

**COUNCIL MINUTES
MAY 17, 2004**

A regular Council Meeting was held on Monday, May 17, 2004 at 7 PM in the Euclid City Hall Council Chamber. President Sustarsic presided.

Members Present: Daly, Delaney, Gruber, Holzheimer Gail, Hufnagle, Langman, Mancuso, T. Sustarsic, J. Sustarsic.

Others Present: Mayor Cervenik, Law Director Frey, Finance Director Johnson, Service Director Gulich, CS&ED Director Pietravoia, Recreation Director Will, Fire Chief Cosgriff, Police Chief Maine, Commissioner Petkovic, Housing Manager Tollerup, Sgt.-at-Arms Nagy, Clerk of Council Cahill.

Invocation was given by Fr. Goebel, Chaplain of Euclid Hospital.

COMMUNICATION

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

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Councilman Gruber moved to accept the Council Minutes of May 3, 2004. Councilman T. Sustarsic seconded. Yeas: Unanimous.

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Cervenik presented Resolution 97-2004 commemorating May 29, 2004 as World War II Veterans Recognition Day to the American Legion Bill Willert; Jewish War Veterans Al Gelman; Euclid Vets Club Mayor Tony Sustarsic, Polish Legion of American Veterans John Popik and VFW Ernie Hauck.

Mayor Cervenik presented Mr. Dennis Berzinskas with a Proclamation for being the recipient of the 2004 Euclid Sun Journal's CitiSun of the Year.

Mayor Cervenik – This morning after deliberation over the past few months and doing a very thorough evaluation of the performance of Acting Director Will in the Recreation Department, I have promoted and named her as my Recreation Director.

The original plan was probably to forego the Director's position. Through the first 5 months or so of my administration, I know that is not what needs to be done to make Recreation a strong program. We won't be filling the Assistant Recreation position any time soon. Through these months, I can tell from the work that is being done by her staff and her crew that she has a good hand on the management of the department. I just see a whole new attitude in the department and I really must give it to Kathy for an effort well done. It really ended up being quite an easy decision and we look forward to having you on our administration as a Director and best of luck to you. Keep up the good work.

Also with Recreation, I'd like to introduce to you Mac Stephens. Mac knew I was going to introduce him and he sits in the back row. Could you stand up Mac? Mac is our Youth Sports Coordinator for the Recreation Dept. A little history about Mac. He was a 3 year starting line backer at the University of Minnesota. He was an All-American and he earned a degree in Political Science. Following college he signed on as a free agent with the New York Jets for one year. Then played for one season with the Minnesota Vikings and briefly with the Canadian Football League. Mac owns and operates Euclid Thrift Bakery with his wife, Belinda, who is also rooted in sports. She is the daughter of NBA All Star Gus Johnson, who was a very impressive player. Herself played volleyball at Cleveland State and currently teaches and coaches sports at Cleveland East High. We welcome Mac to the staff. I've already heard many good things about him, not only from his co-workers but from our citizens. He certainly has the recreational background, athletic background to carry this important job on. Mac, good to have you on board too.

I e-mailed all of Council about the announcement that we made on Thursday with the two site counsels from Emeritus House and Knuth. I also went there today to speak to the lunch crowd at both sites. We are going to be combining the two senior programs together, both Emeritus House and Knuth at the new building down on the lakefront. We have the capacity to feed over 350 people at the lakefront and it just makes no sense in having two separate centers and duplication services. The only slight problem, its not a problem, it's a challenge that we will deal with is the transportation of those that normally use Emeritus House to the new center. We are confident we will be able to do that. This will allow to not only let all of our seniors share in the new things we'll

be able to do with the senior center, such as recreational facilities, computer rooms and the like. Not to mention the outdoor recreation areas. It allows us to use our staff more efficiently, not necessarily reducing any staff, but be able to use the staff that we have now to do the other work that needs to be done at the senior center, instead of just the meals. The meals is really a small part of what our senior program does.

They took it quite well. There was one man that did tell me, Mayor I worked hard to get you into office and I think I'm going to work harder to get you out. But we expect a little bit of that and I told all of them that if you know of someone who is a little stubborn about moving down to check out the senior center, then I'll personally pick them up and take them down there because they don't know what they are going to be missing. All in all the combination of these centers, in the short run as long as the long run is going to be very good for our community.

Also congratulations to Christopher C. Kinison. At the last Council Meeting I told you I was at an Eagle Scout presentation. Boy Scout Troop 161 the Euclid Pioneer's troop is at it again. This Sunday, Christopher earned Eagle Scout rank at his Court of Honor. He received 21 merit badges and he completed a community service project in which he planned and executed the refurbishing of the front foyer, entrance, stairways and stairway leading to the undercroft of the Church of the Epiphany. Another person everyone in the City of Euclid should be proud of and again congratulations to Boy Scout Troop 161, Christopher C. Kinison and his family.

We have had the pleasure of speaking to a number of neighborhood tenant associations. I did send a letter out telling them that myself or the administration would be more than happy to attend their meetings and talk to them about things that are going on in Euclid. The Council people, especially the Ward Council people, if you know of a meeting or issues that are going on in a neighborhood, call us, one of us can be there, if not a few of us. It is a great way to touch base with the people. We will try and arrange our schedules accordingly. It is not always easy, but we try to get it done. It is a great place to meet 20-30 people at a time and answer their questions and concerns.

Memorial Day begins with early morning graveside services. The Veterans are marked with the American flag and flower. The Euclid Joint Veterans Council again will conduct the graveside services starting at 7:45 AM, at the Euclid Cemetery. We will then move down to 8:15 and have ceremonies at St. Paul's Cemetery. Some of America's first war veterans from the Revolutionary War, and I didn't know this, are buried in Euclid. Lt. John Crosier, Battle of Bunker Hill; Lt. David Dille; Sgt. James Jackson; Private Anthony Cummins; Private Jacob Coleman.

The Memorial Day Parade itself will begin at 10:00, under the direction of the Euclid Joint Veterans Council. We will march from 228 and Lake Shore Blvd., down E. 222 Street. The theme of the parade this year is "If You Value Your Freedom, Thank a Veteran." I would like to see all of Council participate as we normally do. With what's going on in Iraq and in the Middle East and Afghanistan, I think more than ever we need to let our Veterans, both past and present to understand we appreciate what they have done and what future Veterans and Service men and woman throughout the world are doing for us. That is the end of my report.

REPORTS & COMMITTEE MINUTES

Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail moved to receive the Humane Officer's Report April, 2004; Fire Report of March, 2004; Executive Committee Min. of May 3, 2004; Public Service Committee Min. of May 10, 2004; Board of Control Min. of 4/26/04. Councilman Langman seconded. Yeas: Unanimous.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Councilman Delaney moved to go into the Committee of the Whole for Legislative Matters Only. Councilwoman Mancuso seconded. Yeas: Unanimous.

President Sustarsic – It has been brought to my attention that there has been a change that #9 on the Agenda, dealing with the preparation of the plans for the west-wing renovations at the Knuth Center has been pulled. Consequently there will be no discussion on that in the Committee of the Whole. Also we have public hearings on #1 & #2. #1, dealing with Panini's and #2 dealing with the Church property at Lake Shore Blvd.

Mr. Dennis Berzinskas – 20890 S. Lake Shore Blvd. #3, the fireworks, \$35,000. That is incidental. What about the police? Last time we talked about this last year, it went as high as \$75,000. That's the real cost of the fireworks display, with overtime for the police. I know we use auxiliaries, but that's the real cost. When you talk to me you talk about real cost. That hurts at a time like this. We're in a war right now, let's remember our fallen heroes with music and a quiet display, a caring display. Not something that is going to be over in a matter of 20 minutes or so. I think that will do

us a lot better. Times are tight, they are tight all over. We don't have extra money. If somebody says I'll give \$35,000, well fine, just give \$35,000 to the City and help us out. I see no way I want to see that money spent this year. Thank you.

Councilman T. Sustarsic moved to rise and report. Councilwoman Mancuso seconded. Yeas: Unanimous.

Ord. 98-2004 (082-04) Rezone Panini's Prkg Lot

An ordinance rezoning P.P.# 643-12-052 located at 962-964 E. 223 St., from U-2 (two-family) use district to U-4 (Commercial) use district and further amending Ord. No. 2812.(Sponsor Planning & Zoning Commission)

Councilman Langman moved for passage, Councilwoman Hufnagle seconded.

Commissioner Petkovic – This ordinance is in front of you tonight for an approval for rezoning a lot north of Panini's restaurant from U-2, two-family, to U-4 commercial district use. Mr. Erik Anderson is here from Panini's if you have any questions. You may waive the rules and ask him to come to the podium.

President Sustarsic – Any questions from Council? Seeing none. This is a public hearing so anyone from the audience that wishes to express comments or questions of the owners of the property, please do so. Seeing none.

Roll Call: Yeas: Daly, Delaney, Gruber, Holzheimer Gail, Hufnagle, Langman, Mancuso, Sustarsic, Sustarsic

Passed.

Ord. 99-2004 (083-04) Rezone East Shore Church

An ordinance rezoning P.P. # 644-24-003 located at 23120 Lake Shore Blvd., from U-1 (Single Family) use district to UR-2 (Church) use district and further amending Ord. No. 2812. (Sponsored by Planning & Zoning Commission)

Councilman Langman moved for passage, Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail seconded.

Commissioner Petkovic – This is before you tonight for your approval of rezoning the parcel just east of this address, 23120 Lake Shore Blvd., from a U-1 single family use to a UR-2 Church use. Mr. Harrington from the Church if you have any questions.

President Sustarsic – Any questions or comments from the audience? Seeing none.

Councilwoman Hufnagle – I have a couple of questions on this. Mr. Petkovic, if I'm not mistaken, is this the piece of property where the house burned down last year?

Commissioner Petkovic – Yes it is. It was burned and demolished.

Councilwoman Hufnagle – If someone else were to purchase this piece of property to build a home, is the lot sizable enough to meet our requirements today?

Commissioner Petkovic – For a 2,000 sq. ft. home, I don't believe so. It would have to be built probably 2 ½- 3 stories to meet that requirement.

Councilwoman Hufnagle – Is that not possible to do?

Commissioner Petkovic – It is possible but it wouldn't look good in that neighborhood.

Councilwoman Hufnagle – It wouldn't look good. What about the house that's on the other side of it? That's a couple of stories.

Commissioner Petkovic – That's a double home. I don't know the square footage of that.

Councilwoman Hufnagle – Passing this tonight, Director Pietravoia, does this make this property tax exempt?

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Director Pietravoia – The ownership is what controls the tax exemption so the ownership by the Church would already make the property tax exempt.

Councilwoman Hufnagle – However if we allow the home to be built on it, would that home be tax exempt?

Director Pietravoia – If the church were to build a home and rent it out for example, if it becomes an income producing property, that tax away the tax exempt status.

Councilwoman Hufnagle – If somebody else owned the property and built a home on it, would it be tax exempt?

Director Pietravoia – No it would not unless we were to pass an exemption because it is new construction.

Councilwoman Hufnagle – Passing this this evening, we would lose out on the real estate taxes and the income tax from the people that would live there?

Director Pietravoia – Again I believe the fact that it is already owned by the Church, makes it a tax exempt property already, regardless of the change in zoning.

Councilwoman Hufnagle – Was it owned by the church when it passed through Planning & Zoning?

Director Pietravoia – I would defer to Mr. Petkovic about that.

Commissioner Petkovic – Mr. Harrington is approaching. He has all the figures.

Mr. Harrington – 101 E. 196 St., I'm a trustee of the church. I think I can answer some of those questions. We do not own the lot at this point. We have a contract to purchase it which will be executed once the rezoning should be approved by Council. There is no dwelling as the Director said, the house burned down. All there is is garage at the present time. Current tax value is just the property without dwelling.

Councilwoman Hufnagle – The Church intends in putting a parking lot there?

Mr. Harrington – The plans for the parking lot, that's a future plan. It has not been approved by the Church membership. The Church membership has approved purchasing the property as an investment for the future of the church because the Church is land-locked. The prospect of using it for parking is attractive to us and we did planning for that purpose because our existing parking lot is very small.

Councilwoman Hufnagle – In the immediate future you plan on doing nothing with the piece of property?

Mr. Harrington – In the immediate future, once we do own that property, we will apply for a tax exemption, but it will pretty much remain as a green, grassy type of green area, attractive, maybe used for recreational purposes or something like that.

Councilwoman Hufnagle – Even if the Church needs the extra parking, you wouldn't be planning on using it for parking without the parking lot being built?

Mr. Harrington – We understand that should we decide to go ahead with a parking lot, that we will then apply to Planning & Zoning for approval for a parking lot. Go through the formal process of having the plans approved and so on. Right now it is just the purchase of the property.

Councilwoman Hufnagle – So you don't have any formal plans for a parking lot?

Mr. Harrington – Not at this time.

Councilwoman Hufnagle – Or chosen someone to build the parking lot?

Mr. Harrington – We have preliminary plans and that's all. Nothing has been approved to move forward on it.

Councilwoman Hufnagle – Thank you. That's all Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Delaney – The East Shore Methodist has just celebrated it 75th Anniversary. I saw that as I drove to the meeting today that they are working on the steeple.

Mr. Harrington – We are currently doing considerable restoration to the exterior of the Church. Brick work, tuck pointing, we redid the front entrance and are working on the steeple. Extensive renovation.

Councilman Delaney – Very sizable investment. Do you know off the top of your head how much you've spent all total?

Mr. Harrington – Its just a triple short of \$100,000.

Councilman Delaney - \$100,000. Also fitting that we've honored our war veterans. One of my favorite aspects of that building is the stain glass window right on Lake Shore Blvd. An unfortunate soldier killed in World War II, his family built that window in his honor. It certainly a fine building and a cornerstone of our community. I congratulate them on their 75th Anniversary and thank them for all the investment in that church. It makes perfect sense for them to expand onto that property.

Roll Call: Yeas: Daly, Delaney, Gruber, Holzheimer Gail, Hufnagle, Langman, Mancuso,
 Sustarsic, Sustarsic

Passed.

Ord. 100-2004 (103-04) Waste Mngmt.

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service of the City of Euclid to continue the current contract with Waste Management of Ohio, Inc., pursuant to Ord. No. 6-2002 for an additional two (2) years, until March 1, 2007. (Sponsored by Mayor Cervenik) (Recommended for passage by the Utilities Committee)

Councilman T. Sustarsic moved for passage, Councilman Gruber seconded.

Director Gulich – Last Wednesday we had a Committee hearing with members of Waste Management available for questions. Mitch DeFranco from Waste Management came through the raindrops tonight, in case there are any questions from Council. We did cover the terms of the contract to quite and extent. The original 3 year contract called for a 3% increase per year. They have agreed in each of the extension years to accept a 2% increase. We have at the same time negotiated some enhancements, which will make my job easier as well as provide better service for our citizens here. They are going to start picking up all of our trash cans around the city. Which historically we've picked up, taken to our transfer station for them to move at a later date. This will free-up 1-2 of my guys a couple days a week who have been doing this emptying procedure. They are driving by everyday with the trucks. It makes perfectly good sense to let them pick it up.

We have something called the Sharps program which we discovered. We have a lot of insulin users in the City with diabetics, so on and so forth. It is very important these are disposed of properly. This program does give incentives for that. I understand this will be the first city in the State of Ohio to start such a program. Looking forward to the benefits we'll reap from that.

Also they're offering a service guaranty that is they do miss someone's garbage, they'll be the first to admit they are not perfect. If they do miss someone's garbage, my office is contacted that day, we contact them and they fail to pick it up, they'll rebate the city that percentage of the contract for one month term. Obviously a very small amount, but it does indicate the dedication these people have to serving our trash hauling needs.

As you've heard me say, there's probably no service that reaches out to more citizens, more times per year than the trash hauling service. Whether they are picking up our recyclables, yard waste or our trash. They are there when we need them and if there are any questions at this time I'll be glad to answer them or Mr. DeFranco from Waste Management is also here if there are any questions.

President Sustarsic – Accommodation for the company should be noted and I'm sure the Ward Council in particular because we're the ones in the past that got all of the complaints. I think past

carriers left more garbage in the streets than they did in the trucks. The professionalism of this particular company, they've done a great job and we're looking forward to working with them again.

Councilwoman Mancuso moved to suspend the rules, Councilwoman Hufnagle seconded. Yeas: Unanimous.

Roll Call: Yeas: Daly, Delaney, Gruber, Holzheimer Gail, Hufnagle, Langman, Mancuso, Sustarsic, Sustarsic
Passed.

Ord. 101-2004 (129-04) Fireworks

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service of the City of Euclid to enter into a contract with American Fireworks Company, 7041 Darrow Rd., Hudson, OH 44236, for a fireworks display for July 4, 2004, or rain date, in the amount not to exceed \$35,000. (Sponsored by Mayor Cervenik)

Councilman Gruber moved for passage, Councilman Daly seconded.

Mayor Cervenik – Comments were made that this is just the cost of the fireworks, there's other real costs, overtime and the like. That is true but there's also many other real benefits rather than just the 25 minute show. If you take a ride or actually on that day you should really take a walk through all our neighborhoods surrounding this area and it goes right down to the north side of Lake Shore and everywhere. Where people plan their whole day around the fireworks show that Euclid has been known for. Its an event that brings families together, brings friends together, brings people from outside the community into the City of Euclid. They spend their money here, there is a tax benefit to that. As I said during budget hearings, I just feel that we can do this through the Endowment fund, we do have a balance in the Endowment Fund, if you so wish to approve this tonight. It would be more detrimental to our community not to have this ceremony that we've had for so many years if we were to cancel it. We're working hard to cut costs here. Its an ongoing project. We will continue to do that and I strongly ask each and everyone of you support the fireworks gala this 4th of July. Our Service Director will tell you about the bid process.

Director Gulich – I did go out and request proposals with the intention of bringing the proposals back to Council. We did have two proposals, American Fireworks who is listed on this legislation did turn in some very impressive numbers. They do in fact exceed last year's numbers across the board. Having said that, I'm done.

Councilman Delaney – I tip my hat to the Administration. It is certainly refreshing that we can find the money to do this. We had previous two years, it was listed as a cut in the budget. It was kind of difficult to get through this. I agree with the Mayor 100%, it is something that showcases our city unlike anything else. It does bring all the residents and former residents back to town and I think hundreds of thousand of people gather all over our city.

One question I have is that we're using the Endowment Fund. I think previous years we used TIF. The Endowment Fund, being earmarked for permanent improvements. I'm just curious if maybe it wouldn't be more appropriate to use the TIF accounts and continue to build the Endowment Fund into bigger and bigger balances.

Mayor Cervenik – Councilman Delaney, thank you for your support of this and your understanding. The reason we picked the Endowment Fund is because the balance is larger. I believe we have two-forty, it's got a sizable balance in there. Yes, we do want it to build up. The Endowment Fund can be used for other things as council sees fit. The two TIF funds we have, really are in my understanding for economic development. There are probably going to be one or two things in the near future, probably after summer break that I'm going to want to discuss with Council concerning economic development. One of those being the fact that we need to put some materials together as we go out and meet with other businesses and try to bring businesses in. If we have a business that wants to come in, I think we're going to need to spend a little money to have a nice package and I want to present that to you. That's where I would like to see those expenditures come out of the TIF fund. The TIF fund balances are considerably lower. That's what I was going to ask Council to take it out of the Endowment Fund. We also are still not quite as confident that a deal is going to go through, but we still have people looking at Century Corners and that will help replenish this money. That's the sole reason for that.

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Councilman Delaney – I would only add that I would certainly like my name on the ordinance. I would invite all of Council to put their names on the ordinance and if any would decline to do it now.

Councilwoman Hufnagle – This is not the company we have used last year?

Director Gulich – No this is a different firm from last year. The firm that did it last year had the contract three years running. Prior to that, throughout the 1990's it was this firm that had our contract.

Councilwoman Hufnagle – It was this firm that had our contract? So we've used them in the past?

Director Gulich – Yes we have.

Mayor Cervenik – I would like to add that I've had conversations with the Fire Chief. There were some concerns about the safety practices of this firm. They have assured us that their safety practices are strong and they will meet with Acting Fire Chief Cosgriff and will do whatever is necessary to make sure that the fireworks go off in a safe and practical manner.

Councilman Gruber – I, too, support this. Just a note, maybe in the future we could look at either the day before or the day after the 4th of July because its several thousand dollars cheaper to have the fireworks displays those days because its not the big day. Maybe that might be something, it's a weekend or something, we can have a festival or something around it. There is considerable savings not having it on the 4th of July. This is a good thing for the City and I commend you.

Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail –Mayor, or Director Johnson, do we have enough money anticipated in the budget for the police and fire overtime coverage for this? Or do you anticipate maybe an amendment to the budget?

Director Johnson – I'll defer to Chief Maine, but I believe that there is overtime budgeted. I think that there's just a budgeted amount for overtime and I'm not real sure the budget is specifically for the fireworks. I believe the budget should be sufficient to handle it.

Chief Maine – Although we didn't budget for this event, I think some other savings are going to provide us enough surplus that we shouldn't have to have an amendment for this. We should be all right.

Acting Fire Chief Cosgriff – We should be able to have enough overtime.

President Sustarsic – I guess I'll be the bad guy. I think Mr. Berzinskas hit it right on the head. When you do have tough financial and economic times, I've always been a proponent that not to completely eliminate the festival, which has been great over the years, it has brought a certain amount of fame. But at the same time, I think it important to look at a couple of alternatives or combination of alternatives with that. By that I mean if the possibility of downsizing the fireworks display and combining it with a concert, say up at Shore School, Shore Center. I've mentioned in the past that I've heard that Military Orchestras and Bands are flown in, free of cost, to the community and they can perform and put on a great show. It will not cost the community anything.

In keeping with the finances, because again, like I said, its principle. If you don't have it, you don't spend it. In a way we do have it, but at the same time, I think it can be used for better purposes. Because of that, I'm as patriotic as the next person, but the wallet has a lot to do with patriotism too. So I think based upon that, I'll be casting a negative vote for this. Everyone is free to come and enjoy it and it doesn't mean that you shouldn't celebrate.

Councilman Delaney moved to suspend the rules, Councilman Daly seconded. Yeas: Unanimous.

Roll Call: Yeas: Daly, Delaney, Gruber, Holzheimer Gail, Hufnagle, Langman, Mancuso,
T. Sustarsic

Nay: J. Sustarsic

Passed.

Ord. 102-2004 (130-04)

An emergency ordinance authorizing the Euclid Municipal Court, through its Judge or her designee, to enter into an agreement with Smart Solution, Inc. for the purchase of computers and printers for the Euclid Clerk of Courts through the State of Ohio Cooperative Purchasing Program. (Sponsored by Mayor Cervenik by request of Judge LeBarron)

Councilman Gruber moved for passage, Councilwoman Hufnagle seconded.

Director Frey – The Court assess as part of the court cost a sum in each case that allows it to establish a computer fund specifically earmarked for computer equipment for the Clerk in the Court. This request comes from that fund so there is no general fund money included in this. The purchase is through the Ohio Cooperative Purchasing Program, so competitive bids are not required as component of that. The companies that are approved by the State of Ohio are guaranteed to provide the product at the lowest cost. The Court has requested this piece of legislation to authorize the Court to go forward and buy \$65,000 worth of computer equipment and software from I believe the company is Smart Solution, Inc. It would not expend any general fund monies for that purpose. It is a separately earmarked court fund.

Councilman T. Sustarsic moved to suspend the rules, Councilman Gruber seconded. Yeas: Unanimous.

Roll Call: Yeas: Daly, Delaney, Gruber, Holzheimer Gail, Hufnagle, Langman, Mancuso, Sustarsic, Sustarsic

Passed.

Res. 103-2004 (131-04) ODOT Co-op

A resolution authorizing the Mayor or his designee to participate in the Ohio Department of Transportation Cooperative Purchase Program. (Sponsored by Councilman T. Sustarsic by request of the Service Director)

Councilman T. Sustarsic moved for passage, Councilwoman Mancuso seconded.

Director Gulich – Earlier this year we passed legislation allowing Honeywell to enter into an agreement with the City of Euclid to perform money saving installations through electrical savings, gas savings and water savings for various city buildings. This particular piece of legislation is required in order for us to purchase from the State Cooperative. The State, I think as everyone is aware, has gone out and did a number of things so we don't have to. One of the is the LED lights that will be installing throughout the city for traffic control purposes. This particular ordinance is just for that purpose. You might wonder how much these LED's going to cost us. Mr. Randy Royce drove all the way up from Columbus through the rain just to be with us here tonight. Thank you Randy, if there are any questions. I'm told these lights will cost \$100,000. They will also include training for our personnel so we'll know how to service them. It will include the service equipment that will be needed when we do need it and it will also include the testing device the State requires to make sure we're in compliance with all the codes. These LED's once installed will use 90% less electricity than the existing lights and they have a life of about 10 years as opposed to 1-2 years. This is a great opportunity. They are brighter, much more efficient and they last a long time. It is a great thing to take advantage of and we'll talk a little more about the actual city-wide system, improvements that we're doing with the next piece of legislation. Did I miss anything Randy? Okay.

Roll Call: Yeas: Daly, Delaney, Gruber, Holzheimer Gail, Hufnagle, Langman, Mancuso, Sustarsic, Sustarsic

Passed.

Ord. 104-2004 (132-04) Citigroup/Honeywell

An emergency ordinance authorizing the Director of Finance of the City of Euclid to enter into an agreement with Citigroup, Inc. to finance the lease and purchase of hardware and software necessary for the implementation of Ord. 243-2004, an ordinance authorizing a contract with Honeywell International, Inc. for energy cost savings at public buildings and traffic signals under Ohio House Bill 300 and declaring an emergency. (Sponsored by Councilman Tony Sustarsic by request of Service Director)

Councilman T. Sustarsic moved for passage, Councilman Daly seconded.

Director Gulich – This indeed has been a team effort between Honeywell and the City. We have the Law Dept. involved, we have to dot all the “I’s” and cross all the “t’s” to stay in House Bill 300 compliance. Our Finance Dept. is involved. It is a pretty complicated financial instrument. It makes us all work. I’ve asked for emergency ordinance tonight so that this can go into effect immediately. We really want to lock into the lowest rate possible. As everyone knows, rates aren’t going anywhere but up right now. That’s why we’re asking for the emergency measure.

I know we had the presentation from Randy as to what we were intending on doing when we first went into this. We have just about a minute’s worth of a little bit more detail. We’re actually going to be going into a number of facilities here. We are going to be installing retrofits in this building here, the police station, the jail, streets & sewers dept. building, fire stations #1, #2, #3, #4 and the ice arena. We also expanded over to our Waste Water Treatment Plant. As you recall a few months ago I came before Council and told you we have some boilers over there that are near imminent death and we needed to do something about it. I believe I gave cost estimates in excess of \$100,000. Through House Bill 300 which we managed to negotiate, Honeywell will retrofit the building on Lakeland Blvd. with state-of-the-art lighting at a significant cost savings. The savings will pay for the boiler replacement. We’ll be able to do that with no out of cost expense. Again, this is something that will generate a minor net income. We get the new boilers, we get the lighting and we get to put some money into the bank too. That’s been a real helpful process.

I didn’t want to stick on one thing to much. What are we going to be doing in all these buildings? We’re going to be doing lighting, automation. The city hall building here, we’re going to do a chiller retrofit. That’s the thing down the basement that keeps us comfortable. It is due to be changed out next year at a cost of excess of \$25,000. This will negate that cost as a permanent improvement. We’re going to do something called balancing. Obviously we need the heat in the air to get to the right spot in the building when we need it. We are going to put in high-efficiency motors. Something cool called, DFD installation. Right now most of the fans we have in our houses and in our buildings, they are on or off, they are high or low. These actually have variable speeds. A great money saving measure electrically wise to have more comfortable buildings that are much more efficient.

We are going to put new temperature controls in all these buildings. We actually do building envelope improvements in all these. It sounds real high-tech. It boils down to things like caulking. You can caulk around the windows in House Bill 300 and make our buildings more efficient.

You’ve heard a little bit about the traffic signal lighting. Something we’ll be able to do as part of the House Bill 300 measure, 5 of our busiest intersections which were determined by the Chief and Mr. Carlo, our traffic superintendent, will receive emergency battery back-up. When the lights do go out, these most critical intersections will stay lit. I’m still working with Mr. Royce, there’s a grant available for getting the solar back-up for these. We’ll have street lights that will run off sunshine, hard to believe but true. We’ll actually be able to do window replacements in the police station that is very well needed. We’re going to add some re-zoning of heating. Over at the Service Garage on Lakeland Blvd., we’re going to do structural improvements and be at long last able to put that roof on that we need so badly over there.

Last but certainly not least, the Mayor has told you a little bit about the ice arena improvements. Not something that was initially considered, but when they went into that, they saw a real opportunity to install basically a new lighting system, a new ceiling system to make that building much more efficient. It is really going to brighten it up in there. Plus they’ll be able to do some motor re-fix with high efficiency motors in there.

After all this work is said and done, all these improvements go in these. We will still generate a cash flow of \$6,000 a month for the duration of the 10 years. It is all paid for by the savings in electricity, gas and water. That’s all a good thing. I’m done.

Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail – Thank you Mr. Gulich for undertaking this effort. We’ve had a couple of meetings and it was very interesting to hear from Honeywell what the plan was. I understand that we will not be paying out additional money for the improvements, but I’m curious how the financing works. It is a 10 year period. Do we take the gas and electric levels that we’re paying now and just pay those over 10 years to Honeywell? Could you explain how accounting works?

Director Gulich – Can I ask Randy? He could sum it up in about 30 seconds rather than my 30 minutes. You’ve heard all this at the High School. It’s a different House Bill measure. They have

a 15 year payback. But it has done incredible things for their buildings. As you know, you've heard all our buildings need work, this is an incredible opportunity to get a lot of that work done.

Councilman T. Sustarsic moved to suspend the rules to allow comments, Councilman Gruber seconded. Yeas: Unanimous.

Mr. Randy Royce – Thank you very much members of Council and Mayor and Council President Sustarsic. In answer to the question, basically the program is designed to utilize current, existing utility expenditures by the city over a 10 year period of time. How that is accomplished is that we take advantage of the city's tax exempt financing capability. As such, we're able to capture a lower financing rate to actually implement the measures. Then Honeywell will provide a guaranty to the City a bondable guaranty to the City that the savings will be achieved each and every year. So its annually reconcilable to the actual expenditure for that invested amounts for those ECM's, are actually balanced out on an annual basis so there's no impact to your general operating budget.

Currently the program as stated by Director Gulich has a 7.7 year return on investment. That is why you generate positive cash flow over a 10 year period of time, all costs inclusive.

Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail – This is authorizing us to enter into an agreement with Citigroup. The City then for 10 years will have a payment to Citigroup, but Honeywell is guarantying that the money to pay that will come from a reduction in gas, electric or water.

Mr. Royce – Absolutely.

Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail – I just want to make sure I understood the thinking. Thank you.

Councilman Delaney – Congratulations Hank, you've had a representative from just about every vendor for the city tonight. Should have a seminar after this meeting. You've used every club in the bag, I'm impressed. I've been following House Bill 300 for a couple of years. How about the Historical Society? You didn't mention that.

Director Gulich – When it comes to anything that uses electricity, gas or water, there's really no end to the capabilities. This is what we're calling Phase II. I'm very aggressive in getting going on Phase III. Anything we light up has a possibility. We started with a little more restricted list, we expanded, we saw opportunities, the ice arena. Our buildings need work and any opportunity we have to do those improvements and puts money in our pocket at the same time, we've got to be doing it.

Councilman Delaney – I did see a preliminary report on Shore. You didn't mention the Shore Cultural Centre, but all of these things have possibilities under this ordinance?

Director Gulich – Whatever it is we have to own it for 10 years.

Mayor Cervenik – I would like to thank Randy from Honeywell, Hank Gulich and all the Directors who have worked on this project. We were able to get a lot more done than we originally thought. When you think about the ice arena and you think about the fact that we're going to be able to put a roof on our building that's been sorely needed for a long time, and it really doesn't take any money out of our pockets, rather than paying utility bills, we're paying for the improvements. Like Hank says, we're going to have positive cash flow. There will be a Phase III and after a Phase III, if we still need so, there'll be a Phase IV. This is a good way to upgrade our buildings and at the same time not drain our already stretched budget. I'm going to thank everybody for being involved in it and I want to thank you for supporting this. It is a very important program.

Director Gulich – The way technology is changing, these possibilities with the LED lights weren't available a few years ago. In the near future we're looking at LED street lights, actually that could possibly save 80% of our street lighting bill. It is a little bit down the road. There's also new things coming out, 10 years down the road, OLED, organic LED's. No one is even sure of the capabilities of those are yet. Again, as long as there's House Bill 300 we can go back and keep doing things.

President Gudenas – Thank you Hank. Thanks for the savings. It kind of proves what can happen when you have a Slovenian as a Service Director, and Mayor too.

Councilman Delaney moved to suspend the rules, Councilman Daly seconded. Yeas: Unanimous.

Roll Call: Yeas: Daly, Delaney, Gruber, Holzheimer Gail, Hufnagle, Langman, Mancuso,
Sustarsic, Sustarsic

Passed.

Ord. 105-2004 (133-04) Demolition

An emergency ordinance authorizing the Housing Manager of the City of Euclid to enter into a contract after advertising for bids, for the demolition of the condemned structure located at 24331 Maplewood Dr., Euclid, OH, P.P. #644-21-052, to be in accordance with specifications on file in the office of the Housing Manager and pursuant to the provisions of Sections 1703.50-56 of the E.C.O. and Section 715.26 (B) and 715.261 O.R.C.(Sponsor Councilwoman Mancuso by request of Housing Manager)

Councilwoman Mancuso moved for passage, Councilman Langman seconded.

Director Pietravoia – I'll start and then I'll defer to our Housing Manager Erik Tollerup. The problem started on this property with standing water and was eventually determined that there was a break in the sanitary line that connects with our sanitary sewer system. As a result, essentially we had a very unhealthy sanitary situation at this property. Our staff through Erik Tollerup and through assistance through Director Gulich and some of his staff attempted to help the property owners relieve the situation. Also recommended that the property owners immediately take their own actions necessary, privately to correct the problem.

Quite a bit of time went past before anything was done by the owner. As a result we were forced to bring this ordinance forward to take the necessary action to eliminate the sanitary health condition that was existing on the property. With that, I'm going to turn it over to Erik to fill in the blanks and perhaps give Council more detail on the situation. Including an update upon visiting the site today.

Manager Tollerup – What we have here is a public health hazard. Unfortunately it is not something construction of the home where it can be limited to the basement where you're having the seepage of the sewage issue into the basement, where it is fairly contained. What we have here is an issue that does affect the entire neighborhood. We have contaminated soil. Again, with the amount of rain that we're having and it just keeps re-hydrating, it is causing not only a noxious odor but also attracts flies and we have the West Nile issue to contend with. The property is both flooded and again we've been working in conjunction, not only with Streets & Sewers, but also brought in the Health Dept. to confirm what our belief was on the structure.

Homeowner has begun to make attempts to correct the situation. I'm hoping he is able to make this problem go away and make the proper connection underneath the house. It will be difficult, we've been monitoring it daily, pushing the owner to make the corrections so that demolition is not necessary. If you have any questions, I'll be happy to answer them.

Councilman Langman – Mr. Tollerup, how long will it take if we pass this ordinance to actually demolish the house?

Manager Tollerup – I would expect we'd look within the next two weeks to have bids and contract and at that time selecting the lowest bid, depending on the contractor's schedule, how available he his. I estimate 2-4 weeks from now.

Councilman Langman – To the actual demolition?

Manager Tollerup – To the actual demolition.

Councilman Langman – Did you visit with the property owner today? Did you speak with him?

Manager Tollerup – Yes Mr. Langman, I've been to the property Thursday and again today. Met with the owner. Took a look at his progress, what he's planning on attempting to do. Still he has not uncovered the true nature of the problem. He has begun to excavate, still we don't know the severity. It could be worse than we think right now. We're waiting to take a look.

Councilman Langman – Do you know if he's pulled any permits to address some of these issues?

Manager Tollerup – Yes he has. He's pulled a Homeowner's permit which is purely legal. It does concern me that he's trying to make this repair himself. We did talk, he will be going through the

Engineering Dept. for guidance. He will be opening everything up for inspection. So, we expect that we will be notified, the city will be on site to make sure everything goes fine.

Councilman Langman – You mentioned that the Health Dept. came out. What was their evaluation of the situation?

Manager Tollerup – The Health Dept. evaluated it the same way I have, that the contamination of raw sewage mixed with the rain water that sits on the property, underneath the house, did present an immediate risk, both for the occupants and for any neighbors around. What I also have to bring in the Health Dept. in now is the amount of contaminated soil underneath the house. I'll have to work with them on possibly having all that removed and replaced.

Councilman Langman – Given all the rain, is there any potential to contaminate surrounding properties?

Manager Tollerup – Based on that the entire property was under 2 ft. of water, it still would not seep or expand onto other properties. It is that low-lying. I don't envision that its going to immediately affect anyone else.

Councilman Langman – Are we monitoring that? Or is the Health Dept.?

Manager Tollerup – We are.

Councilman Langman – What would it take to remediate the contaminated soil, roughly speaking?

Manager Tollerup – Mr. Langman it is tough to say. This property sits on a pier, so there's only about a two foot space between ground level and the first floor deck. If the Health Dept. determines that there's serious enough issue with contaminated soil, again, this would be a heck of an undertaking to basically excavate underneath the entire house and somehow support it. Again that would almost financially impossible to be addressed by the homeowner.

Councilman Langman – One last question, do we know, do we have any idea what caused the break? Was there a blockage on his end, our end? Do you have any idea?

Manager Tollerup – I would have to speculate that a blockage on any end probably didn't cause this problem. I would have to estimate the amount of the weight of water mixed with the heavy clay soil probably caused some break. The pipes no doubt underneath that house are 50 to 60 years old at least, if not 80. So with all the amount of water sitting there, the weight of the clay, the age of the pipes, aided in this breakage.

Councilman Langman – The house continues to remain vacant?

Manager Tollerup – The dwelling has been ordered vacant. They do have shelter next door. Luckily the owner has relatives next door that our housing them. It is ordered vacant.

Councilwoman Mancuso – The amount of time and effort that we're spending on this home now and the soil is contaminated and we have to go in, is this all coming out of this fund of ours? Whether we demolish the house or not?

Manager Tollerup – The amount of man hours that the Streets & Sewers or Housing, that all comes with the job, this is a service we provide to anyone.

Councilwoman Mancuso – So it would not come out of this special fund?

Manager Tollerup – No.

Councilwoman Mancuso – If we actually demolish the house, then we would use this fund. All of this other we're doing for them and with them is not part of this fund?

Manager Tollerup – Exactly. This is common practice, the city trying to help the homeowner out.

Councilman Delaney – I'm curious, when did the nuisance begin? When did the City find out about it?

Manager Tollerup – Mr. Delaney, we received a call April 11, 2004. Again, initially we thought this was just a massive problem with rain water. The property was something like I've never seen. We do have pictures in the file that are pretty amazing, the amount of water that is sitting on this property. Later it was discovered while we were there that things were seeping up from underneath the house, that's better left to the imagination. So, unfortunately we discovered that problem after the initial sent out came about.

Councilman Delaney – I'm kind of confused. You explained how severe this is, yet the homeowner still wants to try and correct the problem. He's in there digging. Is it insurmountable?

Manager Tollerup – Nothing is insurmountable with the right amount of funds, of course. I have to give him that, I have no choice but to let him as the homeowner try to make a correction. We can't stop him. He's taken his permit. Just like any other situation they have a right to try to make a repair and they can correct it. Can't stop them from doing that. Just cross his fingers and hope he does.

Councilman Delaney – My thought is that there's a big difference in the weather and working outside between April and June. This ordinance kicks in about 15 days as an emergency. If there's an extension and you see progress there, is it possible this person keeps his house and begins to continue to correct it?

Manager Tollerup – Unfortunately the timing of this problem is what hurts. With the warmer weather, we're talking about the bacteria growth, the smell, flies, insects. The Health Dept. has concurred with us that with increasing heat and humidity it is going to make the situation much, much worse and again affect at least 6 households in the area.

Councilman Delaney – And you directed him or them as to how long they might have and how much work needs to be done? Well the only thing I see, I did see e-mails regarding this as I'm sure you have as well. I understand it is a young family and I don't know if its possible, maybe the Law Director can talk to this, but to take the emergency off of it and give them 30 days. I'm sure that you and your Housing Dept., I've known you to grant extensions when you see progress being done. Would that be possible with this emergency ordinance?

Director Frey – Council can remove the emergency provision if it chooses to do so. I think we're, as a policy matter, better to have the authority and not use it than to be stuck with a health and safety issue that we're not able to remedy. I would not recommend removing the emergency ordinance, the emergency language. Certainly the Housing Dept. doesn't have to let the contract if the homeowner is able to make the repairs.

Councilman Delaney – It is a very, very tough situation and I'm always sorry to see these things. I hope the Housing Dept. has the compassion to keep up-to-date and make sure that they're going to do their due diligence. That they are aware of what they need to do and do it as quickly as possible. Thank you.

Councilman Delaney moved to suspend the rules, Councilwoman Mancuso seconded. Yeas: Unanimous.

Roll Call: Yeas: Daly, Delaney, Gruber, Holzheimer Gail, Hufnagle, Langman, Mancuso, Sustarsic, Sustarsic

Passed.

Ord. (134-04) Golf Course Plans - PULLED

An emergency ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of Euclid, or his designee, to negotiate a contract with Brandstetter, Carroll, Zofcin, Inc., 820 West Superior Ave., Suite 800, Cleveland, OH 44113 to prepare plans for west wing renovations of the Knuth Center to serve as the Briardale Greens Golf Course Club House and Pro Shop. (Sponsored by Councilpersons Delaney, Langman, Mancuso)

This item was pulled by the sponsors.

CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

Res. 97-2004 World War II Vets

A resolution commemorating May 29, 2004 as World War II Veterans Recognition Day in the City of Euclid. (Sponsored by Mayor Cervenik and the entire Council)

Councilwoman Hufnagle moved for passage, Councilman Gruber seconded.

Roll Call: Yeas: Daly, Delaney, Gruber, Holzheimer Gail, Hufnagle, Langman, Mancuso,
 Sustarsic, Sustarsic
Passed.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Councilman Delaney moved to go into the Committee of the Whole. Councilman Daly seconded.
Yeas: Unanimous.

Mr. Jerry Corbran – 24250 Maplewood Dr. Mr. Gruber in Council Comments last meeting made the remark, this should be left to professionals. This is in regard to the Moss Point pump project. I'm going to take issue with that remark. Professional engineers hire non-registered engineers, designers and drafters to do the work he has contracted for. His professional stamped product is done largely by non-professionals like me. He takes the responsibility, we do most of the work.

In the case of the Moss Point pump, I did a civil and structural design arrangements and my friend, John Primo, determined the pump size and style and the controls. Mr. Primo is a professional engineer, registered in Michigan and Ohio. I think that's enough to be said for that. We had the blessing of the Golf Course Commission to do this at that time.

Now I'll have to take issue with Mr. Gruber's other statements regarding the pump. It sounded like the pump was the cause of a long shut down. The sanitary sewer upstream was broken and leaking into the storm sewer making it necessary to shut down the pump due to high fecal count. Mr. Gruber knows about fecal counting I'm sure. Analogizing Mr. Gruber seems to think that if a Cleveland drinking water supply was polluted, it's a fault of your faucets. Thank you very much.

Mr. William Hilf – 891 E. 237 St. (216) 731-5793. I only have one thing to come up here and say tonight and that is to congratulate Kathy Will on being named the Parks & Rec Director and that I look forward to working with her at Shore to continue with its success. Thank you.

Mr. Matt Sarver – 26550 Shoreview. I'd like to begin this evening by congratulating Dennis Berzinskis on being chosen as a 2004 CitiSun of the Year. Volunteerism, generosity, modesty and hard work are the values that this award represents. I feel that Dennis Berzinskis embodies these ideals. Compared to many of you I've known Dennis for only a short time, but through his thoughtfulness and his willingness to share his knowledge for the betterment of the community, I can't help but feel as though I've known him for a lot longer. So Dennis, thank you for all of your hard work and congratulations.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank those individuals who help make the Euclid Awareness Committee yard sale a resounding success. To all of you who either donated or purchased items, thank you very much. It's all I have. Thank you.

Mr. Tod Guntner – 390 E. 257. First of all, congratulations Director Will. Last Friday, Euclid Pet Pals held their first annual Bark-B-Q. This was a catered rib dinner at the Manor. For those of you that went, I know you had a great time. We had music from 6:30 actually. We had a very unique situation where we had a bagpiper come in to play music. What he did, he does this as a fund raiser, and he has two baskets, pay to play, pay to stop. There were so many people paying to play, that he didn't get a whole lot of time to stop in the 30 minutes he went through this and he raised \$92 by himself for this. I would like to personally thank Don Willis for his efforts.

I would like to thank all of our volunteers who went out and sold tickets, who went out and put up posters and flyers in businesses and to those who worked on the event themselves. There's way to many to thank so I thank each and everyone of you. I'd also like to thank each and every person that purchased a ticket and came out. We raised quite a bit of money. I'm sorry I do not have final figures for you. I'm sure we'll have those in a couple of weeks if anybody wants them or needs them immediately, I'm sure we can get you an e-mail by the end of the week.

The next thing is Euclid Pet Pals would like to recruit a few good volunteers for summer help. We are actually looking for students this time from ages 12-17. We will be offering a program of animal care. We'd like anybody that would like to work this summer, we are looking

for dedicated people. This is a job. It is for no pay. If you're dedicated and want to learn about animals, you want to help animals, we invite you to come Tuesday and Wednesday evening to the animal shelter from 6-7 PM. The Animal Shelter is located at 25100 Lakeland Blvd. Hope to see you there, thank you very much.

Mr. Dennis Berzinskas – 20890 S. Lake Shore Blvd. Shore, surprise. This weekend we're having adults and children giving a live performance of the Music Man. Show your support for live theater. Show your support for Shore. Please come. It will be an evening you'll enjoy. Saturday and Sunday, come on out, enjoy.

Kathy Will, Director Kathy Will. She is a hard, hard working person. Dedicated. We need more people like that in the city. Thank you Kathy, congratulations.

Mr. Victor Goodman – 20201 Glen Russ Lane. This is the sixth time that I've appeared in front of a Council in my 30 years in Euclid. But it is the fifth time since this Administration took office. The last two times I came to chastise. But this time I would like to start off with an apology. For I am part of the problem. I voted and helped elect the people that I now oppose. So to the citizens of Euclid, I apologize. For I was not a Gudenas-ite. I was a Cervenik-ite and a Sustarsic-ite. I voted for people I thought were going to lead the City of Euclid anew and not adrift.

At the last Council Meeting, I learned something new that I had not known. I wish to thank the citizen who came up here and explained the emergency vote. He urged just one of you to change your vote, still voting for the ordinance, but preserving the right of the people. Not that they would referendum, but at least they would have the right. That plea went unheard and unanswered as this Council voted 6-3 and now the people are shut out. What a marvelous way to exclude the people who elected you to serve us. It said loud and clear that the people do not matter. The people are no longer important because you are now in office. I am incensed that you value us so little.

In light of seeing the citizens of Euclid some 3600 strong, ban together to ensure their right to be heard on Hillandale, win or lose, yet you have not heard the message. The people do have a power and your failure to read that power may actually lead to your demise. I went back to the first Council Meeting of this group to see what was the first and foremost important piece of legislation facing our city. Was it the budget? No, that would wait until March. How about Hillandale? Hey, let's not discuss that, that's a maelstrom already. Well how about the Golf Course Club House? No, that could wait until May. So what was the biggest single crisis facing Euclid? Me, the citizen of Euclid. Because the first piece of legislation that was important here was to limit my time to talk. How about 2 minutes, 3, 3 ½, how about two and four seconds? It was sponsored by our Council President. After much discussion it reminded me of a Seinfeld episode. The amendment to move it from two minutes to three minutes failed and the Council President pulled the legislation. But let everybody remember his words; at this particular point in time. I'm afraid the citizens of Euclid must beware that this may resurface.

I want to say a thank you to my Ward 4 Council. For being the swing vote that preserved the right of the people on this issue. As I said last time, bad things happen to good people when good people say and do nothing. Euclid residents, in my opinion, have only three choices. Move and hope that the next town or city is better. Sit on their hands and take it. Or, stand up, say no, and this is unacceptable. I choose three. You all work for us. Do the right thing for a change. Or find another job. We the people have the power to make changes. Article III Section 2 of our Charter says so.

In closing, I would just like to make a recommendation, a suggestion, I should say, to the Captain of the Police and the Fire Dept. Maybe in this time of great budget crunch, maybe the firemen and policemen can help by donating some of their time to the fireworks, so that the cost of overtime can be minimized or done away with. It would be quite a gesture for all the things that Euclid does back. Thank you.

Councilwoman Hufnagle moved to rise and report, Councilman Langman seconded. Yeas: Unanimous.

COUNCILMEN'S COMMENTS

Councilman Gruber – I would like to start off with a couple of thank you. One to Dennis Strnad from Unique Landscaping. Dennis helps tend to the Welcome To Euclid signs, the landscaping around a majority of those signs. He does that free of charge out of the goodness of his heart. He also does the bottom of Upper Valley, the Indian Hills sign. Dennis, Euclid Business Owner from Unique Landscaping, thank you. He also cuts the grass in front of the PAL basketball courts in front of the Inland Plant.

Also a happy 22nd birthday to Sally Hufnagle. Happy Birthday Councilwoman.

I'd like to thank Chairman Calabrese with the Regional Transit Authority. Working with him and I have permission from Councilman Langman to install a bus shelter in front of the TOPS grocery store on Shore Center. Many seniors use that bus shelter and all through the winter it was rather rough and particularly people from 100 Richmond Place, which is in Ward IV, they've repeatedly requested some type of shelter there. Thank you to Hank Gulich, for working with us and of course the Ward Councilman Daryl Langman. Just a bunch of thank you's today.

Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail – I'd like to congratulate Director Will. I'm sure you'll continue to do a great job. Congratulations on your appointment. Also congratulations to Dennis, a Ward One resident by the way, for his honor. He has been very helpful in a number of things and congratulations to him.

Also congratulations to Del Tekieli, who works for the schools and has also volunteered with a number of organizations, probably almost every organization through the community. Last week she was honored by the YWCA and their Women of Achievement Awards Luncheon for being a woman of Professional Excellence. I wanted to extend our congratulations to her as well.

I just wanted to update the Council and the public. I was able to attend the Euclid Collaborative's first public meeting last week. I have an information sheet that I will leave at Council, but this is a group of community agencies and organizations that are working to identify accessible community services throughout the City and surrounding areas. They're working together through networking and collaboration to make sure that we can meet the needs of families and children in our community. If people would like to get involved or would like more information, Krystal Skovira from the Community Policing Department is one of the contacts and she can be reached at 289-8449 or at the Y, the Director, Joe, is the contact there 731-7454. This group has active committees and is welcoming any participation by community agencies or residents who are interested in their mission.

And I was also going to mention Music Man that's happening at Shore this weekend. And, Kathy, is that at 7 o'clock? Do you know? I think it's 7 o'clock Friday and Saturday evenings. And if you would like information, call Shore Cultural Centre or the Rec. Department. And I believe, if I'm not mistaken, former Ward 2 Councilwoman Meg McGarry is in that show so that should be a treat.

And I would like to wish everyone a Happy Memorial Day and a special thank you to the veterans. Thank you.

Councilwoman Hufnagle – I would like to thank Councilman Tony Sustarsic for handling Ward 3 in my absence while I was out of town. That is all I have this evening. Thank you.

Councilman Langman – First, I'd like to thank Jessica Wrenn and the folks with E-VOT. The highschoolers had some great questions and I got to answer them last Wednesday evening on an interview along with Councilwoman Mancuso. Our students are on top of things. They want things to happen now. So it was very enjoyable evening and, again, I'd like to thank Jessica Wrenn.

Speaking of mothers, Ward 2 resident that we all know, Fay Miller, her mom is celebrating a birthday. I believe it's #96. So hopefully, we can ascribe to reach that goal ourselves.

I did want to make a couple of points about Item 8 on the agenda, the house on Maplewood. Some people told me well, this week is a light agenda. Well, this item shows that it wasn't a light agenda. It's a very serious matter that we're, we've decided that, perhaps, we're going to take somebody's home. And we don't do those things lightly. We have to balance the wellbeing of public health vs. the rights of the property owners. So I trust the Administration, especially Mr. Tollerup, Mr. Pietravoia will do everything they can to work with the homeowner to resolve it in a satisfactory manner.

With that, my mother has a birthday on Friday, I won't say how many but Happy Birthday, Mom.

Councilwoman Mancuso – Again, I'd like to say congratulations to Kathy on your promotion. Good luck. I'd also like to say congratulations to Dennis on his award. Well deserved. He seems to be everywhere working for everybody all the time.

I'd also like to ask that everybody try and attend the live theater that will be at Shore this weekend. It does sound like it's going to be very good and we can use the support for live theater in Euclid. And with that I'll say good night.

Councilman Sustarsic – I'd just like to say that I've had the pleasure of working with Kathy for many years as an employee of the City of Euclid and I'm real happy for you to see you as the new Director. I've been having some technical difficulty with my laptop computer. My e-mails, I

haven't been able to receive them because I can't get into it. I was informed it will probably be a week before I get it back. So if anyone needs to get a hold of me, they can call me at home. I'm in the phone book underneath the Council President's name, right underneath it.

And just want to wish everybody a safe and healthy Memorial Day and urge everyone to come out to the parade and salute our vets and salute our troops over in Iraq. Thank you.

Council President – And I'd like to add my congratulations to Kathy on your appointment as a Director. I think there's a thing that's called institutional memory and you fit the bill. And that means that you've been there, done that. You've been with the City for a number of years and you know all the particulars and intricacies and I couldn't think of a better choice to run the department.

Again, too, remind you of Memorial Day Parade at 10. If anyone wants to get up a little bit earlier, join us at the cemeteries and honor those fallen veterans.

We did have a chance to attend the Bark B-Q last Friday and I was fortunate enough to win a door prize, which I would like to thank Tod and Jan. The two dogs I have at home are enjoying those bones immensely and we've got about 175 left.

Also, Wednesday, I would like to announce 7:00 p.m. next week there will be a Finance Committee meeting and we'll be discussing the HIP refunding plans for the individuals that took out a loan.

That's all I have except to, again, join us on Memorial Day. Have a safe and healthy holiday.

Councilman Daly – Again, I just want to congratulate Director Will and wish everyone a Happy Memorial Day. Thank you.

Councilman Delaney – Yes, a nice surprise, congratulations Director Will. Your dedication over the years ha been, has been huge.

I'd also like to publicly congratulate lower Lake Shore Drive resident, Dennis Berzinskas, and thank him for his very kind words. It's just evident of all of his volunteering that when's the spotlight's on him he's still, he still shares it and spreads it around.

Happy Memorial Day, it'll be a very important one honoring the World War II veterans, the generation that saved the world. It's always a very humbling experience to be a Councilman on that day and to realize how important it was and being an amateur historian it's something that I enjoy the entire day. And I'm hoping that everyone has a happy and safe one. Thank you.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Delaney moved to adjourn; seconded by Councilwoman Hufnagle. Yeas: Unanimous.

Attest:

Clerk of Council

President of Council