available through ODNR. But we will certainly ask for the entire 75% to be reimbursed.

President Gudenas - Well, we should. Any discussion? I see none.

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

CEREMONIAL RESOLUTIONS

Res. 105-2003 (463-03) Euclid Patrol Officer James Goodwin

A resolution of congratulations to **Euclid Patrol Officer James Goodwin**, Badge #7, upon his retirement from the Euclid Police Department. (Sponsored by Mayor Oyaski and the entire Council)

Res. 106-2003 (464-03) May 18-24,2003 "Save A Life Week"

A resolution proclaiming the week of May 18-24, 2003 as "**Save A Life Week**" in the City of Euclid. (Sponsored by Mayor Oyaski and entire Council)

Res. 107-2003 (465-03) Bob Hope's 100th Birthday

A resolution commemorating former Clevelander Bob Hope on his 100th Birthday. (Sponsored by Mayor Oyaski and the entire Council)

Res. 108-2003 (466-03) Euclid Blade and Edge Figure Skating

A resolution of appreciation to the **Euclid Blade and Edge Figure Skating Club**. (Sponsored by Mayor Oyaski and the entire Council)

Councilwoman Miller moved for passage; seconded by Councilman Lisy.

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

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail moved to go into the Committee of the Whole; seconded by Councilman Sustarsic.

Mrs. Madeline Scarniench - 1511 E. 221. I received a couple of phone calls earlier last week and they had to do with grass cutting. There were some folks wandering around the neighborhoods and wherever they saw a police car stopped they would go to knock on doors of little old folks and tell them that they were going to get cited because their grass was too long and for \$20 they'd cut their grass. And the people would pay this amount of money. Now I know the procedure for the way this works, but I was worrying whether Erik or Bob could explain it to the public so, hopefully, that they're listening and know that this is totally a scam. That that's not the way the Housing Department works and the Police Department isn't the one who comes around and gives them a ticket for the grass.

The other thing is I was able to attend the Senior Summit the other day. I was an invited guest. It was very interesting. It was very informative. After the meeting I got to talk to a lot of people and a couple of them asked me a question. And I did get sort of an answer for this earlier today from Councilwoman Miller, but I promised I would ask this publicly. They wanted to know why they don't get to have their volunteer recognition when the Auxiliary does. So if someone could answer that please, I'd appreciate it. Thank you.

President Gudenas - Right, I guess in the past, this was brought to our attention that day. In the past there was a contribution from the City toward their banquet. And we've been contributing towards a few other groups. Mayor, why did you cancel that?

Mayor Oyaski - The Council can decide to appropriate the funds if the Council so chooses.

President Gudenas - Okay, we might want to, it's coming right up in...

Mayor Oyaski - Two weeks.

President Gudenas - So we should, we might want to ponder that before next Council meeting. It's somewhere around the second week in June. Okay, other than that it hasn't come to our attention before now so anything under \$2,000 the Administration can just do. And it's probably not in our budget, yeah. Any other comments?

Manager Tollerup - Spring is the time of year that over the past 5 or 6 years we do see several scams that seem to take place regarding home repairs. As far as grass cutting in the City of Euclid, City employees works from 8:30-5 Monday through Friday, the Housing Department employees who handle residential grass cutting do not work Saturdays and Sundays. And if you were cited for grass height, of course, your grass has to be over 8" in height. City employee will be there in a City-marked vehicle, have a City identification, which is available to you upon your request. And they will also issue you a small 3 x 5 card sized citation notifying you that you have 48 hours to cut your grass. So if somebody shows up at your door offering to do work, offering to cut your grass, it's pretty much good advice to stay away. If a contractor's coming to you, something's wrong. Lately, we've seen scams involved with people saying that they have extra asphalt from another job, you know, for \$500 we'll redo your driveway. Best rule is to stay away. Contact the Building Department for permit issues and contractor issues. All that information is there for you. They have lists upon lists for everything that you could need. So contact the Building or Housing Department and they will assist you in any way.

President Gudenas - Okay, thank you very much. One more.

Mr. Ron Emser - 26501 Farrington Ave. It's only 7 o'clock, I didn't know it was the end of the meeting already. I've been taking notes here, 8 o'clock excuse me.

First off, I want to thank Parks & Rec.'s Department for their cooperation helping the Lake-Shore Group get their stuff together for the kick-off of the Sunset Celebration coming up this coming Sunday, actually. Marcia Fialko over at the Park Department took exceptional care getting up the reader boards probably within an hour or so of the time the e-mail was sent in. Also want to commend Mr. Johnson's staff for updating the Euclid Community Bulletin Board and waiving the two-week waiting period. It was up right away.

Let's see here. Oh, I want to thank also Carl Cickavage is one of the plumbers here at the City. Him and his group of buddies are in a rock group called Rockfile and they had come forward and made us a really, really great deal and offer to play down at Sims Park for the Sunset Celebration. So we're going to be able to bring music and concerts back to Sims Park in a little different way than before. But Carl and his group, Rockfile, are going to be performing there. They're going to put on a full 3-hour set from 6 o'clock to 9 o'clock and we really commend him for that.

Also, a very special thank you to a very special business person in town, Greg Jurcisin of Beach Club Bistro. The reason Rockfile is able to play is do to the generosity of Greg Jurcisin coming forward and helping us take care of these guys. And Greg, I just think, is a model to indicate what business people in our community can do to give back to the folks that support them. I mean, he's, I can't say enough about him. He does a really great job.

I had the opportunity to play disc golf this weekend. And I got to tell you when I first heard about it I thought, boy, this is really a great thing. And I went and my wife, Laura, and I had absolutely a great time playing it. If you haven't tried it and if you found it kind of laughable at the beginning, you got to at least try it at once. It was really, it was really a bunch of fun and I don't know where I'm going to find the time to play it; but I'm kind of hooked and I'm throwing down the gauntlet here to anybody in Council that wants to go out and play 18 holes. It was really a gas.

And I'm glad to hear that we might be getting this patio over at Sims Park. Because I know there's a lot of things that we would like to see go on in Sims and with that patio would make it kind of possible where in the pat it might have been a little more difficult.

So I just wanted to remind everybody again, Sunset Celebration is going to be every Sunday starting the 25th this coming Sunday. We're going to try to bring music in as often as possible and thanking the City for providing us with power down there. It should be a great thing. So thank you.

President Gudenas - What time do Sunset Celebrations start and don't say at dusk?

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Mr. Emser - Okay, it's starting at, we are going to start at 6. In the course of the summer we're going to get Scottie Hanson from the Italian Eatery on 185th Street to come down and actually take a few of us. Give us some lessons on disc golf for those that are interested in that and we will...

President Gudenas - Would that be at 6 o'clock?

Mr. Emser - Well, 6 o'clock is when the music is starting. I don't have a confirmation if Scottie's going to do it this week or not, but our arrangement is going to be perhaps once a month he's going to come down. We might get a friendly game going and also some instructions on how to play. And of course, Scottie has the discs available, the scorecards and the whole thing. So it should work out nicely.

President Gudenas - Well, perhaps some clinics on disc golf would be appropriate so...

Mr. Emser - It's really not, it's really not that tough. It really wasn't. I mean, hitting par is not all that difficult. It was a lot of fun. I really, I really suggest everybody try it and thanks, Pat, for your stick-to-it-tiveness to bring this thing to Euclid. It's really cool. Thank you.

President Gudenas - And, Director DeMinico, I'm just curious. Are we having, we just to have our concerts there also Sunday evening, is that in our budget cuts been delayed for this year?

Director DeMinico - That is correct, Mr. Chairman, they have been delayed for this year.

President Gudenas - Okay, so instead we have some volunteer groups and the like taking over a little bit so instead of the City's concerts that we have in the pavilion down there, we're going to have some other ones. So we all welcome everyone to join in and, hopefully, we can resurrect what we did before. Is there anybody else?

Councilman Gruber moved to rise and report; seconded by Councilman Delaney. Yeas: Unanimous.

COUNCILMEN'S COMMENTS

Councilwoman Miller - I'd like to announce that there will be a Safety Committee meeting next Wednesday, May 28. The purpose of it is to update everyone about the Animal Shelter, the plans for that.

And I'd also like to wish everybody Happy Memorial Day.

Councilman Sustarsic - I think the others on Council received it this evening also. The Volunteer Recognition Dinner, apparently, is on Thursday, June 5th. At our next meeting being on June 2nd, so maybe we can get together some legislation or something by that time.

Also, I'd like to, I look forward to seeing everyone at the parade festivities coming up on Memorial Day and, hopefully, the weekend will be nice enough weather-wise so that we can get a lot more people out to cut the grass. Thank you.

President Gudenas - Grass is growing quite a lot. Because of our Lake Shore Committee meeting this coming Tuesday at 7 o'clock, the City Recreation Commission meeting will be at 6:30. So it's a little bit earlier so that we can have our meeting at 7. And again, we're going to unveil the ideas, suggestions, etc. as presented by KA for the area from E. 219 roughly all the way done to the Watergate area along Lakeshore Blvd. and Shore Center Drive. Some very dramatic ideas including some traffic suggestions, how to change that around, the storefronts and redevelopment, some of the ideas have already been presented to some of the landlords here, investors and the like. There is great interest. There is great interest in redevelopment. Some projects are somewhat feasible to get started fairly soon. So we're hoping to get a nice send off. And basically the purpose is to see if we can set general standards for future redevelopment and improvement to have some consistency the general theme, general landscape design, colors, features, signage, lamps, lighting, etc. things like that. Plus ideas for landlords, investors and the like how their storefronts can change. How they can have different kind of signage than we've had before. Things that can make the area more attractive and, hopefully, create a special improvement district where the landlords, merchants, property owners, etc. will all get together and assess themselves a permanent source of money to have that fund available to constantly improve and redevelop the are over many, many years. So this is what we hope to get started, actually, we've already gotten started. We're going to unveil this coming Tuesday, the day after Memorial Day.

Councilman Delaney - I would like to say thank you and farewell to Jason Saber. He was the music director/conductor of the Euclid Civic Orchestra for the last 7 years. In my time on the Shore Board of Trustees, the Euclid Civic Orchestra was one of the things I was most proud of in the City. It's, I believe, 47, 48-year run. Jason's been there for 7 years and he's done a tremendous job. At the same time he was also the music director for Strongsville High School and nearly tripled their music program. The 51-member

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orchestra, I'm sure, find continued success in the next person they choose. But we really, we really had a gem in him and he's going to go and pursue his Master's Degree at the Cleveland Institute of Music and I believe he will be a big success in the world of music. And we will always be proud to have had him. Thank you.

Councilman Gruber - Speaking of grass and grass cutting, I know that myself and most of my Council colleagues have received numerous phone calls on our grass cutting program that remains unfunded at this time. I'd like to explore options on getting about \$15,000 of General Fund money into that Fund so we can get a contractor and start cutting grass. Most of that money is reimbursed to the City sooner or later. We'll get it in the end. So whatever we have to do, I think, we have a consensus on Council. I know we've all gotten many calls. I know that the Housing Department's hands are tied until we get some money in there. So I'd like to recommend that we move on that whichever is the most expeditious means possible.

Also, Euclid Historic Museum will be hosting a fundraising event this Saturday, May 24th, from 6-8 p.m. The event will feature wine tasting of northeast Ohio. Local artists' work by Euclid Artists Association, music and Ohio Bicentennial information will be available. Tickets are \$20 for members and 25 for non-members and are available by calling 216-289-8577.

I'd also like to thank Director Gulich on that storm we had two weeks ago and also the residents' patience. I know Beverly Hills got hit pretty bad and there's portions of Euclid Avenue and when I'm done I'd like Hank to explain hydrobrakes and how they work. So when the people see all that water in their street, they understand it's better than in their basement.

And on May 31st, there will be a tour of Euclid Creek Watershed from 9-1. Tickets are \$5 and available by calling 524-6580. Learn about the unique wetland site, creek in Euclid Township.

Went to Rochester two weeks ago. Got to meet the Mayor of Rochester; went to tour their Council Chambers, which is the old federal courthouse and they had a list of regulations there. And if you wanted to speak at the Rochester City Council, you have to call and make an appointment and tell them what you're going to talk about. It's not televised live and I asked the Mayor how many people they get; he said about 10 and that's out of 230,000 people. So I thought that was a pretty restrictive to have that for a Council meeting.

President Gudenas - Are you making that recommendation?

Councilman Gruber - No, I'm not. Thank you.

President Gudenas - Director Gulich, you want to talk about Tony Gunita's hydrobrakes?

Director Gulich - Sure, I'll keep it short and simple. I don't want to bore anybody too much with this. But way back when in the 20s, 30s and 40s when much of our City infrastructure was originally built, it was quite common practice, there was no EPA at the time, the sanitary sewer was put directly under the storm sewer. All these pipes were laid with the old-fashioned cement style joints. They weren't done with the premium style joints that we have these days. Over the course of time, we discovered a lot of these storm sewers were virtually leaking the storm water down into the sanitary sewer causing the whole system to surcharge. Mayor's sitting next to me and I think some of the Council people, Mr. Sustarsic, Fay Miller, people bringing bottles of stuff to meetings and screaming about what could be done about this.

What we've done over the course of the last 20 years and we've pretty much wrapped up all the areas of need in the early 90s, we've installed structures called hydrobrakes directly into the storm sewer system. It's pretty slick contraption. It, actually, has no moving parts; it doesn't wear out. We do need to keep them clean. We do check these out when we clean the catch basins every year.

Typically what these do is, first of all, it keeps the sanitary sewers from surcharging. They pond the water in the catch basins first. Many folks out there may have noticed that in heavy rain we actually have ponding in the street for a short period of time. That's the whole idea. We simply tell people it's either on the street for a short period of time or it's in your basement for a short period of time. These have done a dramatic improvement to eliminating a lot of basement flooding we've had.

Mr. Markel, our superintendent, and I had a busy weekend last week. I think we totaled out at about a hundred and thirty-seven sewer jobs. The ones we were notified of basement flooding, house flooding, stuff like that. But the hydrobrakes are very important in our system to keep these older sewers from surcharging. Thank you.

Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail - I'd like to echo Councilman Gruber's thoughts on the grass cutting. I think we need to solve that pretty quickly. I don't know if there's suggestions. Do we need to wait until the next Council meeting to appropriate the funds?

Councilman Gruber - Board of Control maybe?

President Gudenas - Well, right. If it's a certain amount, it's not required, again, all of the money is a lien on the property until it's paid. So at some point it'll be paid.

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Mayor Oyaski - If the Council doesn't object with increasing the budget by \$15,000, we can hire the contractor next Tuesday. And has been said, we expect to collect most of it back, maybe not all in 2003 but we will have a debt owed to us.

President Gudenas - Would we want to consider one of the TIF funds, Bennington Hamlet or the others with the money as it comes back to go back into that or is that too complicated?

Mayor Oyaski - The Council has not previously used TIF funds for operating purposes, but you might be able to authorize that should you choose to do so.

President Gudenas - That's a good point. It might not be eligible since it's supposed to be for redevelopment.

Mayor Oyaski - Right.

President Gudenas - Can you then e-mail us with a suggestion? Because that General Fund cash balance is very tight over the next year or two and this may take 2 or 3 years to collect. So if the Finance Director can offer some suggestions on alternatives, but we should proceed.

Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail - We need to proceed. I've had several, many calls and it does shed a bad light on a particular street throughout the community. I know, I mean, I'm sure the other Ward Council members and even At-large have been getting those calls. So I think it is something we need to take care of.

President Gudenas - So if the Administration can report back shortly on what your plan is we'd appreciate that.

Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail - The other issue, a resident...

Councilwoman Miller - On this topic, does that mean that you're going to go ahead and hire somebody on Tuesday and then come back and tell us from what fund?

President Gudenas - Sounds like it.

Mayor Oyaski - If there's no objection, we'd like to proceed because we do have a number of complaints as the Ward Councilmen indicated.

Councilwoman Miller - Because I'm in favor of that.

President Gudenas - Sounds like they're going to proceed and at the next meeting if we have to appropriate certain funds because they're not going to spend the money in anything under 15 authorized anyway.

Councilwoman Miller - Okay.

Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail - Another call, and I apologize, the resident did not leave her phone number so I wasn't able to call her back. But there was an issue regarding safety and traffic issues on 222 now that we have the center lane as a turning lane only. And I wondered if the, right in front of the library. People who are going south and turning left into the library are in conflict with people going north, trying to turn left onto Friday. And there's been some issues where there's been some backup. But I don't know if either the Chief or Director Gulich have been aware of that or if they have a suggestion.

Director Gulich - My long-term goals solution here and I've discussed this with the Mayor and the Council President and members of Council. Right now we are sitting on top of the grant from NOAWCA for about \$4 million, which we would have to match about a million dollars. It would resignalize the rest of the City. No, it's not going to happen this week, this month or even this year. Obviously, this study would probably eliminate some unnecessary traffic lights. We would probably include some new ones that weren't thought of when our system, I guess, developed here. What we're hoping for is a City-wide system that would be computer operated that would work in unity together to move the flow of traffic. And, unfortunately, the best short-term solution is to use the driveway immediately to the south between the high school and the Fordyce Building because that gets you out a lot faster. That's not the answer you wanted I'm sure, but our Traffic Department continues to look at that. We're hesitant to sink a ton of money into it that we don't have hoping that the new system will be online in a couple years with all the best high-tech gadgetry available.

Hopefully, that answers your question one way or the other.

Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail - I think so, thank you. Two other quick things, I wanted to thank Jean Garapic, Clare Cater and the rest of the Senior Summit Steering Committee for inviting us to their Senior Summit this week. Council President Gudenas, Councilman Gruber, Director DeMinico and the Mayor were

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there and we heard the seniors comments and we'll take them into consideration as we move forward with their plans. But we are excited to move forward with the new Senior Center. So thank you, thanks to the seniors for inviting us.

And also one just quick reminder to residents, I've noticed and had a couple calls. Garbage cans are not supposed to be out until after 6 p.m. the night before your garbage pickup and your cans are supposed to be removed from the street or from the sidewalk no later than 5, I believe, or 6 that evening. So just a reminder, people are getting a little bit lax at that. Thank you.

President Gudenas - And we are, I believe, Service Department is going to give us a recommendation to proceed with that grant for all the traffic lights. Lakeshore Blvd. traffic is flowing very quickly as a result of all that investment we put in and I think some time shortly we'll be getting a request from the Service Department.

Director Gulich - That is correct, Councilman Gudenas. With the signalization of the State routes, which was wrapped up a little over a year ago, the City was completely refunded by the Federal government. That project was first approved by Council back in 1991. I certainly hope the completion of the City isn't going to take another 10 years. But we do need to keep moving along this if you don't want that NOAWCA money to go away. If someone else comes up with their matching portion, unfortunately, we did look to Issue 2 for funds. We can do that again. We did try to knock on the Governor's door, get some special compensation from him that hasn't been portioned either but we're going to continue trying to get that additional funding. But we do need to do, at least, those traffic counts first and that way we'll be able to decide how many intersections would be eliminated or if there's a possibility that we would have to add some in order to get our traffic moving best as possible in town.

President Gudenas - And that's sort of along the lines of one that one e-mail we had regarding the other \$6,000 traffic analysis at 222, Babbitt and Lakeshore Blvd. It's not the traffic count, but that's the same firm to analyze the proposal that we're going to see this Tuesday on changing the flow of traffic at 222, Babbitt, Lakeshore. So that we can see if we make changes, how does that affect the rest of 222, Babbitt, Lakeshore Blvd. They have a very sophisticated computer model; it'll actually show how the cars back up, delay or not delay, quicker or slower, so that we don't make anything worse. And in light of the new Senior Center and other activities coming into the downtown Euclid area, this is the time to start planning for additional traffic and we're hoping some other significant investment in that area. And that's the same firm, same type of concept with that including with all the lakefront stuff, it's all going to be very important.

I saw today, I was driving to the meeting Lakeshore Blvd. was backed up as everybody's pulling into 242. I see that as a potential problem in the future and Councilman Langman will take care of it.

Councilman Langman - I'll have the light up for him. Director Gulich, the traffic signal at 250th and Shoreby was malfunctioning over the weekend, do you know if that's been addressed yet? There were some temporary stop signs out as I noticed at...

Director Gulich - Since I don't keep any secrets here, our lift truck suffered some broken welds in the past week or two. We need to have a certified welder do that. While this is getting re-welded, we're rebuilding some hydraulic portions on that. Hopefully, that truck will be out in the next couple days. Unfortunately, we have to resort to borrowing Parks & Recreation equipment and we really don't have any money in the budget to do any short-term leasing so we're keeping on top of it as best we can.

Councilman Langman - Okay, a few more days then you would think?

Director Gulich - Yes.

Councilman Langman - And I would like to give you kudos along with Asst. Director Driscoll. The residents of Lake Edge Drive had their walk through last Monday, which was a particularly rainy day, and I think most of the residents that participated were pleased with not only your time and your efforts to address their outstanding concerns. So again, on behalf of the residents there, I'd like to thank both you gentlemen for taking the time and walking through with the residents.

Finally, I'd like to thank Director Balazs. He spoke at last Tuesday's Euclid Republicans Club meeting. It was very informative as usual and also very sobering as the budget challenges remain, not only for the rest of this year but probably into 2004.

Councilman Lisy - Thank you, Daryl, that's a good segway into what I wanted to talk about. Is there, how can we get the Administration to provide us a 2004 budget so that we can see what our financial situation is for 2004? I'd like this as soon as possible and preferably before the recess.

President Gudenas - I think we're still working on the rest of this year.

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Director Balazs - Right now we're working on the request from Council to convert our budgeting to a monthly basis and we're going to come up with those figures real soon. So as we're doing that we're also going to try to do the 2004 on a monthly basis as well. And perhaps at that time within the next month, we can start projecting what our revenues and our expenditures are for the 2004 year. And perhaps we can have those figures back to you. So we can give you an indication what it's going to look like because right now I did one projection and if everything stays the same to the income taxes, collections remain the same, expenditures remain the same plus some of the increases that we are faced with in the 2004 year, that we're probably looking at a \$1.3 million deficit in 2004. So sooner the better that we should start looking at it and whether it's on a monthly basis, yearly basis, I'll try to make those projections as soon as we can.

If the monthly budgeting request would have come during the budget hearings, I think we probably would have been there by now. We're kind of going through a busy time right at this particular time, but we'll get back to you on the request of the monthly budgeting and hopefully the forecasting for the 2004 year. And if there's any recommendations or suggestions, please don't hesitate to forward them.

Councilman Lisy - And that leads me to the reorganization/realignment. We really should look into that so that we can keep our services up without having to lay people off as well as cover up, keep the services high for our residents throughout the City.

Next, I'd like to recognize the Friends of the Henn Mansion because they also supported a dinner to go along with the Euclid Orchestra event yesterday. Euclid Orchestra did an outstanding job, but what was especially nice was that they had a tribute to the Veterans and that was just a nice touch to a Euclid Orchestra concert prior to a Memorial Day weekend. And while touring the Henn Mansion, I'd also like to recognize Tom Cooke and his staff for the outstanding job they did on putting in the new ceilings in the main entranceway and the upstairs. It really is a nice job and I commend Tom for his civic activities because they really did a nice job and saved the Henn Mansion, literally, thousands of dollars in updating that because they were having a hard time keeping up with all the repair work.

And last, I was pleased to hear Chief Maine on the radio talking about how the City of Euclid provided assistance to the City of Cleveland during their crisis with the events at Case Western Reserve University. And Chief, you did an outstanding job. You made me proud of the City of Euclid with the way you presented the SWAT team's efforts during that event. And so I commend you for your activities and keep up the support to our neighboring communities.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Attest:

Clerk of Council

President of Council