

COUNCIL MINUTES

February 6, 2006

The regular Council Meeting was held on Monday, February 6, 2006 at 7 PM in the Euclid City Hall Council Chamber. President Gudenas presided.

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

Excused: Lisy (Came in late)

Councilman Langman moved to excuse Councilman Lisy. Councilwoman Mancuso seconded. Yeas: Unanimous.

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

Invocation was given by Mayor Bill Cervenik.

COMMUNICATIONS

Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail moved to receive and approve without objection a transfer of a D5, D6 liquor permit From Revam, Inc., to Bar Management Enterprises, Inc., DBA Juniors Bar & Grill at 507-509 E. 185 St. Councilwoman Walsh seconded.

Roll Call: Yeas: Unanimous.

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Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail moved to approve the Council Minutes of January 17, 2006. Councilman Gruber seconded. Yeas: Unanimous.

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Cervenik presented Res. 14-2006, a resolution commemorating the life of former Euclid Councilman Bill Mabel, to his wife and family.

Mayor Cervenik and Police Chief Maine swore in three new Police Officers. The Oaths of Office were administered to: David Olszewski; Michael Fuduric; Brian Collins.

Chief Maine – I need to make you aware that we will be applying again this year for the JAG grant, the Justice Assistance Grant, which is the combination of the old Byrne and Local Law Enforcement Block Grant. They were combined over a year ago. The past year, we received approximately \$30,000 and that money, some of which is being used to purchase one of the cars, that is on the agenda later on today. The money that has been assigned to the JAG for this year is \$15,257, it is about half of what we were allocated for this year. That's not final, but I don't expect it to change a whole lot. We'll be using that money to be earmarked for hopefully paying part of a car for next year's capital budget.

Mayor Cervenik – We also have two new committees, the members are here to be sworn in, but we cannot swear them in at this time because Council will need to act on the legislation first. The Council President is going to ask to have the agenda amended so that those two items come first and second. In the meantime we have a few other reports, Director Will.

Director Will – I would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that we will be starting another session of Learn to Swim and Euclid High School in the Girl's pool. The session will start Tuesday, February 21st. Classes are 6 weeks. Register at the Recreation Dept. beginning tomorrow February 7th.

We'll also be offering a life guard training program for anyone who will be 15 years old by April 12th. Class will be at Euclid High School and run February 23 through April 12th.

The Euclid Blade & Edge figure skating club will be having their Dare to Dream Ice Show at the Ice Arena on April 28th and April 29th. If anyone is interested in being a part of that show, they can register at the ice arena on Tuesday or Thursday evening from 7:00-8:00 pm. That's the Blade & Edge Dare to Dream Ice Show at the Ice Arena.

Finally I would like to make one more announcement, on Friday, February 10th, we'll be hosting the American Idol Finalist Scott Savol. There are still tickets available. You can purchase them at the Parks & Recreation Office, Monday-Friday of this week until 4:00 pm.

You can call 289-8656 and purchase the tickets on the phone, or doors will open at 5:00 p.m. on Friday and you can purchase them. That's for the American Idol Finalist Scott Savol. Thank you.

Director Pietravoia – I just wanted to take a couple of minutes at the beginning of the meeting to address Council and residents of the City regarding the Harbor Town project. I've had a number of calls both from Council and from a couple of residents after the story that was run in the front page of the local Sun Journal last week. I just wanted to address the concerns that I'm hearing about and I want to assure Council and the public that the project is not on hold from the city's perspective, we still strongly believe that the lakefront project is a catalytic project for the city and it will positively impact the entire City of Euclid.

I also wanted just to assure the residents and Council, as has happened in the past, we have been trying to move this project forward for a number of years, it is not unusual in a project of this magnitude to have times when the project starts and stops, bumps in the road so to speak and we're having one of those bumps in the road right now. We're very much aware of the Developer's concerns and we're actively working with the Developer and his staff to address them and to continue to try to move the project forward in a timely manner.

I just wanted to note if you read the article you saw in the article that many conditions have occurred in the past 6-7 months since the time that Council passed the TIF, to finance the project and the development agreement that no one really could have predicted the magnitude of those conditions. Doug Price himself was quoted as saying the project has slowed down a little bit. Well that's a result of the economy having slowed down. Interest rates started to rise last fall, more importantly, all of us are being effected by the increase in the price of natural gas which has escalated dramatically. This is also true for K&D's core business, which is the apartment rental business. They are being severely impacted by those increases, along with the State changes that took place recently in the State laws. They eliminated the roll back on the property taxes and they introduced a new tax on business called CAT tax. Well all of those things combined hit at the same time for the developer. As you can imagine, it has been a major distraction for his core business which is the apartment rental industry.

Those same factors have also caused increases in the price of the project. What we are doing now and the responsible thing to do is to reassess the project, figure out how we can bring the cost down. I'm working with my own staff, with members of council and with the Mayor to re-evaluate different parts of the project and figure out how we can bring the cost down. Or, on the other hand, how can we raise more funds. We are aggressively going after again federal funding this year, we're also looking at State funding and we'll combine that with our local TIF funds and we still are optimistic that we'll be able to get the funding in place so the project can move forward.

I hope to be able to report back to you soon the positive results of these efforts. I will do as I have done in the past, I will continue to keep Council up-to-date as well as the general public. I will be reporting back to you periodically as we make progress on these fronts. I thank you. I just want to give you a brief update and assure you we are still very much moving forward on the project. Thank you.

Mayor Cervenik – Until we swear in the Golf Course Committee and the Citizens Committee, that concludes administration reports.

REPORTS & COMMITTEE MINUTES

Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail moved to receive the Self Insurance Report; Fire Report of November & December, 2005; 2005 Annual Court Report; Recreation Commission Minutes of 11-9-05; Executive & Finance Committee Minutes of 1/9/06, 1/11/06, 1/19/06; Commercial & Retail Development Min. of 1/23/06; Board of Control Minutes of 1/09/06, 1/17/06, 1/23/06. Councilman Conway seconded. Yeas: Unanimous.

Councilwoman Walsh moved to amend the agenda to place Items #5, #6, #7 to the top of the Agenda. Councilwoman Mancuso seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Unanimous.

President Gudenas – Before we go into the Committee of the Whole, Item #3 is marked First Reading regarding the Day Care Center. First I had made a mistake saying located at the Victorian Party Center, that would be the parking for it. The actually center is across the street or so. It is not inside the party center and it is marked first reading, but if there are no objections, the second and third reading can be waived so we might vote on it today so that anyone who is interested today might be the day to speak on that.

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

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Mrs. Fike – 20271 Delaware Rd. I have two questions on two of the ordinances. The renewal agreement with Forko Enterprises. I would like to know because I was at the meetings, it was mentioned eliminating the reduced rate for city residents. I don't know if it is in the contract or not, that's my first question.

President Gudenas – There should be two pieces of legislation. One is for the rates, and we did I believe eliminate that discount because it was abused a little bit. But the Forko contract itself will be separate from the rates. One is the city sets the rates and the other one we come to an agreement on who will help us rent it out.

Mrs. Fike – I want to object and I'm sure the League of Women Voters would agree with me although I haven't had a Board Meeting, I think when we studied Shore, we agreed that the City residents should be given a lower rate because we are already paying through our taxes for the building of that building and also for the upkeep. There is going to be a debt service for years to come that is going to be coming from the citizens of Euclid. We believe that there should be a lower rate for the citizens of Euclid because of the taxes that we are paying to keep that building going and also for the building of it.

I have another question on #4. When was the name changed from Lakeland Community Center to Lakefront Community Center? From the Senior Center? It has always been known up until now as the Euclid Senior Center, now all of a sudden it is called the Lakefront Community Center.

Mayor Cervenik – When this building was being built we asked the senior programs, the Site Counsels, at that time we had both Knuth and Emeritus House. We asked them to come up and recommend a name for the new building. They felt the Lakefront Community Center was a much more appropriate name than just calling it a Senior Center because they felt the activities that transpire in that building, not only through their programs, but through the rentals and uses of our residents, would be hurt or not fully explained by just limiting it to a senior center. That was really picked by the seniors themselves.

Mrs. Fike- I don't agree, but then who am I. Then I want to ask the same question I asked on Item #2, is there a reduced rate for organizations in Euclid?

President Gudenas – I believe there is not. It is one flat rate. One reduced rate for all.

Mrs. Fike – Again as I said on #2, I disagree with that because again, rates and guidelines, it is a city owned building so the citizens of Euclid who were supporting that and helped build that should be the ones that are benefiting from it. I said the taxes, we are still going to be paying, every year we have debt service and we have to pay the utilities and other things. I don't know if the rental covers it, but I think that it is very wrong not to give a little something to the citizens of Euclid. Thank you.

Mr. Tom Cooke – 25641 Edgecliff. Mr. Pietravoia, he already took the wind out of my sails. One of my biggest concerns was the lakefront project. But what I'm about to say, somewhat dovetails with that whole thing so I'm just going to go ahead with it. I wrote this before I knew what you were going to say.

I would like to address #1, the Resolution documenting goals for the City of Euclid in 2006. Plain and simple your list at last count contained 64 goals, it is too long and lacks focus. I have prepared a list that is substantially shorter. I have 5 goals and they are as follows:

1. Take care of the goals and projects that have already been started. Follow through on what the city has already committed to do. For instance, when Mr. Pietravoia just followed through on is the \$75 million K&D lakefront development project. I'm glad to hear that is not a dead project and that it is being pursued actively and aggressively.
2. We have a new golf club house. In the last Euclid Sun Journal Recreation Director Miss Kathy Will was projecting the course to make a profit in 2006. Ms. Will believes those projections are conservative. Mr. Gudenas apparently does not. He thinks those projections do not take into account the weather. I believe he is wrong. It is up to the golfers to prove Mr. Gudenas wrong and Ms. Will right. The success of the golf course is a community effort.

3. Century Corners. Do whatever you have to do to get the project moving and off dead center. As it stands right now Century Corners essentially is not making a dime for the City of Euclid. Make whatever deals you have to make to get the project moving; complete this project and let's get on with the next one.
4. PMX, as anyone can see who drives past this site it is being demolished. We now need to move forward aggressively to develop this project. We cannot afford to stand still. The City has been standing still for far too long. Thank God we have people like Mr. Pietravoia who don't drop the ball and pick it up and keep running with it.
5. The City of Euclid needs basic infrastructure improvements to support the previous items I have mentioned. We need a new police station and new technologies that go with that station. The existing station is over 50 years old and severely antiquated. The jail, even before it was completed, was obsolete. We need to continue to build new fire houses to replace the old outdated ones. We need existing roads repaired and repaved so the average resident doesn't have to purchase an all terrain vehicle to drive in the City of Euclid.

All of these basic improvements will attract new developers, developments, businesses and most important new residents who want to stay and make Euclid their home for life. This Council must take care of its current responsibilities. Council does not need to create more things to do. You have enough to do right now.

Take care of the basic, simple needs of the residents. With the emphasis on basic and simple, the rest will follow. Thank you.

Mr. Terry Bogers – 1543 E. 204 St. The Euclid Avenue Political Action Committee is writing in concerns of beautifying Euclid Ave. As we all know that's the heart of this great City. As you know many travel this street ...

President Gudenas – Sir, this part of the meeting is supposed to be regarding any item on the agenda. Then we have another part at the end of the meeting. I'm sorry, but we have to keep it consistent.

Mr. Bogers – I'm sorry. Thank you.

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

LEGISLATION

Ord. 15-2006 (051-06) Citizens' Evaluation Committee

An emergency ordinance to amend Ordinance No. 191-2005, passed by Council on December 19, 2005, authorizing the creation of a Citizens' Committee. (Sponsored by Mayor Cervenik and entire Council)

Councilman Delaney moved for passage, Councilman Conway seconded.

President Gudenas – This was the result of quite a few people applying; there's a lot of interest. We'd like to add two more to get to 5 and we can get to that as the people are introduced. Is there any further discussion?

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

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

Passed.

Res. 16-2006 (052-06) Members Citizens' Com.

A resolution to appoint five (5) members to the Citizens' Committee. (Sponsored by Mayor Cervenik and entire Council)

Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail moved for passage, Councilman Lisy seconded.

President Gudenas – The individuals who stepped forward are fresh faces, new energy, new ideas and that's what we're looking for to expand how citizens participate. The gentlemen involved are: Stephen Robinson, David Gilliam, Rose Allen, Jeffrey Beck, Eugene Gilliam. Hopefully if we approve this, they are mostly here and we'll swear everybody in.

The purpose of this group is not to tell the City of Euclid how to pick the leaves up better or how to have a better ball diamond at Memorial Park; but, the purpose is to help the residents communicate with city officials, with the departments, with the Council, with city workers, with the Mayor's Office. Set up a regular communication process so that we the elected officials know what the residents want regarding services, know where we have to improve, know where we're doing good, know where we're not doing enough. This would be an ongoing process through surveys, and through our internet site, through discussions and the like. It is somewhat of a broad responsibility, but it is also without pay. We understand you're limited in time. Any further discussion on that.

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

Passed.

Mayor Cervenik and President Gudenas swore in the Five Members of the City Services Evaluation Committee. Those present were Rose M. Allen; Jeffrey Beck; David Gilliam; Stephen Robinson.

Mayor Cervenik – Myself, as the Council president said and my administration are looking forward to working with you. I think we can get much benefit from your actions.

President Gudenas – This is a historic day because I don't think any city in northeast Ohio area has a group like this who really work with the city officials and city council to get a two-way communication going on a regular basis. We're really proud of all this and I'd like to also announce that John Conway will be the point man for the City Council to help make sure we're all organized. If the Mayor at some point can appoint somebody that they can deal with on the administration point, that will help also.

Mayor Cervenik – We will do that.

President Gudenas – Thank you very much and schedule your own meetings.

Res. 17-2006 (056-06) Golf Course Comm.

A resolution appointing five (5) members to the Golf Course Commission. (Sponsored by Mayor Cervenik and entire Council)

Councilman Delaney moved for passage, Councilman Gruber seconded.

President Gudenas – This is the result of quite a bit of work with the Mayor and Kathy Will and council members. The golf course is a million dollar business now and we want to take it to the next level which we hope we can. We have 5 new faces, and the bodies too, anyway, we're very encouraged with the people who applied. It is a good, good group. I'm very excited that we're going to have a lot of good things at the golf course. Any discussion on this?

Mayor Cervenik – There was some discussion at one time of having the possibility of moving the number of this committee to 7. Due to the fact that we had a number of other very, very strong individuals and candidates, if at some time this committee of five feels that they should expand their numbers, I would like us to make sure that we most certainly consider those that were not appointed at this time.

President Gudenas – Of course, right. The idea would be the committee could get going and after a few months they can see where they may need additional help, which areas of expertise and the like. So that's why we waited for the other two to see where, if any areas would be needed for additional help. Anything else on that?

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

Passed.

Mayor Cervenik and President Gudenas swore in the five members of the Briardale Greens Golf Course Commission: Paul B. Hribar; Marlin Kaplan; Michael McGinn; Brian Palisin; Craig Thompson.

President Gudenas – Regarding the Council’s role with this Commission, Councilman Pat Delaney will be the point man because he’s the Chairman of the Council’s Parks & Recreation Committee. So, anything to do with that, Pat Delaney will be involved with.

Res. 18-2006 (041-06) Goals City Council

A resolution documenting the goals for Euclid City Council in 2006. (Sponsored by entire Council)

Councilwoman Mancuso moved for passage, Councilwoman Walsh seconded.

President Gudenas – Yes there are 64, and again these were not edited. These represent the thinking of all 9 members. Again, are not meant to replace what was, certain things that were mentioned earlier in the meeting. Of course those are all important items and these are new initiatives and we may not be able to hit all 64, but our goal is to set high standards here and we are hoping for the best. We are working on many of them already. We have high expectations. I hope Councilwoman Walsh, if this is approved if you could find somebody that could print them up some how, hand draw them up so that we can post them here at City Hall.

Councilwoman Walsh – Absolutely. For free?

President Gudenas – For free. There’s no budget for this. The goals are not meant to spend money. A lot of them, obviously a rec center would cost many, but many of the things are simply a better way of doing things here at City Hall. Any comments because it is a very ambitious agenda. Probably more ambitious than what we’ve seen in the past.

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

Passed.

Ord. (042-06) Forko Agreement/Tabled

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of Euclid, or his designee, to enter into a renewal agreement with Forko Enterprises, Inc., 23555 Euclid Avenue, Euclid, Ohio 44117, for the purpose of acting as rental agent for the Euclid Lakefront Community Center for a period of one year, beginning March 1, 2006 and ending February 28, 2007. (Sponsored by Mayor Cervenik) (From Commercial & Retail Development Committee)

Councilman Gruber moved for passage, Councilman Delaney seconded.

President Gudenas – Who would like to talk about this? We went over this before, Councilman Conway had a committee meeting. A few of the finer points were changed and negotiated and it is probably a little better agreement for the effort we put into it.

Mayor Cervenik – The major change is the rate has been increased, or that’s on the next one. We have no problem with the changes on here.

Director Frey – I am led to believe that James Foreman was going to suggest some modifications to his agreement. So based on the comment that’s attached to the agenda, I thought the item was going to be tabled this evening. I don’t have those suggested amendments to the agreement, so I’m not able to comment as to whether those are appropriate or not.

President Gudenas – We shall table that until it is completed.

Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail moved to Table Ord. (042-06) Councilman Langman seconded.

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

TABLED.

Res. 19-2006 (045-06) UDE Day Care

A resolution granting a Use District Exception, pursuant to Chapter 1375.01(a)(3) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Euclid, to Carole Mozeleski at 391 East 200th Street, Permanent Parcel No. 641-16-001, to allow a UR-1 (Daycare) use in a U-4 (Local Retail or Wholesale Store) Use District. (Sponsored by Planning & Zoning Commission)

Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail moved for passage, Councilman Langman seconded.

Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail –I would like to move to waive the three readings and discuss this tonight.

Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail moved to waive the three reading requirement. Councilman Lisy seconded.

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

Three reading rule waived.

Director Pietravoia – I'm going to turn it over to Andy Torowski, our zoning commissioner, he has a report from Planning & Zoning on this item.

Commissioner Torowski – Ms. Carole Mozeleski, Linda Mitchell and Sherrie Zagoric requested the Use District Exception so that they may operate a day care facility in a 1500 square foot commercial building on the southeast corner of Wilmore and E. 200th. Their enrollment will consist of 30 children to include 12 pre-schoolers, 12 toddlers and 6 infants. Their goal is to offer a safe and secure early childhood education environment that provides warm, caring and supportive relationships with adults and their peers. These women all currently reside in Euclid and have very extensive backgrounds dealing with children. Linda Mitchell is currently operating a Type B home daycare on Wilmore and is in good standing with Cuyahoga county. Sherrie Zagoric has taught in the public school system for over 30 years. Her area of expertise was family and consumer sciences.

When they first presented to Planning & Zoning Commission back in December, the commissioners were very receptive to their plan but they had concerns about dropping off the children that close to the intersection of E. 200 and Wilmore. Because of this concern, they tabled the matter and suggested a meeting occur between the applicants, myself, Service Director Gulich and Mr. Monte Carlo of the Traffic Dept., to see if creating a curb-cut on Wilmore would be feasible to allow cars to pull up and drop off children safely. That meeting was held and the outcome was a determination that there was not enough space in the public right-of-way to create a safe curb cut. At that time Ms. Mozeleski indicated that they were able to obtain permission from the Victorian Party Center to utilize a portion of their parking lot to drop off the children if needed.

When the Use District Exception was presented again at January's Planning & Zoning meeting, I informed the Commission of Mr. Gulich's and Mr. Carlo's determination that the curb cut was not feasible. To help alleviate the Commissioners' concern, Ms. Mozeleski indicated that the parking spaces located in the rear of the building will be utilized strictly for dropping off the children and additional parking area at the Victorian Party Center. They also indicated to the Commissioners that in their guideline booklet for all parents, it will state that there will be no child dropped off on the streets. With that the Commissioners were satisfied and voted unanimously to approve the use district exception with Council confirmation.

Ms. Mozeleski, Linda and Sherrie are all in the audience if Council has any questions.

Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail – I have no objection to this Use District Exception. I had the opportunity and met several of these women previously. Linda runs a home day care center and I've worked with her in the past to have a fence put up and she's always been very responsible and a good resident, good neighbor. I know that she can run a good center. Ms. Mozeleski's house, the building where the business is located, has been awarded a Housing Improvement Award in the past. She takes care of her property very well. Sherrie has worked with Fred's Club, as well as the Parent University and she was part of the group that helped do the plantings along 200th Street in the tree-rings.

I know all three women are committed to improving our community and certainly interested in providing a safe environment for the children. I did speak to them about the traffic issues and I believe they have been resolved. I did suggest to them and I heard from Mr. Torowski, but suggested that they very clearly outline with any of the parents and families, where legal parking, stopping is. They've committed to keeping the three spaces behind the

building open for drop-off and pick up only, not allowing their employees to park there. I did share with them that, started to hear an increasing number of concerns of people where cars are parked all day, so they know that is an issue and will not allow employees to park all day on the street as well. I'm satisfied and would move forward with this Use District Exception.

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

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

Ord. 20-2006 (049-06) Rates Lakefront

An emergency ordinance establishing rates and guidelines for the rental of the Lakefront Community Center. (Sponsored by Council President Gudenas)

Councilman Delaney moved for passage, Councilman Conway seconded.

President Gudenas – this is the part we had to do so that we can continue renting out, the other part doesn't expire until the end of March I guess. There is a little bit of an increase. The point that needs to be made is the rental income coming in really probably doesn't cover the cost of heating, utilities, wear and tear, and certainly doesn't cover the cost of the building itself. This is a step forward to making sure we can cover the expenses of the building.

Councilman Lisy – To the administration, how much are we increasing the rates? Is my first question and how many users did we have attend the party center or the Lakefront Community Center that were non-residents?

Mayor Cervenik – I believe the rates for weekends on Friday and Sunday will be increased by \$20 an hour. I believe it is \$45 an hour for Saturday, correct Council President? I think you wanted to see that rate go to \$120 an hour.

The problem that we've experienced at least through Forko and I know they are not here tonight is that people that you knew were using the party center were non-residents were simply finding a resident that they know to call up and reserve the facility. They felt at the time that it would probably be more fair to all to charge a standard price for the use of the hall and go forward. I still feel that Mrs. Fike's comments have some merit. That is up to City Council. I really wasn't involved in the raising of these rates. I believe Councilman Gudenas you had a committee that established that these were fair rates to the community. The only thing I can tell you is that I believe virtually every Saturday is rented out from now until October. Maybe what you want to do to determine if these rates are too high is to let's see how the bookings go from here on end and if there's a problem then maybe we need to address these dollar amounts.

The Council president made the statement that even at this rate, we're not going to pay all the bills over there. It is not going to pay for the wear and tear. We're going to have to watch this very closely is all. I certainly don't want to price our building outside of the market for our residents. I think that's very important. We just don't want to do that. I'm open up for any changes in this at all. The city Council committee basically set these rates. We will live by them if it is passed tonight. But we do want to watch closely to see that it does not deter some usage of that property.

Councilman Lisy – When we were going through the discussions, it appears that it was almost exclusively rented out by residents and very few non-residents were paying the rate. We had two rate structures, one for non-residents and one for Euclid residents and it was only being rented by Euclid residents at the lower rate. That is part of the reason why we're not meeting the financial expectations of renting it out because we weren't getting as many non-residents renting it.

I am in favor of the rate increase because there is a demand for the center and it is primarily from Euclid residents and we need to cover our expenses. Thank you.

Councilwoman Mancuso – I would only ask as we look at the adjusted fee schedule, when we spoke about this in Committee, we were going to add Friday, make it a Friday and Saturday rate. It looks like we've got Sunday through Friday at \$75 and Saturday at \$95. I really think the way weddings are going and that is what we're going to see there on the weekends is that they can't book on Saturday, they just might book on Friday to add that rate to Friday night.

President Gudenas – That was brought up and the gentleman from Forko had implied that normally there should be a discount, lower rate for Friday as compared to Saturday.

Councilwoman Mancuso – We're talking about making up the difference in dollars.

President Gudenas – What we did is we added a peak Saturday rate for the prime season which is a little bit more, \$120. We wanted to make measured steps. We thought Friday might work, but he thought it should be a different rate and it is not worth arguing over the \$20 bucks.

Councilman Gruber – I do agree with Dorothy Fike. I had that in my notes when I was going over my packet that the people of the City of Euclid did pay for the building and there should be some type of justification made for them. Maybe we could look at a mid-week rate, like a discount on a Wednesday or days that are less favorable for some parties. And we could look at maybe giving some type of discount during the slower times of the week and maybe we can help with bookings during that time and have the Euclid residents a fair shake because they are paying for the building. That is something to look into.

The new line item in here about a portion of the money will be going to a beautification fund. Will that be a separate fund or will that go to the General Fund for the beautification and signage, or is that a separate account? How will that be?

President Gudenas – I think we'll need separate legislation. This is the way it is written, but again without Council legislation and earmarking it, it really doesn't happen.

Councilman Gruber- I'm glad to see that will be a self-sufficient fund for beautification and signage.

President Gudenas – Who knows, it will come back to City Council.

Councilman Gruber – Even if its \$25 for 41 Saturday, in that period it is \$5,125 and that makes a little bit of a difference. So if we could look at a different rate schedule during the week, during the slow times for the Euclid residents, if someone wanted to have a baby shower or something, we really shouldn't price those people out of the market.

President Gudenas – That's a very good idea. We probably should have a Euclid day every week, like a Wednesday. Also we could probably offer a certain time at the beginning of the year that Euclid residents get priority.

Councilman Gruber – Have them show their driver's license to make sure they are a Euclid resident, some verification and go from there.

President Gudenas – These rates are still below the normal market rate for any kind of lakefront center.

Councilman Gruber – I agree but the citizens of Euclid do have a significant investment.

President Gudenas – Right. We can continue to work on that.

Councilman Langman – Director Will, have you done any planning for some of this landscaping?

Director Will – At this time right now I'm working with a gentleman to figure out the price structure for the irrigation system. Before you do any type of landscaping down there we have to be able to irrigate it, water it, and I do not have any estimates back yet.

Councilman Langman – When might you be done with the gentleman?

Director Will – I hope within the next week or so. I talked with him today and hopefully I'll have all those quotes soon.

Councilman Langman – You'll share those with the Council?

Director Will – Absolutely.

Councilman Conway – Before we close debate, I just wanted to take this opportunity, though he is not here to thank Mr. Foreman for meeting with us last week. I know that they're as committed to making sure the Lakefront Center is really, set the standard for banquet facilities. I know he is open to making sure that we solve, as my colleague Councilman Delaney stated, that the identity crisis that the center is having at this point. I look forward to working with Mr. Foreman throughout the year to make sure the changes we have made today as well as the changes we discussed during our meeting, are something that get actively worked on throughout the next upcoming months.

Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail – I'm concerned the \$125 is too high and perhaps we're going to price ourselves out of the market. I understand that we want to attract business and from what Forko has stated, they've got almost every Saturday booked through the fall. Looking at the comparison of other community centers, this puts us probably higher than any other community center. I know that we don't offer all of the amenities. There's not enough seating for 250. There's room but we don't have the tables and chairs. There's plenty of things that extra cost that would get added on. I'm concerned that may deter and I'm wondering if there was any response from Mr. Foreman about that, I wasn't part of that meeting. I don't see that he's here. Was there any concern on his part that that's too high?

President Gudenas – I was at that meeting and Councilman Conway was and Director Will. I believe he agreed, I don't want to put words in his mouth, but he did not object to it. He did mention your concern about not enough chairs and tables where some of the chairs appear to be missing already. We did talk about replenishing some, I think it's at 176 or so. We probably need to work on that for the bigger parties are going to expect seating for at least 200. That is one issue that has to be addressed.

Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail – I'm more comfortable staying at the \$75 and \$95. That's already an increase from last year. Perhaps we could plan early enough to look at next year's prices. I would be more in favor of keeping it at that. I don't want to out price because if it is mainly Euclid people using this center, we're right in line and even at the \$95 I think we're at the high end of the other centers at least that they provided us with a comparison. I would hate for someone to have that be their decision making because we're going up to \$120 an hour. That's quite a jump from \$80, a \$40 increase in a year is a big jump. Personally I would rather see it stay at the \$75 & \$95 and Forko who has the experience of running this, takes the calls, shows people the building; perhaps plan on an increase next year to get us up to that level.

Councilman Delaney – I guess when we started this project we knew that we would go through this. We knew that we would have to find our niche in the market and where our product met its price. I think that we have to shoot for these numbers because I understand the initial expectation benefiting our Euclid residents who want to rent and use it. But, I don't think out of the 50,000 residents that help to pay toward and contribute to in some way to build it, will all be using it. I think we have to look at the people who will benefit by this building actually meeting its end. I know that it is more of a part of a historic structure, more of a new building, but as we have a brand new facility that is right on the lake, I think it is unique, I think it is very dynamic, I think people are going to pay the price. As we continue to face issues at the Shore Cultural Centre, the ice rink, this building, older buildings that we have to keep an eye on to make sure there's less and less contribution, it's the taxpayers as a whole that need to benefit. As long as we stay diligent and we keep after this, I think it is more important that we find out where our price-points are and we could always address this if it doesn't work out. The rule of thumb is to look at the whole city that built it where you find that most of the city won't be using it and they need to benefit just as much as those who do. Thank you.

President Gudenas – Mr. Foreman did point out that although it looks like a lot of residents might be renting it, but he said many outsiders then find friend or relative to sign the paperwork so they get the lower rate. We do have a lot of outsiders renting at the reduced city rate and that was his biggest concern is that there's no way to really differentiate between a resident who is going to use it and a resident who is just going to pass their name along. We're increasing his cut from 35% to 50%. This sort of keeps the city even. We have a tough budget, although we're managing this year, but there's still work to be done over there with the landscaping. As we kick this in, I think these rates will be a bargain rate as time goes on. I wish he was here, but he felt that he could work with these rates and obviously he'll report back if he finds he's got some problems that can be adjusted later. This is supposed to be a high-quality use and we have to charge accordingly.

Councilman Conway – I'll just add to the Council President's comments, I think Mr. Foreman would have been the first person to balk at the increased rates because obviously he has a vested interest in seeing every Saturday booked at these rates. Recognizing that it is a premiere facility on the lake, something that most other communities cannot provide. Though we'll all keep a close eye on it and I don't want to totally speak for him, but I left the meeting thinking that he was comfortable with these increased rates.

Councilman Lisy – Director Will, you get a report from Forko on how they're doing on the rentals for the upcoming year. I know I'm catching you off guard, I didn't think this was going to come up, but do you know how they're doing so far for 2006?

Director Will – The beginning of this contract I was in charge of putting it all together and working with it. But, since that time, the report does go through a different office now and that does not come through me. So I do not have that answer.

Director Frey – I'm aware that the Saturday nights are primarily booked through October. A good bit of 2006, the prime night anyhow, is already spoken for. I don't know how the drop off is after that period of time. It is a good bit of this year is already taken.

President Gudenas – Would that be at the new rates?

Director Frey- It would not be, those were bookings that were done prior to obviously this going into effect. I assume these are probably at the 2005 rate and wouldn't even be the \$95 that was proposed.

President Gudenas – We are sort of phasing it in it sounds like anyway.

Mayor Cervenik – In answer to Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail's question, Lisa Mayernik my administrative assistant had a conversation with Nancy Foreman who is a main member of Chefs for Hire of Forko and she's very involved in the rental and she did express some sincere concern that \$125 per hour on a Saturday may price it right out of the market. Again, it's council's preference to decide if in fact they want to take that chance. I think it was fair to answer the Councilwoman's questions that yes, Forko does have concern that \$125 an hour on Saturday night will not necessarily produce the results we hope.

Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail – I had a similar conversation Mr. Chairman. I would like to make a motion to amend this to have the \$120 per hour effective January 1, 2007, so that we have time to phase that in. I understand that we all want this to be a top class facility. I understand that we want to try to recoup as much as we've put in on this. But I also want to be fair to the residents who did help pay for this and offer then, who primarily are the main users, a decent rate to rent this. So I'll make motion.

Councilman Delaney – I disagree. I think that we are only foregoing the inevitable information that we want to have. If we hold off on raising the rate, it is just going to take longer and these are small steps. We can always come back in January 2007 and adjust it accordingly if we need to get more rentals.

Councilman Gruber – I'll second the motion.

President Gudenas – Any other discussion or vote on it right now? The motion is to amend the legislation from \$120 per hour for Saturday nights this year to starting January 1, 2007.

Councilman Conway- I think the question that needs to be answered though is where are you proposing the rate to be before we can

President Gudenas – It will be staying back at the \$95 rate. That would be part of it, in other words, to stay \$95 all year round. The motion would be better said stay at \$95 year round until, we're only approving this year anyway.

Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail – To further clarify, I'd rather be cautious than have to come back and revisit later. If we go through it cautiously and this is already a raise from last year and I understand Councilman Delaney's point, but I would rather err on the side of charging a little

bit less although this is still an increase and having the center successfully rented than jumping up to see if we can get that. I think we can get to there eventually.

Mayor Cervenik – To clarify some confusion as I stated in my conversation or Lisa's conversation with Forko, I used the figure of \$125, it is \$120. I said \$125. We don't need to put any more confusion but his \$120 was a concern that they had.

President Gudenas- Again, my point is on the \$120, \$95 or whatever, we're probably still, with air conditioning 18,000 sq. ft. and light it and all the cleaning and whatever, we're really not in the rental business. If we're going to open up such a large business on a Saturday which would normally would be closed, there should be some financial incentive for the City of Euclid and its residents and we really like the golf course and other businesses here, we really can't afford to lose money on some of these operations because it is not an essential service. We can't make money on the Fire Dept. or the Senior Programs, but a property like this has to cover its own way if it is going to be open after normal hours. Already some of the chairs are broke, they already need some improvements over there and we're going to need to put in some more money. Somehow we have to come up with this money. We either charge accordingly and get the money or it is going to start to decline in its quality and we still haven't finished the landscaping. Any other discussion? I see none. Roll Call on the amendment to basically strike out the \$120 per hour April through December.

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

President Gudenas – Any other discussion? I see none.

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

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

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

Res. 21-2006 (053-06) Police Agreement

A resolution authorizing the Mayor of the City of Euclid to execute an Agreement by and between the City of Euclid and Euclid Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #18, as exclusive bargaining agent for all Euclid Police Officers. (Sponsored by Mayor Cervenik)

Councilman Gruber moved for passage, Councilwoman Mancuso seconded.

Director Frey – The City engaged with the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 18 a good number of meetings beginning in late 2005 relative to reaching a contract agreement for a three year agreement 2006 through 2008. I'm pleased to indicate that we have achieved that agreement, it has been, the proposed contract has been ratified by the members of the Police union.

In essence the contract provides for a 3% wage increase each of the three years of the agreement. There is also an increase in the fire arm proficiency by thirty cents per hour in 2006; an additional twenty cents per hour increase in 2007; and twenty-five cent per hour in 2008. As part of the contract agreement the police union will be paying \$50 a month for single health care coverage in 2006 and \$75 a month for family coverage. Those amounts will go to \$75 and \$100 in 2007 and \$100 & \$125 per month in 2008.

In addition the city will offer a health care savings plan or a 125 plan that will allow a participant to put to \$3,000 in pre-tax money into a plan where they can pay for their office co-pays, prescription drug co-pays and various other items that again are paid on a pre-tax basis.

In sum, the contract the adjustment for the health care cost, the increase in the proficiencies and the wages come in at roughly 3% per year. The increase in the health care contribution and the proficiency increases offset to a large degree and then the actual net cost is the 3% wage increase.

That's the Police contract. I've provided to Council today a bit more detail on the actual dollars that are associated with those increase. I will point out, first of all that the dollar figure shown on that table for the Police, Fire and AFSCME are in thousands. After the unit, in this

case police, there's a number 96. These numbers reflect our anticipated staffing at 96 for 2006 and that's why the increase in 2006 is larger than in the succeeding years because we don't anticipate at least for purposes of this analysis increasing the department above the 96 members. We're at 96 now. We were at 92 coming into this year. There reflects the 4 additional officers in 2006 over 2005. There's a net expense with the employee medical deductible shown there. The Section 125 the employee medical deductible do not come out of that Police Dept. budget but are non-departmental general fund revenue on the one hand, expense on the other. I'll be glad to answer questions.

Councilman Lisy – Why does the salaries and wages go down so dramatically in 2007 & 2008?

Director Frey – From 2006?

Councilman Lisy – Yes.

Director Frey – The difference is the increase, it's not total salaries. That's the increase from the prior year. 2006 increase is larger because we've added 4 additional officers. There are no added increases in 2007 & 2008. I failed to mention that we've also increased the co-pays on the prescription drugs. I believe this union was paying \$0 and \$2, so they are \$5 on Generics, \$12 on preferred formulary, \$25 non-preferred formulary and \$30 lifestyle. So it is a significant increase. That does not reflect anywhere on this sheet. It is in the summary of what I gave you on the health care, but it doesn't reflect in dollars and cents here because it is a very difficult number to try to quantify before we actually spend the money.

President Gudenas – Because we didn't have the actual contract part of our packet, is there any change in the residency rule?

Director Frey – Yes, Mr. Chairman there is a change in the residency requirement. Prior contract, members of this Union and all other Unions were permitted to relocate outside the City of Euclid after eight years of service. We removed that consistent with what we did with the non-union employees last year. So the residency requirement is Lake, Cuyahoga and Geauga County. The residents must be maintained in those three counties.

President Gudenas – It would have been probably good to let us in on a little bit of that prior to hearing about it at the last second because that's an important change.

Director Frey – I apologize Mr. Chairman. That change is not inconsistent with the change in the State law, but more significantly is a change that we had made last year with the non-union employees that we've carried over into the bargaining agreements.

President Gudenas – Are there any other non-monetary changes that you talked about that we should know? Because again, we're voting on an agreement that we haven't seen, which is a little unusual.

Director Frey- There are language changes only. There are no other changes that are material other than I think we removed some of the grievance and discipline procedure language from the contract and made it part of the Chief's Departmental Order. I wouldn't characterize that as significant in any regard. We just tried to make it consistent in all of the units that the Chief manages, Corrections, Records & Dispatch and Police Officers, we wanted to have a standard discipline policy for those three groups and we removed it from the contract and made it part of the Chief's Departmental Orders. I don't think that there was anything else that was significant. The only really significant non-monetary change was the residency.

President Gudenas – Any comments? I see none.

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

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

Passed.

Res. 22-2006 (054-06) AFSCME Contract

A resolution authorizing the Mayor of the City of Euclid to execute an Agreement by and between the City of Euclid and the Ohio Council 8 and Local 2509 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO, as exclusive bargaining agent for all employees in the Streets and Sewers Department, Public Buildings and Lands Department, and Traffic Signs and Signals Department. (Sponsored by Mayor Cervenik)

Councilman Delaney moved for passage, Councilwoman Mancuso seconded.

Director Frey – This agreement is likewise a three year agreement. It includes a 3% wage increase. It includes the identical changes in the health care coverage. It includes the 125 plan that we spoke of before. The other change here is in 2007, we have what we've described as an equity adjustment of thirty-five cents per hour; an additional forty-five cents per hour in 2008. The rationale for those adjustments, those are in addition to the 3% increases. The rationale for those adjustments are that we found that we were losing significant number of members from that bargaining unit to other communities in this general area due to the differences in rates that they were being paid. We factored that in in the estimate of increased cost that shows on the hand-out from today. The salaries and wages we expect to increase over 2006, in 2006 from 2005, by almost \$35,000, that number grows to \$60,000 increase in 2007 and a \$92,500 increase in 2008. Again that's from each succeeding year. That has that adjustment.

The other item that we increased in the budget is the boot clothing allowance to \$775 per year from the current \$525. It then remains constant over the three years of that agreement.

We have a recoupe-ment of some of the health care costs. The net increase in 2006 over 2005 and I believe this is at a static level, number of employees would be \$35,000 in 2006; \$61,000 increase in 2007 and a \$98,000 increase in 2008. The employees that are in this group include the Streets & Sewers employees; the Building Maintenance employees; and the Traffic Maintenance employees. The number that we have is 33 is those three groups. Residency changes consistent with the, what we had indicated in the Police contract.

President Gudenas – Any questions?

Director Gulich – Just want to mention that these gentlemen have a difficult job in this department. No one can beat Mother Nature, but we pretty much ask them to do that on a regular basis and just want to recognize them for how they step up to the bat when necessary and come through for us.

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

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

Passed.

Res. 23-2006 (055-06) Fire Dept. Contract

A resolution authorizing the Mayor of the City of Euclid to execute an Agreement by and between the City of Euclid and the Euclid Professional Fire Fighters Association, Local No. 337 of the International Association of Fire Fighters, as exclusive bargaining agent for all Euclid Fire Fighters. (Sponsored by Mayor Cervenik)

Councilwoman Mancuso moved for passage, Councilman Conway seconded.

Director Frey – We have a planned 3% increase in the base salary of the firefighters in each of the three years. We have a uniform maintenance increase of \$250 each year for the three year and then we have an increase in the squad premium which is right now \$1.15 an hour and it would go to \$1.40 an hour and remain at that for the three years. Again the recoupe-ment in the health care cost. You have the figures that show those increase in 2006 over 2005 are a little over \$151,000. 2007 is \$150,000; 2008 is almost \$156,000. Again this is figured on an increase staffing to 76 firefighters.

Residency change there is a little bit different and it is a time distance from the City of Euclid as opposed to a contiguous county change. I believe it is a one hour travel time from the City to the residence of the firefighter.

The practical impact in those changes by the way is only for the new hires. Most of the members are already in excess of eight years with the department. So if they've moved, they moved.

President Gudenas – See no other discussion on that. Roll Call.

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

Passed.

Mayor Cervenik – Now that these three contracts have been approved by council, I would like to number one, commend the Law Dept. and Finance Dept. and the various Directors involved. But even more importantly the members of our bargaining units as well. We made a commitment to sit down and work this out amongst ourselves without the practice of hiring attorneys to do battle for us. We didn't fool each other, we didn't play games, we sat down and said we want these contracts settled. We need to have a fair settlement. We had a goal of making sure all of our hospitalization and our employee benefits packages were standardized, we accomplished that. We have now with the family coverage in the third year of the contracts being \$125 a month. Although that is still something less than what the private sector is used to paying, in many cases it is one of the highest if not the highest in the State of Ohio. Our bargaining units, our employees understand the value of the health care. They understand the value of making sure the City can afford to keep the proper staffing level in all different departments.

Again, I would just like to commend the bargaining units, our employees. As Director Gulich says, our employees go way above and beyond their call of duty many times. I've been very proud to be their Mayor and they made my job very easy and I'm glad we're working the same way with the remaining bargaining units. With most of them we're making very good headway. We're confident that over the next month or so we will have all of the bargaining units and contracts in front of you, very similar to what you have here today. Thank you.

President Gudenas – Thank you. It is good to get these over with.

Mayor Cervenik – My real intention was to get them done sooner, but some things get in the way at times, but we're ready to go. Like I said, it was a very, very positive process and I hope future administrations learn from this that it doesn't need bargaining negotiations, doesn't have to be an ugly thing that everybody wants to go away. It can be a very positive experience as this was.

President Gudenas – Every three years we can do it again.

Ord. 24-2006 (048-06) Police Vehicle Purchase

An emergency ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service of the City of Euclid to purchase nine (9) vehicles for use by the Police Department at a cost of Two Hundred Twenty One Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$221,400.00) through the State of Ohio Cooperative Purchasing Program. (Sponsored by Councilwoman Mancuso by request of the Police Chief)

Councilman Gruber moved for passage, Councilwoman Mancuso seconded.

Chief Maine – The purpose of this ordinance obviously is to procure new vehicles for the Police Dept. The request here is very much in line with the proposed capital budget that we had submitted to the Mayor back at the end of 2004, first part of 2005. We forewent the purchase of any new vehicles last year. Our fleet is showing the effects of that. The 9 vehicles that we are proposing to purchase here, 8 of them would be purchased with capital expenditures. The other car will be purchased with the JAG grant that I had mentioned earlier.

The cars that will be put in service will take the place of cars that are presently on the line. Those cars will be put into another purpose and at some point about 9 cars will be taken out of service. The 9 cars that are scheduled to be taken out of service now have well over 100,000 miles on them. I would ask for this ordinance to be passed and I'll be glad to answer any questions.

Councilman Gruber – Chief, I support your request. I noticed that we're expanding the fleet, we're going to get some Expeditions and an Explorer. This is going to be used for patrol or the K-9 units? I'm glad to see this because some of the higher elevations in some of the areas I represent are difficult to get into. It is a good diversification.

Chief Maine – The Expedition is specifically going to be used by our AIU unit. They are on the freeway an awful lot. They also need the extra room for all the equipment they carry as well as the extra people that they have in their cars when they are taking accident reports and so forth.

President Gudenas – So we understand better, the police cars coming off duty, are they going to remain with all the equipment? Or do we use that elsewhere or what happens to those cars?

Chief Maine – The Crown Vics and the Expedition will be coming and replacing seven cars that are front-line cars now. Those cars will be used also as front-line cars but they'll be used by other patrol officers. So the higher end secondary cars will be moved into ancillary staff positions as well as probably being phased out to other departments which often times use old police cars.

President Gudenas – That's why we ask because with the high fuel costs, it seems like maybe that's no longer a good thing to do because your cars have a lot of engine power, where the Housing Dept. can take their time.

Mayor Cervenik- They do have a lot of engine power, that's a good thing. On the three year capital budget that we'll be presenting to you through the efforts of Motor Maintenance Supt. John Zigman, there is the purchase of a number, I'm not sure, it might be 4 or 5 of the small, very fuel efficient pick-ups that would be used for the inspectors and our engineers, so we do not take those used police cars and suck up 9 miles to the gallon. We will be talking about that next month. I think you want to talk about capital in March. It is not our intention unless it is of an emergency nature to use these police cars for other city business. We would auction them off and recoup that sale.

Councilman Lisy – How much money is in our capital improvements account, or capital purchases account?

Mayor Cervenik – What was presented to the Council last year for 2006, it was approximately \$2.2 million. We do have some leadway in those numbers and we're working on that now so we can make an intelligent presentation to City Council in March.

Councilman Lisy – And where does this money come from?

Mayor Cervenik – This money, the money for 2006 and 2007 would be from short-term borrowing and paid back eventually out of our Bond Retirement Fund. We have a schedule on our Bond Retirement Fund that we can borrow for capital needs somewhere between \$2 and 3 million a year. That will always allow us a schedule, as long as we don't do any major things, that schedule allows or maintains a minimum \$1-1/2 million cash balance in the Bond Retirement Fund. Our underwriter, A.G. Edwards, has told us many times that that is the amount that we should have in there at all times so that it does not adversely affect our bond rating.

Councilman Lisy – Thank you.

Councilwoman Mancuso – To kind of piggy back on your question, the cars that you're going to take out of service, are they equipped with any of the special communications that have been purchased that are going in the vehicles or are in the vehicles, I hope?

Chief Maine – The ones that will be taken out of police service will have all of that equipment removed before they're sold at auction unless Mr. Zigman feels that he can auction them to another Police Department with that equipment still in it, but most of it is, we're talking about radio equipment which is specific to our frequency so I would doubt whether it...

Councilwoman Mancuso – Anybody else can use it.

Chief Maine – Well, there are users for that equipment out there so we'll try to get as much money as we can.

Councilwoman Mancuso – And will the new cars come with all the bells and whistles we need for communication or do we have to purchase new for them?

Chief Maine – Some of, most of the new cars will have equipment that presently is in the cars now. Although we are also, as part of the communication project this year, supposedly I'm going to upgrade our mobile radios. We're presently in the process of putting together the specs for the, all the mobile radios for the City and I hope to come to Council some time in the next month to 6 weeks with the cost for that. But that money has also been in our Capital Budget and part of the greater communication upgrade project.

Councilwoman Mancuso – So you're telling me they will come with communication devices so that we're not going to have to repurchase, what you're doing is upgrading, what you're asking.

Chief Maine – Eventually, we will be upgrading; but I can't imagine we'll be getting those until later on this year. But when they're upgraded, all these come with, how do I, like a console that provides for easy in and out relocation of this. It's not like the cars have to be completely torn apart. They have pretty standard cabling and that sort of thing. Does that help explain your question?

Councilwoman Mancuso – The last time we bought vehicles was what year?

Chief Maine – 2004, we didn't buy any last year.

Councilwoman Mancuso – And we bought how many last, at that time?

Chief Maine – I believe either 6 or 7. I would have to go back and check.

Councilwoman Mancuso – Thank you.

Councilwoman Mancuso moved to close debate; seconded by Councilman Langman. Yeas: Unanimous.

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

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

Ord. 25-2006 (046-06) 06 Hydrant Replmnt/ Benza Assoc.

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service of the City of Euclid to enter into an agreement with Michael Benza and Associates, Inc. to provide professional services relative to the 2006 Hydrant Replacement Program in an amount not to exceed Twenty-nine Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$29,600.00). (Sponsored by Councilman Gruber by request of Service Director)

Councilman Gruber moved for passage; seconded by Councilman Delaney.

Director Gulich – The presentation made to Council last year regarding our Capital Infrastructure Report for waterline improvements emphasized the need to upgrade our hydrants where we have the low-fire flows where we know about the computer model that Benza and Associates put together indicate where we felt the problems would be 'course the Fire Chief and his people are out there every year running fire flows on every hydrant in the City. The reports from Michael Benza and Associates and our Fire Department pretty much are in agreement. We asked the Chief to make his suggestions where he feels the biggest needs are. We have areas across the City that we will be upgrading for and hydrants charging up to 6 hydrants in order to get our fire flows up to where they need to be. And what we're asking for here is a, a lump sum fee not to exceed \$29,600 for Benza and Associates to perform these engineering fees so that we can do the repairs and, of course, the repairs will be part of the hydrant fund.

President Gudenas – Very good.

Councilman Langman – Is this separate from Mr. Benza's program to rehabilitate waterlines and uncouple sanitary sewers etc.? Could you explain that?

Director Gulich – It's one of the components of that.

Councilman Langman – Okay, so some, some of this will be in conjunction with, are there some hydrants that are outside this scope of that other program or outside of those areas?

Director Gulich – Yes, later this year, I'll be bringing to you, of course, the next phase of the, of the improvements that were recommended in the Infrastructure Improvement Report. So of course if we're going to be rehabilitating waterlines as we did up on Glenridge and some areas up in Ward 4, try to run down all the streets, I think there were 5 all together. When we're up there doing those, we were also upgrading the fire hydrants so we get the flows up in the mains and we get the flows up in the fire hydrants and, course, this goes a long way towards keeping our, our fire insurance down where we need to.

Councilman Langman – I would imagine most of the hydrants are up the hill because of the pressure situation, are there any that are down in the 1st or 2nd Ward or 3rd Ward?

Director Gulich – As a matter of fact, Councilman Langman, I'll be contacting you in the next couple of weeks the batch we're doing, which is actually the 2005 as you know, we got this procedure going late last year, the bulk of those will be in Ward 2 and Ward 3 and I will be contacting the appropriate Ward people and, course, we've got them scattered throughout the City here. So the fire flows are not, I guess, would you say partial to any particular Ward Council people, they are scattered throughout the City and we do try to get them, as I said, where the Fire Department's test flows indicate the biggest needs there.

Councilman Langman – Thank you.

Councilman Lisy – Will Benza and Associates be making any recommendations on the type of fire hydrants we buy?

Director Gulich – The City of Cleveland Water Department allows certain type of hydrants to go in. For years and years and years, as a matter of fact, Cleveland Water Department only permitted Kennedy hydrants to be installed. The Water Department was sued by the other manufacturers saying our hydrants are just as good. The City of Cleveland Water Department was pretty much forced to allow different variety of hydrants to go in, but they do have to meet the criteria and the standards set forth by the American Water Works Association so I guess that was the long answer. The short answer is yeah, these could be any number of different hydrants that are approved by the Water Department and, of course, what contractors will do they'll call around and get the best price and it will be an improved hydrant and that's all part of the lowest and best price bidding procedure.

Councilman Lisy – What I was really getting at is, is it conforms to the type of fire hydrants we need for our Fire Department that we don't have to get any special adapters or any type of special fixturing for the current fire vehicles that we have?

Director Gulich – Very good point, I don't know if the Chief wants to make any comments because you probably have read that some cities do have some problems. Fortunately, the City of Cleveland has been very careful to, as to which hydrants they do allow to be installed and, of course, they are all completely complementary to the equipment we have. Good point.

Councilman Lisy – Thank you.

President Gudenas – Enough of the fire hydrants? Okay.

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

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

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

Ord. 26-2006 (047-06) East 222nd Reconstruction Bids

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service of the City of Euclid to advertise for bids and enter into a contract for the East 222nd Street Reconstruction Ohio Public Works Project. (Sponsored by Councilman Gruber by request of Service Director)

Councilman Gruber moved for passage; seconded by Councilwoman Walsh.

Director Gulich – You’ve all heard plenty about this project, very exciting project to be starting very soon. Hopefully, we will have the finished plans in place in March so we can start the bidding procedure and get underway with the construction just as the weather improves. We’ve been meeting with Lincoln Electric. Frank Pietravoia’s people have been very helpful. We do have to obtain some right-of-way there, touch a number of bases; but I think Director Pietravoia would like to add on to what I have to say. They’ve been pursuing some additional funds. Currently, we have all the funds in place to proceed with the project we had planned and Mr. Pietravoia is going to be able to enhance the project and he’ll be glad to tell us about that.

President Gudenas – Director Pietravoia, tell us about that.

Director Pietravoia – Just briefly, we are going after additional funding through the County as well as the State. We made a strong case to them about the number of jobs and companies that will be impacted by this roadway and we have some positive feedback so far so we will be coming back to Council with legislation to accept funds once we get specific dollar amounts.

President Gudenas – Will you have money to paint the railroad bridge?

Director Pietravoia – It’s interesting that you should ask that question because part of our goal is to actually improve the appearance of that corridor so we are looking for dollars to make those kinds of improvements as part of the project, new lighting, new sidewalks, improving the overall appearance of the corridor.

President Gudenas – Very good. All right. Motion, actually we never had a debate so we can.

Councilwoman Walsh moved to suspend the rules; seconded by Councilwoman Mancuso. Yeas: Unanimous.

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

Ord. 27-2006 (057-06) Amend 793/Transient Occupancy

An ordinance amending Chapter 793, Transient Occupancy Tax of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Euclid to increase the bed tax from 3% to 5%. (Sponsored by Council President Gudenas)

Councilman Lisy moved for passage; seconded by Councilman Conway.

President Gudenas – We could put this in committee. This came to, obviously, our attention when we had a hotel being put up and at the Council Office we collect the money over there and I was told that that hadn’t increased in many, many years. We only have one hotel so it’s not a lot of money, but it would, obviously, be another revenue source. So would we like to discuss it today, put it in committee or what have you? We can all vote on it. Okay, any comments from the Administration?

Mayor Cervenik – If you would like, we can share some figures with Council on what’s been brought in on that tax at the 3% rate. Otherwise, it’s strictly up to Council if they want to at this time raise the hotel fees.

President Gudenas – Well, we could...

Councilman Gruber – I’d like to hear how much that we brought in and also make sure that this would be a tax increase, correct?

President Gudenas – This is a, only on beds.

Councilman Gruber - Oh, okay.

Mayor Cervenik – In 2002 we received 7,321; 03 - 7,549; 04 - 10,017; 05 - 11,828 and we're estimating about \$10,000 for 06.

President Gudenas – At the 3% rate.

Mayor Cervenik – At the 3% rate, that's what we, that's the total sum of what was collected.

Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail – In the legislation you, as, oh, I have one right in front of me, sorry, you indicated this was to come in line with other area hotels. Do you happen to know what Cleveland what their rate is or any other communities, I mean, why the 5? Is that what other communities are at?

President Gudenas – Well, when the other hotel was here with their proposal, I had asked them what bed tax do you expect to pay? They said 5 and I said why's that? He said that's what we pay elsewhere so the latest operator that was here mentioned the 5 and they told me that was the industry average, at least, you know, the markets they deal with.

Councilman Gruber – Cleveland's higher than that.

President Gudenas – Cleveland's higher than that.

Councilman Gruber – See if Cleveland is.

President Gudenas – So that's, you know, we didn't do a real big research, but my guess is the one hotel we have here, I don't, you know, the room, when you have a \$35 room rate, the extra 2%'s not that much. And if this is approved, I was going to ask at some point to come back to it and maybe we could earmark the bed tax money for something related to cultural activities and the like.

Councilman Gruber – Flower beds.

President Gudenas – Flowers, whatever you may have it, in other words, this could be a revenue source to cover an ongoing project here.

Mayor Cervenik – As I've stated before at Council rather than earmark or create new funds for new revenues, I just wish it would be better that that money goes into the General Fund and you amend the budget to match the income that comes in rather than setting up. It's just very cumbersome to be setting up various Enterprise Funds and the other danger we have there is if we do it with the one type of revenue, other departments as we've had before, will come to you and say well why don't, we're doing this now for the City why don't you earmark that for our equipment? I think we can keep tabs on the increase and say, oh hey, well, we increased the bed tax by probably \$4200 in 06 where do we want to use that money is all I'm asking.

President Gudenas – Okay.

Mayor Cervenik – Okay, thank you.

Councilman Langman – Director Pietravoia or perhaps Law Director Frey can answer, the County, they have a portion of their bed tax that they use to help pay for, I think, the Rock Hall or the Browns Stadium. Is that, our tax is that on top of what the County levies or how, how does that work?

Director Pietravoia – I believe it is on top of our own local tax. It's also true in Lake County. They passed a tax not too long ago for the, to help pay for stadium-related costs in Eastlake. So they have a separate county tax in Lake County as well just like Cuyahoga County does.

Councilman Langman – So just for clarification on our one hotel, there is a county tax that applies to those.

Director Pietravoia – They charge that separately.

Councilman Langman – Okay, thank you.

President Gudenas – Any other discussion? See none.

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

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

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

Ord. 28-2006 (050-06) Ice Arena Maintenance

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Parks and Recreation of the City of Euclid to enter into an agreement, after soliciting for proposals, for the preventative maintenance of the C.E. Orr Ice Arena at a cost not to exceed Eighteen Thousand Dollars (\$18,000.00). (Sponsored by Councilman Delaney by request of Parks & Recreation Director)

Councilman Delaney moved for passage; seconded by Councilman Lisy.

Director Will – What this is, is a basic agreement for a company to come in and to prevent any major things from going wrong at the ice arena. We're looking for this agreement to cover the chillers, the brine pumps, the condenser water pumps, dehumidifier, the dehumidifier pump, cooling tower and the air handling unit. Looking for a company to come in on a monthly basis, more if needed, to take a look at the equipment and just make sure it's properly and efficiently operating. Our contract that we have right now will be expiring on March 31st. I would like to enter into a contract with a company for a 2 or 3 year agreement and be able to lock the price for the same amount now for the next 3 years. We're currently paying a little less than 14,000 with the anticipated increase, I know it's not going to exceed 18,00; but again, I'd like to solicit the proposals and then enter into a contract for a term of not to exceed in 3 years.

President Gudenas – All right, any debate, discussion?

Councilman Lisy – As I'm looking through the Recreation operating budget for Memorial arena, what line item would this typically fall under?

Director Will – That comes under Other Professional Services.

Councilman Lisy – Why wouldn't it come underneath Janitorial Maintenance Supplies?

Director Will – Why wouldn't it come under?

Councilman Lisy – Yes.

President Gudenas – Cause it's a service.

Director Will – It's a service; it's a professional service.

Councilman Lisy – Okay, I got you. The way they're, you look at the way it's written it sounds like it's janitorial maintenance. Never mind, thank you.

Councilman Lisy moves to close debate; seconded by Councilwoman Mancuso. Yeas:
Unanimous.

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

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

Ord. 29-2006 (058-06) Cadillac Music Corp. Year Lease

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Parks & Recreation of the City of Euclid to enter into a one-year lease agreement with Cadillac Music Corporation, 3950 Carnegie Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44115, for three machines to be installed in the Sticks Pub and Grille, located on the Briardale Greens Golf Course. (Sponsored by Councilman Delaney by request of Parks & Recreation Director)

Councilman Delaney moved for passage; seconded by Councilman Conway.

President Gudenas – Director Will will tell us what kind of video games we're going to have.

Director Will – As one thing that I promised City Council we would look at different ways to bring in additional revenue to the golf course. We were able to work out an agreement with Cadillac Music for a one-year term to bring in three machines. One is a Golden Tee machine; another is a Video Bowling machine and then a Mega Touch screen that actually would go on the counter top.

The agreement once signed, again, would go for one year. The City would get 50% of the money that is brought into the machine. The company would come a weekly basis to empty the machine. When they do that, there would be one of the staff employees that would also be there to count the money with them. Again, it's another way to enhance the revenue at the golf course. I'll be working with the Commission on this and updating them on the revenues that come in for these three pieces of equipment.

President Gudenas – Councilman Conway has a different idea.

Councilman Conway – Not necessarily different idea but just a question, going into this lease besides the 50-50 split between the City and Cadillac is there any upfront or monthly expense associated with the lease?

Director Will – No, there is not.

Councilman Conway – Thank you.

Director Frey – I want to make clear that the machines that would be involved in this I'm not familiar with the Golden, what is it?

Director Will – Golden Tee.

Director Frey – Not Golden Tee, the Mega Touch and not only do I want to look at that, I'll have Sgt. Blakeley from the Police Department look at it and make sure that that complies with Ohio Code. There is a raging dispute right now between machine manufacturers, local government over whether some machines constitute illegal slot machines or whether they are truly games of skill. There is litigation in southern Ohio and I'm told an Action filed in Franklin County so we will be looking at those machines to make sure that they comply with our understanding of, of whether they're legal or illegal gambling devices. This is certainly an area where the State of Ohio needs to make a determination for the entire state and rather than tell us how we should handle predatory lending and residency issues that we can very effectively handle on a local level, you know, we need to have the same rules applied in Euclid as applied Wickliffe and Willowick and Richmond Heights and Cleveland as far as gambling so that the communities aren't pitted against each other in that respect. But, I will look at those machines again with Sgt. Blakeley and make sure that we are satisfied that anything we put in at the golf course complies with Ohio law.

President Gudenas – So you didn't hear about that race track idea in the back, huh?

Director Frey – No sir.

President Gudenas – All right, we will assume that we will be legal.

Councilman Langman – Director Will, have you had discussions with the vendor as to what the potential revenue stream might be from these machines and do other golf course clubhouses have similar machines?

Director Will – We did speak with the gentleman that operates this and the fact that we’re putting in these three types of machines, he doesn’t currently have a place right now that has those three machines. We can generate anywhere from \$1,000 to \$10,000 depending on what happens. So I’m going to hope for the 10,000 and I’m reporting back to you that maybe it’s even more. As far as the other places, other golf courses, we’re, again, a unique situation because of having new Sticks Pub and Grille over there. The other golf courses that are strictly like a pro shop do not have that machine. So again, this is something new and we’ll work with it and see how it goes.

I do want to add one item. Our Recreation Commission did have the opportunity to look at the lease prior to us bringing it to City Council and gave their full approval of this.

President Gudenas – Very good.

Councilman Conway – I believe that most of these games, depending on which version we’re looking at installing at Sticks, require internet access for nightly downloads, especially the e-music, the Mega Tunes, I believe, (a) do you know if those are the machines that we’re getting and (b) do we already have internet access wired at the facility for these machines?

Director Will – The machines that we are getting are not going to require the internet access.

Councilman Conway – Okay.

President Gudenas – But we do have internet access to the building.

Director Will – There is internet access for computers, yes.

President Gudenas – Okay. Oh, Councilwoman Walsh, she has her own favorite machine.

Councilwoman Walsh – I have two questions, Mr. Chairman. First question, is did you go out to bid for these machines?

Director Will – We did not go out to bid. One of the ideas that drove us to Cadillac Music is he was willing to do just a one year lease with us. The other companies that we spoke to wanted 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 year leases; but again, he was willing to do a one year lease.

Councilwoman Walsh – And the second thing is I can well appreciate we need the revenue, but I think we need to be prudent and go along with Director Frey’s words. I think we need to slow down because I’m not quite sure what these machines have to do with golf and are we becoming a bar and a recreation place or are we becoming a golf course with an enjoyable after the game sandwich and beverage? I think, I think Mr. Frey has brought up some very good points and perhaps the issue should be tabled ‘til we know exactly what these machines do because there’s people going to go in there just to play the machines. I’m really not comfortable with the machines. Thank you, Mr. Frey.

President Gudenas – Any other comments?

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

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

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

President Gudenas – And now that we’ve covered the important stuff, we can take a break because we’re going to come back with the budget legislation. We’re right at 2 hours and we have to take our usual break at 9 o’clock to change the tapes. So we’ll be back in a few minutes.

We still have the Mayor’s State of the City Address to look forward to so let’s get back to business on Item #17.

Ord. 30-2006 (059-06) 2006 Annual Appropriation

An emergency ordinance amending Ordinance No. 195-2005, which makes the annual appropriation for all expenditures for the City of Euclid for the period ending December 31, 2006. (Sponsored by Mayor Cervenik and entire Council by request of Finance Director)

Councilman Lisy moved for passage; seconded by Councilman Delaney.

President Gudenas – And this is the end result of several meetings and the like and discussions and the Administration's revisions and I think that's about all we need to say. Mayor Cervenik.

Mayor Cervenik – Only that, again, I would like to thank you and Council. I firmly believe we had a very good round of budget hearings. I think a lot of cooperation was shown and I hope this continues in the future. The one thing I do want to remind you and the Finance Director did mention that to you, I believe, at our second last meeting there will be some small, some amendments to this budget for the changes in some of the contracts that we are presenting to you and will be presenting to you; but for the most, it will not be any significant changes, percent changes in our General Fund budget. But other than that, again, I think the process went very well. We made some very minor changes from the worksheet that I presented with you at the last budget hearing so less than, I think, \$10 or 12,000 in changes so I think it worked out very well. And now we will be, we're committed to getting your monthly budget reports in the format you have requested. As we said, Mr. Beckwith from the Finance Department will be responsible for expediently putting those together each and every month and then it is my intention to spend some time each month reviewing those reports, examining where some problems and where variances are and we're looking forward to that process.

President Gudenas – Very good.

Councilman Lisy – And I, too, would like to thank the Mayor and his staff for all their help because throughout this process the budget has gone from, has been reduced by almost \$1.1 million and I think that's a lot of tough cuts that a lot of people had to deliberate about to come up with that cut. But when I looked at the amount compared to 2005, it's still 6% greater than the 2005 budget and that was a little disconcerting to me until I looked back to 2003, 2004 and 2005 going back 3 years. And the reason I chose 2003 because that's when the, most other areas were coming out of the recession and that's where we hit our low in our expenses. And when you look at a growth of 2.7% that's what we have there and that's very realistic for an organization this size with the staffing increases we're experiencing in 2006 it's very realistic numbers to have our expenditures in this \$36.1 million range and so I'm in support of the final budget that we have right here in front of us.

Mayor Cervenik – And you couple that, you add on to that statement the fact that our expenditures were increased by almost a half million dollars due to retirements another item that has not, we have not experienced over the past 3 or 4 years, the progress is even more dramatic. And certainly I need to thank Director Johnson and his staff, Cathy, Carol and all the others that worked very hard, diligently and put in a lot of hard hours to come up with the end result. It's very much appreciated.

Councilman Langman – I'd just like to add that the residents should be very proud of how the process worked for this budget cycle. As the Mayor alluded to, there was cooperation; there was give and take; but it must be emphasized that the process is not done even though we passed the budget. That's what the monthly reports are for so that we can monitor spending so that we don't run into any unforeseen or unfortunate circumstances down the line. So even though we are passing the budget the process will continue in the months to come.

President Gudenas – Very good and no video machines in this budget.

Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail – Just a point of clarification, we, the budget in regards to recycling currently keeps it as it currently as, I'm not making myself clear, sorry. It's the same way as we're doing right now with the drop off. I know we had, there was going to be some discussions about that. Are we going to have a presentation?

President Gudenas – I believe we will from Mayor Cervenik.

Mayor Cervenik – We have had two vendors talk to us about recycling and I believe we're waiting for one more or at least a clarification on the second one. We will be presenting to Council recommendations and we've, I don't want to put anyone hopes up, but there is a possibility that curbside recycling is in the near future for us. But I'd like you to give us another 30 days to make sure that we can do that. And if we can, I fully believe we'll be able to do it within the parameters that's contained in this budget currently and that that would not be one of those items for amendment.

President Gudenas – Drop offs would remain regardless or no or maybe?

Mayor Cervenik - No, no, no, the paper, the private drop off...

President Gudenas – Right, that's what I meant like at St. Robert's and the Animal.

Mayor Cervenik – All those yes, and I would, if we do change, and again, I don't want to, I probably shouldn't have said what, I don't want anybody's hopes up; but if we do change, it is, I will be strongly recommending that our residents continue to drop off the papers at the various Abitibi locations at the Hunger Center, Pet Pals, at the various schools because those organizations have come to depend upon that money. Any program that we do, right now, really, the only thing you make money on recycling for the most part is paper. So any recycling program, curbside recycling program we do has to allow residents to put it on the tree lawn, but we will always encourage to take that extra step to go forward and help our various charities in the community. But it's going to take about 30 days to sort this all out and we will discuss it with you and we will go from there.

President Gudenas – Very good.

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

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

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

CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

Res. 14-2006 (044-06) Sympathy Bill Mabel

A resolution commemorating the life of former Euclid Councilman Bill Mabel, who passed away January 14, 2006 at the age of 75. (Sponsored by Mayor Cervenik and entire Council)

Councilwoman Mancuso moved for passage; seconded by Councilwoman Walsh.

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

President Gudenas – And we end the regular portion of our meeting now we come to the Committee of the Whole regarding anything for the general welfare of the City of Euclid.

Councilwoman Walsh moved to go into the Committee of the Whole; seconded by Councilman Delaney. Yeas: Unanimous.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Mr. Jerry Corbran – 24250 Maplewood Dr. I understand Director Pietravoia said something about the thing, something I'm going to address here. I wasn't here so I'll have to address it. Now I'll go ahead.

Anyway, developer Doug Price putting lakefront development on hold was a shock to me. The problem seems to be the City securing a timely federal grant to couple with the expected TIF revenues over the next 30 years. As we all know, these TIF revenues will be generated from new construction by Price and will be used by the City to pay for the protective break wall. The best part is no extra tax burden for the rest of the City residents. Price has invested millions in the

purchasing, rehabbing, building and planning. Over 2 years ago Council convinced him that a magnificent project called Harbor Town could be done and the Administration proceeded with the paperwork leading to the agreement. This is now a home run that's turned into a double. The Council and Administration appear to need help from us the spectators.

By the next Council meeting it can be expected that a grassroots letter writing campaign to Congress will be launched. We did this in the 70s with spectacular results. This is not a pork barrel request to Congress. This is not like a bridge to nowhere that an Alaskan Senator is seeking. This is a solid, public/private venture that needs just a little help. It is a sound project that will generate jobs, tax revenues and attract residents with a lot of disposal income. It could remark, it could mark the return of the City's glory years. This is a win-win project that will benefit all residents.

By or before the next meeting we will have the necessary sample letters, addresses, etc. for public distribution. At that time, I hope that the Mayor will encourage the public as well as the City employees and their families to participate. I ask that Council also participate in this effort to bring the project back on line and I thank you very much.

Mr. Tom Cooke – 25641 Edgecliff. I would just like to echo again Mr. Corbran's concern regarding Harbor Town project and the effort that must be put forth by this community as a whole to make sure that this thing does take off and does work.

Real quick, congratulations are definitely in store for the Mayor, the Administration and all the bargaining units that were involved in coming together on agreement with, with all these, with the 3 different unions. This is definitely phenomenal, especially when you consider that no other outside sources were used to bring these parties together.

To put it mildly between that and the cooperation between Council and the budget hearings, I'm mildly shocked and surprised or nicely surprised put it that way.

Regarding the golf course, Ms. Will, how many women golf? I'm not a golfer so how many women golf, give me an idea? Is it roughly 50%, 40%? Reason I ask is there's no women represented on the Commission.

Director Will – I'm not sure of the exact percentage, but we do have a large amount of people that are females that do utilize the golf course; but I don't have a percentage.

Mr. Cooke – Okay, did anybody, did any women seek these positions or were any of these positions offered to women by Council?

President Gudenas – Yes, there were two applications. One of which went to the other committee instead.

Mr. Cooke – Okay, but we didn't pursue anything further beyond that? It just seems that we should have more of a representation.

President Gudenas – Well, again, we have room for up to 7 members so that's why we didn't appoint all of them.

Mr. Cooke – Okay, so we could add 2 females to the Commission then in addition to the 5 that are male and currently already there.

President Gudenas – That would, that could very well happen.

Mr. Cooke – Okay, good. Ms. Walsh, I read in the paper that you had a meeting with developer Gary Helf and the residents and you guys came to an agreement regarding a strip shopping center in Ward 3. I think that's great; I think that's great for the Ward; it's great for the City. There's no reason why the residents of Euclid and that Ward could not be shopping there a year from now. Please do everything you can to make that happen. As a city, we don't have a lot of time left any more before we start turning into something like East Cleveland. We have our backs up against the wall. We have to pull the pull out; we have to do everything we can. We have to look under stone. We can't miss a beat; it's just the way it is. Thank you.

Mr. Warren Wallace – 24430 Mavec. The following comments was a spin-off of what occurred at P & Z meeting on January 10, '06 and most of you guys already talked about. My appearance here tonight was born out of fear when certain members of Council tried to put that hotel in my backyard. I feared the crime it would bring, the loss of privacy, the inability to sell my home and the list just goes on.

Once I started to fight my eyes were open to the fact that some of Council were trying to get funds to send the Shore Cultural Centre. They totally disregarded the fact that the hotel would have a major negative impact on Mavec Avenue and the surrounding neighborhood and a negative impact for the City in general. I have deep concerns on expenditure of funds for facilities that are in arrear, Shore Centre, the Golf Course just to name a couple.

I challenge those on Council who support Shore Centre to explain to the residents of Euclid why you are short-changing the safety forces and other vital departments just to spend money to send funds to Shore Cultural Centre and other facilities that are so deep in arrear that trying to salvage these facilities financially is virtually impossible. Shore Centre needs daily infusions of funds just to limp along. Money that should be going to economic development, housing and the safety forces just to name a few. Shore Centre is a 20th century facility that needs to be brought up to 21st century standards, which is financially impossible. This facility and others like it are weighing the City down, are wasting needed funds.

I believe these facilities will push the City to the brink of financial disaster if the residents of Euclid don't put a stop to your blatant mismanagement. Once this happens there's no turning back. The values of our homes will plummet. The safety forces will start to diminish. They seem to be the first department you guys cut whenever you try to pilfer money to Shore Centre. The economy will take a major hit. The Euclid, the City economy will take a major hit. These are the same practices that Buffalo, Rochester, Detroit and other fallen cities have practiced, total mismanagement of city funds.

Only 2% of the residents of Euclid use Shore Centre and a certain segment of the residents have absolutely no use for this facility. Yet you want to waste 100% of the residents' money on this badly built that's full of asbestos. It's killing us financially and it's killing us physically. It's divided against itself.

Gudenas just, Council President Gudenas just tried to shoot a fast one past with the bed tax, raise the bed tax and send it to Shore Centre. Thank God the Mayor caught that, put the money where it's supposed to be in the General Fund not for Shore, sir.

City Council President Gudenas stood up at Town Hall meeting telling us he could show us ways to buffer the sound and everything else so we could put that hotel in my backyard. Show us ways to buffer sounds. Show us how you can work with the Mayor to get this City where it's supposed to be. Show us how you can fill these empty houses. Show us how you can bring this City economy where it supposed to be. Show us how you can get the safety forces, the money they need to better protect our lives and to save our life. That's what you can show us. Everything else is irrelevant.

I'd like to thank Chief Cosgriff and Chief Maine for protecting us and saving our lives and I hope you guys are here. I'd like to thank the Mayor for realizing that the safety forces need the added funds to better protect our lives and better protect us, save us. Thank you.

Ms. Pearlitha Taylor – 1495 E. 193rd. I'd like to say to Councilman Walsh I congratulate you on a great job that you are doing. I love to read the newspaper now. I'm reading positive things. The gentleman that just left I don't know how long he have lived in this city and what he knows about Shore Cultural Centre, but I think it is the heart of Euclid Avenue, Euclid, Ohio. And I am so happy we have a cultural center. I feel if he want to make this city better he need to look around and see that we need business in this city. We have policemen that do not live in this city. We have policemen is not protecting all of the city. Just last week the Dollar Store on Euclid Avenue was robbed. Where was our policemen at that time? We have a bar on Euclid Avenue that a person was murdered. We have all type of disturbance where are the policemen? We still have children hanging out on the corner of 195th and 196th Street? Where are the policemen? We had to fight to get a fence on 193rd and Lakeland Boulevard to bring and keep the Cleveland kids out of our neighborhood and we had to fight for it.

Now I didn't come here tonight to speak on what is going on in the city. I came here tonight on how I would like to see the city beautified, which I feel more citizens should come out. This letter I have is from the Euclid Avenue Political Action Committee. We have a committee that want to build Euclid Avenue up. This letter was address to Mr. Gary DeWine and it state the Euclid Avenue Political Action Committee is writing in concern of beautifying Euclid Avenue, the heart of our great city. As you know, many travel this street more than any other street in the City limit. Euclid Avenue need a major facelift, which has become a priority of this Euclid Avenue PAC.

For starters we are requesting that hanging flower baskets and new banners be hung in the beginning of spring starting at 191st Street and to continue down to 222nd Street. This will make residents and frequent visitor proud to travel this main street. Also help recruit new business while maintaining the current business along the busy Euclid Avenue. We thank you very much for time, your time and cooperation.

Now this was mailed on January the 30th and I know this is just the beginning of February. I would like to give this so this could be passed out to all Council members. We would like you to try to work on this. Euclid Avenue is our heart of the city. People travel Euclid Avenue and the beginning of Euclid Avenue is awful; it's awful. We have a Mini Station there, sure; but it's not open not to the public yet. It have nothing in there to really help our children. What we need to do is focus on the children. If you look at what is going on with Weed and Seed, all the money that's mostly coming in the city are going to the policemen force. So this young man need to be more educated about what is going on in Euclid. He need to get more involved.

We need business in Euclid. The taxpayer is paying, are paying through they nose. We are paying because we have no business and we have to take up the slack. If he know anything about Euclid, we pay one of the highest taxes 2.85. We have a Tax Department that send out tax bills to people that are not even living in Euclid any more. They mail them to empty homes. So gentlemen and citizens please look around your city. See what is going on; see what you can do. Ask not what the City can do for you, but what you can do for the City. Come up with ideas. Get involved. Know what you're talking about when you come to this podium. Do your homework and I think some people, I don't know what they trying to sabotage but I'm so happy to see our Council and a Council President and a Mayor that is now talking and everything is just not going one way. Thank you.

Mr. Victor Goodman – 20201 Glen Russ Lane. Just a few things I wanted to discuss. First off, I was just wondering on these sheets that are given to us 'cause one of the things I find very frustrating as a citizen is once the question and answer period becomes with Council and the Administration questions come up that citizens also might have and all of a sudden we're shut out because we really don't know what the inner workings of the legislation is which you get. You know, like you know, which car you're going to buy or things like that and I just, you know, in the audience as I sat I just said, you know, there's questions I would like to ask. And of course, you know, that's out of order so I would like if, if, if possible in the future if these sheets have a little more detailed information, a little more specific so that the citizens prior to your discussion of legislation can actually understand what's going on and make comments that would, you know, be, be recognized for it.

The second is before I came here I stopped at the library and I was reading through the Sun Journal and I don't know how many people did this, but I'd like to make it known to all who don't read the Sun Journal. But Mary Jane Skala wrote a very fascinating, a very good, I felt, editorial, which basically stated and I want to state this to everybody including the gentleman who was up here the two people before me. Democracy, she said, is alive and well in Euclid. And I think every citizen of Euclid should be very proud that we have brought a city back to democracy to allow anybody to come up to this microphone whatever their opinion is we don't have to agree with it. I am proud to say I, now, which I didn't 2 years ago. I'm proud to say I live in Euclid the City where democracy was reborn. Thank you.

Mr. Martin Snyder – 15 E. 221st. I just have a few topics. I've spoken to you before once. I want to talk about the, basically, the one quality of life issue which impacts everybody in Euclid is traffic and one thing I'd like to see and I think it would be good for the city is a way to adjust the traffic patterns at a faster way than we do. A lot of the traffic patterns we have are in the, you know, probably from in the 70s or were laid down in the 70s and haven't been changed since. So I've got a couple specific ideas and I've spoken to them before.

One is on Lakeland turning right onto Babbitt. It should be a right turn only because the cars just pile up there behind the single car that's going straight, you know, 10, 20 cars. I spend half my life sitting at that intersection.

Second one is at Babbitt and Lake Shore. That shopping center where they just built the new Dunkin' Donuts, which is going to make the traffic even worse, there's no reason to have those driveways exiting and entering onto Babbitt. Anybody that needs to get into that shopping center should be able to do so from Lake Shore. That's, it's a very dangerous intersection. I don't think I've ever seen one just like that anywhere else where you have a stop sign you've got the intersection of Babbitt and 222nd. It's not a good situation. It's, I don't know what the accident statistics are there but I can imagine there's quite a few fender benders. So I think it would be a good idea to close those two driveways. I don't know if the owner of the shopping center would appreciate that, but I don't think it would waste very much, very many people's time because you could always make a quick right onto Lake Shore and then go into the shopping center. If you're exiting that shopping center, you could turn left onto Lake Shore and then left onto Babbitt. Not having those cross driveways there would mean the cars could go through the stop sign towards Lake Shore much faster and easier. They'd only have to look towards their left for safety instead of both right and left.

The third thing is the school zone at Fox and Babbitt. It's an unsafe school zone. I've spoken about this before. We need some flashers there heading southbound because the way the intersection works now you're looking at the red light. You have no idea there's a school zone there. You can't see a school building. The school sign is actually obscured by a Walk/Don't Walk sign so you can't even see it on the Speed Limit sign. It's just, if there's a, if there's enforcement at that school zone, there shouldn't be because it's not fair to motorists. If you're heading north bound at that school zone, the advance warning sign is too close to the speed, beginning of the speed zone. It should be 150' out it's within 100' so that sign should be pulled up and changed.

And other than that I just want to reiterate that a city that can adjust it's traffic patterns quickly, ease bottlenecks maybe as a regular part of its business would improve the quality of life for everybody because that impacts everybody and that's all I have to say. Thank you very much.

President Gudenas – Director Gulich, you've taken notes?

Director Gulich – Yes, I have.

President Gudenas – All right, any responses right now on that?

Director Gulich – Yeah, I believe this gentleman has discussed some of these exact issues with Mr. Carlo and I think as Council is well aware, we are looking very closely at most all the concerns he mentioned, especially first at Babbitt and Lake Shore there with the new restaurant opening. We do have a long-term plan for the downtown Euclid study. We've currently done pre-traffic studies. I know Frank Pietravoia has sat down with the Ward Council people over there and we're prepared to take a number of different looks at that for some short-term resolution there and, of course, we do intend to make a long-term resolution as part of the overall downtown Euclid plan.

And Mr. Carlo has looked into the other issues and we've done some traffic surveys and I know we've got this gentleman's name and number. We'll be glad to get back with him and tell him some of the things we're thinking about there.

President Gudenas – Okay and we'd like to be kept informed because they all sound fairly good ideas, especially with the school zone and other safety issues.

Director Gulich – Certainly and if the Police Chief has any other comments, turn it to him.

Chief Maine – I can only reiterate what Hank has said on the two issues regarding, at least about the Babbitt, Lake Shore, 222. I think the right turn only lane from North Lakeland, north onto Babbitt makes some sense. I don't know whether Mr. Carlo has done those traffic counts or not, but that's certainly something we can entertain and take a look at that again. And I do know that he has taken a real hard long look at the school zone sign issue. The school zone at Babbitt and Fox and has found that all the postings there are within the State guidelines regarding the posting of school zones and it's up to Council whether they want to put the money into the flashing signs because they are not cheap so.

President Gudenas – All right, thank you.

Mr. Alfred Smith – 1494 Dille Rd. I'd like to know that the, where the inspectors supposed inspector landlord's home, the property's not being taken care of and if you point to someone I can talk to, I'll see about the landlord repaying me things. I moved there and I went to City Hall and a lady made a comment that he wasn't supposed to rent the house and I got tired of getting the run around about the landlord doing the repair. All summer I lived in the house with flies and what kind of a bug in and out the windows no screens, no windows, nothing. And I just like to know why do the inspectors come out, yet still let this landlord get away with this stuff.

President Gudenas – Well, that would be maybe Mr. Petkovic. He's sitting right there in the second row and he should be able to help you.

Mr. Smith – Yeah, he's the Housing Manager, right? I met you and yet still they get away with things. I talked to you before about it.

Manager Petkovic – Mr. Smith, we could meet after the meeting this evening.

President Gudenas – I'm sure he'll follow up.

Mr. Smith – I appreciate it.

President Gudenas – Okay, we'll be done shortly, hopefully. Anybody else? I see no one else.

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

COUNCILMEN'S COMMENTS

President Gudenas – Now we're into the Councilmen's comments and I believe Councilman Langman is number 1 from Ward 2.

Councilman Langman – Just one comment, some of the residents mentioned some of the budget priorities that we have and it's, it's a difficult task budgeting public's money; but I think as a result of our diligence and our hard work we're seeing the results. This evening we saw three new police officer being sworn in; we have new firefighters coming on so our safety forces are strong. Now obviously, people would like to see more of police, more of fire, but there are other spending priorities that we have to take into consideration Shore being one of them. Cultural Centre is very important to the community. That doesn't mean that Shore doesn't have it's own unique challenges, but we should be very careful before deciding we're going to eliminate an older building or eliminate any building because those buildings represents opportunities to help strengthen our community. So I think this particular Council and Administration have done a very nice job in balancing the many interests and the many demands on the public's money. And I'll say it again, I think that the citizens should be very proud of the process that not only increased safety forces but increased our reserve funds. With that, Mr. Chairman, I'll leave the rest because the Mayor has his State of the City speech.

President Gudenas – Thank you, Councilman Lisy.

Councilman Lisy – Director Will, do you know what the Shore Cultural Centre budget is for 2006, roughly?

Director Will – The total is approximately 350,000.

Councilman Lisy – \$309,000 in the book here, the reason I'm getting to this is because that's \$309,000. Chief Maine, what is the entire Police Department budget, roughly?

Chief Maine – Including the jail?

Councilman Lisy – Yes.

Chief Maine – Close to \$12 million.

Councilman Lisy - \$12 million, okay, and how much of an increase is that compared to 2005? Ballpark.

Chief Maine – I feel like I'm in fifth grade, Councilman.

Councilman Lisy – I can give you the answer real quick, according to the budget book it's \$800,000, \$800,000 double what we're paying on Shore Cultural Centre. How many new police officers are we bringing on this year? Six. I can go over the same thing with the Fire Department and with the Fire Department the budget this year is 7.6, roughly 7.5 million. He did make some cuts so I don't have the accurate numbers, but thank you very much, Chief, I appreciate very much working on that and getting all that together. And that's an increase of \$400,000. That's still greater than the entire Shore Cultural Centre budget. The increase this year was \$400,000 so we are putting safety and services as a, safety as a priority to the residents. I really take offense to that because that is key to our City. Residents and businesses will not move into the City if they do not feel safe and secure and so safety is always going to be one of my priorities.

Tonight we approved the purchase of nine police vehicles for roughly \$250,000. In the capital budget I know we're going to be buying some new fire equipment and that's in the

\$200,000 range if I had to guess. And so we are putting money into our safety services so thank you very much for working with us on these issues. Safety is a priority for me and I hope and I agree all my other Council members feel the same. Thank you.

Councilwoman Mancuso – I would like to give, especially our senior citizens, a heads up. Tomorrow at the Euclid Lakefront Community Center on 1 Bliss Lane from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. there is another opportunity to go over the Medicare Part D, the very confusing prescription drug entities that are out there for all of you. There is actually by the Greater Cleveland Access Benefits Coalition, they will actually bring a van to the Lakefront Center. They will walk through any questions you may have about Medicare Part D. They will sign you up appropriately or send you home to get information that you can bring back to them. 10 a.m. to 2, take advantage of this, Federal dollars have put together this Medicare matters group where they will come with all the information, all the software you need. They come with expertise, take advantage of it tomorrow, 10-2, the Lakefront Community Center, Medicare Part D.

President Gudenas – It's Tuesday.

Councilwoman Mancuso – I think it will probably be one of our last opportunities and everybody needs to be in some type of program by May so time's a wasting.

I'm going to ask the Fire Chief my very favorite question. I think he knows what it is. When are we going to change our report?

Chief Cosgriff – I'm going to try and plan on doing it early this year.

Councilwoman Mancuso – Can I have a timeframe, please? I mean, I, I went through a lot to give you something and I thought we would see a more usable report. I would be happy to do the format and give it to you if I need to, but I think it would be more workable if we could see that report, actually, begin with the first of the year.

Chief Cosgriff – Well, I would like to see it begin the first of the year, also; however, I'm trying to get an entrance list together. I'm trying to...

Councilwoman Mancuso – Do you have to do this personally or can you have one of your gentlemen that work for you do this?

Chief Cosgriff – The woman that does this report. I don't want to say, she would need some guidance with this.

Councilwoman Mancuso – Can we get you some help within the City to just reorganize or restructure this?

Mayor Cervenik – I could probably help the Chief a little bit. As you know, we will be hiring and testing for a new assistant chief.

Councilwoman Mancuso – Correct.

Mayor Cervenik – And I firmly believe when that is done these reports will be much more able to be generated as you would like to see done.

Councilwoman Mancuso – This is an easy fix if we could just get some technological assistance.

Mayor Cervenik – I understand that. I understand.

Councilwoman Mancuso – That would greatly help.

Mayor Cervenik – For the moment and you, 'cause you really just want last year's figures as well, right?

Councilwoman Mancuso – Comparative, yes, and we laid out how we could do it and I'm even willing to do it.

Mayor Cervenik – I've got all the reports from the prior year. I'll make sure you get copies of them and within 60 days we'll have the new format set for you, retroactive.

Councilwoman Mancuso – Because I think it will actually be much more readable for all of us to know where we were and where we're at now. Thank you. With that I will close.

Councilwoman Walsh – First of all I want to assure everybody in the audience both here and at home that it's been a pleasure to serve my City, my City that came in second after God and the Mayor knows that joke for the past 2 months. And I think the people that applied for the Commission amazed me, every one of them. You thought they were applying for a \$100,000 job. It was an honor to help interview them. I think there's so many good civic-minded people here.

I have my commercials of the night. I went to the Jazz Festival at the library. Friends of the Library did a spectacular job. I went to the Forest Park assembly or program and I was so thrilled to see the kids all together on the same page and I thought it was kind of cool because a lot of different schools came in and worked on it together.

My businesses of the week are Mama Catena's and they are having on Monday and Thursday night a pasta dinner and 10% of it is going to the Hunger Center so they are very civic minded.

I went to Fine Interiors and lo and behold, Mr. Gruber, I'm up to 16 flats of flowers and I say bring them on from that end of Euclid Avenue because we're coming to meet you right at 222 and they're all fresh flowers.

Councilman Gruber – If it was Ward 3, that would be okay; but we have to go down a little further.

Councilwoman Walsh – We're going to meet. Wilke Hardware, fabulous, fabulous people, Councilman Lisy offered me a 8 flats but I said hold it at one because I know he has to give Ward 4 one also. And all of these flowers, Mayor, are for free, for free, for free so if you care to give 3 and 4 a flat of flowers we'll put your name in the group too.

I sincerely want to thank Mr. Gulich because he knows a day without an e-mail or a phone call from me something's wrong. I want to thank Mr. Pietravoia for holding my hand for the past 2 months and for agreeing to meeting with me because I have some really great ideas, I think, and the Housing man that I always mess up his name, Petrovik.

Manager Petkovic – That's fine.

President Gudenas – It's the guy back there.

Councilwoman Walsh – He's really helped with some complaints. I do want to know when is the Dunkin' Donut opening and did we call Jimmy Malone to bring out the WJMI people because he really loves the coffee?

Aside from that the controversy is gone from this room and I do want to make one comment about Shore Cultural Centre. I was on the phone for over 2 hours with Mr. Wallace. Mr. Wallace has never been inside Shore cultural Centre and my offer to him was I will take you up. I could not take him last week to see the workings because we were busy with the budget and I had so much to do for the City. The offer is still there. If Mr. Wallace wants to arrange a tour, I think you need to see first hand what you're either praising or condemning in life. And when constituents call me and they say they have a problem, the little green car drives over there, checks it out and then I know better how to explain to one of the directors who've been very kind to me, how to work it. You need to see what you're condemning because without culture this City will fail.

Do I love the police and firemen? Absolutely, without a doubt, I know we were at the BRIDGES meeting. I know Chief Maine was there. I know we have a long way to go but peace has settled on this room and the peace has to stay here. We're going forward and I have 29 seconds and Happy Valentine's Day everybody. And I want you to know that Mayor is saving money because it's freezing in here. But everybody come on down and see a Council meeting next time around. Thank you and God bless.

Councilman Gudenas – Thank you and if you want the Council members to donate flowers, may we suggest Forget-me-nots, especially next year.

First of all, something I forgot to mention but I saw Mayor Cervenik in the hallway. Principal William Baylis at the Euclid High School called today and said there is a student that would be happy to be an intern with us to help with our web page and our internet access and all the communication ideas we have, possibly, hopefully, to put our legislation on the internet in detail so people could look it up easier than just coming to our bulletin board, many different

ideas. So I'm going to tell him tomorrow kid's hired; he's working for free. So hopefully, we can all work with the student and I think he'll be able to get started on all our various plans for the internet.

Mayor Cervenik – We will be glad to take him on as well. I think a number of Directors have been in contact with the school to help out with their program. I think we're probably going to have 5 or 6 students in here overall to help with their work/study program.

President Gudenas – Great.

Mayor Cervenik – And we're looking forward to it.

President Gudenas – We'll bring them in one day to congratulate them at the end. And also, I would, you know, acknowledge what we did here today. It's just been 3 hours, but in the 3 hours we worked through our whole budget process and finished it up today, came up with realistic numbers that we can live with put that together \$36 million budget. We went through three labor agreements peacefully negotiated by the Administration and done well. We went and approved two new commissions. One of which probably no other city has; swore in many new members to help with our various plans that we have for the City. And of course, we went along with 64 goals for the City Council for this year. And Councilman Walsh will have those posted here shortly.

Councilwoman Walsh – Tomorrow.

President Gudenas – Not tomorrow but shortly. That's quite an accomplishment and we must also remember we approved three video games for the golf course to top it all off. So we went through little things, big things, in-between things, covered a lot of ground with I think everyone on the same page cooperating. We'll, obviously, always have different opinions and ways to do things; but I've been around a while and this was a meeting that accomplished a lot of meat and potato things and we should be satisfied that we were able to get this done. And now, of course, we work towards the capital budgets and many other day-to-day activities so certainly we're just a little ways in the process for the first year. So I'm excited about how things are going and speaking of going I'm going to be going at the next meeting and I won't be here. So I'm warning everybody now that I'll be away for the next Council meeting. That should be the only one I miss all year. So with that I'll turn it over to Councilman Conway.

Councilman Conway – I'd like to echo some of the comments that you just made and I'll be brief because I know we're getting ready for the State of the City address. But I think tonight was a fine example of something that we should be incredibly proud to participate in the process and I'd like to once again congratulate and wish all the luck in the world to the three new police officers that we had the opportunity to swear in. That's 6 police officers since I've the privilege of serving on this Council and it's something that is incredibly rewarding to do and I look forward to participating in the same ceremonies for some firefighters throughout this year. But I think that is something is really the essence of what we should all be incredibly proud of.

In addition to that I'm equally proud to serve on the Council, live in the City that truly encourages citizen participation and it is something that we've certainly seen our share of and I encourage and hope to continue to see that in the future. And I'm incredibly proud that we do have two new citizen committees, the City Service Evaluation Committee and the Golf Course Committee, made up of active citizens in our community who will all work and serve us very proudly to continue to move the City in a positive and in a very, very good light as we continue to move forward in the future.

I'd also like to thank the candidates who did express interest, came in and spent their time and interviewed for these positions. As we've mentioned throughout the night, we do have an opportunity potentially to have two more people serve on the Golf Course Commission and I would still hope and encourage people that have a desire to serve on that commission to express interest and complete the evaluation forms and so our potential two more opportunities, but we had fantastic candidates to choose from. I'm very confident and excited to work with those individuals who were sworn in tonight and again citizen participation continues to be at a high in the City of Euclid and that's exactly where it needs to be and with that I'll close for the evening. Thank you.

Councilman Delaney – Lot of great comments tonight from the public and Council as well, but I will pass my time along. I'm looking forward to the Mayor's State of the City. Thank you.

Councilman Gruber – Sad note this week, we lost the widow of Dr. Martin Luther King. She kind of made us think about things that happened years ago and she's changed our ways quietly for many years so she will be missed.

I talked to Mr. Smith earlier at the meeting about some of his issues with landlords and it's important to know that we do have a program in the City of Euclid. Gary DeWine is overseeing that to help with landlord/tenant relationships. So if folks out there are having trouble with your landlords or you don't know where to turn and you do need some help, Mr. DeWine with the Community Service Economic Development Department is there to help and he's very knowledgeable so it'd be beneficial to contact him if you do have some issues.

Along the lines of the Euclid Avenue Political Action Committee, I might have some trouble working with that on beautification issues since they did try to unseat me. Now if they're the Euclid Avenue Beautification Committee, I will be more than happy to help. I don't think we need a political action committee to do that. I have talked to the Council President and we have come to some agreement on some beautification projects on Euclid Avenue. I know that 2 years ago there was specific banners that wanted to be hung with the name of the Heritage Park Association. I expressed at that the expense in that and that we would have to do that for every other homeowners association as well. So I think we came up with some generic banners that served the purpose well. And of course, I'd like to expand that to the Euclid line not just 191st Street 'cause Euclid does go a little further. So I'd like to start right there at the Euclid line and continue it down as far as possible. And, and I know there was a tragic incident at Milton's, but people got killed in a gym in downtown Euclid as well not too long ago so.

And along with Councilwoman Walsh, okay, 2-1/2 years ago I built a playground voluntarily. Let's see if we can't get a playground in your neighborhood or something. I'll take you over to Heroes Park.

Councilwoman Walsh – Come on, bring it on, bring it on.

Councilman Gruber – Dennis Sternad with Unique Landscaping, of course, did the landscaping at the Mini Station with more to come and he also maintains all the Welcome signs in the City of Euclid and at the bottom of the hill. So we do have some work to do and I'd love to plant some flowers with you.

That's all I have for tonight. Happy Valentine's Day. Good night.

Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail – A couple of thank you's and a couple of meeting announcements. I wanted to thank the Euclid Public Library and specifically the Friends of the Euclid Public Library for hosting the jazz evening. It was really a wonderful event. I think most of Council and some of the Administration was there. So a thank you not only to the Friends of the Library but also the Euclid High School Jazz Band was the group that performed and they were wonderful. So if you have a chance to go see them at a future engagement, definitely take that opportunity.

For those who don't know, the Friends of the Library are a group of citizens who help support the library. They do things like the annual, semi-annual, twice a year book sales. They support programming at the library, such as helping to pay for the speakers, providing the prizes for the reading programs, providing children's programs. They fund the Summer Band Concerts. And dues for those that are interested, an annual membership for an individual is only \$3 and a membership for a family is only \$5 so it's very cheap, goes for a great organization. Anyone who's interested in joining can inquire at the library or call one of the members. So I really, I wanted to acknowledge them for that nice evening. It's always fun to go to the library in a different type of atmosphere than spending most of it in the kids section.

I also wanted to thank the residents of East 237. We had an initial neighborhood meeting this week and they will be meeting again, 237 behind Clay Matthews, I see some questions out there. We will be meeting again and any folks who are interested in joining that neighborhood association or starting one on their own street if they don't have one can call me if you're in Ward 1 or your Ward Council person in another area or Krystal Skovira at the Community Policing Mini Station. We'd be happy to help you get started.

A thank you also to the many people at Holy Cross who helped put on Life on the Lake this past weekend. Again, a number of Council people and the Mayor were there to support this effort. It helped raise a lot of money for the school and as always a wonderful event to attend.

Two announcements, our State Representative Kenny Yuko will be hosting a town hall meeting February 13th from 6-8 at Euclid Public Library. That might be a good place to start the letter writing campaign or voice some interest in capital funding from the State.

And the Euclid PTA is holding their Annual Scholarship Dance and Reverse Raffle, Friday, February 24th at the Manor Party Center. I have tickets with me this evening if anyone would like them. All the proceeds from that go to help provide scholarships for Euclid students. It's a good cause and, again, a fun evening. With that, I'm anxious to hear the Mayor's State of the City.

President Gudenas – Thank you with that...

ADJOURNMENT

Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail moves to adjourn; seconded by Councilwoman Walsh. Yeas: Unanimous.

President Gudenas - We are adjourned just for a minute with Mayor Bill Cervenik's State of the City speech coming up next, live on TV.

Attest:

Clerk of Council

President of Council