

COUNCIL MINUTES  
MARCH 20, 2006

The regular Council Meeting was held on Monday, March 20, 2006 at 7 PM in the Euclid City Hall Council Chamber. President Gudenas presided.

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

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

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

Invocation was given by Sensei Craig Horton of Cleveland Buddhist Temple.

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Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail moved to approve the Council Minutes of March 6, 2006. Councilman Gruber seconded. Yeas: Unanimous.

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Cervenik presented Res. 45-2006 to Sam Ventura on occasion of his 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as owner of Shore Center Barbers.

Mayor Cervenik – As most of you know by now the PMX tower was torn down on Friday. I apologize to those that received short notice concerning the demolition of the tower, but it was requested by us of not only the company that was tearing it down, but the owner of the property as well, that it did not become a media and a real community event. They were very concerned about safety and other things that would happen. Bottom line is the building is completely demolished. There are plans in the works and that's when we'll have the media event, that we're going to have a very nice media event when the first building is ready to be built. We fully expect that to happen within the next year or so and we have a lot of hope for the progress that is going to happen over at PMX and what it can do for the mall area and others.

I would also like to congratulate Euclid resident Bill Carney. He was the Grand Marshal of the St. Patrick's Day parade. Bill Carney, if you remember, was our Building Commissioner for over 17 years here in the community.

Another good thing is as the weather starts breaking and we all start thinking of baseball and summer sports, Adelphia has announced that they will be broadcasting Indian's games, as you know they are not on Fox Net Ohio any longer. They will be broadcasting on the Indian's station on Channel 17. We will receive all 120 games on Channel 17.

Some family fun this week, the Recreation Dept. is sponsoring Family Bingo Night on Wednesday at the C. E. Orr Ice Arena. Bingo begins at 6:30 until about 7:30-7:45 depending. Also I'd like to note the Big Show at the Euclid High School is this weekend. They year's performance is Seussical. It is a musical about one of our favorite childhood characters and that is Dr. Seuss. I strongly suggest we all get there, it is going to be a very entertaining evening. I've got the luck this year of having my granddaughter visiting me this weekend and we will definitely be seeing Seussical I believe on Friday night. At this time I've got a few announcements, first from Director Will.

Director Will – Happy Spring to everyone. With that announcement, I would like to let all the residents know, Briardale Greens Golf Course is now open daily, weather permitting. You can call 289-8574 to check on a t-time. If you're looking for a place to watch one of the NCAA tournament basketball games, I would like to remind you that Sticks, which is on the grounds of the golf course, will be open for all of the games.

The Golf Course Commission will be having their next meeting, here at City Hall in the Finance Conference Room on Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM.

The Euclid Orchestra Spring concert will be held this Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at 3 PM at Shore. Tickets will be available at the door.

As the Mayor mentioned before, this Wednesday, March 22 is Family Bingo. Come out to the arena, sit down and play a few games with your kids. We have a great time, there's lot of prizes for everyone.

Parks & Recreation Dept. will be having their early-bird sports registration on Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup> from 9:00 AM to Noon. April 4<sup>th</sup> and April 6<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 to 7:00 here at City Hall. You can register for girls and boys softball, t-ball, four by four soccer, youth basketball, swimming lessons, swim passes, summer camp and tennis lessons.

On Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, Shore Cultural Centre will be sponsoring a Breakfast with the Easter Bunny at 9:30 am for a small fee. You must be pre-registered for this program and you can call 289-8107. Immediately following the breakfast, the Parks & Recreation Dept. along with the Euclid Jaycees will be sponsoring our Annual Easter Egg Hunt for children ages 8 and younger. This event is free. It will take place outside Shore Cultural Centre.

Our C.E. Orr Ice arena will be having special Saturday public sessions on March 25<sup>th</sup>, April 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 3:45 to 5:30 at the arena. Our Euclid Blade & Edge Club will be hosting their annual Ice Show, Dare to Dream at the arena on April 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM. For more information regarding these items at the arena, you can call 289-8649.

Just a reminder on Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, the City of Euclid will be hosting our annual Arbor Day ceremonies at 10 AM outside Old City Hall. We'll be planting a tree in memory of long time Euclid resident Bill Mabel.

Finally a reminder that UpStage Players will be performing Guys & Dolls at Shore Cultural Centre on April 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 and April 9<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 at Shore. You can call 731-5793 for tickets or there are ticket order forms outside the Recreation window here at City Hall. Thank you.

Director Gulich – April in Cuyahoga County is computer recycling month. I met with the Solid Waste District and Euclid will be taking part directly in this year's recycling program. In past year's the County has asked people to take their computers to places like Metroparks or all the way to the County Fairgrounds. This year at our own recycling center on Lakeland Blvd. at the Service Garage will be accepting all things computer for only the month of April. We'll have some special Gaylord containers there, plainly marked and some pallets. We'll be taking all of these to a place in Euclid called R.E.T. 3 where these computers will be de-manufactured and refurbished. It is a good way to keep all of the stuff out of the landfill. All these components will be recycled and computers will be refurbished. R.E.T. 3 is a non-for-profit and they are working in cooperation with Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District to help make this a very successful campaign this year. We'll have word out to the media, we'll have word out on public TV. Again, April is computer recycling month in the City of Euclid and we be accepting all of your computer related items at the recycling center. Thank you.

Chief Cosgriff – I'm pleased to report that on March 9<sup>th</sup>, we sent out conditional job offers to 4 candidates of our firefighter entrance list. They are in the process of their pre-employment physicals and pending the results of those I am hoping that we're able to swear them in at the April 3<sup>rd</sup> Council meeting. All these positions will qualify under the SAFER Grant, so a portion of their salaries over the next 4 year period will be covered by the Federal Government.

I would also like to report that we gave the written portion of the Asst. Chief's test this morning. The oral exam will be on this coming Saturday and hopefully we'll also have the results of that and I will be able to promote one of our candidates to Asst. Chief also at the April 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting. I would like to thank the Mayor and Council for allowing me to move towards getting the Fire Dept. back to where I feel that we should be. We have a lot more work to be done, but I believe we're heading in the right direction.

Mayor Cervenik – Mr. Chairman, it just came to my attention in looking at the date here, I believe is the 9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our former Council President Joe Farrell's passing. I would think it appropriate for all the contributions he did for this community that we all stand for a moment of silence. Thank you.

#### REPORTS & COMMITTEE MINUTES

Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail moved to receive the Monthly Reports of the Recreation Dept. & General Fund; Board of Control Minutes of 2/27/06 and 3/06/06. Councilman Delaney seconded. Yeas: Unanimous.

#### COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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

President Gudenas – Two things to point out, Item #3 regarding the prohibited use of concrete crushing in a U6 area, because it is, the way it is drawn up, considered a zoning amendment, would be sent to Planning & Zoning so there would be no vote today, it would go to Planning & Zoning for their review and back to City Council in the future.

Item #5 regarding the Tax Appeal Board, at the request of the Administration, we will put this into the Executive Finance Committee for discussion in the future because it is something new for the City of Euclid, so that one will also not be voted on today; #3 and #5.

Mrs. Dorothy Fike – 20271 Delaware Rd. I have several questions on #7 on the Agenda. I would like to know the exact location of this box that is going to be approved or assumed to be approved. I would like to know the size of the box and especially the position of it and I would also like to know the size of the

present box that is near the corner of E. 222 and Babbitt and Lake Shore Blvd. I've had many comments over the past few years, ever since that first big box went in that it does block the Euclid sign. It was very important for neighborhood doings that people would be able to see it. I would like to know the size and where it will be exactly. Thank you.

Director Gulich – I didn't bring the exact size of it, I gave me last copy to Kirsten. I think she's got the exact size, I can make sure I have it, but I can answer all those questions at that time.

President Gudenas – It looks like the easement is 10 ft. by 15. It is not right on Lake Shore Blvd., but it is hard to figure out exactly. Director Gulich will have a little time to regroup here and present that information at the time it is discussed.

Mr. Mike DiDomenico – 24770 Farrington Ave. Even though #3 is going to go to Planning & Zoning, there's a couple of points that I would like to address tonight, I don't know if I will get to that meeting or not. For the people at home, item #3 says that it is to change the zoning ordinances to prohibit concrete crushing in any U6 zoned property which I believe is industrial properties. It also points out that they are pointing out the former incinerator property. I think that concrete crushing should be allowed at this type of property, especially at the incinerator property. I remember when it was discussed a few years ago, there were concerns on the neighborhood about clouds of dust and a lot of noise. What has happened is the land was sold to someone who is then doing concrete crushing. This is what I remember reading in the paper. A couple phone calls were made and a resident went to the site to see for themselves. So the issues of clouds of dust and a lot of noise never came about.

I can tell you from experience that I work in the City of University Heights and several years ago when May's on the Heights was knocked down, which was a large department store on the corner of Warrensville and Cedar, they set up a concrete crushing machine right there on the property and there are homes, businesses much closer to that location than there are to the incinerator plant and there were really no issues with that.

I think that recycling concrete is a better way to go than taking it and throwing it on landfill or doing what they did years ago which was driving it up to the Lake and pushing it over the edges as erosion control. So, perhaps when zoning considers this, I think it is a good idea to do that.

Question that came to mind when they talk about the incinerator plant, I believe the same company that wanted to buy the property several years ago and it was then not, the Council said no, we're not going to sell it to you, ended up buying the property. I don't know what they paid for it when they bought it, but I believe the price they were going to pay a few years ago was over \$500,000. So I just hope that we got at least that much when we ended up selling it to them and again I think that I don't see any wrong with allowing people to recycle concrete. It is plenty far away and the issues again never materialized. Thank you.

President Gudenas – For the record, the price that they paid in 2004 was \$350,000. The earlier price in 2001 was \$473,000. So it did come down.

Mr. Vince Riha – 1515 E. 195 St. As long as we're addressing #3, over three years ago there was a majority of the residents that came up here and complained about having that here. I personally been through where DeMilta does it in Eastlake and sometime it is so dark during the day, you can't see where you are going. May's on the Heights also had a 40 ft. dirt embankment built around it. If you do research in the Plain Dealer you'll read the complaints from the people that were around that property at the time that live there. I urge you to oppose doing that.

#7, would this also include paving the muni-lots that are in desperate need of re-stripping to avoid the traffic patterns that we have at Shore Center, where if you follow the yellow line you'll run right into the wall? I hope this is included in this, if not, I think it should be addressed. Thank you.

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

#### LEGISLATION

##### **Ord. 46-2006 (076-06) Demolition**

An emergency ordinance authorizing the Building Commissioner of the City of Euclid to enter into a contract, after obtaining three informal quotes, for the demolition of the structure located at 24150 Euclid Avenue, Euclid, Ohio, Permanent Parcel No. 650-30-005, to be in accordance with specifications on file in the office of the Building Commissioner and pursuant to the provisions of Sections 1703.50-1703.56 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Euclid, and Sections 715.26(B) and 715.261 of the Ohio Revised Code. (Sponsored by Mayor Cervenik by request of CS&ED Director)

Councilwoman Walsh moved for passage, Councilman Gruber seconded.

Director Pietravoia – As explained in the opening read by the Clerk, the legislation before you tonight would authorize our Building Official, Bill Gallagher, who's here with us tonight, to seek three bids for the demolition of this structure at 24150 Euclid Ave. For those of you who are not familiar with that address, it is the Ferris Bar and Grill and before that, the Beverly Hills Tavern structure.

In addition, the legislation would authorize the city to enter into a contract with Board of Control approval to actually proceed with the demolition after we seek those three bids. The property has been determined to be unsafe and a serious hazard to the public health, safety and welfare based on recent inspections by our Building Official. The property had a fairly long history of uncorrected violations, some going back to 2001 or longer.

More recently in October of last year, 2005, we received word through Councilman Gruber who had received several complaints from area neighbors that there were problems at this property. Based on several visits to the property by Building, Housing and Police, at that time, a lengthy list of building code violations resulted.

In addition it was discovered at that time when we went to look at what was going on and the debris that was on the property reported by Councilman Gruber, it was discovered that interior construction was underway without permits. An unauthorized and unlicensed rental unit was also discovered in the upstairs floor of the building. Unfortunately this was even more problematic and we had to order the rental unit to be vacated, not only due to the violations that we found in the building that were pretty serious from a structural standpoint, but there was also a gas leak in the property at the time. So it was certainly a very unsafe condition for folks to be living there.

A stop work order was also issued until proper permits were in place for the interior work. Unfortunately to-date, permits were never applied for, this is over a period of several months. The lengthy list of violations have not been corrected and the owner has made no progress toward either fixing the property or demolishing it on their own.

Some of the violations and our Building Official can speak to this if you have questions more directly, but some of the violations relate to serious structural issues, both with the framing, the floor joist and the foundation walls, along with extensive violations related to the electrical, plumbing, gas and heating system. You can see just by my summary it is pretty extensive problems.

Letters were sent certified per our code requirement to the owner seeking their intent to correct the violations and requesting the necessary drawings that they normally would have to submit for permits so that they could proceed with the repair work. That was done in November. As of January after the time passed that we allowed in the letter, no response was received indicating their intent to repair and no drawings were submitted that were needed to issue the permits.

Therefore in January and I think it is important you understand this history because we have been at this for awhile, a letter was sent notifying the owner that given the lack of their response and in accordance with our own local codes, it was necessary to mandate that the structure be raised or demolished within a period of 60 days.

At that time, the owner was also given 30 days to appeal the Building Official's decision. This was clearly spelled out in the letter that was sent to them. Not only that they had a right to appeal, but what the process was to undertake that appeal if they chose to.

The letter also indicated that if they didn't appeal, it would be considered that they were agreeing with our decision that the building needed to be demolished.

As you might guess, the reason why we're here tonight is they did not appeal, they did not respond to that letter. The letter also informed the owner that the City will arrange to demolish the structure if it wasn't done by the owner.

In accordance with our code, as noted by the Council Clerk, Section 1753.08 in particular, the owner is required to pay for all related costs within 30 days if we proceed as a City with the demolition and if not, such costs will be assessed on the tax duplicate for the property.

Unfortunately given the lack of action by the owner, we're left with no choice at this time but to proceed with the actual demolition. Therefore this evening we're appealing to Council and requesting the passage of this emergency ordinance so that we can take the necessary next steps to demolish this structure and if necessary bill the owner if they don't pay within 30 days.

I'd be happy to answer any questions or respond to any comments along with our Building Official Bill Gallagher.

Councilman Gruber – I would like to thank Director Pietravoia and Mr. Gallagher and the Housing Dept. for working through this difficult situation. The property is a public hazard to the health, safety and welfare. The Police Dept. have serious issues with some of the incidences that

occurred there. This is one of three buildings that I would like to see demolished on Euclid Ave. in the next year and one of 5 in the ward. This really needs to be done. Anyone who has driven by that building can see the interior, I believe there are holes where people had actually fallen through the floor. There was an illegal rental unit upstairs. The building hasn't been maintained for years, it was on a rental basis by the previous owner who didn't really take care of the property. Along with the neighbors in the immediate area, several complaints per summer due to activities there. This building needs to come down, it is a hazard to the health, safety and general welfare of the people of Euclid and I'm sure that Police Chief Maine probably has some background as well as issues that have gone on there. I would like to see it come down and I appreciate Council's support on this. Thank you.

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

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

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

**Ord. 47-2006 (081-06) Contract Plumbing Inspector**

An emergency ordinance authorizing the Director of Community Services and Economic Development of the City of Euclid to execute a Personal Service Agreement, attached as Exhibit A, for the period of March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2006, through and including March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2007, with John Bogert to provide building and plumbing inspection services at a cost not to exceed Twenty-Eight Thousand Dollars (\$28,000.00) for the contract period. (Sponsored by Mayor Cervenik by request of CS&ED Director)

Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail moved for passage, Councilman Langman seconded.

Director Pietravoia – This ordinance would authorize our Department to enter into a contract to fill our vacant inspector position in the building division. You may recall that we discussed this position during the budget process and we did approve budget to refill this as a contractual position during the year 2006.

Many of you may remember this position was held by Arnie Osphelt, he was here for many years under a similar contractual arrangement. Arnie elected not to renew his contract which expired at the end of 2005 primarily for family health reasons.

Our Building Division currently encompasses two inspectors and our Building Official, Bill Gallagher. The Division is also supported by our Planning & Zoning Commissioner currently served by Andy Torowski.

Passage of this ordinance tonight will allow the department to move forward in filling the vacant position and in combination with the Zoning position which I'm pleased to report that we are currently interviewing for, this will bring the Division back up to full staffing.

Mr. Bogert holds a current certification with the State of Ohio for both the plumber's license and a plumbing inspector's license. This hiring will replace the certified plumbing inspector license that we lost when Arnie decided not to renew his contract. As you are probably familiar, maintenance of this license is an important requirement toward maintaining the Building Department's overall State certification.

I did want to note that if you looked at both the ordinance and the attached sample agreement, while the ordinance establishes a minimum number of hours at 84 hours per month, the agreement does allow a maximum of 96 hours per month. This will allow us some flexibility, especially in our busier seasons if we need more hours and we would still be able to accomplish that without going over our not to exceed dollar amount in the ordinance of \$28,000 for the contract period. It is pretty straight forward and we're hoping for council's support tonight so that we can immediately fill the position. If you have any questions or comments, Bill or I would be glad to respond.

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

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

**Ord. (082-06) Amend P&Z/Concrete crushing**

An ordinance amending the Planning and Zoning Code, Part Thirteen, of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Euclid, amending Section 1373.01(29) of the Prohibited Uses Chapter to include concrete crushing. (Sponsored by Councilpersons Gudenas and Walsh)

Councilman Langman moved for passage, Councilman Lisy seconded.

President Gudenas – Before we send that off to Planning & Zoning, a quick background thing. This is not geared to one specific property but to all U6 industrial zoned property in the City of Euclid. Currently all U6 property has a prohibited use of rock and slag crushing, which many assumed would include concrete crushing, but now there's a potential loophole that concrete crushing might be different than rock crushing. So this basically puts all U6 land in the same position because of course if we approve it on one parcel in the city, then it makes it subject to approval anywhere on the U6 parcels and we currently do not have any guidelines on when and if rock crushing can be used. In other words, so many feet from a residence, certain safety precautions, etc., noise, dust what have you. This gives first time to close the loophole and then to consider it further. This does not have anything to do with temporary cement crushing for recycling of materials used in demolition of buildings and the like, so, separate from that.

Councilman Langman moved Ord. (082-06) to Planning & Zoning. Councilwoman Walsh seconded.

Roll Call: Yeas: Conway, Delaney, Gruber, Holzheimer Gail, Langman, Lisy, Walsh, Gudenas. To P&Z.

**Res. 48-2006 CUPPO Union Contract**

A resolution authorizing the Mayor of the City of Euclid to execute an Agreement by and between the City of Euclid and the Civilian Uniform Police Personnel Organization (CUPPO), as exclusive bargaining agent for all Police Dispatchers and Police Records Room Clerks. (Sponsored by Mayor Cervenik)

Councilman Conway moved for passage, Councilman Lisy seconded.

Director Frey – This contract was recently negotiated a settlement with the Records & Dispatch personnel for the city safety departments. The union met and ratified the agreement and it is now subject to approval by City Council. I have provided a memo dated March 17<sup>th</sup> that details the cost of the various provisions in this contract, including the recoupment on monthly health care contributions from those employees. The contract calls for a wage increase of 3% each year of the three year life of the contract.

It also increases the license proficiency. These individuals must be certified to pull criminal history and other records that are available to the police, fire, prosecutor's office through LEADS, NCIC, the local Cuyahoga Regional Information System, the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation and Identification as well as Emergency Medical Dispatch. We negotiated as part of this settlement a cost increase in that license proficiency of .25 cents per hour. The individuals will also receive an annual, one time a year training payment of \$250 to help them with the necessary proficiency that they must maintain.

As we have with all the other units, we've provided for participation in the Section 125 Plan. The City will pay the \$5 per month per employee administrative fee. The employees are able to put up to \$3,000 in pre-tax payments where they can then use for uncovered health care costs. The health care is the same package that all of the other unions and non-union employees are currently participating in. I say all, the other unions, there are three contracts that are still outstanding. The contracts that have been settled for the 2006 through 2008 period all have the same employee health care contributions.

The same comments as we've made for the other unions. The residency requirement is that they must live within one hour of Euclid City Hall. Those are the essential changes in that contract. There were no substantial, in fact I don't think in this agreement there were any work rule or other language changes. I'd be glad to answer questions.

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

**Ord. (080-06) Tax Board of Review**

An ordinance amending the Business Regulation and Taxation Code, Part Seven of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Euclid to provide for the appointment of the three member Board of Review for matters coming from the collection of municipal income taxes. (Sponsored by Council President Gudenas)

Councilman Delaney moved for passage, Councilman Langman seconded.

President Gudenas – This will be sent to the Executive & Finance Committee Meeting which will be scheduled at a future date. We'll combine this with some other legislation that we need to talk about. Also at this meeting we'll go over the privacy policy for the Income Tax Dept. We know that Director Johnson has sent us a draft, so we ask that we all be familiar with what was written. Any questions, comments, concerns, be sent to the administration and then we'll have that meeting.

Councilman Gruber moved Ord. (080-06) to Executive & Finance Committee. Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail seconded.

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

**Ord. 49-2006 (077-06) Bids Lane Lining**

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service of the City of Euclid to enter into a contract, after advertising for bids, for the labor and materials necessary for lane lining various streets within the City of Euclid for the year 2006. (Sponsored by Mayor Cervenik by request of Service Director)

Councilman Gruber moved for passage, Councilwoman Walsh seconded.

Director Gulich – Each year we lane line all the major streets in the City. It is an important thing we do to help keep our city streets safe and keep us out of Court. Last year's contract for this work was \$27,175. As far as the crosswalks and the turning arrows and the school crossing marks, we still do that in-house. We have the line items to cover this in our operating budget for the Traffic Maintenance Dept. If there are any questions, I'll be glad to answer them.

Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail – There was a resident that asked about the municipal lots and who is responsible for lining those?

Director Gulich – We do that in-house. If you recall during my budget presentation, I did ask for two additional summer workers. Some additional paint money because we need to get caught up on just that type of thing. With Council's blessing on that, we will be able to, if not stripe everything, we will definitely be able to get some of those areas that we've been neglecting the last couple of years. Thank you.

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

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

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

**Ord. 50-2006 (078-06) Litespan Cabinet**

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of Euclid, or his designee, to grant a permanent easement to SBC Ohio for the purpose of constructing a Litespan Cabinet on a parcel of property owned by the City of Euclid, as described in the legal description and permanent easement attached hereto as Exhibit A. (Sponsored by Mayor Cervenik by request of Service Director)

Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail moved for passage, Councilman Langman seconded.

Director Gulich – At first it is difficult to imagine where this cabinet is at. It is actually a couple hundred feet away from Lake Shore Blvd. It is very adjacent to our Waste Water Treatment Plant, actually on the east side. There's a CEI sub-station there that's about 12 ft. tall, an East

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Ohio Gas meter about 5-6 ft. tall, an existing cabinet of approximately the same size there on the site already.

The proposed cabinet will be 65" tall and again it serves a very good purpose, it will improve SBC's services. Again they are offering us \$6,500 for this easement. If there are any questions, I'll be glad to answer them.

President Gudenas – It seems like it is 121 ft. north of Lake Shore Blvd. This clearly will not interfere with the gazebo, signage, things like that?

Director Gulich – 121 ft. Yes. The other question is how big is that cabinet at Lake Shore Blvd.? Obviously a different style of cabinet, it is meant for traffic control not aiding and abetting the phone service, but approximately the same size.

President Gudenas – Question to the administration, normally when there is a sale of property or anything to do with the sale of property the funds go into the Euclid Endowment Fund. Do we need to amend that or will the funds go to the Euclid Endowment Fund?

Mayor Cervenik – We will put the funds into the Euclid Endowment Fund.

President Gudenas – Thank you for that.

Councilman Delaney – Director Gulich, the traffic control box that we have there on the corner, it is an eyesore. Is there a chance that while this work is going on we can get that moved?

Director Gulich – Again, these are two completely different animals. It's traffic control and the other one is for aiding and abetting phone service. Actually shortly after that cabinet was up, we did ask Traff-Pro to revisit that to see if there was another spot in that intersection that could afford a better line of sight. The answer they actually brought back to us was no that was the best site for that. I would suggest with the sign board having difficulty being read for some, probably the better solution might be to relocate that or raise that up. I would just offer that as an alternate solution.

Councilman Delaney – Because even 20 ft. could put it behind the sign instead of in front of it.

Director Gulich – Councilman Delaney, with our long term study of Downtown Euclid underway, we definitely plan on looking at that intersection completely as far as redesigning the traffic over there. So I think that would be a very good opportunity to study what the options are. Of course we're looking at probably a year's time for the study.

Councilman Delaney – I have just as hard a time seeing you over this podium as I do trying to read that sign. Thank you very much.

President Gudenas – Director Will and I have started discussions on a new electronic sign that can be updated more quickly possibly in a better location. So we'll see with that.

Mayor Cervenik – In addition to that, there has been some demand for better signage, clearer signage for the Lakefront Community Center. If I'm not mistaken one of the solutions that would make that box look a little nicer, is that might be a perfect place to have the sign for Lakefront Community Center. It would sort of take away some of the blandness of that box that is sitting there. Plans are to relocate, rebuild that sign as you talked about as well, the reader board. We can go to the east a little bit and everybody will be able to see fine.

President Gudenas – Are you implying the sign might be applied to this box going up there?

Mayor Cervenik – I'm implying that it very well could happen.

Director Pietravoia – That's one possible location.

Mayor Cervenik – It may soften it up a little bit.

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

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

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

**Res. 51-2006 (083-06) F-2 Permit Blade & Edge**

A resolution authorizing the Mayor of the City of Euclid to grant permission to the Blade & Edge Club to serve beer and/or wine at their end of the year and parent party at the C. E. Orr Ice Arena Board Room, and grant the Blade & Edge Club authority to apply for a State (F-2) Permit. (Sponsored by Mayor Cervenik by request of Parks & Recreation Director)

Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail moved for passage, Councilman Langman seconded.

President Gudenas – This is the clarification of the open bar from last meeting.

Director Will – In February I started working with the Blade & Edge Club Board Members in regards to their plans for the Ice Show to be held on April 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>. One of their requests were to have their end of the year party after the Ice Show at the Ice Arena. They asked me if it was a possibility to be able to serve beer and wine. At that point, being a public building I realized that they needed to apply for a State permit and also get the authorization from the Council to be able to apply for that. I just do want to clarify a few things.

This is strictly only a one time item for the Blade & Edge Club. It would be Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, designated from 9:30 pm until 12:30 pm. They have to have a police officer here from Euclid from 9:00 pm to 1:00 am. They also have a caterer coming in that will assist them with this matter. There will be a controlled area that they will be serving this from. There are r.s.v.p. only, so it is by invite only. Unfortunately the members of the Blade & Edge Club wanted to come tonight to explain it to you, but they are busy preparing for the ice show. As we know, there is a lot of time and effort that goes into this. We will also have one of our members from the Parks & Recreation staff there during the duration of the party.

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

**CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION**

**Res. 45-2006 Shore Center Barbers**

A resolution of congratulations to **Sam Ventura** on the occasion of his **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as owner of Shore Center Barbers**. (Sponsored by Mayor Cervenik and entire Council)

Councilman Gruber moved for passage, Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail seconded.

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

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

President Gudenas – A couple of weeks ago we had the Committee of the Whole and at the very end I said that I didn't know if I did the right job or the wrong job. Since then I had time to contemplate what happened and read over our ordinances. Perhaps I didn't follow our rules as well as we should have because we do have an ordinance on the books, 121.18 which states specifically, vulgar or foul language in public remarks intending to embarrass or humiliate or which are personal in nature are at all times out of order. That's the rule on the books that we have until City Council decides this isn't Jerry Springer show, we will continue to follow those rules. With that in mind,

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

President Gudenas – Anything for the general health and welfare of the City of Euclid.

Mr. Jerry Corbran – 24250 Maplewood Dr. I'm putting up my sign again. This is the last call for contacting Senators DeWine and Voinovich by phone or e-mail, supporting the Harbor Town project. We are seeking federal funds to pay for the portion of the city's responsibility in building a breakwall to protect the proposed Harbor Town marina and to furnish a public parking lot and a public access boardwalk. The deadline for appropriations is near. So for details go to EuclidNow.com. I thank you.

Mr. Warren Wallace – 24430 Mavec. Good evening. I have two letters here, one I just wrote a couple of seconds ago. This other one took me two weeks to write. Now is the time to speak on behalf of the good of the city and let my following remarks reflect simply that my interest into the political landscape of Euclid has been challenged. I am learning more and more with each passing day. As time unfolds I fully intend to do my part to make Euclid a better place to live. Today my voice is single but as time goes on, I don't believe that will be the case. I believe that there are many that find my presence on Euclid's landscape distasteful as evidenced by falsified documents being floated around town. Letters to the Editor with reference to me that have no foundation and written with poison ink. Once I decided to become politically active, I knew the risk. I knew there would be political landmines with my name written on it.

I mean no harm to anyone and no ill will. I just want to do my part to make Euclid a better place. I will fulfill my objective to be politically active for the good of the City. No one will take that right from me. Do I seek political advice from others? Yeah. Am I a political puppet for anyone, you can dignify that with your own answer. As a politician, I am sure you realize that your political strength is in the hands of the people. I think that many of you have forgotten I have simply chosen to overlook where your powers derive from. This is something that I am learning as time goes on. But at the same time learning that truly informed people, that being the citizens of Euclid, can and will become a challenge that some of you may not feel comfortable with. That will be my role, what will be my role in all of this? It will be my voice you will hear calling out for a new dawn in Euclid, as I stated earlier for the good of Euclid.

That was what I wrote last couple weeks. I just left the Police station and it just really, really got me angry. I'm one of those types of people, it takes a whole lot to get me angry. But it about this letter, evidently I'm a suspect. I went in there as a person entry, then I came out as a suspect. When I came up here with the same type of problem nobody reached out to me. John Conway did. The Council didn't say, nobody called me, asked me was anything all right, nothing, nobody reached out. A white person get the same type of letter, here comes the prosecution, here comes the police knocking at my door, here comes the FBI. I want the same respect and I'll get it. I went to the Justice Department, they told me I had to go to the Police Dept. first. I'm going to the press, you have the editors writing all kind of garbage, I'm going to the press.

But I will say this, if the guilty party wants to sit down on neutral ground, with a neutral person, I prefer it be the Mayor, we can iron this out and we can solve this problem and get on with it. As far as, I think we really do need a commission on race relationship, on race relations here. This tag has been over Euclid here for at least 50 years and it is not going to go away unless we face this head on. We have to face this problem. Everybody knows Euclid has a reputation for being racist. So we can't continue to hide this. Not only is it white flight going on, it is black flight. Right now that the income taxes is what's holding this city up. The more residents we lose, the more we're going to have to shoulder the burden. We need as many residents to come here and stay here if we can. I think we really need some kind of Commission and if anyone wants to call me with some positive input on how we can move this city into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century with this racial thing, then you can give me a call at 731-4942. Only if your heart is in it. We need to knock this racial tag off of Euclid and move ahead.

Tomorrow at 7 PM we need Mavec Ave., 245, Stephen, Russell and 248, we need all you guys to come out at the P&Z meeting right here, 7 PM. We need your support. Not a big fight, but we need your support. Thank you.

Mrs. Lisa Wrenn – 925 E. 248 St. I would like to touch on a few areas of concern and I would appreciate a response from either a member of Council or a member of the administration regarding these concerns.

Before I begin, let me first thank any and all individuals who helped diffuse the situation that occurred at the last Council meeting. The list of individuals range from the Mayor to the Police Capt. to resident Tom Cooke and so on. But I do want to thank all of them.

Secondly as a reminder to all Ward 3 residents and all of the residents of the City of Euclid, I urge you to attend tomorrow night's Planning & Zoning meeting and express your opposition to what I personally feel is Mr. Helf's unwavering objective to build a hotel. Such a hotel will only serve to diminish the quality of Ward 3 as evidenced by the impact the Lake Erie Lodge has had on Ward 4. Let's not kid each other, hotels are inherently bad news.

Next on my agenda, can I get a no-spin political-free update on Upson Deli? My father and mother reside very close to that building. They are very uncomfortable with what they see happening there as I am too.

Next, the beautification of Ward 3. With all due respect to the Ward Three Representative, flowers along Euclid Ave. stand to be an appropriate venture. But should an appropriate venture take precedence over existing eyesores? For example, all the debris that has collected along the chain link fence separating the north and south Marginal from routes 2 & 90. Granted, my understanding is the city is not responsible for the highway side of the fencing, but what will be done to clean up the areas north and south of the fencing?

Perhaps some volunteerism, coupled with city assets and maybe the creation of a beautification core of volunteers could come into play here and yield an impressive outcome. Just food for thought. Once again, could I get a clarification on the above?

Another eyesore that I think Mr. Gulich hears about constantly is the containers that used for collecting recyclables along the South Marginal. Can they be pushed back from the road and/or camouflaged in some manner? Is it truly a necessity that they sit there filled beyond capacity at times at the base of the gateway to Euclid?

Also to the Ward 3 representative, I am concerned that Ward 3 is experiencing selective enforcement per complaints. I do have an issue that I would like to discuss with you. Can you please give me an opportunity as to when we can discuss this?

Again and not to be redundant, but P&Z tomorrow night, Use it or Lose it. That being your opinion versus how Euclid's landscape will be developed as the future unfolds. Thank you all for your time and I'll await your responses. Thank you.

President Gudenas – The first question was regarding Upson Deli. I'm not sure what all the issues are, but Director Pietravoia could you fill us in?

Director Pietravoia – It has been brought to our attention by at least one member of Council and maybe more than one that there are some problems with that property, broken windows, lack of maintenance. The building is currently vacant, there's no tenant in the building.

Mr. Torowski our Zoning Commissioner, one of his responsibilities is to go out and document those kinds of problems and issue a citation if necessary. He will be conducting that review this week and depending on what he finds we'll be issuing a letter to the owner. We'd also like to help the owner to find another tenant for the building, but until that happens, they need to maintain it properly.

President Gudenas – You'll report back to City Council on the findings and plan of action?

Director Pietravoia – Yes, I'd be happy to do that.

Mayor Cervenik – Concerning the beautification of wards 3 and I will add ward 4, as well as 1 & 2, because Council and residents have been very in saying that they would like to see some additional plantings and some nice things, feel good things, happen throughout the city. We will be presenting to council in our capital budget, a very aggressive permanent plan, both on the Euclid Ave. area as well as the downtown Euclid area.

It is very important by the way. When my staff and I sat down and discussed it, I asked them all point blank, is this really worth the money we're going to spend and will it really make people feel better about the City? The answer unanimously was yes it will. Could we spend this money on other things? Yes we could. But we can always make that decision so it is prioritizing. So we will be presenting to you on the 29<sup>th</sup> a fairly aggressive plan to get things done right and keep them going year from year.

As to the litter, we will handle that. Anytime a Council person or a resident sees areas where there is litter, please call my office. We can arrange to have it taken care of almost immediately. We do have some restrictions on the State land. However, if it is something that is extremely bad or an eyesore, I won't wait for them to do it, we'll get it done. For those two issues I can handle that and I think Mr. Gulich you can handle the recycling bins.

Director Gulich – The recycling containers, of course Council has expressed their interest in going back to curbside recycling and that's still something that is on the table and could soon become a reality. That's the case, obviously that problem will resolve itself. We've considered a number of possibilities such as doing some screening there which would obviously if someone has put some recyclables on the ground, they'll still be on the ground, it certainly would not be as noticeable. I really wouldn't be too keen on moving them far back away from the sidewalk for the simple reason that we have a number of activities going on, service related as you get closer to the building. Fire Dept. uses that building, Police Dept. uses that building, about 4 different departments. I really like to keep that close to the roadway. Again our community people are policing that up on nearly a daily basis. But again if the Mayor wants to add anything to that, I've been over there many a Saturday and Sunday picking up stuff myself and I agree that it can at time look unsightly.

President Gudenas – Does the State of Ohio Department of Transportation have a regular schedule for litter pick-up along I-90 and Rt. 2?

Director Will – Yes they do. They typically come out, it changes throughout the different seasons and how many people that they have. Typically they come out and they take care of everything on the State owned property. But I did just have communication with the Cleveland Court and we're trying to work

out with them so we can have people from Cleveland Court on almost a regular basis that should take care of some of those problems that we're dealing with. I will address that in the morning and update Council on that.

President Gudenas – If you could keep us, let us know what the Ohio Department of Transportation, what their schedules are and how they work to make sure that we're part of their system. Which I'm sure we are, but maybe it is not enough.

Director Pietravoia – Before we move on, I just wanted to comment on the questions or concern expressed about Mr. Helf and the rezoning of that property. I just wanted to clarify because there's been some confusion about this and I've had a number of calls, I want to make sure that everyone understands, a rezoning to U-4 commercial does not automatically allow a hotel. The way our code is written, a hotel is still a special permitted use. Even if that property were to be rezoned, the owner if they were interested in pursuing a hotel would still have to come back again, request a special permit and go before P&Z and City Council.

Just one other thought, there has been no specific development proposal. I know there's concern that he's pursuing a hotel again, but in fact there's no specific proposal and his concern has been that it has been difficult to market the property with the current zoning, therefore he's requesting the overall rezoning to commercial district. Thank you.

President Gudenas – Thank you for that update. Now Mrs. Raukar.

Mrs. Raukar – From E. 272. It is a gratifying and a pleasure to see what is going on at the Council meetings. I will go into something that probably we can only do as county citizens. The former mayor is now open to the books at the County headquarters and can exploit his position where he chooses. KD never taken care of while he was Mayor, has now purchased two pieces of property outside of the City of Euclid. So as a County citizen, I object to what is going on at the County Administration Building.

I as a citizen was kicked around by the former administration, our present Mayor and our Magistrate and our Judge. It just happened that last summer when the Mayor called me up, he also, I just want to show you how small they've been to me. He also went back as far as Austria, Hungary and the problem that the citizens had with Austria, Hungary and it caused World War I. He wanted me to feel inferior. Well I don't feel inferior to anyone. Not that I'm superior.

While anyway, we have people at the County Administration building that brought us the Hillandale problem, which was not a Euclid citizen's problem and they also had other corrupt dealings with other churches. In fact, some of our other cities in the county are having a problem with these kind of, well I call the hoodlums, is that word acceptable?

President Gudenas – It depends if you are one or not.

Mrs. Raukar – Well anyway, we are going to be saved to some extent because Mayor Jackson of Cleveland said that he is looking at no more tax abatements. That's what we should have done here years ago so we would have the school problem. There is a vote coming up and I ask the citizens of Euclid if they are not registered to go to the Library and register and vote this bunch out of County headquarters. Also, the Mayor and our former Law Director who is now Asst. County Prosecutor, should be kicked out of office. We need honest people and it is about time that the City of Euclid elite wake up to the fact they are destroying our country. Thank you.

President Gudenas – Thank you for pushing the limits.

Mr. Mike DiDomenico – I still live at the same place I did earlier tonight. I had an idea while you guys were discussing the Litespan cabinet which is a telephone cabinet and then the traffic cabinet. It just came to me while I was sitting here so it is probably not well thought out, however, at certain places where they do sit and they might be just painted grey or a dull green or something, perhaps you could get a high school kid from Euclid or VASJ from the art program and say here's something you can paint, make it look nice. Obviously the plan would have to be approved ahead of time. For the cost of paint, a kid could make it look better. You don't have to do everyone in the city, but perhaps just the ones that are at big intersections. You can even take, maybe if you had somebody that was vandalizing the city with graffiti and maybe had talent and say instead of being destructive here's a way to be constructive and now you get to put, this is your canvass, paint on this. Again, it's just an idea.

Secondly I would like to comment on that piece of property that is now being talked about at Babbitt Road and the Marginal there. Unfortunately that piece of property became an odd piece of property when they built the freeway. That made it difficult to do anything with it. However the gentleman bought it knowing what it was zoned for, and once again, it is coming around that if he doesn't get his way, he's going to sue the city. Boy I heard that not to long ago. If we don't get our way,

we're going to sue the city. If everybody is going to come in and sue the city when they don't get the zoning the way they want it, then why do we even have a zoning board, why do we even have zoning ordinances?

I think that at some point in time the city has to take a stand and decide what is good and what is not good, not just let themselves be pushed around by somebody that comes around and says I'm going to do this or I'm going to sue you. My two cents, thanks.

Mayor Cervenik – Mr. DiDomenico, that's an excellent idea about the painting. A Euclid resident and teacher at the Euclid High School, Meg Garbinkas along with another resident, Laura Robinson, who runs Helping Hands Day Care and Pre School on 185<sup>th</sup> Street, took on a very large project and painted the benches on 185<sup>th</sup> Street. I think I'm going to give them a call and see if we can't work out something where they can beautify the community as well.

Secondly as far as suing the city goes, the Law Dept. is well prepared to defend any law suits that are brought against us. We just have to make sure that our defense is based solely upon solid logic and the appropriateness of our zoning code to begin with. So we don't fear anyone saying they're going to sue us, it is virtually an everyday occurrence around here that somebody says they're going to sue the city. That keeps this guy pretty busy. But I do appreciate your thoughts and we're with you.

President Gudenas – Perhaps we can sell the naming rights for the traffic and have your name on it for a month or two, everyone will see it.

Mr. Joe Udovic – 21371 Naumann. I would like to talk this evening about the racial landscape of the City of Euclid. This past weekend I got a chance to listen to 1100 AM radio, Mark Schwab is a friend of mine. The topic that morning was diversification in the City of Lakewood. A gentleman brought this up on the telephone. Basically he was mentioning, if anybody heard the program, was Lakewood is diversified and they have accepted their diversification. Well here in Euclid we are also diversified and that should be the number one goal, we accept each other for who we are; not the color of our skin, not our religious background, not our ethnic background. For example there are maybe 40 people in this room. We are all unique and different. If we all work together, we can accomplish many things.

This year we're talking about putting together a community festival. How about we call it, unifying our diversity. We have to do something to bring this community together. I heard at the last meeting, someone was afraid of burning crosses, people are afraid of race riots, people are afraid of, how about we get to know who we are with each other. If someone is spreading foul rumors, how about we nip it in the bud so it doesn't go any further. We are a unique community. We have people all ages, all classes, all color skins, all nationalities. For example, just myself, I'm born Slovenian, through my friend Sam Torici and his family, by osmosis I became Italian. Through my study of the Japanese, I'm also Japanese by osmosis, so I'm a very unique creature of habit. If we all embrace our differences, we can be a much stronger community.

Normally I don't talk about my landscape customers, but this evening I have to bring this up. I met a nice gentleman in Ward 4, he's talking about moving out of the City of Euclid. During my meeting with him, he gave me some reasons why he's moving out of Euclid. One is the shopping. In the City of Euclid there is no place we can go to buy clothing, except for Value City. Music stores, book stores, this is what this one gentleman is looking for in the City of Euclid that we currently do not have. Yes, we have grocery stores, but what other amenities do we have to get people to come into the City of Euclid? This is something that we have to look at.

This gentleman also brought up the fact of beautification. I must commend the city, we do a beautiful job putting flowers in our community areas. But what are we doing to beautify people's homes that need it? There are people who take care of their homes. But there are also people who have eyesore homes. This one gentleman's street, I noticed two homes that need attention. Cutting grass is one thing, but I'm talking about can we create some type of awards program for someone who does not take care of their landscaping and is at least willing to put in \$100 maybe \$500 be it perennials or something to make their outside look beautiful. It is the sore thumbs that stand out. Yes we're talking about putting banners on Euclid Ave. or Lake Shore Blvd., that's all community. We need to start working with homeowners who are not keeping up their properties. That should be one of our priorities and goals. Thank you and have a good evening.

Mr. Victor Goodman – 20201 Glen Russ Lane. Once before I read these lines at the City Council, but now more than ever, how important they are. History will record that the greatest tragedy is not the strident clamor of bad people, but the appalling silence of good people. Onward generations will have to repent not only for the acts of the children of darkness, but also for the fears and apathy of the children of light. We know what is right. What is disturbing is we allow other forces and influences to seize our passions and our focus. Words of Martin Luther King.

This past week my wife and I finally got to see a very important movie. I certainly would urge anybody who has not seen it, it is at Loehman's; 50 cents on Tuesday, \$1 at night, \$1.75 after that. It is

a movie of such strength because it shows what happens when innuendo becomes fact. I heard hear tonight the word, guilty party. Guilty of what? That is an innuendo, not based in fact. That is just slander, hoping that somebody will believe it.

Good Night and Good Luck is the story of an incredible man, Edward R. Murrow. An incredible network that put themselves on the line in probably one of the greatest times of American witch hunting. Edward R. Murrow, made a decision that he was going to fight Joseph McCarthy for insinuations, not in fact. You cannot tell somebody else what, this person does this, or this person belongs to that. You have to have fact.

Now I spoke with the Mayor about a week ago and we talked about his subject. He told me that a large packet was delivered to him with accusations. He also told me that he researched it and found none of merit. A letter now proven even by the newspaper to be a forgery sent to discredit a person. Edward R. Murrow's words were that we cannot live in fear. He was willing to jeopardize his job, his livelihood, everything and so very fortunately was a guy named Fred Friendly and Mr. Palsy. They let it happen and Joseph McCarthy came down.

But it was also the words of one other person that I need to relate to. He was a little lawyer named Welsh. If Edward R. Murrow started the end of Joseph McCarthy, Mr. Welsh finished it at the Army McCarthy trials, of which I say to people in this very audience and people at home. When Welsh looked at, now I forgot his name all of a sudden, McCarthy, and he said, as he continued to make accusations that were innuendos and not a fact. He said, have you no decency left.

I've been here for 31 years. I live in the most dominant mixed ward in Euclid. If anybody breathes racism, it is normally the person that is breathing it that is causing it, causing a problem. It is a sin and a crime that anybody stands up this podium to try and influence others against others. How sad that they cannot make up their minds to work rather than innuendos that are not in fact.

Mrs. Penny Riha – 1515 E. 195<sup>th</sup> St. Just a brief word about the business of racism in Euclid, there's a number of groups and very good people, a number, a large number working to prevent such problems. There's a program called BRIDGES, before it was On Conversations. I've seen many people from the City Administration that have gone out of their way to try to make things run smoother. The problem is there's a real deficit in the actual citizens showing up. People come up here and say they want this or that but they never show up the right time, the right place.

As far as improving the city, I don't think that we could stand here and ask everybody in the Administration to fix everything in the City. I think we need to get off our butt and do it ourself and we have promoted that for the last 12 years at our end of town. We put a monument; we saw to some blighted buildings. We brought, we bought flowers for our grant money and helped the people that couldn't plant them and, you know what? We're better person for it; we're a better neighborhood for it.

Also happen to be a student of history, history of Euclid, I was involved in the Historical Society and there's a few things I don't think people realize. On Chardon Road, across from the Fire Station, there's a Baptist church, Baptist original church that stood there went up in 1820 was the oldest Baptist church in the United States. Now, the other side and up the hill, we have a national shrine, a national shrine, about 200 tour buses a year come to that shrine ,people from all over the country. We have the Buddhist Temple within a few yards of that and we have on the other side of the Buddhist Temple, Jehovah Witness church. New owners of the Brickman's have put in very large sums of money converting that place, keeping it up and keeping the area look nice.

Now I hear a rumor that we're going to put an impound lot right smack in the middle of that district? I'm really shocked. I wonder what kind of city plan it is. I wonder where that fits in the Master Plan. I wonder how we can be that insulted by the people that would even allow the City to even consider this when the people, the real people of Euclid work day in and day out to keep things going and better their neighborhood and I think we deserve a little better. Thank you.

Mr. Vince Riha – 1515 E. 195<sup>th</sup> St. I was wondering if the Administration could share, I had read where Congresswoman Stephanie Tubbs Jones had inked a memorandum of understanding or agreement between the inner-ring suburbs and CHMA and I was wondering what the effect was and what the agreement stood for. Thank you.

President Gudenas – Actually, Director Pietravoia has been working on it with Chief Maine and one of the important parts will be the Police Department to communicate with the Housing Department to communicate with CHMA on any problem tenants or landlords so that it immediately is reported to CHMA and then we have their assets and their resources to help with those kind of issues. But I'm sure there's much more to be done, too.

Mayor Cervenik – Mr. Riha, we will get you a copy of the memorandum the understanding. As the Council President said one of the most important parts, besides the education of all renters, this is not a program strictly for voucher choice renters in the city and landlords in the city. This is a program, the education part of this contract, is for all renters.

The portion that will help us in ridding ourselves of irresponsible renters and landlords is that when criminal activity occurs at or near a subsidized rental property, the municipality shall furnish to CMHA clear and concise reports and obtain all pertinent information. CMHA will review those reports and determine what appropriate course of action should be based upon Title XXIV. Drug-related activity and violent criminal activity from any family member can cause, be cause to immediately initiate the termination process.

In planning for this the Police Department's CAD system will be able to identify the CMHA properties and will be able to immediately forward a report to the Building Department and we can forward that on to CMHA to make sure that happen.

Please understand that it's not just CMHA properties that we have problems with. I believe City Council very shortly will be acting upon or at least discussing the nuisance abatement program. That will cover all residential rental properties throughout the City of Euclid. These are all ways where we are finally getting the tools necessary to not only take care of the, of the renters; but even more importantly, hurt the landlords that rent to anyone and do not take care of their properties, where it hurts the most and that's in their pocketbook. So over the next few months we will have this completely in place and I think you're going to see a great change in some of the problem areas in our neighborhoods.

President Gudenas – We do expect quite a bit.

Mayor Cervenik – You will see quite a bit.

Mr. Dennis Berzinskas – 20890 S. Lake Shore Blvd. Not Lower Lake Shore Drive, now there's a beautification sign, guys, let's get some nice things up here and then my stuff won't get delivered to the wrong home on Lake Shore.

Mayor, I hope we can all help you do anything we need to do to get this work process done. There are more homes in the City day by day. People's dreams of owning a home are going up in smoke along with other homes that are just not up to par. A lot of them are rental properties, unfortunately.

But one of the things I came up here to talk about is the schools. When we went to school, the older people, we had proficiency tests to see if we were up to grade level. I was talking to a few people and I guess I'm old. They tell me that if the kids aren't up to proficiency in their grade level, parents don't want them to be held back. That really bothers me. You hold the child back to help the child. If you don't, if you let them go ahead without the proper education, it's child abuse of the worst form. Children need all the help they can from their parents from their community.

We have to look at our school system, otherwise than that, what are we going to be producing a bunch of people that are going to be on the government dole that can't hold a job? I think this next May there's going to be a few people up for election. I think we should all pay attention. See what they say. School funding, right now the State is not doing the school funding. It's been cited for it numerous times. Let's hold these people up to their responsibility. Their responsibility is to help citizens.

The other thing, volunteerism, one of the best things you can do for yourself is to go beyond what you normally do go out and become a volunteer. I don't care where it's at. If you really get out and do it, you'll receive more than money can give you. At the Hunger Center we have volunteers there. It's more of a job to them that they care about. It's important they're there. The kids that, some of the schools that have food drives for us they went out of their way to make a difference in people's lives. There are a few store owners around that have food drives. They went out of their way to make a difference in people's lives. Make a difference in people's lives, volunteer. It'll do you good; it'll do the City good.

And we were talking at the Democratic Club, we need the younger crowd. The Mayor, how can you sit there? The youth is what you said the other night if you would please?

Mayor Cervenik – It's the energy of our community and it's what's needed to keep us moving forward. We're all, people your mine age you're getting a little tired right now. We need somebody to step up and help out. The key is that we are the ones that still have the responsibility to give them a reason and let them know it's important that they do so and that's our responsibility. It's to find a way to get the youth of this community involved not only in politics but in all things.

Mr. Berzinskas – Thank you, Mayor. But really make a difference in your own life and other people's, volunteer. Thank you.

Mr. Tod Guntner – 390 E. 257<sup>th</sup>. I'm here to remind all the residents of a couple upcoming events for Pet Pals. The first of which, we enjoy working with Euclid Parks and Recreation Department to put on our Cake Auction and Bake Sale. This will be held at Shore, 291 E. 222, in the Community Room. I don't know the number off the top of my head. That will be April 22<sup>nd</sup> on Saturday from 10 until 1. Please bring your baked goods after 9 a.m. to the Community Room and your cakes. We had several Council people bake cakes last year and we raise a lot of money. We raised about \$700 last year and we did have a sell out. We'd like to do that again so we would like your support. We'd like the Administration's support and, of course, the public bring some goodies. Also come and join us at the auction.

Also on May 12<sup>th</sup>, which is a Friday, is our Annual Bark-B-Q. It is a fully catered rib dinner at the Manor on Rockwell Drive. Cocktails start at 6:30, dinner at 7:30 with an open bar, Chinese Auction, door prizes, all kinds of fun.

And I would also like to talk a little bit about volunteers, basically, just one. If you ever thought about volunteering before, there's a volunteer that just recently enjoyed her 16<sup>th</sup> birthday. Do you know where she was on her 16<sup>th</sup> birthday? She was at the Animal Shelter volunteering. So her parents decided to bring pizza and cake to the Shelter and we had a little birthday party for her at the Shelter. So there are people out there that enjoy volunteering whether they do it at the Hunger Center, at the hospital or the Animal Shelter or wherever. Get involved. Thank you.

President Gudenas – Suggestion, if you want to make money, you could have donations for me not to bake a cake. That could work. Anyone else?

Councilman Lisy moved to rise and report; seconded by Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail. Yeas: Unanimous.

#### COUNCILMEN'S COMMENTS

Councilwoman Walsh – The pressure is on me first. The good news, we're following the Breakfast with the Easter Bunny at Shore and we have secured a rabbit so it is not Councilman Gruber. And I want to make sure that everybody knows this is a collaborative effort between 3 and 4 and Councilman Gruber is getting several prizes and we're already ticking them off. We feel that we can handle 200 children and ages 4 to 11 and it's on April 8<sup>th</sup>.

The next thing that we're going to have and I hate to be Dolly Sunshine tonight, but I am Dolly Sunshine. We're having a T shirt contest and it's not a wet T shirt contest. It's a T shirt contest for the people who live in Euclid and we're proud of it and it was suggested by Bill "Smoochie" Gordon. And you have to have your design, your original design in my April 17<sup>th</sup> and it has to include the words "because I live here", the rest of the design is up to you. And what will you get out of this? You're going to get your own "Because I Live Here" T shirt, which is free for free for free with your name on the back, a certificate presented at Council and all the love and caring of the Euclid residents. And these flyers are available in the back. They're going to be floating around. Kathy Will has them and I'm not doing this alone. This is a Council effort, but I have offered to gather them up and then a secret panel will pick the winner. We won't tell you who's on the panel.

You talk about youth volunteers and I must echo the thoughts that are out there. No child is born to be bad. A child is born to be good and they have to be given choices whether they can be good and something to do. And it is my goal to work with the schools and to have a youth volunteer force. This is entirely possible. They're going to be called Sidewalk Servers and we will get that kicked off, I'm hoping, by the beginning of May so that they can help with our beautification and our flower planting on May 27<sup>th</sup>.

The, I was told to mention this by the Council President. The list of goals are on their way and it's just a matter of a certain Council person getting them typed, but they are on their way. If you want to discuss anything with me and you have issues about Ward 3, we have a unique thing going and the next focus group I will make sure that the person who came to the podium is aware of it. The next focus group for the Ward will be in April and the last one focused on, it was a vote of the residents that showed up. The next focus group I don't know what we'll focus on, but this time we talked about housing. Housing is a big, big thing in Ward 3 and tonight I have everybody, including the Housing person over there that I always forget his name, literature and I killed many trees to give him that.

As far as the receptacles by the garage, they really need to be fixed up; but Mr. Gulich and I will talk privately on that.

Now for the really, really great news with the cooperation of the Ward 2 Council person, we would like to announce that March 29<sup>th</sup> Ward 3 is opening a brand new, full service grocery store a Bi-Rite at the 260<sup>th</sup> Plaza and we want all of you to come out. The Mayor's going to be there at 10 in the morning with some other surprises. And I went in there tonight and you really shouldn't buy any of the food because it's so perfectly laid out. And then when you get done shopping at the Bi-Rite, I want you to go over and shop at TNT and then I want you to have a sandwich at the Richmond Restaurant and I prefer the corn beef there.

With that I'd like to thank everyone for a really great Council meeting and I look out there and thank you, guys. You are tremendous. Amen and God bless and find those eggs, Mr. Gruber.

President Gudenas – Thank you. I'd also like to talk about a group of volunteers that have been working in concert together for many, many years and, of course, that would be our Euclid Orchestra. And they are having, as we heard before, on March 26<sup>th</sup>, this Sunday, their Spring Concert at 3 p.m. at the Shore Auditorium and if you haven't been there, it is quite a treat. It's something you would never believe that a group of volunteers could get together and play such beautiful music. That's very well done. It's probably one of the best orchestras in the region, obviously, other than the big one in Cleveland so that's Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, 3 p.m.

And also just to summarize a few of the initiatives that we're working on regarding the housing, which we're going to try to tie up, you know, put them in a better organized format so that the residents can understand that we are moving along on the various housing issues.

First, we're getting the list of all the subsidized housing in the City of Euclid. For the first time the CHMA organization has been very cooperative and will continue to be so so that we have a clear understanding where all the subsidized housing is in the City of Euclid. Does not that mean that's problem housing, but first we're going to identify where it is. We've also have the list of all the vacant homes, which the Administration has been working on for quite a while. We're also working on all the foreclosed homes or homes in foreclosure, which will be very important.

And next on the list will be all the nuisance housing, houses that have extra police calls and things like that and then we're, hopefully, with the Capital Improvement Budget getting new technology to work with our computer system so that we can keep track very efficiently of all the problem areas that we have with housing and police issues to see where the trends are, where the problems are and to make sure that this information goes out to the proper authorities and, most importantly, to make sure that we follow up and have a plan of action. So we're getting a lot of new tools, a lot of good information coming. It's something new and different and it's going to be, hopefully, a very coordinated approach between our government and other governments and our various departments. But at some point soon, we'll have a little meeting here to go over all this and how this all works so the residents understand that we will expect better results from problem areas and at the same time, I hope we can do positive things and target certain areas that need extra help that have been neglected in the past because of maybe absentee owners and foreclosed homes and vacant homes where we can offer extra incentives to get these neighborhoods back up to what we expect here in the City of Euclid. So we can expect all of that, hopefully, soon.

And I know, I think you'll be announcing your meeting later, Councilman Lisy, on the technology for some of the other things; but we do have great hope for using new tools, new technology because we have fewer people here working so we have to be more efficient and be more productive with what we have and I believe we will be able to do so.

I do have one comment regarding the financial report that we received. There's some good news in there. We do appreciate the monthly reporting and we can see that the projected spending was about 2.4 million to date and we spent about, I'm sorry, the actual was 2.5 and the budgeted was about 2.4, if I'm correct. Actually, I may not be correct but we, the biggest problem is that the revenues were budgeted at 2.7 million for income tax collections and the like for February and they came in around 1.9 million or about \$840,000 less than expected, which is a significant shortfall and so we're going to have to keep monitoring this because we're certainly not out of the woods yet. Fortunately, January was extraordinary good for us, but at the same time that was part of the one-time revenue that we had from CCA and other income tax payments that we won't see every month. So we may have to have a meeting regarding the financing of the City of Euclid after a couple of months. We'll see what happens in March and April to see what the trend is; but, hopefully, we'll be somewhat okay with the budget that we had because we did build in a lot of extra leeway in there.

Mayor Cervenik – Yes, Mr. Chairman, some of the difficulty in projecting in projections for the first three months of this year, one had to do with the fact that we had the extra month collections. But also if you look at the report from last year, January, February and March were

very well skewed by the CCA collections. I believe there was a \$900,000 variance or something in that one month. That was when CCA was moving and it was very difficult to project where that, you know, how, which months that money came in that they sent to us. We fully expect to reach our projections of \$24 plus million for the year. And as you say, over the next 2-3 months, I think things will level out and we'll be right about where we should be. So we're actually down about \$300,000 from the year, less than last year and that's what less than 1% I believe. So we're confident that we're going to have some up and downs for a while and we, like I said with this monthly report we have that's good. We can see that; we can all talk about it and see what's going on.

President Gudenas – We greatly appreciate that. So we're getting good information and we're going to use it.

Councilman Conway – The first thing I want to do tonight is announce the next public meeting for the Citizens Committee. They had a meeting a couple weeks ago and they're scheduled for this coming Thursday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 7 p.m. They hold their meetings in the Shore Cultural Centre within the Board room. They've been working very hard identifying the key issues that they want to focus on in the short-term, working very hard developing a good mission statement that truly embraces their goals and objectives that both they have set out and we also have set out for as a Council. So hopefully, if you can attend that meeting, we're always looking for the input of the public because the committee will only be as successful as the input we get from the residents.

Do want to thank Director Johnson for providing the next draft of the privacy policy. It came in our e-mail today. It is something that I've spoken about quite a bit over the last couple months as to how important I think it is that the City does put in place a good privacy policy. So I look forward to reviewing that and providing any feedback that we have to, but we do appreciate that draft coming as well as also receiving the monthly finance report. We will be reviewing that in the short-term and get back to you with any questions that we have.

And finally, just a, toward Director Pietravoia, I know we've all been working very hard and talking quite a bit about our efforts in securing additional funding for the lakefront and we've all been working and going to many meetings trying to gain positive exposure for it. Is there any update at this point that you can give us on the lakefront?

Director Pietravoia – Just briefly, we did, I think the Mayor might have mentioned it at the previous meeting but we did get a request for additional information from one of the members of Congress and we do believe that in part that was a result of the letters and postcards that were received and there might be other opportunities. I know we're going to end up this first round, but we will coordinate with Mr. Corbran and others if there are other opportunities later in the year where that type of effort would help again. So we'll keep you posted.

Councilman Conway – Okay, thank you very much and with that I'll say good night.

Councilman Delaney – I'd like to thank the Shore Board of Trustees for inviting me to their last meeting and I'm happy to announce that they are ready to present to City Council their proposal on Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. It's something that I look very, very, very forward to. I know that tomorrow they're going to meet with the Mayor in the morning and they have a lot of, a lot of things that they've accomplished. I know that look forward to seeing some of the capital items that we will have on March 29<sup>th</sup> and I look forward to the 26<sup>th</sup> being a meeting where this all comes together and we can probably, by my estimation, put an eight-year controversy behind us.

Then, Director Will, I have a question. You said that the Golf Course Commission intended to meet on the 4<sup>th</sup>. I'm a little surprised by that. I'd like to move it to the 5<sup>th</sup> in Council Chambers. I'd like to call a Parks and Rec. Committee meeting. I had been in touch over the weekend with some of the members and they hadn't told me about that. I'd been to their first meeting; I wasn't at the second, but I did hear about some of their information gathering. So what I would propose to do is schedule a meeting for the day after that we could have in Council Chambers and that way they could be in front of the public and present to Council some of their organizational ideas.

Director Will – Councilman Delaney, I'll be glad to push that request through to them. I know there was a reason that they had picked the 4<sup>th</sup> because of a conflict on the 5<sup>th</sup> and at the 6<sup>th</sup>, but let me get back in touch with them. They did want to meet again in the Finance Conference Room. Again if any of the public wanted to come, they were more than free to come to that. I don't know if they were ready to do any type of goal planning or anything at this point but there

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was a specific reason that they had picked that evening for their meeting. I will double check and get back in touch with you and let you know.

Councilman Delaney – Even as recently as this afternoon, I had some messages left to some of the members. I sent one e-mail out so I would hope that they could be here on the 5<sup>th</sup> and will make that meeting. I think that the Finance room there's probably very little space for the public and it would be better to have it in Council Chambers.

President Gudenas – Okay, we'll make sure there, we're going to need to change a tape.

Councilman Delaney – Thank you very much, we'll come back with Councilman Gruber.

President Gudenas – Okay, don't everyone leave. We're just going to take 1 minute 30 seconds. We're wrapping up so please stay right there we'll be right back with our commercial break. One minute 30 seconds, they're just changing the tape. Right, no bathroom breaks. Who's keeping track? Who's got the? Okay, we're running. Get back. Get back. Sit. Okay, we're starting. We're starting. Okay, we're back in business quicker than we thought. Councilman Delaney, are you finished or not? Yes, he is.

Councilman Delaney – Never finished, but for right now.

President Gudenas – All right you're on pause.

Councilman Gruber – First off I'd like to thank Councilwoman Walsh for taking care of Ward 4 business while I was gone. You did an excellent job. I only got 2 complaints. No, I didn't get any complaints. You did a wonderful job so thank you very much.

Councilwoman Walsh – Turn your mike on.

Councilman Gruber – It is on.

President Gudenas – Whoops, you know what, I made a mistake. I didn't turn the mike on. Sorry.

Councilman Gruber – Oh, you're cutting me out. I see what you're up to, all right. I'd like to thank Councilwoman Walsh for taking care of Ward 4 while I was gone and I got back to those folks today that you gave me the message on. And also in the excitement about the Easter Egg Hunt you didn't mention where and what time so I'll do that for you. It's going to be at the Euclid Creek Reservation. Just follow the bunny trail, that's what it says here, and the time will be 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. so we look forward to seeing everyone there. And I know we'll have a great time.

I'd also like to remind the homeowners of the Brae Burn Park Homeowners Association and the Euclid Heritage Park Homeowners Association that they have meetings on the 28<sup>th</sup> at 7 o'clock. Heritage Park will be at Euclid Central and Brae Burn Park will be at Glenbrook School.

Also in the last few days I have talked to Director Pietravoia about a couple of pressing issues on Euclid Avenue. One of them was the probable pending sale of Indian Hills Senior Complex. The proposed buyer of that property does plan to keep it a senior property, put about \$4 million improvements, landscaping, gating the community. Overall, I understand that he does own a lot of properties on the west side and he does do a good job with that so we look forward to welcoming him to the neighborhood if that all goes through.

Also, the owner of the impound lot has tentatively agreed to meet with some of the homeowners possibly at the homeowners meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup>. I do have to check with the president of the association to make sure that date will work with them, but he is willing to come. I shouldn't say impound lot. The potential buyer for the Sims Buick property, I guess that would be the proper term.

Also the fellow that owns the Inland Plant has brought final draft plans to the City for his proposed project at the Inland Plant and they do include an expansion to the building so that was also a nice little surprise.

What I did on my winter vacation? It was kind of interesting. I took back roads and I did a little tour of the south and some of the items that came up were kind of interesting. I went to Savannah and Savannah, Georgia has the second largest St. Patrick's Day parade in the country. You wouldn't ever think that. I went through Bike Week where 20 bikers were kills during that week. Most of them were the crotch rockets according to the Highway Patrol. Then I went to

Orlando to visit my sister where a thousand people a week move into Orlando. Went to Sanibel Island where my neighbors were, Holzheimer Gail's, Ms. Holzheimer Gail's mother and father, so they were enjoying it. And there's an island called Cayo Costa, which is about half the size of the City of Euclid, where they issued an Iguana tax. They have 10,000, estimated 10,000 Iguanas on the island and they actually have to hire an Iguana, now, Tod, you can't go to Cayo Costa and round up all the Iguanas, but 10,000 Iguanas. Somebody brought a pair home years ago and they have 10,000 now so they have to pay an extra tax to get rid of the Iguanas because the County wouldn't subsidize it. I thought that was interesting.

Most of the west coast communities of Florida are prohibiting growth. They have, they have referendums or items on the ballot to limit the size of the homes, the size of commercial growth. In fact, some major retailers, such as Wal-Mart and others have been told they can't come to the communities and people are actually leaving southwest Florida because of grid lock because of lack of change of seasons. I left some Euclid packets in case they want to come back home. The prices are outrageous. Homes on some of the islands are starting at \$9 million. Who knows how long that can go for?

And then years ago my dad told me go to this town called Yankee Town. It's off the coast of central Florida and I went to Yankee Town and I think I got there just in time. The place looks like something from a 1940s movie. It's just like to was in the day. Going down one little road and you come out on the other and there's big Cypress trees. In fact Elvis Presley spent a lot of time in Yankee Town. I did not know that, but beautiful old Florida town just what you'd expect to see and there were signs all over that said Save Yankee Town. Save Yankee Town. Well, some Yankees came down and bought up the property from the lodge to the river and they're going to put in condos and one of those Starbucks so all those people down there are leaving. They don't want to have any of the problems that come with that.

Let's see. Then I went to another little town called Cedar Key, which they decided they were going to make it similar to Put-In Bay and build a brand new lakefront community and that failed. Now they're redoing the old town and making that how it was back in the 1800s.

It's good to be back. I look forward to working with the Ward 3 Councilwoman on this Easter Egg Hunt and I'm glad I don't have to wear the costume. There was some question as to that. But thank you and good night.

President Gudenas – All that traveling and no postcards.

Councilman Gruber – No.

President Gudenas – No souvenirs, anything for us?

Councilman Gruber – Oh, I've got some, I brought you some Iguanas. Put them up there on Middle Bass.

Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail – And my travels took me to 185<sup>th</sup> Street, to the library and to Roosevelt School. I wanted to thank Emma Jackson and Mary Mulley from BRIDGES. I was able to attend just one of the three programs for their Appreciative Inquiry Program and it was really wonderful. Appreciative Inquiry is using the positives to move forward. It really is talking about what's good about our City, what's good about our residents and using that to help develop a plan for how we continue to grow and improve our community. So I want to thank them. This was the initial pilot project and the idea from this point is to take it out into all the wards and involve as many residents as possible. I would encourage anyone once those program dates get set to take part in that. It was really very refreshing to hear all about the positives and what's good about Euclid. We weren't allowed to talk about problems and I was able to say to someone no, I can't talk about complaints tonight. We're only talking about the positives so that was wonderful. I want to thank Emma, who's here tonight, and Mary Mulley for putting that together and BRIDGES.

The Mayor and I had the chance to meet with the 185<sup>th</sup> Street Merchants Association, primarily, to talk about some of the changes with the 185<sup>th</sup> Street Festival and getting Euclid on board with some of those plans. The Mayor gave his whole support and the City's support in doing whatever we can to make it better and to get the businesses on Euclid's end involved in that festival as well. The festival will be scaled back a little bit primarily being held at O. H. Perry School grounds. The street will be open through the festival days, but they're hoping to involve as many of the resident, businesses on the street to get involved on the street. So that was exciting and I will continue to meet with them to kind of be the link between Euclid and Cleveland and the 185<sup>th</sup> Street merchants.

And I also wanted to thank the residents from 236 and 237, who are working hard to form a neighborhood association. We met with them at Roosevelt School. Another meeting will be

scheduled so if residents would like to get involved watch for a flyer or give me a call. And similarly, any other resident, if you don't have a homeowners association on your street, you can give me a call if you're in Ward 1 or your Ward Council person. That's a great thing to help if we're talking about volunteerism getting involved in your street or in your own neighborhood. Krystal Skovira at the Community Policing Department is also a great resource for that but every one of us would be happy to help you help get a neighborhood association started. Thank you.

Councilman Langman – Director Gulich, do you have a traffic count update at the Dunkin' Donuts location? I know there's lots of people very interested in that.

President Gudenas – Director Gulich, how many glazed donuts have?

Director Gulich – Actually, we did not count the donuts. We did only count the vehicles and we did do that count last Wednesday. We wanted the store to open for a couple of weeks rather than do the counts right out of the box we wanted the traffic patterns to establish themselves. To make a long story short, the bottom line number is during an 8-hour period during the busiest portion of the day, we've added about 300 cars to that intersection. And we all knew that intersection had too many vehicles and some unusual circumstances before. We knew we were going to add more vehicles. We didn't know how many a hundred, a thousand on any given day about 300. Today I talked with the Mayor and Frank Pietravoia and we intend on having Mr. Carter in the Mayor's office sooner rather than later. We have a couple recommendations for short-term management of that situation over there. Of course as we've heard before, the long-term goal here is to incorporate a complete adjustment of that intersection in the downtown Euclid plan; but we feel there is a need to take some immediate action and I've got to think you're going to see some adjustment on those patterns in the next couple of weeks.

Councilman Langman – Okay, thank you. Mr. Petkovic, there was a house fire on 241<sup>st</sup> and Maplewood approximately. Can you inform the resident who called me but didn't leave their telephone number exactly what the condition of the property is or are we evaluating it right now?

Manager Petkovic – Yes, our Building Official is, has made a visit over there on 241 and he's coming out with a report regarding the structural integrity of that home.

Councilman Langman – And that will be done within the week, two?

Manager Petkovic – It should be done by Friday.

Councilman Langman – Okay, very good.

Manager Petkovic – Yes.

Councilman Langman – I'd like to see that when it's finished. One of the residents mentioned the Upson Deli and that establishment, which I grew up with, has been closed for about a year and a half now and it was a family-run business, three brothers shared the management of it. And unfortunately, they had a bit of a falling out and in that year and a half time, there have been two prospective buyers, one of them happens to be the new owner of Bi-Rite. Another entity was very interested in buying the property and there was a real estate sign on it for about 8 months. The problem is that, right now, the asking price is very, very high so it's sort of scaring off potential buyers. In any dispute like this sometimes it takes a while to resolve, but I know that Councilman Conway and myself along with the Building Department are committed to make sure that the property doesn't become an eyesore for the neighborhood.

And finally, my colleague, Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail mentioned it but it's certainly worth repeating again. I had the opportunity to participate in the BRIDGES event and in case folks out there don't know what BRIDGES stand for it stands for Building Racial Interaction through Dialog Growth and Educational Solutions. And really I think the last session was perhaps the most meaningful. I got to share some thoughts with the Mayor at our table and the Law Director was there as I mentioned Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail, Councilwoman Walsh, lot of people from the Administration. And we came with really one fundamental idea that we have to keep in mind at all times no matter who we are or where we come from or where we live in the city, that is we must listen to each other and we must communicate. It's interesting in the acronym for the program there's nothing in there about tolerance.

You know, tolerance has a connotation of like I don't really care for you, but I'll put up with you. That's not what BRIDGES is all about. That's not what the community needs to do to move forward. Real understanding requires real listening and real reaching out to people across

town or across your street. So I think we have a good base in this community if you look at all the volunteer organizations within the community and all the wonderful things that they've done over the course of the many, many years. We need to build on that. So for that, Emma Jackson, who was here tonight, every one of you in the audience should shake her hand as you leave tonight and I certainly am. Thank you very, very much.

President Gudenas – Very good and we mentioned to say Dunkin' Donuts but let's not forget the Lake Shore Coffee House, who is also right down the street and Perkins and everyone else and Maria's.

Councilman Lisy – Councilperson Mancuso had called and wanted me to make sure that I brought up two things and one was where are we at with the curbside recycling, Director Gulich?

Director Gulich – We've talked about that subject quite a bit. Right now, the Mayor has asked me to get Waste Management into his office for a potential second 2-year extension. We just recently started the second year of the first extension. The Mayor's looking to get some very aggressive numbers here to present to Council very shortly. We were hoping to have those numbers and we've asked Waste Management to take a good look at that. I think the Mayor might have some additional comments.

Mayor Cervenik – Yes, if you look at, Council President, Councilman, if you look at the numbers that Lake County was and would be paying, they're considerably higher than our cost of around 89 cents per house. Now some of that is because we're much more condensed and compact, but the reason we won't. I don't want to just start it for this year on the old numbers without knowing what the next 2 years are going to be or we're just going to take it away again so we will, let's try to get them in, in the next couple of weeks and we'll get those numbers to you and if Council agrees with the numbers, we're ready to go.

Councilman Lisy – Thank you, Mayor, it's just one of those comments that people keep bringing up to us and with the resident coming up to the microphone tonight about some of the recycle bins this may be a solution.

The other issue is that Council all received a package in their mailbox from Councilperson Mancuso and Mayor I think you received several copies to pass out to your Administration. The important is that this is a, an online test that all individuals of supervisory and leadership roles in the City must take if we are interested in getting Homeland Security grants. And it's not supposed to be that difficult. We have to take the test by May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2006. The study packages were put in our mailboxes and it's for National Incident Management System and so learn more about it, then take the test and then we have to turn in the report, the documents on, into Regina for safekeeping at City Hall.

Director Pietravoia, where do we stand with the zoning update for the City of Euclid?

Director Pietravoia – As you may recall during the Budget hearings, we agreed to fund a portion of the update needed for our Code and that relates to the religious land uses and I believe we were going to focus on group homes as well. We do have a proposal from a professor at Cleveland State that consults on these matters and we hope to go forward with that in the next several months. The update of the entire Code was put off temporarily due to budget, budgetary reasons. Hopefully, we can revisit that with Council later in the year if the revenues do come in well that we can fund an overview of the entire Code. But for the time being, we're going to focus on those key areas.

Councilman Lisy – Thank you. I'd also like to thank the residents and Mr. Corbran, in particular, for arranging this letter, postcard and e-mail campaign and phone call campaign. It does pay off when we contact our elected representatives on the Federal side. It's important to them to let them know this is a key issue and so I appreciate everybody's effort and support. I also appreciate the effort of the Administration. They did an outstanding job of meeting with the elected officials on the Federal level and addressing all the hoops we had to jump through to get all the agreements into place.

And last item on my list is this Wednesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 8 p.m., later start time. Please note it's an 8 p.m. start time. The Technology Committee will be having our first meeting to go over the upcoming purchases and the status of the Fire and Police communication equipment. It's primarily the Police communication equipment.

Now I just want the residents know that we do value the importance of the fire and safety and how valuable it is to the City to have good communication. Their lives are on the line every day and we need to make sure that they have the right tools to make their job more effective and

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where the City is investing over a million dollars, probably closer to \$1.4 million into this activity and we just want to let everybody know what's going on with respect to the communication. Thank you.

Mayor Cervenik - If I could just answer one thing, I wasn't going to bring it up because the Councilwoman is not here this evening, but I would like to personally thank Councilwoman Mancuso for putting those packages together. We had breakfast after the Council meeting, the last Council meeting and she took a fair amount of time assembling materials that she had available to her that's probably saved each and every one on this 3 to 4 hours at least in being able to become NIMS compliant and we all, we agreed that a May 5<sup>th</sup> date would be a more than adequate time. I passed those packages out today to the Administration and we got various supervisory positions as well that will take that test and will pass and that's the first step. We agreed to sit down and put together a timetable as to when, where we want to be with our preparedness plan and we're looking forward to working with you on it. But I really, she took a good amount of her own time to help us all out and save us some time so I did want to thank her for that.

President Gudenas – And thank you Euclid residents, thank you Mayor Cervenik, Administrators, Chiefs, thank you, Council members for a nice meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Attest:

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Clerk of Council

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President of Council