

COUNCIL MINUTES

March 6, 2006

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

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

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

Invocation was given by Fr. Goebel of St. Christine's Church.

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Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail moved to approve the Council Minutes of February 21, 2006. Councilwoman Mancuso seconded.

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Cervenik & Councilman Conway swore in Eugene Gilliam to the City Services Evaluation Committee.

Director Will – I would just like to take this opportunity to remind you of a few upcoming events for the Parks & Recreation Dept. Remind everybody that we will have our Family Bingo at the C.E. Orr Ice Arena on Wednesday, March 22 at 6:30. If you are interested in participating in that, it is \$3 with ID, \$5 without, and you can pre-register at our Parks & Recreation Dept. That's Family Bingo on Wednesday, March 22.

Boys League will be having registration for boys ages 5-12 at the Euclid Public Library on March 7th and March 9th from 7:00-8:30 PM.

Euclid Pony League for ages 13 & 14, you can register by calling Dan Pado at 486-4720.

To register for Colt League which is ages 15-17, you can register at the Library on the 11th of March and the 18th of March from 10:00 AM until 1:00 PM.

Parks & Recreation Dept. will be having our Sports Registration beginning in April. We will be sending out flyers to the schools and also I will be making announcement at the next Council meeting in regards to that. That is for our summer sports registration.

The Euclid Civic Orchestra will present their annual spring concert on Sunday, March 26th at 3:00 at Shore.

Finally, I just wanted to make an announcement to all the residents. I've been working with Council President Gudenas, Councilman Conway and Councilman Delaney in putting together our Euclid Lakefront Festival. That is scheduled to be held at Sims Park, June 15-18th. As I stated before, the Recreation Dept. cannot do this on our own. We need help from the community. We are looking for residents and various community groups that are willing to assist us in this endeavor. If you're interested, you can call my office at 289-8114 or you can attend our next meeting which will be held on Wednesday, March 15th at 6:00 at the Henn Mansion. Thank you.

Mayor Cervenik – As you can see it's a nice agenda, it is a rather light agenda. By no means does that mean nothing is going on in the City of Euclid. We're working very hard right now on our Preparedness Plan; as Director Will just said planning for the festival. We are working on the transfer of Shore Cultural Centre to the Board of Directors; as well as putting together a downtown Euclid and Euclid Ave. beautification plan that City Council has asked for. As well as putting the final touches on our capital budget. Things are moving ahead. There's just not a lot of legislative matters to do this evening.

One item of importance that I would like to bring up is on Friday, the members of the First Suburbs Consortium and the Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority, CMHA, we signed a Memorandum of Understanding which should go a long way towards helping a lot of the problems we have dealt with in the past with the housing choice voucher program, formerly known as Section 8. For the first time that I can remember, there will actually be cooperation between the CMHA and the various communities to ensure that number one, the landlords are complying with our zoning codes, building codes and standards. Number two, probably more important, those that participate in the voucher program, will also conduct themselves

accordingly and follow the rules and the norms and standards of the community of Euclid as well as other communities.

I believe every man, woman and child in this country has the God given and the freedom to have safe housing, correct housing and a great neighborhood and schools to attend. But with that comes responsibility. The agreement that we have signed will put that responsibility always as it is on the City and CMHA, but even more importantly on the landlord and those participating. Our Housing Dept. is already incorporated and has already put into utilization many of the items that we've agreed to on Friday. Now with the cooperation of CMHA, I think you'll see a number of troubled properties be straightened up very quickly. I don't know if Director Pietravoia would like to add anything to that. It is really going to help us with a lot of problem properties.

Director Pietravoia – I spoke this afternoon with the Council President. There was an article this Saturday about this whole effort with CMHA and I know it will be of interest to all members of Council as well as all of the residents of the City of Euclid. I think this will go a long way toward addressing some of the problems that we've experienced with rental properties in general and specifically with those that might have vouchers through the CMHA program.

The first thing that will happen is we will obtain a list of those properties that have vouchers within the city and we'll make sure that they are all registered. If they're not registered, or if they have any violations, CMHA will no longer allow them to participate in the program. We get numerous complaints along these lines, not just through Council, but through residents directly.

Just that effort alone will go a long way toward addressing some of the problems on these properties. As the Mayor said, it is not just an enforcement issue, it is also an educational issue. We will be participating and the great thing here is that CMHA is going to help to conduct what they are referring to as good neighbor sessions and we will participate as well but some of the onerous is on CMHA as well, not just on the city.

Being as new as it is, just entered into on Friday, while we've been working at the staff level with First Suburbs and CMHA up to this point, we still have to iron out all the details of how this will work internally and we'll be coordinating with the Police Dept. with our own divisions within the Development Dept., with Kathy Will from Recreation, with Law. We'll be meeting internally to set in place some of the procedures we're going to be using.

I just wanted to at least introduce that tonight and make that announcement. Thank you.

Mayor Cervenik – I would be remiss if I did not thank Congresswoman Stephanie Tubbs Jones. She was extremely instrumental in getting all the parties together, as well as my counter-part in South Euclid, Mayor Georgine Welo. She really was the driving force behind this to get everyone together as well. I think you're going to see a number of problem areas be cleaned up very quickly. With that Communications are over.

REPORTS & COMMITTEE MINUTES

Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail moved to receive the Animal Shelter Report of February 2006 and Board of Control Minutes for 02/13/06 & 02/21/06. Councilman Langman seconded. Yeas: Unanimous.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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

President Gudenas – Item 3, which let the Mayor set up a bar at the C.E. Orr Ice Arena is being removed because we really didn't mean to set up a bar over there. It was supposed to be for just one specific event. It will be re-worded and represented to us in a couple of weeks. Item 3 is being pulled off the Agenda. We have items 1, 2 & 4 to choose from, if anyone is interested right now.

Mr. Dennis Berzinskas – 20890 S. Lake Shore Blvd. Mayor Cervenik, Director Pietravoia. Thank you for taking the interest in our housing stock. We have to keep our housing stock up. If it starts going away, it will go like a house on fire. We just can't permit that, thank you very much and Stephanie Tubbs Jones.

#1, Thank you. The Chief of the Police and Fire do need to have good communications. #2, thank you for the Auxiliary Police. You do have to treat your volunteers well, I've learned

that. Thank you for that. I know #3 is pulled, but I think we've got enough drinking in the city. The Orr Arena, the atmosphere, children, let them go some place else after. I really don't think it is appropriate.

Resolution for Arbor Day. I hope we will be planting a tree somewhere. We still haven't gotten those Elm trees. I still want to get one of the old elm trees that they were talking about a few years ago. If we can get a stately elm at our Park, it would really be something to see. The next thing we have to do is start replacing some of the trees we've been taking down. On my street, I know, thank you.

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

LEGISLATION
Ord. 42-2006 (072-06) Radios Police & Fire

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor, as Ex-Officio Director of Public Safety, or his designee, to enter into a contract, after advertising for bids for the purchase of mobile radios for Police, Fire, Service, Recreation, and any other departments deemed necessary. (Sponsored by Councilwoman Mancuso by request of the Police Chief)

Councilwoman Mancuso moved for passage, Councilman Lisy seconded.

Capt. Repicky – We're working right now with our radio consultant and we should be ready within 2-3 weeks to advertise to bid. These radios are not only for the Police & Fire they are also for the Service, Recreation and any other vehicles that we deem necessary. This is year two of our replacement. We did the portable radios last year for the Police & Fire.

President Gudenas – The expected expense for these would be?

Capt. Repicky – Probably about \$225,000 we budgeted. We were under budget last year. Right now we don't know what the cost will be but we're projecting \$225,000.

Mayor Cervenik – Last year we came in around 40-45% under what was budgeted for the hand-held communication devices for the safety forces. We can't guaranty that we will be as lucky this year. We firmly believe that what was budgeted in the three year capital plan should more than cover this. It will go out for bids and the bids will come back and Board of Control will examine them.

Councilwoman Mancuso - Who is our radio vendor currently

Capt. Repicky – Our vendor or our consultant?

Councilwoman Mancuso – Consultant, I'm sorry.

Capt. Repicky – It slipped my mind.

Councilwoman Mancuso – Is it B&C?

Capt. Repicky – No, no B&C is our monthly service. They service all the radios. L-Tronics is the consultant.

Councilwoman Mancuso – I would like to ask that we take this request and put it into Councilman Lisy's Technology Committee to take a look at along with all the other pieces of technology that we're doing with the promise to turn this around fairly quickly.

President Gudenas – Will that delay anything?

Councilwoman Mancuso – Because you are going out for bid now right? Haven't you put together what you think you need?

Mayor Cervenik – We can't go out for bid until it is approved by Council. There will be a delay.

Councilwoman Mancuso - We're looking at specifications now? That's what our consultant is doing?

Capt. Repicky – Yes. Specifications and our needs for the entire city, not just for the safety forces. But the longer we delay, the longer it is going to take to deliver the product.

Councilwoman Mancuso – I understand that.

Capt. Repicky – Our radios are going down daily.

Councilwoman Mancuso – I'm told we have some difficulty with our current radios. I would like to have this go into the Technology Committee if we could.

President Gudenas – Councilman Lisy, when could you have a meeting?

Councilman Lisy – Wednesday this week or Monday next week.

President Gudenas – Would that work for the Administration? That we could review it, see how it fits in with other ideas and plans.

Mayor Cervenik – We will have to check with the consultant to see if he's available that evening. We'll have to get back to you.

Councilwoman Mancuso – Would Monday be better than Wednesday then because that's pretty short order?

Mayor Cervenik – We can let the Clerk know tomorrow morning after contacting the consultant, if that's your desire.

Councilman Lisy – I'm getting through the grapevine that we are having problems with our communication systems, so I think it would ease a lot of people that have called me, they are city employees as well as residents that there are communication problems in the City. That's why I'd like to have this meeting. But, if it would delay this process, I'm open to having a meeting after its been ordered just to make sure we've done the right thing and are ordering the right equipment.

We're ordering new technology, the Housing Dept. is going to be getting some new technology, the Streets Dept. is looking at some new technology. What I don't want to do is have to, I want to make sure all the system integrate together. As I'm sitting here thinking, I don't want to delay the Police Dept. on this purchase, however, we are going to need what Director Gulich and Director Pietravoia are thinking for their departments and how that is going to interface with Director Johnson's new integrated service system. It would just be nice to have a discussion on that.

Councilman Delaney – Capt. Repicky was this part of the communications package that we had done a couple of years back?

Capt. Repicky – Yes. It is the five year plan that we are two years behind right now.

Councilman Delaney – That's the understanding I was under. This began 5 years ago and Councilman Lisy, I believe you were on Council when we started the study and I believe it cost somewhere in the range of \$40,000?

Capt. Repicky – I don't know if it was that much.

Councilman Delaney – That was just for the study.

Capt. Repicky – And it projected a 5 or 6 year plan to replace our equipment which is now 18 years old.

Councilman Delaney – This is one component, with the towers.

Capt. Repicky – The towers were done two years ago, as far as the antennas and the re-wiring of the antennas. Last year it was the portables, this year it is the mobile radios.

Councilman Delaney – My question to Councilwoman Mancuso, Councilman Lisy, at what point do you want this Committee to go over of this whole project? Because it has, I know it has been past on and this is one component of the larger, maybe close to a half a million dollars, \$400,000 package all the way around?

Capt. Repicky – It's probably in excess of that. Next year we're looking at our Communication Center, our dispatch police/fire. That's probably at least \$300,000 there. It was a 5-6 year plan.

Mayor Cervenik – What if we supply the Council people with the consultant report first place? I will sit down with Capt. Repicky and the consultant and express your concerns to make sure that anything we do here will interface with our hand-held, the computerization that we're going to do in the Housing Dept. If there are any concerns at all after you read the report and after we report to you on our conversation, we can work that out.

President Gudenas – Some of us had a two year lay-off, so we don't remember what we did in 01 or 02.

Councilman Lisy – Hearing that, basing these decisions on a 5 year report in the technology market, I think is a bigger concern now of mine. There's probably other technologies out there, upgrades to what it was in the original report. Now I definitely would like to see some additional information.

Capt. Repicky – We can get you the study again, but the problem is we are on 423 frequency. That's not changing. To go to 800 would be millions of dollars. 423 is the system that we're on and about every suburb around, Lyndhurst, Mayfield Heights, Mayfield Village. We went with that system 15 years ago. Unless you've got a grant that's out there for a couple million.

Councilman Lisy – We went with the AS400 15 years ago too and we just updated the AS400. Technology changes and we maybe able to get a better deal, or make sure it fits with all the other systems that we have here. Since we're looking at a lot of different new projects for the Housing Dept. and the Streets Dept., I just want to make sure everything is compatible and there's not going to be interference with any of these systems that we're getting.

President Gudenas – It seems that if you do go out for bids, you're going to still take a good month or so before the bids come in and you award the bid, is that correct? So during that time period while you're proceeding and going ahead, Councilman Lisy can have his Committee meeting and we'll go over all the various needs and options that the city has and by the time you're done, that will be coming and we'll do that.

Councilwoman Mancuso – I do think I would like to see the report to see what we've got out there. My concern is also the, having gone on a lesser scale to some of the higher-tech radios and some of the newer things, the technology has changed rapidly over the last 24 months, let alone 5 years. The idea of putting something in Police and Fire that in 24 months may become obsolete, it is not out of the question.

Mayor Cervenik – We will be buying the latest technology, although we will be on the 423 ban. We're not buying a radio or communication device that was on the market two years ago. We're buying the newest that's available now. The report explained what needed to be replaced and let's have a meeting. If Council would please give us the authority to go for bids and in the meantime before those bids are received and open, to have a committee meeting. We'll get the consultant here and we can go through it.

President Gudenas – Can you find out if batteries are included? Had to ask that. Councilman Lisy, then you will schedule a meeting sometime this month?

Councilman Lisy – Yes.

Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail – Would it make sense then to remove, enter into a contract, so that we give them the authority to go to bid, but then we'll come back for the contract. I would like to make a motion to amend it.

Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail moved to amend Ord. (072-06) to remove enter into a contract.

Director Frey – The affect of that would be to allow the city to go out to bid, we could not enter into a contract, we would have to come back to Council for the authority to enter into a contract in the interim, there could be the committee meeting.

Councilman Gruber seconded.

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

Amendment passes.

President Gudenas – Any other discussion on that? I see none.

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

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

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

Passed as amended.

Ord. 43-2006 (073-06) Auxiliary Dinner

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of Euclid to expend an amount not to exceed Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) to pay for the annual appreciation dinner for Euclid Auxiliary Police Officers to be held at the Manor Party Center on Friday, April 28, 2006. (Sponsored by Councilwoman Mancuso by request of the Police Chief)

Councilwoman Mancuso moved for passage, Councilman Langman seconded.

President Gudenas – Is dessert included?

Mayor Cervenik – Dessert is included. I strongly suggest that all the names are added to here, including my own. Euclid Auxiliary Police Officers do countless good deeds and services for the community. This is the least we can do to repay them.

President Gudenas – Absolutely so we will add all the names of City council and Mayor Cervenik to that legislation. Any discussion? I see none.

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

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

Passed.

Ord. (074-06) Amend Code/PULLED

An ordinance amending Section 503.10 of the General Offenses Code of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Euclid to permit the Mayor as Ex-Officio Director of Public Safety to issue permits for the consumption of beer, wine, and liquor at the C.E. Orr Ice Arena. (Sponsored by Mayor Cervenik)

Ord. (074-06) has been pulled at the request of Director Will.

Res. 44-2006 (071-06) Arbor Day

A resolution celebrating Arbor Day on Friday, April 28, 2006, in the City of Euclid, and encouraging all residents throughout our community to observe Arbor Day and appreciate the beauty, value, benefit and significance of trees to our City. (Sponsored by entire Council by request of Parks & Recreation Director)

Councilman Delaney moved for passage, Councilman Gruber seconded.

Director Will – Thank you first of all for your entire support on this Resolution. Every year the last Friday in the month of April is celebrated as Arbor Day. We continue that tradition here in the City of Euclid. We have a Shade Tree and Municipal Beautification Commission that works with us. Part of their responsibilities is to put together Arbor Day. I would like to thank the members of the Shade Tree and Municipal Beautification Commission: Phyllis Miller; Jerry McPherson; Anita Rajic, Mike Maggio; Marcia Fialko; Councilman Daryl Langman; Councilman Christopher Gruber; Gary DeWine; Dean Grida and the Mayor. Again, thank you for your support this year and the previous years on working with us.

We're happy this year to invite all the Euclid residents to our Annual Arbor Day Celebration which will be held on Friday, April 28th at 10:00 AM. We will be planting a tree in memory of our long-time Euclid resident, Mr. William Mabel. We will have the ceremony outside Old City Hall. We'll be sending out invitations to everyone. Again, that will be on Friday, April 28th at 10:00 AM outside Old City Hall. I hope everyone can make it that day to celebrate this. Thank you.

President Gudenas – Just so everybody knows, Director Will and I are working on hopefully coming up with some funding for trees to be planted to help replace the trees that have been taken down. We haven't had much of a new tree planting program for many years so we hope to have that part of our capital improvement budget to get that moving again. Any questions?

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

Passed.

CEREMONIAL RESOLUTIONS

Res. 40-2006 (070-06) Irish Member of the Year

A resolution of congratulations to **Norine Hastings** on being named **Irish American Club East Side 2006 Member of the Year**. (Sponsored by Mayor Cervenik and the entire Council)

Res. 41-2006 (075-06) Parade Grand Marshall

A resolution of congratulations to William "Bill" Carney on being named the 2006 St. Patrick's Day Parade Grand Marshall. (Sponsored by Mayor Cervenik and All Members of Council).

Councilwoman Walsh moved for passage, Councilman Lisy seconded.

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

Passed.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

President Gudenas – This is the time for anyone to talk about anything of benefit for the general welfare of the City of Euclid.

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

Mr. Warren Wallace – Good evening, 24430 Mavec. I'm here tonight because of a very disturbing and potentially destructive situation I've been thrown into. Let me tell you about the situation. I don't have enough time so I'll give you the fast version of it.

Before Council President left town three to four weeks ago, I had a conversation with him about a Council member repeating a conversation we had in private. It was a conversation regarding the Valu Place hotel. I heard rumors that they were trying to take over because there was a bunch of Blacks, Negroes, African-Americans, whatever you want to call it, and old people in the block.

This Council person took this conversation, turned it around and put propaganda out there that I was a racist, I hated white people. They brought this to a friend of mine, Ken Wrenn. Ken Wrenn didn't go for it. So this person that's spreading the propaganda for this Council person, take it to another friend of mine. It just so happens, the answering service was picked up when they were talking and recorded the whole conversation and we have it on tape. One of the council members can vouch for that and I'll name him in a little while.

What happened after that, I went to another council member because it seems like the pressure turned up once the Council President left. The pressure then turned up and more propaganda was being spread, okay. I went to one council person and I asked for help, the city will help, he looked into the matter. He said, Warren it is going to be okay.

After that, it didn't stop. I went to another elected city official, nothing happened, nothing whatsoever. I had to send my son away because we were actually scared for the burning crosses that would come. Mind you, it is February Black History Month. All this nonsense on TV and we don't know what ignorant fool will come and try to attack us.

My son called at three in the morning, crying. He wants to come over with his mom and I, because he thinks we're going to die and he wants to die with us. So now my son's innocence is going. He's asking God to let him die with his family because of this nonsense.

Racism has no place in this city. This is a broken city and we're on our way to being repaired. Racism has no place in here. The city council member took a private conversation, turned it around and gave it to the general public. That's no good. That's no good.

I really can't, we knew what racism would do to this city. It will turn friends against friends. It will turn neighbors against neighbors. It will destroy this city. We'll have riots, fires, empty houses. We won't have anyone really ready to invest in this city and the person can't even look me in the face from shame and you should be ashamed. You took racism and you tried to use it against me.

I came down here one day to talk about last week, two weeks ago to talk about some matters. They had an African-American sitting right here. He was sitting right here with a slogan on his shirt. That was to counter-act anything I would say about racism. They took an African-American during Black History Month, set him there like a slave. They should have put a for sale sign on his shirt, set him right there. He set there for two hours doing nothing, absolutely nothing. Still engaging in racism. It makes no sense. I have a lot of news but I just can't get to them all. It just hurts to see this city plunge into racism for no good reason. Mayor, you have to stop it. It takes a whisper to start racism, just a whisper from one person. It takes a whisper to destroy this city, but it takes the Mayor with the city behind him to stop it and you're the only one that can stop it because I went to three officials to get this problem solved. They thought it was a run, I was scared, but it wasn't. It was for the love of this city.

President Gudenas – I'm sorry your time is up. Thank you.

Mr. Wallace – Handle the problem.

Mr. Tod Guntner – 390 E. 257 Street. First of all on a personal note, last Tuesday there was a river running down my street. In fact, the whole street in front of my house was under water. By 8:45 AM the city had a crew out and they had barriers up so you wouldn't run over the broken water main. By 9:30 the salt truck had been out dumping salt on the street to make sure that water didn't freeze. In the meantime it took the City of Cleveland Water Dept. until 6:00 PM to come out and start fixing the broken water main, at which time water was running down 255 and Lake Shore. By 6:30 pm the City of Euclid was back checking out the work they were doing. Thankfully by 8:00 the work was completed and the main was taken care of and the water was back on. Before 8:00 AM the City of Euclid front-end loader was back smoothing out the dirt that filled the hole. They re-asphalted the hole. At 10:00 they came back and hosed the street down because that river was now a river of mud. I just want to take this opportunity to thank all of the guys in the Service Dept. who were very diligent, did a fantastic job, did a more than timely job on getting this severe water main break taken care of. Thanks to you guys, Hank, and please thank them personally for me, I'd appreciate it.

Next, just got a check from the Abitibi paper company. We had a nice little increase. We are not getting \$15 a ton any more, we're getting \$20 a ton, which is fantastic because that \$600 check all of a sudden goes to \$800. We really appreciate all of the people who drop their paper off at the Abitibi bins. We'd like your continued support. We have 7 bins, they are there 24 hours a day, just stopped on by from your way home from work or to work, get off the freeway and right back on. Very easy to do.

We have a few events coming up and going on right now. Our membership drive is in full swing. We've got dozens of new members, a lot of returning members. I know that there are some people up in front of me here that still need to get their renewals in, I appreciate any timely action to that. On April 22nd, Euclid Parks & Recreation and PetPals have joined forces again to hold our annual Cake Auction and Bake Sale. We had a sell-out last year. We raised almost \$800 and we hope to do at least that much again this year. It will be at the Shore Cultural Centre, 291 E. 222 in Community Room from 10:00-1:00 and the auction will be at Noon. We had several children bring cakes and bake cakes and those were some of the highest bidded that day so we appreciate your support on that.

May 12th, is our Annual Bark-B-Q again at the Manor from 6:30 until 11:30. Tickets are \$30. We have a newsletter we are running out to all members. It will be a form that you can actually send in and get your tickets early. I'm told we'll have tickets by the end of the week. We hope to see you there and we have been guaranteed fall of the bone ribs this year. Thank you and you all have a good evening.

Mr. Ray Petrea - 353 E. 232 Street. I've shared with this forum in the past about the epidemic of Diabetes. Each year it seems to be worse and worse. Last year there was 18.2 million people in the United States that had Diabetes. Unfortunately about 7 million of those did not know they had Diabetes. This year over 21 million people now have Diabetes in the United States.

There is scientific evidence that with the proper care Diabetes can be controlled. It can be managed. The main point I would like to make tonight is that there are resources in this area to get proper information that will help you manage your Diabetes. It's called basic diabetic education. The major hospitals in this area offer such a program. Also the Veteran's Administration Hospital in Wade Park offers this service to Veterans. If you are a Veteran, you can check them out as one of the possible resources for basic diabetic education.

With the proper knowledge you can gain the resources and knowledge to maintain normal blood sugar readings. It has been determined that those people who maintain normal blood sugar readings are healthier, they live longer, and they have less adverse consequences. People in the normal group have less blindness. People in the normal group have less amputations. People in the normal group have less kidney failure. People in the normal group have less dialysis.

I would encourage you, if you're over 30, to get screening for Diabetes if you have not been diagnosed with Diabetes. Not everybody over 30 is going to get it, however. But, if you have family history, if you're over 30, if you have heart problems, if you have frequent trips to the bathroom, etc., etc., etc. you need to be screened. As an eye doctor in the city indicated that early diagnosis means early control. Control of your Diabetes means a healthier life and you will live longer. I urge you to seek the resources in this area to help you stay healthy as long as you live. Thank you.

Mrs. Lisa Wrenn - 925 E. 248 Street. I'm here tonight to speak on a potentially explosive situation. That being the property located at 941 Babbitt Road and Mr. Helf. I am sure that you are all aware that Mr. Helf has had a change of heart regarding cooperation with area residents in regards to the development of his property.

But first, a brief history lesson. As you will recall when Mayor Cervenik and the previous Council allegedly failed to perform their duties to a level that many of the current Council members felt was unacceptable, the recall card was put on the table. At this point, allow me to interject that the quote, unquote, Father of the Recall, Councilman Conway, is a notable friend to my family. And I ask of John tonight to demonstrate honor and separate politics from friendship.

I bring this to light because it appears Councilman Conway is serving as the Ward 3 Council person's mentor and I mean no respect to you John. Now, putting the above aside, am I upset? Am I angry? It would be wrong of me to deny it.

I have been following the Ward Three Council person since her bid for power and I have been gauging her performance. I personally am not satisfied and that has been the consensus of Ward 3 residents that I have spoken with. I am totally dismayed with the following.

1. Your attraction to the eastern end of Ward 3 at the expense of the western end of Ward 3.
2. Your concerns regarding the affairs outside of Ward 3. Keep in mind you are a Ward Representative.
3. Your inability to concentrate on the basic concerns of Ward 3, that being housing, economic development and safety forces.

I cannot comprehend your endless interest in areas of concern that will only serve to diminish the quality of Ward 3, such as diverting funds from the Ward to subsidize facilities that cannot stand on their own and the list goes on.

The other night at your gathering at Master's Church, someone brought up the stone crushing plant. You put your hands up in the air and said, dead issue, no need to talk about it, it's a dead issue.

At another gathering, you had gathered "x" amount of individuals, including Mr. Helf, and you stated that we will all work through this together to an end that would be acceptable to all concerned parties. You praised Mr. Helf for his dignity and honor; acknowledge how his family built your home and how Gary Avenue got its name. Unfortunately now, Mr. Helf's promises have worn very thin. He has changed his mind, changed his position and is now demanding the cake and plans on eating it too.

Are you now going to throw up your hands as you did in reference to the other facility that I mentioned and state, stabbed in the back? The residents of Ward 3 will not tolerate that property to be developed in an inappropriate manner. I say, Ward 3, although the development will have city-wide ramifications.

My family and other concerned parties will not endlessly chase Mr. Helf around regarding that property. That is your job. If you recall, you took extensive credit in the press as to how gracefully you had brought the people together, transition to teamwork.

Back to the history lesson. I say this, in three months time you will be in a position where you will be eligible to be a candidate for a recall. I'm not here to make threats and I am not saying there will be a recall. But what I am saying is that if Mr. Helf is allowed to develop that property in a way that is derogatory to Ward 3 and this city, you will be held 110% responsible for the outcome. And as an option, the recall card could come into play.

I see that Jeff Piorkowski is here tonight. I ask that he report my comments completely, fairly and accurately, coupled with an accurate account of where the proposed development is headed. Thank you.

Mr. Corbran – 24250 Maplewood Dr. If you'd give me a moment to put up a little display. I'm speaking in support of the public effort to convince area members of Congress to sponsor grant appropriations for about three million. This is to restart K&D's \$75 million Harbor Town project. The deadline for Congressional appropriations is nearing. We have been gathering postcards and letters to members of Congress for several weeks. Sue McGinn reports that the postcard goals have been met and sends thanks. Any postcards still out there can be dropped in the mail. Unless someone has letters already written, that phase of our campaign must also end. The letters take 8-10 days to clear security screening in Washington.

Please notice the Euclid Now website. We ask the public to bring up the website EuclidNow.com and to concentrate on e-mails and phone calls. The website gives all the needed contact information. When calling the message will be taken by a Congressional aid. You won't be talking to the Congressman himself. There is no delay in e-mail and phone calls. We urge the public to get behind this effort by the Mayor and Council to restart this very, very important project and I thank you very much.

Mr. William Hilf – 891 E. 237 Street, Euclid. History lesson. The previous speaker, Lisa Wrenn's husband was a candidate for Ward 3 Council and lost. History lesson since then they've made it their mission to attack behind the scenes

President Gudenas – You shouldn't really mention names or ...

Mr. Hilf – They mentioned the name earlier, I'm only mentioning the name that they brought up.

President Gudenas – Well

Mr. Hilf – Okay fine. The previous speaker's husband ran for Council against the current Ward 3 Council person and lost. Since then they have made it their goal to attack her, to criticize her and now the ring of the recall. They are finding a few like-minded people. This is not a large group. This is a few small people.

I also want to point out for the record as I stated before, I am no relation in anyway shape or form to the individual who owns the property on Babbitt, though our names maybe similar. I wasn't planning on speaking tonight, but I'm not going to let people come up here and attack her like that. If you want to state facts and use truth, that's fine. But if you want half-truths and

connect to that some ways that are false, I'm going to be here, I'm going to challenge you on every single one of them.

To have their friend come up here and try to use the racism card against Councilwoman Walsh, will not happen without a challenge from me. This is the same individual that decided to get into my face in the lobby at the last Council meeting. I don't back down from a fight either. You want to slander my mother-in-law? For those of you that don't realize, Councilwoman Walsh is my mother-in-law. She is grandmother to both of my children. She has 11 grandchildren. A little fact that you may not know, six of those eleven grandchildren are bi-racial. She has African-Americans in her own family. So she is not someone that is going to be using a race-card in any way, shape or form. Although it is very easy to try to turn around and use that against her in some type of innuendo campaign.

You want to have issue with something that she has done in the ward, that's fine. You want to start playing games like that, you're going to have to battle me on every front. You want to throw up things about three months from now, it sounds like bitterness to me because that is what it is. She's done nothing but work hard to represent the ward. Has she spent some time over in the east-end of the Ward? Sure, why not? It needs work, just like the rest of the ward and it has a little bit more business and the commercial property that we need to develop. If that is one of the concerns of the ward, then that's where I would be spending time too.

It is ridiculous. It is not going to be tolerated. You can try to take whatever facts you have and twist them whatever way you want. You can try to slander her reputation, I'm not going to put up with it and the people in Ward 3 that know her and have seen the work and have talked to her, they know better than what you're saying. They know that it is not true. It is false. It is wrong and it is not going to be tolerated. Thank you.

President Gudenas – Call the police. Call the police.

Capt. Repicky – I'm here.

President Gudenas - You'll need more than that, there's a fight going on. Let's continue with hopefully some positive things. Please state your name, we all know who you are anyway.

Mr. Greg Miller – I live at 564 Babbitt Road. It is ironic to say the least that the topic I'm going to speak on tonight is the topic of civility, common courtesy, common sense and a common good. My remarks are prepared so I think it might be in a sense providential that I'm coming up at this particular point in the meeting.

To being with let me compliment the Mayor and all members of this City Council for your extraordinary display of civility during the past few months since the new Council was sworn in. It's been obvious for all to see in the conduct of the meetings and in the progress made in the city's issues, that you really are trying to work together for the common good. Thank you.

I'm told that this remarkable culture of civility reached heretofore unthinkable heights. Recently when several council members, historically at odds with the Mayor, purchased tickets to and attended his fundraiser, although one cynic speculated that Hell may have frozen over, those of us that have been praying fervently for all of you since last November's election simply thank God that the icy relations in Euclid's main leadership talent pool have finally thawed and that you are all to be affirmed for contributing to that. Again, thank you.

Considering our city's recent history and intense partisan hostility and I guess as illustrated by some current events as well, and considering the shortage of civility, common courtesy and concern for the common good in society as a whole today, it is no small miracle for us to celebrate. For that I thank God. Of course some might say that this is just a matter of common sense, that is, it is self evident that our city's challenges are increasingly complex calling for rational discussion rather than emotional attacks. It is self-evident that rational discussion requires civility and common courtesy, each side respectfully in turn speaking and listening. It is self-evident that although the people like a good show on occasion, like personal attacks or emotional outbursts at council meetings and I kid you not, this was in my prepared text. Let the people demand in the end as opposed to what they like. A city's challenges, whether simple or complex, get addressed rationally and resolved efficiently by you the city's leaders. It is self-evident that this kind of progress can only be made when and this is now being made because good people are cooperating with God's grace. Thank you.

Ms. Pearlitha Taylor – 1485 E. 193. I came here tonight for peace and I brought peace offerings. But after listening to Mr. Warren, I'm sorry I had to bring up his name, I was very disgusted. I feel it's a plot for this to go against Councilwoman Walsh. I feel that man should go and follow Mrs. Walsh around and actually see what this Councilwoman does. I mean I went to her job and it there is no way in the world Councilwoman Walsh is prejudice. She have no racial bone in her body, but Ken Wrenn should realize

President Gudenas – Please, again no names.

Ms. Taylor – I'm sorry. But the family that was up here that was criticizing Councilwoman Walsh, they should realize the race is over. Set back and let this lady do her job. About that property, it was going on long before this Councilwoman came in. They are blessed Ward 3. At least they have someone looking at their property. In Ward 4, we can't get anyone to look at our property. So they are blessed.

But I came here to bare peace and I wanted to pass out some things to everyone. It is a little gift to let everyone know, you came into a rough situation. The City was in a mess, it been in a mess for a long time and it is going to take time to really solve some problem. If someone is here to pass this out, I have it for each council person and also the Mayor.

I will read what it says. When all else fails remember that the bare necessities.

Mayor Cervenik – That is a Victoria Secret bag, is it not?

Ms. Taylor – In this it contains a stick of gum to remind you to stick with it. A candle to remind you not to burn out. A chocolate kiss to remind you that you are well appreciated. A tootsie roll to remind you not to bite off more than you can chew. A pin, to remind you to stay sharp. A rubber band to remind you to stay flexible. A snicker, to remind you to laugh. A roll of smarties to help you bring some new ideas. A match to light your fire when you feel burned out. A bag, to help you to keep it all together. This is a new day. It is a new Council. It is a new City and we all must work together. You are going to run into some problems. You are going to get criticism. Some maybe good, some maybe bad. But look at your little bag and read your note and this will help you along.

This City needs to go forward. We have no more time to talk about what one is not doing. Work with your council people. I have said that all the time. If you have a problem, call you Councilman. If that councilman is not around or out of town, call your council person at-large. That's what they are there for. But if they do not know what is going on, how can they help you. So people, let's work together. I'm asking everyone to work with this council, work with the Mayor. Let's try to get this city back. We have had to many complaints. We have had bad publicity within the Plain Dealer. Everyone is looking at Euclid to see will we come back. So work together, bring this city back and let the citizens come out and help. I helped although sometimes I don't feel like it. I may come up here and say some things that you may not like, but these are the things that I see. I feel that if the city work on it within this city, we can make it. But if you let it go outside the city, we are going to have more problems.

I hope everyone tonight, please, look over the criticisms and look at the positives. I want to say thank you and have a good night and I hope you enjoy your bags.

President Gudenas – We could probably use a penny in here to remind us to pay for everything too.

Mrs. Alice Yatsko – 26930 Gary Ave. I'm a very staunch supporter of Bernie Walsh. I think she has done a lot of things in this community already that we needed to be done. She's always open for people and taking suggestions and everything else of that nature. I don't see how anybody can criticize what she's done or what she's doing. I would support her all the way. Thank you.

Mr. Joe Udovic – 21371 Naumann. It's been about six weeks since I've been up here, a long time. I see I've been missing some things too while I've been gone. Unfortunately I'll be gone more often. First I want to talk about, I, too, was at Ward 3 Councilwoman's meeting at Master's Church. She did bring people together. I wrote an article about what she did both in the Sun Journal and the News Herald.

I have a question for the Ward 3 Councilwoman, have you as of this evening prior to the Council meeting, has Mr. Helf contacted you in any way possible, calling you, e-mailing you, faxing you, that he was going to back out of his promise to work with you and work directly with Ward 3 on the project we were talking about that evening? I think that is very important to know because if he is backing out, he should at least be polite enough and bring this up to you so the two of you can meet together and find out what is going on. That's part of cooperation and blending.

I do want to thank a lot of people that are up here and in this room. We have to be able to focus with one another, blend and work together. Trust me, I'm blending left and right with people that's how I know.

Next I would like to mention my CutCo business will be working with the Euclid Hunger Center until May 1st to raise money. Ten percent of all proceeds on sale from my products will go to feed the hungry. If anybody is interested, I will be having flyers and I will be passing them out. Give me a call, you can reach me at 216-383-8359. Hope this will help bring people together as well.

Last comment, I had a chance to look at the Wish List that City Council put together. Our State Representative was at Euclid Public Library recently. I listened to some of his comments. He made some nice comments, but he also said that there's some negative things going on in this area and how we are in a depressed area. One of the things that I noticed that was not on the Wish List, is are we going to consider lowering our tax rate from 2.85% down to 2.0% or 2.25%? I know this was mentioned, I think it was around 2001 maybe 2003 election and I asked our State Representative to work with the Council and the Mayor to see what we can do to lower this. I know this would have to be put into some kind of committee, but we have an opportunity now to see how we can get jobs into the City, how we can get new businesses in the city and residents that want to live here. Maybe that is one of the deterring factors of why people don't want to live in our community because the tax rate is so high. I would like to see us have at least some kind of a decent discussion on this and see what the ramifications would be if we would go down from 2.85 down to a lower rate. Do a complete study of this. I think this maybe one way we could start building up Euclid so we can get some of these other items on this Wish List put together. Hopefully the Finance Director or someone on Council will be willing to look into this and answer our questions and put together a Committee Meeting. Have a good evening. Thank you.

Mr. Victor Goodman – 20201 Glen Russ Lane. I had no desire to speak tonight. But just as I came to Council two years ago for what I thought was inappropriate behavior and I want to commend this Council President because he wouldn't have gone as far as he did previously. He allowed the public person to speak.

But when you come up and all you do is speak through hate; I have lived in Euclid for over 30 years. I have never seen a cross burn or a Star of David. I have seen prejudice, of course. But for someone to come up to this microphone and spout that kind of rhetoric is beyond anything I have ever heard.

It seems that just because he does not like a motel, all of a sudden it is World War III. And you know this community through P&Z voted, listened to the people and said no, you can't do it. So I don't know where his rage comes from.

As for Councilwoman Walsh, nobody has to defend her, nobody. This woman stands taller than almost any other person I've ever met and I didn't know her two years ago. It is sad, absolutely sad to think that this is all perpetrated through innuendo and half-truths. Motels don't bring prostitution, drugs and criminal activities just because they exist. But that was spoken at a P&Z meeting as if it was truth. Well so does Dunkin Donuts bring some element in to a neighborhood that we may not like either.

To make such innuendos only reminds me sadly of the same innuendos made in the 1930's. You know, those are the people we really have to be afraid of, those that come up here and speak that kind of rhetoric.

Mrs. Madeline Scarniench – 1511 E. 221. Guess I've missed some stuff too. My concern, Planning & Zoning this month, this is a zoning issue. Mr. Helf, I think that's how you say his name, Helf, is asking for a zoning change. Last time it was only a Use District Exception. If this zoning change goes through, he can put whatever he wants on that property so nobody can say that hotel won't still go there.

My recommendation to the people in Ward 3 that are so concerned about this because I can't call them all individually, is to make sure that they are at that meeting and make sure they

ask again, have it be a Use District Exception. When he does what he's promised, can always change it. But if he gets the zoning changed, you can't stop it.

Which brings me to Euclid Ave. As I said I guess I've missed some stuff. I'm told Sims Buick is in the process of being changed or sold. It is being sold to a towing company that is not in our city and that's fine. They say it is not going to be an impound yard, but you know what? It is the same thing. It is zoned for cars, its zoned for commercial, if they are in our city they can legitimately go after our city contract and guess what? It will be an impound yard. Is this really what we want on Euclid Ave.? I hope that this Council, the Administration will do something to stop this. That is not what Euclid Ave. needs. There is enough land in this city that is empty, if that's what he wants, build it somewhere else, along St. Clair, where all of this type of business belongs, not on Euclid Ave. Because all the work that we try to do, isn't going to mean a hill of beans when all you're going to look at is a bunch of junk cars sitting there. Euclid Ave. is prime location. It should not be an impound yard and don't anybody tell me, oh it's not going to be that. I've been around long enough and I know how this game works. Once he's there, once he's in, it will come. Thank you.

Mrs. Deborah Kinds – 177 E. 192 St. I come to this podium with a heavy heart. A heavy heart because I bought my house here in April 1983. And here I stand here, March of 2006 with serious continued concerns over the city. And the behavior I saw tonight from numerous people was deplorable. And is that the behavior that we want citizens of Euclid to see?

It hurts because I came here not planning on speaking tonight. I came here because I felt I needed to continue to come to Council meetings and observe. As of now my husband and I have our house on the market to sell. My husband is probably going to kill me for getting up here and saying that. But, it is this behavior that I saw here tonight that is the reason primarily that we have our house for sale. I do hope that people realize that the people that they want to come into the city will not move into the city and stay in this city if they see the behavior that was displayed this evening. You will have professional people that are in this city, move out.

I strongly encourage the people that come to this podium and come to City hall to these council meetings consider their actions very carefully and the impact that it has on every single resident of this city. Good night.

Karen Murray - Good evening distinguished ladies and gentlemen, my residence is on E. 195th. The first question I have is, are there any barriers prohibiting the southwest end side of Euclid to bring in good businesses such as Walmart, grocery stores, a Dunkin Donuts perhaps? If there are barriers what can we do to break those barriers down?

My second question is, very excited in regards to the new police mini-station in the southwest end of Euclid, which had its grand opening in October 2005. Yet here it is March 2006 and I have yet to see an activity come out of that new police mini-station. When are we going to open the doors, open our arms and open are eyes and mind to help promote and assist the youth in our area?

President Gudenas – I see no one else. We did have a few questions raised. One was the potential for an impound lot on Euclid Ave. I'm not very familiar with this other than things I've seen with e-mails and the like. What is the status of that property? Is it sold and the zoning for that property as compared to using it for an impound lot? Director Pietravoia.

Director Pietravoia – The property is in the process of being sold. I don't know this evening if it has transferred yet, but the gentleman that was interested in purchasing it runs a towing operation and has indicated that's what he'd like to do at this location. That would not preclude the fact that he may also have an interest in running an impound lot. I don't know that for a fact. I have asked him in meeting with him when he expressed his interest in that site to provide us in writing, exactly what he intends to do on the property and how he intends to use each portion of the property. We've yet to receive that information.

I told him that I could not interpret what was allowed on the site for the current zoning unless he provided a written description of what his proposal was for the property and I have yet to receive that. I should also say that he has indicated at least twice now in personal conversations with him that he would be more than willing in meeting with the local area neighbors. Originally he said that he'd prefer to do that after he closed on the property. I called him this past week at the urging of a couple of residents and he did say that if it could be organized quickly enough, I don't know the date of the closing of this property, but that he

would be willing to meet at anytime. I will work with Councilman Gruber to try to arrange that meeting.

I can't specifically say at this point without having a written description from him. Your question and the question from the audience was about an impound lot. Our code does not specifically identify an impound lot as a permitted use, but it does allow other auto related uses in a U-4 retail district which is how this property is zoned. If that's his intent, which we will receive in writing eventually, if that's his intent, we may have to ask our Planning & Zoning commission to make an interpretation, which we've done in the past. When a use is not listed and there is some uncertainty, we as the P&Z to make an interpretation.

President Gudenas – Could this City Council clarify that and make the impound lot a specifically not permitted use and put that on the agenda for the next meeting?

Director Pietravoia – As an amendment to the zoning code?

President Gudenas – Correct.

Director Pietravoia – We can consider an amendment such as you describe.

President Gudenas – Let's talk about that with Law Director Frey between now and the next meeting because it looks like this is something we need to address immediately.

Director Pietravoia – Your proposed amendment would be referred to P&Z as well according to our ordinances and then come back to council.

President Gudenas – Right, we need to get this moving. Then at the same time if Law Director Frey could just prepare a memo to City Council on what the zoning is for that property and specifically how it fits into potential uses and what's the city government has to say over that piece of property. It seems like it is clearly not an appropriate use for such a visible Euclid Ave. location. We will follow up with the issues on the Euclid Avenue impound lot.

Also Capt. Repicky regarding the mini-station, any news on it? We're told nothing is going on. I'm not familiar with the schedule of events there. Can you fill us in on the activities at the mini-station.

Capt. Repicky – Unfortunately the party that was working with the mini-station has since been terminated. We're looking for another candidate to fill that position. The activities are on-going. We're working on different PAL activities down there and after school programs. But they are kind of stale-mated right now with no person in place to run the activities.

President Gudenas – So things are on hold there but if you could keep the City Council informed because we certainly want to make sure that asset is used by our residents. We made the investment and summer is coming and people are going to look for things to do.

Capt. Repicky – We're working on it as we speak.

President Gudenas – Great thank you. I think those are the two major ones, questions that we can answer right now.

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

COUNCILMEN'S COMMENTS

Councilwoman Mancuso – I would like to ask having been through the Architectural Review Board when we were reviewing the suggested revisions for Dunkin Donuts which is now open. Driving by there every morning fairly early in the morning, there have been no less than seven different times that I have gone by and seen people using both the driveways. Were we not going to close one of the driveways going off to Babbitt when we were looking at the Architectural Review Board plans and where are we on that? It is very dangerous to see people going both left and right coming out of those two driveways, it is really scary to watch.

Director Pietravoia – We did have at one point in review of the plan we had an agreement to close the driveway completely, the northern most driveway on Babbitt. We have since had a request from the property owners, the Carter's, Carter Property, to consider allowing an exit only at that location. We told them that we would not reconsider that until we were able to establish what the new traffic pattern was going to be with the new Dunkin Donuts open.

So what we've done is taken traffic counts, all the turning movements coming from all the different directions including the driveways before Dunkin opened. We're waiting about two weeks for the traffic patterns to get established now that Dunkin is open. We'll take the counts again and then we'll make a judgment about whether or not there will be an ability to keep any driveway there at all. But we have not agreed to keeping the driveway open, we've agreed to re-study it at their request.

Councilwoman Mancuso – Will this just be your department making this decision or will a Committee be held to go over it?

Director Pietravoia – No we are in consultation with Police and Traffic and Director Gulich as well. In fact it's Monte Carlo that's doing the traffic counts for us.

Councilwoman Mancuso – So we have about now and then two weeks to see the establishment of the patterns and then you'll look at it again.

Director Pietravoia – Correct.

Councilwoman Mancuso – There is a lot of traffic there because it is new but they are going in so many different directions that if you sit at the light heading west, you almost miss going through the light when it turns green because there are so many people going all different directions. So it is truly a dangerous situation right now.

Director Pietravoia – We did in an effort to encourage people to use the exit at the light on Lake Shore, have actually adjusted the green time for a longer green time exiting so that we can accommodate more traffic lining up and leaving at that location.

Councilwoman Mancuso – That will also be a part of this?

Director Pietravoia – That will also be looked at.

Councilwoman Mancuso – One other question for whoever can answer it. Will we be looking at capital budget as a council in the near future?

President Gudenas – No, this is a different, no actually we were going to announce a meeting after talking to Mayor Cervenik, March 29th to have our committee meeting, Executive and Finance regarding the capital items and hopefully have it on the agenda in April. If we need more meetings than that, we'll have more meetings.

Councilwoman Mancuso – Thank you, that's all I have for tonight.

Councilwoman Walsh – I am the Councilperson for Ward 3. And I thought Ward 3 had a pretty good weekend. The Mayor and I were at a reception with 200 of our nearest and dearest political friends, Stephanie Tubbs Jones and I'm going to take credit for planning the whole thing and having it in Ward 3.

I was really thrilled to meet and be able to talk to the Mayor of Cleveland and I think that the two of us, meaning Mayor Cervenik and the City of Euclid and the City of Cleveland could bond. He seems like a really great guy.

Then I went to Fred's Club and over ate on the spaghetti and that was absolutely delicious. But Sunday, I want to thank Kathy Will and I want to thank the custodial staff at Shore because you missed if you weren't there, those kids that are going to China are just fabulous. They sat still for about an hour and half until one of the teachers from Rocky River said, you better stand up and stretch. Then the other counselor said it's a 14 hour flight to China. I tried to learn some Chinese but I don't want to be quoted as saying something wrong.

Sometimes you have a gem and you don't realize that you have the gem until somebody else points it out. One of the students, a 15 year old, read the inscription over the stage at Shore, and he was ecstatic to say that the theater was dedicated to youth.

Speaking of youth, this weekend if you want to do something free with your family, you can go down to the Wollestein Center and I'm sure Dr. Lisy will take his whole family because it is the robotics expo and all of these children from northeast Ohio have built these robots and until you've seen it, you can't describe it.

I was asked to pass this over to the Housing director, a picture is worth a thousand words. Here's 13,000 for you and a petition. I think you are working on that particular house, but I would like to do what the constituents ask most of the time.

Councilman Gruber and I went out Friday night and he just passed me a note which brought a lot of levity to me. We toured Euclid Ave. We will have our Easter Egg Hunt on April 8th for Ward 3 and 4. This will not interfere with any other planned events because someone already asked me did that mean they couldn't have theirs and that's not true. April 8th at Metroparks.

Our Beautification Day and our planting day will be May 27th. Sometime soon before the next 90 days, we will plant the spike on Euclid Ave. We found a space for that. We found a lot of space.

A lot of times in life if you don't say anything, that's the best response. And Mayor Cervenik was kind enough to call me about a month ago and we chatted briefly. What happened tonight is unfortunate. What happened tonight harmed my city. I would never be a part of that. I believe in this city with all my heart and I believe in all the residents. I have sat here and told myself, I will not cry because I have done nothing wrong. The only thing I did wrong was in a telephone conversation, I allowed someone to go on because I respected him as a Councilperson when I should have said, shut up, I don't use that kind of language. I didn't do it until a few minutes into the conversation. I want to tell my colleagues, the Administration, the City of Euclid, the people that are sitting here, everyone that can hear and can see me, I did not, will not, shall not, could not ever attack somebody. As far as the cross burning, as I told the Mayor, quote, never in the height of the Hillandale controversy did anyone ever suggest a cross burning.

I apologize to the city. Not for anything I did, but the lady is right, it should have never happened. And for that, I am deeply sorry. It was suggested that I bring my family here, I will not use my family. I love them too much. I would like to wish everyone a very Happy St. Patrick's Day and don't eat too much corned beef. Thank you.

President Gudenas – Today was a little strange meeting for me, we moved right along and then we had our incident that I'm not exactly sure how to handle these things yet, so I will be more than pleased to hear any suggestions from residents, council members and administration on how to deal with things like that because generally I'm, as you can tell from previous times, am fairly liberal on letting people say their message. But at the same time we have to be careful that personal attacks are never in order at a Council meeting; save them for the elections and outside the building, etc. It was a very borderline situation today and I'm not sure that I handled it right or wrong, but I'm willing to listen to suggestions. I see two right there, thank you.

But at the same time I have to say that I do spend a lot of time on the phone with Councilwoman Walsh and I am very excited for Ward 3 and the City of Euclid that you are part of the City Council. I have been going to these city council meetings since I was a teenager and served with 5 different City Councils and I'm very pleased with all nine of us here, a very self-serving comment. But, Councilwoman Walsh is one person that I know is working very, very hard and helping all of the City of Euclid by being very attentive to your constituents and to the city as a whole which is extraordinarily important. You certainly have my support, not that you need to hear that, but I'm very pleased with everything that you've done. I just hope that you're pleased with whatever I've been doing too.

With that, we are working on the banners and all that for Euclid and all that. You can rest assured that will happen and other things. Director Pietravoia and I are meeting tomorrow to go over certain things. I'm especially excited to have heard that the City Administration, Mayor Cervenik and Directors and the other cities signed the agreement with CMHA regarding the subsidized housing. I do look forward to working with the administration and our city council to make sure we implement our part of that agreement, which of course includes the cooperation of our various departments including the Police Dept. because that is one of the key things is reporting trouble tenants and the like immediately to CMHA so that can be all documented and we're going to try to make that as easy as possible by whatever technology the various departments need. We will hopefully be able to fund and meeting all the other requirements.

So that's going to be first, not first but one other additional step that we're taking to get the housing issues under control especially the foreclosed homes, the vacant homes and the troubled homes that have a lot of police calls. We're going to be aggressive and look at any kind of technology that will help us monitor that and make our staff more efficient so we make sure we take care of the priority issues in the City of Euclid. I do believe that we will show progress this year, especially in light of the cooperation we're getting from the other various government entities. That's all very exciting.

We did mention the budget hearing for capital improvement items on March 29th. If that changes, we'll obviously let everybody know. I was specifically more or less ordered to let all City Council know that the Blade & Edge Club is doing Dare to Dream Ice Show at the ice arena, April 28th and 29th. They need us to be part of the show. I don't skate so I already got an exemption to just do something different. But, they're asking if everyone can e-mail me back or whatever just to confirm that you're available April 28th, 29th. There maybe one or two rehearsals but they would greatly appreciate it. All residents please put that on your calendar, April 28th, 29th, C.E. Orr arena. It has been done before and it is always very funny to watch people who shouldn't be on skates, be on skates. The rest of them will be much more entertaining from a cultural point of view.

With that, we also look forward to Councilman Lisy's meeting, as soon as you can schedule it for the technology thing.

Councilman Conway – First thing I'd like to announce tonight for those of you who have had the opportunity to watch or attend the entire meeting, you saw that we swore in the last member of our Citizen Evaluation Committee. I would like to announce that on this Thursday night, March 9th at 7:00, Citizens Committee will be holding their first public meeting. It will be at the Shore Cultural Centre in the Board Room. It will be at 7:00. We're certainly looking forward to any public participation. The Committee has certainly gone through the process of getting themselves organized and is very anxious to hold their first public meeting and really start accepting the feedback of the residents so that they can start making a positive impact on the community that we all hope that they are able to do when we were talking about forming the committee.

Director Johnson thank you for your work and I know we're in the final steps of creating e-mail and voice mail capabilities for the committee so that residents will in a very easy fashion be able to communicate with the committee and express their concern so they can be addressed. Again, March 9th at 7:00 at Shore Cultural Centre, the first public meeting of the Citizens Committee.

Second I would like to thank the Housing Dept. for fitting me into their schedule. On March 29th, I'll have the opportunity to spend some time with our housing inspectors, driving around this city with them to get a better understanding as to what our housing department looks for when they are out there pro-actively evaluating the community and looking for problem housing across the community. I know they are certainly out there doing their job. I know my house now needs to be power washed since I now got a violation. So, something I'm proud to handle in a timely, quick fashion. So if anybody ever thinks that anybody is eligible if they don't keep their housing. So I promise to have it power washed as soon as possible. Again on the 29th, I look forward to that opportunity.

Though we had a slight negative situation here tonight that none of us are particularly proud of, on the flip-side of it, something that the residents have truly stepped up to in the last two weeks has been through this entire Harbor Town campaign. The part that I've been most active with is obviously collecting the postcards to send to our elected officials in Washington. Having that opportunity not only to be out in the public and continue to meet with the residents, but just to see the passion that the residents have towards this project, to really rally around something positive that can impact the community. We're very close to having the goals established, there are cards that are still out there, still time to fill them out and return them so that we can continue to send a few cards each day to our elected officials. Hopefully they take notice in Washington and we should hear some positive things in the very near future. But I think it is something that we can look upon as a positive in the community. I think there is plenty of positive things going on and that is just one great example of people rallying together to have a positive impact on the community. I know there are still opportunities for letter writing, phone calls and e-mails, which is a very critical component to assuring that we make the impact that we need to to our elected officials.

Last comment I just wanted to make is, it is a tremendous privilege to serve with this Council, with this Mayor and the Administration. It hasn't been an easy road for any of us over

the last couple of years to get to the point where we're working. I feel it is a fairly cohesive unit because we know that's what the residents want. They want accountability, they want us to be positive for the good of the community. I know that we have all worked tremendously hard to, if there were fences that needed to be mended, I think that we've worked hard in doing that, we'll continue to do so. I'm proud to work with Councilwoman Walsh, but I'm also proud to work with all the members of Council. Being an elected official city-wide I certainly would look forward to attending any meeting and being a positive influence to any other council member up here. But I've had the opportunity to work closely with Councilwoman Walsh over the last several months since we've been elected. It certainly is a privilege and I know that she will hopefully value my support, but certainly, probably does not need it but I'm happy to be there for her at any given time. I had that same commitment to every person that I serve with in this community as well as the Mayor. With that, I'll say goodnight.

Councilman Delaney – I have to echo some of the Mayor's comments at the beginning in the Administrative Comments. It was a very, very light agenda, but it certainly sounds everybody has been very busy as have I. As Director Will mentioned there was one meeting for just the community festival. We have had several residents that had asked to participate in helping with that event and I had suggested to her that we ask several of our organizations and non-profits that are already active in the community to have a separate meeting. It may have been our 3 or 4 that we had done, information gathering meeting with separate individuals before we bring everyone together. And she had roughly 20 people there; each person represented a separate group that had different interests in volunteering in Euclid. It was incredibly enthusiastic. It was very, very nice to be there, nice to see that. Knowing that there's actually more people to tap into to bring in and merge just for this project. There have been two meetings with the new golf course commission that I was fortunate enough to attend the first one. It was very, very, very productive. Very smart individuals that came out of the community that are focused. We have five very, very good go-getters that are soon going to come to the public with a lot of their suggestions. Tonight we had congratulations to Eugene Gilliam, the last component to the Citizens Committee. All this activism, all this positive energy, it's really refreshing. I've had the experience of two different city councils and you don't agree with everybody and sometimes it can be volatile and these are really refreshing things to see so many different people work together. As Councilman Conway mentioned with the postcard drive, just with the article in the newspaper, I've had people call me and ask me for my postcards and by the way I'm out, I need more. It just really, really is refreshing. Even a complaint I had was interesting enough. A resident had had problems with a house that had caught on my fire by them and I got the message when I had gone to work. I thought, I had work ahead of me and I won't be able to get to it. I got home and I called the resident to see what it was that I could do to help and he said, Councilwoman Walsh has already been here. That's never happened to me before, you actually were onsite and helped with him and I wasn't needed, I almost felt bad. It really is refreshing. There's a lot of people here that have incredible work ethics. It really is something to see that maybe we have 98% of people that are willing to go forward and what we have to do is we have to win over 2%. It seems like it shouldn't be such a hard thing to do. But I just wanted to say that I appreciate everyone's hard work and it is going to be an exciting couple of months and we have a lot of challenges to look forward to and tackle in the coming time. Thank you.

Councilman Gruber – First of all I would like to remind Director Gulich about the lines on Euclid Avenue at Upper Valley. When the weather permits, it would be good to get that going. I would like to thank the residents of the newly formed Braeburn Park and the newly formed Beverly Hills homeowners association for attending their meetings last week. Also looking forward to working with Director Pietravoia on the Sims property and with the residents. I know I've contact Pearlitha, Ms. Taylor and also Madeline Scarniench. I look forward to bringing that to a good resolve for everybody because that is a very valuable site and we'd like to make sure we get the best possible tenant for that area.

I would also like to remind the Ward 3 Councilwoman that the Manor is in Ward 4, I'll trade it for Lincoln Electric, but you can't have it any other way. Stephanie Tubbs Jones' party was at the Manor, oh Tizzano's, I stand corrected. Because I was over there later in the day.

Onto Councilwoman Walsh and the rest of the Council, I've been on council now, thanks to the citizens of Euclid for 7 years and been through some pretty turbulent times and been through several councils, many of whom were my friends and they are no longer here with us in this Council. But we've all come together at this Council and I'm very proud of this Council myself and I spent much time with Councilwoman Walsh on Friday, we spent about 2 ½ hours,

we did the Euclid Avenue tour, took her places she's never been before, including the Lake Erie Lodge, we didn't stay long. Her enthusiasm and we joked about that when we walked in and I also caught a little known talent of her, not at the Lake Erie Lodge, but we might have to have that talent show you were talking about. But, the willingness to explore and to learn and to spend that time that it takes, I was very impressed with that. The outburst that happened here tonight in my seven years it was irreprehensible. It was the worst outburst I've ever seen. I was here through the Hillandale thing, I've been here through lots of stuff, but when it breaks down into violence like that, that is unacceptable for anybody. And I too apologize to the people of the City of Euclid and I think Council President Gudenas, you did a wonderful job in handling it as did the rest of the people here. But that can't go on, that shouldn't be tolerated and I would look for some type of prosecution from the Law Dept. on that because it was unacceptable any where, in any forum, maybe a hockey game, but that's it. I have the confidence of Bernie Walsh that I will be out of town for the next several days. I did get a note that she asked about earlier was, I said Bernie what is your phone number and she wrote back to me, why what do you have in mind? But, actually I will be out of town and I would like to and I have the confidence and full faith in Councilwoman Walsh to handle my phone calls when I'm out of town, as well as any of the council at-large representatives. Please feel free to call her. I will have her number on my home answering machine if you have any problems or questions. I will be checking often, but I feel confident that Councilwoman Walsh can handle it. I'm happy and excited and proud to work with you Bernie Walsh. Thank you.

Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail – I have one question for Director Johnson. I was asked by a resident what is happening with the cable and if we know when Time Warner will be taking over. Do you have any information?

Director Johnson – The latest update I have is that they expect to take over in June. They've received approval from the Federal Trade Commission. They've received approval from all the local political subdivisions that they need approval from. They still have not received approval from the Federal Communications Commission, but they are expecting all of that will happen by June.

Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail – Once again residents do not need to do anything. The switch will automatically happen and residents don't need to do anything.

Director Johnson – Right, they won't need to do anything.

Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail – I just want to make a comment too about Councilwoman Walsh and all of Council. This Council has been in place for three months and I think a phenomenal amount of work has happened. The new council members have stepped and took off running. I am continually amazed and impressed by the work of this whole council and really are working as a team. I think what happened tonight to one council member is really, I think we all take that because we are all working together, we're all doing our best. There's many times when it is very difficult to be a council person when you have personal issues to deal with and when you have volatile issues to deal with. I commend Councilwoman Walsh on her handling of the situation tonight. I don't know the background but I think she's held three community meetings already. She continually updates us on what she's doing, where's she been. It is certainly very apparent to me that she's working very hard. I think all of Council in their own way is doing that. You can tell that by the updates at every meeting. I am very happy to be working with this Council and proud of the work that we've all accomplished. Each individually, we are all contributing in our own way and we're only going to be doing more and better things. Keep up the good work.

Councilman Langman – Thank you Chairman and welcome back, you look quite tan.

President Gudenas – Where did I go?

Councilman Langman – Everyone has mentioned what happened tonight and I didn't think that I would have to say this again after Hillandale and so forth, but there are many tough issues that come before us and there will be many that come before City Council in the future. And we can disagree about those, whether its Hillandale or elections or other development projects, such as a

hotel, but we must, all of us, must resist the temptation to veer into slanderous commentary. There's simply no room for that in our community if in fact we are to remain a community. Sometimes I detect a little troubling while this is the third ward and this is the fourth ward and first and second, those are just lines that Board of Election draw up, those are legal definitions of course. But projects that happen in the first ward benefit the entire community. As does projects that happen in Councilman Gruber's ward. It all adds to the strength of our community.

I'm very happy when projects happen any where. They don't have to be in the second ward necessarily. I think we've seen one project come to fruition, the Dunkin Donuts Grand Opening, a really marvelous event. Unfortunately I couldn't stay for the whole thing, I had to get back to work, but I know the Mayor was there, Councilman Conway, Councilman Lisy, Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail, Jimmy Malone from WMJI was there, all chowing down on donuts and other delectable items. It's truly a benefit to the entire community. I look forward, Director Pietravoia, to a revamped parking lot and renovations to the rest of the strip to build on that momentum.

I also had the opportunity Friday evening to tour the new Bi-Rite which will be opening at the end of March. You walk through there and it is being stocked right now. It is going to be a wonderful addition to the third and fourth wards, great addition to Euclid Ave., certainly a much needed amenity. It is going to be a home run. I'm hoping that we can really make it a wonderful event for the entire community at the Grand Opening.

There are lots of good things happening in the city and they don't all have to happen in the second ward or any specific ward, it strengthens the entire community when we're able to pull off projects like this. There have been many residents that are frustrated with the potential use of Sims Buick, but I think we all share that. Everybody wants to see a good project go in there. But we are bound and we swear to uphold the law. That's what we're waiting for. We're waiting for definitions to guide us into what we can and can't do. So discourse, what we all go through, we must all be very careful to keep it at a high level and not veer off into negativity which unfortunately we saw here tonight and hopefully we won't see here again.

With that I have a couple of questions for Director Gulich and one for Director Johnson. Director Gulich with all the water main breaks on 262 and the hydro-replacement, that street is in pretty rough shape. Can you give us an estimate of when some of those holes might be filled and the curbs replaced?

Director Gulich – Tough week for water main breaks last week. We had a total of three over there in a real short span and unfortunately the Water Dept. didn't get on one of them until the next day and of course when the water continues to run throughout the night, it really degrades the pavement in a hurry.

The work that was performed over there with the hydrants is essentially complete. We need to install some risers, bring those up to grade. The concrete was poured, what we do is put caps over there with visqueen underneath. Of course when the weather's warm and the hot asphalt is available, we'll take those caps out and restore the asphalt. We also have to come back where the water main breaks were, where the main had to be repaired, we have to pour that concrete in there and of course that's what we'll be billing to the Cleveland Water Dept. as our annual repairs in accordance with our agreement with them. Really you won't see a finished product with the asphalt there until the weather allows us. In the meantime we'll have the temporary pavement there and of course we'll restore the curbs that were upset throughout the construction.

Councilman Langman – Director Johnson, very quickly, if you could explain to our senior residents why they have to file tax returns.

Director Johnson – I'm glad you brought this up Councilman Langman so that I have an opportunity to explain this to the residents. We do have a mandatory filing requirement in the city and it's part of the income tax code. What that means is that all residents that are 18 years of age or older must file a return regardless of whether they owe any tax or not. This includes retired seniors. Seniors that are retired, while you're not required to file an entire form, you are required to file the exemption which would be just a check off on the box that you're retired and that you're exempt from filing a tax return and send that in. The reason and we've had this discussion, the reason being is that there are some seniors who after having been retired and find out how much fun that is, decide to go back to work and become gainfully employed. What this does is allow us a mechanism to be able to continue to tax that. We've had some discussions that maybe we might want to look at that and have a certain age at which we no longer require that

for seniors. That's something along with some other areas of the Tax Code that we may want to take a look at as we go down the road.

While we're on the subject, I'd like to point out that the filing deadline has been moved to April 17th. This is in line with the federal filing deadline because April 15th is on a Saturday.

President Gudenas – We'll have to take a break if you talk more than another minute.

Director Johnson – This is only going to take 30 seconds. The other thing I'd like to note and it started this evening, I don't know how many of you noticed, but the office was open this evening from 5:30 to 7:30 and it will continue to be open on March 20th and April 3rd from 5:30-7:30 in the evening and it will be open also on Saturday March 18, Saturday March 25 and Saturday April 1st, Saturday April 8th from 10:00-2:00. We're going to have extended hours on those days and hopefully we'll be able to provide service to our citizens. More information can be found on the website, cityofeuclid.com.

President Gudenas – Thank you very much and the Mayor and I were talking about it and just a special little piece of paper for an exemption certificate makes it much simpler. Councilman Lisy the pressure is on, you've got less than 5 minutes.

Councilman Lisy – Director Will, thank you for the monthly forecast and budget for the Golf Course Clubhouse and for Shore Cultural Centre. It's nice to see our revenues are up by 50% from your projection for the Golf Course Clubhouse and Shore revenues seem to be at an all time high. Those are very positive. I did it again, the thank-you's I never turn on my microphone, sorry. So the revenues at Shore are up and so are the revenues at the Golf Course Clubhouse, that's very good to see.

Mayor Cervenik, thank you for putting a team together for the Winterfest. The Chamber of Commerce did a great job of getting the businesses together and had the golf outing, the softball tournaments and the chili tasting. Hilltop won it again this year and I couldn't believe how different all six chili's were but how flavorful and delicious they all were too being so different. I've had a lot of chili that tastes the same, but they really did a great job there. I just commend the Chamber of Commerce for trying to get everybody out there for that event, it was a great event and I commend you for getting a team together, getting all those volunteers from the city to play.

Mayor Cervenik – If you really commend me, why did you beat us so badly?

President Gudenas – Thank you very much. We have one minute and ten seconds left so what should we do with that? Director Johnson, I would like to say thank you. We did get the monthly budget forecasting that's back in place. Thank you very much for your work and your staff's work, so we will use that as our new tool. With that

Mayor Cervenik- I would like to say that please don't let any of the small incident that happened here tonight tarnish the progress we have made and the community itself has made. That's all I'm asking.

ADJOURNMENT

Council President Gudenas moved to adjourn. Councilwoman Walsh seconded. Yeas: Unanimous.

Attest:

Clerk of Council

President of Council