

COUNCIL MINUTES

February 21, 2006

The regular Council Meeting was held on Tuesday, February 21, 2006 at 7 PM in the Euclid City Hall Council Chamber.

Members Present: Conway, Gruber, Holzheimer Gail, Langman, Lisy, Mancuso, Walsh,
Excused: Delaney (Came in late), Gudenas

Councilman Gruber moved to nominate Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail as President Pro Tem. Councilman Conway seconded. Yeas: Unanimous.

Councilman Gruber moved to excuse Council President Gudenas and Councilman Delaney. Councilman Langman seconded. Yeas: Unanimous.

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

Invocation was given by Pastor Jeff Branche of Master's United Methodist Church.

COMMUNICATIONS

Councilwoman Walsh moved to receive and approve without objection a new C1, C2 liquor permit to JENSR Inc., 25851 Euclid Ave. Councilman Gruber seconded.

Councilwoman Walsh – I feel the permit should pass and I welcome the new business on Euclid Ave.

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

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Councilman Gruber moved to approve the Council Minutes of February 6, 2006. Councilman Langman seconded. Yeas: Unanimous.

President Pro Tem Holzheimer Gail – I did want to take the chance under communications, I'm sorry I was looking for it and thought I maybe left it over there.

We all received in our packet a letter and I thought it might be nice to read it to the administration and the public. I won't say the name of the person who wrote it because I didn't ask permission. But it says,

“Dear Mayor Cervenik,

I just finished watching the Council meeting of February 6, 2006 and I was compelled to sit down and write a thank you to the City Administration and members of Council for all you have accomplished in a short time and the upbeat feeling I had when all was said and done.

I have lived in Euclid all of my 83 years in the same house that I was born in so I have seen lots of changes over the years. Most of these good and some not so good. I look forward to the completion of many new projects while maintaining a good quality of life in our city.

Keep up the good attitude and together you will accomplish all of your goals. “

I wanted to thank that resident for her nice note and congratulate the administration and Council on the accomplishments as well.

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Cervenik welcomed Mr. Glen Gilbert and his college class for their government observation this evening. Mayor Cervenik welcomed Carol Keller and her son Brian for attending the Council Meeting. President Pro Tem Holzheimer Gail introduced Tim Dietrich, a Euclid resident, student at Notre Dame Cathedral Latin.

Mayor Cervenik presented Res. 31-2006 to the members of the Kiwanis Club.

Director Will – I would like to inform everyone on February 8th, the Ohio Parks & Recreation Association, during their annual state conferences in Toledo, awarded the City of Euclid an honorable mention for the construction of the Briardale Greens Pro Shop and Clubhouse. I was there and gladly accepted on behalf of the Mayor and City Council. Thank you again for your support and I think that's great that we were recognized in the whole entire State of Ohio for the construction of that building.

On Saturday March 4th, from 8:00 PM until Midnight, Larry Insana will be performing at Sticks Pub & Grille on the grounds of Briardale Greens. Come and enjoy the sounds of his guitar and have a nice evening. That will be Saturday, March 4th.

Parks & Recreation Dept. will be offering our Early Bird Youth Sports Registration during the month of April. We'll be sending out advertisements and school flyers in regards to that to register for all the summer sports programs.

This Saturday from 9:00 AM until 2:00 PM if you are not doing anything, you can go up to the Euclid Sports Plant and watch our Championship Basketball games. The children range from age 4 to 16. The Championship games will be held at the Sports Plant this Saturday.

We'll also be offering a Family Bingo on Wednesday, March 22 at the C.E. Orr Ice Arena at 6:30. I'll be contacting City Council shortly to see if you'd like to assist us with calling out the numbers. That's Wednesday, March 22.

Euclid Civic Orchestra Spring Concert will be held on Sunday, March 26th at 3:00 PM at Shore Cultural Centre.

Euclid Youth Soccer Organization will be holding registration on Saturday, March 4th at the Public Library from 10 AM until Noon.

The Euclid Boys League will be holding registration March 7th and March 9th at the Library from 7-8:30 PM. Colt League will hold registration on March 11, 18, 25 10:00 AM until 1:00 PM at the Library. If you need any information on the Pony League, you can contact Mr. Dan Pado at 486-4720.

Finally, this Saturday, the Chamber of Commerce and the City of Euclid will be holding their Annual Winterfest. We'll be having softball games at Memorial Park, Golfing at Briardale Greens and then they'll be having a chili cook-off on the grounds of the C.E. Orr Ice Arena right outside Diamond #3. If you're not participating in either one of the sports, you can stop by the tent at 11:00 AM and sample the Chili and then we'll have a people's choice for the best chili in the City of Euclid. If you have any questions about the programs, you can call our office at 289-8114.

Mayor Cervenik – Friday, 11:00 AM will be the Grand Opening of Dunkin Donuts. If you noticed the big crane out on Lake Shore Blvd., we had a problem with the sewers, but the Service Dept. and our contractor took care of that today and we'll be all set and ready to go. That grand opening is from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM. We just welcome another Euclid business into the community.

REPORTS & COMMITTEE MINUTES

Councilman Gruber moved to accept the Animal Shelter Report of Jan. 2006; Executive & Finance Committee Min. of 1/23/06 & 1/30/06; Board of Control Min. of 01/30/06; 02/06/06; 2005 Annual Police Report. Councilman Langman seconded. Yeas: Unanimous.

Councilman Langman moved to waive the 24 hour notice and place on the Agenda, Res. (069-06). Councilman Gruber seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Unanimous.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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

President Pro Tem Holzheimer Gail – A few notes, #1, the ordinance regarding Forko will be withdrawn at the Mayor's request. #6, the Day Care Homes will be going to committee at the sponsor's request.

Mr. Roy Larick – 23745 Lake Shore Blvd. I'm here to speak to #7, which is in support of a proposal of mine for the Cleveland Colectivo, to give me several thousand dollars to start up a new business in town. First I want to say that it is not for the City of Euclid to give me several thousand dollars, it is in support of a proposal for another group.

I'd like to explain briefly what this is. I will be combining with Discovery Dive Charters and Tours at Wildwood Park to give what will be Greater Cleveland's first eco-tourism endeavor opportunity and it's really the first such endeavor along Ohio's Lake Erie coast. It will be our attempt to give the paying public a chance to experience a segment of the Lake Erie Shore line between Dyke 14 or Gordon Park and Wildwood, Euclid Creek from Doan Brook to Euclid Creek.

This is a very nice thing. I think of all the things I have done in town, a couple of books designating the first batch of landmarks, this is one whose time has really come. I hope the Cleveland Colectivo will think so as well.

You might ask why should you be supporting an endeavor that will head out, a boat will head out of Wildwood Park and turn west to tour the Cleveland shoreline and not the Euclid shoreline. We'll, I'll give you three reasons, very briefly. One is the Cleveland Colectivo has accepted a proposal from a Euclid boy and has found it to its liking. Right there, it would be nice to show a little support for a Euclid resident, who I think is going to do well in this.

Second, the proposal is to run a tour, but this will have an off season component which will bring nearby nature to classrooms along the inner-ring shoreline and Euclid will certainly be a part of that and in fact this educational component will be based in Euclid.

Number three, the market for this cruise is on the east-side but it is throughout the region. We will be working with the Convention and Visitor's Bureau of Greater Cleveland to market this in city's outside of Cleveland.

So, when we do get our breakwall built and a marina in it, I hope to have the clientele that stretches throughout the region and beyond. I will be very happy to turn my endeavors to the Euclid shoreline. Thank you.

Mrs. Dorothy Fike – 20271 Delaware. I had several comments and my first one was on #1, so I won't ask it, but I did have questions because the contract that I saw was not the same as the one proposed. I was very interested in whatever changes might have been made so I'm very glad it has been withdrawn for whatever reason.

I have a question on #4, about a resolution for the public portion of the Euclid lakefront Harbor Town Marina and it doesn't say who it is going to. I think that's very important because the one on the day care, they say who it is going to. I think maybe could amend it or at least you can say that what's the since of having a resolution if you don't send it some place.

I would support #7, Dr. Larick's Bluestone Brooks proposal, asking for support of that. Those of you that know me, know that I'm very active in the Friends of Euclid Creek. I have learned so much and all these creeks that he is talking about start way up in the Heights. Euclid Creek serves Euclid and it actually starts up by Beachwood Mall and comes down through Lyndhurst, Willoughby Hills, South Euclid, Euclid and Cleveland and it empties into Wildwood. I've learned so much about it. Doan Creek which is the next one, no 9 Mile Creek is the next one east, and that serves mostly South Euclid. Again it serves that area, some of South Euclid goes into Euclid Creek and some goes into 9 Mile Creek. I have been down through Doan Creek and that starts way up in University Heights, Cleveland Heights, from the lakes and that goes into the Lake also.

So, a lot of our storm water goes into these creeks and it doesn't go into Cuyahoga River. This part of the creek, part of the Lake, is very important to Euclid because it will teach, will show us what we are being served all along the lake. So I hope you do support #7. Thank you.

Mr. Jerry Corbran – 24250 Maplewood Dr. I'm speaking to #4 Resolution. Last meeting I mentioned that we're going to start a letter campaign to help the Harbor Town Development succeed. We're a non-profit, non-partisan grassroots organization offering help in support of # 4, the lakefront resolution.

The letters to Congress are coming in and we will expand the campaign to include phone calls, e-mails and a post card campaign that someone else will be speaking about a little later on.

We understand that the Mayor has offered his support for this our non-partisan effort. I have taken the liberty to write an instructional letter and I hope the Mayor will allow copies to be placed in the lobby reception desk for pick-up by the public and the city workers.

I know the Councilmen will explain all the details of the resolution so I won't get into that. I do have a copy of my instructional letter here and for the council members, council clerk and the Mayor. Would you please take care of this for me? That's all I have to say, thank you very much.

Ms. Sandra Weber – 2070 Miami Rd. Even though the #6 item on the agenda has been moved, I would still like to say a few words about the proposed day care home ordinance.

I operate my own licensed type A family home child care. When I did start out back in 1995 I was a type B. I did not know there were rules and laws in the State of Ohio that regulated homes, but when I did find out two years later I was very quick to respond to that. I know a lot of people here find themselves looking for child care all the time and if you don't have family to help you out, it is very aggravating and very depressing at times on what you have to see. Especially if you're looking for in home care. The day care centers are regulated by the State of Ohio and a lot of times through the County, but family homes if you are a type B private home provider, you are not regulated by anybody. They are assuming that you will abide by the laws that they have set forth in regards to the capacity of there only being six children in the home at any given time to basic health and safety requirements as well.

I'm here tonight to discuss that and to give some information. About two years ago I was prompted by Councilman Gruber to research the local communities to find out if there were any ordinances that some of those communities might have in place for their people who do family home care. I looked through about 4-5 communities that were surrounding Euclid. I believe it was Beachwood, Mayfield Heights and a few of the others, Lyndhurst and none of them did have any ordinances for their homes. So I pushed on even further and decided that maybe this was something that we could set Euclid up a little bit higher than some of the rest of the communities.

Since I was licensed on January 18th of this year as a type A home, I've seen and heard so many things over the past almost 11 years that I have been in family child care. Some of them weren't so good. I'm sure a lot of us have heard of them. Providers caring for too many kids, compromising safety.

I feel that this ordinance will only enhance the care the kids are receiving. It is going to require family child care homes to register with the city. When they register with the city they make it known that they are providing care in their home. They won't be private any more basically. Where the State of Ohio is a little lax on their requirements, our city can be a little stronger in regulating those homes. They would receive a housing inspection and a fire safety inspection to make sure they are not caring for kids where they shouldn't be, attics, basements where there's not any proper means of escape. They'll also be looking at the capacity of the children in the home as well.

We are required to look at that and if there is a problem and they have too many children in their home, then the city can refer the phone call to the State of Ohio and the State of Ohio will take over and investigate from there. Any resident can call the State of Ohio or the City to find out if their neighbor or friend or resident that they've heard of that is watching children has been registered.

I think it is going to make family care providers in the City of Euclid more accountable now for things while they are watching children in their home. I can see it only being a win/win situation. Thank you.

President Pro Tem Holzheimer Gail – Thank you, we'll make sure you know when the Committee Meeting is so you can share your experience and expertise with us. Thank you.

Mr. Tom Cooke – 25641 Edgecliff . I'd like to speak in support of #1, the Resolution in support of the administration and the City of Euclid seeking the federal funding for the public improvement portion of the lakefront Harbor Town marina.

This project is vital for Euclid and Euclid's future from a revenue standpoint. This city essentially has no new sources of revenue whatsoever. Its only real concrete source of revenue is the taxpayer which is deteriorating. A taxpayer always knows when you are ready to come after them for more money. We need new sources of revenue.

This harbor development would be a huge source of income. I would like to see all of Council support this and sign onto this, not just Mr. Langman and Mr. Lisy. By the way I do know a little bit about the work that you guys have been doing behind the scenes and I definitely appreciate that. I would like to see everybody doing that. This is vitally important and it is important to move onto the next revenue producing project the City cannot survive without new revenues. We must have them. We have to concentrate on these projects. Nothing else matters if we don't have any money coming in.

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

Councilman Langman moved #9 Res. (68-06) to the top of the Agenda. Councilwoman Mancuso seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Unanimous.

LEGISLATION

Res. 33-2006 (068-06) Liquor Permit

A resolution granting a variance, pursuant to Chapter 1391 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Euclid, to JENSR, Inc., through Ramez Al Halabi, to permit the sale of intoxicating liquor, wine or beer at his proposed grocery store located at 25851 Euclid Avenue, Permanent Parcel #648-22-001. (Sponsored by Planning & Zoning Commission)

Councilwoman Walsh moved for passage, Councilman Langman seconded.

Director Pietravoia – This matter was referred to the Planning & Zoning Commission and Mr. Torowski, our Zoning Commissioner has a report from the last meeting on this item.

Mr. Torowski – The Planning & Zoning Commission held a special meeting last Thursday at the request of Mr. Al Halabi owner, operator of the new full service Bi-Rite grocery store located on Euclid Ave. Mr. Al Halabi was unaware city ordinances stated that to operate a business that would sell liquor, a variance would need to be approved by the Planning & Zoning Commission and confirmed by Resolution of Council. Mr. Al Halabi explained to the commissioners that he was hoping to open the store at full service, which would include the sale of beer and wine. Not being able to sell beer and wine might have a negative impact on the opening and future patrons to the grocery store. It was also noted that most large grocery store chains sell beer and wine as part of their full service to their customers. With that there were no objections from audience members at the meeting and the commissioners approved the variance for confirmation by Resolution of Council unanimously.

Councilman Langman – This project is almost two years in the making since Mr. Al Halabi talked to me about that and the reason why he owns a business in the second ward so we began discussing this project then and he asked for locations that would be good. He settled on a very nice spot at E. 260th and Euclid Ave. It is going to be certainly a huge plus for that area. Not only for the citizens of Euclid, but it will draw from the surrounding communities. What's really important for the overall outlook is that it is good for the City of Euclid. It creates jobs, it creates opportunities and it also allows our residents another grocery shopping option. It is going to be affiliated with the Bi-Rite name, a name that has been in these parts for many, many years. I'm certainly looking forward to it. I would like to thank former Councilwoman Hufnagle and current Councilwoman Walsh for assisting in these efforts and of course, Mr. Gary DeWine from the Development Dept., I'm sure he's glad this is over, I won't be annoying him so much any more. This is certainly a very important project for the city. Thank you.

Councilwoman Walsh – One of my first thrills of being a council person was to go through the store and the owner is extremely proud of every little nook and cranny. I encourage you to come over and shop at the Bi-Rite when it is open because it is so clean now, I can't imagine what it is going to look like when it is opened and we're glad to have it over on Euclid Ave.

Councilman Delaney – The license is for full hard liquor as well. Mr. Torowski said beer and wine. There will also be liquor involved too?

Mr. Torowski – This is for a C1, C2, liquor license, which is beer and wine.

Councilman Delaney – So intoxicating liquor is not part of the license as stated in the legislation?

Director Frey – What you are reading Councilman is the language of our ordinance that the use of the premise for the sale of intoxicating liquor, wine, beer or malt liquors, whether sold for consumption on or off premise. We've mirrored the language of our ordinance, not what the liquor license that the proprietor has obtained. He can only sell what his liquor license permits him to sell. Our language in the ordinance in the Resolution rather, mirrors our language in our codified ordinances.

Councilman Langman – Law Director Frey, could you explain, this seems to be a new procedure but it is really not. Could you explain in some detail why we haven't done this in the past, why we're doing it now?

Director Frey – In difference Councilman, we have done this in the past. We went through this same exercise with Beach Club Bistro, for the sale of alcoholic beverages there. Just recently on Lakeland Blvd. Our code requires the variance that can only be done by action of Planning & Zoning and confirmation of Council. The liquor license process is in a different matter. One may trigger the other, which occurred in this case and in several other cases. We see that a liquor license modification change request has come in, we're sending that over for review by police, planning and zoning and so forth. But in this case, it also triggered the need as Mr. Torowski indicated to obtain that variance to allow the sale under our zoning code. It should be what we've done all along.

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

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

Ord. (042-06) Forko - Withdrawn

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)
(Tabled last meeting)

Withdrawn at the request of Mayor Cervenik.

Res. 34-2006 (065-06) Union Agreement

A resolution authorizing the Mayor of the City of Euclid to execute an Agreement by and between the City of Euclid and Teamsters Local No. 244, as exclusive bargaining agent for all Euclid Parks and Recreation Maintenance Employees and Animal Control Officers. (Sponsored by Mayor Cervenik)

Councilman Delaney moved for passage, Councilman Conway seconded.

Director Frey – The contract negotiations are proceeding. We are pleased tonight to be able to present three additional contracts to Council for ratification. I provided a summary on Saturday of the economic details of those contracts. I apologize for the amendment to the agenda to add the Waste Water. That vote didn't occur until Friday afternoon. I wanted to get it on the agenda as quickly as possible, particularly given that all three of these units are represented by the Teamsters Local 244.

The first contract is Parks and Recreation. There is a 3% increase in wages in each of the three years of the contract. The 2006 portion is retroactive to January 1st. There is an increase in the uniform allowance in 2007 in this bargaining unit. There is an adjustment for four employees classified as laborers in the Parks & Recreation Dept. where they would receive a forty-cent an hour increase each year of the agreement. That still puts them below the rate of the light equipment operator which is the next grade or scale in their collective bargaining agreement. And, below similar duty classification in some of the other units and so we've tried to make some adjustments to bring them closer to that scale in each year. The light equipment operator, same discussion, their increase however, the equity adjustment is half that of the laborers.

You have cost figures in that memorandum detailing the cost for each component in each of the three years. As we announced with the Police, with the Fire and the Streets employees, the City is making available a Section 125 plan that will allow pre-tax contributions not only for the increased monthly contribution for health care, but also allow an employee to elect to put up to \$3,000 into this plan on a pre-tax basis to cover other uncovered portions, prescription co-pays, office co-pays, emergency room services, dental care, that is uncovered by the insurance plan.

The health care coverage is standard. What we now have is our standard package for city employees. The family contribution is \$75 per month per family for 2006; \$100 in 2007 and \$125 in 2008. There are corresponding adjustments in the single plan coverage. Drug prescription co-pays also are at the same rate charge to the other bargaining units that have already reached agreement as well as the non-union employees in the city. It is hard for me to calculate the cost recovery on those prescription co-pays. I just don't have the detail that would allow me to assign a cost per bargaining unit. We are seeing however, already in the areas where we made the changes that the prescription drug costs are stabilizing.

Finally in this bargaining agreement, the same change to the residency requirement that we made in the other bargaining agreements, that is that all employees must maintain a residence within a one hour driving time to and from Euclid City hall.

That's the essence of the change of the collective bargaining for Parks & Recreation. If there are questions, I'd be glad to try to answer those.

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

Res. 35-2006 (066-06) Union Agreement

A resolution authorizing the Mayor of the City of Euclid to execute an Agreement by and between the City of Euclid and Teamsters Local No. 244, as exclusive bargaining agent for all Euclid Building and Housing Inspectors. (Sponsored by Mayor Cervenik)

Councilwoman Mancuso moved for passage, Councilman Lisy seconded.

Director Frey – Again, 3% increases in this bargaining unit. Uniform allowance increases in 2006 to \$700 per year and it increases to \$1,000 per year for 2007, 2008. We had an unusual arrangement in this bargaining agreement where Building inspectors had to work for 5 years at a lower grade. We had extensive discussions during this negotiation and the reality was the inspectors were doing the same job whether they were here one year, ten years or 12 years. There was an equity issue which turned out to be a very substantial, it was in excess of \$2.50 an hour difference in that five year. This equity adjustment reflects the elimination of that five year period and maintains a 90 day probationary period that is covered in our civil service rules, as well as in several of the other contracts. There's a 90 probationary period where there is a lower rate. Once that 90 period concludes, the individual will be at scale for that job.

Again the same section 125 plan, health care coverage and residency as we just discussed in the Parks & Recreation employees. That was fairly uncomplicated bargaining agreement and I'd be glad to answer questions.

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

Res. 36-2006 (061-06) Support Lakefront/Harbor Town Project

A resolution in support of the Administration of the City of Euclid seeking federal funding for the public improvement portion of the Euclid Lakefront/HarborTown Marina Project. (Sponsored by Councilmen Langman and Lisy)

Councilman Langman moved for passage, Councilman Lisy seconded.

Councilman Langman – For many years now the city has pursued what is euphemistically called lakefront development. Gosh, probably the first inklings of this occurred back in the 1960's with then private citizen George Voinovich during some exploratory conversations with then Mayor Sims.

Over the past five years or so the project has really gained momentum and the reason why is because you have a private developer who has stepped in and so far has invested \$38 million on our lakefront. It may not look like it but you have to consider purchases of the former Horizon House and the Americana and the acquisition of the homes on 242 Street and the adjacent parcels between the Normandy and the Americana represent the bulk of that investment.

So, what is lakefront development? Well, people have talked about it in the past, you have read about it, it is designed to build a marina that drives the construction of upscale housing. Housing that you or I may not be able to afford, but housing that will generate a tremendous economic benefit to the City of Euclid. I want to emphasize for all the citizens of

the City of Euclid because it will greatly increase our tax base. It brings in folks with more disposable income that helps all of our retail districts. It provides more access to the lakefront. Growing up where I did, south of the Boulevard, it is not easy to get to the lakefront, it is walled off by private property and so forth.

Public access is a critical aspect to what we call lakefront development. It also provides a recreational component to the boating community, including what is called safe harbor refuge which is very important to boaters if you've ever been caught on a storm on the lake.

The bottom line is this project represents when the private homes are constructed, about a \$75 million investment in the City of Euclid, not in Beachwood, not out in Geauga County, but right here in our neighborhood. You have the private developer that has assembled the land. The private developer that is ready to make the investment and the administration has worked very hard on the financing and legal aspects to make the project happen.

We've come to a point where we need help from our federal delegation. Representative Stephanie Tubbs Jones and Senator George Voinovich and Senator DeWine. The gap in the funding is approximately \$3 million give or take and what we're asking and what this resolution represents is support of the administration in their efforts to close that gap. We're also asking that you the citizens make your voices heard so that our federal delegation understands that this project is very important, not only to the second ward of the city, not only for the City of Euclid itself, but it has regional impact. It makes our region more competitive. With that I'll let my colleague, Councilman Lisy speak to the issue also.

Councilman Lisy – Director Pietravoia, could you overview what you've done to date on the lakefront project on getting the federal assistance.

Director Pietravoia – We are in the process this year of making application for what's referred to as fiscal year 2007 funding from the federal government for the project. All the members of Congress have their own separate forms that they request that we fill out and submit by a certain date. The first one is due tomorrow and that's for Congresswoman Stephanie Tubbs Jones' office and the other ones will be due in early March.

We have completed the one that will be submitted tomorrow. With the support of Council tonight, we'll be able to include this Resolution. We have found in making these applications that one of the questions they typically ask is, is there local support for the project. Well it has been very clear over the past few years that there has been support from Council and the administration. There's also been support from the public, but there hasn't been any formal way of conveying that as part of our application. This Resolution tonight and the campaign that has been discussed for letters and post-cards and e-mails and phone calls will help formulize that other piece of the puzzle which is the support from the community at large.

Councilman Lisy – Director Pietravoia, could you explain the arrangement with the TIF for this project, the tax increment financing district?

Director Pietravoia – Certainly, one aspect of the project that I believe will help us to secure the federal funds is the fact that this past June, this Council supported and passed a Tax Increment Financing District. What that essentially does is take the taxes that are generated from the new houses and other construction that will be built on this property and directs them back into the project for public improvements and those public improvements can include the boardwalk itself along the shoreline, the breakwall, public parking so that anyone from the city can drive to this location and take advantage of the public access.

In it's simplest terms the TIF or Tax Increment Financing takes the property taxes paid and directs them back into the project for public improvements. We believe we can generate, when the project is completed, \$5.5 to \$6 million toward the cost of the public improvements through this TIF. The additional money that we're seeking from the federal government would be to pay for the rest of the public improvements associated with the project.

Councilman Lisy – How is that TIF broken down? Is the School District getting any portion of that money?

Director Pietravoia – We do have an agreement with the school that was also passed at the same time and they do retain a portion of the taxes that will be generated off the project. Certainly any taxes that are coming from the existing development there, the high rise apartment buildings, that will continue to go to the city and schools.

Councilman Lisy- I just want to add that each Congressional Representative has to prioritize the projects that they apply for funding for. That is what our Senators also have to do. This legislation or this appropriation request is going before Congresswoman Tubbs Jones, she's going to be the one who leads this for the House side. She has to prioritize all the projects in her Congressional district. As she prioritizes these projects, she wants to know if members in her district support it. The more members that support it, the higher she moves that on her priority list. So the more support we get from Euclid residents on this project, the higher she'll move this onto her priority.

This is also equally important on the Senate side. When you have Senators representing the entire State, they have a lot of projects that they have to juggle around which one is of greater importance. When they get a lot of residents supporting a project, that shows that it is project they should have high on their priority list.

Mayor, you've been working with Senator Voinovich on this, would you like to make any comments?

Mayor Cervenik – I'm very encouraged by my conversation with Senator Voinovich. I believe we have a conference call set up with the local offices as well as the Washington staff within the next two weeks. I spoke with the Senator personally just about two weeks ago and he's very, very much in favor and really wants to help this project move forward. I'm sure he will. We met with the staff members of Senator DeWine's office, we're very encouraged by that meeting. I had personal conversations and will again this Thursday with Congresswoman Stephanie Tubbs Jones. I am very confident at some time within the next 9-12 months we will have our funding and we'll be ready to go. It is going to happen because we're all working together as a Council and as an Administration. And we're all working together as a community. That's one thing that is very important for our elected, especially our federal elected officials to understand that it is a project that can turn this city around. We made that very clear to them.

We're also not just going to stop with those three elected officials. I did take a trip last year to Washington and met with Congressman Hobson. We had another conversation I believe with the staff of his last week and will continue to expand on broadening our appeal to elected officials outside of our specific area. Because of number of them serve on committees, it can be very helpful. We don't need \$4 million from one fund if we have to get it from two or three sources, that's fine and dandy, as long as we get it and have that commitment.

I'm very confident that within, sometime this year, we will know that this project is going full steam ahead. Again, I appreciate all your efforts and all the residents efforts and Mr. Corbran's efforts as well.

I would like to add one thing, if we get everybody's name, as well as the Mayor's name on this Resolution, I think it would be most helpful.

Councilman Langman – I was going to suggest that Mayor, obviously we want everybody's name on there. Director Pietravoia, I don't know if you quite answered it directly, but to the resident's question, Mrs. Fike's question; who are we going to send this resolution to?

Director Pietravoia – Everybody. That actually is the simple answer. All the members of Congress locally that we've been working with and certainly the two Senators. So it will go specifically to members of Congress and the U.S. Senate.

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

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

Passed.

Res. 37-2006 (062-06) Euclid Social Security Office

A resolution opposing the Federal Government's plan to close the Euclid Social Security Office located at 22802 Lake Shore Boulevard. (Sponsored by entire Council)

Councilman Conway moved for passage, Councilman Delaney seconded.

President Pro-Tem Holzheimer Gail – At the last Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner, Councilman Conway and I were seated with a Euclid resident who works at the Social Security

Office. We had recalled several years ago we did pass a similar resolution. There has been talk and it continues to be on the plan that the government would close our Euclid Social Security Office. So Councilman Conway and I thought that it would be appropriate, given the new Council and that it has been a couple of years that we look at another resolution. Councilman Conway do you have any other comments?

Councilman Conway – I would just like to echo those comments that I certainly would hate to even consider the fact that the Social Security Administration may move out of Euclid. It is certainly located in a spot that is convenient for our seniors; it is convenient for disabled members of the community who rely on that service. I would certainly hope for approval for this Resolution so once again we can send our commitment to the Social Security Administration that we would like them to stay in Downtown Euclid.

Mayor Cervenik – If you could add my name to this as well. I was in the understanding that this issue had gone away, so when I saw this on the agenda I was concerned, as the Congresswoman will be in town on Thursday. I will definitely have this in my folder of items to talk with her about to make sure that office stays open.

Councilman Delaney – Do we know why this comes up on the chopping block from our Congressional Office every other year?

Mayor Cervenik – I don't believe there's been any further action. But I was of the understanding that this was two years ago taken off the table, that the office was going to stay open. I will find out why the employees of that office are discussing them closing again and get back to you. I will talk to the Congressman on Thursday and if she doesn't have a direct answer we will find out who we need to get that from and we will do whatever it takes to keep that office open.

President Pro-Tem Holzheimer Gail – We appreciate that. The resident that works there that we were speaking with, it didn't sound like it was an imminent decision that they had a date in mind, but he said his information was that it was still on the table as a future closing. I believe the overall plan was to consolidate some offices. But our emphasis was that we have such a high concentration of seniors and it is in such a great location on the bus route, close to the senior center, to the many apartments that it really was a valuable site that we certainly don't want to lose from our perspective.

Councilman Delaney moved to close debate, Councilman Conway seconded. Yeas: Unanimous.

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

Ord. (063-06) Day Care Homes Regulations

An ordinance enacting Chapter 722, "Day Care Homes", of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Euclid to establish minimum regulations for Home Day Cares in Euclid. (Sponsored by Councilman Gruber)

Councilman Gruber moved for passage, Councilwoman Mancuso seconded.

Councilman Gruber – First I would like to thank Sandra Weber for the amount of time and effort that she has put into this in bringing some situations to my attention that I had know idea. I spoke with the Fire Chief last week and with some other information that I received, there maybe over 200 of these homes in the city and some are regulated, some are inspected, some they do what they have to do and there's others that aren't. This is a valuable tool and I know the Fire Chief has some other buildings he'd like to put into this so I would like to make a motion to put this into Executive Committee and we can discuss it further and then take some suggestions from the Housing Dept. and the Fire Chief on how we can deal with this.

Councilman Gruber moved Ord. (063-06) to the Executive & Finance Committee. Councilman Langman seconded.

Roll Call: Yeas: Conway, Delaney, Gruber, Langman, Lisy, Mancuso, Walsh, Holzheimer Gail. Placed into Executive & Finance Committee.

Res. 38-2006 (060-06) Dr. Larick

A resolution in support of Dr. Roy Larick's Bluestone Brooks Estuary Cruise (BBEC) proposal. (Sponsored by Mayor Cervenik and entire Council)

Councilman Delaney moved for passage, Councilman Lisy seconded.

Councilman Delaney – Although Euclid only has a small part of Euclid Creek, we have a lot of stock in the name. This will be the first of its kind. It is a unique and aggressive idea to offer an eco tour down the shoreline. It is going to start as Dr. Larick said in the Committee of the Whole, the harbor of Euclid Creek which is Wildwood and go to Doan's Creek by Gordon Park.

There are other components to this. This will certainly bring attention to the shoreline that we all share. It will also bring awareness to a lot of debate that has gone on over our natural resources, the dead zones in the lake, some of the things that Senator Voinovich has shepherded over time that we've grown concerned about preserving Lake Erie.

It is a small seed but I think in the end it helps us all, especially apropos with the discussion on our breakwall that it would be a natural fit that this cruise through these estuaries would then begin to come east and just spread from there on out. It is asking for Council and the Administration's support. The good thing about it is all the money will be coming from the Cleveland Coletivo.

Mayor Cervenik – Over the past two years I've served as Chair of the Euclid Creek Watershed Counsel. Just this past month I have turned the gavel over to South Euclid Mayor Georgine Welo. I think there's seven communities involved in that, they all have a portion of the Euclid Creek running through there. It is a very large learning experience to understand just what a small tributary like the Euclid Creek really means to the environment and it is important to keep it clean and the history behind it. Myself and the Administration strongly support this resolution and wish Dr. Larick well.

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

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

Res. 39-2006 (067-06) WWT Union

A resolution authorizing the Mayor of the City of Euclid to execute an Agreement by and between the City of Euclid and Teamsters Local No. 244, as exclusive bargaining agent for all Euclid Waste Water Treatment Department Employees. (Sponsored by Mayor Cervenik)

Councilman Gruber moved for passage, Councilman Langman seconded.

Director Frey- This is the third of the collective bargaining agreements on tonight's agenda. Again this is a Teamster represented Local and employs 44 individuals in our Lakeland and Lake Shore Waste Water Treatment Regional Facilities.

The essence of this contract is a 3% wage increase in each of the three years of the contract. A change by adding ten cents per hour to the premium rate that covers laboratory licenses, waste water licenses and building trade certification for some members of that unit. There is also a new provision that would allow an encourage employees to obtain the educational components necessary for maintaining a license or license renewals by reimbursing up to \$100 per employee per year for the cost of that licensure.

While there are, I believe 22 employees, or 20 employees that currently have licenses of the 44, I indicated in my summary of the cost of the contracts to Council that conceivably every employee could get a license and that cost could increase to \$4,500 per year.

Uniform allowance increases to \$900 in 2006; \$950 in 2007 and \$1,000 in 2008. This is and I don't, certainly not making this comment, there's a certain aroma associated with the Waste Water plants that makes uniform changing and laundering a pretty essential component of that job. So I think these individuals will take full advantage in the increase in their uniform allowance.

We have two employees that either have job duties that require an adjustment in their rates or their rate of pay is just flat out out-of-line with other employees with similar duties. There is a secretary in the Waste Water facility that is well below scale for other secretarial employees in the city, so there's an equity adjustment of fifty-cents per hour, each year of the contract to get that employee closer to the scale for that job. There is also a position of significant importance in dealing with the commercial businesses in the city that have pre-treatment permits to discharge. They will actually on-site pre-treat waste before it is discharged in to the waste water system and it improves the eventual quality of the treated materials before it gets to our facilities. But those require inspections, in plant inspections and interaction with those businesses. That individual in this lab IT position would have a new job description approved by Civil Service Commission and a rate that would set it between the lab supervisor and the highest technician rate Lab 3. That's the Lab IT position.

Again the Section 125 plan is available. Health care coverage is the same as with the other bargaining units and the residency requirement is the same. I would again remind Council that because this is a regional facility, the cost of this contract does not come from our General Fund, but it is a part of the Waste Water, the sewer charges collected by the City of Euclid through the Cleveland Department of Water for user communities in Wickliffe, Willowick, Willoughby Hills, Richmond Heights and South Euclid as well as the resident in the City of Euclid. If there are any questions, I'll be glad to answer them.

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

Mayor Cervenik – Now that Council has passed all three of these contracts, I would just like to thank the employee representatives of the bargaining units as well as their business agent Jerold Williams and the Law Dept. and the various Directors involved. As we stated early on and as I met with the various bargaining units our intention was to do this in-house without a lot of expensive outside professionals and attorneys and we agreed to bargain in good faith and we did that. I've been very happy with the way the bargaining sessions have gone. We have four more unions to negotiate with, we are in various stages with those negotiations.

Our main goal was to keep the contracts as close as possible to a three percent increase and at the same time greatly increase the contributions to the employees health care. I believe at \$75 this year, \$100 the following year and \$125 contribution per month, we have one of the highest employee contributions in Northeastern Ohio. I think our employees are very well aware of the quality of the health care they do receive and rather than having some cuts made to that, we are very willing to contribute a little bit more. I appreciate that very much.

The other important thing is we've standardized all the health care coverage through these six contracts. Virtually every bargaining unit had different amounts, different co-pays and it was very, very difficult to keep track of them. We now have a standardized process, we are paying more for prescription drugs as well, that is where most of our cost is rising quickly. Again, the process and we appreciate Council's support during these negotiations and we hope to have the last four contracts before you very shortly.

CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION

Res. 31-2006 (064-06) Kiwanis Club

A resolution of commendation to recognize the many civic achievements and contributions of the **Kiwanis Club** for the City of Euclid. (Sponsored by Mayor Cervenik and entire Council)

Res. 32-2006 (069-06) Lithuanian Community

A resolution in recognition of the American Lithuanian Community Cleveland Chapter celebrating the **Restoration of Lithuania's Independence**. (Sponsored by Mayor Cervenik and Entire Council)

Councilman Lisy moved for passage, Councilwoman Walsh seconded.

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

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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

Mr. Tom Cooke – 25641 Edgecliff. One more time. Just in support of this Harbor Marina. This doesn't stop here. Every resident out there should become involved with this. I've already written letters to my representatives. I plan on calling tomorrow and I also plan on e-mailing it. Everybody should be doing this.

The School Board should be here, right in front of this podium, supporting this, as they did the School levy because they are direct beneficiaries of this development project in the short and the long term.

Joff Jones, Kent Smith, I ask that both of you guys come up here and support this project over the next few months. Also the City services, the police, the fire, will become direct beneficiaries of this project. So we want everybody to support this thing as much as we can. It is all well and good to promote efficiencies in government, cut salaries, cut wages as necessary, but you just can't cut back. You have to look for new sources of revenue. When this project is rolling well along, we have to continue to look for new sources. PMX development I believe is another huge project. We can't just look at little things, we have to look at the big picture. We can't rely on Lincoln Electric it may not always be there. We can't rely on picking up delinquent taxes, that's a fixed item, that's just not going to be there forever. We have to look at new sources of income. Thank you.

Mrs. Susan McGinn – 141 Sunnycliff Dr. I'm the other person that's going to talk about the post cards. I'm here this evening to talk about the Harbor Town project and ask for involvement from all Euclid residents as well as the Mayor and City Council. I was going to go on and on about how important the project is to Euclid, but I think you guys pretty much covered that. I just would like to repeat that the entire City will benefit from this project. Not just people who live in certain areas, but overall. We'll see new job creation, new retail possibilities, improved housing and tax dollars for our city and schools. It is important that everyone is involved.

We are announcing tonight a mass-mailing campaign to Senators Voinovich, DeWine and Representative Stephanie Tubbs Jones. In collaboration with Mr. Corbran's letter writing campaign which he announced two weeks ago at the last Council Meeting, we are implementing the mailing of pre-written postcards. These will go to those three officials.

We need all Euclid residents to please come forward and sign these postcards. I am asking that you will please take the time over the next four days to visit one of these locations. Grab a pencil, write these down. The front entrance of the Euclid Public Library, Wednesday and Thursday evening after 5:30 PM. If it's okay with the Mayor, the reception desk out here at City Hall before 4:30 PM weekdays. Euclid Meat and Sausage before 5:00 every day of the week. And Pat, by the way, what's the price of pork chops this week? I was told to ask you that, sorry.

Please leave the cards at the location. Don't take them with you, leave them wherever you go to sign them, please leave them at the location and we'll pick them up and get them in the mail.

We plan on adding other locations also throughout the week, so please refer to our website, www.euclidawareness.com or call 216-289-8046. If you want to know where other locations will be to sign, go to www.euclidawareness.com or call 216-289-8046.

The website will also offer the e-mail addresses and phone numbers of these officials. Sgt.-at-Arms, could you pass, I have a little stack here for each of the Council people and just a sample here for the Mayor of what we're doing. I would hope that everybody would pass those out to family and friends.

This grassroots campaign is about asking Washington for money. The success of this project depends on all of our involvement, everyone. Thank you very much.

Mrs. Pearlitha Taylor – 1495 E. 193 St. Tonight I would like to give a special thanks to Chris Gruber for meeting with me on February 14. We was able to discuss quite a few things concerning Euclid Ave. One thing that was really on my mind and I think it was on his mind also is the beautification of Euclid Ave. I never did hear from Gary DeWine, but I was told by Councilman Gruber that they were working on the project with the flowers and the banners.

Also I'm concerned about the repo car lot supposed to be coming to the old Sims Buick. That concerns me and our neighborhood a lot. We know very little about it, but I hope that the Mayor, Pietravoia, whoever knows something about this new plan for Sims Buick on Euclid Ave., that they will share will our association and the residents on Euclid Ave.

Also I want to thank Mrs. Bernie Walsh, I had an opportunity to meet with her also last week. Talking about the Salvation Army which has helped our community quite a bit. I had the

opportunity to visit the Salvation Army with Mrs. Walsh and I was very proud to see what she was doing. It makes me feel good and Euclid should really be thankful to have a Councilwoman like Mrs. Bernadette Walsh. She is doing an excellent job because she's serving people. We all know everyone need help right now and it is worse now than anytime.

I would also like to ask the Mayor, I know three new policemen were added to the force and three new firemen, but neither one of them was black and that kind of concerns me a little bit. I have had people calling me, asking me questions. I don't know how you recruit your police officers, but I feel that you should start at the school and start a program. This city cannot continue to last with no black police officer. You need to start a program. If not, everyone out there will listen and also to the councilmen, I think you all should get involved and find out what is the problem. All I hear is that they are not applying. I think you should start recruiting. I see the law enforcement of a community college have a program. I am encouraging all young black men and women, ladies, to go out and try to get involved. We need to change the status in Euclid. The only way we are going to go it, we're going to have to start at City Hall.

Also I would like to thank the Mayor for some of the things he helped us with last year. I hope you continue to help. I would like to meet with you and some of your staff which is really concerning the police officer. Also about that repo station that is coming on Euclid Ave. The people need to know and we are tired of being dumped on. All we have is dollar stores, check cashing stores, car lots, we have mechanic shop, one gas station, one drug store. We're waiting on a grocery store. We need some help on Euclid Ave. and we would like you to know that we are very concerned. Please, look beyond some of your other plans and look on the other side. Don't leave us out anymore. We are tired. Thank you.

Mayor Cervenik – I'll address the later first. If you take a look on Euclid Ave. you have a little bit more than we think we do. As I mentioned in my State of the City Address, you need to look around a little bit, you need to be a little proud of our city and recognize the things we have and find ways to make what we have even better. With the council people we have representing that area, I'm sure that will happen.

In talking about the police and fire hirings, it has been a concern of mine, long before I was Mayor that we're not getting the African-American candidates that I feel we should have and need. We are meeting this Friday with Chief Bruington from the Cleveland Fire Dept. He's very involved in helping communities find ways to increase the enrollment and applications of African-American police and fire men. We hope to get some good information from him because we will continue to hire. I have met with Stephanie Tubbs Jones and some of her staff about ways to increase the application and the hiring of African-American police and firefighters. We will have some success.

We did advertise at the Cuyahoga Community College Safety Force and we advertise in the Call & Post and other areas as well where we felt we might be able to increase the applications of African-American candidates.

One of the things that we do require that not all cities require is that you have a paramedic license to take the test. It has been mentioned by some of the people that I met with that maybe a hindrance. The reason we do require that license to be done ahead of time is because if we hire the person and then we have to pay for the training and all that, it costs the taxpayers over \$18,000 approximately the number, even more than that. We do require, if a person gets the license on his own, or her own, I believe the cost to that individual is somewhere around \$2,500-\$3,000 because they would just be paying for the tuition. Once we hire them, we would have to be paying that person overtime to take the class. We're going to look at that. I agree with you, that it is very, very important that our employee and our hiring practices, especially on the safety forces represents the face of this community and I pledge that before I became Mayor and I pledge it now that we will do everything we can to have that come to fruition.

Ms. Sandra Weber – 2070 Miami Road. Councilman Gruber made a comment in regards to the #6, the daycare ordinance and it being moved to Executive Committee about it being moved because they weren't sure about how many other homes maybe out there and possibly including other entities such as foster care, things like that.

Currently the number for type B County certified homes in Cuyahoga County is 1302 and that is approximate and as of September 2005. Those are some of the figures. We have approximately 62 of those here in Euclid. Those are regulated homes, they get inspected approximately three times yearly at the very minimum. There is also another kind of home that gets inspected which is called type B alternate approval. Same capacity requirements, but they

are governed by the USDA food program. The people participating in this program received funds for providing nutritious meals to the children. They are regulated by the USDA food program and there is no way for me to find out how many program participants are in that. It is public knowledge to find out how many are in the County Certified Type B program.

Also for anybody looking for daycares and preschools, the Euclid Library this weekend, February 25th, Saturday has a preschool and day care open house from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. If you were interested in trying to find out some information about day cares and preschools in the area, it would be a good place to start. There's going to be quite a few people set up there.

Also I was wondering on Euclid Ave., Indian Hills area where I live, when are we going to get some road markings and lines on the road so people going westbound and making their turn Upper Valley aren't coming head-on traffic from eastbound travelers and there's just no lines there. So I was just wondering if that was going to be something they were going to be taking care of soon. I did not bring this up prior to Councilman Gruber because I've been so busy with this other stuff that I've been working on so. I just thought I had a moment. Thank you.

Director Gulich – Over the past year the City of Cleveland at the juncture between the two communities changed their traffic pattern around. They were not complete with that change as of the end of the fall season. So we will see that striping go back. I'm glad to report that we will have similar traffic pattern crossing over between the two cities and in the past that wasn't the case. We should realize a safer passage starting this season, once we get those stripes down.

Mr. Harvey Mlachak – 23831 Lake Shore Blvd., Euclid, Ohio. I wasn't going to say anything tonight but I have something eating at my crawl and I couldn't contain myself. I got a telephone call from an elderly gentleman who is a citizen of the City of Euclid about the handicap accessibility of the Old City Hall here which has the Cleveland Style Museum Polka Hall of Fame and the Slow Pitch Fast Ball Museum on the second floor. He complained to me and made me aware of the fact that there is no handicapped accessibility to older people who come in on the many bus trips to the Polka Hall of Fame to see their museum. Unfortunately I procrastinated whatever and didn't investigate what his complaints were. I don't know whether I was baited or not. But I made the comment to him, back and forth, that if you people feel that those two entities are such an asset to this town, why don't you do something about it?

The other one was last Friday I was taking a trip around the Shore Cultural Centre. There was an elderly woman trying to gain access to this building through one of the doors. To watch this person tore your heart out. I seen her tonight and asked her why she didn't use the ramp for the handicapped accessibility. She said it's too far for me to walk.

In walking through that building, they have a ramp or a lift there for wheelchair accessibility or people who cannot negotiate stairs. This lift was locked out making it totally inoperable and totally useless for whatever money it cost to comply with the ADA. In that building people still can't access the second floor. It amazes me why this town doesn't do more for handicapped people. Is it going to be necessary for me to go in the two buildings to the Ohio Civil Rights Commission, again, and get some of you people off your duff? Why can't you show some respect and some compassion for the elderly and the disabled citizens of this town or any other town that wants to come into our town to see what we have? Thank you very much.

President Pro-Tem Holzheimer Gail – Thank you, Mr. Mlachak. Are there any comments from the Administration?

Mayor Cervenik – Only that we will look into those concerns. I believe Mr. Mlachak is meeting with me some time next week and that's, I'm sure, one of the subjects he will broach with me.

President Pro-Tem Holzheimer Gail – Thank you, Mayor.

Mr. Jerry Corbran – 24250 Maplewood Dr. I just want to remind the audience that I do have some of these letter writing instructions available. They'll be available in the lobby along with the postage cards. Thank you very much.

President Pro-Tem Holzheimer Gail – Thank you. Any other resident comments? Seeing none, we will rise and report to the Councilmen's comments, I believe, Councilman Lisy is first this week.

COUNCILMEN'S COMMENTS

Councilman Lisy – I pulled out my laptop because I take my notes on here because instead of writing it down on pieces of paper that I lose over a period of time, this way I can check my notes and one note I had here was to look to Director Johnson January 17th we asked for a tax policy to be delivered 30 days later. Director Johnson, thank you very much, it's on our desk and so I could have just ignored that line item there. It's nice to see that.

The other one was for a monthly budgeting forecast for the City of Euclid and as soon as the budget hearing was over we're supposed to be getting that and it's also on our desks and I looked through it briefly and thank you. It looks like it's very close to what we need and just a small tweaking that I'll talk to you about later. Thank you very much.

President Pro-Tem Holzheimer Gail – Is your microphone, Councilman Lisy?

Councilman Lisy – I'm sorry, thank you.

President Pro-Tem Holzheimer Gail – Sorry.

Councilman Lisy – I'll rephrase. Director Johnson, thank you.

Mayor Cervenik – I was going to say, Councilman Lisy, you need to repeat all those nice things with the microphone on.

Councilman Lisy – Sorry. Director Johnson, thank you for getting the tax policy to us and also getting to us the monthly budget forecast when we asked for it. Thank you very much.

Director Pietravoia, the budget hearings are over with, you were going to be hiring somebody to help relieve some of the backlog in your group. How is that progressing?

Director Pietravoia – We did actually run an ad this past Sunday based on the draft job description that I had presented and distributed to Council. We're giving a 2-week period for letters of interest or resumes to come in. We hope to get that position hired pretty quickly. And just for clarification, this would be an individual that would be responsible for helping to coordinate the day-to-day operations of the Housing Division, the Building Division and our zoning enforcement responsibilities of our department.

Councilman Lisy – Thank you. The, Director Johnson, I sat in with your group with the New Worlds System updated accounting package and this past week was your introduction to it city-wide, how did that proceed?

Director Johnson – Fairly well, we had a gentleman who was in. He interviewed most of the major departments. He interviewed several members from Community Development Department including Director Pietravoia and some of the other members of the Finance Department. The plan now is that he's supposed to come back March the 20th. He did take a backup of our files for the conversion and he's supposed to deliver March the 20th, the first conversion of what I understand is supposed to be several conversions of the financial system and payroll system. And with the go-live date of June, some time in June for the financial system and the payroll system, and after that from what I understand we will be able to begin to work on bringing the community development package up. I asked about doing both of those concurrently and he recommends that we not because of the multiple conversions that he expects to provide to us. So March 20th is the next visit and when they come they're here for a whole week.

Councilman Lisy – It was very impressive, the system. It's going to get us away from our somewhat archaic AS400 system and create a financial package that is user friendly, for all that need access to it. And I was really impressed with how easy it's, it's a very user friendly system that should really help out in all departments.

And the community service module, I was rather impressed with the ability to log service requests, didn't like to call them complaints; but they called, they call it service requests. And so this could go for any type of neighbor problem to street repair problems. It's a very comprehensive package and I look forward to seeing that progress.

And one last thing, thank you, Mayor, for showing up at the JC wrestling tournament. The kids were happy to see you. We did have Matt Gaffari, the Silver Medalist wrestler, show up

also. And I'd also like to thank Tim Bower and the JCs for coordinating that program. Thank you.

Mayor Cervenik – It was great to be there, Coach. He's the coach.

Councilwoman Mancuso – I would also like to thank Director Johnson for giving me a privacy policy draft, which you promised me with an additional 30-days, all of Council has it. I will spend this weekend going over and seeing if it's absolutely perfect and doesn't need any more changes so we can implement it. But I do appreciate you getting this to us.

Again, on the budget, glory, hallelujah, a monthly budget here, I would like to ask under our public safety charges, what all are you including in there under revenue for under the income statement?

Director Johnson – The bulk of it is the ambulance billing charge.

Councilwoman Mancuso – It is, okay, what else would be under there besides ambulance fees, off hand?

Director Johnson – I don't have the report in front of me. I should have brought it.

Councilwoman Mancuso – That was my assumption, but I thought there was something else.

Director Johnson – False alarm billings, false alarm billings but the bulk of it is going to be the ambulance billing charges.

Councilwoman Mancuso – Okay, just so I know month-to-month what I'm looking at. Okay and with that I really don't have a lot tonight. I encourage people to go to the PTA dance, which is this coming Saturday. You can see our Councilwoman Kirsten Holzheimer Gail if you have not yet gotten tickets. Unfortunately, I will be missing that event.

I, too, encourage everybody to participate in our endeavors to obtain some federal funding. I will be in Washington, D.C. on a different issue the first week of March; however, all three of our folks from this area will be there and I will split my time between other professional things and the City of Euclid's endeavor to get federal funding. So I encourage every resident to partake. This is all about us and with that I'll say good night.

Councilwoman Walsh – We have a new title for my little commercials and we're going to call them either 3, 4 or 5 minute EGG depending on how long I get and long winded. And that stands for Euclid's Good Gifts.

And I want to start out with saying that the president, the current President of Kiwanis does live in Ward 3. VA-SJ students will be presenting Grease March 10th, 11th and 12th. Ward 3 will host their first focus group on Thursday, March 2nd, at Master's Church and we're going to seek solutions and we're not going to seek problems and working together as we are doing on everything else we will find some solutions. My business visit of the week was to Personalized Data and Sky Bank on 260th, come on down.

But the best announcement I have, the second best, I'm saying the best for last. I firmed up the China trip. The China trip is a group of students that are going to be meeting in Euclid because we're the central location and this is going to bring a lot of attention to our city. These students were picked to be on the Dwight Eisenhower trip, an organization that is 50 years old. And of the 40 students that are going to have the thrill of going to China, 4 are from Euclid. It will start March 5th. The second meeting will be April 30th, Mr. Mayor; and the 3rd meeting will be May 21st at Shore Cultural Centre with a bon voyage party in June. One of the coordinators lives in Ward 4, Maureen Sandor and Maureen's daughter is one of the students. She's afraid to leave Euclid Pet Pals where she does do her volunteer work and has high regards for Tod.

And now the best for last, thanks to Jeff Piorkowski, I was able to pull up on the internet Promitory Point in Utah and Jeff, you did spell it right, is where the golden spike was put in the ground to bring the eastern railroad to meet the western railroad and it was a pretty big ceremony. And what I found out on the internet today, it was so crazy they had to undo the railroad engine, take it around South America, bring it to Sacramento, California to get it on the west side so that it could come meet the east side. And through a luck of the draw and the fact that the car, first engine got smashed up, the train was called the Jupiter so having said that, I want to announce that Councilman Gruber and I are putting our golden spike in the ground for

our Promitory Point around 248. It's a little bit more in his Ward, but we're in agreement. And we are going to sponsor a Spring/Easter egg hunt from the two of us working together. And we're going to do this on Euclid Avenue and then the next thing we're going to do on Euclid Avenue is we're going to plant flowers. So I'm going to pass this down but it's in a medicinal plastic bag because the gold paint is kind of coming off. It's not solid gold because the Council person doesn't have the budget. But I give this to Mr. Gruber and we will put this in the ground the day that we do our Easter egg/Spring hunt and we want everybody to come out and children 12 and under can come and be part of this Easter egg hunt that we're paying for. And since he's got more property in it, it's going to be a bigger share on Ward 4.

Councilman Gruber – Thank you, I accept your spike.

Councilwoman Walsh – Okay.

Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail – I would like to start by making a correction from my last Councilmen's comments. Thank you to a resident who called me. I was talking about a neighborhood association at East 236 and mistakenly, unintentionally, indicated that was behind Clay Matthews Pontiac. We all know Clay Matthews is now Sims Buick and Pontiac and I meant no disrespect to them. They deserve all the attention. So I apologize to Sims Buick and Pontiac; 236th is still behind Sims Buick and Pontiac.

East 236 and 237 residents we will be holding another neighborhood meeting. If you're interested, contact either me or Kristal Skovira at the Police Department for that date.

The Euclid High School PTA is sponsoring their annual PTA Scholarship Reverse Raffle and Dinner Dance. It is this Friday, February 24th. I have tickets available this evening if anyone wants them or you can call Ellen Mihalich at 486-9438. It's a great event. It goes, the proceeds go to scholarships for Euclid students so I would encourage everyone to attend and see me or call Ellen Mihalich, 486-9438 for tickets to that event.

I also would like to announce a community meeting that will be next Tuesday, February 28th, at 7 p.m. here in Council Chambers. We had the opportunity to meet with Coral, the Coral Company, who is developing the parcel at East 205, 206 and Edgecliff. They, as we all know, have done very well with the homes along the lake. The three single family homes have sold for much more than expected. Unfortunately, the other homes are not selling quite as quickly. So we're going to have a meeting to discuss some potential changes, nothing terribly dramatic, they still are very interested in moving forward. We just wanted to discuss a couple potential changes. So that will be next Tuesday, February 28th, 7 p.m. here in Council Chambers. I will be dropping off information at the neighbors' houses, hopefully, tomorrow morning. Council has a packet that we will give you this evening with that information. I would encourage everyone who's interested to attend that or you can call me with any specific questions about that.

It is, Mrs. Weber indicated this earlier, but it's that time of the year to start looking for pre-schools. As she said, the library will be holding an Open House this Saturday from 10 to 2. All Euclid pre-schools and day care providers, I don't know if all, but have been invited to participate so you can come to one spot. I will also mention that the Euclid Co-Operative Pre-School which is located at 210 and Lake Shore in the Church of the Epiphany will be having their Open House this Thursday from 9:30 to 11 and 5 to 7. That's Thursday, February 23rd.

And I also wanted to thank the Chamber of Commerce. I was able to attend as well as most of Council as well as Administration, their annual dinner and award ceremony. I wanted to congratulate Chesterfield Steel and Al Saluan from Lake Shore Theatre for their awards and it was a wonderful event so thanks to everyone who helped put that together. With that, Councilman Conway.

Councilman Conway – I think what I would like to do is just kind of remind people of all the great things that are going on this weekend at that some people mentioned before, but I don't want people to forget the Winterfest that's going to take place on Saturday. It's a great opportunity to turn out, participate, taste some of Euclid's finest chili. The date has moved one time and it seems like we're going to get the weather fitting of a Winterfest this weekend compared to what they might have gotten January so, though, the date has changed I hope people do turn out Saturday throughout the day and take advantage of Winterfest.

I know we're all very excited and I'd like to congratulate Dunkin' Donuts on their opening on Friday at 11 o'clock. I'm sure I'll be there and I'll contact my friends at the Willoughby

Dunkin' Donuts and let them know that my business will be officially moving to Euclid for my daily cup of coffee.

Just want to take a minute, we talked a lot about Harbor Town tonight and I'm very excited and optimistic sharing the Mayor's enthusiasm that Harbor Town is going to get back on track. We're going to secure the funding necessary to move this project forward. As many other people have said, it's probably the most important project that is currently on the radar screen and it's something that we really need to make happen. But it's difficult and I'm sure Director Pietravoia would agree, you talk about projects 5, 6, 7, sometimes 10 years, sometimes even longer and then all of a sudden it takes to a point where it really is crunch time. And I believe that crunch time is now and that's why it's so important for our residents to once again step up and take the lead in writing our letters, writing e-mails, making phone calls to our officials in Washington. And something that I think is incredibly simple to do is over the next, really, 5 days is try to find one of these post cards, actually, there's one for each Senator DeWine, Senator Voinovich, Rep. Stephanie Tubbs Jones. I know the goal right now is try to get a thousand of these cards, one for each so 3,000 total to our elected officials in Washington.

Probably all your life if you've been paying attention to politics, somebody's always said write, call, send something to your Senators or Representatives when you want to make a difference in your community. This is an incredibly simple thing that is going to make a lot of noise in Washington. Once again, we'll show the passion of this City in an extremely positive light and it'll let our federal officials know that we need their help because usually it does need to continue to be a great city and this is something that is certainly going to continue in the right direction and would just like to see everybody try to participate as quickly as possible so that we can make the impact immediately.

As Councilman Lisy has mentioned, the Senators are making their decisions right now as to where they want to appropriate the funds so we have a short amount of time to make this difference. I do encourage everybody and I'm sure there'll be cards available in the back lobby after this meeting for those here and the information is out there for people to find out where the locations are going to be. And if you have friends that may not live in the City but can certainly benefit from this, give them the same information that you have been provided with and allow them the opportunity to make a difference as well. And with that I'll say good night.

Councilman Delaney – I'm going to pass for tonight.

Councilman Gruber – Thank you, Madame Chairwoman, also, I'd like to congratulate you on the job you did tonight, nice job up there. And Director Gulich, the lines on Euclid Avenue as soon as the weather breaks that would be pretty important. I got about 2 calls today on that and, course, Sandra brought it up here so it is kind of dangerous and confusing down there. So I appreciate that.

The Euclid Historical Society is looking for members and will host some special events including a book review on Lincoln, Sunday, February 28th at 1:15. The book is on Abraham Lincoln and is called "A Team of Rivals: The Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln" so if anybody can come over to the Historical Society on North Street that'd be nice to see over there.

Councilman Langman – Sunday's not the 28th.

Councilman Gruber – Well, that's, thank you, Ms. Walsh, for the spike and the misinformation. Okay.

Councilwoman Walsh – Somebody buy me a calendar.

Councilman Gruber – Well, it's on Sunday so come on down. And then, also, I'll be having a Beverly Hills Homeowners Association meeting tomorrow night at 7 o'clock at Glenbrook School and I will take these cards to that meeting and I'm going to try to get Ward 4 as involved as we can because this is an issue that affects the whole City and I think this is a simple, easy, quick way to get the message out and I'll happily bring these to my homeowners association meetings.

I'd also like to thank Ms. Taylor, President of the Heritage Park Homeowners Association, for being my Valentine's Day lunch date. I think we made some progress and we do much common ground and I look forward to working with her on some of these issues.

At the Chamber event last week, Brickman's Funeral Home from Ward 4 was also given an award. So congratulations to them.

And Commissioner Langman, newly appointed Commissioner Langman, Shade Tree Committee member, I welcome you. I've been on there 6 years.

Councilman Langman – Thank you.

Councilman Gruber – And now we can call him the Commish. So let's see, that's all I have for you, oh, the lot on the old Sims Buick property on Euclid Avenue. From what I'm understanding, I understand that Mr. Pietravoia met with the owner of the property. The owner of the property claims it will not be a repo lot that it will just be a towing lot and some impound facility but not for repos and he has agreed to meet with some of the people in the neighborhood so after he gets a little settled in a little bit and decides which way he's going to go, I'd like to have him come and do a little neighborhood meeting before anything else goes on. So that's all I have for you tonight. Thank you, good night.

President Pro-Tem Holzheimer Gail – Did you want to comment, Director Pietravoia?

Director Pietravoia – Yes, I did just want to comment just briefly. As Councilman Gruber indicated, we did meet with the prospective purchaser. The deal hasn't actually closed yet but they expect that it will in the next couple of weeks. And I did express, Ms. Taylor had talked to me personally, I did express to him some of the concerns of the neighbors and he's very willing to meet with the neighbors as well the Council member. We also asked him to put in writing specifically to us what he, what his plans are for the property so that we can do a proper zoning review. It's difficult when people just tell us verbally what they intend to do. We really need something in writing. So as we receive that information, we'll be sharing it with you and we'll help to coordinate a meeting through Councilman Gruber. Thank you.

Councilman Langman – First, I would like to thank the Mayor and Director Pietravoia for allowing the citizens to conduct the Harbor Town campaign in both the Senior Center and City Hall. I'm sure they appreciate it as do I. The Mayor and I had a brief conversation this morning and I'm truly grateful.

I think what always amazes me and maybe I shouldn't be, but Euclid citizens really pick up the ball and run with it. And this has been a trademark of our community for many, many decades. If you look at some of the very best things in our City, they've come from the residents, including amenities like the Golf Course or the Henn Mansion or Shore or the Animal Shelter and others. They've all come through the work and effort of the average citizen. So I think with everybody pulling together we will be very successful at Harbor Town.

And I would also like to congratulate my fellow Commissioner, Mr. Gruber, Councilman Gruber, who is also on the Shade Tree Commission. And I would like to encourage everyone that is in the audience tonight and is watching at home to think about contributing to the Shade Tree Commission Fund so that we can plant trees. And planting trees does the world a lot of good.

And finally, I would like to thank James Foreman, who was at our Chamber dinner and made a very generous donation to the beautification fund at the Senior Center. That was very kind of him and we certainly appreciate the gesture that he made and we'll put the money to good use. And with that, Madame Chair, I will wish everyone a good evening.

President Pro-Tem Holzheimer Gail – Thank you, Councilman Langman. Director Pietravoia?

Director Pietravoia – I was just going to follow-up on Councilman Langman's remarks. If I could encourage that anyone that's writing a letter to copy either the Mayor's office or our office so that we can submit those as part of our applications to the Federal Government. It wouldn't hurt for them to see them twice. Not the postcards, we can't send thousands but the letters we can include with the application. Thank you.

President Pro-Tem Holzheimer Gail – Thank you, Director Pietravoia. And with that I'll take a motion for adjournment.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Attest:

Clerk of Council

President Pro-Tem of Council