

COUNCIL MINUTES

December 5, 2005

The regular Council Meeting was held on Monday, December 5, 2005 at 7 PM in the Euclid City Hall Council Chamber. President Gudenas presided.

Members Present: Conway, Delaney, Gruber, Holzheimer Gail, Langman, Lisy, Mancuso, Walsh, Gudenas.

Others Present: Mayor Cervenik, Law Director Frey, Public Service Director Gulich, Finance Director Johnson, Acting Recreation Director Grida, CS&ED Director Pietravoia, Police Chief Maine, Fire Chief Cosgriff, Housing Manager Petkovic, Zoning Commissioner Torowski, Mrs. DeAngelis, Mr. Gliha, Mr. Sonnhalter, Sgt.-at-Arms Novosel, Clerk of Council Cahill.

Invocation was given by Pastor Joseph Saliga of The Vine Church.

COMMUNICATIONS

Council has received the following communications:

Memos from Director Pietravoia on:

The renewal of EDCOR administration contract for the continuation of
The single-family Low Interest Home Improvement Loan Program

Renewal of Building Official Contract

NOACA Transportation for Livable Communities Grant Award for
Downtown Euclid Transportation & Redevelopment Plan.

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Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail moved to receive the Council Minutes of November 21, 2005. Councilman Gruber seconded. Yeas: Unanimous.

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Cervenik – Welcome Mr. Chairman. I'm looking forward to working with you and the rest of Council. We have 5 returning Council members and 4 new ones. We have all talked and I'm looking forward to great things during this term for you. Probably one of the best things I could do on your first meeting is to be able for the first time since 2001 swear in three brand new police officers.

Mayor Cervenik and Police Chief Maine administered the Oaths of Office to the following new police officers: Stephen McGrain, Derek Kocsis and Casey Kleckner.

Mayor Cervenik and Police Chief Maine presented Resolution 177-2005 in appreciation to the Euclid Citizens Police Academy Alumni to Chairman Dave Tarantino.

Chief Cosgriff – I know that a great number of our citizens are concerned with the cost of heating their homes this winter season in light of the increases in natural gas cost. You maybe tempted to use alternative forms of heat, but on behalf of the State Fire Marshal, I must caution you on the potential dangers of doing so.

I won't bore you with all the statistics, but last year alone in the State of Ohio, there were 593 heating related fire losses. This resulted in \$10 million in property losses, but more significantly, it resulted in 41 injuries and 7 deaths. The State Fire Marshal is recommending that you have your home heating system checked annually by a qualified professional. If you intend to use an alternative source of heat, please do so with extreme caution.

One of the sayings that we drill into the heads of our elementary school children is that space heaters need space. If you must use a space heater, please keep space heaters at least 3 feet away from any combustible material and make sure that your space heater has an automatic shut-off in the event that it tips over. Also never use an extension cord to plug it in and unplug it when you are finished using it.

Another potential danger of using natural gas, propane or kerosene heating units is that they create carbon monoxide. These units must be operated in strict accordance with their operating instructions. The State Fire Marshal recommends that you have carbon monoxide detectors installed at the very minimum near any of your sleeping areas.

Last but certainly not least, I would be remiss if I did not take this opportunity to mention smoke detectors. You should have a smoke detector located on every floor of your house. Smoke detectors are available to Euclid residents, free of charge, in the Fire Prevention Bureau at Fire Station #1, which is located just down the street at the corner of 222 and Tracy.

Mrs. DeAngelis – An behalf of the Recreation Dept., the Panther Hoop Basketball season started this past Saturday at the Euclid Sports Plant. Approximately 260 kids between the ages of 5-14 played basketball Saturday between the hours of 9:00-3:00. If you don't have anything else to do on a Saturday, these are great kids playing ball.

Also Mac Stephens asked me to make a final announcement tonight for the Cav's tickets. City of Euclid night at the Cavs game is December 20th. They are normally \$25 tickets for \$20. Tomorrow is the cut-off date to get those tickets. If you are interested in tickets to see the Cavs on December 20th against the Utah Jazz, which by the way is a free potato head night, please call Mac at 289-8320.

One final announcement, tomorrow we are starting a mini-session of Learn to Swim and you can register at the High School tomorrow night. It is 5:45 PM. We will do a three week session.

Director Gulich – Summer sprinkling, if you've already signed up, hopefully you saved some money this past summer. We had a long, hot summer and I think its obvious that long hot summer is long over. If you have not signed up and wish to take advantage of this program for 2006, you have until the end of the year. All you have to do is call my office, my secretary Lynette will make sure you get a form sent out to you. There is a one-time \$10 fee for this summer sprinkling program. Again you are not guaranteed to save money on a summer sprinkling program. You are required to use more water during the summer period than the winter period. I think a lot of people during the first two years of the program didn't realize a lot of savings, probably saw more this past year when we had the warm and the dry period.

Holiday trash pick-up, I said at the last meeting and I'll probably mention it again at the next meeting. Christmas and New Years are both on a Sunday. There will be no interruption of service. We will be on our regular schedule throughout the Holiday period.

The subjects nearest and dearest to everybody, leaf pickup. We've suspended leaf pick up for the last couple of days. We haven't given up on leaf pickup. Weather permitting, we will be out there again. Right now the snow and ice are our primary concern as we are supposed to get more in the next couple of days. Throughout this week we are moving the Streets Department personnel onto their winter shift schedule. We have had everyone on days in an attempt to get caught up with the leaves. Once we're on shift schedule, we'll have men on duty, 1st, 2nd and 3rd shift, 24 hours a day. We'll have 5 people at any given time during the weekdays and three people any given time during the weekends to handle snow emergencies. That's enough people to handle all of our spreader runs. It is not enough people to plow streets. In order to plow streets during a snow emergency we'll have to call people in from, pretty much borrow from the future shifts and fall back on the previous shifts. Please keep in mind, we will have people on shifts so there will be people out 24 hours a day. We will be around to get the leaves as soon as the weather permits. Thank you very much.

Mayor Cervenik – I'm sure Councilman Langman is aware of this, we had a rather large water main break on Lake Shore Blvd. The Water Department has told us that some of the water maybe discolored. We are not under a boil alert. As I poured the water out of this pitcher, I don't know if it was just a dirty pitcher, but my water is discolored. So run your water for a little bit. There is no health danger. I took a walk down the street and a couple of houses, one in particular, received some extensive damage. The crews are over there working and as I said, you do not need to boil your water but you may want to run it for a minute or two.

Don't forget, Breakfast with Santa, this Saturday at 10:00 from 9:30-11:00. You've got until late Friday to sign up. Call in here and it costs your child \$1. Call 289-8114. We expect to have a fun day.

Last but not least, and it is something I always do during the winter time is the cold weather is upon us, please, please take care of your elderly neighbors. Look in on them. Make sure they are okay. Bring their garbage can back for them. Take their newspaper and throw it in the side door so they don't have to walk on the cold ice. If you don't see them for a couple of days, give them a call or stop over. This is especially difficult weather for our elderly and homebound seniors. With that, we're complete.

REPORTS & COMMITTEE MINUTES

Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail moved to receive the Fire Report of October, 2005; Police Report of August, 2005; Board of Control Minutes 11/07/05-A; 11/14/05; 11/21/05. Councilman Delaney.

Councilman Lisy – On the Board of Control Minutes of November 14th, there is one typo and it says we're appropriating \$611,000 instead of \$11,000. If that could be corrected to CT Consultants. Last item on the agenda. It is a typo. I know it is a typo.

President Gudenas – They didn't cash the check yet, did they?

Mayor Cervenik – We didn't write the check either. We will take care of that.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

President Gudenas – Being a new session, a new City Council, I thought I'd review all of our rules and regulations. A couple of things, if this meets everyone's approval. The current rules that we have on the books here at City Council are that the residents have up to 5 minutes to speak and if you want your question answered then, our rules say that all questions shall be answered immediately after they have been asked, and the person speaking has completed his or her remarks.

Which means, the way I read it, but I could be wrong is that you have 5 minutes, the answers don't count towards the 5 minutes. If you want the answer when you are done, that will automatically be expected to have the answer. If you want the answer later during the legislation, please so state so, and that's when the answer will be. But these are the rules that we have on the books now and I would say that it is fine with me and we can see how that works in the future to get answers immediately. From time to time, if I feel the answer wasn't complete or finished, then I may follow up with the question along the lines of the question asked, which hopefully won't have to be very often.

So, other than that, I think that was the only real important part. The Committee of the Whole and again I should state is for the residents, so it is not the time to debate back and forth, any member of the City Council or administration who wants to respond later would be during their portion of the meeting, legislation-wise or councilmen's comments on the end. This part is for the residents to speak and you have the whole 5 minutes. Any questions?

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

Mr. Joseph Udovic – 21371 Naumann. I know #1 is a second reading. I had a chance to visit the property in question. I am very concerned about the location. Has anybody ever thought about another alternative solution to #1? Master's Church holds a second church inside their location. Has anybody thought about maybe merging this church, for example, with maybe Bishop Owen's church on Lakeland Blvd., or another secondary church? We are inundated with churches and I'm assuming we are in the ballpark of 35-37 different type of churches. I'm not against churches, but I don't want to see many churches continuing opening up in our community. I am very concerned about this.

#3, I do agree that we should have a Recreation Summer Festival. Can Recreation Dept. answer this question, is this going to be volunteers, who put this committee together or do you have enough staff to put together a fair? I know it was stopped for sometime, I'm assuming it was budgetary constraints. If we do not have the staff at the Recreation Department, I would like to see this put into Committee to where we can put

together public volunteerism to have an annual fair. There are a lot of people out here with a lot of ideas and input this that can work on committees. I know St. Robert's, Our Lady of Mount Caramel is strictly volunteerism only. People volunteer to run the alcohol both or the food both or the games both.

#6, will this be limiting the Board of Control as to how much money they can spend? I think I'm under the impression Board of Control is allowed to spend up to \$15,000. If this is the case, I would like to see maybe the Board of Control to spend in the ballpark of \$10,000 before it has to go to City Council.

#8, will citizens be allowed to sit on this Commission of 5 members? I've got some ideas and I would like to talk about it at the second half of this meeting about what we could do on the golf course in the winter months. I was recently at a meeting in another community and I heard some of their ideas and I would bring them up to Council as well. Thank you and have a good evening.

President Gudenas – First question is about alternatives for the church location. I wasn't here so who would have that answer?

Mayor Cervenik – I have not talked with any Pastor of that church or any other church about them combining their efforts and their congregations. I don't feel that's something that I need to get involved in. We have had no discussions about combining churches at all.

President Gudenas – We will have a third hearing on that and at that point we will have some questions directed to the people involved and possibly before that. The next question is volunteers for the summer festival.

Mayor Cervenik – As you noticed my name was added as a sponsor. I think a Festival would be wonderful. It is my understanding that it's your council's intention to put that legislation into committee, we can work that out. We're definitely going to need some volunteers, or you're going to have to staff the Recreation Dept. with additional personnel. I think we're going to have to work that out amongst ourselves. I think it is a good idea. It will probably be a combination of both. Some staff effort from the Administration as well as volunteers.

President Gudenas – Good, so everybody here or at home, ready to volunteer for the summer festival, give us a call, we're going to need your help. Board of Control regarding the law suit settlements, this would be more of a city council function, I'm not sure how the Board of Control will fit into that. Right now we're going to send that to Committee also. But it would not affect other things that the Board of Control does. I believe a city council approves a law suit settlement then probably Board of Control would not need to approve it also. Is that generally the case?

Director Frey – Board of Control wouldn't have any role in the settlement of the law suit. If there was any body besides the Law Department, it would be the self-insurance board and city council.

President Gudenas – There is a self-insurance board with the councilmember on it. The last question about the Golf Course Commission, as presented it would be a commission of only citizens, 5 citizens in the City of Euclid. In the past when we had it we also had city council members but it might seem to work better to have strictly citizens involvement and that will be discussed further at the committee meeting. Please, whoever is next.

Mr. Richard Kretschman – I'm representing EDCOR this evening. I believe that Council was given a proposal by Frank Pietravoia. I just wanted to touch on a few points about EDCOR being a low interest loan program to the residents of Euclid. This is residential property. We have done quite a few loans this year, I believe you were all given the statistics on that. I won't go over the numbers with you. The money that is in the fund, is an on-going basis. The money comes in, the interest comes in and we keep on making loans from that amount of money.

I'm asking for your assistance this evening in passing the budget for 2006 so that EDCOR program can continue to make loans to the residents of Euclid. If you have any

questions, I'd be more than happy to answer them, or Karen Tomsic who is our admin person for EDCOR. She can answer some questions also. Thanks.

Mr. Dennis Berzinskas – 20890 S. Lake Shore Blvd. Not Lower Lake Shore Dr. yet. Anyway, #3, summer festival. So many people have asked about it. It was such an enjoyable time when you were there and you could see the lake in the background. It made a big difference on how the fairs go. I hope you have a lot of luck with it because a lot of people missed it.

#4 Shore. You have a lot of hardworking people in the City. They want to make a go of Shore Cultural Centre. You have volunteers that spend hours and hours of their time away from their family, helping the citizens of Euclid. So any citizen out there can volunteer and I mean volunteer for anything in the city. You get such a payback that money can't buy, I'm telling you.

#7. I know they are doing this in Cleveland with a fee. Can we put a fee on there? That's what is needed. If we are going to do something, we have to have somebody accountable and we charge them for grass cutting. Maybe we can get the money a lot sooner instead of waiting until they sell the house. This way you have somebody to come back to and say you haven't cut the grass, we have. Thank you.

President Gudenas – The fee on the legislation is \$60.

Mrs. Madeline Scarniench – 1511 E. 221. I wasn't going to come up and speak, but I guess I am. #3, if this is going to go to Committee, have you thought about maybe doing this on 4th of July. If you are only going to have a one day thing, why not have an all day party? Where we culminate it with our fireworks at the end of the night. I think you bring an awful lot of people into the city because we get a lot of people who come in for the fireworks, maybe it could be combined and have one big party.

The other thing and I wasn't going to speak on it because it is only the second reading, but I'm going to talk about #1. First of all Pastor Trotter is here in the audience if anybody wanted to ask him any questions. I was at the Planning & Zoning Commission meeting and there were a lot of questions from the commission members and they were answered extensively. They are going to do an awful lot of renovations in that building. It is all the front part of the building. It has all been gutted. There's nothing in the bowling alley, everything is gone. Where the billiard room was, that whole area, it is all going to be blocked off and built to the specifications that have been asked for. There is going to be a lot of stuff done outside including the problems with the parking. Until the city has rules and regulations and zoning for churches, you can't stop anybody from going anywhere. We've already been through this once before. As I said, Pastor Trotter is here in the audience if anyone wanted to ask him a question. Thank you.

Mr. William Hilf – 891 E. 237 St. Euclid. I'm here tonight to talk about a couple of the items on the agenda. #3, about the Festival, I think this is a great idea. I think to get community groups involved, as said before, would be a very good idea, just so you can see more Euclid involvement in it. I think that is something that really does need to be discussed.

#4, as a tenant at Shore, in full support of this. Having worked very closely over the last several years with the Shore Board, and it's leadership, I have seen them moving in a very positive direction, whether it be room by room, hallway by hallway, program by program, they have been moving in the right direction.

Finally, #5, as someone who has had a problem over the last couple of years with kids walking in the street in my neighborhood, I'm glad to see this is on there. I also want to say that the Euclid Police has done a very good job of responding when myself and my neighbors on my street and the neighboring streets and we've discussed this with my neighbors, they have done a very good job of being responsive and coming out and taking care of the problem.

Two summers ago I had them walk across the hood of my car when I had it parked on the street and had an officer come out when they threw something at my house the next day. The officer then put a special report out on it. When they caught them a month later walking down the street, made the parents come pick them up, made the ticket so that they had to go down and appear at Juvey Court and created a lot of angry parents. But it also really stopped a lot of the problems that we had for the rest of the

summer. This summer they weren't quite as bad as they were the summer before. So I think this may really help. Thank you.

Mrs. Del Tekieli – 5 East 221 Street. I'm speaking as the Development Chairperson for the Shore Cultural Centre Board. I'm not sure if I'm going to be able to contain myself from doing cartwheels, or jumping up and down and screaming and yelling. But, I am very, very appreciative to the Mayor and Council for considering this. We know this is going to be a process of negotiation, a process of guidance. The Shore Board is looking forward to this with the utmost anticipation. Thank you so much.

Mr. Ron Emser – 26501 Farrington Ave. I just want to comment on #3. As far as I think it is a real welcome to bring back the Festival. If I could for speaking on behalf of the Lake Shore Group and the other folks we can mobilize in the community, we'll do whatever we can to plug into this to help out.

Also, Shore is a very good development here. Really be glad to see it get another opportunity. Being a member of the Euclid Hunger Center, which that is our base of operation, we really indeed depend a lot on Shore. A lot of money that would be spent elsewhere for rent, now gets to go and help Euclid's hungry. Thank you very much.

President Gudenas – Thank you and mark down one volunteer. Anybody else?

Councilwoman Walsh moved to rise and report. Councilman Gruber seconded. Yeas: Unanimous.

LEGISLATION

Res. (455-05) UDE Church

A resolution granting a Use District Exception, pursuant to Chapter 1375.01(a)(3) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Euclid, to Mr. Willie Trotter, Pastor of House of Jubilee Ministries Church to allow a UR-2 (Church) use in a U-6 (Industrial/Manufacturing) Use District at 1331 East 260th Street, Permanent Parcel #648-26-005. (Sponsored by Planning & Zoning Commission)

President Gudenas - Second Reading. Third Reading December 19th. Hopefully between now and then, we'll be able to get some first hand information.

Ord. (001-05) Council Committees

An emergency ordinance establishing Council Committees for the December 2005 through November 2007 term of the Council of the City of Euclid. (Sponsored by Council President Gudenas)

Councilman Conway moved for passage, Councilman Delaney seconded.

President Gudenas – For the benefit of everybody who was not here earlier, which is most everybody here, we have set up these committees. First we have the Executive & Finance Committee. We're going back to what we tried before as combining the Finance with the Executive Committee so that everyone is a member of that. All 9 council members are a member of that committee because finances are very important.

We are setting up a new committee called the Technology Committee. We are going to try to focus on providing new technology for the safety forces, housing department and other parts of the City of Euclid. Councilman Lisy will be the Chairman of that because he's our resident rocket scientist.

Parks, Recreation and Golf Course, will be chaired by Councilman Delaney. The Safety Committee, Traffic & Liquor will be chaired by Charlene Mancuso. Public Service and Utilities will be chaired by Councilman Gruber. Housing Improvements, Building Standards and Zoning will be chaired by Councilman Langman. Community and Senior Programs will be chaired by Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail.

We're setting up another new committee to focus on development issues, and that will be called the Commercial and Retail Development Committee chaired by Councilman Conway.

Also another new committee to focus on youth issues and working with the School Board will be the Youth Relations and Education Committee chaired by Councilwoman Walsh.

If anyone's interested in a complete list of all the members of these committees, our Clerk of Council Regina Cahill will be more than happy to provide copies of that. Any questions? We've already approved this at 6:00 earlier.

Councilwoman Mancuso moved to close debate, Councilman Lisy seconded. Yeas: Unanimous.

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

Roll Call: Yeas: Conway, Delaney, Gruber, Holzheimer Gail, Langman, Lisy, Mancuso, Walsh, Gudenas.
Passed.

Res. (008-05) Festival

A resolution establishing a Community Festival to be held annually at Sims Park, and directing that the planning process begin to provide that the initial festival be held on June 17, 2006. (Sponsored by Mayor Cervenik and Councilpersons Gudenas, Delaney and Walsh)

Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail moved for passage, Councilman Conway seconded.

Councilman Delaney – As far as starting up the community festival again, it has always been my contention that a city of our size should offer a community festival. I believe that we also have to encourage the Irish Fest to continue perhaps at the end of summer. In regard to Madeline Scarniench's comment, I think that we have great events throughout the summer and I think Euclid should have great events throughout the summer rather than have many different events on the 4th of July. We should make sure that we have people coming into our community throughout the entire season.

I would welcome the Mayor of the legislation and echo his comments. I'm sure there is going to be quite a bit of input, not just from the staff but volunteers. I'm hoping that it will be bigger and better than our typical church festivals, much like Mount Caramel. I suggested in the legislation June 17th. It was our previous date for our community festivals all throughout. Oddly enough we have to get started on this as soon as possible to give the staff as much time to plan and take care of all the details. I would suggest putting it into committee on December 21st if that is an open date. I would also welcome anyone else's comments on this as well. Thank you.

Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail – I certainly support the idea of having a community festival. I did want to make Council aware that I received a call from a resident who had concerns about the potential damage to the park and I assured her that in committee we would take every precaution to protect the park and make sure that it comes back into the shape that it was assuming that we go forward at that location.

Councilman Delaney moved Res. (008-05) to the Parks, Recreation and Golf Course committee. Councilman Langman seconded.

Roll Call: Yeas: Conway, Delaney, Gruber, Holzheimer Gail, Langman, Lisy, Mancuso, Walsh, Gudenas.
Into Committee.

Res. (009-05) Shore Lease Agreement

A resolution authorizing the Mayor of the City of Euclid to enter into a long-term Lease Agreement with the Shore Cultural Centre Corporation for the management and operation of the Shore Cultural Centre located at 291 East 222nd Street in Euclid. (Sponsored by Mayor Cervenik and entire Council)

Councilman Delaney moved for passage, Councilman Langman seconded.

Councilman Delaney – To Del Tekieli, I won't join you in the cartwheels, but I'm doing cartwheels on the inside. This is something that we've re-introduced from the last Council term to this one. It really is an encouraging thing to see all Council and Mayor Cervenik. I think in the 8 years that I've been involved with the preservation of the Shore Cultural Centre and the programming, the very important programming that goes on

there, this is the one component that it really needed was the full support of the entire government body.

I'd also like to put this into my committee, Parks & Recreation. I don't have a date in mind, of course we'd have to discuss this with the staff and the administration and the Board of Trustees. But they've done a great deal of work. I think Council, some of the new members had that proposal included and I think there's probably going to be a little more of an expansion of it with a lot of work to do. But I think it should be coming in the near future.

Councilman Delaney moved to place Ord. (009-05) into the Parks, Recreation and Golf Course Committee. Councilwoman Mancuso seconded.

Roll Call: Yeas: Conway, Delaney, Gruber, Holzheimer Gail, Langman, Lisy, Mancuso, Walsh, Gudenas.

Into Committee.

Ord. (005-05) Walking in Streets

An ordinance to amend Section 537.13 of the General Offenses Code of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Euclid. (Sponsored by Council President Gudenas)

Councilman Lisy moved for passage, Councilwoman Mancuso seconded.

President Gudenas – During the last few months we've had the chance to talk to many residents and hear in writing from many residents. Quality of life issues were at the top of the list. One of the top of the list of the top of the list was the safety of our kids in the streets and residents were getting very concerned for their own safety and the safety of the kids that we addressed the issue as best we can to put people on the sidewalks where they belong.

We are not trying to knit-pick or go after everybody jaywalking on every street, it is basically safety issues here when people are intentionally trying to disrupt traffic and we're trying to do something that other cities have done, hopefully successfully is to make parents more accountable. I've had a chance this past week to visit the Euclid High School for several hours and it seems the kids are all pretty good, except we have apparently in some cases some bad parents or parent. The kids need more guidance from the parents and if the parents are more accountable perhaps it will get the incentive to make the kids be more responsible in the public areas of the city.

Of course there are many things to look at here to make sure the Police Dept. can enforce it, we are going to talk a little further with the School Officials and all the other ins and outs. We don't just want to rush into it but I'm going to ask that we also put this into Committee. We are going to have an Executive & Finance Committee Meeting, Wednesday, December 14th for many of these items. All of the City Council is apart of that. I'm going to ask that we put that on the agenda at that meeting and make hopefully a wise decision on what we do next regarding that.

Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail moved Ord. (005-05) to the Executive & Finance Committee. Councilman Gruber seconded.

Roll Call: Yeas: Conway, Delaney, Gruber, Holzheimer Gail, Langman, Lisy, Mancuso, Walsh, Gudenas.

Into Committee.

Ord. (006-05) Amend Code Settlement

An ordinance to amend Section 107.04 of the Administration Code of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Euclid. (Sponsored by Council President Gudenas)

Councilwoman Walsh moved for passage, Councilman Delaney seconded.

President Gudenas – This is a piece of legislation that I've introduced so that in the future we've clarified the responsibilities of the city council and the administration regarding law suits. I first was elected to City Council in 1989 and I remember going to the meeting in 1988 when the current legislation was approved by then former Mayor Lynch and City Council and there was a clear intent of what that was all about. We're going to make the minutes of that meeting part of our discussion at the next Council Meeting, which all of Council now has a copy. It was a very short meeting, just a couple of pages.

Any resident that would be interested in that, the City Council Office can provide that also. We'd like to keep it back sort of to the original intent, but then update it to current conditions also. I'm asking also that this go into the Executive & Finance Committee on December 14th, so we can hear all the different points of view regarding that and discuss it further.

Councilwoman Walsh moved Ord. (006-06) to the Executive & Finance Committee.
Councilman Lisy seconded.

Roll Call: Yeas: Conway, Delaney, Gruber, Holzheimer Gail, Langman, Lisy, Mancuso, Walsh, Gudenas.

Ord. (007-05) Amend Code Foreclosures

An ordinance to supplement the Building and Housing Code of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Euclid by enacting new Sections 1753.13 to 1753.17, relating to notification of foreclosure filing. (Sponsored by Council President Gudenas)

Councilman Conway moved for passage, Councilman Gruber seconded.

President Gudenas – This is another piece of legislation that we're modeling after the City of Cleveland. We certainly have the beginnings of a problem regarding foreclosure homes in the City of Euclid. The purpose of this legislation is to identify an individual that is responsible for that home once it becomes vacant. Obviously if there is somebody living in the house, they are probably the current owner and still responsible. Once that owner leaves, the home may become vacant and rather than get a run-around from some big corporation or some out of town firm, we are going to require, hopefully, that always one individual is responsible so that the City of Euclid knows who to contact to make sure the home is maintained and the issue is taken care of.

If the Building & Housing Dept. would like, we could also put this into the Executive & Finance Committee meeting, which you would like, so we will do that, also for that same day on December 14th.

Mayor Cervenik – Wouldn't that be more appropriate in Housing Improvements, Building Standards Committee? It is up to you.

President Gudenas – Generally it would be more appropriate except with the holidays coming and all that we don't want to have a whole bunch of different meetings and everybody on Council is a part of that. So to save you time and everyone else time, normally we wouldn't put so many issues in one meeting. Unless you are available Christmas Eve.

Mayor Cervenik – No sir, I am not. I'm going to be on that sleigh, dropping presents to all the houses.

President Gudenas – We're going to try to cover these things and plus the Holiday, the Monday when we would normally meet is the 26th, so we're not meeting then also, same with New Year's, so we're trying to combine some things. If we need more time, we can take more time.

Mayor Cervenik – Maybe start at 6:00.

President Gudenas – We could maybe start at 6:00. We'll discuss that later with the Council members.

Councilman Delaney – I'm just curious to the Housing Dept. if you've been able to track how it's gone with Cleveland so far and if not, I'm sure we have a contact person there as well that we could find out by the Committee Meeting to see how their program is going.

Director Pietravoia – That was part of the reason that we would like it to go to Committee so we can do a little bit of investigation of how things have gone with the Cleveland ordinance.

President Gudenas – Cleveland’s ordinance is just a month or two old also. Any other questions?

Councilman Conway moved Ord. (007-05) to Executive & Finance Committee.
Councilman Gruber seconded.

Roll Call: Yeas: Conway, Delaney, Gruber, Holzheimer Gail, Langman, Lisy, Mancuso,
Walsh, Gudenas.

Into Committee.

Ord. (010-05) Golf Course Commission

An ordinance re-enacting Chapter 191 of the Administration Code, and amending Section 181.03 of the Administration Code of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Euclid. (Sponsored by Council President Gudenas)

Councilman Delaney moved for passage, Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail seconded.

President Gudenas – I also am going to ask that this go to our committee on December 14th. This is basically bringing back what was approved I believe in 1994 when the City Council set up a Golf Course Commission. Back then it was 9 members with several members from the City Council. I was on that Commission at the time. My personal feeling may have been to many people and we weren’t as efficient as we could have been. The purpose here is to make sure the golf course which has had a great investment of tax dollars recently is able to operate efficiently and generate a profit. Certainly we are in no position to be subsidizing the golf course. There are many things to look at here, but the key part here, in my opinion is to get more citizen involvement in the operations at the golf course because it is basically the citizens that have paid to put it in there and the citizens are paying everyday to use it. We want to make sure that we are meeting the needs of the users of the golf course. Again, Executive & Finance just to get everybody involved and to keep things moving.

Councilman Delaney – I see that we have a pretty heavy agenda for the 14th, again, I would suggest maybe December 21st, we’ll have a meeting that night on the Festival as well. Maybe we could piggyback the Finance with that evening.

President Gudenas – If we’re not finished on the 14th, we can always add onto the 21st. We’re flexible. I just learned that the more time you provide usually you fill it all up.

Councilman Delaney moved Ord. (010-05) to the Executive & Finance Committee.
Councilman Langman seconded.

Roll Call: Yeas: Conway, Delaney, Gruber, Holzheimer Gail, Langman, Lisy, Mancuso,
Walsh, Gudenas.

Into Committee.

Ord. 179-2005 (002-05) NOACA Grant

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of Euclid, or his designee, to accept a Seventy Five Thousand Dollar (\$75,000.00) grant through the Transportation for Livable Communities Initiative (TLCI) from the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA), with a Eighteen Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty Dollar (\$18,750.00) local match, to enter into the attached required grant agreement and related WIN agreement, and to enter into a professional services contract for the implementation of the grant based on a solicitation of requests for proposals (RFPs). (Sponsored by Mayor Cervenik and Councilpersons Holzheimer Gail and Langman by request of CS&ED Director)

Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail moved for passage, Councilman Langman seconded.

Director Pietravoia – I did prepare a brief report explaining what this grant is all about. I will just take a minute to let Council and members of the audience and the viewing public know what we’re trying to do here.

As you may recall our Department applied for this grant this passed spring through NOACA with the authorization at that time of City Council. This is a new

initiative of NOACA that provides city's with funding to actually undertake the planning that will set us up in the future to be eligible for federal dollars to actually undertake capital improvement projects in the downtown business district.

Euclid's fortunate to be one of the first cities that received this grant. We are in receipt of a \$75,000 grant and it is to be matched by local non-federal funds which we estimate a little over \$18,000 out of our Clay Matthews TIF.

The completion of the downtown planning study, the most important point I think I can convey tonight is that the completion of this study will put Euclid at the head of the line for future capital improvement funds as we go forward with NOACA through this process seeking funding for actual improvements in the downtown business district. The study will document the actual cost estimates and recommended transportation related improvements in the downtown area.

All of you will probably agree we need to finally conclude how we configure the intersection of Babbitt, 222 and Lake Shore. This study will help to accomplish that. It will also look at streetscape improvements to make the entire district more attractive and very importantly with all the development going on, the connections between the downtown business district, the Lakefront Community Center, Sims Park and Harbor Town, a major new housing development.

As I described in the advanced materials that I sent to Council, the legislation before you this evening would provide authorization for us to enter into the necessary agreements with NOACA to receive the grant funds and also to enter into a professional services contract with a consultant to do the actual work necessary to complete the study.

Jim Sonnhalter of our staff is here this evening, he's the project manager for this particular study and also with him is Rob Frasier from NOACA who is in charge of this particular grant program on behalf of NOACA.

Finally a project steering committee has been formed to work with the city and the consultant. It is Chaired by Greg Jurcisin and includes other major downtown stakeholders, the downtown ward council rep, Del Tekieli from the Shore Cultural Board and several other advisory members such as RTA and the County Engineer's office will participate in the project. Unfortunately Greg couldn't be here tonight but he did submit a letter to Council and I believe it was distributed prior to the meeting.

Also important to note and I have with me, I know members of Council are familiar with this, I don't know if the members of the general public are, but we completed a major study by KA Architecture in 2003 and it is important to note this current effort that we're talking about will build off of this study, it is not to duplicate this effort, it is to build off of it and to go into more detail particularly related to the transportation improvements and the types of transportation, engineering and studies that are necessary to actually get funding.

NOACA allows us 18 months to spend the grant funds. We hope we can do it in about 9-12 instead but we do have the luxury of about 18 months if it is necessary. We've actually received 8 proposals to date and in fact a number of them have suggested that they believe they could complete the work in about a 9-12 month time period. We are pleased to see that response.

Tonight we respectfully request passage of this ordinance so we can allow the planning process to go forward and I'd be happy to answer any other questions this evening.

Councilman Langman – Director Pietravoia, can you share with us the firms that have responded so far?

Director Pietravoia – Yes. The 8 firms are Then Design, who is teamed up with a firm named E.G.&G. out of Akron; Traff-Pro and ZZ Design, so that's one team. The second one is from McKenna Associates. Third is HWH based in Cleveland along with D.B. Hart and URS on the engineering side which are also Cleveland based firms. CT Consultants submitted a proposal on their own. A firm by the name of GPD Group, along with Meisner Associates; in this case GPD would do the traffic and engineering related aspects and Meisner would do the planning related aspects. City Architecture, which you are all familiar with, they are the architect on the Harbor Town project and I believe several other Euclid projects as well teamed up with Michael Baker, Jr., who will provide the transportation and engineering aspect. Poggemeyer Design Group, on their own and finally a company I believe out of Cincinnati, I'm sorry Buffalo, New York, by the Peter J. Smith & Co.

We did submit to about 30 firms including several other local firms and these are the responses we received. It's a very good mix.

Councilman Langman – Is that process still open or has the deadline past?

Director Pietravoia – That deadline has past, so that has concluded. We're just in the early stages of reviewing the proposals that have come in.

President Gudenas – Will there be official presentations that these firms will make to the Committee?

Director Pietravoia – What we hope to do with the steering committee that has been established, we'd like to narrow this down to the top 2-3 firms and then ask them to come in to respond to questions and to give a presentations so that we can finally narrow it down to the firm that will be selected.

President Gudenas – Will that meeting be open to the public?

Director Pietravoia – All the steering committee meetings essentially will be open to the public.

President Gudenas – Just so long as the public knows, anybody in downtown Euclid.

Director Pietravoia – We haven't established a date yet, but we can put that information out once we establish a date.

Councilman Lisy – You mentioned there was a steering committee that was formed. Are there some members already on that steering committee chosen?

Director Pietravoia – We have approximately close to 25 members that have already agreed to participate. It is made up of downtown stakeholders actually, major property owners, as I mentioned earlier, representative of the Shore Board of well; several members of the Vision 20/20 that were on the retail and economic development committees of that group. We're continuing that processing part through this study. Then several businesses in the downtown area that have indicated their willingness to participate.

Councilman Lisy – Does the steering committee plan to have several public forums to present what their findings are?

Director Pietravoia – The Steering Committee will meet primarily as a group, as a working group and then we'll also attend the public forums that are part of the process. The NOACA grant does require that we hold 3-4 public forums that are open to the general public.

President Gudenas – It has been asked by several people, part of this grant application, will we look at the traffic issues regarding the Shore Cultural Centre, parking issues, cut-through issues and also lakefront access, things like that for the public, lakefront access parking? Also of course as we know, we had a very nice study for downtown Euclid prepared by the KA Architectural Group, which we hate to duplicate all that work and focus on new things. So I assume that whichever firm you select will review existing information which is still all very current and will incorporate that and not duplicate the work?

Director Pietravoia – Yes, Mr. Chairman, one of the first things we'll do with the consultant that is selected is to provide the KA study and some of the other recent studies that were completed in the downtown area. We have made it clear through the RFP itself that we expect them to build off that work and not duplicate that effort.

President Gudenas – Regarding Shore and public access to the lake, is that something they can look at?

Director Pietravoia – One aspect of the study will be to look at parking throughout the downtown district including the Shore Cultural Centre. I hadn't specifically thought of the issue of the cut-through through Shore, but since we are looking at transportation specifically that can clearly be included. And your final comment I believe was related to the linkages between ...

President Gudenas – any public parking, if you're going to increase access to the lake, people are going to have to park somewhere.

Director Pietravoia – We will have to look at the existing parking at the community center, at Sims Park, and the proposed public parking at Harbor Town as part of this effort.

President Gudenas – Do we want to vote on something? Okay.

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

Councilwoman Walsh moved to suspend the rules, Councilman Conway seconded. Yeas: Unanimous.

Roll Call: Yeas: Conway, Delaney, Gruber, Holzheimer Gail, Langman, Lisy, Mancuso, Walsh, Gudenas

Passed.

Ord. 180-2005 (003-05) EDCOR-Home Loan

An ordinance authorizing the Director of the Department of Community Services and Economic Development of the City of Euclid to enter into a contract with the Euclid Development Corporation (EDCOR) for the continuation of the administration of the single-family low interest Home Improvement Loan Program at a cost not to exceed Forty Four Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$44,500.00) for a twelve (12) month period from January 1, 2006, through December 31, 2006. (Sponsored by Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail)

Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail moved for passage, Councilwoman Mancuso seconded.

Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail – This ordinance would authorize the Community Development Dept. to enter into a contract with EDCOR. EDCOR is the Euclid Development Corporation and they provide the program oversight for our low interest loan program. This program is a very important program that helps us maintain our housing stock throughout the city. I will let Mr. Gliha talk about the details, and certainly this ordinance has my support and the Citizens Advisory Committee that reviews the Community Development Block Grant funding has also reviewed this program and approved its funding as well. I will let Mr. Gliha make some comments and then I may add on.

Director Pietravoia – Thank you Mr. Chairman and Councilwoman for your support on this effort. I just wanted to add a couple of points to your remarks. We have had this program in place since 1978 and as I indicated in an advance memo to Council we've completed 611 loans over that time period. And, we also have had a loan portfolio of the 611 loans of over \$4.2 million. We had some significant activity in this program. We've consistently had good reviews and comments from HUD on how EDCOR has operated the program. In fact, it is not uncommon nationally for programs like this to cost between 25-30% for the administration of the program. We've consistently been in the 12-14% here locally in the City of Euclid.

The applications, when they are taken in are carefully reviewed by a loan committee. As was indicated earlier by the comments from Mr. Kretschman, we do have a couple of those committee members here with us this evening. Also the committee included members with banking experience from Eaton Family Credit Union, Fifth Third and National City.

I had a couple of questions from Councilman Langman that I'd like to respond to. He was concerned about over that time period with so many loans, have we had many

defaults. I'm very proud to say and most of the credit goes to EDCOR and Bob Gliha overseeing the program, that in that entire period we had one loan that went through the entire default process. Even in that case we were able to recoup most of the funds. That's largely attributed to the fact that these loans are never more than a second place in the mortgage. In many cases, particularly with seniors, they're first mortgages, so they are in pretty good, secure positions.

Councilman Langman had also inquired about whether or not we had a back log or waiting list. We've been very fortunate to date we really don't have a back log or waiting list. We process about 3-8 applications per month and we've had enough money coming back in the revolving fund from payments and interest to process those without a waiting list. We currently have 16 active loans that represent about \$300,000 worth of improvements.

In closing, I would respectfully request passage of this legislation so that we can continue the program into the 2006 year. Bob and I would be glad to answer any questions there might be.

President Gudenas – I do have one question, I know there's a lot of rules and regulations because of the federal money involved, but I remember former Mayor Paul Oyaski had said that the money coming back as interest or profits, might not have the same rules and perhaps some of the loans could be expanded to not just low income residents, but for other residents also, or other rehabilitation purposes. Does that have any valid?

Director Pietravoia – My understanding of the regulations and I'll ask Mr. Gliha to comment on this, is that the money that comes back as interest is still considered HUD related funds and the same requirements for the income restrictions would still apply.

Mr. Gliha – My good friend Mayor Oyaski was wrong on that issue. All federal funds remain federal funds and must be returned to the letter of credit when the use that they have been designated for is no longer in use. Those funds can come back to the city for new eligible projects once we go through the citizen participation process and get approval of HUD. Mayor Oyaski did many other good things.

Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail – I just wanted to make another quick comment for residents who are watching and might be interested in this program and also to thank Karen Tomsic who is here who does a great job administering the program. EDCOR can be reached at 289-4625, you should call to make an appointment if you are interested in the loan. Our Housing Inspectors also do a great job as they're issuing violations on some of the homes, making sure residents are aware of EDCOR and help link them up when it is appropriate.

I do also want to comment, your point is well taken, we have many housing needs. This specific program is designated for low and moderate income, but the EDCOR board has discussed other issues and looks at exploring other funding possibilities to help in some of the other rehab issues, so I would encourage them to continue in that effort and I know Council would be supportive of that as well.

Councilman Langman – Director Pietravoia, one question that you didn't touch on, but I think is worthy of touching on. Many of the items that you quoted here from the federal peer review, how recent did those comments come from? Was that from this past year, several years ago?

Director Pietravoia – We do have annual review by HUD. We submit a report called a CAPER, but the specific comments that we quoted in the memorandum were from about the past 5-7 years of operation of the program. In the fairly long history of about 26-27 years, I would still consider those pretty recent commentary.

Councilman Langman – You and of course Mr. Gliha should be congratulated on administrating the program so well that these comments were forthwith. One last thing for the residents to know, this program, if I'm correct, is for owner-occupied residents, not for the rent-to-owns or other rental-type properties, is that correct?

Director Pietravoia – That's correct.

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

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

Roll Call: Yeas: Conway, Delaney, Gruber, Holzheimer Gail, Langman, Lisy,
Mancuso, Walsh, Gudenas

Passed.

Ord. (011-05) CT-Building Official

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of Euclid, or his designee, to enter into a contract with CT Consultants, Inc. (CT), 35000 Kaiser Court, Willoughby, Ohio 44094, for Building Official services for the period of January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006. (Sponsored by Mayor Cervenik by request of CS&ED Director)

Councilman Gruber moved for passage, Councilwoman Walsh seconded.

Director Pietravoia – This legislation as is indicated by the caption that was just read is for the renewal of our contract with CT Consultants. They currently provide our Building Official's services for the City of Euclid. 2005, the calendar year represents the first full calendar year of services through CT as our Building Official. I am very pleased to report that with their assistance and their continued services we have been able to maintain our state certification which allows us to review plans and issue permits locally. We have improved the timeliness of our permitting process and we have managed to accomplish this which we are always trying to do at a reduced cost to the city.

This contract allows the city as I mentioned to meet our state requirements, of having a licensed building official and a plans examiner. In that capacity CT ensures that the contract documents, the actual drawings that are submitted that we receive are in conformance with our building codes. The state requires that we meet those two requirements in order to do local reviews.

As is indicated in the legislation, this is a not-to-exceed proposed contract. Estimated dollar amount of \$83,160. We actually came under that and will come well under that this year, but we're estimating if we have increased building activity that we will potentially need to go as high as \$83,000. So we may not actually spend all that since it is designed as a not to exceed contract.

In the advance memo that I distributed to Council, we have estimated this year that the reviews taken in by our Building Dept., all the different fees collected, year-to-date, exceed our contractual expenses for both CT as well as our other two inspectors by about \$118,000. We do expect similar results as we go into the year 2006.

As Council may recall, we did establish fees for plan review. For many, many years, City of Euclid did not have such fees. We are now in line with other communities in charging those fees and it helps to offset the cost to run the Building Division. So that's partly why we've been able to see that revenue exceeding the expenses.

We believe we will take in about \$35,000-\$40,000 in fees next year. We are at about \$30,000 now in the 11th month. We haven't calculated the full month of December since it hasn't past yet, but we believe we will be about \$35,000 in fees collected for those plan reviews, so that helps to offset the cost of this contract.

Finally we compared the cost to run the department, projecting into 2006, if we were to run the department under the current contractual arrangement versus if we were to hire all full-time city staff again, and we estimated that for 2006 we would continue to have a savings under the contractual arrangement of about \$40,000. In part, when you go to full time city staff again, we're paying all the benefits associated with having a full time city staff member. That in part explains the difference there and the savings under the contractual arrangement.

CT has a wide range of expertise on their staff. As a firm they have over 100 employees and one of the benefits of the contractual arrangements is that without hiring that many individuals here at the city with all the different kinds of expertise they have, we're able through this contract to actually draw on that expertise as needed through that firm.

Again, at this time we'd like to continue this arrangement and we respectfully request passage of this ordinance this evening so that we can renew our contract starting in January.

Councilman Lisy – To the Economic Development Director, I have some concerns about CT Consultants and the type of work that they are doing in the city, especially at an hourly rate. Is there a representative from CT here tonight, do you know?

Mayor Cervenik – I didn't get a chance to talk with Director Pietravoia, the Council President and I discussed this issue this afternoon and he would request that this go into committee and we will have a representative from CT here on the 14th. And the Council President has told me that would be the first item on the agenda because that agenda is getting pretty long and since we're having someone come in from the outside, I think it'd be a courtesy to have this talked about first.

Councilman Lisy – I think it's more of a formality but there's a few questions I'd like to ask on how they do their billing and because the one thing I've always, my concern with a not to exceed contract when you're under then you can start then adding hours to it to get it up to that number and I just would like to increase my confidence level with this group before I vote on this legislation.

Mayor Cervenik – And the only thing I would ask you at that meeting of the 14th if we are not completely satisfied and I haven't discussed this with CT or the Director, that we could at least get legislation on the meeting for the 19th to at least do a 30-day or 60-day extension because we do not want to lose our classification with the State of Ohio.

Councilman Lisy – Thank you that sounds great.

Mayor Cervenik – Good.

Councilman Langman – Director Pietravoia, you'll have then answers to the questions that I submitted to you in more detail, especially from my position as a Ward Councilperson, I think that we need to improve on the communication perhaps through the consultants and the Council people. Some times it may be a little lacking for whatever reason whether it's a technology fix or another type fix, we need to discuss that also. Thank you.

President Gudenas – Very good and the issue that the Mayor and I talked about briefly was trying to get more customer satisfaction reports that residents, anybody using our departments can fill out so that we can constantly monitor what the residents and the businesses in our City think about our services. So we'd like to also discuss that with our CT Consultant person.

Director Pietravoia – I'd like to at that time, as well, discuss briefly a new software package that we purchased recently that will allow us to track complaints, not just for Building and Housing, but actually any type of complaint from any City department and I think it will go a long way toward providing the kind of statistics we're looking for to document that we're actually doing things better than we have in the past.

President Gudenas – All right, we'll budget you for 5 minutes on that one. But we will put them first on the agenda because they charge by the hour and that'll save us some money.

Councilman Lisy moved to place the ordinance into Executive Committee; seconded by Councilwoman Walsh.

Roll Call: Yeas: Conway, Delaney, Gruber, Holzheimer Gail, Langman, Lisy, Mancuso, Walsh, Gudenas
Ordinance is placed in Executive Committee.

CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

Res. 177-2005 (004-05)Citizens Police Academy Alumni

A resolution of appreciation in the Euclid Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association for the many services and support they provide to the Euclid Police Department.
(Sponsored by Mayor Cervenik and the entire Council)

Councilman Gruber moved for passage; seconded by Delaney.

Roll Call: Yeas: Conway, Delaney, Gruber, Holzheimer Gail, Langman, Lisy, Mancuso, Walsh, Gudenas
Passed.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

President Gudenas – That ends the regular legislative part. Please do not get accustomed to such a quick meeting. We put a lot in committees so we'll be back, hopefully, for a lot more.

I would also, I forgot to introduce at the beginning of the meeting, our new Sgt.-at-Arms Mark Novosel, who's there in the yellow shirt. He was here briefly before and any time you need to present anything to City Council members or any other assistance you might need he's the first line to approach.

And so we will go to the Committee of the Whole, anything about the general good and welfare of the City of Euclid this is the time.

Councilman Conway moved to go into the Committee of Whole; seconded by Councilman Langman. Yeas: Unanimous.

Mr. Joe Udovic – I want to say that this evening is a very special evening. We have three people here, the Council President, the Mayor, myself, hopefully, we're going to be able to work together over the next 2 years.

During the Mayor's term, I walked, when you were Mayor, I walked the streets of Kinsmen 3 times and investigated Providence Baptist Church. Under Council President's watch, I walked not only Colonial Park for your billboard issue, but I also talked to the citizens of Eastlake based on what their billboard was. So hopefully, the three of us, since we all have a lot of power, hope the three of us will be able to work together in the next 2 years. I'm very happy that the three of us will have an opportunity over the next 2 years.

My next comment, I attended a recent Heritage Park Association meeting and some of the residents there were talking about a drug activity problem around the East 195th, 196th area. After the meeting, I took a ride around that neighborhood. I noticed 4 or 5 youths hanging around private business lots. These youths are trespassing and I was able to observe them. Hopefully, I'll be able to work with maybe the Traffic/Safety Committee or possibly Mr. Gruber and the Police Department to deter these youths from dealing any drugs in this neighborhood.

Sgt.-at-Arms, if you can please hand this to the Ward 3 Councilwoman, I would like for her to look at this. This is a resident in Ward 3 that's having some problems with some property and the legislation that was passed years ago so hopefully she can read it and get herself familiarized with this and possibly deal with this problem.

I also would like to thank the Police Department. The house next door to me was robbed or broken into about 2 weeks ago. The neighbor on the other side of me about 6 o'clock in the morning called the Police. Within 2 minutes, she called 911. The Police responded very quickly. As the youths were crossing my yard into my backyard, I noticed them dropping a tire iron which woke me up. Within maybe 2 minutes, we had about 6 or 7 Police Officers there investigating Naumann and Nicholas Avenue. I was told that 2 of the youths were caught one by the seat of his pants, literally, because his trousers were dropping. So I also alerted my Councilwoman of this problem that this house is abandoned and I talked to the homeowner he has so far removed a for sale sign out of his house. But like I said, I do want to thank the Police Department for responding so quickly.

Now I would like to talk about some of my ideas for the golf course. A friend of mine asked me to attend a Wickliffe Community Town Hall meeting. The idea was to discuss the state of the city and inform the populace on projects and activities taking place in the Winter of 2005 and Spring of 2006 in Wickliffe. Has our Recreation

Department discussed or brought to the table hosing winter events in conjunction with our \$1.6 million bar at Briardale Golf Course? To attract winter usage Wickliffe shall be offering at Green Ridge cross country skiing, ice skating, sledding, a cozy fire to warm up at their fireplace. Three of these ideas could be implemented at Briardale with some work from our staff. A metal-type fire pit could be installed on the patio to warm people and this could be done very portable. While attendance at the same meeting, the same Town Hall meeting, ThenDesign Robert Fiala, discussed Wickliffe's community center this gentleman's comments centered around Euclid's Community Center Lakefront building versus other areas or other community centers. Many positive statements were said about Euclid's facility, such as our center had beautiful aesthetics, unique concepts of appearance, homey soft décor and a most dramatic change from before and after. We had many positive feedbacks from this one gentleman at this meeting. This gentleman, obviously, took much great pride in complimenting what we have now on the lake. I would like to thank the Council President for all his ideas and his input to convert that building because we are obviously getting a lot of attention in other communities. Thank you. Have yourself a good evening.

President Gudenas – Any comments regarding Golf Course activities in the winter time, Mayor Cervenik?

Mayor Cervenik – In deference to the Director who is still at home with her daughter who went through some extensive surgery, which by the way is going very well and she should be back soon; but we have sat down and we've talked about cross country skiing. Wouldn't be this year, but in years to come, there would have to be some protection of the greens, but it could be done. We talked about, you know, it's we probably do need to get a fireplace as Mr. Udovic talked about. That might be a very nice thing in the wintertime and if we have the Golf Course Committee put together some time, I think they will have some ideas as well. But I think we want to utilize that building and make it the best it can be for all the residents for a number of different things. Winterfest, the Chamber of Commerce holds Winterfest. We do golf in the snow. If you'd like to be in my four-some, please let me know. It was a great time. We went last year. You get an orange ball and as long as the snow's not too deep, you can find it; but it's a good time. So yes, we will be looking into a lot of those things.

President Gudenas – Thank you, Mayor. I have enough trouble hitting the golf ball in June let alone in January so I'll watch. Next, please.

Mr. Tod Gunter – 390 E. 257. First of all, I want to thank, commend and applaud the citizens of Euclid, especially over the holiday weekend. When I went to the Animal Shelter on Monday morning, not only were all 6 bins full and overflowing, but each bin in front of it had a stack of papers 4' wide 3' deep. So I expect close to a record number of tonnage being picked up in December and again, thank the citizens of Euclid for their efforts in recycling.

Next our photos with Santa are being held both Thursday evening from 6-8 on the 15th of December and on Saturday afternoon the 17th of December from 12 to 4. Of course, it is optional if you want to dress your pet up, but Santa will be there. We're going with it digital photos this year. In the past we had done the standard Polaroids. We're going digital this year with no additional cost. It's still \$5 for the first photo and \$4 for each additional.

We also have Our Town All Around books on sale. They are \$20 each. We get \$7 of that \$20. Last year we sold 98 books. We hope to exceed that this year. We have about 30 left. We hope everybody will come by and pick up a book because I know everybody goes out and everybody loves to save money and you can save 50% if you're by yourself. And there's ton of buy one get one free and there's a whole pizza section. So I hope you'll all pick up one of those.

We have several items for your pets, also, at the Animal Shelter. You can pick up leashes and collars and different items for your pets at discount prices so please stop by.

I'd also like to issue an invitation to all the new Council members to come and tour the Animal Shelter. We are open Tuesday through Saturday from 12 to 4 also 6-8 on Thursday. If you want a personal tour, you can contact me directly. I'm there on Thursdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The phone number there is 216-289-2057.

I'd also like to extend an invitation to anybody and everybody that wants to come to the Shelter and look at a couple of very unique dogs that we have for adoption. The first one is a Basset Hound mix, the likes of which you've never seen in your life. We've actually had one before and adopted out and we have another one so you need to come and see this little guy. We also recently obtained probably the most unique dog you'll ever see so I urge you to come down and take a look and maybe adopt this 11-month old girl. She's Australian Shepherd and Boxer. She is the most unique animal I've ever seen and I'm sure everyone will want to take a look. We'd like to get her adopted to a great home. She's a very high-spirited dog and a very loving dog. So come on out and check us out, appreciate it. Thank you and have a good night.

Mr. Ray Petrie – 353 E. 232nd St. This evening I have some very good news to share about Diabetes. First, I would like to offer some general information. Diabetes is a silent disease. It's working silently all the time. Many people go for years and do not realize they are victims of Diabetes. The longer a person waits until he's diagnosed with Diabetes the more damage Diabetes does. Diabetes is a manageable disease if your blood sugar is kept under control. Managing Diabetes is a real challenge daily; however, managing Diabetes pays dividends to your health and also your pocketbook. I would urge each of you to learn what the risk factors are, which I will share with you, and be aware of what symptoms of Diabetes is also.

The risk factors are family history, obesity that means way over weight. High cholesterol, I mean high calorie diet, older than 30, high cholesterol, high blood pressure. If you experience any of these high risk factors, you should have yourself checked out if you're not already diagnosed with Diabetes.

Two groups that are really vulnerable to Diabetes is people of Asian descent and African Americans. It's a real problem with this group. As you already know, Diabetes is at epidemic levels; however, scientists, doctors, technicians are working diligently day in and day out to find a cure. Also people of a technical background are working just as diligently to produce paraphernalia to help us manage Diabetes. It is up to us; it is our responsibility to control our own Diabetes. If you don't know you have it, likely you're not going to control it.

Symptoms of Diabetes, frequent trips to the bathroom, sudden loss of weight, you feel very, very hungry. You feel very, very thirsty, dry mouth. You have trouble seeing. If you have trouble seeing, chances are you've had Diabetes for a while. You feel very tired and some people wind up in the Emergency Room and find out they have Diabetes. It's very important to pay attention to the risk factors as well as the symptoms. A local eye doctor, Victor Veloff, says early detection a chance for early control.

We're in a season of many festivities and we've very tempted to overeat. I advise you to try to devise a plan so that you won't succumb to the temptation to eat all you can. It's up to you to check into your own health, which pays dividends. We're very fortunate in northeast Ohio to have very competent people who have studied beyond high school 1 to 15 years just to be ready to treat you when you present yourself with Diabetes. They provide excellent services. Some have additional education and many years of experience in dealing with Diabetes.

Diabetes can be managed if you do your part. Thank you.

Mrs. Debra White – 1494 E. 196th St. Today, I'm coming here to ask my Councilman, my Ward, we have a safety issue in our area. The children that live at 196, 195, 193, they are all walking in the street to stay out of the snow. It's become a safety issue. They're walking along the curb, the street. The businesses are plowing their driveways, but they're plowing it onto the sidewalks and they have large mounds, snow mounds where the kids if they was to walk on the sidewalk where the sidewalk should be, then their clothes will be wet by the time they get to school. As a homeowner, I know that there are things I have to do in order to upkeep my property and I feel that the business needs to be held responsible for plowing the sidewalks so the children won't have to walk in the street.

Last year a couple of kids received citations for walking in the streets and I don't think it's fair. So if you could please look into seeing about getting the sidewalks plowed, I'd appreciate it. Thank you.

Councilman Gruber – Earlier today, Dennis from Unique Landscaping did substantial plowing on the sidewalk in front of the Mini Station. He did it for the Police Department

and he went up to the Inland property where I was on the phone with Mr. Lieberman last night and I will call him again immediately after this meeting reminding him that it's his obligation to clear the sidewalks in front of that property and he had made that pledge to us so we will.

Mrs. White – And the Ford Plant?

Councilman Gruber – Pardon me?

Mrs. White – The Ford Plant, the old?

Councilman Gruber – The Sports Plant, yes, the Inland Plant, the General Motors Plant, correct.

Mrs. White – Oh, thank you.

Councilman Gruber – In fact I'll call him right after the meeting. I'll call him now if you'd like.

President Gudenas – So that was primarily on Euclid Avenue so I'm sure our City officials will...

Councilman Gruber – And also, Mr. Chairman, if I may add, it's also in front of the nursing home on Euclid Avenue. It's in front of the cemetery on Euclid Avenue so maybe our Parks and Rec. Department can get out there and plow as well as long, and some other businesses as well.

President Gudenas – All right, does the City of Euclid have special equipment just for sidewalk? No? All right, perhaps we should look into that because the City of Euclid does have a great deal of sidewalks that we're supposed to take care of.

Mr. Dick Tomsic – 25571 Glenbrook Blvd. Issue I'm going to raise is very similar about children walking in streets and there being snow, except this is a little different. In my case an incident did not happen of which I'm very thankful on my way to work on Friday morning about the same time children are going to school. Driving down one of the side streets, residential street, deliberately going very slow only about 15 mph because the streets were sort of slick. Two young children, and by their size I'm guessing they were grade school age, I saw them walking down their driveway and took my foot off the gas pedal because I didn't know what they were going to do. Never turned their heads, walked right across the street in front of my car, cut in front of my car about 10 feet in front of it, luckily I was going so slow I was able to stop about 5 feet from them. They never turned their heads, never looked. They looked straight ahead going straight across the street. The thing that I'm after is somehow there's parents, grandparents, adults that are just not teaching their children very basic safety habits. To teach parents, grandparents, I'm saying grandparents because there's a lot of children living with grandparents, teach your children to at least look before they cross the streets, even if it's not snowing you should look. In this case because the streets were slick I was going very slow and nothing happened. As I said, I'm glad an incident did not happen; but there's this whole idea of, you know, I just walk wherever I want to walk and that doesn't work. There are other people walking. There are other people driving. If I pull up into a driveway and I cross a sidewalk, I have to stop if there's pedestrians on the sidewalk. Same thing for people wanting to cross the street and children should be taught

I know there's a law in Ohio that says if there's an accident with a child, the child is never at all even if that child deliberately jumps out in front of a car, the child is not at fault; but that's a sick way of looking at things if the child gets hurt. I'm really speaking not so much to Council as I am to parents and grandparents all over Euclid to say that.

And along the lines, it's like I get on a tangent. I have a son that lives in a farther eastern suburb from here. The first snow storm that we got this season, which was really a number of weeks ago not this past one and I was talking to him and he said, you know, I never really appreciated how much, how well Euclid kept its street clean. Out here they don't plow and if I didn't have the 4-wheel drive Jeep, I wouldn't have been able to get work. So I'm for one am thankful that Euclid does plow its streets. I can go to work

every morning, when I have to go to work, safely knowing that I won't get stuck in a snow bank or stuck on a very slippery street or going down one of the hills in Euclid without worrying about skidding and getting into an accident. Thank you.

Ms. Karen Cannavino – 227 E. 271st St. As most of you know, me and several of my classmates were here a few weeks ago asking for your support for the school levy and I'm just here tonight to thank each and every one of you and the Mayor and all the voters for your support. I can't even describe the extreme happiness and relief the day after the levy passed. We were all so excited that our activities and our teachers' positions and our education will remain in tact for the next several years so just thanks to everyone for your immense support and we really appreciate it from all of us students, School Board and everyone. Thank you.

Mr. Vince Riha – 1515 E. 195th St. Ms. White took most of what I was going to say, but what kept me here to speak was the glib answer. Unique Landscaping may have plowed, but they were one of the ones I was going to discuss. They plowed the Mini Station, but there's a telephone pole and fence that now has a 4-foot mound of snow that anybody going through the sidewalk, which wasn't plowed, or the one in front of Unique Landscaping would have to climb over. Now, I will congratulate either the Rec. Department or the City Services, but I see they have plowed the area by Grand Boulevard in front of the cemetery and later this afternoon in front of the Mini Station, but it's a bridge to nowhere from nowhere. The snow has to be cleared along the apartment complex. It has to be cleared across the front of the Euclid Sports Plant.

Now a few of you might have remembered when I was here talking about Store America in the Spring, I would be back in the Fall about shoveling snow and I made that point. And until it's done the argument has always been that if you move the snow, it's your fault you could get sued. I've been told since then that that does not exist so more needs to be done than just saying so and so plowed the snow because you can plow with a truck but it doesn't help if you've got to crawl over a snow mound to get there. And the snow in front of the Grand Boulevard and the cemetery great, but we have to get the Metro Parks on board so they plow the distance to the crosswalk. We also need to get all the business owners, apartment complexes, the Sports Plant.

We also need to get the County because years ago I went through this. The bridge over the creek on Euclid Avenue is County property. The School Board plows up to it; the City won't plow on it. Now walking across that bridge on a mound of snow, you're either going to fall in the creek or fall in the street. So that has to be addressed, too, and it's great legislation to keep them off the street. You know, it's against the law to go through a red light, but the alternative is if you wait long enough you get a green light. But if you kick kids off the street, where are they going to walk? So it's more of a larger function to get the snow removed than just so and so went out and plowed it. Thank you.

Pastor Willie Trotter – House of Jubilee Ministries – 953 Caledonia, Cleveland Heights. I just came tonight to introduce myself since we were applying for an opportunity to come into this community and I'd just like to introduce myself and my church and our intentions. I have it wrote down so I'm just going to read it so that you all just understand.

The House of Jubilee Ministries would like to serve the City of Euclid and the surrounding communities both spiritually and educationally. We would like to set up an after-school tutoring program that could serve the Euclid school, the Euclid City School District and its families by offering extensive tutoring that targets the area of math and reading. Currently, our congregation has several educators and principals who are very much interested in volunteering to assist with this program. In the first year we expect to serve about 50 children and then increase as space becomes available.

We also would like to help the parents and the caregivers of the children by offering adult reading and math class and computer training. We realize that many times the adults may not be familiar or sometimes intimidated by the new method of mathematics. We would like to help alleviate some of these frustrations that can come as a result of that. Because of the No Child Left Behind Act that many times our schools are not able to give each child individual attention they may need in order to pass the mandatory State tests. We will serve as a supplementary education source for the City and its school and to help the parents and caregivers in this area.

We also believe opening our doors to provide spiritual fortitude to the residents of the City of Euclid and its surrounding areas. We can help to build strong families thereby building strong communities through teaching and preaching a life changing message found in the Bible with spiritual counsel. We believe that we can be a great asset to the City. We would like to serve the City in any way that we could help it and to make it a safer and a more enjoyable place to live. That's all.

Mr. Victor Goodman – 20201 Glen Russ Lane. No script. With all due respect to the Police Chief and the Fire Chief, one of the things as I campaigned, a lot of citizens in the Ward 4 talked about and so I'm going to ask not, well, let me put it this way. At a prior Council meeting a citizen came up to discuss Fire Station #4 and three individuals said well, we never swore to it. Well, I'm not going to ask anybody to swear to anything, but I'm going to ask you to very strongly consider making Fire Station #4 nothing but a fire station. With the cost of fire stations today, you certainly couldn't afford to build. And with all due respect to the Police Chief, a mini station can be placed in many different locations a fire station can. So with the growth of Hillandale and with all the other things that are coming into Euclid now, we desperately need a fire station. And if we can't afford to do it in these next 2 years, let's put a little money into it each year so that by the time we can afford to hire more fire personnel that it will be finished. So I very, very much ask you to make sure that Fire Station #4 opens as a fire station. Thank you.

Mr. Ron Emser – 26501 Farrington Ave. I'm here to speak on behalf of the Euclid Hunger Center. They primarily want, the Shore Board want to thank the City and everything and to consider again waiving our rent for next year because it's just a very good thing to do for the Euclid Hunger Center. We truly appreciate it and, hopefully, that'll happen again down the road when you guys vote on that.

The second part of what this is about is I'm here, actually, speaking on behalf of Steve and Fran from Mama Catena's because they do the Hunger Light program. This will be the second year and due to some hospital challenges they weren't personally able to do it so as a member of the Hunger Center, I decided to, to, I volunteered to help them out with this. So I just wanted to name, if I could, there's 13, 12 local businesses as well as the Euclid Board of Education that have and sell these things. They're, the red and green are a buck apiece; the gold ones 5 bucks. You put your name on them and they hang in the restaurants and whenever the establishments and the establishments that are participating are the Beach Club Bistro, Convenient Food Mart on Babbitt Road, Copper Top Ale House, David Carlson's Nationwide Agency, Euclid, excuse me, Erie Waters Bar and Grill, Euclid Board of Education, Euclid Meat & Sausage, Hair Benders Beauty Salon in Wickliffe, Lakeshore Coffee House, Mama Catena's Restaurant, Marche N Haab Beauty Salon, Petie's Family Restaurant in Willowick, and the Time Out Grill in Shoregate. And again, 100% of the proceeds goes right back to the Hunger Center. Last year we were fortunate enough, Stan, excuse me, Fran and Steve were able to put together about a \$1600 contribution to the Hunger Center and it all very much helps. So again, thank you.

Mr. Dennis Berzinkas – 20890 S. Lakeshore Blvd. Council, couple of, one of the things that you put your minds to this year and next year that this last election that we funded the schools from senior citizens this is declared illegal the way we do it. Let's do something about it. There are citizens out here that can make phone calls. Call our legislator and say enough is enough. Let's really work on it. Let's make it a team effort that we get the burden off the senior citizens. With health care and everything else, it's a terrible burden. They try to help as much as they can, but they have to cut back and they have to cut corners and they don't have too many corners to cut. So please, I'll work with you. We all will work with you. Please do it.

Kids walking the street, years ago, 19 late 80s we were in a Euclid Awareness group, Euclid Aware, and in that it was parenting, parenting. You make your kids responsible. You make responsible children they'll most likely grow up to be responsible adults.

We work the Mentor School System, the information, the psychologist that started it. We tried to get him in Euclid but he stopped doing tours but we need to get it back in our schools make people responsible. If you're responsible, you'll do the right thing. And I think this is a responsible city and this is a responsible Council so let's work at it with the schools and the parents. Thank you.

President Gudenas – Perlitha Taylor, we have about 2 minutes left on our tape. Would you like to wait a couple minutes? Okay, good, so we will take a short recess while we change the tape and we will come back because we're still not done. Thank you.

Mrs. Pearletha Taylor – 1495 E. 193rd. First of all, I would like to welcome all new Council people and the returning Council members. I'm here tonight because of a Block Grant that Heritage Park Community Association had requested for updated playground enhancement. Five members from the Heritage Park Association visit Mrs. Kathy Will, Director of Recreation, City of Euclid, on June 13th, 2005 in her office. We requested the following items: new higher fence around the playground, two senior citizen swings, a pavilion roof, updated mulch and new playground equipment. Mrs. Will informed our Association to put our request in writing and she would apply for the grant. On July the 3rd, 2005 Penny Riha sent Mrs. Will with the request for the above items and explained our need. On August the 26th Mrs. Will e-mailed Penny Riha stating that she had put in for a \$20,000 grant and you will see attached letter. I will give each Council member a copy of this letter and also Penny Riha letter and the response from Mrs. Will. What happened after that, we found out at the September 21st, 2005 Council meeting it was voted on the grant for the playground would go to the regency mini station on Euclid Avenue.

Also at a Heritage Park meeting Mayor Cervenik stated a playground will be put behind the new mini station. No one contacted Heritage Park about this situation. No one asked us any information. Weed-N-Seed can afford to buy their own gym equipment. They received \$175,000 this year and will receive \$250,000 in 2006. And we have a concern about the playground going up back there, especially me because I'm really concerned about the kids, the younger kids.

And what happened it's a safety issue. It is not a traffic light between 193rd and Grand Boulevard. Children will take chances. Parents can teach them and train them, but if they see a way they can get across the street, a shortcut, they will try to take it. And I'm afraid that someone may get hurt.

Also, we have a problem about the trucks. We have trucks that go in and out of the parking lot behind the Mini Station and that is a hazard, a safety hazard. The playground is very, a very, very good idea for the Mini Station, but I think they should take some time and think about the safety of the children. How will the children get back and forth over there? Would it be a fence around that playground because there's no one to monitor the kids, monitor the kids? We are asking the members of this Council to please look into this matter. Heritage Park area has been looked over several times. We feel that we have been disrespected too many times and if something is not done now, it will continue. I am very concerned because the playground on East 193rd is the City playground. The Mini Station is not. It's placed on private property so this is a great concern.

Also, when people was talking about the kids walking the street and parents should teach them, I agree. But when you have snow on the sidewalk and you cannot walk on that sidewalk what other thing it is for you to do, what, what else? We need to be more concerned about our children in this area not the business. They are not shoveling that sidewalk and this is not the first time or the first year. This been going on a number of years so please help us out, work with us and I will pass out information to each one of you and you will see the cover letter and also the letter from Penny Riha and the one from Miss Will, Wills, I'm sorry. So please work with us and help us. Thank you.

President Gudenas – Mayor Cervenik, any comments?

Mayor Cervenik – Director Pietravoia, would you like to comment first?

Director Pietravoia – Thank you, Mayor, I will defer to your comments, but I did want to say that I know that this was discussed extensively at the Citizen Participation Advisory Committee meetings when the Block Grant, how the funding was going to be determined. So I know we have a member that's about to approach the podium and Councilwoman Gail might want to comment as well about the decisions that were made about that funding.

Mayor Cervenik – Also, I could add that I believe Mrs. DeAngelis, the senior swings have been ordered?

Manager DeAngelis – One we ordered and one has been delivered.

Mayor Cervenik – One has been ordered; one has already been delivered so those will be there as well. And we're, when Kathy gets back, Kathy Will gets back, Director Will, we will take a good look at all of the issues that were brought up by Ms. Taylor.

President Gudenas – All right, so we can wait for Director Will to return. We will then sit down and go over all the specifics and see where the City stands with the existing facility and the new facility. Okay, possibly in a week or two?

Mayor Cervenik – Probably right after the first of the year.

President Gudenas – Okay, January?

Mayor Cervenik – Yeah, please.

President Gudenas – Okay. So some time in January after she gets a chance to get back and get things organized then we'll go over all the various issues and, hopefully, work that out. Okay, thank you.

Mr. Bill Grant – 104 Sunnycliff Dr. Several weeks ago I was able to find on the Web the Comprehensive Annual Finance Report of the City of Euclid for 2004. I since analyzed that document I saved from the Internet. My analysis caused me some concern as it seemed to indicate the City has been spending more than it's collected for the 6 years ending 2004. My analysis is based on counts on 3 pages of this report. The total columns of the 10-year government expenditures page, the total column of the 10-year governmental revenue page, the principal column of the 10-year debt service expenditure page.

I calculated a new amount for each year by subtracting the total expenditures, net of debt service principals, from total revenue. I saw years where this amount was negative deficit years and years where this amount was .positive surplus years. Years 1999 through 2004 as well as 1995 were deficit years. Years 1996 through 8 were surplus years. Averaging these deficits and surplus for the 10 years produces an average annual deficit of \$2.8 million. I do not believe the City can continually deplete its net assets with \$2. million deficits. Therefore, I would ask this Administration and this Council to commit to a budget for 2006 that will lead to a surplus. I would request that you limit non-debt principal expenditures for 2006 budget to the average total revenue for 2002-2004 \$46. million. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Mayor Cervenik – When we present that budget to you, you will see a definite continued balanced budget that we do plan on adding; although we will be adding services, we will also be adding additional dollars into our cash reserves. We don't expect to do any deficit spending any time soon.

President Gudenas – Mayor Cervenik and I did have our little meeting and he has assured us, although we haven't seen the budget, that in 2006 the revenues coming in will be greater than the expenses going out, which will be good, and we hope to have the budget hearings start around January the 9th.

Mayor Cervenik – We're talking second week.

President Gudenas – Right, the second week of January so we'll go over all the details starting that week.

Mayor Cervenik – It is our goal to get City Council their budget packages before the holidays.

President Gudenas – Right.

Mayor Cervenik – Probably the 23rd, but we should have them to you by then.

President Gudenas – You don't have to work Christmas Eve that's...

Mayor Cervenik – Oh yes I do. I've got to deliver those packages to you, yeah.

President Gudenas – So we are, the Administration has pledged the information shortly and we'll get right on it and hope that your comments will be taken care of.

Mrs. Del Tekieli – 5 East 221st St. I'm speaking as the former co-chair of the levy campaign and the young lady beat me to the punch, but I'm glad it was her because she really did a very nice job in thanking everyone for helping us to pass the school levy. The Mayor, the former City Council, members of this Council all worked to help us pass the school levy and it was a very critical thing for this community.

I will piggy back on Dennis Berzinskas' comment and that we suggest that the City Council would want to send a resolution to the State Legislature asking them to do their job and, and resolve the school funding issue. This has been a very ineffective Legislature in that they have declared the way we fund schools unconstitutional four different times so that might be something that you'll add to your long list of things to do for this Council and thank you again for your support on Shore.

Mrs. Madeline Scarniench – 1511 East 221. As a member of the Citizens Advisory Commission, Committee, I want to explain a little bit about what happened about the playground.

At the meeting when we heard the proposal, Kathy Will was not at the meeting so we could not ask her any questions, but what went on at the meeting was that we had a real big concern with the fact of spending \$20,000 in one playground. Most of the members didn't agree with that. They felt the money should be spent on a new playground. It needed to be spent in other places.

People in Heritage Park forget we already have three playgrounds and now we're going to have four. They always forget the other side where I live. They forget about the other playgrounds. It was decided, and it was unanimously voted on that we would put in this new playground because when Kathy did come to our meeting she had this proposal for this Tots playground tots means little kids. We're not going to have kids running across the street. You're going to have the parents with them because I don't think anyone's going to let their little child come to the playground by themselves. This is strictly a little kids playground. Everybody liked that idea. They said it would work very good with the Weed-N-Seed here what we've done over there. The Mini Station, the basketball, the picnic tables, the deck it would be a wonderful place to put this playground and that was decided that's how they wanted to spend the money and that's what we voted on. Kathy did say, it was one of the questions that I asked it was, have all the playgrounds in our City been renovated? And they have been and now it's time to start again and Heritage Park's 193rd playground is the first on the list because that was the first all those years ago when I fought to get that playground built that was done. So there will be money spent out of capital, Recreation capital money to do some of the things they want and they will go through the City systematically updating all the rest of the playgrounds. Thank you.

President Gudenas – I see no one else.

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

COUNCILMEN'S COMMENTS

President Gudenas – And now this will be the portion where the City Council can address members of Euclid on anything they think is important. We will start with Councilman Conway with his first ever remarks as a Councilman.

Councilman Conway – It is an honor and a humbling experience to sit on this side and address so many residents this evening. It's something that I look forward to and it is something, as I said before, it's a humbling experience to win the faith of the residents to allow you the opportunity to serve as an elected official. It's something that we all take very seriously and it is something that we will strive to make the residents extremely

proud of the accomplishments that this Council, working with the Administration, will accomplish over the next couple of years.

I think tonight was an incredibly exciting meeting. There you can look back and say okay, they moved a lot of the items on the agenda into committee, but tonight really sets the foundation and the blocks to move the City in a positive direction. We look forward to holding people accountable for their actions. I believe we look forward to making sure that the bar is raised in the City of Euclid and all our services will be something that we can be very proud of so I know I'm incredibly honored to be able to participate with this Council to make many of the things we talked about over the last few months to get that ball in motion so that you actually see some of those items come to fruition. So I'd like to thank the residents for providing me the opportunity to serve and I look forward to working with all residents across our community in a very, very positive way.

With that I do have a couple of quick questions and the first one to Director Pietravoia. One of the things that I've been receiving comments about is I'm sure your department has a, a, 12-month plan on many of the goals that your area's looking to accomplish and I think it would be something that we all on Council would like to see have it, you know, understanding. I know in the past, you know, we've talked about PMX and then brought up questions about Century Corners. Do you have an itemized list as to what the goals of your department over the next 12 months? I would assume if one does exist it's a living, breathing document that we can get updates on a monthly basis as to the prospects that are coming to the City.

President Gudenas – Director Pietravoia.

Director Pietravoia – Yes, in fact we do have such a document. We actually provided a document that looks at 3 years of goals. I can easily turn that into a 1 year document and I have discussed this also with Councilman Lisy briefly. And I know Council President and I are going to be getting together soon and he's interested in the same thing. So we will be producing that for Council and giving you regular updates.

Councilman Conway – I think that's very exciting and, again, I would continue with the 3 years because we want to see, you know, much further out than 12 months; but I know, you know, the 12 months at a time would be the things that would be addressed with some immediacy.

My next question is, I'm not exactly sure who to direct this to, but again some of the calls I've received over the last few days were mainly from seniors who use our City transportation. And I guess recently there's been a waiver that some of those residents have been asked to sign. I'm not sure if that's something that was always in place, if there was a change in policy that was established. Could you enlighten us on that change and what the waivers hope to accomplish?

Director Pietravoia – Councilman Langman had also inquired about this so I'd be happy to report briefly and we may need to provide you further information after tonight's meeting. I believe we instituted the policy around June of this year. We looked at what other cities were doing in this regard and found that they required these types of waivers to be put in place.

As you might be aware, we transport a lot of individuals that are in wheelchairs, for example. We have no way of really guaranteeing that the wheelchair itself is in good condition and suitable for being transported in so we determined, particularly as we're self-insured as a city, that it be important that we have this type of document signed so if there is an incident, they're acknowledging that they're at their own risk in some ways when they have equipment like this that we're transporting. Anything beyond that, I'd have to ask our Manager for further details, but that's my understanding of why we implemented that policy.

Councilman Conway – I appreciate that and if there's any further information that you could gather for us, I think that would help answer the questions of our residents. Thank you. And with that I will say good night and thank you, again, and I look forward seeing you throughout the community.

Councilman Delaney – It certainly felt like we're off to a good start, although we only voted through one item.

President Gudenas – Two, two items.

Councilman Gruber – It's unanimous, though.

Councilman Delaney – Unanimous two items.

Councilman Gruber – No more rubber stamp.

Councilman Delaney – I look forward to the committee meeting. I'd like to welcome Councilman Conway, Councilwoman Walsh. Welcome back Council President Gudenas, Councilman Lisy. We have 39 more of these meetings scheduled to do business in this term so let's shoulder in and make a difference. Thank you.

Councilman Gruber – Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and I welcome you back; nice to work with you again and I'm sure we'll try to and we will. We made it before. And welcome to the new Council members and, of course, welcome back to some of my old friends here on Council.

During the break I did call Mr. Lieberman, the owner of the property of Euclid Avenue. He assured me, he called his, you know, he is in Connecticut. He did call his service yesterday. He's not happy with the response we got this evening and he did assure me that he will get on it and if he doesn't, then it's time to start writing citations.

Chief Maine, I'd like to defer to you for one moment to the crosswalk situation at 193rd Street. Could you maybe elaborate on how we pick crosswalks, especially on Euclid Avenue, how the government's role played into that? And that, theoretically, if the playground was rehabilitated at the end of 193rd, actually, the walk from 193rd and the corner to the playground would be farther than the walk from across the street to the Mini Station. Just tell us how we pick out crosswalks are going to go.

Chief Maine – Those, the intersections that are designated through traffic signal are determined now by, a good part, by the re-signalization project that has been ongoing the last few years. Maybe Mr. Gulich can speak to even more detail. Now that Euclid Avenue as well as Lake Shore Boulevard, a number of the other major arteries are part of that re-signalization project they do traffic counts. They do traffic studies to determine which of those intersections meet the warrants. In other words that the sufficient number of pedestrian as well as vehicular traffic that has to go through that intersection. Since the Federal Government picks up the vast majority of the cost for these signals, they get to determine who gets them. If we want to put up an additional signal, the City inherits the entire cost of that signal as well as all the equipment associated with it in addition, and I'm not positive on this maybe Mr. Gulich can, can, affirm or deny, I believe it also does something to invalidate the signalization along the rest of that artery so why it doesn't always seem fair because of the history involved with some of these intersections, that's how they've been determined that they are in place.

Councilman Gruber – Thank you and then I'll have another question for you near the end. Also, Director Gulich, I know we've spoke many times over the last few days, but I do have to tell you that I am disappointed in the leaf pickup that was or did not occur in Ward 4. I know your guys worked very hard, but there were a lot of leaves left and now the leaves of course got covered with snow and the plows came and pushed the leaves in front of people's driveways. But I would like to thank several of the City employees, especially Scott Reese, who was out yesterday plowing out people's driveways. So if there is a situation where you do have trouble with leaves in your driveway combined with snow, please call me and we'll work with the City to get that taken care of and I do apologize to the residents of Ward 4 for the leaf pickup incident, but we will be out there picking up more leaves.

Director Pietravoia, I had a couple of calls about a new business on Lake Shore Boulevard called The Shed. Can you elaborate on what type of business that is?

Director Pietravoia – I apologize but you caught me on this one. I'm not familiar with that particular business.

Councilman Gruber – Okay, well, I'll talk with you and Chief Maine after the Council meeting. Okay, let's see. I think that's about all I have for right now so I'd like to thank everybody and have a good evening.

Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail – I also would like to welcome the new Council members and returning Council members. I'm looking forward to working with all of you. We're looking forward to a productive term and I'm happy to help in any way if you need assistance or have questions getting acclimated, I'd be happy to help if I can.

My question, Director Gulich, is for you. We heard a lot of talk about the plowing and the responsibility of the business owners on the sidewalks. Could you clarify for us are the business owners responsible for clearing their sidewalk and apron?

Director Gulich – According to the City of Euclid ordinance abutting property owners throughout the City are responsible for within 24 hours snow removal of the sidewalks on their frontage. That goes for all of our different zoning areas.

Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail – Okay and if that is not occurring, who should we call?

Director Gulich – Call in, when you get a hold of City Hall, call myself or if it's in a business district, you can call, of course, Mr. Pietravoia's area as well; but we can notify people.

Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail – Okay and would you, for the residents sake and for Council's sake, review how the priority is made when plowing?

Director Gulich – I'd be happy to.

Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail – I had some calls of the weekend about the condition of roads and that we were not, contrary to what we heard one resident say earlier that we were not.

Director Gulich – I would have covered that at the beginning of the meet, but since I had a number of different topics to cover I didn't want to go into great detail. But of course, when we have a snow event and it seems like we have lots of them and long ones any more, our first priorities are the hill in the interest of safety. Of course, in hand with all the hills are all the mains throughout the City. We have, I won't try to name them all because I'm sure I'll forget a few. We have our major State arteries through the City and our County arteries. Those are, of course, top priorities. That comprises 5 different spreader runs and the guys are on the shifts, as they will be after this week, we will have, be able to cover all the spreader runs 24 hours a day. And as I said, keep in mind that does not provide for any plowing of any side streets. Side streets would come after the hills, the mains and then the secondaries and, of course, in order to do that plowing we do have to call every additional person in we can. So we do have to be careful with these 24-hour events, we can't have people plowing 24 hours a day as I'm sure everyone can appreciate so.

Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail – Thank you.

Mayor Cervenik – Mr. Chairman, if I?

President Gudenas – Mayor Cervenik.

Mayor Cervenik – If I might add, we had quite a conversation today and we'll continue that as the Administration is looking over the budget we will be presenting to you. I asked Director Gulich how many employees his Streets Department had in 2003 before the layoffs and the number was 37. We have right now 22 and that's after we added 5 bodies on. Last year we only had 17 for a good portion of the year. The only way we can achieve higher numbers is a transfer from the General Fund, which used to be the norm, as high as \$250-300,000 General Fund money was transferred to the Streets Department to take care of the plowing and take care of the leaves. So you may be seeing some type of transfer proposed in our 2006 budget because, although we have less population than we did 20 years ago, we have the same amount of streets. We have more

trees than ever and this snow just keeps coming down so we are looking at that as our General Fund outlook is getting better we have to slowly but certainly increase some of the services we're providing.

Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail – Can I ask no other quick question? Sorry.

President Gudenas – Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail.

Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail – The other question, and there were some concerns over the weekend, there were quite a few activities at Shore and being a public lot, where do parking lots lie in the priority? And if we know there's events happening some place, would that get put up on the priority?

Director Gulich – The City lots are pretty much split up between the Parks Department and my Building Maintenance Department and that one that particular lot falls under Building Maintenance. I apologize, it falls under Parks.

Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail – We'll have to work on it. With Kathy, I can't see Kathy, I don't know if people were scheduled, I mean, apparently it was quite an issue this weekend at Shore. So it's something in the future that we'll have to try to address.

Manager DeAngelis – Friday, Del call me and reminded me about the Italian Night and I called right over to Maintenance. And they were going to send someone over right away, but the spreader was broken. It was at the shop being fixed so they were trying to do the best they could do to get it situated for them for Friday night that, but I'm not aware of anything for Saturday.

Director Gulich – Although we do not routinely salt the side streets after we do get them plowed out when we do have icy conditions and we know they're going to be persistent, we will get out there and we will run spreaders through the side streets and the icy conditions. If we know we've got temperatures rising, which it doesn't look like we're going to have in the next few days, we try to do, use some prudence with that. But of course, our concern is safety and when conditions are suitable, we will be salting side streets. When conditions are suitable, we'll be putting down the brine solution also ahead of time. That's our one chance to be pro-active when it comes to this type of thing.
Thank you.

Councilman Langman – I would like to thank the residents that came to the swearing in ceremony last Sunday. I think it was a very moving event. It was, obviously, a special event for myself and all my colleagues up here. It was at Shore, interesting venue, and overall I thought it came off very, very well. But what made it especially nice is all the residents that came out and gave up the Browns game, even though they didn't play very well, to come out and be with us on that special day. So I want to thank all of those residents.

And for me, personally, it's like I'm back in the old neighborhood. I'm between Kirsten and Fred so it should be, I'm looking forward to a very productive term working with all of my colleagues as we move the City forward. And with that I'll say good evening.

President Gudenas – Councilman Langman, everyone gave up the Browns game a week ago.

Councilman Lisy – When you're up for your Councilman's Comments, I'd love to hear about Challenge Day. Councilman Gudenas attended a school function regarding the issues that high school students face and he was one of the adult representatives in that, for that day to show them what some elected officials have to go through and I'm interested in your comments on that.

Second, the comments I have received is about, and again I'm not picking fault, it could be just one or two people but what we need to do is stress, the Directors need to stress with their employees a zero tolerance. I love Chief Maine's opening remarks with the new 3 police officers that were here tonight. That treat the residents like your family and that is a great message to pass on to all of your employees to remember that the

residents and businesses are the ones we want to retain in the City and that was a great comment. We've got to treat them like a family member and treat them like we'd want to be treated.

With respect to some of the other issues, I heard several complaints about the snow and especially in the City parking lots, City sidewalks. If there is a way we can, instead of segregated departments if there was some type of way we could blend the departments together, it may be a way we can share resources between departments. Some departments may have more work going on in the winter months and not as much in summer months. So I politely request that all the Directors work together and try to come up with a solution that could cost-effectively resolve some of these labor shortages. And, Mayor, you're right. I looked up the numbers and we knocked off those, when the layoffs occurred and we went down to 21 employees and a few retired. We're down people in the Streets and Services Department and we need to figure out a way to work around this. And I'd love to see greater budget numbers and we can start hiring people back. Until we have our budget hearings and know where we stand financially, I think it's prudent to figure out what we can do with the resources that we currently have. And with that, thank you.

Councilwoman Mancuso – First of all, I'd like to make an announcement for all of our seniors who are grappling with the Medicare Part D. I want to make an announcement that at the Senior Center on December 10th or December 7th, I'm sorry. On December 7th from 10:30 to 11:30 there is going to be a Medicare representative there to go over just to review the different components of Medicare Part D. We are also looking to see if we can get another such lecture and then perhaps some people who know how to actually sign you up for the different components of Medicare D, depending on what you already have what you want to do with your own coverage or lack of coverage. And there are some government speakers and representatives that are willing to come out. Our challenge is to find a date. We'd like to do it at the library and get their resources and timing for our seniors so that everyone can come. I'd like to do one in the evening where family members could also come with the seniors so you all understand because it is, it is a very confusing issue. It's a very confusing issue to just read through them let alone make decisions. So the first plan is December 7th. If you have the ability, please get yourselves to the Senior Center to listen to the hour long lecture and there will be people there to answer questions afterwards. And then, hopefully, we can do another component of that where people can actually help you and assist you for signing up for the Medicare Part D, however, it fits your needs.

On another note, December 4th we did have the Euclid Orchestra at Shore. I'm astounded that a City other than Cleveland, who has Severance Hall, has an orchestra of this caliber. I heard them one other time. They were phenomenal. The new conductor is vivacious. We had a soprano there that was nothing short of exquisite and should have been at Severance Hall and probably has been. The only short-coming and I will agree with my colleague Holzheimer Gail, the parking lot and the walkways were abysmal. It was scary to watch some of our people trying to get in and out. So we do have to do a better job, however we do it, that's got to be fixed. When we have events, we had an event Friday, Saturday and Sunday. And when I pulled in on Sunday, I pulled into a spot that had not been touched and a walkway that had no footprints on it so nobody had been there to plow so we need to do it better however we do it. That's got to be. If we're going to have events there, we can't hurt people trying to get in and out.

I want to thank Director Pietravoia for giving us the necessary information we needed before Council tonight. I greatly appreciated that. I knew where we were going and what we were doing so thank you very much. I look forward to that continuing.

Fire Chief Cosgriff, I'm going to make a request to you that I've made in the past and hopefully you're able to do it now. When you give us your report, you give us the current month. I'd like the same month a year ago and then your totals current and a year ago. That's much more readable and it tells us where we're at year to date. Whether we do it in a graph or you do it in numbers, this is still very confusing. It doesn't tell me where I was a year ago in the same month. If we could attempt that and if I can help you with it, I will. Okay? And with that, I will say good night. It's good to be back. Thank you, everybody, for joining us at our swearing in. I think it's as wonderful for us as it was for the people in the audience. It was very humbling and being here is very humbling. We have a lot of work to do and I think we're off to a good start. And with that I'll say good night.

President Gudenas – And also for her official first comments, Councilwoman Walsh.

Councilwoman Walsh – Humbling is the keyword for the evening. And I'm going to try to do for everybody in Ward 3 in the City of Euclid on this side of the aisle what I tried to do over there. And since we were installed at a beautiful ceremony, I've been dedicated to listening and it's going to take a long while to catch up on the listening. And the first person I listened to was a gentleman who was amazed that I returned his phone call, was amazed that I sat at the library with him for 2 hours. It ended up that he taught me a lot in that 2 hours and 10 minutes. And a lot of the things that he told me that night I will take and build from and it will help the City. The main thing that he wanted, all he wanted was cars ticketed around Tungsten. He wants to see a patrol car, but it lead into a lot of lessons that I really appreciated it.

Then I went to the Lakeland Civic Association and I raised my hand and I'm going to be one of the judges on their lighting festival and maybe the people in Euclid don't know that for 50 years they've sent Santa around to the F & S homes.

Then I went to the Euclid Historical Society and I'd like to give a plug. If you're looking for a unique Christmas gift, they have the history of the City of Euclid by John Williams and I bought a copy, fascinating reading. I went to a birthday party for an 87-year-old senior citizen and all of these things were learning experiences. And from this learning I think it's going to help me serve everyone much better.

There's a little book and it's the book of life and one of the things it tells you to do is go to a school program where you don't know any of the kids and I'd like to plug the Senior High December 7th Choral Concert. I hope to see you all there.

On a bet of a serious note in all of my listening and it's good to find out that another Council person was addressed with this issue, I'd like to know more about why the sign for Officer Bill Dempsey was taken down over at 222 and why it was set in front of the Euclid Historical Society. As a child Officer Dempsey meant an awful lot to me, to the children of Euclid, to the people that crossed at that corner. He was someone that you could go to that you could talk to. He was Santa Claus every Christmas. He was a wonderful man and to find the name just setting at the Euclid Historical Society was a little shocking, but I think Holzheimer Gail and I are going to take care of that along with Mr. Delaney. We've already talked.

The street cleaning, I talked to Mr. Gulich and we were complaining about leaves because that was it and I warned him that the snow was coming and he said I'm going to look at the radar. And you know what? Tonight he told me I was right and what did I have to predict for this week. The street cleaning, Mr. Gulich, I'm still a little out on that because there were streets that were really great; however, in the F & S homes the streets were not cleared and as late as 5:30 tonight I got a call that someone on Birch was very upset that they drove into the tree lawn to miss a car that was coming down on the ice. So I recognize that you have fewer men but sometimes with fewer men you have to have a better plan. And I think that maybe when I'm on my Christmas vacation maybe I'll just hop on one of those snowplows and see how the plan can be improved.

Chief Maine, I have a question for you and I'm really thrilled and that one policeman to be on the streets. He just seems like he's going to be so dedicated to Euclid as do the other two. But I want to do know how many of those policemen are going to be in patrol cars so we can see them? Are they going into patrol cars? Are they going to walk? Are they going to ride bikes? Are they going to sit behind a desk? What are their duties going to entail?

Chief Maine – The plan is for those 3 to augment our Patrol Division, which is depleted. They'll go in and we have, we've taken one of our school resource officers out of the schools to augment our Patrol Division. So I have to get 2 of those back to bring our shifts back up to the proper level as well as our school resource officer back in Central. So that's the plan for these 3 that were sworn in tonight. The additional 3, assuming we can get up to 97, we want to get at least 1 of 2 officers into our Traffic Division, which is presently at 2 active officers. And also get people into our Community Policing Unit and get that built up again.

President Gudenas – And Councilwoman Walsh I've got bad news, the 5-minute applies to both sides of the...

Councilwoman Walsh – Oh, I'm sorry, I'm sorry and then I said yes wrong so I'm really striking out today. Thank you.

Chief Maine – Could I ask for clarification? What part of Tungsten? You said Tungsten. That goes a long way.

Councilwoman Walsh – The Tungsten behind the apartments that goes in that direction.

Chief Maine – There's a lot of...

President Gudenas – East of 260?

Councilwoman Walsh – Yes.

Chief Maine – By Willo, in the Willo Arms area then, essentially.

President Gudenas – Towards Willo Arms, yes.

Chief Maine – Okay, thank you.

President Gudenas – Okay, thank you, I guess.

Councilwoman Walsh – I'm feeling bad at this point.

President Gudenas – If there's anything important, we can add on.

Councilwoman Walsh – I'm done, thank you, sir.

President Gudenas – I just wanted to first start off on a sad note that Euclid residents lost a resident this past week, Florence Artz, she was a big spark plug. Many knew her as Flo. I met her many years ago. She always acted about half her year. We were hoping she would be here today, but things didn't work out and, unfortunately, she passed away. We just like to recognize her and let her family know that we do remember all the good that she did for us and all of her energy and excitement in helping us achieve our goals. We remember Flo Artz.

Also what we remember is our little swearing in ceremony and there's two things people that people have been talking about. One is the hug.

Mayor Cervenik – The hug, didn't it feel good, Ed?

President Gudenas – Usually I get a dinner or something first.

Mayor Cervenik – We can work on that.

President Gudenas – But anyway that was, that was very nice, Mayor Cervenik, for your gesture and also at that swearing in ceremony we talked about our first meeting, which we did have. We spent an hour and a half or so in your office and just to let everyone know we picked a few items to talk about, actually I did, and to make sure we get some of these things going, get up to date. We talked about PMX so that our new Council members and like understand what the proposals are and we're going to get some information to see how we can contribute.

We, obviously, asked for information on Hillandale because many of us aren't familiar with all the agreements that we've signed. We asked for monthly General Fund forecasting for next year.

We asked for information about the Golf Course Clubhouse, the expenses for operating it. We asked for a monthly budget forecast for the new Golf Course Clubhouse because we're very concerned that we don't lose money operating that facility when the Golf Course is closed, which maybe we are maybe we're not.

We brought up a privacy policy for our Income Tax Collection Department to make sure that's in place and properly looked at. Also, monthly budget for the Income Tax Collection Department because that's something new. We wanted to make sure that all is well it all makes sense, which it probably does, but we need to see that for ourselves.

We did ask for the yearly plan from the Economic Development Department and I say yearly because here on Council we often can't look more than 2 years so 1 year is sometimes better than 3 so we can make sure that our first year gets off to a good start. And that would be about specific goals for that year and the number of businesses we're going to bring in. The restaurants we're going to bring in, hopefully. The number of sales calls we have. The number of improvements that we hope to take place because I know that in the past when I was on City Council we'd get a report at the end of the year saying here's how many inspections and how many permits we issued etc. etc.; but we never know is that what's expected, better, not as good and it's always good to plan ahead because development is a very important issue for our residents.

And apparently this is being worked on already, we discussed the importance of an inventory of all the vacant homes and homes in foreclosure in the City of Euclid so that we could really get a feel for how important, it is an important problem; but we'd like to see how big it is. Is there a pattern? Are they in certain areas? Are there certain owners, certain lenders that are causing more problems than others so that we can focus on the solution? And so that's a lot right there.

Mayor Cervenik – That's a lot.

President Gudenas – And that's just for November. Now we're, we're obviously not done. And just so you know all that legislation we put in will be December the 14th at 6 p.m. We will start a little bit early to make sure we can cover everything. So let CT Consultants know it'll be at 6 for all that legislation we put in there today.

And during the break, Director Gulich and I talked briefly about the sidewalk snowplowing and again, what, might thought is that what's worked elsewhere is that you get the various property owners together to do that plowing instead of one person do 50 feet, another person do 100 feet, another do 70 feet, maybe you hire one company to do a thousand feet to cover the whole shebang and you have each owner whether it be the county, the city, the GM plant owners, etc. will all pitch in. We'll all save some money and not just for Euclid Avenue for Lake Shore Boulevard because it's a problem anywhere where people have to walk to catch a bus, go to a public building and the like. So Hank Gulich will call some of the other cities talk to some of the other service directors and see any specifics on what's going on. It's obviously a little late to find people in December to hop right on it, but it's something we're going to start right away and at the same time with the city services and the like. I know Councilman Lisy is very interested in this as many others. We have to sit down, offer whatever knowledge we have to the City Administration on any ideas and cooperating between various departments and responsibilities and how we can make sure we're getting the maximum bang for the dollars we put in because the money, even though hopefully we have a surplus next year, it's still going to be very tight because we have to pay back what we took out in previous years. So I think it's going to, we're going to need to look at new ideas, new plans, be open to suggestions because we have no choice but for that.

And finally, Councilman Lisy asked me about Challenge Day. I wasn't really going to mention it, but it was a challenge for me to be there, actually, in that I wasn't expecting to go anywhere Thursday morning and I was at the City Council office and I asked for Council Clerk's opinion and Ann Miller, who works there, should I go to this event. I had nothing to, didn't know anything about and they said yes. So I called and I was there 8 in the morning, which is early for me, and basically this was about helping our 9th graders open up and understand other 9th graders and adults and teachers on where everyone's coming from and to understand that yes, we have diversity in Euclid but at the same time we have a lot of common issues, common concerns that if we know that others also share those common concerns we could be closer to the other people and, hopefully, be friendlier. And one of the big things they insisted on was a lot of hugging and we hugged and hugged all day.

Councilman Gruber – Could you hug the clock because you're about 4 minutes over, Mr. Chairman?

President Gudenas – I know I'm over but I'm not out of order yet, but I will be shortly.

Councilman Gruber – We'll shut you up 3 minutes at the next meeting.

President Gudenas – I'm looking at that clock up there. Anyway, what I learned at the end of the day is that we have a lot of good kids in our school system that need direction and help. So it made me think further well, we need to get the kids off the street; we need to crack down. Well, that's where the parents come in. We, you know, the kids need of course responsibility and discipline and so do the parents and we need to make sure that the parents take care of their kids, often just one parent.

So with that I would like to thank everybody be here again after a 2-year break. We look forward to a very exciting year with a lot of good stuff and we will have discussions here. We won't always agree, but we will hope to focus on the topics at hand. Who knows how the votes will be and what'll happen, but expect discussions, expect a lot of ideas. Just because we present it doesn't mean it's going to be approved. So with that I close our first meeting and look forward to seeing everyone real soon.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Gruber moved to adjourn; seconded by Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail.
Yeas: Unanimous.

Attest:

Clerk of Council

President of Council