

COUNCIL MINUTES

May 15, 2006

The regular City Council meeting was held on Monday, May 15, 2006 at 7 p.m. in the Euclid City Hall Council Chamber. President Gudenas presided.

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

Councilman Langman moved to excuse Councilman Langman and Councilwoman Mancuso; seconded by Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail. Yeas: Unanimous.

Others Present: Mayor Cervenik, Finance Director Johnson, CS&ED Director Pietravoia, Service Director Gulich, Asst. Law Director Jackson, Parks & Recreation Director Will, Police Chief Maine, Fire Chief Cosgriff, Housing Manager Petkovic, Seniors Program Manager Hastert-Wolf, Sgt.-at-Arms Novosel, Asst. Clerk of Council Miller

President Gudenas – And thank you everyone for watching us instead of the Cavaliers today. We promise to be just as exciting, I hope, and we will proceed with the communications.

LIQUOR PERMIT

Council has received a request to allow a D1, D2, D3 Stock Transfer to May Wah, 22467 Shore Center Drive.

Councilman Langman moved to approve stock transfer; seconded by Councilwoman Gail.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

Council has received the Euclid Waste Water Treatment Plant 2006 Financial Audit Report.

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Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail moved to approve the Council Minutes of May 1st, 2006; seconded by Councilman Gruber. Yeas: Unanimous.

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS & COMMUNICATION

Mayor Cervenik – Couple reminders, first, Memorial is Monday, May 29th; the Euclid Memorial Day Parade begins at 10:00 at East 228th Street. For those that would like to join us earlier, we will meet at the Euclid Cemetery at 7:45 and then we will proceed to St. Paul Cemetery as well as to Recher Hall to have our various, our various tributes to our veterans as well. The parade begins at 10, 228th Street and Lake Shore. We'll come down to the Library in front of the Veterans Monument and have a short ceremony so we'd like you all to come out. Hopefully, the weather will be a littler nicer than it's been the last couple of days.

I'd also like to thank Julie Ilcin for her time and commitment to the City serving on our Euclid Cable Television Commission. Julie's done a wonderful job, but she needed for personal reasons to resign. And I would like to extend my thanks to Joe Koskovic. I think many of you know Joe. Joe has agreed to fill Julie's vacancy on the Commission. He's extremely knowledgeable in the field and I'm looking forward to working with him and great things to come from that Commission. With that our Recreation Director Kathy Will has a number of comments.

Director Will – I'd just like to update the residents in regards to the trees at Shore Cultural Centre. I know we've received quite a few calls. There are five trees on the west side of the Cultural Centre, actually on 222nd Street that are being removed. Those trees are being removed by CEI. The City is not absorbing any of the costs to remove those trees. I don't know if you noticed when the tree was cut down how hollow those trees were inside. Again, they needed to be removed for several reasons.

Tonight we had a meeting with the Shade Tree Commission. Part of their responsibility is to help the Administration with the funds that City Council gave us to plant new trees. We're looking at different areas. One of the areas is at the Cultural Centre and, again, we'll take a look at and see what we can do to replant some trees or some other landscaping in that area.

Like to remind the residents that Silhouette Productions will be doing the production of "Annie" this weekend on Friday and Saturday. If you need ticket information, you can call 289-8107. We still have a limited amount of registrations in our Youth Sports Programs. You can also purchase your pool passes on Tuesday from 3-7. I'd suggest coming in now so you avoid the long lines that will be in June. Again, we have them on Tuesdays from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Anybody's interested in showcasing their pond or their garden we do still have openings on our Pond and Garden Tour that will take place on Sunday, June 25th. If you want to be a part of that, you call 289-2726.

Finally, I'd like to remind everybody on June 15th through June 18th will be our Euclid Lakefront Festival. We're going to have some topnotch entertainment. We have Larry Insana, Jonah Koslen, Joe Mayer

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Orchestra, Mr. Stress, Loan Some Stars, Walkin Cane, Cold Cold Hearts. We're going to have bonfires on the beach on Friday and Saturday night. The Euclid Beach Rocket Ship will be available for rides on Saturday and Sunday from 4-6. We'll also have a visit from Batman and the Batmobile on Saturday and Sunday from 4-6. There's going to be a Putt Putt course there. WELW will be doing a live broadcast and there'll be foods of all types of nationalities. We'll also be serving Perch and Shrimp dinners. We're going to be having a Pig Roast on Saturday night.

And finally on Sunday, we're going to be having a National Anthem Singing Contest for children ages 17 and younger at 3 p.m. on the stage. So all you children out there show up at the festival on Sunday at 3 o'clock and you'll have a chance to showoff your singing voice. Thank you.

Mayor Cervenik – Yes, Mr. Chairman, before going any further to my right I'd like to introduce to those that don't know her, her name is Jennifer Jackson. Jennifer is our Assistant Law Director. She's serving as our legal counsel tonight as our Law Director Chris Frey and his wife, Jan, are celebrating their 30th wedding anniversary. Jennifer's been on staff for, since February and she's a very capable individual and it's been a pleasure working with her and you all need to get to know her. She's going to be around here for a long time. And again, we all wish Chris and Jan a happy 30th anniversary. Okay, Chief Maine.

Chief Maine – I just want to make a couple of quick announcements. First of all, I don't know whether anybody noticed the flag is flying at half staff in front of the Police Department. Today is National Peace Officers Day, which is the kickoff for National Memorial Peace Officers Week. This week will culminate on Friday with a parade downtown which if you'll just remember peace officers, peace officers, all law enforcement in your prayers this week as we remember those who have passed away in this past year.

Also wanted to announce that the east end new Mini Station will be having its Grand Opening on Memorial Day, May 29th, we're going to schedule festivities between 1 and 3 with the ribbon cutting, hopefully, some time around 2 o'clock. We'll wait 'til everybody can get there. The building is coming along fantastically. There's a lot of effort and renovation being put into it and I think everybody'll be pleased with the product that we're going to have.

The west end Mini Station has also, I think, seen most of the work that needed to be done to bring that up to speed. The lawn was hydro seeded last week in the middle of the rain and, hopefully, all that hasn't washed away and I'd like to thank Unique Concepts, Landscaping Concepts right next door for doing a yeoman's job in getting that facility up to speed. We also have our person who is now staffing that. It's, she's there from 5:30 until 9:00 for the next couple weeks. She'll start at 4:00 once her present job commitment is over and done with.

And the last thing that I'd like to share is I was made aware of some information for those who have businesses in the community that there's a website with a link from the U.S. Secret Service that provides something called an Insider Threat Study, which will help those business owners address any disgruntled or terminated employees who happen to be attacking their employer's computer systems. They give a lot of great information. So if anybody needs that website, feel free to contact me. It is at www.secretservice.gov with the appropriate information on how to get to that study. Thanks.

Mayor Cervenik – Very good and last but certainly not least, our Development Director Frank Pietravoia.

Director Pietravoia – I just had two items of positive news for the business community here in the City of Euclid. Some of you may have noticed in Saturday's Business Section there was an article about the northeast Ohio getting most of the biotech grant money from the State Third Frontier and one of our local companies here in the City of Euclid received a major grant. That's Powdermet, Inc. up in the Heritage Park Complex. They moved here from California. This grant of \$350,000 that they just received along with some additional funding they're seeking from the Federal government will help the company to grow and expand here in Euclid so we're pretty excited about that. I just wanted to share that for those of you that might have missed that article.

And then the second item for those of you driving along Lake Shore Boulevard, you may have noticed in Ward 2 Councilman Langman's ward a sign posted at 266th and Lake Shore Coming Soon Arabica. So we wanted to make an announcement tonight, Arabica, same owner who happens to be a Euclid resident, same owner of the store on 185th Street is opening a second location here in the City of Euclid in the former Waterfront Deli Café at that location. So we're very excited about that and we'll be working with him to undertake a storefront renovation as part of that project. More to come, thank you.

Mayor Cervenik – Good and with that, Mr. Chairman, we end reports and communications.

President Gudenas – Thank you very much and we will proceed with our reports and committee minutes.

REPORTS AND COMMITTEE MINUTES

Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail moved to receive the Police Report March, 2006; Animal Shelter Report April, 2006; Monthly Finance Report General Fund for April; Executive & Finance Committee Minutes from

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May 3rd, 2006; Board of Control from April 24th and May 1st, 2006. Councilman Delaney seconded. Yeas: Unanimous.

President Gudenas – We will proceed now to the Committee of the Whole regarding any items on tonight's agenda. One item that I talked to the sponsor, Councilman Langman, regarding the Pit Bull legislation that deserves extra time, we are going to ask that that be placed in committee, the Safety Committee to go over that specific legislation so those comments could be held until then. That would be fine.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE FOR LEGISLATIVE MATTERS ONLY

Councilwoman Walsh moved to go to the Committee of the Whole; seconded by Councilman Langman.

Yeas: Unanimous.

Mr. Tod Guntner – 390 E. 257. Item #1, I urge your support to reappoint 4 of the 5 Commission members, myself, Pat Barnes, Bill Kermavner and Patti Burlingham. It's been a great 3 years and we'd like to continue for another 3 years so I seek your support on this tonight.

I do have one question on Item 12 and you can answer during discussion. I think I remember a number of years back that we allowed or the City allowed semis at, in front of the Hose Master plant and I was wondering is this legislation going to rescind that or is that already been something that was denied previous to this? Thank you.

President Gudenas – That legislation may go to committee 'cause we're a little confused on how broad that is just, you know, we agree with the concept just to make sure issues like that. Actually drove by Hose Master today and I saw their trucks parked there and we want to make sure that businesses that need to have trucks parked in our lots are okay. So we don't know.

Ms. Sandra Weber – 2070 Miami Rd. I'm here to speak on the proposed legislation for #2 the Day Care Homes. For those who aren't familiar with the legislation, it will require family childcare providers, baby sitters, foster and group homes to be registered with the City and undergo annual fire and housing inspections. This proposed ordinance is not prohibiting the care of children in homes but only making the environment safer.

The inspection will cover basic safety issues, such as the presence and operability of fire and smoke detectors, fire extinguishers, outlet covers, safe sleeping areas and other requirements that would increase and create safer childcare environments that the City of Euclid caregivers must adhere to. In addition to these inspections families and neighbors who are unsure if a provider is registered or suspects illegal numbers of children in excess of six, including their own, if they're under the age of 6 years, they can call the Euclid Housing Department or the State of Ohio Childcare Licensing Section at 787-3401 for capacity information.

I believe this ordinance is extremely overdue and very important for the City. Most families are concerned about their children being cared for in safe environments and as a matter of fact in my 11 years as an in-home family childcare provider during the interview process, the safety is always the biggest concern of my families. I can also speak for my families, I believe, in the City or in surrounding cities that have children in some sort of childcare arrangement that they want their children in safe environments. I know that I would.

I'm urging you to vote yes on this ordinance this evening to take Euclid to a higher level of in-home early childhood care giving in a State that ranks 45th nationally, close to last, in keeping children safe and healthy in day care homes. Thank you for having me here.

Ms. Mary Jo Minarik – 19420 Tyrone. I have questions on #4, 7 and #10; #4 the yearly inspection, my question is does the City have a database that keeps up with homeowners or owners of homes that are renting? In other words is this going to be a good faith registration or can the City actually track who owns the home because I do know that there are people out there that rent their homes without notifying the City?

Secondly, these rentals are a business so I would request that a higher annual fee be considered than \$75, that more stringent requirements be in place than for owner occupied homes and that for those landlords who consistently pass they are rewarded with the lower fees.

Regarding #7, what conditions need to be met for the trial area? This is for the HIP program to be reinstated. What are the conditions that need to be met for the trial area to be considered a success? If it fails, does that kill the opportunity for homeowners in other areas for the City or will this program be tried in another part?

And on #10, Councilman Langman, do you have, I know it's going into committee, but do you have statistics that Pit Bulls constitute a greater danger in Euclid than German Shepherds? When a number of years ago I got a request about this particular type of thing were Pit Bulls considered a dangerous animal, Toni Lehmann at that time was in charge of Animal Control and she said German Shepherds actually constitute a bigger danger. So my question, I guess my comment is this is rather prejudicial against an entire breed of dogs, but if this does pass, can we pass legislation to make all small dogs considered annoying? That's my question. Thank you.

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President Gudenas – Councilman Langman loves cats and dogs, I believe, but probably does not have the statistics on German Shepherds versus all other dogs, is that correct?

Councilman Langman – That is correct although our Animal Warden, who is out of town, is gathering statistics on some of those elements that the resident addressed. So we will have them for the committee meeting.

President Gudenas – Right, that's why, exactly, regarding Item 7 conditions met very good question. We don't have that in writing now, but obviously, we need to 'cause this is a broad approach. What we're looking for is the improvement of homes and it might be because of many other programs that we're going to try in there that we do have these improvements so we will put that in writing and have it out there before it starts in July; but it's not here right now today, but it's a good point.

And the database for renters, Director Pietravoia, I know we keep track and one of the reasons the legislation is written this way it's \$75 if you are already following the law and registered; if you're not, it's \$200 if you have to be told to register or you're starting a new rental property.

Director Pietravoia – Yes, Mr. Chairman, we do have a database through our current ICEE software, which will be replaced with the new software we've been discussing with Council, well actually, a better way of tracking the rentals throughout the community so it will be in a computer database.

President Gudenas – Right, we're going to upgrade our software to tie in more with other departments so that we can keep track if there's addresses given to the Police Department versus the Housing Department versus other areas so it's a work in progress, but we are going to need residents help and this is, the database is being done but needs to be expanded.

Ms. Mary Hagenbaugh – 20200 Hillcrest Dr. I'm speaking here tonight on Item #3 on the agenda. As President of Euclid Villas Homeowners Association I'm requesting all members of Council to support the passage of Item 3. This house, which is at the corner of Glenridge Road and Green Oak Drive, has been vacant for years. It has been condemned for a couple of years now. It is an eyesore to the neighborhood. It's a nuisance to the community and it's a magnet for vandalism and loitering and everyone in the community up in our neighborhood would appreciate your help in removing this house from the neighborhood and approving the funds in order to get it demolished. Thank you.

Mr. Warren Wallace – 24430 Mavec. Speaking on Item 20, according to the spreadsheet we're going to spend \$128,000 to, for repairs to the cafeteria in regard to a culinary school, Council President?

President Gudenas – Well again, as we discussed, that would be only if there's a written lease for someone to come in. So that money will not be spent until there's a user that will pay us rent so we can get our money back.

Mr. Wallace – So, so we're going to borrow money first and wait for somebody to lease?

President Gudenas – No, we're not. We are not going to borrow or spend the money. The, I talked to the Finance Director this is the way legislation is written. If the space is not leased, the money will be basically not used and be given back to the lender.

Mr. Wallace – Okay, thank you very much.

President Gudenas – In the meantime, I'm sure we'll earn interest on it. .

Mayor Cervenik – Mr. Wallace, that's one of the reasons that these different items are broken out into I think 7 different items. They will only be exercised the trigger will only be pulled if in fact certain things come to pass. I've been in conversation with Dr. Jones, the School Superintendent, and as much as he would like to see the culinary school be a reality he admits there's some work that needs to be done before it's done. And no money will be spent as the Council President said until that time.

Mr. Wallace – Okay, so where are we at this time with this culinary school? We're waiting for?

President Gudenas – The ball's in the School System's court a little bit?

Mayor Cervenik – It's a work in progress, Mr. Chairman, Mr. Wallace, it's actually I think it's a school consortium Willoughby-Eastlake and some other schools as well along with assistance from Tri C so it's something they're working on right now. They need to know that the City will, provided they come up with the lease arrangements and an agreement amongst themselves that the City is willing to go forward. And if

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they don't get to that point then, obviously, there's no reason for us to go forward; but it's letting them know this legislation let's them know that the money is available provided they come back with favorable terms. So it could be a very positive thing.

Mr. Wallace – So we don't have contract signed with these people yet?

Mayor Cervenik – No, we're a little bit away from that yet.

Mr. Wallace – Thank you very much.

Mr. Mike Maggio – 731 E. 250th. I guess the article that has some concern to me is #12, the ordinance in regards to commercial vehicles on private property. I am a contractor. I do park a vehicle in a driveway that has commercial plates. It's ¾ ton sometimes I bring a 1 ton back and it's convenience for me and there's a lot of other people in the community that also drive vehicles home from their places of residence and the company allows them to bring a vehicle back. I don't know if maybe you guys could put this to a discussion to see how it might affect a lot of people that live in the community. What I do is not offensive to my neighbors. I'm in touch with them all the time and they let me know. I have a large piece of property where we have kept the vehicle in the back in the past, but due to some of the crime that goes on on our street we haven't been able to keep it back there without something getting damaged. So I'd like to know if maybe you guys can put this to discussion and see if there's some way that you can work with some of the people in the community.

President Gudenas – Well, okay, the request was to maybe put into community and we're going to talk about that because we're seeing it on the agenda for the first time here so it's a logical thing but I'm not sure what the rest will do but that's a good point.

Mr. Maggio – Thank you.

Mr. Dennis Berzinskas – 20890 S. Lakeshore Blvd. Items 5 and 6, long time in coming, guys, we need it. We need to make people that are irresponsible responsible. Homeowners try to be responsible; renters, people that rent to renters, I don't know how they pick their people; but we've got a good community here let's keep it up.

And thank you, Mr. Pietravoia, the housing inspector Mr. Petkovic, for the input that went into this. It was well thought over and I appreciate it. The only thing, though, that I would say is back in the early 80s we were in Euclid, my wife and myself and we were trying to pass the keg law. Well, I went to see the judge at the time and had him come to the meeting and I talked to him about it. He thought there was enough laws. This only works if our court system will help enforce it. I think if we all get behind it, make sure our courts are on the same page we are. This is our city, a good city so let's work on it.

Number 9 if the offenders a thousand feet away from schools, if for some reason, they're not showing up for their appointments because they have to be checked. I hope they notify the police, their officers that oversee their work. If there is a problem, I'd like to know where these people are if they're not making their appointments what are they doing? It kind of bothers me.

Number 21, I think, 20, you know, Shore and Henn, they're near and dear to my heart. Hope you pass it. Look at the Henn, I know it's a smaller scale, but if you look at the people that use Shore on a daily basis, a monthly basis, it's needed. It's needed in the community. We're a community of superior services. Let's not do a disservice to the people by denying us a chance.

And 21, years ago, rebar, they were coming out with fiberglass rebar, I don't know what happened; but I don't see it in use. And if you look at the retaining, not the retaining wall but the noise barrier, it's blowing apart because of the rebar that's in there way sooner than it should. What happened to using fiberglass rebar? Did somebody say hey, we won't get work if we put that in there we won't get call backs? The Coliseum they used wrought iron in the Coliseum. One of the reasons it blew apart was the rusting of the metal. So let's look into in, find out why, if there was a problem with it, I haven't heard; but if you keep on putting it in there, you're going to keep on changing it and it's going to keep on costing us money. Let's try to prevent waste. Thank you.

President Gudenas - Thank you and I see no one else.

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

LEGISLATION

President Gudenas – And when we get to the capital improvement items, which are items 15 through 26, excluding 21 and 22, I'd like to go, lump them all together so that 21 and 22 we'll put after 26 so we can discuss all the capital things at once if that's okay with everybody and we shall proceed then with Item #1.

Res. 82-2006 (133-06) Animal Shelter Commission

A resolution to reappoint Pat Barnes, Tod Guntner, Bill Kermavner, and Patti Burlingham for three-year terms to the Animal Shelter Commission. (Sponsored by Mayor Cervenik)

Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail moved for passage; seconded by Councilman Langman.

President Gudenas – And we know they're all doing a great job. We're grateful that you want to come back.

Mayor Cervenik – I contacted these members to make sure they understood their term was up June 1st. They were all willing to come back and serve and I'm glad they are. They're doing a tremendous job there.

President Gudenas – All right, perhaps we would like to add all of our names to the legislation? So we'll make a note to the Law Department by Mayor Cervenik and the rest of City Council.

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

President Gudenas – And your pay stays the same zero I guess.

Ord. 63-2006 (06b-06) Regulations for Home Day Cares

An ordinance enacting Chapter 722, "Day Care Homes", of the codified Ordinances of the city of Euclid to establish minimum regulations for Home Day Cares in Euclid. (Sponsored by Councilman Gruber)
(Recommended for passage by Executive & Finance Committee)

Councilman Gruber moved for passage; seconded by Councilman Delaney.

President Gudenas – We discussed this at length and I think Councilman Gruber would like to amend the effective date.

Councilman Gruber – Yes, I'd like to defer to Director Pietravoia. He has some information that he'd like to share with us.

Director Pietravoia – I did have discussions with Sandra Weber, who spoke this evening during the community comments, and our Building official regarding this particular piece of legislation. We feel there's a need to have some advance time that we could get the word out to the community about this new requirement. Also to develop the actual checklist of things that will be inspected and the procedures and training for our staff that are going to be doing the inspections in the Building Department. So with that in mind we've agreed to a compromise of making this, hopefully, passing this tonight and making it effective September 15th of this year rather than it being effective immediately. That'll give us the time to do the things that I just described.

Councilman Gruber moved to amend the ordinance to be effective September 15, 2006; seconded by Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail.

Roll Call: Yeas: Conway, Delaney, Gruber, Holzheimer Gail, Langman, Walsh, Gudenas
Ordinance amended.

President Gudenas – Anything else on the legislation?

Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail – I just wanted to make sure that then the permit was good for a whole year not just through the end. That it wouldn't be required in January of 2007 to get a new inspection. The inspection would be good for September 15th or the date that it's done for an entire year.

Director Pietravoia – That would be our intent. I don't see any reason why particularly with our new software that we couldn't track the date the permit started and make it good for a year.

President Gudenas – So we will do that.

Councilman Gruber – I'd like to thank Sandra Weber for the time that she's put into this and the education she's given me on this subject. Thank you, Sandy.

President Gudenas – Right, thank you very much and it's well needed legislation. Thank you, Councilman Gruber, for bringing it to our attention also.

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

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

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

Ord 84-2006 (126-06) 1824 Glenridge Road Structure Demolish

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 1824 Glenridge Road, Euclid, Ohio, 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)

Councilman Gruber moved for passage; seconded by Councilman Conway.

Councilman Gruber – I urge my colleagues to support this. Earlier in the year I proposed three buildings to be demolished. One of them is the Beverly Hills Tavern; this is the other one and I have one left on Euclid Avenue, a commercial property. I'd like to thank Director Pietravoia and Mr. Petkovic. This problem has been up on that neighborhood for probably 8-10 years at least, we've been dealing with this. And now we have an opportunity the house is severe disrepair. The windows have been broken out. The sooner it comes down the better so I urge your support and thank you both for your help on this.

President Gudenas – And our new nuisance abatement fund will take care of this and, hopefully, other nuisance properties throughout the City so.

Director Pietravoia – If I could comment, I just want to document for the record the severity of the problems at this home. It extends from structural to termite infestation. It's just been a problem property for many, many years. It's actually been condemned several times. Unfortunately, this did drag out longer than anyone would like due to health reasons associated with the owner who had to be put into an assisted living and then the property went into a guardianship so that extended the amount of time that it took to deal with this. We are hopeful, we're actually working with the Probate system that they may, in fact, be able to take care of the property on their own rather than take the chance that that will occur we'd like to get this taken care of by Council. We have the authorization to proceed immediately if the Probate alternative doesn't work out.

This will, this is on our draft list that we will be getting to Council soon of the Top 20 properties that we'd like to address. It was right up there near the top of the list so we're urging Council's passage tonight on this legislation.

President Gudenas – Good, then you'll give us the Top 19 by the time we see it.

Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail – I just wanted to make sure that we don't need to specify the cost then if we were to incur the cost to get this assessed back to the property. Do we need to specify in that in the legislation or is that part of?

Director Pietravoia – We will be seeking bids so we won't know until those bids come back the actual dollar amount for the demolish.

Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail – I understand.

Director Pietravoia – If necessary, we can come back to Council at that time.

Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail – No, I don't mean that. The cost if the City incurs it, if we end up doing demolishing this instead of Probate Court will that cost be assessed to the property as a tax lien?

Director Pietravoia – Yes, it will.

Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail – And do we need to specify that in the legislation? I didn't see that anywhere or is that understood?

Director Pietravoia – I think the other legislation that we're passing tonight will cover that and if necessary to come back to Council we will do that.

President Gudenas – Right, I think it refers to other legislation in the ordinance and I think it's a given that it will automatically be done, but we will make sure with our Law Director and Assistant Law Director. So this should help us move forward in the future, too, with our nuisance abatement fund instead of waiting for courts and this, that whatever we'll be able to proceed much quicker. We may have to wait a few years to get our money back, but the lien is always ahead of the mortgage holder so we will get our money back.

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

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

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

Ord. 85-2006 (135-06) Rental Residential property Inspected Yearly

An ordinance amending Section 1761.02 and Section 1761.05 of the Building and Housing Code of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Euclid. (Sponsored by Mayor Cervenik by request of CS&ED Director)

Councilwoman Walsh moved for passage; seconded by Councilman Delaney.

President Gudenas – And who would like to add anything to this one?

Director Pietravoia – I know we discussed this at length at our special Committee meeting on our housing initiatives. We wanted to move forward as quickly as we could with those items that seemed to be agreement on. In this case we're recommending that we go to an annual inspection on our single and two-family properties. Currently, it's every two years. Our main theory behind this is that these properties more so than some of our larger apartment buildings where there are managers on site typically have an absentee landlord in some cases doesn't see the property for many months if not sometimes years pass without inspection. So we feel it's more important to go an annual inspection on these rentals.

We do want to get everyone registered. We're going to be asking the community to help identify properties that they know are rentals and we'll make sure in our database that they are included. So we're going to charge an initial fee of \$200 for newly registered one or two-family rental properties. After that point or anyone that is currently registered and has been complying with our laws already will pay \$70, \$75 per year for the annual inspection per unit. If there's a need and this is similar to what we've done with our Point of Sale inspection, if there's a need to go back more than one time as a follow-up, we will charge \$100 for each re-inspection after the initial inspection and one follow-up so anything after that would be \$100 per inspection. That'll cover the time and expenses associated with our inspector going back again.

I think that pretty much covers there's very minor changes in the actual ordinance itself. It's mostly related to the fee structure. One important part as we discussed at the Committee meeting is that we will need an additional inspector in order to carry this out that we did not make this an emergency so that we would have time to go through an advertising and hiring process. We are estimating that with the fee and going to an annual inspection system will bring in approximately I'd say a little over \$100,000 a year in fees. The cost of one new housing inspector is roughly \$42,000 so we feel that we can more than cover the cost of that inspector with the new fees that will come in on this annual basis.

President Gudenas – But we have yet to add that amount into the budget, is that correct?

Director Pietravoia – That's correct.

President Gudenas – So we'll have, again, there was some questions about that. We'll have a separate meeting to go over the Housing Department. You'll have a new housing manager shortly?

Director Pietravoia – Yes.

President Gudenas – Hopefully.

Director Pietravoia – Yes, I hesitate only because it's actually an Assistant Director that would cover the entire inspection services including housing.

President Gudenas – All right.

Councilman Conway – Director Pietravoia, now that we've added hotels and motels to this piece of legislation could you clarify for me the fee structure associated with the hotels and motels? I felt that the way it was written was a little unclear and maybe didn't specifically address hotels and motels.

Director Pietravoia – The other portion of the Code, this doesn't repeat all the actual paragraphs that are in the Code the only change that we're really making here hotels and motels were already inspected. But they were also on an every two year basis and we felt just as strongly that these should go to an annual basis. So the fee structure is spelled out in the other portions of the Code that aren't in the legislation.

Councilman Conway – Thank you.

President Gudenas – And to help you out from the Heritage Park Community Association, Perlitha Taylor just as we speak gave us a list of all the rental properties in her neighborhood.

Director Pietravoia – Tremendous.

President Gudenas – To get you started.

Director Pietravoia – Thank you.

President Gudenas – So is there any other discussion?

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

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

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

Ord. 86-2006 (030-05) Nuisance Abatement

An emergency ordinance enacting Chapter 529, "nuisance Abatement", of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Euclid to declare certain activities as public nuisances and to provide for the costs of abatement of such nuisances to be certified as a lien on the County tax duplicate. (Sponsored by Council President Gudenas & Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail) (Recommended for passage by Executive & Finance Committee)

Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail moved for passage; seconded by Councilman Langman.

President Gudenas – And this also came out of our Committee with approval for passage. Been in the works for a long time, one of the key provisions will be to allow the City to assess the cost to the owner of the property for times, extra time spent by such as the policeman and the inspectors so that if the renter is causing a problem, the landlord may also have to pay the cost to the City for excessive police calls not the first one but after that they're subject to be fined been very successful in Cleveland Heights, anything further to add to that?

Councilman Gruber – My colleagues and I would like our names put on it as well.

President Gudenas – And so move to add all of Council as sponsors to this legislation if the Law Department will duly note that.

Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail – I appreciate my Council members' support of this legislation. We've been working on it for some time as well as the Housing Manager Ron Petkovic and Director Pietravoia, who have been a great help as well as the Mayor and Law Director Frey.

I just have a couple of suggestions as we operationalize this. I did like the idea that Mr. Wagner from Cleveland Heights said that he does send a warning letter to property owners after the first offense so that people aren't surprised when they get it. I don't know if it's feasible at all. We just passed the previous piece of legislation and this would affect in all properties but particularly rental properties perhaps it might be worth kind of a friendly letter to property owners letting them know of some of the changes, you know, I'd like to be pro-active and positive about this at the same time. And I think it's important or the Housing Department, who will be getting the calls from people, to also have some referrals when there are issues. The Euclid Collaborative could be a good referral. The Mini Station I know could be a good referral source, there's tenant landlord agencies I want to make sure that, you know, who are answering the phones can provide some resources for people who may be having trouble. And then I do hope that we are moving forward with the resource guide or the good neighbor book so that we do have that available to people who are trying. With that...

President Gudenas – Very good point, Director Pietravoia, will the inspectors as they do the inspections or as landlords register their property can we prepare a little flyer or some kind of notice letting them notice of this new change so that they pay more attention?

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Director Pietravoia – Yes, I think we can combine it as the Councilwoman suggests with a number of initiatives that we're passing to get the word out in advance.

President Gudenas – All right, that would be very helpful.

Director Pietravoia – Just a point of clarification, were you suggesting both to let people know in advance and also, I think Mr. Wagner indicated that a warning letter was sent after the first offense? So those were two separate suggestions.

President Gudenas – Oh, right, the more contact the better I think so that people can be pro-active and help us out. And I believe, I hope we talked before your department might work to help provide landlords with the names of tenants that have been evicted in other property here in the City of Euclid through our official public court records, we're hoping we can make information available too.

Director Pietravoia – We're looking at a way of making that information available on line.

President Gudenas – Good, so this we know some landlords are very conscientious and are going to want to do whatever they can to help screen and we want to help those landlords do their jobs. With that...

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

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

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

Ord. 87-2006 (113-06) Amend Sec. 1755.29 Abandonment; Abatement

An ordinance amending Part Seventeen of the Building and Housing Code of the codified Ordinances of the City of Euclid to amend section 1755.29, entitled "Abandonment; Abatement", to provide additional enforcement options for residential properties determined to constitute nuisances. (Sponsored by Mayor Cervenik and entire Council) (Recommended for passage by Executive & Finance Committee)

Councilman Delaney moved for passage; seconded by Councilman Langman.

President Gudenas – And again, this came out of our Executive/Finance Committee with recommendation for passage giving the City another tool to make repairs instead of waiting for the owner of the property to do the repairs in selective areas, selective repairs. We're not going to be, you know, fixing up a whole home for somebody but to get rid of the nuisance that the neighbors are complaining about and anything further to add?

Councilman Delaney – Director Pietravoia, I was a little disappointed. Did we find any further on the cities that actually do not use city money but make the owner or lender post a bond that we could draw from to make those repairs?

Director Pietravoia – We do feel that we need to do some additional research in that area. I really did not find much additional information. I didn't have a lot of time to spend between the Committee meeting and this meeting tonight so we could come back if necessary and amend this legislation at a later date. I felt it was important to move forward with this and then perhaps strengthen it or amend it at a later date if we find some other good models.

Councilman Delaney – Sure, I'd agree with that and hopefully we could keep this as a priority. I think it'd be very, very important to try and utilize the money from the lenders who probably have bigger resources than we will.

President Gudenas – Councilman Delaney, we look forward to your legislation to get that going so, all right, good.

Councilman Langman – I'd just like to thank Mr. Ken Montlack of Cleveland Heights who, some of us Council President, John Conway, myself, went up and met with him back in gosh in early December; mentioned some of these ideas and we did the research and I'd appreciate my colleagues support on this legislation and, of course, along with Director Pietravoia who also added some items, too. So this, as the Council President said, allows additional tools to help us tackle the issues that you're most concerned with that is, homes that are in disrepair and are a blighted influence in our community.

President Gudenas – We're going to have to give the Director a new tool belt for all his new tools.

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

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

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

Res. 88-2006 (109-06) Special Residential Improvement Zone

A resolution creating a special Residential Improvement Zone for the Housing Improvement Program. (Sponsored by Council President Gudenas, Councilmen Delaney and Gruber) (Recommended for passage by Executive & Finance Committee)

Councilman Gruber moved for passage; seconded by Councilwoman Walsh.

President Gudenas – Also was discussed in the Committee and at the Mayor's suggestion we are going to experiment with other programs in the other three Wards, also, which is a good idea and that will be discussed separately. And this, talking about tools, is just one tool to target a specific area. The other legislation we just passed may come into play too, but we're not finished yet. We hope to have additional, positive things for this specific neighborhood and other programs that we want to, we know work. We want to be able to fine tune them, figure out how the best way to communicate all these different ideas to the residents will be and then expand it throughout the City.

Question we talked about regarding the starting date was July the 1st. To clarify the key part is to be approved after July the 1st but the work could actually sooner than later, Director Pietravoia?

Director Pietravoia – Yes, Mr. Chairman, this would operate slightly differently from the original program given that we're starting late in the spring. It's really an administrative rule that you're asking about. The project needs to be approved during the test period that the legislation refers to. Actually, I think it was June 15th.

President Gudenas – Oh, is it June 15th?

Director Pietravoia – June 15th.

President Gudenas – Okay.

Director Pietravoia – So it'd be a full calendar year from June 15th so the idea is that each application would go before a board and be approved during that time period. I do believe that administratively we can allow projects that are already in the works this spring as long as they come forward with an application and meet all our permitting requirements and zoning variances if necessary, things of that nature. Go before the board and get approval in that one year period we can consider projects that have started early spring.

President Gudenas – And one of the idea, the list I had just given you from Perlitha Taylor was to identify where the renters are, where the landlords might be so that we could make sure that when we communicate this information we go to the owner because the renter may not be interested and just throw the information away. So we could use that to see how that fits in with where we think the owner is.

Director Pietravoia – I do appreciate the information that was submitted. We had started a process using our database that we have available so we will check against that with the information Ms. Taylor provided and hopefully we'll find some that we weren't available.

President Gudenas – Right and if you could report back 'cause that might give us a good idea of how many other properties we might be missing throughout the City so that the neighborhood groups throughout the City could help identify this much quicker so that we can get on it.

Director Pietravoia – We will report back.

President Gudenas – Thank you.

Councilman Langman – One of the residents mentioned what would be successful by implementing this program, see how it works. Well, we don't really know for sure, although we do have a track record that HIP was successful in the past as it was constituted back then. Part of this is experimentation. Is it great to do

what we did before? Do we need to tweak it? Who's going to participate etc.? So I think this is all about the testing of it so what will define success? We don't know for sure. Obviously, we'd like to have every homeowner in that area take advantage of it. Will that happen? Probably not. Will anybody take advantage of it? Well, we don't know for sure, but we must do something to encourage as the original HIP program was designed to do the reinvestment in our housing stock.

And another point that we want to stress is that we want to come up with different policy menus that are going to address the different areas of the city. Some areas, what was proposed in the past to combine properties and build new on there. That might work for one particular area or there was some discussion, years ago, about encouraging folks to turn rentals in to owner/occupied homes. So we must experiment, we must see what works and I think this is a good start.

President Gudenas – And it should be added that in the previous program much of the money went to the relatively more expensive homes in the City of Euclid and not all that much went to the lower valued homes and we're going to try and see if we can have some of the properties that wouldn't have normally applied for something like this apply. So we don't know what will happen because obviously you need to have income to be spending a lot of money and this is obviously a lower income part compared to north of the Boulevard and the like.

Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail – I voiced some of my concerns in the Committee meeting but I want to just restate them so people don't misunderstand a negative vote on this matter. I don't necessarily oppose creating a special improvement district, but I think we need to have clear criteria in place in order to do that. We did not take the time to specifically identify those. I don't object that this is in Ward 4. That's not part of my objection.

The initial Housing Improvement Program had certain objectives it was to meet. It was to increase the property value. It was to encourage investment and that absolutely is a wonderful objective. But in this discussion we've talked about more cosmetic improvements so I'm not sure the program matches the goal in this particular case. And I thought I heard Director Pietravoia say that while he wasn't able to do an exhaustive search there wasn't any real conclusive data that this did, in fact, improve property values any greater than normal market, the normal market rate. So while I appreciate the interest in trying something new and trying to get a shot in the arm and, you know, I appreciate that there's investment going on around it and that would be one of the criteria I would look to. I believe we could benefit from greater discussion on this. We could identify what we're going to look at to make it successful. This is General Fund money. This is all of our tax dollars at work going to a specific area that we have not identified any real reasons behind. So that being said I'm not ready to support this. It's not to say I would never. I would think this would benefit from greater discussion and clarity.

President Gudenas – Thank you.

Councilman Delaney – I have been trying to track the years of the HIP program from 96 to 2002 and the Councilwoman raises some interesting points about improving property values. And one of the things that I liken this to is that we the goals of the Economic Development Department is education and we want to be able to market our incentives.

Every year between 70 and 80% of the money that was made available to the entire City went to Wards 1 and 2. I'd like to track it even further. Break it down into neighborhoods. Ward 3 was quite, quite behind everything else. I don't really have it broken out to neighborhoods or precincts, but also realizing there are more houses in other neighborhoods in other Wards. But I think that what we need to do is we need to look at this neighborhood and we need to, I don't know if direct mail would be the best to the owners of the properties, but we really need to somehow market this incentive and really make it available and let the people know that that is there for them. And this is a Pilot Program and what I would do with more of this information when I can get it more solid is that the other 3 Ward members could also identify neighborhoods that could really use the program to their benefit as well. I think that the key is educating our residents and making sure that they are aware what they can utilize.

President Gudenas – And we will do that.

Councilman Delaney – Other than TV and the newspaper...

President Gudenas – No, we're going to rely on...

Councilman Delaney – Few more things added to make people aware of what we're offering this neighborhood.

President Gudenas – We hope to have door-to-door campaigns and direct mail and community meetings.

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Councilman Delaney – I'll look forward to seeing you out there door-to-door campaigning.

President Gudenas – Actually I went door-to-door there. That's how I saw the things that we need to do. Actually, I'm going to their meeting next week, is that right? Which day is that? 23rd at the Mini Station? At what time? 7 p.m. anyone interested at the Euclid Avenue Mini Station on the 23rd.

Mayor Cervenik – What is going to be the process to expand this to the other Wards or other areas so that we have, the Administration has some idea? I thought that from our discussions the last meeting the Ward Council people were going to have some suggestion to the Administration. I hate to do one and then start another if we're going to do this marketing thing it would be nice to hit all the areas involved. I mean, that's, you know, strictly up to the body here. I'll do whatever you tell me to do as far as this goes, but, you know, I'd want some input from the Ward 2 and the Ward 3 Council person as well.

President Gudenas – We will get that, you know, I had worked on this for a half year and your proposal came last week so let's give them time to think about it to talk to their neighbors and associations and all because this is a lot of money potentially. We don't, it may not be the whole 12,000 in this neighborhood, but we should be careful and I'm sure we'll come back and when, it would probably best when all three of the other Wards are ready we'll discuss all three at the same time. But we don't need to rush right in and do something with one week's notice.

Mayor Cervenik – My comments last meeting were not so much a proposal but just as an invitation to the other Wards to be involved as well and whatever we can do to help that we're here for you.

President Gudenas – Thank you very much and we will need your help.

Councilwoman Walsh – I'm willing to sit back and see what mistakes 4 makes so that 3 can come out superbly. Thank you.

Councilman Conway – I must admit as much as it probably disappoints myself that I do agree with many of Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail's comments that I want to invest money in all our communities across the City to ultimately achieve this goal as well as to increase property values. And just one more time before we go through the Roll Call on this resolution this evening, eligibility for what type of improvements may fall underneath this particular resolution would both include interior and exterior improvements as long as the end goal would be to increase property value am I understanding the spirit of this resolution?

President Gudenas – That's correct and I believe the County has defined what those improvements are. So it would not include painting but it would include a new garage, a new roof...

Director Pietravoia – Room addition, adding a bathroom that didn't exist before, finishing space that was unfinished like an attic or basement in making it livable space all those would qualify as adding value to the property.

President Gudenas – Right and these are things that the County has defined as

Director Pietravoia – Correct.

President Gudenas - Not our definition.

Councilman Conway – And I think where I'm struggling right now is when I look at this opportunity that we're presenting to residents and I do hope that residents take advantage of it upon passage this evening. Looking in this particular area I would like to see something more focused on exterior improvements. I'm not sure if overall an entire Residential Improvement Zone is impacted if somebody adds a bathroom to their house or even makes some minor repairs inside, but I think a tremendous opportunity exists with exterior improvements that an entire community can build some momentum around. And that's where I struggle with this resolution as to exterior improvements versus interior improvements versus the overall impact that'll have on the entire area. So I must admit and I know time is almost up I'm still struggling with a decision with this particular ordinance. But I do want the people in that area to understand is I absolutely want to invest money in that particular area as well as other areas across the City that's going to improve the neighborhoods, but I struggle with this intent with this particular resolution.

President Gudenas – Well, this is one of maybe ten different things that we're working on and again as Director Pietravoia mentioned previously that we were hoping to get help from other non-profit groups outside the city with those kinds of improvements and key EDCOR, hopefully, where their money would be targeted specifically towards such things as painting and exterior improvements, landscaping and the like with either

loans that are not paid back until the home is sold, interest-free or low interest rate loans so that will be addressed also. So this is a multi-pronged approach to see if the more you have going one thing builds on the other is hopefully the idea.

Director Pietravoia – Just to add to your comments, you're correct. If this was the only program it probably wouldn't have as great an impact as we're looking for on the exterior. I do believe some other models that we're trying to put out there will help more on the exterior side. I would caution I probably overstepped a little bit at our last meeting with my comments about EDCOR. I am working with the Board now to look at a different model, different financial tool to add to the tool belt we've been discussing tonight that would make it possible to make improvements but allow the loan to be deferred until the time of sale of the property. The caution I offer with EDCOR is #1 we do have a board process to go through and #2 because those are primarily federal dollars you do have to address Code violations first and typically a lot of those are on the interior. So the exterior programs will come with other models maybe through NHS, Neighborhood Housing Services, and other ways of providing funding that don't have the federal restrictions that some of the EDCOR dollars do. So we have a lot of work to do.

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

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

Passed.

Ord. 89-2006 (136-06) Breckenridge Senior Ind. Contract/Chore Svc.

An ordinance authorizing the Director of the Community Services and Economic Development Department of the city of Euclid to enter into a contract with Breckenridge Senior Independence for the provision of Chore Service in the amount of Fourteen Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty Dollars (\$14,820.00) for the period of June 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006. (Sponsored by Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail)

Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail moved for passage; seconded by Councilwoman Walsh.

Director Pietravoia – I wanted to start out by making another positive announcement tonight. As members of Council will recall we did apply for a grant through Cuyahoga County a while back. We were awarded the details and the contract still to be worked out, but we were awarded \$133,000 from the county grant that's out of a total of 250,000 for the entire County so we, the City of Euclid I am very proud to say is receiving a little bit more than half of the money that was available.

This item before you tonight would be to reinstate our chore services, which are part of our senior program activities. In this case we're looking to contract with Breckenridge to actually provide the manpower behind the chore services. In the past it was a City employee. This will actually allow us to have an ability to do more with the resources that Breckenridge can bring to the table. With that in the way of opening remarks I'm going to turn it over to Margaret Hastert-Wolf, our Senior Programs Manager that can comment further and answer any questions that Council might on this piece and I know Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail also has some remarks on this matter.

Manager Hastert-Wolf – We're asking for support this evening for the passage of the Chore contract with Senior Independence. This has been, this is a valuable service that is involved in our continuum of care services and in going for a sub-contract we have recognized that the regulations to apply the County grant money would be best served in this matter. Plus it will provide stability with providing this service so that there will be greater continuity and greater service delivery. Thank you. Councilwoman Gail?

Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail – Thank you, Ms. Hastert and Director Pietravoia. I want to congratulate Margaret and her staff for putting together this grant application and being successful in it. That really is a wonderful opportunity for Senior Programs, which has faced some cutbacks in staffing over the last couple of years due to budget cuts. Obviously, Council needs to support this this evening. We hear from residents all the time who use the Chore Service and we need to get this service back up and running so that we're able to keep seniors in their home. This is just one element of the continuum of care that our Senior Programs provide with that intent to keep seniors in their home as long as it's safe and possible.

Rather than going, tonight, into the entire grant and what some of the changes that may bring to the way that the department runs the Senior Programs, I would like to hold a committee meeting, the Senior Services and Community Committee, tentatively either next Wednesday, May 24th or the following May 31st to let, give Margaret and her staff an opportunity to talk about the grant, perhaps invite someone from the County to come in. I know I did have a chance to sit down with Margaret a couple of weeks ago and discuss some of this. It will require some change in the way we do service and there are other components in addition to the Chore Service. We also have had an e-mail from the Director of the new Berea Children's Home that located in Euclid and I'd like to give them a brief opportunity to meet with Council and discuss what they're doing and

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I'd also like to get an update from the Euclid Collaborative on their new program initiative so I will let Council know the best date that that would happen, but I encourage passage of this important piece of legislation this evening.

President Gudenas – Thank you and if it is approved, when do you think this service will start?

Manager Hastert-Wolf – Our target is for the contract to start with Senior Independence as of June 1st. The County requirements or the requirements are that we have assessments done before we are able to commence service and, therefore, we are in the process of doing those assessments. That's part of the changes we'll be talking to Kirsten so as near to the first of June as possible.

President Gudenas – And it's targeted to those 60 and older?

Manager Hastert-Wolf – Yes.

President Gudenas – Are there specific income requirements for the service?

Manager Hastert-Wolf – No, the, there will be a mix of dollars. We will be using some of the County dollars, but some of the allocation will come from the City's appropriation and, therefore, we'll be able to serve not only those who meet the County guidelines but others who meet the criteria as specified as those who need it.

President Gudenas – And do we have any idea about how many Euclid residents may benefit from this program?

Manager Hastert-Wolf – Well, we are contracting for about 800 units of service in a half year. We traditionally have served 350 to 400 people with the Chore Service and I would suspect that we would continue to meet those goals.

President Gudenas – I'm sure you will. This will be to help with seasonal yard cleanup, heavy duty inside home cleanup, home safety issues, things like that, very valuable service and you would call the Senior Office?

Manager Hastert-Wolf – Yes, Senior Programs.

President Gudenas – Telephone number?

Manager Hastert-Wolf – Which is 289-2985.

President Gudenas – 2985.

Manager Hastert-Wolf – Right.

President Gudenas – 289.

Councilman Langman – Ms. Hastert-Wolf, besides calling it, how are we going to let our senior population know we have the grant, these services are available?

Manager Hastert-Wolf - What we're doing right now is constructing the letter, the notification letters and the marketing. We have kept a list of previous clients; our intake folks will be contacting those people. We have kept our requests documented for service while, you know, we are trying to get this up and running and those folks will be contacted as well.

We have an outreach method and outreach workers that are funded by our Block Grant. They go out to the community and talk to members of the community in groups and speak to individuals. We have, we can make announcements certainly on the TV, our TV station and we are currently working with Mr. Johnson's department, Carol Keller, to update the website with that information.

Councilman Langman - Thank you.

President Gudenas – Very good.

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

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

Ord. 90-2006 (118-06) Sex Offender Residency Prohibition

An emergency ordinance creating Chapter 556, entitled "Sex Offender Residency Prohibition", as part of the General Offenses Code of the codified Ordinances of the City of Euclid, Part Five, of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Euclid. (Sponsored by Councilman Conway)

Councilman Conway moved for passage; seconded by Councilwoman Walsh.

Councilman Conway – First of all, I'd like to thank Chief Maine, Law Director Frey, the Mayor for actually taking the time to review what I feel is probably one of the more important piece of legislation that we can bring in front of this body. It's unfortunate that we live in the society where you can't turn on the television or pick up the newspaper and find that there some crime taking place against a child, really throughout our country and it's a growing epidemic. It has been addressed on a State level and what we're really looking to do tonight and I'll ask Chief Maine also to comment if he would, really provide some local enforcement opportunities to make sure that our children are protected against crimes that involve, unfortunately, a very distasteful act. It does have some impact on some existing residents today, who unfortunately the State has not taken care of their responsibilities but I know now that on a local level we can make sure that everybody who is registered as a sex offender is taken care of and follows the law properly and I think it is a very important tool that we provide our local police department with and again I'd like Chief Maine or if Ms. Jackson would like to make any comments I don't know if Director Frey left anything for her to go over; but we did work together to make sure that this piece of legislation was enacted.

Chief Maine – Thank you, Councilman Conway, for taking the lead and getting this legislation to Council. You're right in that the State when they put together the sexual offender law failed to provide an adequate enforcement section that would allow us to address sex offenders that have moved within certain areas in this particular case, schools. This piece of legislation will allow the local, our Police Department to not only monitor those child victim sex offenders, but provide us with a penalty phase that we can take action immediately rather than just refer them back to their probation officers and so forth.

This ordinance is fairly specific in that provides only those areas within a thousand feet of the perimeter of a school and it gives us, I believe, a third degree misdemeanor for first time offenders and then for any repeat offenders a second degree misdemeanor penalty. It's our intention to have our Detection Bureau actively monitor those sex offenders that would fall within this classification and take the enforcement action when it's necessary.

I don't know whether Miss Jackson has any further comments.

President Gudenas – Okay, anybody else?

Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail – I did have one question and defining school premises is that clearly defined, and I should have looked up the section in the Ohio Revised Code, is it strictly schools? Does it include day cares? Would it now include our registered home day cars?

Asst. Director Jackson – It's only schools 'cause we're following the Ohio Revised Code and we're actually narrowing it having to do with child sexual assaults and offenders, but it's only schools at this time.

Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail – Okay, does this, I don't know if anyone would know this, does the State prohibit us from including day care businesses, you know, maybe as opposed to home day cares, which may be throughout the community, but...

Asst. Director Jackson – Part of that is an enforcement issue. We have to identify where the day cares are and, you know, make that available so it would limit drastically where people could actually live within the city.

Chief Maine – I think Miss Jackson is right here. Part of the issue is that you have to allow people to live somewhere and if you incorporate, because we had talked about including parks, day care centers and if you did that, the whole City would look like one giant circle and there would be no opportunities and courts have struck those types of ordinances down so we tried to through discussions with Councilman Conway to address the areas that we thought probably would be the most impacted. And I have a map if anyone wants to see it those areas that would be impacted and you're welcome to take a look at it.

Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail – I appreciate that thank you.

Councilman Conway – Just to elaborate on that comment, we did start out looking at day cares, swimming pools, public parks and, you know, thanks to the Engineering Department who put some time and effort into

this as well you really would at some point eliminate the entire city. So that is why we focused exclusively on schools, which is a tested benchmark that we're comfortable with at this point. Other communities have gone from 1,000 feet to 1500 feet, you know, it is something that you're almost hearing almost every other community is looking at some form of this, but we did decide to enact the 1,000 feet for schools because it is tested and we're confident it can be enforced.

Councilman Conway moved to close debate; seconded by Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail. Yeas: unanimous.

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

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

Ord. 117-06) Pit Bull Terries – Dangerous Dogs

An ordinance amending the General Offenses Code, Part Five of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Euclid to specifically identify pit bull terriers as dangerous dogs. (Sponsored by Councilman Langman)

Councilman Langman moved for passage; seconded by Councilwoman Walsh.

Councilman Langman moved to place this legislation into Safety Committee; seconded by Councilman Gruber.

Roll Call: Yeas: Conway, Delaney, Gruber, Holzheimer Gail, Langman, Walsh, Gudenas
Legislation placed in Safety Committee.

President Gudenas – And I would ask that we discussed this in the past so we gather all the documents already on record with our Council Office so that we can review, I remember that we had a parade of dogs that came in here many years ago and we were asked to pick out the Pit Bull and people couldn't so we'll review all that so we can start with a running start.

Councilman Langman – It's already on the way, Mr. Chairman.

Ord. 91-2006 (137-06) Abandoned Vehicles

An ordinance to amend Section 559.03, Abandoned Vehicles, of the General Offenses Chapter of the codified Ordinances of the city of Euclid to include Watercraft Vessels in the description of abandoned vehicles. (Sponsored by Mayor Cervenik by request of Police Chief)

Councilman Delaney moved for passage; seconded by Councilwoman Walsh.

President Gudenas – Who would like to address this? This basically means that if you have a junk car or a junk boat it can be towed away and sunk at sea.

Chief Maine – This is basically to address those issues that come up very infrequently but when they do they become a big issue and this will allow us then to address boats that are parked in driveways or yards or whatever for an inordinate amount of time without any apparent resolve to get it taken care of so.

President Gudenas – All right, very good, any discussion?

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

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

Ord. 92-2006 (138-06) Commercial Vehicles

An ordinance amending Section 351.13 of the Traffic Code of the codified Ordinances of the City of Euclid in order to prohibit the standing, storage, or parking of commercial vehicles on any public or private property in the City except in certain circumstances. (Sponsored by Mayor Cervenik by request of Police Chief.)

Councilwoman Walsh moved for passage; seconded by Councilman Conway.

President Gudenas – Can this be sent to the committee because there were a lot of questions raised about which trucks are okay which aren't which parking lots?

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Director Pietravoia – No, I'll defer to the Chief.

Chief Maine – I can defer to the Economic and Service, yes, it certainly can go to committee. I think there are some ordinances already in place. This is to address those public and private parking lots that are not addressed in our Code. From an enforcement standpoint they're more, they're under the present ordinances are in the Housing section so it doesn't really allow much enforcement action. Maybe Mr. Pietravoia would like to add to that.

Director Pietravoia – I agree that this can go to committee if that's Council desire. The main goal here was to give more teeth to allow the police to ticket and tow when, particularly semi-trucks are parked in places in commercial districts where they don't belong. Councilwoman Walsh I'm sure is aware of this, drove by East 276th and Euclid over the weekend again, there were actually three vehicles there this time. We've already been in contact with the owner. We left notices on the vehicles themselves. We have no ability to get the Police in there to ticket and tow under our current laws so it's very frustrating because we can't make any progress there.

Regal Plaza in Councilman Langman's Ward for the longest time a semi-truck, the cab, was parking over the weekends in that parking lot in a commercial district so we're looking for more enforcement teeth in the Code with the Police in particular.

President Gudenas – That's all good. My concern is the way it's written it says the existence of any unattended truck in any parking lot shall be a violation, you know, as it was mentioned before driving by Hose Master, they have unattended trucks in a parking lot and then I saw right behind Tops Supermarket in that area. You know, these trucks obviously belong to somebody over there, but they're unattended and parked. I just want to make sure that businesses that need to have trucks that are part of the business but are left for a few days are not, it says it's automatically assumed it's illegal as opposed to the other way. This could cause a lot of terminal my concern.

Director Pietravoia – I do agree with the concern you're expressing. There is language in here that says that it's engaged in the normal course of business, which I think is what you're referring to. I did want to make a point though about the area near Hose Master. That's actually separately owned lot by another individual in a U-6 district, industrial. This type of parking is permitted as long as the owner has given permission. So there is an actual arrangement on that particular lot where the owner is allowing the trucks to park there because it's zoned U-6. So this would not impact any of our industrial districts where trucks are either allowed by permission or as part of the normal course of business.

President Gudenas – All right, we didn't see that on the legislation. Are there any other districts, such as commercial districts that?

Director Pietravoia – The only district where that situation I just described would be U-6.

Councilman Gruber – Yes, industrial, I have a couple of areas like that one on Euclid Avenue and also the Hose Master property and actually in the past, we've worked with local businesses to try to corral all those trucks into that area instead of parking here and parking there so they do, the truckers know they can go there and have an agreement with the owners of the property.

President Gudenas – All right, well, I mean this might be ready to go just as long as it's we're not going to go after trucks that are part of an ongoing business. Is there any because it's very general what we got here to vote on?

Councilman Gruber – Also to address the earlier resident that spoke about commercial vehicles in their driveways, those are against our ordinance now so that wouldn't change.

President Gudenas – Right, so that's a different thing all together. Any other, would you, Councilwoman Walsh?

Councilwoman Walsh – I just need to clarify for the resident that calls me twice a week that if this passes the trucks at 276th will be ticketed because instead of dwindling they are multiplying.

Chief Maine – The trucks at 276th and Euclid could now be ticketed and within 48 hours they could be towed. They could be towed. We'll obviously try to have them removed first because that's a lot of potential liability to take on from the City but if we have to we'll tow them. We can tow them.

President Gudenas – All right.

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Councilman Conway – In order to make that happen as well do we need to amend this to an emergency ordinance so that we can take care of that immediately if it passed?

Chief Maine – Presently, it's not an emergency so we would have to wait 30 days unless Council wants to amend it.

Councilman Conway moved to make the ordinance an emergency; seconded by Councilman Gruber.

Roll Call: Yeas: Conway, Delaney, Gruber, Holzheimer Gail, Langman, Walsh, Gudenas
Ordinance amended to be an emergency.

Councilwoman Walsh – I'd like to have my name added.

President Gudenas – Okay, anybody else? Councilman Gruber, let's join the whole party. Let's throw everybody on there but Lisy and Mancuso they're not here so, no, we can put them on, too, all of Council.

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

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

Ord. 93-2006 (080a-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) (Recommended for passage by Executive & Finance Committee)

Councilman Delaney moved for passage, Councilwoman Walsh seconded.

President Gudenas – This also came out of our Committee Meetings, something we have to do. The goal here is to find three independent residents that can take over this duty. Is there any further discussion that we didn't cover in the Committee Meeting? I see none.

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

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

Res. 94-2006 (119-06) Tax Privacy Policy

A resolution adopting the Tax Privacy Policy. (Sponsored by Council President Gudenas)

Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail moved for passage, Councilman Delaney seconded.

President Gudenas – This also came out of our Executive and Finance Committee Meeting. I still have a few questions, but we do need to have something going. This has something and we can revisit based on any concerns in the future.

Mayor Cervenik – I most certainly agree. There will probably be some changes throughout the next year or so that the administration may propose as well. So we really ask that this be passed tonight and then we can move forward.

President Gudenas – Just for the sake of our residents, will we be able to put this into a little pamphlet form or something and have it available on the counter?

Mayor Cervenik – We shall do that, yes.

President Gudenas – thank you. Any other questions that we didn't cover in the Committee?

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

President Gudenas – We have a Tax Review Board and a Tax Privacy Policy. Thank you very much.

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Mayor Cervenik – And Mr. Chairman, don't forget we have a million dollars more than we projected so far as well.

President Gudenas – We have a lot of cash.

Mayor Cervenik – No, you spent a little bit of it tonight, so.

President Gudenas – Not yet, we're coming to that now.

Ord. 95-2006 (127-06) Notes

An ordinance to provide for the issuance and sale of \$1,814,000 in principal amount of Bond Anticipation Notes of the City of Euclid, Ohio in anticipation of the issuance of bonds for the purpose of reconstructing, resurfacing, installing curbs as necessary and enhancing traffic signalization of city streets, together with the necessary appurtenances thereto, and declaring an emergency. (Sponsored by Mayor Cervenik and All members of Council)

Councilman Delaney moved for passage, Councilman Gruber seconded.

President Gudenas – Item 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 23, 24, 25 and 26 all relate to the Capital Improvement budget that was approved earlier. Basically let the administration obtain the funding, assuming, they still have to come back for all the specific requests, if it has not been approved already.

Mayor Cervenik – Items 15-20 is actually allowing the financing of these issues to be done and then I think its from 23 to 27 are the actual purchases of those items.

President Gudenas – We'll go 15-20 regarding the financing. Anything that is not purchased during our budget period, then that money will not be spent. If it was borrowed, it will be returned to the lender, if its not done. Director Johnson, we talked about that briefly.

Director Johnson – The money, if it's not spent for the purposes as delineated here, is required to go back into the Bond Retirement Fund.

President Gudenas – If there are any questions between 15 & 20, this is the time to ask. We've made copies of the capital improvement budget for anyone to look at. I'm going to go really efficiently here.

Councilman Langman – Addressing all of these, Director Johnson, you did speak about talking with our Bond counsel, if you can just summarize that conversation about some of the borrowing we're doing, where we stand with the bond retirement fund.

Director Johnson – I believe I sent a memo to City Council describing briefly the status of the Bond Retirement Fund. Generally and I think you should have been aware of this in our memo that the notes that are in front of you that are dedicated towards the Shore Cultural Centre, as well as the reimbursement to the Friends of the Henn for the Henn Mansion, those particular notes are required to be paid from non-tax revenues. The balance of the notes can be retired from the Bond Retirement Fund. Of the total \$4 million that's in front of you, about \$1.2 million of it is for what we call grant anticipation notes, which means that we expect that they should be retired within a year. That's specifically the E. 222 St. issues, the NOACA grant, the Willo Arms/Tungsten Road Circle grant. All of those grants we expect to be reimbursed within the year. Therefore, they are not included in our debt ceiling limitation. I had also in my memo advised Council that we are working on including this 5 year projection in our bond retirement fund and I think the Mayor has mentioned it earlier that what we're going to suggest is that we begin to use general fund subsidy to the bond retirement fund in order that we may be able to continue to do capital projects at this expenditure level. That pretty much summarizes.

Councilman Langman – Thank you and we look forward to those coming suggestions on how we can supplement the Bond Retirement Fund.

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

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

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

Passed.

Ord. 96-2006 (128-06) Notes

An ordinance to provide for the issuance and sale of \$1,003,000.00 in principal amount of Bond Anticipation Notes of the City of Euclid, Ohio in anticipation of the issuance of Bonds for the purpose of acquiring motorized vehicular equipment and appurtenances thereto, and declaring an emergency. (Sponsored by Mayor Cervenik and All Members of Council)

Councilman Conway moved for passage, Councilman Delaney seconded.

Councilman Gruber moved to suspend the rules, Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail seconded. Yeas: Unanimous.

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

Ord. 97-2006 (129-06) Notes

An ordinance to provide for the issuance and sale of \$141,000.00 in principal amount of Bond Anticipation Notes of the City of Euclid, Ohio in anticipation of the issuance of Bonds for the purpose of improving streets and municipal properties by clearing, trimming and planting trees and installing landscaping, and declaring an emergency. (Sponsored by Mayor Cervenik and All Members of Council)

Councilman Delaney moved for passage, Councilman Gruber seconded.

Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail to suspend the rules, Councilman Langman seconded. Yeas: Unanimous.

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

Ord. 98-2006 (130-06) Notes

An ordinance to provide for the issuance and sale of \$393,000 in principal amount of Bond Anticipation Notes of the City of Euclid, Ohio in anticipation of the issuance of Bonds for the purpose of acquiring furniture and equipment for the City's Police, Fire, Motor Maintenance and Information Technology Departments, and declaring an emergency. (Sponsored by Mayor Cervenik and All Members of Council)

Councilman Gruber moved for passage, Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail seconded.

Councilman Langman moved to suspend the rules, Councilwoman Walsh seconded.

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

Ord. 99-2006 (131-06) Notes

An ordinance to provide for the issuance and sale of \$465,000 in principal amount of Bond Anticipation Notes of the City of Euclid, Ohio in anticipation of the issuance of Bonds for the purpose of renovating, furnishing, and equipping municipal buildings, and declaring an emergency. (Sponsored by Mayor Cervenik and All Members of Council)

Councilman Langman moved for passage, Councilwoman Walsh seconded.

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

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

Ord. 100-2006 (132-06) Notes

An ordinance to provide for the issuance of \$318,000 in principal amount of Bond Anticipation Notes of the City of Euclid, Ohio in anticipation of the issuance of Bonds for the purpose of making various building improvements to the City's Shore Cultural Centre and Henn Mansion and declaring an emergency. (Sponsored by Mayor Cervenik and All members of Council)

Councilwoman Walsh moved for passage, Councilman Conway seconded.

Councilman Delaney moved to suspend the rules, Councilman Gruber seconded.

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

President Gudenas – let's jump to #23.

Ord. 101-2006 (122-06) Backhoe

An emergency ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service of the City of Euclid to purchase a 2006 Case MDL 521D Front End Loader (with a 1978 Ford included as a trade in) for the Streets Department, at a cost of \$76,708.70, and a 2006 Case MDL 580 Superm Backhoe (with a 1975 Ford Backhoe as a trade in) to be used by all departments, at a cost of \$55,882.40, through the State Cooperative Purchasing Program. (Sponsored by Mayor Cervenik by request of Service Director)

Councilman Delaney moved for passage, Councilman Gruber seconded.

President Gudenas – Items 23, 24, 25, 26 are all on the capital budget, so approved in the passed. Any questions, on those four items, this would be the appropriate time, but I believe there are no surprises here from what we heard before and we are trading in. Any questions? I see none.

Councilman Gruber moved to suspend the rules, Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail seconded. Yeas: Unanimous.

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

Ord. 102-2006 (123-06) Truck with Plow

An emergency ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service of the City of Euclid to purchase a 2007 Ford F350, One Ton Dump Truck with Plow for use by the Streets Department from Valley Ford, 5715 Canal Road, Cleveland, Ohio 44125, at a cost of \$32,423.00, through the State Cooperative Purchasing Program. (Sponsored by Mayor Cervenik by request of Service Director)

Councilman Gruber moved for passage, Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail seconded.

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

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

Ord. 103-2006 (124-06) Wheelchair Van

An emergency ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service of the City of Euclid to purchase a 2006 Ford E-350, Van to convert to a Wheelchair Van for Seniors from Fairfield Ford, 5221 Dixie Highway, Fairfield, OH 45014, at a cost of \$22,814.00, through the State Cooperative Purchasing Program. (Sponsored by Mayor Cervenik by request of Service Director)

Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail moved for passage, Councilman Langman seconded.

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

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

Ord. 104-2006 (125-06) Uplander Van

An emergency ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service of the City of Euclid to purchase a 2006 Chevrolet Uplander Van for use by the Mayor from Pat O'Brien Chevrolet, 2810 Bishop Road, Willoughby Hills, Ohio 44092, at a cost of \$18,025.50. (Sponsor Mayor Cervenik by request of Service Director)

Councilman Langman moved for passage, Councilwoman Walsh seconded. Yeas: Unanimous.

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

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

Ord. 105-2006 (120-06) ODOT Sound Walls

A resolution requesting the Ohio Department of Transportation to replace the Sound Walls within the City of Euclid while performing repairs and other necessary work in the City. (Sponsored by Council President Gudenas)

Councilwoman Walsh moved for passage, Councilman Langman seconded.

President Gudenas – The purpose of this is just to get their attention. I would hope that if we approve this that Director Gulich could then invite a representative from ODOT into our city so we can grill them a little bit on what their plan is for their replacement of those walls. Because the improvement I don't think can happen any more.

Director Gulich – Just in the last two weeks the Mayor's office has indeed sent a letter down to District 12 asking them to investigate the conditions of the walls, the fact that they're crushing down upon each other, the panels; what options are available. They have indicated to me they will come out, look at the walls closely and get back to us in writing as to what the options are. Probably at that time I can share that information will all of Council and we can discuss what their response is.

President Gudenas – Tell them if it keeps up they'll be cement crushing the way those walls are crumbling. Invite them for a meeting. I think it would be good that they'd hear it from all of us, as part of a committee meeting, or what have you.

Councilman Langman – Director Gulich, you know I've sent you and talked to the Mayor about the condition of the whole freeway corridor, especially in the spur area, its pretty shabby looking all the way around. We passed resolutions, Council has in 1994, 1992 and 2002 and now this one. They really need to come out and answer questions, and not with just the usual, well we don't have funds or, things won't grow there. I don't think those answers should be satisfactory or acceptable any more. They need to come out and make substantial improvements to our corridor which they have not done in the past. So, hopefully we can get them here very quickly.

Director Gulich – That letter I sent out a couple of weeks ago, it included the points we've raised in our discussions about the conditions of the corridor, specifically in the spur area there and they've indicated to me that they will respond in writing and again, I'll be glad to share that all with Council.

Councilman Langman – One more thing Mr. Chairman, we've talked about what we can do with our part of the Marginal area. Director Gulich, I know I haven't had a chance to look at my e-mails today, but I look forward to reading your responses.

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

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

Ord. 106-2006 (121-06) Bids/Refuse Collection

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service of the City of Euclid to enter into a three-year contract commencing March 1, 2007, after advertising for bids, for the collection and disposal of solid waste and/or recyclable materials for the City of Euclid. (Sponsored by Mayor Cervenik by request of Service Director)

Councilman Delaney moved for passage, Councilman Gruber seconded.

Director Gulich – As we discussed at prior meetings, we did extend Waste Management's contract, the two years that was allowed. We had them in our office, had further discussions. At this point I'm sure the Mayor might want to make some additional comments. We feel it would be in the best interest in the city to move on, put together a new set of specifications. I'm going to include a number of options and the specifications regarding recycling, we're going to also revise our specifications rather than just asking for prices in upcoming years, 2007, 2008 so on and so forth. We'll include some type of fuel adjustment or CPI to adjust

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the prices on an annual basis, just so we won't be rolling the dice with what energy costs are going to be in a couple of years. Once we do have these prices back, we can share them with Council and make our long term decisions on how we want to go about recycling. That's been near and dear to Council and armed with the new bid amounts, we'll be able to make those decisions in a responsible manner.

President Gudenas – But we do have a bid amount today for the recycling program through the end of February?

Director Gulich – Through the end of February 2007 yes.

President Gudenas – How much was that for the balance? Did they do it by the month or by the year?

Director Gulich – It was an annual bid amount of about \$153,000 so obviously that would be prorated and any time we would want to enter into it. So yes we could get these bids and start recycling sooner rather than later if we decided to curbside pickup.

President Gudenas – The bids you are going to go out for separate bids, just for the recycling, as opposed to combining the two together with the solid waste?

Director Gulich – there will be separate line items. It would be a single contract.

President Gudenas – Are there some firms that just want to do the recycling as opposed to both?

Director Gulich – We could simply ask for prices for recycling separately and use that as one of our options.

President Gudenas – That would make sense to me.

Director Gulich – Currently I've been in contact with the Solid Waste District and they have a compilation of all the different contracts used across Cuyahoga County and we'll be sitting down with them and discussing that further. Obviously other people have been researching this and it would be wise to see what decisions other people have made that have worked well for their cities or not worked so well.

Mayor Cervenik- Right now that \$155,000 for curbside recycling translates into about 89 cents a household for twice a month collection. In reading the papers, most other cities that are now trying to get bids are considerably higher than that, \$2, \$3 a month. Some of those are in cities that are a little more spaced out than the City of Euclid. Our closeness of our homes will give us a better rate and that's why we thought we'd go out for bids now. I think it would be remiss of us to start curbside recycling from now until February at \$150,000 if the bids come in at \$400,000-\$500,000 for that time forward. I don't know if the city could afford that right now. I think what we're doing is correct, let's go out for bids for the full package, broken down into components of that package and if we don't have any satisfaction at that time, then we can go out as other communities in Lake County have just for recycling. That's usually more expensive and that's a decision Council is going to have to make. But, at \$150,000 I think our budget performance will allow us to do that. At \$400,000 I'm not so sure that's in the best interest of the community.

President Gudenas – The bids will be back when do you think? Thirty days from when?

Director Gulich – Still working on those specifications. I really want to make sure we get it right the first time. I would think sometime in the next 30 days, yes.

President Gudenas – We would get the bids back in 30 days?

Director Gulich – We'll be in the bidding process. I couldn't say we'd have them back.

President Gudenas – Before our June recess?

Director Gulich – That's what I'll shoot for.

Mayor Cervenik- That would be our goal.

Councilwoman Walsh – If you're not going to have curbside recycling, and you are going to maintain what you have now, Mr. Gulich, Director Gulich, why can't those recycling bins be moved out of sight or back further in the Service lot? I have several calls from several residents at how terrible they look, especially the cardboard box. I had a lot of complaints. I think that was to collect computers.

Director Gulich – I know that subject has come up, I've talked to a few people about moving it closer to the building, farther away from the street. I think maybe a better approach and we do have the materials in stock, maybe just screening it and leaving it where it is. We have a lot of equipment run through there, the Police Department's weighing vehicles; the Fire Department stores vehicles over there. I'd hate to move all that stuff closer to the building with the activities. I think on the short term and almost no cost we could do some screening and accomplish what you're talking about.

President Gudenas – And that would be done when because that's come up before?
We've been told we have the materials, we're looking into it.

Director Gulich – We have a little work we need to get done at the police stations and we'll get the bids in first.

President Gudenas – I don't know, I'm not sure what's involved.

Councilwoman Walsh – I'm not quite clear here. Getting the bids in for material that you already have?

President Gudenas – No, the bids would be for the contract starting in '07 for solid waste and recycling. If the new bids come in okay, we'd start recycling immediately with the current bidder.

Councilwoman Walsh – So we would have an answer on camouflaging those dumpsters before we recess for the summer?

President Gudenas – This is what we were told, but you never know what will happen.

Mayor Cervenik- That's our goal, Miss Walsh, to do that and therefore, if we go to curbside recycling, then obviously we would probably still at this stage in the game keep one or two bins there. It would take a totally different type of screening. To screen it now and then remove all those bins doesn't help much either.

Councilwoman Walsh – I would just like to reiterate that there's a lot of people that don't like the looks of them and I'm getting a lot of calls on that. Thank you.

President Gudenas – Thank you for the good point and we'll stay tuned I guess, but in the meantime, get ready to put the stuff up just in case. Anything else on that?

Councilwoman Walsh moved to suspend the rules, Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail seconded. Yeas:
Unanimous.

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

Ord. 107-2006 (134-06) Police Vehicles

An emergency ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service of the City of Euclid to purchase two (2) vehicles, to be used by the Police Department, from Statewide Ford, Van Wert, Ohio, at a cost of \$50,900.00 through the State of Ohio Cooperative Purchasing Program. (Sponsored by Mayor Cervenik by request of Service Director)

Councilman Gruber moved for passage, Councilman Langman seconded.

Chief Maine – The wording in this ordinance is pretty self-explanatory. Last year we lost car #32 to the accident that incapacitated Patrolman Janasek. Earlier this year we had a number of cruisers that were damaged by a drunken driver on Lake Shore Blvd. Car #4 was totally demolished as a result of that. Both of the negligent drivers had insurance and that money was given back to the city by the insurance companies. This is simply an effort to try and replace those cars in addition to the other cars that have already been purchased so that our fleet is brought up to the requirements that we need.

President Gudenas – The balance is from the Law Enforcement Trust Fund, not the General Fund or the capital improvement fund. I see no other discussion.

Councilwoman Walsh – I think because we're so supportive of the police department that all of our names should be on this.

President Gudenas – We shall add all the names on this legislation too as Councilwoman Walsh suggested.

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

Councilwoman Walsh moved to suspend the rules, Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail seconded. Yeas: Unanimous

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

President Gudenas – We will proceed to the Committee of the Whole. We have time for one comment before we will take a break and we have Rose M. Allen who has been waiting, that was one of the reasons I wanted to move this along because she has to leave at 9:00 pm.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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

Rose M. Allen – This is more of an announcement. As people are aware, you did appoint a Committee in February to provide a service evaluation. I'm happy to announce that we are ready to go with the first phase of surveys. We'd like to do the first survey during the Memorial Day Parade where we can get a lot of the forms out to residents and have them fill them out and then return to us. We'd like to have them back the same day at the Parade. We will have Committee Members there to help distribute and collect them. We have also requested some type of receptacle to have near perhaps the Library or in front of City Hall where people can return the forms that day. But if they don't return them that day, we'd like them back by no later than May 31st, so we can begin to see what kind of response we're getting.

We're hoping to be able to make some announcement at the beginning of the Parade so that people will know that the forms will be there for anybody who wants to get a survey and fill it out and get it back. We will have other places. We will have other surveys. This is only the first phase and the first survey that we are going. They will be at other venues, they will be at other public gatherings and there will be other ways that we will be meeting with various groups such as the senior center and all to get the surveys out. We'd like to start with the Memorial Day Parade because we know that there are a number of citizens that attend. If we can get some help with any of the council persons who may have friends or children who would like to help with this, we'd appreciate the help of getting this out and returned. Thank you. Any questions? I'll take quick questions because I've got to run.

President Gudenas – They can obviously be returned to anywhere here at City Hall at the Main Desk.

Ms. Allen – Yes, and we're working on other locations where we may have them returned.

President Gudenas – I'm sure there will be more to come, but

Ms. Allen – More to come but we had to start some place.

President Gudenas – We only have about 10 seconds left before our tape runs out. We appreciate it and look at the Memorial Day Parade. If someone is passing out literature, they're not running for office, necessarily, they might actually be asking for your opinion on the survey. We're going to have some pencils there too so people can fill them out right there on the spot and there will be some places to return them that same day or later in the future. I saw the survey, it is very good information that we're going to get back. Thank you for the great job you're doing. We'll take our little break right now.

Mr. Tod Guntner – 390 E. 257. First thank you is thank you all for your support of Euclid Animal Shelter. Second of all, we had a wonderful event last Friday night. It was our 3rd Annual Bark-B-Q and the Manor. The ribs were fantastic. The chicken of course was good and we had dancing and lots of prizes and it was a very nice event. I want to thank everyone who bought a ticket because I know we had 100% good times. I did not hear one complaint the whole evening. I want to thank the volunteers that helped out. I want to thank the volunteers that bought tickets and everybody who helped out and everybody that donated tickets so that other people could go because they could not go. I greatly appreciate it and greatly appreciate your continued support.

Next of all we have a couple of great things coming up in July. The first one is our Annual Car Wash. That is on July 8th, the second Saturday from 9:00-3:00. Cost again is only \$5 to get a hand car washed by a volunteer of Euclid Pet Pals. I know many of you bought tickets from me last year. Some were donated to your parents or kids, which was great, I will be selling tickets again this year at the next meeting. They are only \$5 whether you buy a ticket or not, we'd like to get advance sales, see how many people we need to help wash your cars so we appreciate your help in that.

On the 22nd of July, we will be having our Annual Open House Anniversary Party. This will run our regular hours, 12:00-4:00. It is going to be a big event. We're going to give away hot dogs and drinks and chips and we're going to have games. I've got a couple of surprises, there maybe some animals there depending on how the Cavs do. If they go all the way, of course, we won't have Moon Dog, but we did have Moon Dog a couple of years ago and he was a fantastic player in our Anniversary Party. Keep those dates open.

Also please keep open October 27th, that's our 4th Annual Clam Bake, which is our For Paws Clam Jam and Boo Bash. I greatly appreciate your support. Please mark your calendars now, so when I come by asking you to join us, I'd appreciate you joining us because those of you who were there last year I know you had a great time. Those of you that have been there in the past, I know you had a fantastic time. Again, I appreciate your support.

Next again and I haven't done this in awhile and I apologize, but I want to thank all the citizens of Euclid who bring their papers and put them in the 7 recycling bins, the great big green and yellow ones at the recycling center. We greatly appreciate this. This adds to our coffers which adds to the help that we can give to the animals. We greatly appreciate your support. We appreciate your continued support. I may hopefully next meeting have a special announcement about recycling. We'll leave it at that. Good night.

Mrs. Ann Raukar – 272nd Street. When Mayor Oyaski permitted a correction be made to an open downspout it was to late. After eight years of the neighbor's water problem, the ground water has made its own channels and a solo process of structural damage is occurring to a well built little house. The roofer who deliberately installed this downspout because we did not hire him for the construction done at our little house on E. 272 Street. A new ordinance had been passed by the 1997 Council headed by Council President Cervenik. What was even more sinister an agenda was added, no corrections were to be made on this particular downspout.

When I went to City Hall because my phone calls were ignored, that ended up in Piscitello causing a nasty confrontation with the neighbor's wife. I went to a Council Meeting and was referred to Mr. Gulich who called me the next day and said he could not help me. I asked why. He said a new ordinance was passed. I procured a copy and found it was redundant to the 1970 ordinance, totally ignored by the roofer and Cervenik, subsequently Mayor Oyaski and Piscitello.

I called the Building Commissioner who told me neither he or any civic body can make the neighbor change the downspout. I knew better when I told the neighbor from the start the downspout was a building code violation. He said I'm not crazy about it either. When it was undermining his driveway and garage pad, he moved it. In 2000 the roofer made the neighbor return the downspout to its original position at ground level over the roots of a black walnut tree that contaminated the soil in my whole backyard and two feet from my property.

I'm asking the Council to have the downspout moved to the other side of the garage. Gutters and downspouts often have water problems and it is the downspout on the other side of the garage if there's any water problem, it will stay in that neighbor's yard instead of mine. As it is, the ground water is destroying this good little house and I am inviting anyone that's on the other side of this rail to come and see what I'm talking about. This has to be done to be true to ordinances.

I just don't know where these people think they have the power to do what was done to me and my property. Thank you.

President Gudenas – So the biggest issue is to move the downspout from one side to the other?

Mrs. Raukar – Pardon?

President Gudenas – The biggest issue is to move the downspout from one side of the garage to the other?

Mrs. Raukar – Well if the downspout is moved to the other side of the garage where it belongs it will

President Gudenas – We're running out of time.

Mrs. Raukar – only damage that person's property and not mine.

President Gudenas – We'll discuss this with the Directors later to see how we can take care of this.

Mrs. Raukar – Is it possible ...

President Gudenas – But the time is up for now. We'll have to talk after the meeting. Thank you.

Mrs. Raukar – Pardon?

President Gudenas – You're time is up, we'll have to talk after the meeting.

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Mrs. Raukar – I have hearing aids now but sometimes things resonate.

President Gudenas – Daryl Langman will go explain.

Mrs. Raukar – I thought you were possibly giving me an opening that you will see that I am

President Gudenas – Yes, Daryl will explain.

Mr. Dennis Berzinskas – 20890 S. Lake Shore Blvd. Those of us who were praying for rain, I think we can stop praying now, we've got enough of it and it might help Mrs. Raukar too.

I want to thank several people. Last Saturday we had a Drive for Hunger through the mail carriers. I want to thank the people that opened their pantries and opened their hearts and opened their wallets. We haven't weighed everything up yet, but I think it is going to be a pretty good year for us. I really really want to thank the mail carriers, they don't get enough credit. They did so much. After carrying mail all day, they went back and picked up all the food and I'm telling you, some of those baskets were very, very heavy and there were a lot of them. Thank you all. It really goes to a good place. If you don't believe it, come on down to the center sometime. We can always use help, especially right now to help sort. We've got a lot of food. Thank you so much and thanks for passing a lot of the legislation tonight. It will make Euclid a better place, make people more responsible and that's one thing you're going to hear from me is more responsible people and through education. Thank you.

Ms. Marijo Minarik – 19420 Tyronne. Two questions. Back to that data base, Director Pietravoia. Three years ago it was estimated by then Housing Manager Erik Tollerup that there were 2200 rentals in the City of Euclid, singles and doubles. At \$100,000 in fees, even at just the \$75, you're only estimating about 1200? That's why I'm concerned about the data base. You may need to have another housing inspector.

Councilman Conway, the legislation that you sponsored tonight, I wish I had thought about it earlier. The people that are currently sex offenders living within 1000 feet, are they going to be forced to move? That's my question.

President Gudenas – Councilman Conway first.

Councilman Conway – Those people who are already living within 1,000 ft. of a school are already in violation to the State law and should be asked to relocate at some point. They are already violating the State statute. Now we have the tools necessary in the local level to actually step in and enforce the law that is already in place. They would be notified by the Prosecutor's Office that they are in violation and action would be taken. Yes, they would be required to move.

President Gudenas – Our ordinance does not change the law, basically lets the city enforce the State law that's already on the books. Director Pietravoia, the number again wasn't \$12,000 in fees, it was one hundred and, Director Pietravoia.

Director Pietravoia – It was \$112,000 estimated. We're basing that, we went through our files again and checked our data base, we have 1500 registered. So our number is lower than apparently what it was a few years ago.

President Gudenas – It could be that we're missing quite a bit, just like our taxpayers that were missing in action, perhaps?

Director Pietravoia – We're looking for those rental properties.

President Gudenas – Right because they probably increased rather than decreased. Okay, so we'll look into that.

Mr. Ron Emser – 26501 Farringdon Ave. Primarily, just want to add an update to the Lakefront Community Festival. Today I had over-nighted the F-4 permit to Reynoldsburg, Ohio, or somewhere near Columbus, I'm sure. We are able to get 7 wineries to consent to coming out to do the wine tasting and that's going to be on Saturday June 17th from 5:00-9:30 PM. The Hunger Center is stepping up as the non-profit to take care of the whole thing. We're just glad that we're able to score these 7 wineries. Among them are some very good ones. Chalet Debonne, Laurello's, Harpersfield, a few of the folks that make the greatest reds here in Lake County right now. We have folks coming from Kent, the Viking Vineyard. We have Westlake being represented by Harpersfield, excuse me, Heartland. Harpersfield is from Geneva.

But anyhow, it looks like it is all going to happen. It was a little shaky for quite some time. It was tough getting all these folks to commit, but actually I later found out from Tony Debevec from Chalet

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Debonne that he's really glad that there's only 6-7 wineries participating, he said the pie is only so big. So if you only have to cut it 6-7 ways it makes it far more profitable for every winery to come in.

I was unable to get the Gruber winery people to come in here. I talked to them, but they are new at their game over at the Old Mill and they weren't quite ready. But anyhow, that's the deal, I'm glad its happening and hopefully it will be a destination for a lot of people on Saturday night. I am going out to the South Shore Winery this coming Sunday. There's 21 wineries that are going to be represented out there. I'm going to put together a flyer and distribute it around there to help this be a destination in Euclid for the 17th of June. Let's hope everything works out well with this. Thanks.

President Gudenas – Thanks for researching all those wineries. That of course is part of the Lakefront Festival Saturday the 16th at Sims Park.

Mrs. Madeline Scarniench – 1511 E. 221. Question, every year that I've been coming to Council meetings at the beginning of the year, Council always approves the year-end reports. Is there a reason why not one year-end report has come to Council yet? Are they not done?

President Gudenas – We don't really vote on the report, but we did get some but I think we're still waiting on the Housing Dept., is that correct? That's an important one.

Director Pietravoia – Due to my insistence that we reformat the report into one single report for the whole department, you don't have any of ours yet, officially.

President Gudenas – We are a little bit, maybe slow, but we will get them.

Mrs. Scarniench – I always wait until I see that Council accepts it and then I go get them because I've been reading those reports. I should have brought my glasses up here.

Number 6, thank goodness for this, the abandonment abatement. I hope this will help alleviate a problem over on 214. It has probably been 4 years at least, this house is boarded up and abandoned. It is owned by a policeman, he owns other property in our city. I am just so tired of looking at that and I know the neighbors over there are tire of looking at it so this should be a really good tool to help get that taken care of.

President Gudenas – The address, do you have it?

Mrs. Scarniench – No, but Mr. Petkovic knows it. Item #7, I'd like to commend Councilman Conway and Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail on voting no for this. I have a real problem with this issue because all you did you said you were going to have this improvement zone. The HIP program had a board that these things came to and they decided on who got the grants back. Is that going to happen here? There's nothing that tells you anything about what your plan is and how it is going to work as far as that's concerned. Let me finish this.

The whole idea, I resent the fact of always being made to look like we are the worst part of the city and you know what, we're not. Mr. Goodman made a good analogy out on the hallway. We can look good on the outside but if you're got cancer growing inside, what are you going to do about it? If all you want to do is cosmetics on the outside of a house to make the neighborhood look good, what's that going to do with the inside of the house? Now I'm speaking only for myself, I'm not speaking on behalf of the EDCOR Board, but I know a whole lot of them feel the same way I do. EDCOR has been around for 29 years plus some months. We have been giving loans out to people in this city, all over this city for all of those years doing the things that were commissioned to do 30 years ago. We are still doing that. We would be honored to work in partnership with the City as far as coming up with a plan. We already have these programs, it is just maybe we need to do get out to the public and I said to Mr. Pietravoia, I said okay we can do a hot dog cookout over at the mini-station, flyer the whole neighborhood to all the people who live over there, tell them what its all about so they can come. To get an EDCOR loan, you have to apply for it. Loan Committee goes ahead and decides where you fit into one of these categories and which loans you can apply for. The one thing you have to remember is HUD guidelines have to be followed. Housing Code violations must be fixed. We can't do cosmetics. We can add some things, but housing code violations have to be fixed. This means that an inspector that EDCOR hires, not a city inspector, goes into the house to decide what has to be done. If the person decides they don't want an inspector in the house, well that's out of the question all together. If they come in and decide they can't afford to do this, they don't want to do it, then its over with. But Housing Codes have to be fixed. Cosmetics is great, but that's the bottom line. I know all of us are looking forward to see how this works and I brought our sign. EDCOR Improving Euclid One House at a Time. 216-289-4625. Anyone in our city may call this number, Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Tuesday & Thursday you will get a machine but Karen will get back to you to get all the details and the guidelines on applying for an EDCOR loan. It is not as hard. It is not as expensive as people my think. You need to hear it. I know we always go out and talk at homeowner's groups, but there's a whole group of people who don't go to homeowner's groups, so this would be an opportunity to reach more of those people. Thank you.

President Gudenas – Thank you, we look forward to the picnic with EDCOR.

Mr. Victor Goodman – 20201 Glen Russ Lane. A reputation is something you don't buy, you earn it. And once you have a reputation, it sticks with you whether you like it or not. I've had a couple of calls from people asking me why have I put together this Town Hall meeting because I'm interested in making sure Euclid's reputation is fantastic. We are not a Parma reputation. I did read in the article that possibly there was a limit to the money we might use. I don't think you can put a price on reputation.

We own property. If you own property in this city, you must be there on May 18th. Your property is what is in jeopardy. Because a bad reputation means not a good selling price.

I am proud that my children live, grew up and went to school in this city. I have watched the city change and I'm still proud of it and I will not allow anyone to bring it down for personal reasons. A friendly city is solely based on its residents. If we don't make the impression, we lose.

On May 18th, I look forward to all residents of the City of Euclid coming together to seek solutions, not just talk negatively. I guess I look at this as a closet door closed, it is dark inside, it's scary. In fact there is even mold growing. But if we can crack it a bit, if we can put a little light, the mold will die, it isn't as scary and it is not as dark. Let us come together as Euclidians and let us talk honestly, openly, politely and courteously. There will be an open mic. We have an opportunity together to achieve unity.

By the way I did speak to the Justice Department, actually a human being in Washington, D. C. Explained what we were doing, invited him to come, they told me he was going to get back to me, I'm sure on the 19th I'll hear from them.

Again I can't emphasize enough, if you own property, please be at this meeting. If you don't want to talk then listen because I guaranty you one thing I've learned as being a teacher, you learn more from listening than you do ever from talking. Thank you.

Ms. Pearletha Taylor – 1495 E. 193 St. First I would like to start off by thanking those that voted for #7. I am very happy that it was someone that thought enough to look in our area. No, we're not a poor area but we are in an area that some people have rental property and they do not take care of it. Also we have had very, very good neighbors that move because they didn't like the community; not their house, beautiful homes. But you have someone next door to you and their home is falling apart.

First I'd like to thank Ed Gudenas for taking the time to walk our area, to see what was going on, to talk to some people and to care. For over three and a half years, we have been writing letters to the City. I'm pretty sure Pietravoia is familiar with all my letters that I have sent to the city about our area. Councilman Chris Gruber know how much I have pressured him about this area; also Mayor Cervenik. Then it take three and a half years that someone come up and actually put something together. I'm very proud of it, I'm happy about it, I hope it spread about. Some people say it is not fair, but we are a homeowner association that is concerned about our neighborhood. If other homeowner associations go out, look around their area and see it is a problem and come back and report it, to do as much work as we do. We work as a team. We talk about things, we meet, officer meetings once a month. Then when we go to our homeowner association meeting, we are ready to put things on the table and we discuss it. We invite Lowe's, other companies to come in. I have even had legal aid to come in case people have problem or they need to file bankruptcy. Or they need to know how to set a budget to kee their property. We are a working community and those of you that did not vote for this, I feel sorry for you. You need to talk to your homeowners group and tell them to get busy.

I feel this is an excellent program to start. We have made many mistakes in this city and it have not grown because you have not tried to take smaller steps. You want to go all over the city and do it and you can't do that. You take smaller step, you take an area at a time. You're going to make some mistakes and thanks Councilwoman Walsh for saying you want to wait and see how Ward 4 turn out before you even think about it. I think that's a smart move. I feel the rest of you council people should do the same thing. Talk to your homeowners association. If I can take time and if people in Heritage Park can take the time to ride around our neighborhood and look at vacant homes, find out about rental property, so can the other neighborhood association.

Not only that, we are not finished. This is just the beginning. We plan to go all over Heritage Park. I look at some of the streets. I was riding down one street and it was 221, and it felt like a roller coaster ride. The street was in such bad shape. 196 and 195, you know, some areas are forgotten, but you need people with leadership that will put themselves on the line and go out and look around in their neighborhood. You know people say, hey, they are not going to do anything. Well, hey, I resent that. I resent it because I put quite a bit in my home. I will match my home with anyone up there, sitting up here. Because I put a lot of pride in what I have and I want my neighborhood to do the same thing. Someone has to set an example. I have chosen myself to be that example.

I work with the people in my neighborhood. I give them advice. If they don't take it, to bad. They know what we have. EDCOR, yes, it's good, but they deny a lot of people because they may not have enough equity in their home. They may not have enough financial liability. They may have bad credit. It's a lot of things and we are not just talking about cosmetic on the outside, we're talking about the house in and out. So thank you, all of you that voted and thank you for everyone is for this project. May God Bless you all.

Mr. Warren Wallace – 24430 Mavec. Want to talk about City Hall on the Move. Had an opportunity to meet a couple of Directors, pretty nice, especially Assistant Chief Prajetel. We had a long discussion and I asked him a bunch of questions about your recruiting process and if what he told me was the truth, which I have no reason to believe otherwise, I think the fire recruiting program is very fair. I had a little problem with recruiting minorities and not enough minorities in the Fire Dept., but from what he told me I think the Fire Dept. is very fair in their recruiting process.

I also want to talk about Director Gulich. Really nice guy. We talked about some weird stuff, but you're a really nice guy man. I heard a lot about you coming out of High School, working directly with the City, that's saying a whole lot. Starting out where you started out at and where you are at now and the services you provided for the city and working with the city for so long all your adult life, that's saying a lot about your character. People like you make this town a lot, a lot, a better place to live. Especially for my family and the Wallace Family wants to thank you for making Euclid a lot more enjoyable for us. But you are really a nice guy. People need to come out and meet you and you are really knowledgeable, you are on top of your game, that's good.

Say Congratulations to Melody Stewart. Hope she wins the whole thing come November. City Hall still on the Move, the Mayor can talk about that because last time he used all my time up so when I'm done he can talk about that.

Also, can you tell, someone wanted me to ask you to tell the youngsters out there the importance of staying in school. Thank you very much.

President Gudenas- Euclid on the Move, when is your next meeting?

Mayor Cervenik – We have our final Euclid on the Move for the month of May, May 25th from 4:00-7:00 and that will be at the lakefront community center. That will be a Thursday. The Mayor maybe a little late getting there. For those of you that don't know my wife just scheduled to have double knee replacement and as luck would have it, it was scheduled after Euclid on the Move for August 25th. I keep going with August and that's because I'm going to be on vacation in August, so I think it is on my brain. We will all be there and her surgery is at six in the morning so I'm sure I'll be there for a good part of it. We plan on having something towards the beginning of fall, end of summer for the whole city. Probably we're going to try providing some food and beverage as well to get more people to come and then we're going to go to every other month. We will pick a ward every other month, we will be out there changing the times. Just trying to get people acclimated to that. The people that have come have been very satisfied, very informative, very helpful to us in coming up with questions and comments. We are going to continue to do that. I think it is important that we get out there in the community like that.

President Gudenas – We wish your wife the best.

Mayor Cervenik – She'll be okay.

President Gudenas – Could be on the move.

Mayor Cervenik – She'll be on the move soon enough but for awhile she'll be on the mend. I'm going to take care of her.

Ms. Deborah Wide – 1494 E. 196 St. I've lived in my home for 3 years now and after 30 days of being in my home I had a major flood and that's one of the problems that's on 196. At least 85% of the people that live 196 have floods in their basement. When I purchased my home, I wanted a three bedroom house with a finished basement. I have to wake up every day when it rains, everyday like it has been raining everyday, I wake up every morning not knowing if I'm going to have a flood in my basement. It is part of the sewer problem that is the reason that we're having the floods over on our street.

I think that #7, I guess it will be good. I don't think it is kind of fair that we will have to take a loan out in order to cure that problem with Upper Valley and Beverly Hills that are getting new sewer systems and we're getting a loan. I thank everybody that is on the committee that voted for it. Thank you.

President Gudenas – Director Gulich, 196 anything to say regarding basement water?

Director Gulich – Over the last couple of days we probably have somewhere between 30 and 40 jobs. I wasn't aware of any acute problem in this particular neighborhood but if you want to stay until the end of the meeting, I'll be glad to talk to you and then converse with my Sewer Supt. tomorrow.

President Gudenas – I have something to bring up too that somebody brought to my attention that will wait until my comments come up regarding that.

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Mr. William Hilf – 891 E. 237 St. Coming here tonight as the Business Director of UpStage Players to promote a couple of events that Upstage is participating in. First, this Friday, May 19th at the Wickliffe Public Library, UpStage Players is proud to present the Cast Party, a murder mystery. This will be the third year UpStage will be performing a murder mystery for the Friends of the Wickliffe Library. It is May 19th. Doors open at 6:30, the show begins at 7:00. Advance tickets are \$10 and it can be purchased by called 440-944-6010. It is a benefit for the Friends of the Wickliffe Library. The show was written by Chuck Abraham of Silhouette Productions.

On June 1st, UpStage Players will be holding auditions for its 6th Annual Summer Show. The Summer Show is now called UpStage Underground. It is open to actors and actresses ages 13-18 years old. It is a collection of one-act plays that each run about 10-15 minutes. The show usually takes about an hour to an hour and a half and we perform outdoors in a variety of locations around Euclid and Greater Cleveland. We should be part of Ingenuity Festival this year. We'll also be performing at the West Side Market again. For more information about that, you can e-mail UpStagePlayers@aol.com or UpStagetickets@yahoo.com. That's for 13-18 years old on June 1st. The performances are at the end of July.

On June 9th UpStage Players will once again perform the Cast Party Musical Murder Mystery but this time we'll be performing it in Euclid at the Shore Cultural Centre in the auditorium as a benefit in the memory of local director, actor and friend and author of the show, Chuck Abraham, who was the founder of Silhouette Productions. Chuck unfortunately died last year during the rehearsals of Peter Pan. And since he wrote the show and was generous enough to let us perform it without having to pay for it, we're doing this as a benefit for his family as Chuck didn't have any insurance at the time of his death. We're doing this as a benefit especially for his children Kevin and Shannon. The performance will be June 9th, it is a Friday. 7:30 performance at Shore Cultural Centre. Advance tickets are 289-8107. It is \$10 for adults; \$8 for seniors and \$6 for students. We'd encourage everybody to attend. We're holding this in the auditorium because we're expecting that we can pull a big audience and we'd like all of you to be there to help honor Chuck's memory.

Finally last but not least UpStage Players once again will be participating in the Euclid Lakefront Festival June 15-18th at Sims Park. We'll be doing the inflatables this year as we did the last Lakefront Festival. It will be a good time. Parks & Rec has been working very hard on it. It is going to be an excellent event. Come out and participate and meet more of your fellow Euclid citizens. Thank you.

Mr. Mike Maggio – 731 E. 250. I'm a member of the City's Beautification Committee and I'm also on the Pond & Garden Tour. Just to restate what Kathy Will said earlier, we have a Pond & Garden Tour going on in the city, the weekend of the 25th. Saturday night it is a candlelight tour

President Gudenas- June?

Mr. Maggio – June. Saturday night is candlelight tour and Sunday is from Noon until 7:00 PM. We are looking at somewhere between 15-20 homes this year. We're also going to have a photo contest. So we'd like to see a lot of people there. Some of you people have been there in the past but a lot of you people have not. So, I don't know if I need to ask you or challenge you guys to see if you find the time to make it out there. It is a good event and it seems to be getting a little bit bigger. But a lot of people say that they don't see a lot of people that work for the city on the tour so that is something that we really want to see this year. That's it.

President Gudenas – For those still watching us at home, apparently the Cavaliers won today, so you don't need to, what was the score? 74 to 72. You could have watched that or watched this, so obviously this is the better choice. Just as much excitement.

Mrs. Diana Ross - Cavs aren't going to take care of our mortgages or anything though, or our community, right?

President Gudenas – For a few people they will. Get one of them to move into your city they pretty well will take care of a block or two.

Mrs. Ross - I live at 44 E. 224 St. That's what we should do is start a new committee to get the Cavs to live here. That's all right. One question I have and I don't know who to direct it to so I'm just opening it, I heard about the senior program that you have and I have a company that takes care of the elderly. We currently have some Euclid residents that we are caring for that are paying out-of-pocket and I was concerned and wondering is there any benefit to those people who already have a service like my own for example to get any additional financing?

President Gudenas – That would be Director Pietravoia, he may or may not have the answer right now.

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Director Pietravoia – Depending upon the type of service that you are referring to, they may very well be able to take advantage of some of our programs at no cost. I would suggest that we get together with our Senior Programs Manager that was here earlier.

Mrs. Ross – Is there another committee meeting that's being held as well. I heard something mentioned of a meeting. Is that any opportunity for anybody else to be there?

President Gudenas – Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail will be scheduling one but it is not scheduled as of this second.

Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail – I have to confirm with the people who would be participating, but I'm thinking the 24th or the 31st.

Mrs. Ross – Is that something I could be at?

Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail – Sure.

Mrs. Ross – Thank you. The other thing that I have to share with you is that I'm really excited and this week on Thursday, Ward 2, Councilman Langman is going to have his first part of Bridging Community Connections. We're excited because this is an opportunity for residents to come and share with us some positive things about Euclid and perhaps there are some things that people need to be refreshed about that are positive. It is an opportunity number one, to look at Shore Cultural Centre while they are at our meeting. That will be in Room 152. It is a part of a three-part series to take place and we would ask that you attend all sessions. These are on the community channel too in the event that they need to check out those dates. It will be at 7:00 until 8:30, Room 152, the first of a three-part series for Ward 2 or Langman's ward.

Ward One will take place on June 8th. That will be the first of their three-part series. Gruber's is Ward 4, will be held May 24th at that's going to be held at Hilltop Village. Walsh's first segment will be on July 6th. I'd like to thank everybody, all of the Council people for your support in this endeavor. We have done a lot of things to make this very positive for the community. I heard someone mention earlier, one step at a time or a piece at a time. So we've segmented this into the different wards, trying to take it into smaller chunks, so we're excited about that.

It is an opportunity, we're using a format that is unlike a problem solving mode. We're all used to being problem solvers, including myself, I'm a nurse, so I look at things from a problem to be solved. My husband is an accountant, so you can guess that he's a problem solver as well. This is an approach called appreciative inquiry. It is a methodology that was developed here in our hometown of Cleveland by a Professor by the name of David Cooperider and he had implemented it in several different segments of community-type programs from City Council to national forums and also in business. I am happy to say that I am such a supporter of this program that my husband and I have adopted appreciative inquiry into our business.

What it is, is a format of discussing all of the positives. If you will, think of a glass of water, perhaps a half a glass of water with all of our problems in it and as we find out the positives in our community, we overfill that glass until eventually those problems are washed out of the system. We're not negating that there are problems in the City of Euclid, but we're asking from 7:00 PM until 8:30 PM, an hour and a half, that you share any of those problems in a positive format. It is a challenge for everyone in the city. We have walked the neighborhoods and we are talking to people and currently, myself, I have been able to reach by Wednesday I will have reached 1,000 homes myself. Just to let you know we're working hard for all the wards.

President Gudenas – Thank you very much. And that guy from Detroit, he was very positive they were going to win today. Didn't he guaranty them a win? Don't believe everything you hear. Anybody else? I see no one.

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

COUNCILMEN'S COMMENTS

Councilman Delaney – Last Council Meeting I had asked about more litter control throughout downtown Euclid with our fast-food restaurants. We talked about notifying managers, trash cans, the size of them, where they are placed. Do we have a plan to-date?

President Gudenas – No one is looking up here, I see no plan to-date. Apparently we need a plan to-date.

Councilman Delaney – I have to see some sort of progress on that. Just as our resident had talked about the flooding on 196, I had had several calls about flooding, particularly a few on Briardale. I know that many of these homes have suffered over there. Some of them have gone through great lengths to waterproof their basement, clean out their sewers. They claim that we're not getting to the city end of it, the city sewers. There

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is nothing left for them to do on their property, yet their basements are still flooding. I don't know, Director Gulich, do we have a schedule? I know we've been pretty dry up until this point and now we know where all the leaks are.

Director Gulich – Yes, we did have a pretty dry spring up until just the last couple of days but we've had some particular calls from Briardale and I can have our Sewer Dept. do a query the computer and call up all of our calls that we've received, see if there is some type of pattern there. I'd be glad to get back to you and see what we find over there.

Councilman Delaney – Director Pietravia our Issue 2 project on E. 222 Street. When do we begin construction for that?

Director Pietravia – We hope the project will be out to bid shortly. Director Gulich may actually be able to respond to this better because he's handling that aspect of the project. The hope was that it would be under construction the season with most of the work being done in this current year. It is likely given the magnitude of the project which has actually grown which is a positive thing, that it will extend into next year's season as well, part of the construction.

Councilman Delaney – Well my request and it does go to Director Gulich is a small one. I brought it up before. That segment of 222 has a lot of the old granite curbs, solid pieces of rock. It has been suggested before that we find a place that we could warehouse them, we could look at retaining walls on Euclid Ave., Sims Park, the Harbor Town project, a lot of these big solid old blocks of granite can be very valuable certainly more valuable than curbs when they excavated.

Director Gulich – I'll talk to our consultant who is putting together those specifications. Perhaps we can create something in the specifications whereby they can be saved for us. A lot of the old curbs that were removed in places like Lake Shore Blvd., you recall back in the 1990's those were basically dumped. They may not all be salvageable for various reasons, but we can definitely look into a long term use for them after their 80 years of life has occurred.

Councilman Delaney – thank you very much, that would be great to see. Just in closing, I would like to wish everyone a Happy Memorial Day. I look forward to our Parade. It is our 76th Annual. It is always a big day in Euclid and I enjoy it very, very much and see you all there.

Councilman Gruber – I would like to welcome Asst. Law Director Jackson. Manager Petkovic, about how many grass tags have you written so far, guesstimate?

Manager Petkovic – 504 to-date.

Councilman Gruber – You got to get those on Spino tomorrow for me right so you'll have 6, 7 and 8.

Manager Petkovic – We'll be there tomorrow.

Councilman Gruber – Thank you very much. I would like to remind everybody that we have a Euclid Villa Homeowners Association meeting on Wednesday at Indian Hills School at 7:00. We have a Heritage Park Meeting and a Beverly Hills Meeting which is at Bethlehem Lutheran, the Heritage Park Meeting is at the new mini-station. Both of those are on the 23rd at 7:00. Also tonight's, one of the pieces of legislation addressed beautification which is a major issue on Euclid Ave. and that should be underway almost immediately. I noticed that the hanging basket brackets have been hung and there's been some other plots laid out that looks like it is moving along post-hence, so that's very encouraging and we look forward to that. Any idea when some of that stuff might start coming up, the hanging baskets and the like?

Director Pietravia – We are trying to finalize the plans for the planted beds, the flower beds that we planted at major intersections. We sought advice from a landscape architect on the types of plant materials. We're also finalizing designs on the banners that will be hung. The baskets have already been ordered. They are going to be installed on Monday, in fact. The brackets are already in place. The baskets will be installed on Monday. For those of you that care about these details and I know there are many, we are actually coordinating the colors of the flowers and the planting beds with those in the baskets and with the banners, so it should be a very nice program once it is all in place.

Councilman Gruber – We appreciate that and I know that the Grand Blvd. retaining wall is going to be getting some much needed attention shortly as well. Maybe before Memorial Day we could paint the steps at the Cemetery. But those are just little things. I would like to say goodnight to Walter and Barbara Apansewicz. Good night.

Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail – I was also going to remind people that the Ward 1 City Hall on the Move will be Thursday, May 25th from 4:00-7:00 and I will probably leave early because my daughter is graduating from Pre-School that night. I was also going to remind and encourage Ward 1 residents to join us for the Bridging Community Connections. I was able to participate in the pilot run, a portion of it and found it very rewarding. I would encourage people to come out for a positive look at Euclid and the appreciative inquiry process is indeed awarding. The Ward 1 dates again are June 8th, June 22, and July 6th, all Thursday evenings, at the Church of the Epiphany.

Director Pietravoia, is there a plan in place to reform the Housing Advisory Board as they once existed to approve the Housing Improvement Projects?

Director Pietravoia – Yes, we will follow very similar procedure on the administrative side to what was done when the program first started so we will be putting that Board back in place.

Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail – The program as we discussed in the committee meeting will be back to the basics of additions, new bathrooms, space that was previously unfinished, sewer work would not be included. Waterproofing would not be included.

Director Pietravoia – For the pilot program, during this first year period, we're going back to the original program which included all those basic improvements that you are describing. It was later expanded to include waterproofing, basement repairs, things of that nature. Those will not be included at least not in this pilot program.

Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail – I do wish it success. I think we would have benefited greatly from additional discussion and that was my only reason for not supporting it. I obviously support neighborhood associations and their involvement in the community. We just started a new street and neighborhood association at 214 and 216 and I wanted to thank Kristal and Sgt. Payne for their involvement in that. I meet with many homeowners associations and they do bring many good ideas. I truly appreciate the residents that are involved and the ideas that they bring forward. I think we could all benefit from new programs, but I think in order for them to succeed and for them to be fair to all residents we need to do some groundwork to get them started and to ensure their success. I hope in this case that it is a success and that we can expand it but I think we missed a little bit of the background work.

Councilman Langman – Director Pietravoia, can you give me an update on where we stand with the Upson Delicatessen that is a flooding influence on that area and not much as happened.

Director Pietravoia – We share your concern over that property Councilman Langman. We have issued a letter to the owners. There is a group of owners, as you know on that property, telling them that the Prosecutor will be summoning them to a meeting. At that meeting it is our intent to, since so much time has already passed, to set some very short deadlines for all the violations to be corrected. We'll need the cooperation of the Prosecutor, obviously to accomplish that and we believe that will be there.

Councilman Langman – Do we have a date picked out for the Prosecutor?

Director Pietravoia – The Prosecutor will set the date and it hasn't been set yet but it will be shortly. This week in fact it will be set.

Councilman Langman – Very good. We've passed a lot of housing initiatives tonight. I think at the Committee Meeting, I amongst many other council folks asked for where we're at right now with the organization of the Housing Dept., expectations, performance, criteria. If we're going to move forward with the rest of the agenda, which is very ambitious and good, we need to know where we are at now. So any progress on that so far?

Director Pietravoia – Yes, Mr. Petkovic has prepared the information that you've asked for and I need to review it and work on it with the Housing Manager before we submit it to Council. So we expect that shortly we'll have the information you were looking for. It lays out each type of inspector, the tasks that they perform and an estimate of the percentage of time that they work on those tasks.

Councilman Langman – I appreciate that. Turning to some other more positive matters, yes my first Bridges meeting is on this coming Thursday. Hope all the Ward 2 residents that can will come out. During the hours between 7:00-8:30, I'm not the Ward 2 Councilman, I'm simply a facilitator. The idea behind this is to listen to your positive experiences surrounding the City of Euclid. I'm looking forward to that. I think it is a well worthwhile program. As my colleagues have mentioned, we went through the pilot program and it is definitely worthwhile and it helps the community. That's what we're here to do. To do our very best on all

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facets, whether its ordinances or just trying to build cooperation among the various folks within the community. This is part of that scheme to help us pool together as a community.

I would like to mention that my neighborhood association, the Upson Neighborhood Association is holding a Food Drive on Memorial Day. Any folks that want to stop by and say hello to myself, Tod Guntner and some of the other officers of the Association, please do, we'll be at Joe Bartel's house, which is at 410 E. 257 St.

Finally I would like to wish Mayor, your wife, best of luck on her surgery. I'm sure it will be successful and we'll keep her in our prayers.

Mayor Cervenik – Thank you very much and she appreciates that as well as I do. As the Mayor of the City of Euclid I would like to say that I am very proud that my wife can have that surgery right here at Euclid Hospital. They have the best surgeons in the Cleveland Clinic program that come to Euclid Hospital to perform the joint replacements. The nursing is phenomenal and rehab is probably the best in the State of Ohio. It is a great asset that we have in the City of Euclid as well. Thank you for your kind thoughts.

President Gudenas – My sister-in-law works there.

Councilwoman Walsh – I would like to start with, I believe it was two council meetings ago, but I could be wrong. We met a young lady by the name of Brittany and I believe you pronounce her last name Rafididi, but I'm not quite sure. Well Brittany impressed a lot of people here and I had the opportunity to nominate her for something called the Project Love Award, which is presented by Walmart. I'm pleased to announce that Brittany did receive notification that she won the award and she won it on her birthday and it was the same day that she got her report card from the school and she's carrying a 4.0 average. She is also very interested in further meeting with me and she's going to be the base of my volunteer core of teenagers in Euclid.

I also was very thrilled this weekend, I got to stop at Imani Church and they have added a food distribution which will be the 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month from 10:00-1:00 and of course it is income guidelines are necessary and you have to be a Euclid resident. They invite you to stop in should you need a bag of food and they had about 50 volunteers ready and able to serve you. A really great bunch of people over there.

The big surprise for Councilman Gruber is this is the weekend, as we continue to work together. I want you to know that there are some really super people in Euclid. When you go into Home Depot, I want to thank them for giving me \$750 worth of flowers to plant in the city. I also have in my backyard ready to be delivered tomorrow, 10 flats of marigolds and we're going to share those with Councilman Gruber for his mini-station which he says is our mini-station. I also have a truckload of tiger lilies coming and I have some other hostas from the man that works here at City Hall. The marigolds were from Fine Interiors and I've got to tell you, support your local business because they've really been super to us.

I have question for Director Gulich and the question is simply, when is Babbitt Road going to be done? That would help my phone calls greatly, if you could tell me.

Director Gulich – All we need is a couple of dry days. Had we had those the later part of last few we would have had that buttoned up. We went and we ground the surface down so of course it is driveable, it is not wonderful to drive on. The good news is we won't have to impact traffic as we did during the construction. The only thing left is the resurfacing and of course we'll jump in and do the necessary landscaping. Part of the project will be able to include 254th as well, which is nice. We'll be able to get Issue 2 to pay for most of that. Just a couple of dry days.

Councilwoman Walsh – Thank you. To Director Petkovic, Housing Dept., he's hiding behind Chief Maine. This week marks the sixth month anniversary of the house on Shirley. Right before I came to Council tonight, I did get a constitute who called me on behalf of three neighbors over there. They'd like to know when we could celebrate the anniversary party and take the boards down and fix the house or condemn it or maybe get some of Gruber's money and take the house down altogether. But it is an eye sore. I was over there Saturday and whoever cut the grass did not do a good job, so I don't know who you are having cut the grass. That is a problem. We are going to plant, I'm trying to get a hold of Chief Maine, I'm trying to get a hold of Sgt. Payne, we are giving some to the Ward 3 mini-station. I'd like to try to plant some of those flowers this weekend so they don't die, depending on the weather of course. Anyone who wants to help us, you can call me at 261-0868 and we're going to have a good planting weekend and we'll carry it into June if necessary and thank everyone who helped me. God Bless.

Manager Petkovic – To answer Councilwoman Walsh's question. I talked to the owner last week. There is a contract on that house to be sold as is and will be rehabbed. The paper work is between the two attorneys now and it should be settled within a week or two.

President Gudenas – I'm going to jump all over the place. It was brought to my attention a couple of months ago that the retention basin the city has at E. 222 St. and Euclid Ave., behind the McDonald's is often empty

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and a resident on 218 Street had flooded basements and wanted me to answer why is that retention basin even today after several days of rain completely empty. Right before the meeting I did take a couple of pictures. So Director Gulich, so everyone can hear the answer all at once, could you explain why the retention basin is not getting any water in it when it is raining and basements are flooding?

Director Gulich – The only thing I can tell you Councilman Gudenas is the drainage, the basin is working as it was designed.

President Gudenas – It is not working. I was there myself. The only water going in there was from rain. I saw the inflow and nothing was coming from there. Basements are flooding.

Director Gulich – The only thing I can tell you is we do check that annually and I will be glad to report back to you after further discussions.

President Gudenas – Sooner than later because I'd like an explanation as to why no water was going into that retention basin. It is hard to explain to a resident that we have a retention basin to hold back rainwater and there is no rainwater in it when basements are flooding and we've had a lot of rain.

Director Gulich – We have indeed and I'll get you that explanation.

President Gudenas – When?

Director Gulich – In the next couple of days, guaranteed.

President Gudenas – We have another day or two of rain and the residents would greatly appreciate it. I can't give them an answer on that that's a logical answer. So I would definitely appreciate something on that. Speaking of water, the fountains at Shore Cultural Centre in front, usually they are on about now, are they going to be on soon for our parade?

Director Will – It is our every intention to have them up and running by the Memorial Day parade.

President Gudenas – Okay thank you. Also I was given a call by the owner of the shopping center where the Dunkin Donuts is where the ATM machine is that people don't like. Apparently he's been trying to evict them and they are going to Euclid Court tomorrow and wanted to make sure the administration can do whatever it can to help him get that ATM machine out of that parking lot which is really detracting from the new construction. So will we have representatives at the Court hearing tomorrow?

Director Pietravoia – We have, our assistance has been at the front-end of the process. We have provided all the documentation on the violations at that location to allow the Judge to do what's necessary with that owner of that ATM. We expect to see it gone shortly.

President Gudenas – The owner wants it gone too, of the shopping center.

Director Pietravoia – As you well know and as Councilman Langman and others will concur, has a lot of problems at that property and this is just one small one that we hope after tomorrow will be corrected. Then we intend to be very aggressive on the rest of the issues on that property as well. Which actually are the property owners responsibility.

President Gudenas – I understand. That's a whole separate matter.

Director Pietravoia – Yes.

President Gudenas – Thank you very much. So everyone knows, we've had an intern working here at City Hall from the Euclid High School, for the past several weeks, looking at are internet website and he's coming up with a lot of good ideas. We hope to have a report back from the student in a couple of weeks. We may have a sample of what he's up to within a week or so. We'll let everybody know if that's the case, but we're looking forward to some good ideas. We have two other interns that are working with Director Pietravoia's office. The Euclid High School kids are doing a great job helping the City of Euclid. They are having a graduation ceremony for the interns next week which we'll be at and we're going to hope to invite the three over here for a little presentation later.

Also, I mention that because next week I would like to have a City Council Executive Committee Meeting here at 7:30, that would be Monday, May 22 to go over two things. One is the proposal for the jail renovations. We've been reading a lot about them in the newspaper and what we would like to do is put something in writing to let City Council know exactly what the numbers are. We have a budget of \$2 million

to operate the jail, but I'm reading in the paper that we're going to save \$2 million, which means we run the jail for zero. I'd like to see that one. So if you can do that, you've got your money. So, same with the renovation costs. What we're looking for is just like the Shore Board had to do is put projected revenue and expenses together. We're looking for some kind of projections on operations with the improvements and we have obviously the budget without the improvements now to really make a financial case for this.

That's part one and part two of the committee meeting is we'd like to talk about the Weed & Seed program. I would like to have the Police Chief send a representative here for that. We'll probably do that before the jail or after the jail whatever works best. We want to go over the report that Madeline Scarniench had made last year so that we can go over that. Budget issues, all kinds of other items. One thing I'd also like to get a report on is how the violations for walking in the street have been working out. Have we cited people? Have we given warnings? I noticed in your latest police report there is a lot of extra complaints for juveniles gone way up over a year ago and that could be from extra enforcement or it could be extra trouble.

Chief Maine – I can tell you that since the first of the year there have been approximately 50-51 tickets written for jaywalking, not crossing in the crosswalk, walking in the street. Thirty-six of those have been juveniles.

President Gudenas – How would that compare to a year ago?

Chief Maine – I would have to go back and look at what the total was for last year.

President Gudenas – We'd just like a little update. I know the schools were helping us out on that. So that will be next Monday starting at 7:30, not at 7:00, Executive for those two items, the jail and the Weed & Seed program, so we can take care of those issues and move along.

Councilman Conway – Director Will, is there an update, I was asked by a resident today, on the pavilion at Memorial?

Director Will – That is interesting that you had asked that question. I'm working with, I actually have 4 contractors right now that I am awaiting for their quotes to come in. We're currently getting specs on a 30 x 70 pavilion to be placed outside in Memorial Park, where the old bocci courts were. So if not the next Council meeting, it will be on the last, the Council meeting on the 19th.

Councilman Conway – If that goes well and it is on for the 19th, do you have a projection as to when it maybe up and working?

Director Will – I don't currently have it. It depends on which contractor we go to. One of the big problems right now is there's a lot of excavating that has to be done because of the drain tile and I don't want to put a pavilion up there and have it turn into a lake every time. I would hope within 6 weeks that would be up.

Councilman Conway – It seems that we have enough leaks to worry about right now, so I appreciate you taking that extra step. Thank you.

Tonight we had an opportunity to hear from the Chairperson of the Citizens Evaluation Committee and I would just like to urge the residents to try to take the opportunity if you see a member of the committee passing out one of their surveys to take the 5-10 minutes to try to fill out the survey. Obviously the feedback that we get is only as good as the feedback that is provided by you the residents. So to truly make the impact that we hope the Citizens Committee makes, please do take that opportunity to complete one of the surveys. As the Chairperson said, I think the first opportunity you'll see the surveys in the community will be during the Memorial Day parade which of course I hope to see all of you in attendance at the Memorial Day parade. I know it is a great event and I look forward to participating in it this year.

Lastly before we close, I would just like to wish my son, J.J., a Happy 6th Birthday. Thank you and have a good evening.

President Gudenas – Happy Birthday and good night to everyone.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Conway moved to adjourn. Councilman Gruber seconded. Yeas: Unanimous.

Attest:

Clerk of Council

President of Council

