

**COUNCIL MINUTES
JUNE 19, 2006**

The regular City Council meeting was held on Monday, June 19, 2006 at 7:00 PM in the Euclid City Hall Council Chamber. President Gudenas presided.

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

All present.

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

Invocation was given by Rev. Craig Bode of Bethlehem Lutheran Church

A moment of silence was held for Marine Sergeant Mark Smykowski, who will be buried on Tuesday at Arlington National Cemetery with full Military Honors. Resolution 124-2006 extends Council's and the Administration's heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends of Mark Smykowski.

COMMUNICATIONS

Council has received the Monthly General Fund Report from Director Johnson; Information from Director Pietravoia on the Housing Staff Allocation and information on service items from Director Gulich.

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Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail moved to receive the Council Minutes of June 5, 2006 and Special Council Minutes of June 7, 2006. Councilman Langman seconded. Yeas: Unanimous.

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Cervenik and Fire Chief Cosgriff administered the Oath of Office to the following six new firefighters cadets: William Hoose, John Jaros, Brian Caimi, Robert Swope, Brian Miller and John Reidy.

Mayor Cervenik presented Res. 122-2006 to members of the Euclid Pet Pals for winning the Great Paper Drive from Abitibi Recycling.

Mayor Cervenik presented Res. 123-2006 to Pat Barnes for receiving the F. Robert Weisenberger Award from the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority.

Mayor Cervenik presented Res. 121-2006 to Anne Ferlito on being named a 2006 National Disney Teacher Award Honoree.

Mayor Cervenik – The July 4th fireworks will be at Memorial Park, beginning at dusk. If there is a rain out date and I've been pretty good at predicting this, I think 4th of July is going to be sunny all day. But in case I'm wrong, the rain date will be July 5th.

Phone problems, we should have it solved, we hope by the end of the week. Before I have a couple of Directors make some comments, as I e-mailed Council last week, I am proud to announce that Moody's Rating Service has removed the negative outlook from the financial position of the City of Euclid.

I think that's a great accomplishment. I want to thank City Council for their efforts in having this happen. I also want to thank really all the employees. Our employees are working very hard and understand that we're trying to get things back on track. Moody's recognized a number of the new improved financial practices and policies that we have. They also recognize the many economic development programs that are in the works. Although our bond rating stays at A-1, it is not A-1 stable, rather than A-1 negative outlook.

When they reduced our rating to A-1 from a AA, I fully expected that do to the fact that our cash reserves were virtually gone. I did take it sort of personally that we received that negative outlook and it has been a goal of mine to get that negative outlook removed.

I need to especially thank Jack Johnson our Finance Director and his staff, as well as Allan Bauccho and Gigi Benjamin, our bond underwriter and counsel. We met on a phone

conference with Moody's a couple of weeks ago, spent a little over an hour on the phone with them and convinced them that things are positive in Euclid. With that, I'm a happy guy and I'm going to turn it over, thank you. I will tell you and it was in the news release, we got a long way to go, we really do. But we're sticking to our plan. Our goal is to increase the cash reserves in the General Fund by close to a million dollars a year until we get it up to close to \$5-\$6 million as it used to be. Moody's has the confidence in us now that we're committed to that. We've got a long way to go. We've got to keep looking forward, we've got to keep working together and you will all have my continued commitment to do so.

I'll turn it over to Kathy Will, but before you start talking Kathy, I got to tell you, I don't know how many of you in this room and I see quite a few familiar faces that were at the Festival this past weekend. You, the Festival Committee and the employees in your department, out did themselves. You really did. It was a great festival. It was laid out tremendously. It was a very comfortable, safe, happy atmosphere. The activities were phenomenal. I was there every day but Friday, I took Friday off. We had the rocket ship from Euclid Beach; we had inflatables; we had some phenomenal bands; the wine tasting and I saw a number of you there as well and we were just sipping a little bit, we were behaving ourselves. But tremendous wines and wineries that they had there, they really were good. We really showed a good side of the City of Euclid. We need to get the committee together in the next week or so and go over what we want to do differently next year; what we want to do the same and get promoting that right away. We really did show people what Euclid's all about. Go ahead, congratulations.

Director Will – Thank you very much Mayor. I'll save my comments for the Festival for last. But just to remind the residents that all the pools are now open. You can still come to the Recreation Office and purchase you're pool pass. We do have hours for the month of June on Tuesday & Thursday, from 3:00-7:00 PM. For the month of July, you can purchase your passes and ID cards on Tuesday from 3:00-7:00 PM.

I'd also like to take this time to thank all the Euclid residents, administration and especially the City Council for being very, very patient with the hanging baskets. Our hanging baskets unfortunately were ordered a little bit to late this year mainly because of our budget situations. We did the best that we feel that we could. They were hung up last week. They do have a long way to go but I give you my guarantee that they will be the most beautiful baskets around the State of Ohio. The nursery that did them for us put in extra seeds in each basket for us, above and beyond what we paid for. We started watering them, it takes about 4 hours a day to water these flowers, just so the residents are aware of what is happening. Thank you for your patience with these. They will be up beautifully hanging over very, very soon. If City Council wishes for us to do this next year, they will be ordered at a much earlier time. Thank you very much for that.

City Council normally gets financial reports from the Rec Dept. and the Golf Course. Unfortunately you do not have them at the meeting this week, you will have them next week along with the report for the Lakefront Festival.

I will be requesting a Committee meeting very shortly with Councilman Delaney to sit down with everyone and start discussing all of our plans, show the quotes and everything that we have for the Memorial Park Pavilion.

I would like to remind the residents that this weekend is the 2006 Euclid Pond and Garden Tour. It will be on Sunday, June 25 from Noon until 7:00 PM. We do have 13 homes and two businesses that are on this tour. There are several homes that are also on the special candlelight tour, Saturday June 24th from 6:00 to 11:30 PM. You can purchase your tickets at City Hall, or you can purchase by calling Mike Maggio at 731-4456. Tickets are \$8 and the proceeds from the Pond and Garden Tour will benefit the Shade Tree Commission, our Euclid Hunger Center and also our Euclid Pet Pals.

We will also be having a photo contest. Anybody that comes on the Pond Tour, you can submit your photo to my office by July 15th. Our winning photos will be framed and displayed here at Euclid City Hall and the winner will receive \$100 gift certificate to the Beach Club Bistro.

Finally I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their participation and assistance in the Lakefront Festival. I was the most fortunate one, I predicted and promised all the vendors and everybody that it would not rain until we were taking everything down at 11:30 on Sunday night. Fortunately, I was a little bit off on that, but the weather did hold out for the most part. Thank you everybody for your support.

Mayor, I couldn't have done it without you, I appreciate that. The administration for putting up with me and my staff for the last month, putting this together. Bigger thanks to City Council for bringing this festival back. I saw what happened over the last 4 days, the residents and non-residents that were brought into this city because of this festival made it all worth it. In

December you gave us the challenge to bring the Festival back; I hope you give me the challenge again next year. It was great. It was more successful than I ever, ever imagined it would be. Many city Council were on our committee. Thank you for putting together what you did. I again could not do it without you.

I do have to take this moment to thank several people that were also involved in it. We had 30 city employees that volunteered over 60 hours to assist me, let along my staff. Thank you very, very much for that.

Thanks to our Parks & Rec Maintenance staff. My staff, Daryl, Mac, Kathy, Valerie and her husband Tim, Mike Lang, thank you guys for everything. They were there every night, early every morning, helping me set everything up. The vendors that were there said they had never worked with such wonderful people. The people that came to the festival were all very, very friendly. It was family oriented. They loved being on the lake.

I want to take the time to thank our sponsors: Euclid Hospital; Cleveland Clinic Hospital; Skyline Electric; Portable Toilet Company; 1330 AM WELW; Sun Newspapers and Keener Printing. Thank you.

I would like to thank our local groups that assisted us: UpStage Players; Euclid Hunger Center for the wine tasting on Sat. night it was awesome. There had to be 400 people that were in that wine tasting garden, it was wonderful. Euclid Petpals; Maximum Independent Living; Councilwoman Mancuso thank you for making the arrangements for Metro Life Flight to come it. It was exciting and they stayed there probably an hour and a half longer than they were going to, but it was very positive. The children and the adults especially myself loved seeing what happened with that, it was great.

The Euclid Blade & Edge Figure Skating Club; Euclid Youth Hockey Association; Euclid Kiwanis; Friends of the Henn; Lake Shore Garden Club; Shore Cultural Centre Corp.; the Boy Scouts for doing the camp fires on Friday and Saturday evening. The 8th graders that came and helped me clean up every morning from St. Felicitas; John, Phil and Brian, thank you very much. The Police Athletic League.

Two people that helped me out tremendously were Bob Cirino and his son Rob Cirino. They are from Quaker Corp. and they actually helped me out tremendously with the lay out of the Festival.

The weather held out again like I said, the vendors all loved it. I'm looking forward to next year's. We do plan on meeting up with all of the committee members soon to review everything that was great about it and things that we can change and make even better for next year.

We had a National Anthem Singing Contest on Sunday. Wow, kids have some great voices. There was a young lady who was 12 years old, Cassie Kahr, outstanding, outstanding voice. If you were able to see that, you will understand what I'm talking about. Thank you very much again for everybody who came out and supported the National Anthem Singing Contest.

There are two people who I have to take a moment out to thank even more so. The festival would not have been as successful as it was. The Auxiliary Police Dept. volunteered their time to come in and do the parking for me. One individual, probably if he heard his name again on my walkie-talkie would probably be ready to throw the walkie-talkie at me, but everybody needs to give a round of applause and thank Mr. Tom Cooke. I appreciate everything that you did. You took care of that parking for me, I missed you yesterday though, I did miss you, but Father's Day, I could understand that. Thank you.

Finally the last person I need to thank for this, he gave in over 100 hours of volunteer time last week to be my support person. Gave up things from his family, I found out this morning that he gave up two softball games from his son yesterday to come and spend the time with me and assist me. I hope everybody if you see him, you have an opportunity to thank Mr. Dean Grida from our Parks & Recreation staff. Without him, the festival would not have been possible. If I could have renamed the festival this year, I would have done it as the Euclid Lakefront Grida Festival. Because, again, it was unbelievable what this gentleman did for the last 3 weeks and today. Dean, my heart goes out to you and your family for allowing you to do that. Thank you.

Again, thank you to everyone for a very, very successful event.

Mayor Cervenik – Thank you again, Kathy.

Director Gulich – You already heard about our 4th of July fireworks. I'm going to tell you about garbage pick-up on the 4th of July, because we're not going to have garbage pick up on the 4th of July. Garbage will be picked up in Monday section, Councilman Gruber, as per schedule. There will be no collection on Tuesday. Tuesday will be picked up on Wednesday, so on and so forth, until we get to Friday which will be picked up on Saturday. Please keep that in mind.

Over the past week I had quite a bit of correspondence with Council regarding blocked mains, we had an incident a couple of weeks ago where one came up. A couple of basements did get backed up unfortunately, even including our Sewer Superintendent's. I asked him to put together a brief report, fortunately I just got it into your mailbox today so you haven't had a chance to review it. But we did go through our records throughout the entire year of 2005, we registered 8 blocked sanitary mains and in 2006 up until June 14th, 5 sanitary blocked mains. We were able to get out there and clear that one, rather immediately. It hasn't been a problem since. We will monitor it of course. Any time we do have a recurring problem, we do have our crews dig it or we do resort to our emergency contractor as many of you may have seen on Lakeland Blvd. about 3 weeks ago where we had one of those blocked mains I was referring to. We videotape the sewers if necessary to determine what the problem is and take the necessary action. We don't have a crew going out routinely cleaning them everyday. Every opportunity we do have to put a crew out there and clean these mains, we do take advantage of that. I just wanted to add that. If you have any questions about the report, please feel free to give me a call.

Director Pietravoia – Some more good news this evening, first it is my pleasure to welcome for the first time and introduce to members of Council and the viewing public our new Asst. Director, Paul Beno who is sitting behind me and to my right. Paul will be taking on the duties of not only the Zoning Commissioner but will also help to oversee the divisions of Housing & Building within our department of Community Services & Economic Development.

We are very pleased to have Paul here with us. He brings with him about 16 years of municipal government experience, specifically in zoning and some in Building & Housing as well. He's a graduate in a Planning Program at Ohio State University and is ready to hit the ground running. I hope to have the opportunity to introduce him to all of you individually very shortly as well. We are glad to have Paul here this evening.

Second, a quick announcement, a little bit of housekeeping; I don't know if all members of Council are aware and those in the viewing public, particularly our seniors, we had a water main issue in our downtown business district today and as a result lost water pressure at the Lakefront Community Center. With that happening, particularly because there were no restrooms available and because we serve food there, we had to actually close down that aspect of our programming for today. We expect to do the same for tomorrow.

I did want to assure the seniors however that we have ordered with cooperation from the agency that helps fund our food program, the Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging, we have ordered box lunches for tomorrow, so I wanted to make an announcement that the van drivers will deliver those lunches to those folks that normally received a home delivered meal and those that were transported to the center for lunch, will get a box lunch. Those that used to come on their own, can pick up a box lunch as well tomorrow. I would encourage you for Wednesday given that this is a day-to-day situation, if you're uncertain about the programming to call the number that I'm about to give you for the Senior Programs, 289-2985, if you have any questions about programming for Wednesday. For tomorrow, because of the water situation, the Center and their programming will be closed.

One last thing that I just wanted to assure those seniors that use our transportation to medical appointments, that will continue and the staff is actually stationed here in City Hall temporarily while the water line problem occurs. Thank you and I just wanted to make that brief announcement for our seniors.

Chief Maine – I just wanted to announce that this week is the Annual Special Olympics Torch Run. The leg that goes through Euclid will be tomorrow and we expect to get the torch at 12:15 at the Lake County/Euclid Line. It will go down Euclid Ave. to Babbitt Rd., up Babbitt Road to Shore Center, up to Lake Shore, back down 222 to Euclid Ave. It is about an eight mile jaunt through the City of Euclid. We'll have a number of safety forces involved in the run again this year and they'll be meeting up with the special Olympians around Shore Center. If anybody feels so inclined to make a pledge, I'd be glad to take that pledge and pass it on to the people who will be participating and wish them your best wishes for tomorrow. I think it is going to be a nice day to do the run. Thanks.

Mayor Cervenik – One last person that needs to be thanked, we didn't exclude him on purpose, we waited to the end, that's our own Denny Valencic, he roasted the pig at the Festival on Saturday. It was a sight to behold, let me tell you, it really was. The food was good. Denny thank you for all your help too and before I turn the microphone over, I'd just like to thank State Rep Lance Manson for being here again this evening. Lance, good to see you. That end Administration Reports & Communications.

President Gudenas – Perhaps one more addition, I saw at the Board of Control today we did get the bids. I know Council was looking forward to them regarding the recycling for next year and our entire waste pick up. So that's being tabulated and an analysis is being made. What can, so everyone hears it at one time, what can we expect?

Mayor Cervenik – We hope we would have a report to you next week. It does not appear that the present waste hauler submitted the lowest and best bid. We still need a few things to look at, which means we very well could have a new waste hauler. When you add the cost of recycling with the cost of regular waste pick up, plus the cost to haul our sludge, we will have a significant increase. We've got one other entity that is interested in providing curbside recycling every other week. If we can work out an arrangement with them, we'll have them in I hope before the end of this week or early next week, before we make that final decision. We would like to include that with your package as well.

We did talk with both, there were three bidders; BFI was extremely high. We've asked both of them if they would hold to their prices of regular waste collection if in fact they did not get the curbside recycling and both of them said absolutely. The bidding is put that way so that it was a segment, it was an alternate. So sometime next week we should have a pretty good idea on what it will cost us to do curbside recycling and we'll be able to make an intelligent decision.

REPORTS & COMMITTEE MINUTES

Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail moved to receive the Animal Shelter Report of May, 2006; Board of Control Minutes of 5/22/06 Amended; 5/30/06 and 06/05/06. Councilman Gruber seconded. Yeas: Unanimous.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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

Mr. Joe Poturich – 25520 Zeman Ave. I'm here on #2 tonight. Councilman Langman, I really thank you very much for jumping on this. I've had a pit bull behind us for a year now and he's been loose 4 times and the fourth time I just barely got into the house before he got me. I'm hoping this is a very first step on having this person erect a fence so my wife will be able to go in the back of the garage and do some flower planting again. Thank you very much again Daryl. Everybody have a safe and healthy summer too. Thank you.

Mrs. Cheryl Skrout – 27131 Shirley Ave. I would like to speak on #14 this evening. I would like to thank Mayor Cervenik, Councilwoman Bernadette Walsh and Council President Ed Gudenas for inserting this item #14 on the agenda.

I'm asking for Council to please approve this demolition of 27101 Shirley Ave. Since the fire that occurred at this address on November 29, 2005, it has been a big disgrace to our neighborhood. The smell and the look of this house and the overgrowth of the weeds and the melted blinds that are in the window, the torn tarp that is on the roof and just the boarded up house altogether has been quite a disgrace to the neighborhood. The smell that comes from that house is just disgusting both to us on the one side and our neighbors on the other side.

We have been going round and round. Councilwoman Bernadette Walsh has just been a Saint to us, she has always been there for us and supporting us in every way that she possibly can. If you would please consider taking this into big consideration of demolishing this property once and for all, it would really make the street look so much better than it does. It has been a disgrace to the whole community.

I would also like to thank the Fire Dept. who on that morning did the most fabulous job I have ever seen. If our Chief could find out the firemen who were there that morning of November 29th, please give them our best because they did a fabulous job and I just would like all of you to consider this. Thank you, have a wonderful summer.

Mrs. Audrey Kaplan Goodman – 20201 Glen Russ Lane. Regarding #1, I would like to encourage Council to please vote no to this ordinance. We all know that the jail has problems, but to spend \$30,000 for renovations and for a master plan, I think is uncalled for.

I would like to see the city perhaps talk to its neighbors; South Euclid, Lyndhurst, Willowick, Wickliffe, perhaps something can be done regionally. The jail has reached a point of obsolescence. It is going to take more than renovations to bring it up to where we need it to.

#2, I can't agree with this. I want you guys to vote no on this. The pit bull is part of the terrier family. It is recognized by the AKC. It is not a dangerous dog. The people make it dangerous. Their fun loving, good companions, great with families and children, okay. They are

mishandled, that's where the problem is. But to go about labeling one breed of dog is dangerous, I can't see it. You can say that about any breed of dog. I've known German Shepherds that were mean, Poodles that were mean. I just can't see labeling the bull terrier as a dangerous dog.

#3, regarding the D.A.R.E. program, I wonder if there are any studies that have been done over the years of the effectiveness of the D.A.R.E. programs. I can recall when my son was in elementary school, we had D.A.R.E. police officers come and talk to the students and the parents. I would like to know, how does it work, especially here in the City of Euclid.

Finally, #5, has this gone before the Executive & Finance Committee? What is the money being used for? To my knowledge, I thought we had a surplus of money in the budget, so I'd like an explanation of what the \$700,000 is being used for. Thank you.

Mr. Dennis Berzinskas – 20890 S. Lake Shore Blvd. #1, another study. You know how many studies we have sitting on the shelves? How many hundreds of thousands of dollars of studies? Take that \$30,000 and fix the leaks. That building is leaking. How many times have I come up here in the past and ask the administration, take care of our buildings? Until you put a wrecking ball to them, it is your duty to the citizens to take care of the buildings. You don't let them get into this condition.

2003 you were elected, all of a sudden it is a problem today. The leaks didn't start last year, they started before that. It is called maintenance again, a lack of maintenance. I've talked before about starting a citizens committee to investigate our buildings, our public buildings. Since we cannot afford to do it ourselves it seems like, the citizens are going to have to do it. I mean all public buildings, schools included. If you are going to spend your money or more of less our money, we'll spend it on what needs to be done in time and effectively. Thank you.

Mrs. Chris Soloky – 1767 E. 228 St. on the Chardon Rd. Hill. I'm here to speak on #4 and to let you know a little background about our experience submitting a program that we wanted shown on Channel 21. Unfortunately it ain't as easy as one would think.

Several months ago my husband Dan and I became aware of a program being shown on public access Channel 21 that was disturbing to us. When we asked about this, we were told that it is the right of every Euclid resident to submit and have aired a program pertaining to his or her own interest.

In talking about this, we concluded that the channel needed positive and quality programs and that we could complain all we wanted but it wouldn't really do any good. So we grabbed our digital camera and recorded Dan playing several numbers on the piano. He is a concert pianist and entertainer making his living playing the piano at various venues throughout the Cleveland area.

We compiled the pictures we took about town and the music into a slide show; hence the Piano on the Hill and our frustration was born. We approached the ECTV studio and found Fred Cash and Dennis Urban willing to assist us. They were helpful and good to work with. But we were told the station's policy is first come first serve and that do to a back log of material it would be 5-8 weeks before our program would be aired. According to our calculations our first program of the Piano on the Hill could be on the schedule anytime from next week to mid-July.

Initially we thought this was fair, then we started watching what was actually on the channel. In addition to endless bulletin board announcements, community news and one recent week of absolutely no programs on Channel 21, it seemed that there were only a handful of programs that were actually produced by Euclidians and our program was buried behind programs from Talmadge, Wadsworth, Shaker Hts., Cleveland and Abilene, TX to name a few.

We see the spots of various people asking, please watch ECTV. But how can you expect people to watch ECTV when there are no programs? Why aren't there more actual programs being aired, especially with the backlog of material that exists? What we wondered, did these out of town programs have to do with Euclid and why are Euclid produced programs not given a priority?

We are not saying these out of town programs should be taken off, but we feel programs produced in Euclid by Euclid residents and taxpayers for Euclid should be shown first. Couldn't a tier system be developed by which Euclid produced programs would get a priority over out of town programs?

We went armed with these questions to a recent Cable Commission meeting and it seems that the Commission is working to address these very issues. Dan and I were interested to see that the Commission has to positive ideas to grow the channel over the next several years and are working on establishing goals to make that happen. In discussing their goals, the biggest challenge seemed to be the lack of equipment and it seemed to us that the folks at the station would be able to keep up with the programs being submitted better if they had adequate equipment.

I started thinking that surely we must get some funds from Adelphia that would help us upgrade our study and was told that yes, the city gets a franchise fee of \$500,000 annually. Where does this money go? Wouldn't the residents be better served if the funds were funneled back to ECTV rather than just putting this money into the General Fund? I also wondered at the absence of a council person at the meeting we attended. Is there Council representation on this Commission? We ask that Council take an interest in ECTV, especially since there are substantial funds involved and it is the responsibility of Council to make sure these funds are handled properly.

In closing, with the city the size of Euclid, I'm sure there are various artists, musicians, dancers, writers, entertainers, etc., whose talents could be showcased on public access 21. These talents as well as the talents of the people who are running the channel and the channel itself are being sadly wasted and we feel the situation should be straightened out as soon as possible.

I hope you can address these questions in your discussions when this item comes up on the agenda. Thank you.

Mr. Victor Goodman – 20201 Glen Russ Lane. I would like to first speak on #1, which I am urging Council not to pass. I re-wound and re-watched the last Council meeting and the discussion that was there. I kept watching this particular question to make sure I was listening and heard what I heard.

I heard that the jail was obsolete the day it was built. I heard that this is going to be a study to put more people into a jail which is designed poorly to begin with. I heard that it said that we have to take to many people, to take people to lunch, to the shower, well that's not changing. We're not building a new jail. We will still need those people to do all that, except now if this is passed, they'll have to do it with more people.

I strongly urge you not to do this and like my wife, I would like to see the City of Euclid cooperate with its neighbors where we all fund and we all work responsibly, we all reap the benefit and we all share the cost. I think that a regional jail is the only solution because this jail is just not going to last anyway and we don't have the money to build a new one.

Next is #4. I cannot see how you can approve and adapt revised rules and regulations and updated by laws of ECTV. I've attended the last two council meetings, which barely had enough people to even discuss any subject whatsoever. Of all the subjects that were discussed a lot of them at the second meeting were then brought up again, thankfully, to discuss. Those are new rules and regulations and as the speaker just before, the Euclid resident, who produces Euclid information is really down.

I heard that we don't have enough equipment and we need to go digitized and that will solve a great deal of the problem. I think that's something we have to do and with a half a million dollars, I don't necessarily think all the money should go to ECTV, but certainly a proportion of that money should be sent to ECTV so that they can improve it and improve it for the city and the citizens.

Also, I saw no Council person and I have asked council people, are you in charge. I would assume that it would be Councilman Lisy, because it deals with technology. But I do feel that Council must be represented here. I think ECTV is a fabulous thing. I think its great that the people of the City of Euclid get to see it, for those that can. Also, a point that I wanted to know is that you read minutes from Committee Meetings, yet there were two meetings of ECTV and you read no minutes from them. You approved no minutes from them. My question is, really how much is being done there that we don't know about?

The last, is #5 and I also concur with my wife, is that what is the \$700,000 being spent for that's not chicken feed. True, as we've heard so much about the Tax Department doing so well, that we have money, what do we need to spend an additional \$700,000 on? Thank you very much.

Mr. Warren Wallace – 24430 Mavec. I've got a few bullet points here on #1. I don't want to make a big speech out of it. But I'll ask you to vote yes. You have to take into consideration the Correction Officer's safety there. You have these guys working in these outdated, dangerous buildings, you have to look at their safety also. It is not about going out and trying to compete with a regional jail. We do need this survey to find out if we're going to waste money getting this roof and then find out later the whole jail needs to be done over, so that's like two hundred and fifty something thousand dollars down the drain. I prefer you spend \$30,000 of my money before you go out and waste \$250,000 of it.

Item 2, pit bulls are very, very, very dangerous especially when it comes to children. These dogs will kill children in a blink of an eye. You need to pass this ordinance. As far as these pit bulls being lovable and cuddly, no way. You have cities that tell you you have to have high damage insurance if you own these dogs. They are used for one thing and that's for

fighting, that's for killing, killing each other. They are used for gambling, for betting. The inner-city they have these dogs are totally, totally dangerous and we don't need them in this city. Thank you.

Mrs. Madeline Scarniench – 1511 E. 221. Real short story on #2. After my Lab died some years ago I went over to the Shelter and Warden Lehmann told me I got this great little puppy, have no idea what it is but we found it down by the lake and it was only about yeah big and he was the cutest little thing and I said I'll take him. Well Smokey came home and he started to grow we noticed that the features in this dog were pit bull. I took him, we had him trained, we did all the stuff. I assure you, I do not abuse my dogs, I don't yell at my dogs, I take very good care of my animals. One day as I was sitting down, probably watching a Council meeting, my arm is on my chair and all of a sudden here comes Smokey and he latched onto my arm and he would not let go. That tells me that there's a problem because this little dog did this to me, what would he do to somebody else if he grew up. So, we had the dog put to sleep because once the dog bites, you never know what is going to happen.

I was told that the reason they are so dangerous is because their jaws lock. Once they grab on they don't let go. Where I could hit my lab's nose and he'll stop whatever he's doing if he was doing it. But that's the problem with these dogs. Please, I hope you support this, it's good it is for safety sake. Mr. Wallace was right, I know you do have to have special insurance when you own one of these dogs. Thank you.

Miss Brittany Rattiliff – 26481 Drakefield Ave. I would like to talk about the ordinance about pit bulls. I think that it is unfair to point them out as dangerous dogs. Dogs are dogs, it depends upon how you train them. Pit bulls when they were first bred, were bred to be dangerous dogs to attack other things. But it is not just pit bulls but there are other dogs which were trained to do things like that, so pit bulls aren't the only dangerous dogs. If you are going to point out pit bulls, point out other dogs which is also been proven to be very dangerous.

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

LEGISLATION

Ord. (140-06) Jail Study - Tabled

An emergency ordinance authorizing the Mayor as Ex-Officio Director of Public Safety of the City of Euclid to enter into an agreement with DLZ, 2162 Front Street, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, for a feasibility study and master plan for the City of Euclid Jail Renovations, for an amount not to exceed Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) (Sponsored by Mayor Cervenik)

Councilman Gruber moved for passage, Councilman Lisy seconded.

Mayor Cervenik – I believe the Chief has e-mailed you what we thought was the information you needed. However I know we received a number of e-mails from Councilman Lisy this evening and the Chief has some of those answers to those questions and I'll turn it over to Chief Maine.

Chief Maine – Obviously this whole issues stems from the fact that that facility needs some attention. The question I think while I wasn't here for the last meeting where a good portion of this discussion took place, I did watch it on tape and I think the comments made by Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail were right on the point.

Something has to be done. This is simply a study to determine if we're going to put some money into that building and something has to be done with that building, should we make it more economically feasible, make it efficient and make it safe and weather proof.

Councilman Lisy did send me some late e-mails asking some questions. Some of those I think I can address, some of those I think I can address, some of them I'm not sure that I have the time to be able to check them out. But our current facility is running at capacity. We run close to 70 inmates a day. We have a little bit more room than that but we are not at complete filling because the women's wing has been closed.

There was an incomplete question that I will have to ask you later where you were going with that. I don't believe that there will be increased liability because we'll have a greater capacity, our city is self-insured and I believe that most of the insurance that's held on the city is in regards to the buildings themselves and not so much because of a liability issue. Maybe Mr. Johnson or the Law Director can speak to that better than I can.

A number of your questions surrounded the aspect of it being a dormitory style. While that will be a good portion if its determined that first of all we can do something like that, there

will still be the capacity for those inmates that will not fit into a dormitory population. In other words you still have to have some sort of capacity and capability to house those inmates that don't fit for reasons of generally being violent. So there will still have to be some of those cells that would require them to be more isolated or not put out in the general population.

There maybe a slight increase in the number of CO's but we believe that we can increase the population and keep our general work staff about the same. That's the whole premise behind looking at this. Obviously that's what this study would show us.

I don't believe that the safety of the CO's would be compromised. I certainly don't think that the safety of our residents would be compromised. If I thought that was the case, I certainly wouldn't recommend us to at least explore this as a possibility. I don't remember if there were any other specific ones, Councilman Lisy?

I apologize. We tried, again I looked at the tape of the last meeting, tried to isolate your specific concerns. The e-mail that I sent last Friday, I believe addressed those for the most part. I think the Geauga County situation is probably the most applicable to ours in that they went from a relatively small facility with a very low population to the potential for a much larger one. I included the figures that they have just for a half year of operation and the amount of revenue they've been able to generate. I think the figures speak for themselves, how quickly they should be able to pay off that new facility; looking about two and a half years. Obviously the Bedford situation, they're maximizing their revenue with what they've been able to do. The Lake County situation was quite a bit different in that they really didn't increase their capacity by much at all, it was a slight increase because they also decreased the amount of capacity in their larger facility. If there are any other specific questions, I'd be glad to answer them. We need to keep perspective on this whole issue and this is not the decision to go ahead and build, it simply to decide should we look at the bigger issue of building, or do we go ahead and because if it doesn't pass I will be asking for a special meeting to go out for bids for \$240,000 roof because that roof is unsafe. We're getting water into the cells and if the State decides to come in and close it down because it is unsafe, then we'll have a real operational problem. That's where we are.

Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail – Thank you Chief and I did read your e-mail and you have my support. But there was a question about, should we look for a regional effort and I just wanted to ask you to comment on that. I know we've discussed it a little bit. The first step as I talked about at the last meeting is knowing what we can do with the building. All of the discussion of who else could we include, certainly can come in the future, if I'm not mistaken.

Chief Maine – I did mean to address that. I think the both the Goodman's' comments are reasonable ones. There's a move towards regionalization and a whole bunch of different issues, particularly in Northeastern Ohio and Cuyahoga County. I think we have to be practical though from the standpoint that I don't think we have the time to, we have to do something with this building. My history with local politics is if the decision was made today to seriously look at regionalization, it would be 5-10 years before we would ever see a facility and the biggest hurdle you got to get past is the whole issue of NIMBY. What community, what town, what city is going to say I agree to have a facility like that built in my town. Then you have to get past all the operational issues, from all the other law enforcement agencies, if it is not going to be in their town, how are they going to get past the transport, the court, all those other aspects of the Criminal Justice system that you have to take into account if you're going to have a regional facility. I'm not saying it is insurmountable, but it would certainly, I would think take at least 2-3 years of discussion before whatever would even come to any kind of a vote or looking at plans. If you look at a plan and building stage after that, you're probably talking 6-10 years before we would ever see a facility like that here. I think it is a point well taken. I don't think we have the luxury of that amount of time to address the issues that are over there. In the meantime our facility is costing us \$2 million to operate and if its feasible to increase our revenue, we can decrease that net cost to the city.

Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail – I agree. The point that I wanted to make also is that at some level, this is a regional facility because we are servicing prisoners from other communities, from the county. So there is an opportunity, if we do decide to go forward if this study shows that yes in fact we can make our jail more efficient and not cost our general fund budget \$2 million, we would have the opportunity to try to work out arrangements with other communities that would solidify that regional effort. There is always discussions that could take place in the future.

Chief Maine – I think those are all good points and that reminded me of one of the questions that Dr. Lisy had and that was how would the footprint of the building affect the overall appearance of the jail, would it look to be a much larger facility. I think with the preliminary concepts that at

least this architect has had, is that there would be a little bit larger footprint, but they also planned on incorporating a good portion of the present facility so that it won't be taking up that much more space.

Mayor Cervenik – If I just may add to the regionalization efforts. If in fact and we are fairly confident we wouldn't be coming to you this evening again, if in fact the study shows that for the figure of three million or so it can be done, we have a payback period of three years, at that point, before any construction drawings are made, we would have that information and we will be able to approach the County and other communities that are going to use it, possibly get some funding upfront for the capital building as well. But until we know its possible, we don't have that opportunity. It would be this administration's efforts to definitely round up some outside funding to help with the cost of this.

Councilman Langman – Chief, it seems like this is also an opportunity to obviously rectify a mistake that was made many years ago so we do have an opportunity. My question would be, have we looked at, is that the best location for a jail from a functionality standpoint, location, is it better some place else, can we do more some place else, or is that the best location for an expanded facility?

Chief Maine – My personal opinion and my experience with other communities and other organizations that have criminal justice systems within their purview is that if you're going to have a detention center, it makes sense from a functional standpoint to surround your court and your law enforcement building with that. Otherwise you run into operational considerations of having your police officers, the arresting officers, having to go to a facility that is removed from your police department. Anytime that your detectives or anybody from your investigative unit need to talk to somebody, do transports, you have the same issues when you go into court, so it makes sense from the functional standpoint to keep all those facilities together. If you're looking seriously in moving our present facility, or if that's an option, then I think that needs to be incorporated with a court building and police department at the same time.

Councilman Langman – Have we had any formal consideration of that since we're looking at replacing this obsolete facility? And obviously the police station is also in need of major work.

Chief Maine – That would be a decision that Council would have to make if they want to go down that road. Again, if you looking about moving it, you would probably want to move it into, again, I'm talking off the top of my head here, but you'd probably want to move it into an area maybe south of the freeway that is a little more centrally located to the rest of the city. You're talking about land procurement, you're obviously talking about a much larger capital expenditure. I don't know.

Councilman Langman – This to me strikes me in a way similar to the way we talked about the new golf course clubhouse, it was decided right away to build basically where we are at and I don't know whether that ultimately is the best decision. I'm a little leery of missing an opportunity to perhaps think a little bit outside the box instead of just building where we are at. Thank you.

Councilwoman Mancuso – First, point of clarification, how many cells do we have right now, Chief, that we use?

Chief Maine – We double bunk a lot, which is in violation of the State jail standards. We presently have I believe 38 male jail cells and 12 female cells, if we were using them.

Councilwoman Mancuso – I guess as we go through this, when we first introduced it, I was less perplexed. Now, philosophically I have a dilemma here. On one side I'm hearing we have a police station that really needs some work, whatever that work is, because we haven't delineated what it needs and if we have, I haven't seen it. So I don't know what we need, if we need a new roof or repair of a roof, have we seen that? Has somebody come in and said, \$250,000 roof, walls leaking

Chief Maine – Are you talking police department or are you talking jail?

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Councilwoman Mancuso – Right now I'm talking police department. If we have that because part of this \$30,000 I was told, I read the minutes correctly, was the police department would be part of this. Am I wrong?

Chief Maine – I don't want to mis-speak here so I think the Mayor ought to, because he's had more of those specific conversations with DLZ.

Councilwoman Mancuso – Is the Police Dept. part of this?

Mayor Cervenik – The architect said that throughout the study of the jail, they will try and find ways to maximize the closeness of the police department, the police station and the jail to hopefully come up with some advantages for the police department as well.

Councilwoman Mancuso – So its not going to really look at all the things we need to do for the jail, or the police department, I'm sorry. They're going to concentrate on the jail structure?

Mayor Cervenik – Yeah.

Councilwoman Mancuso – Okay, that's different.

Mayor Cervenik – That's phase one. That's the money generating vehicle here is the jail.

Councilwoman Mancuso – I understand that now. My other dilemma is, \$3 million after \$30,000, which is the cost of the building, no matter what we do, it is going to be the cost of a building somehow, whatever we decide to do. I guess I'm not sure I want to be in the jail business as a community. I think we're in it now and we found that it doesn't work very well, we've had to close it down for our females, we haven't brought them back yet. I think we have to make a philosophical decision as a community, do we want to be in this business to produce revenue to pay for a building that cost us \$3 million. I'm philosophically torn here because I'm not sure I want to be in this business, quite honestly. I understand as a society we have to have a jail and I've talked to people at Bedford Heights who it is a business for them and they're going to expand again. I've also talked to people at Richmond Heights we have 10 cells and don't hold people there very long at all and don't want to hold people there. Quite honestly, they are our neighboring community. So we have people who don't want to use it to produce revenue as a business and then we have the idea of let's make it a business. I'm very torn about doing this and quite honestly I don't think we have enough facts about doing it. I don't want to say no, but I have to tell you, I'm not ready to vote for this tonight, I'm really not. It is not to drag it out, but I think we have some big issues to discuss here yet.

Chief Maine – Maybe I can help crystallize it a little bit for you. Regardless of what we do, on an average we have about 40 people that the City of Euclid is responsible for incarceration.

Councilwoman Mancuso – A day?

Chief Maine – A day.

Councilwoman Mancuso – That's the number I've been using. But now we're using numbers of 80 to 100, that's an increase, a significant increase which means commitment from other cities because we're certainly not going to get that from Euclid.

Chief Maine – My point is, if we're going to have at least 40 people a day, you're going to need to do something with them, and you're not going to have, if we don't have the space here, we're going to have to transport them to other facilities. Then you're taking police officers off the street due to your transporting.

Councilwoman Mancuso – As do other cities, though, we're not alone in that are we? Are we the only city that would be transporting prisoners? And I'm not saying this is good or bad, but Chief, I got to tell you, \$3 million is a lot of money for a jail.

Chief Maine – I don't think you're talking about other communities that do transport have the same law enforcement issues that Euclid does.

Councilwoman Mancuso – You would have to prove that to me. I don't know. I don't want to be argumentative with you. I'm just saying that I have a great deal of concern about taking the small amount of capital money we have, because this is it, and putting it into this without further information or at least discussion.

Councilman Lisy – Mayor, what pool of money is this coming out of? Are we going to use capital money for this?

Mayor Cervenik – No I believe we have general fund money for this. The \$30,000 would be coming out of the general fund, yes.

Councilman Lisy – When I look at these numbers, right now we are spending \$2.4 million on the jail. Yes I'd like to be idealistic and think we will not be in the jail business and we could forego a jail in the City of Euclid, but I don't think that would ever happen. With the type of activities going on within our city, we need to have a jail, we need to house prisoners, we need to go over the housing, the booking area, the holding cells, visitation areas; which is part of this study. We're going to have to have correction officers. We are going to have a big portion of this \$2.4 million of expenses even if we only have 40 people.

Going through the study, the point was made that there are inherent security issues with the current jail the way it has been designed. They also talk about in their different studies that they can reprogram the interior space, so they actually do not increase the size of the jail, they just re-route the way the jail is designed and you get the increased amount of safety and then you increase the number of cell spaces.

The important part about that is right now if you look at the revenues you're going to be bringing with the 70 people that we house, it is going to be roughly \$755,000 it costs us a year, \$1.7 million. If we bring in these additional prisoners that we hold probably for the cities like Richmond Heights that don't want to be in the jail business and we hold these non-violent individuals that have to serve their time, that cost goes down to \$180,000 for us according to the Mayor's numbers. We save \$1.5 million out of our operating budget. That's a savings of \$1.5 million. In two years, we pay for this renovation for this year.

Now, that's where we started off with and Mayor, no disrespect, some of your numbers were conservative and others were optimistic so I started playing around with the numbers. I started increasing the personnel costs and the miscellaneous costs and the fixed income costs and hospitalization cost. I increased them by 10%, 20% factors. When I did that, you still save \$550,000. Even though I increased the personnel costs and miscellaneous costs and the hospitalization cost, 10% operating costs increase on personnel, that's unrealistic. It is going to be 3-5%.

When I did these large numbers, we still saved \$550,000 by going ahead with this project. If you amortize the cost of this building, it is going to cost \$329,000, so we still save money out of the general fund if we use general fund monies to pay for this. It is not going to jeopardize our recreation center that I want to put as a priority in front of this, out of capital funds, right.

Councilwoman Mancuso – They are not operating funds.

Councilman Lisy – If we're saving money out of the

Councilwoman Mancuso – I understand but you said you were going to use

Councilman Lisy – Yes, I'm not going to jeopardize

President Gudenas – No private discussions.

Councilman Lisy – I don't want to jeopardize taking money out of our capital fund to build a jail. I'd rather leave the money in the capital funds to do other projects. But if we can save money out of the general fund for this, the numbers work out. I started using other numbers that were less conservative. Another number that bothered us is will we bring in additional 80 inmates. So I played around with that. To break even on these numbers, we need to bring in an additional 14. Add on top of this, and back then you said 65, so it is increasing the population by 11 and we break even. We're at the same general fund expenditure as we are now. If we bring in 89 which is an additional 19 on top of that, we then have enough to service the debt on this project.

I have enough evidence in front of me that we should go ahead with this feasibility study to see if we can realize these savings. We were given some rough numbers on mechanical costs,

electrical costs, and other issues with renovating the jail. I would be very much against putting \$260,000-\$285,000 for a new roof for this project, when we may be tearing it down and doing all this additional work on the facility.

I had a few more questions for you Chief that I thought of after I sent the last late e-mail. Have we had any security problems with the current jail as its configured?

Chief Maine – One of the recommendations and it has been a recommendation for some time is to do replacement of the interior windows that line, I don't want to go into specifics, but some of the windows need to be replaced. When we had some unauthorized leaves of absences a couple of years ago, they were made through those windows because of their improper design, they weren't weatherized properly, they got rusted, there was breakdown in material and that is how they were able to get out. There are some inherent issues in security issues that have to be taken care of.

Councilman Lisy – The other issue, if we go ahead, let's say the feasibility study comes back and we increase the number for 70 to 145. Do you anticipate any additional danger to the playground and the school in the neighborhood? Or, would it actually be safer now that it is better designed and we've corrected some of those problems?

Chief Maine - I think it would be as safe if not safer. That's a well built facility from the standpoint of the brick and mortar. It needs some redesigning and it needs some upgrading. We're not going to be increasing the footprint by that much so its not going to impact our recreational areas. I think we can do some things to make it more aesthetically pleasing. Again, if I thought it was going to be a disadvantage to the community, I certainly wouldn't be recommending it.

Councilman Lisy – The one last question I have is that when the last time a significant capital improvement had occurred to the jail? Technology has dramatically changed in these last 20 years, even the last 5 years. Have we updated the electronics or the security system within the jail?

Chief Maine – Hank could probably help to talk to that. We've done some piece meal stuff but it has been very piece meal. We've done a little bit with the video system, some monitors and that sort of thing. One of the issues that's talked about in the initial study that we had done last year was that all of those electronics for the command control for the locks, is on its last legs, we can't even get parts for it any more. There's actually more manual work going on in the operation of the jail because so much of the electronics is degraded to the point that it can't be used any more.

Councilman Lisy- Thank you.

Councilwoman Walsh – From my experience, sometimes that train gets on the track and you don't stop until it gets to the station. With all respect to the Police Chief, with all respect to the Mayor, if you put 80 more incarcerated people in a jail, you're going to need more staff. I don't care how that jail is laid out. If you put 80 more people, no matter what your computer whips up, no matter what your argument, you are in the middle of a playground, by a school, by a library. I already had two Realtors talk to me. They don't like trying to sell a house with barbed wire in the middle of Euclid.

If we've learned anything from history, if you don't want history to repeat itself, you said when it was open, it was obsolete. You cannot possibly not carry this discussion on in a committee and slow it down. How long has the roof been leaking? I cannot be an emergency tonight. It cannot cave in tonight. You have the safety of the children, you have the safety of the workers and I don't care how you multiply figures. If it took every last cent of money we had and it was for the safety of everybody, that jail doesn't belong where it is now. That jail was built how long ago? What is wrong with taking a step back and thoroughly discussing this and researching other things. I have all the respect in the world for you, but we don't need to get that locomotive on that track and get it to a station in an instant and do the same thing you did in 1989. It is not necessary. To be truthful, I would stand up straighter if I said I would vote for a new roof and talk about this and make the absolute right decision for all the constituents, for the people who have called me.

It is the safety of the children that's the number one priority for me and the second safety is the people that work there. I work with people that have just been released from jail and I'm going to tell you, it's not pleasant sitting in the same room that they have lunch because you have

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no idea what is going to set them off. You cannot put, I don't care how you configure it, that's my whole point. If you add 80 people, 80 people that are in jail for a reason, you need more staff. I don't care what any professional tells you. That's just a comment. Thank you.

Mayor Cervenik – You've got quite a full agenda tonight. Could I ask Council to put this into a committee?

President Gudenas – So moved by, it is not moved by, but that is a good point because there's a lot to be done with this.

Mayor Cervenik – What I would like to do, is I would like you, Mr. Chairman, to appoint two members of Council that have the availability of some daytime meetings to meet with us and members of Cuyahoga Corrections, other authorities, other wardens that operate jails in Cuyahoga County, so that you have a little better idea and feel for what we're really trying to do here. You don't have to name those two tonight, but they would need to have some daytime flexibility for meetings. We'll try to get this worked out.

It is my hope that we have a council meeting within the next 30 days or so on some good news, I'll let you know if that happens and maybe by then we could have had a few meetings and report how the committee is going. This is a very important thing. The \$30,000 is necessary to make sure that we can achieve the savings that Fred Lisy, Councilman Lisy, recognizes as well.

President Gudenas – Good points, let me ask a question too about that whole process to make sure I understand this right. This firm that is being proposed to be hired DLZ is primarily and architectural firm, is that correct? So that's good, they'll know buildings and things and how to change buildings, add onto buildings, design buildings, etc. But, they're not the financial people. My thinking is normally first you confirm the numbers that Councilman Lisy has, my head is spinning from them, I don't know what you said, I haven't seen any of it. All I know is 80, 50, 100, somehow we've made a half a million dollars and we didn't even vote for it.

What I'm trying to say is what we need to do is document, put a financial plan together; a financial plan that is fully documented by real numbers from other institution. So if we say that our revenue will be this much, we can say here's how we decided the revenue will be this much, if we say the expenses will be this much, we say here's how we've come up with those numbers. First what we need is the financial plan. If the financial plan makes sense as Councilman Lisy is saying, then you go to the next step of hiring an architect. You don't decide to build your house until you know that you can afford to build a house. Once you know you can afford to build a house, you've done all your numbers or whatever it is, then you hire the architect. I'm hoping part of this process is that we have the appropriate person and I don't know if that is somebody we have on staff we have now, or somebody with some other county agency or however or Councilman Lisy or whoever. But what we need are real numbers in a real financial plan that documents this.

Also we have to come up with a couple of decisions here. One is what is the maximum amount of money we want to invest? I've been around here long enough and what we're hearing is police station might be included, police station might not. If the police station suddenly becomes included, add two, three, who knows how many more millions to the whole equation and then basically our capital budget for the next who knows how many years is gone. No rec center, no anything else. We need to decide up front before we hire architects, before we do anything, what is the maximum amount we're going to invest, what is the scope of this project before it gets out of hand. Because we're going to hear, well we're looking at this so why not look at that and then why not look at that, and suddenly it is a giant plan that we can no longer afford to do. We need to make that decision as part of the process too, is that okay?

Mayor Cervenik – That is okay except that some of that is going to be very difficult to do until a good portion of the scope of this project is completed.

President Gudenas – We need to decide ahead of time, how far he is going to go because we only have so much money and we have once in a generation we can do a big project and we're going to get one chance to do one thing. If we do this jail wrong, that will be our legacy is one jail in Euclid, no rec center, no improvement to other facilities and that will be it. That's what happened 20 years ago with this building. They had one chance. I remember being at those council meetings at the old city hall, former Mayor Giunta, nice guy but basically saying the same thing, that what a great investment this will be for the City of Euclid to build this new facility, now much money we were going to make, how great it will be. I've heard that kind of thing over and over and I just don't want to be making the same mistakes again.

Mayor Cervenik – I don't either Mr. Chairman and if you could appoint two members of Council on this Ad Hoc committee, for not better word, I would appreciate it.

Councilman Conway – Generally speaking I think I just want to try to make one point clear. I'm typically willing to spend the money on a survey as long as that survey is going to provide valuable information so that we're able to make an informed decision for our residents. I feel like right now if we were would vote through the \$30,000 for this particular study, all we're gaining out of this is we're going to hire a company for \$30,000 that's going to tell us this is how much money it is going to cost to renovate the jail in a dormitory style.

I think what's lacking here and what I think many of my colleagues have made reference to is to spend money on the survey that doesn't provide, or study I should say, any type of options, such as, is the right decision to move the jail. Is the right decision to not convert it to a dormitory but keep it in its existing fashion, make repairs? I just feel right now we've narrowed the scope so much on this \$30,000 investment that we're being asked to make that we already know what the answer is going to be, we just don't know how much they're going to tell us it is going to cost to turn it into a dormitory style.

I do support doing studies. I just want to make sure that we're maximizing the value of the \$30,000 and there are definitely other things that a survey I think needs to look into so that we can make the most informed decision which will lead us obviously into some of the other things that we're talking about and what financial impact and what type of investment we're willing to make. My big discussion point on the \$30,000 is what are we actually gaining at the end of the day that we already don't know today and that's why I would like to carry on the discussions with this. I'm happy to participate in that committee, I do have some flexibility during the day so that we can make a good, solid, informed decision. Generally speaking I want to do the right thing for both our correction officers and the safety of our entire city. I just want to make sure that we're provided with the information necessary to make the right decision. Thank you.

President Gudenas – Thank you Councilman Conway, you've made a good point. Again, as we proceed with this, again we should maybe have an open mind that we should look at other options. Right now we're not looking at any alternatives, simply renovating and expanding the existing place and that's it, they are not hired to do anything else, nor do we no if this is the best firm that could help us with those other decisions. So, I hope that as we proceed with this work with the administration, we can also make sure that this is A) the best location and that we have not overlooked any other options be it regional approaches or other approaches with the county. Would that be acceptable? Yes, no?

Mayor Cervenik – That would be the goal of this Committee, Mr. Chairman.

President Gudenas – We have two options. One is because we are in normal recess, we normally would not have any committee meetings up until September. If we table this legislation and we had a special meeting later, it could be brought be back on and re-worked, that gives us the most flexibility. Originally sending it to committee does sound good but it would require another meeting of the committee as opposed to if we had a special council meeting, we could handle it at that time, assuming the work was done. Any comments on that? Table it for the next meeting will that work? As long as we can get the work done by then. You know what, we can all go to the jail and see if the roof is leaking.

Mayor Cervenik – You don't want to go there right now Mr. Chairman.

Chief Maine – I guarantee you it is.

Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail – Chief, how long have you been working on bringing this plan to us?

Chief Maine – Off and on for over a year, we started working on this last spring.

Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail – I know we've been talking about the efficiencies of the jail for well over two years. So no I don't think it should be tabled and I don't think it is a laughing matter.

Mayor Cervenik – I appreciate your support, but I don't need to be a CPA to count and I don't have the votes tonight so we're just going to have to work a little harder and convince a number of council people that what we're doing is a good thing to do and it makes a whole lot of sense for long-term planning. Thank you.

President Gudenas – So we shall move to table, Councilman Delaney.

Councilman Delaney – I was going to make the motion to table. I also would like to volunteer to be on the committee. I'm interested in seeing this be put through sooner rather than later. I think that a lot of the community, correction officers, the safety, all is very, very important in this project. I think that perhaps this week if we could get going on this. I'll make the motion to table.

Councilman Delaney moved to table Ord. (140-06). Councilman Langman seconded.

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

Nays: Gruber, Holzheimer Gail

Tabled.

Ord. 125-2006 (117a-06) Pit Bull Regulations

An emergency 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) (From Safety Committee with a recommendation for passage)

Councilman Langman moved for passage, Councilwoman Mancuso seconded.

Councilman Langman – The result that we're looking at tonight really began about two and a half months ago with some concerns from residents who wanted to know if our current dog ordinances were comparable to other communities, did they provide the maximum safety. In looking at the ordinance that is currently on the books, what jumped out at me is that our ordinances are reactive. Something has to happen before our Animal Control Officer, police officers can do something about what is termed dangerous dogs. In working with the Law Dept. and with input from the Animal Control Officer Ann Mills and the Chief of Police, we began to re-work the ordinance. The Chief had some issues at the Council Meeting were it was originally introduced. I agreed to put it into Committee for further discussion and the result is what we have before us.

There are three elements of changes in the ordinance which I think will benefit the community. The first is a relatively minor one. We clean up some of the terminology throughout the ordinances, makes it much more standardized. We also clarify in some of the clauses what we mean by, for example, fencing. It is not clearly defined in the current ordinance, it is better defined in this ordinance.

The second element which is the one that grabs people's attention is that it adds pit bulls to the definition of dangerous dogs. This is similar to language that is used in the City of Wickliffe and the City of Cleveland. We did have the option of following the wording and intent of the City of Parma and the City of Cincinnati which bans this type of breed outright. We felt for a variety of reasons that we didn't want to do that. We wanted to give the opportunity for folks to own the animals but under much closer supervision.

The third element is that it adds some pro-activity to the ordinance in that it allows our Animal Control Officer and our Police Officers if they see such an animal to begin their own investigation into whether a particular dog, a particular pit bull is in fact dangerous.

With the changes that are proposed this evening, and the changes that we adopted a couple of years ago, that gives ownership or keepers of what are termed dangerous dogs the right of appeal, that we have a very solid ordinance that will protect the residents and respect the keepers of these animals. I think we had a very productive committee meeting. The Chief and Officer Mills had some very good suggestions which we incorporated into the process. It shows that the process was deliberate and careful and I think we have a good result that we should consider passing this evening. Thank you.

Councilman Gruber – I support this ordinance and I commend Councilman Langman for bringing it to the front. Tonight at six o'clock before I came to the Council Meeting, I got three calls from residents on Blackfoot. When I arrived at Blackfoot there was a pit bull terrier, had the garbage man trapped in the garbage truck and he couldn't get out to get the garbage on the street.

I know it could have been any dog, but he was particularly afraid of pit bulls because he says it happens all the time. This is an ordinance that is a long time coming and I have one question regarding the insurance. I talked to several insurance agents and none of them actually provide the insurance that's needed. Is there a special company that you know of, or is there a provider of this type of insurance, or you just can't get it?

Councilman Langman – I would defer to Law Director Frey because we did go round and round with that. It is rather difficult to obtain but not impossible is my understanding.

Director Frey – I don't know of a insurance company that does or does not write insurance. Obviously it is a substantial requirement that we have. I will say, that is not new. That was in the former version of this code so we have required owners of dangerous dogs to maintain \$100,000 liability policy on the dogs. It is one of the costs associated if you choose to have that type of dog as part of the family, you're going to have to have that responsibility.

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

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

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

Passed.

Res. 126-2006 (154-06) D.A.R.E. Grant

A resolution authorizing the Mayor, as Ex-Officio Director of Public Safety of the City of Euclid, or his designee, to apply for funding from the D.A.R.E. Grants Program through the office of the Attorney General of Ohio for 2006-2007. (Sponsored by Mayor Cervenik and entire Council)

Councilman Delaney moved for passage, Councilwoman Walsh seconded.

Chief Maine – This ordinance or resolution is one that we ask for annually. It helps provide and offsets a considerable cost for the officer to teach this program in the schools. It has been a program that has been supported by many, the Attorney General for the State of Ohio, not just the present Mr. Petro, but also the former Attorney Generals before him.

To answer the Goodman's concerns about the effectiveness of this program, there have been a number of studies that have looked at D.A.R.E. as well as other drug abuse resistance programs. I think that the general findings have been that these programs while they anecdotally seems to be rather supportive for a number of people, they are not overwhelmingly successful from the standpoint of deterrent, deterring kids from taking drugs.

I think from our own perspective in the City of Euclid, it has been a successful program. It has been very supported by the Schools. I spoke with the Supt. Dr. Jones who said that it was their intention that if we were going to provide the officer to keep the curriculum going in the schools. I think it goes beyond just the D.A.R.E. program though. It provides us the opportunity to have another officer in contact with particularly elementary age kids. I think that those relationships that are formed have proved beneficial in the past and I think they will in the future. I will ask that last year just for reference purposes this grant provided about \$17,000 to offset the salary of Officer Bonchak who has taught this program for many years.

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

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

Passed.

Res. (155-06) By-Laws ECTV

A resolution to approve and adopt the revised Rules and Regulations of the Public Access Channel, and updated By-Laws of the Euclid Community Television Commission. (Sponsored by Mayor Cervenik and Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail)

Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail moved for passage, Councilman Delaney seconded.

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President Gudenas – We did have a bunch of questions on this and probably City council has not spent much time on cable TV Commission. Would we want to have a whole committee meeting just on this topic so we can go in depth on it? Maybe Councilman Lisy's Technology Committee? We're going to be changing the tape in a couple of minutes, I didn't want to start something that we're just going to have to cut off in about three minutes. I think there are legitimate issues here that we do need to address regarding equipment, location, responsibilities, scheduling, etc. Our council meeting tonight is really not the proper time to go over all that. I'm moving that we send it to Councilman Lisy's committee, unless we don't want it there.

Councilman Lisy – Let's vote on this because I think the by-laws, I have no problems with. But we do have other issues as the residents brought up and our guest could better address the lack of equipment, updating the equipment, going digital, we're well behind the times in a lot of the issues that the residents brought up. But with the by-laws here, it did need updating and when I looked over the updates I have no problems with these updates. We can get this off the table but still have a Technology Committee meeting on this to go over the equipment purchases and recommendations that we need to have.

President Gudenas – I do have a lot of questions on the by-laws that would probably take up a little bit to much time tonight. Any other comment on that? Let's take our break then and we'll come back in a couple of minutes.

A short break was taken.

President Gudenas – Motion to suspend our rules to introduce our guest.

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

President Gudenas – Who do we have here today?

Mrs. Mayernik – I'm Lisa Mayernik, Asst. to the Mayor, I oversee Community Television. We have two commission members here today, Joe Koskovics and Ron Emser. If you wanted, I can start addressing the legislation, resolution rather.

President Gudenas – I would have preferred, there are a lot of issues to go over, in terms of scheduling equipment, how many times programs are aired, when they are aired, how quickly they are aired, who can use the equipment. These rules state that some community members in Euclid are not allowed to use the public access channel such as a business for instance that may have a special event. They are not allowed to do that. There's a lot to go over. How much of a discussion do we want today because I don't believe we'll be able to finish everything today.

Councilman Delaney- I'm interested in hearing from Ms. Mayernik and the Commission members about our resident's concerns earlier; about her proposed viewing of her tape that was backlogged by outside interest of the city.

President Gudenas – That's a good question. The concern is that Euclid resident, I know it is more than one because I had a complaint that has to wait 5 weeks, 8 weeks, undetermined actually, when others who are not in Euclid are having their programs aired. Who makes those decisions and how are those decisions made?

Mrs. Mayernik - Those decisions are made due to technological, our equipment rather. During this past year when we are having Council meetings, committee meetings, those are our priorities to view. If you want me to get into the technical aspect of it, we have 5 decks, they are two hour decks each. If you have a 4-5 hour council meeting, that takes up 2-3 decks of space. If you have a couple committee meetings, you can see our deck space that feeds into, that sends the signal to Adelphia is full. That's our priority as government, showing our public meetings. If there are openings in those slots, that is when public access comes in. As the meetings wind down during the summer, or when they level off during the months, that's when we insert public access submissions and programming.

President Gudenas – Again the question was, the Euclid resident was told there is no room for her program when programs from outside of Euclid were run. Who decides the priority?

Mrs. Mayernik – According to our rules and reg, it is on a first come first serve basis. To back up just for a minute if I could please, this Commission has gotten together, has just been gathered this past November 2005. It took several meetings for them to overview what we have and had in place over the years to make a priority list of where they are going to start and to start working on it. The by-laws and the rules and regulations obviously were their first priority. They wanted to start at the beginning. They've worked for several months in over-viewing them, updating them, revising them, as a starting point. I want to be certain everyone knows, this is a starting point, not so much the by-laws but the rules and regulations. We realized that we needed to update them, to get them into place, but they are working, so to speak working documents. We are going to continue working on them over the months and we understand fully some of the concerns of the residents that came forward today. Our Commission, as we've had over the past couple of meetings, are in full agreement that those items need to be looked into and we are. There's not a lot of easy solutions for them. We are addressing them. Our decision was to update what we could and have brought to you today and then proceed in making those corrections as the months come and bring it back to you then.

Mr. Koskovic – If I may also interject. I'm the newest member of the ECTV Commission and its very interesting to see just how far behind ECTV technology has just come or failed to come forward. One of the issues that has to be considered is funding, but also the commission has not seen at least a 5 year master plan from the City. That is one of the things that we are going to embark upon. That is one of the things that as a Commission member I want to push for; not staying current, but looking to the future.

Right now, the question also is, we have a large dike with lots of cracks, where do we put the cement first? The first thing should be our operational guide, our rules and regulations because if we don't have that, our citizens won't know what qualifies, what doesn't qualify, what fair rules there are for them. The equipment issues are equipment issues, we can deal with them as we examine them. I will be at City Hall, I'm giving up some time on Wednesday to come over and take a look at the operational area. I'm going to sit down with the staff and I'm going to take the first step to look at what we have to deal with for equipment. I don't think that's been done before by a commission member. We do need a starting point.

The question is, where do we start? Do we start with the equipment and do we neglect the needs of the rules and operations or the citizens? Or do we open it up, the operations for the citizens as best we can and work on the equipment and try to increase service? This is not a document that stays stationary, this is a living document as government is living. We need to give it some opportunity to breath. I, myself, will commit my time to this, in front of Council, in front of the Administration, as much time as I can donate. But we do need to have this looked at from the view of where's the rules, where do we start and obviously what we'll need to change at the recommendations of the citizens and of council.

President Gudenas – Just to back-track a bit, if I remembered right, I think it was even my legislation around 1995 the Cable TV Commission was originally created. Law Director Frey, is this a city council created commission?

Director Frey - The commission is made up of members appointed by the Mayor. I believe there are several school representatives and council appointees to that group. It is a group made up from a variety of sources.

President Gudenas – Bob Tilk was the Chairman for awhile and we had a Cable TV Commission before last year. Before we approve any by-laws, what is the ordinance that governs the operation and creation of this? Do we have that here? I think that's a crucial point. This is something city council needs to consider. It says there will be 7 members, 6 appointed by the Mayor and one by city Council. We need to think is that the fair way to go and as far as I know, who on city council here is a member of that commission?

Mayor Cervenik – We are required by our cable franchise to have in our agreement with public access to have a Cable Commission. City Council many years ago passed the ordinance and through the years have amended the ordinances to appoint it.

President Gudenas – We obviously need those ordinances to see exactly, who appoints how many; first thing we need to do is decide is that the proper way to do it. To me, we're the representatives of the public, this is public access TV and I think City Council needs to have more of an involvement in both the membership and the promotion and the access to the channel.

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I think we're not doing a good enough job as it is. First we need to see what the ordinance is and we didn't get it as part of our information.

Director Frey – It is part of the codified ordinances, 719.04, and it says membership shall consist of 7 members, 6 appointed by the Mayor and 1 by Council. Each member shall be a resident of the city. Each member shall be appointed for a one year term. Any member may be reappointed. No member shall serve for more than 10 consecutive years. Two members appointed by the Mayor shall be recommended by the Superintendent of Euclid City Schools for appointment to the Commission. So Council does have an appointment to the Commission. The Schools have recommendation on two of the other six appointees.

President Gudenas – Who was the last City Council appointee?

Director Frey – I don't have the list of the Commission members.

Mrs. Mayernik – You appointed Lottie Collins, the Council had done that this past fall.

President Gudenas – I think that's an important thing to revisit. At the same time, there's something mentioned here, the Commission shall provide access when appropriate to Euclid residents for their programming; when appropriate isn't exactly defined. Who decides when appropriate and under what conditions? We have to make sure all Euclid residents are treated fairly on this.

Councilwoman Walsh – Who are the actual commission members? Is Lisa a member of the Commission or is she staff representation?

Mrs. Mayernik – I am a staff member, I am not a voting member of the Commission.

Councilwoman Walsh – Who are the other members of the Commission?

Mrs. Mayernik – In addition to Mr. Emser and Mr. Koskovics there's Dr. Ron Bush, Lottie Collins, Dr. Joffrey Jones, Mr. Oakland Lewis, Debbie Novish.

President Gudenas- My thought is that before we approve all these rules and regulations, I think City Council really needs to see how much involvement we want to have in the Cable Commission and how we can make sure there's as much public access, new technology, etc. Again, I am asking that we appreciate your time here, but I think we need to put in more time, a lot of effort, both before the next meeting, so that we can make sure that we have a good vision for where public access studio and programming and technology needs to go so we can work on budgets, financial resources, rules, regulations, membership. We can come up with a comprehensive plan for that so we can really take advantage of all the technology and resources that we have in the City of Euclid to make sure it's a big asset for the residents.

Councilman Conway – Director Frey I don't know if you have this answer, Ms. Mayernik you do, can you tell me when the last time Council approved the existing by-laws prior to the changes that this Commission recommended?

Director Frey – I'm not aware that any had been recommended to Council at any prior time. It was my recommendation that the by-laws and the regulations come to City Council for approval because I think its good policy to have Council review and approve. Council reviews and approves for instance the Civil Service Commission rules and I think it is appropriate that they do likewise here. Particularly given that one of the remedies that's available in the rules is that a person aggrieved by a decision of the Cable Television Commission has the right to appeal to City Council. I think its appropriate that Council would move to adopt that kind of provision.

Councilman Conway – In the existing codified ordinance, I think you said 719.04, there's not a stipulation in there that says Council needs to approve the by-laws of this particular Commission as written at that time?

Director Frey – Not that I'm aware of. I have to study those, but not that I'm aware of. Again, the recommendation to bring these to Council was because I think it's good practice.

Councilman Conway – I would agree with that. Thank you.

President Gudenas – Again, I made the recommendation, you can vote no, vote yes.

Mayor Cervenik – I agree with some of your goals on public access but I think the Commission members put a lot of time into this and all they are really asking for from the administration's standpoint is that you may not like all of these rules, but at least until they are changed, we have something to use and we can apply these rules evenly to everyone. As soon as you have your Technology meeting or whichever committee this goes into, and you want to recommend and work with the commission and change those rules, that's fine. But these rules haven't been updated like this since the Commission first started. That would help, at least we would say okay as of right now, these are the rules, and we can apply them evenly.

President Gudenas – Law Director Frey, is there any reason these rules could not be applied until city council has a formal vote on them?

Director Frey – Certainly they don't carry the same weight. They would be the recommendations of this commission. Does a user of public access take their challenge to City Council if they are aggrieved by a decision of the Commission? Probably still does that. It may not operationally change things, but again I think it helps to solidify that this is the decision of this commission when someone comes in with a public access submission that that body deems to violate the rules that they've established. I think it helps to have the affirmance of city council that they are supportive of those rules. As the Mayor indicated, if Council wishes to work with the Commission to further modify those, I think that's something that can happen. It is Council's choice as to how they want to approach this.

Councilman Delaney – I too have a question about #3, cable access rules and #4, any programming which constitutes commercial use. A lot of times at our council meetings we give ceremonial resolutions to businesses who may have longevity in the city, maybe particular interest, merit, awards. I know that many of our businesses help out with the sponsorship. So, I don't know if any programming from a local business should be prohibited. I think we ought to allow them to participate in the cable access. If there's a program that's not necessarily in direct relation to their competition, what they are trying to sell or vend, then perhaps maybe if it was just more grounded in Euclid related matters. Sam Ventura, our barber who had been here for 50 years certainly was well deserving of that resolution. If someone wanted to do a little snippet on him and his business without saying, hey, hair cuts are on special this Saturday. I think there is a line we can draw there. I know that the last cable commissioner was approved under the last council. We haven't seen too much, we do have a couple things in committee already. I see that Mr. Koskovichs you would like to elaborate on that a little bit.

Mr. Koskovichs – Yes, and thank you very much. It is very welcome that this stimulates proper conversation and considerations for this. One of the issues for this as far as the restriction on commercialization of a non-commercial channel, needed to be considered in a basic level at this point. Should Council or Committee feel that the wording is inappropriate or needs to be better refined, it is very welcome to provide that information to us as to how it would best be defined. When that was incorporated into this document and recommended, it was to prevent mis-use of the channel; rather than to prevent honoring long-term businesses, loyal businesses to this community or such. But to look at the possibility that someone may try to commercial a non-commercial channel. This is something that we will take a look at again and we will continue to look at. That was the background to that particular point in the recommendation.

Councilman Delaney – If it is along the lines of informing the residents about what our retail and commercial sector has to offer them, that it is appropriate. I can understand that we don't want to get into the business of making commercials; we draw the line with our sponsorships.

The other question, in your opinion, you mentioned the decks with the video tapes and being able to do government access and not being able to do the other channel for community access, how does change digitizing it, the equipment that we will bring, how quickly can we run through our backlog of programming?

Mr. Koskovichs – Basically without a new examination on your distribution equipment which is what I'm going to be here to take a look at on Wednesday, it would be inappropriate for me to give you a best guesstimate. However, I can say to you that with every deck that can be added into the system or new controller or both, that can be added into the system will improve the service and make it far more efficient, open it up to people who within this community want their

programming aired. Right now there is a strong limitation. I myself was caught in that time-line loop back in 2001. When I submitted a program that was a memories program of Russell Erwine Elementary School. It took 5 months for that program to be aired. That was when you had 6 decks available, not 5.

As someone who believes very strongly in playing fair, I would not have wanted my program jumped ahead of someone else's at their expense. I waited for my line in rotation because of the equipment limitation, but just because that happened back then, doesn't mean we have to leave this condition exists now. There are possibilities; you may want to digitize, but you may also want to leave VHS, you may also want to go to DVD. These are issues that another operation is going through. Every community channel is going to have to make that migration, whether its DVD or complete digital on a server. Everybody is going to be facing this issue. The thing is an inappropriate balance but right now we need to increase the equipment; good, bad, right or wrong, we have to increase the equipment to make it available to the citizens. If it means more VHS and all of a sudden everyone wants to turn in DVD's, then we have to find a way of making things happen. Right now, the issue of availability of equipment, first we need to examine it, we need to send another recommendation for it. As I say, this is all living document, this is a living commission. It is because we have people that want to do this. We need to take a look at it, make a first recommendation to you for equipment, see if it's do-able, get it installed. And, if its successful, you're going to have people coming and saying we still can't get on the air because they are so enthusiastic about it to submitting their programming about Euclid that we're going to visit this issue again and that's the way it should be.

Councilman Delaney - Thank you. It seems that we've come to a Council Meeting and a Committee Meeting broke out right in front of us. Those are some of my concerns about the public being in the rotation. I understand that we have to address the technology, but it seems that there's a lot of stones we need to turn over here. I'm not opposed to having a Committee Meeting, I think we needed to do that. I understand that we're at the last Council meeting and we're up against the wall and we really have to run through a lot of this work, but it looks like the next two months we're going to have a lot of work on our hands and we'll have more programming in the near future. Thanks.

President Gudenas- Item 6 (c) says, upon preliminary approval of a program proposal, the Commission or its representative, shall compute the estimated cost of providing access to the user. The user, meaning the Euclid resident, shall pay to the City the estimated costs of providing access before the public access studio may begin. Who has the list of costs? Anybody? How many people have ever paid?

Mrs. Mayernik – As of now, we do not charge for use of the studio by a resident.

President Gudenas – What you're giving to us today, requires you, it says shall.

Mrs. Mayernik – We're going to prepare those costs, but we have not decided yet. As of now, it is still free to use our studios. We are discussing that.

President Gudenas – What you're presenting to us tonight, it says the user shall, meaning you must pay. There's a lot to be worked on here. I don't know how many people have read all these documents, but we have no idea what those costs will be and it could be so high that if we account for all of the time of the staff and everything, it could become prohibitive for any of our residents to use that. I think we need to know what we're going to charge if anything because this document says you will charge. It is not you might charge, you're going to think about charging, you will charge and the residents will pay. When we had the meeting for instance at Shore Cultural Centre, the resident holding that meeting would have gotten a very large bill for having that on public access. Is that right to do and who decides? Let's say we have political candidates running and some candidates put their own together, some have the city put it together. Do these candidates get bills? I don't think so. Some get free help from City Hall and I think there's a lot of issues here to go at.

Mr. Emser – There's a lot of different models out there that indicate, some communities have no fees whatsoever, but they have other means of generation of funds as Wadsworth does. They actually have some lease channels available that they make money to help pay for these things. But they chose not to charge any of the citizenry any costs, yet there are limitations; they have to be trained, they have to go through an education program, they have to have insurance for the

equipment, there's a lot of other stipulations that we just do not address here, or have not addressed.

President Gudenas – The City of Euclid has decided we will charge according to this document. You've already made that decision based on what I'm reading here. City Council has had no input into that, which I strongly disagree with. Once again we can go on and debate how much we should charge and all these things, or I think the appropriate way to do it is spend more time before our next meeting to go into a lot of detail and make a presentation that addresses all of this because there's no point in passing items that we're not going to follow through.

Councilman Lisy – We've been sworn into follow our Charter and our Codified Ordinances. Our codified ordinances state that ECTV shall be responsible for establishing and administering program standards for the three cable channels. They also shall have the authority to make rules and regulations governing the use of the equipment. If we want to re-write our ordinance we can. The Commission shall also have the authority to establish reasonable time, place and manner restrictions on the use of the equipment and facilities by members of the public for purposes of the discussion the public shall mean residents of the city. It's already here.

Now here's the key, the Commission shall examine funding levels and new equipment requirements and make specific recommendations to Council. I would love for our ECTV, we've wanted to get a pro-active ECTV, there was a comment about why don't we have a council member on ECTV. Well the Architectural Review Board and the Planning & Zoning, they do not, but they bring recommendations back to Council on what we should do. I see and I've been supportive of ECTV moving in that direction so that they will follow what our codified ordinances are here, bring recommendations back to us, put documents in front of us to inform us of what is going on and then to come up with new equipment requirements that we need. I see that progress being made and that's why I'm in favor of getting this preliminary document, it is a starting point. I'm glad that progress is being made. Once we have this document and then we can have a Technology Committee meeting and talk about the equipment requirements. But, its getting everybody to work together, following our codified ordinances, letting ECTV do what they're supposed to do, and come back to us with their requirements and make specific recommendations of what they want to do as an organization. Thank you.

President Gudenas – Anybody here on Council decide on how much they should be charging because again that's already been approved that they are charging residents?

Councilman Lisy – Zero.

President Gudenas – It doesn't say that. It says they shall charge.

Councilman Langman – Members of the committee, what was your template for making these changes? Did you look at Cleveland Heights or Dayton or other communities? Where did you get your ideas to make these specific changes?

Mr. Koskovic – One of the sources was the area that I have worked for personally for 5 years. I was the cable access supervisor for Cleveland Community Access Corporation, which is run out of my employer, Cuyahoga Community College, serving 75,000 households. Tri-C's channel also serves 150,000 households and Adelphia Cleveland and Cox west-side. It was my job basically to run the channel to oversee that the rules and regulations were followed. We also have examined through the help of Mr. Emser, Dayton Television and at least one other model before I was brought on the committee as well. There have been other communities that there have been examined and compared to Euclid. Did we take something and cut and paste? No, this has been pretty much just a modification of what's unique to Euclid. We only made the recommendations for the changes that we felt were most appropriate for this community.

Councilman Langman – To try to move things along, there was a motion to send this to Committee. I'll second that so that we can discuss that and continue.

President Gudenas – Any discussion on the motion? I see none. Roll Call on that to the Executive & Finance Committee so that all members can participate.

Roll Call: Yeas: Delaney, Langman, Mancuso, Walsh, Gudenas

Nays: Conway, Gruber, Holzheimer Gail, Lisy,

Motion passed into Executive & Finance Committee.

President Gudenas – We will work throughout the summer and have this taken care of by September. Thank you for your time.

Ord. 127-2006 (161-06) Budget Amendment

An emergency ordinance amending Ordinance No. 30-2006, which makes the annual appropriations for all expenditures for the City of Euclid for the period ending December 31, 2006. (Sponsored by Mayor Cervenik by request of Finance Director)

Councilwoman Walsh moved for passage, Councilwoman Mancuso seconded.

Mayor Cervenik- I will address the \$700,000 question for of all. Although the proposal here tonight would increase our expenditures by \$700,000 there would also be a corresponding \$140,000 of revenue being generated through the Community Development Dept. for fees being done and an additional \$80,000 in rental income for Shore. We're really talking about \$485,000.

I'm going to go through some of those numbers. Of that \$485,000 and the heading on this Agenda says the administration proposes, this is really a group work paper here. We listed all of the ordinances that this City Council has passed and as a result of your passage, we do have to increase these expenditures in order to follow that. The largest item outside of the Shore Cultural Centre is the outside legal services that City Council hired to I don't know if defend is the right word yet because we're not sure, but to provide legal counsel for the Justice Dept. complaint.

We do have two items in the Finance, additional staff member and both of those items, \$27,696 and \$43,066, I'm going to ask Council to amend and eliminate those from tonight. We have some work to do in preparation to explain to you why we need those personnel. When I'm all through with this, I would like both of those eliminated.

Due to the action of Council tonight, we can hold off on the \$30,000 jail study amendment as well until we have approval to go forward.

Fourth of July fireworks, it was requested of this Council to take it out of the general fund. That's here at \$35,000.

Trial version of the Housing Improvement Program is \$12,000. We received a request I believe from Councilman Delaney for \$2,000 for the Landmark Commission. The non-tax revenue incentive payments of \$70,000, those were approved from economic development projects, those are our incentive grants.

The union contract for Records is \$4,850. The union contract changes for dispatch is \$11,400. For basic patrol, \$81,200. Those are all approved and increases in the clothing allowances and some other proficiencies as well in addition to the 3%.

The two \$10,000 amounts for the commercial and residential engineering, those are represented by \$20,000 of income that CT charges our residents. In the budget process, we don't necessarily have to approve the income, but we do have to approve the expenditure of that income, so that is a balancing act there. We have our housing union contract settlement is \$35,000.

Also, the next item is not covered by an ordinance, it is \$62,700 for two additional inspectors. There's been quite a bit of questioning that. I'm going to ask Council to eliminate that right now on the provisions that we can get that resolved in the next 30 days.

\$150,000 that is the expenditure for Shore through the end of the year that was originally eliminated and that's followed up by \$80,000 of income.

Transfer to Recreation Operating for the union contract is \$15,000 and transfer to Animal Control is \$8,000. That's the total of \$705,000 in the general fund.

Under Street Construction and Maintenance, \$90,000 that we pass in the Capital Budget for paving rejuvenation and crack sealing ordinance 79-2006, cannot be paid for out of bond retirement funds, so we're having it paid for out of the Streets Construction Program.

\$15,000 in Recreation operating for their union contract settlement. We have a \$57,000 reduction in Community Development Block Grant which I believe is a correction. Senior Programs, this is from our grant. These items here are from grant monies so there is a corresponding amount of income coming in. Also the State Fire Marshall grant that Chief Cosgriff announced at last meeting, they received a \$9,785 grant for the computer and the software but we need it appropriated in the budget in order for it to be passed.

Litter Control, \$15,000 that's grant money as well. On the back, Law Enforcement Trust, that was approved by Council for the addition of the equipment and vehicles, as well as the replacement of the two patrol cars. Those ordinances are listed there. Capital Budget on E. 222, those were all approved, we just have to have you vote on it. Property taxes coming out of the Endowment Fund in \$31,000.

We are also going to ask, I eliminated a few items, we're going to ask you tonight to also amend the 2006 Festival amount from \$30,000 to \$42,000; however there should be a corresponding income level in there as well. But we need the \$42,000 in order to pay all the bills. In golf course, we have some additional fencing that I think one of the Council people wanted as quickly as possible, as well as the union contract settlement and in the revolving fund, we are replacing two patrol cars. Those are the adjustments, virtually all of them have been voted on by Council. We have some corresponding income.

If we could remove the two additional staff members, the jail study, the two additional inspectors, as well increase the expenditures for the Festival, I would appreciate that.

President Gudenas – Question on the Festival, about how much revenue do you anticipate? Any idea on that?

Director Will – We are currently putting that all together right now, but I would anticipate at the end of everything together, we'll probably have about \$16,000 in revenue.

President Gudenas – The next cost would be \$28,000. I know we had a discussion Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail brought up regarding the fireworks coming out, not out of the Endowment Fund, but of the General Fund. Perhaps we should consider also the Festival not coming out of the Endowment Fund because we are trying to save up some money for permanent improvements. Any discussion, we need to spend the money, but it could come out of the General Fund or the Endowment Fund because the Endowment Fund the way it is set up is not authorized to make this type of expenditure, strictly for capital.

Mayor Cervenik – The administration just needs the approval for the expenditure. If you want to put it into the General fund, that's all right.

President Gudenas – Right now it is under the Endowment Account and if it's okay with everyone we could put it into the General Fund.

Mayor Cervenik – Add that as an amendment as well.

President Gudenas – Let's do one general amendment. The amendment as proposed would be to change the \$27,696 and \$40,366 from Finance. \$30,000 jail study temporarily. Housing, \$62,700 and also to increase the amount for the Festival from \$30,000 to \$42,000; but also put it into the General Fund category with the understanding it will be the revenue coming in will go back into the General Fund for that.

Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail – I have a question about why are we pulling out the housing inspectors? We had a pretty lengthy and I thought very exciting presentation on the housing priorities and the necessity to in order to achieve those priorities to have additional staff. I'm curious why?

President Gudenas – We were waiting for their annual report from 2005. We've spent a great deal of money on computer technology, new software, we have a new housing manager who we probably haven't even talked to yet. So it might be appropriate to figure out what they've been doing and how this technology may help them. We just had a finance report come back to us that showed we were \$700,000 below revenue projections, we may not have any money. That's part of the reason.

Mayor Cervenik – We just have a revenue report showing that we're almost \$300,000 ahead of projections, however we need to safeguard that money. It was requested I believe of Councilman Langman, as well as one other council person, if we could not have a presentation, one last time with some of the items and the time that the housing inspector spend. In the interest of getting you all the information you can and with the understanding that I know we're going to have a council meeting within 30 days from now, I agreed to hold that off for 30 days.

Councilwoman Mancuso – Haven't not gone through on my time on Council with the negotiations we do with union. You absolutely could not have projected this at the beginning of the year? Is this the way we would normally do our union negotiation? You actually have to wait and make an appropriation later on in the year? We knew in January pretty much what everybody was. We couldn't have projected that then?

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Mayor Cervenik – Very difficult to project, back then we had no idea what the incentives were going to be. We were working hard to get the income increased from the hospitalization. Next year we have that projection and the year after we have that projection.

Councilwoman Mancuso – So whenever we go through negotiations then, we will see this happen.

Mayor Cervenik – It is very difficult. We made it very clear during our budget presentations that other changes would be coming back to you.

Director Frey – We did project the 3% increase in the budgets and the associated pension increases. It was the other items, the license proficiencies, or training and that's what we're seeing here.

Councilwoman Mancuso – Okay, because I remember the 3% projection, I didn't know about the rest of this. Thank you.

Councilman Langman – Director Pietravoia, when will you and the new Asst. Manager be prepared to address some of these issues that we discussed this afternoon and some of the other questions?

Director Pietravoia – Essentially with the report that we distributed on Friday, we're prepared to start those discussions at any time. Obviously the longer that Mr. Beno is here, the better acclimated he'll get to how the department is operating.

I did want to comment that if we can resolve this within a 30 day period. I feel comfortable that we can continue to operate with the present staff. We did increase the rental fees as well as the frequency of the rental inspections on the assumption at the time it appeared from Council that there was support for at least an additional rental inspector. If we resolve this within 30 days, I'm comfortable that we can deal with the staffing during that 30 day period.

Councilman Langman – So you'll be prepared to discuss organizational issues besides the revenue? Because I know we're going to get more revenue, that's really not the issue. It's that we want to make sure that we can maintain the additional staffing for years to come.

Director Pietravoia – I would be happy to comment on that now, but obviously we want to talk in more detail in Committee. It is going to take some time and experience with the new software, we hope to have it up and running by fall. We hope to purchase some sample hardware and have it tested with at least 2-3 inspectors in the various parts of the department. We'll be able to tell much better with those tests in place and the software in place what kind of efficiencies we could gain. It would be my guess at this time without either in place that there definitely will be efficiencies, I don't believe they will be sufficient to eliminate an entire staff person.

Councilman Langman – I think for the amount of time we spent on the dog ordinance, some extra time will be worth our while.

Director Pietravoia – I'll be happy to do it.

Councilman Gruber – The \$150,000 for Shore is not the capital improvement money, this is just for operations, correct?

Mayor Cervenik – Absolutely correct.

Councilman Gruber – And we anticipate \$80,000 in revenue?

Mayor Cervenik – Approximately, yes.

Councilman Gruber - \$70,000 for the next 6 months for operations?

Mayor Cervenik – Yes.

Councilman Gruber – Something happen that we didn't know about or?

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Mayor Cervenik – No, what we did Councilman Gruber, is when we amended the budget, when we reduced the budget, it was thought that by July 1st the Shore Board would be able to take over full operations.

Councilman Gruber – How is that coming?

Mayor Cervenik – We have not gotten to that point yet, we are going to need during the next 60 days to meet and try and work some things out. There were members of the Shore Board that weren't sure they would be ready until the first of the year or maybe later to do what they want to do. It is a very large asset of the City and it would be remiss of us to force that to happen. This will give us some time to positively resolve that situation.

President Gudenas – So we basically budgeted six months of expenses and six months of revenues and now we're taking it for the next six months.

Mayor Cervenik – If you look at the original budget projections before we amended them, these would be the amounts that were there.

Councilman Gruber – But the total cost is still \$70,000.

Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail – Just a quick question, I interestingly had a call today from someone whose house was put on the register, our historic commission's register and was asking about the plaque. Councilman Delaney, that's what this \$2,000 is for correct?

Councilman Delaney – Actually they are for plaques but they'll be Euclid plaques. These will be from the Euclid Landmark Commission. The National Register is the absolute top of recognition of historic places and there's only two foundries that you can buy those plaques that I'm aware of. One is in Virginia and one is in Cincinnati. They do get to be pricey and for what the Landmark Commission wants to do in recognizing not just local Euclid homes, but local landscapes, the appropriate signage to do right by this is what they're asking for this money. I would be happy to talk to the person that you've been in contact with and get them the information that they need for the plaque.

President Gudenas – We're back to the amendment as presented, second by Councilman Langman. Any discussion on the amendment? I see none. Roll Call on the amendment as presented with those budget changes.

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

Amendment passes.

President Gudenas – Again, just so we know from the Housing Dept., I know the Finance Dept. is working with the Housing Dept. on the software, we were hoping it would be up and running this summer, but now we heard it is the fall?

Director Pietravoia – Just to clarify, it was always anticipated that we would start the process of getting the software in place and the conversion to the new software during the summer months. It would be completed by the beginning of fall and ready to actually go live on line.

President Gudenas – It will be working sometime in July, August?

Director Pietravoia – Fully operational by the end of the summer, which is why I said the fall.

President Gudenas – Again, it might be of interest for some of the council members who want to have this demonstrated to see what this means to our housing department so we have a better understanding.

Director Pietravoia – I had also discussed with Councilman Lisy that we'd like to give a presentation on the new software to Council in a Committee setting so we can do exactly what you just stated to demonstrate to Council how it will work.

President Gudenas – And the other upgrades we were pondering in the future too, possibly?

President Gudenas – Thank you. Any other discussion on the legislation?

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

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

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

Passed.

Ord. 128-2006 (168-06) Tax Budget

Proposed Tax Budget for 2007. (Sponsored by Mayor Cervenik)

Councilwoman Mancuso moved for passage, Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail seconded.

Director Johnson – To be brief, this is a piece that's put in front of you at this particular time every year, it is very routine. Formally it starts the budget process. But in lieu of a formal tax budget that's submitted to the County Budget commission, we're allowed to submit what's called an Alternative Tax Budget, which is what is in front of you. It is very routine and mundane and inconsequential only in the fact that it formally starts the process as far as the budget commission is concerned. If there are any questions, I'd be glad to answer them.

President Gudenas – Thank you very much, I see none, it is a Resolution, Roll Call.

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

Passed.

Res. 129-2006 (156-06) County Waste Plan

A resolution to adopt the Solid Waste Management Plan for the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste Management District. (Sponsored by Mayor Cervenik and Councilman Gruber by request of the Service Director)

Councilman Gruber moved for passage, Councilman Conway seconded.

Director Gulich – The State law of the State of Ohio require Cuyahoga County to have a Solid Waste Plan. One of the requirements we need to do is update it every 5 years. Every City Council in the district, what is the district, Cuyahoga County, is having similar legislation put in front of them. What is required to enact this update is 60% of the voting public approval. Not 60% of the cities per se, but 60% of the voting public approval. So obviously Euclid is a big piece of the voting district here.

What happens if we do not ratify this plan, it is real simple, the EPA will make a plan for us and we won't be able to decide upon it. The proposed plan has 5 key components and I'll list them quickly.

- Component 1: Inventory of solid waste generation and disposal practices
- Component 2: Inventory of recycling practices
- Component 3: Waste disposal capacity assurance
- Component 4: Summary of the district's strategies
- Component 5: Budget plan.

The budget plan in short is that starting in 2007, this plan calls for a tipping fee increase of fifty-cents per ton for every ton of solid waste generated at the landfill. The City of Euclid's tonnage will be charged this extra fifty-cents for every ton that goes to the landfill. The good news so far is the County Commissioners have already agreed to reimburse all of the city's first year cost. Please keep in mind this would only be for 2007. They haven't made any commitment beyond then. We would hope they would continue to make that commitment. We expect this increase cost to amount to about \$11,000 based on generating tonnage of 22,000. Again the first year the County will pick in the form of a reimbursement. If there's any questions, I tried to be brief on that.

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President Gudenas – Regarding recycling and this plan, what does the County say about city's requirement for recycling? Is there anything at all in this plan?

Director Gulich – The city's are not required to recycle; obviously we want to recycle, we want to assure future room at the landfill. The largest sample of that would be the City of Cleveland, has no recycling program. They do have drop off recycling, but it is not required per se as part of the plan.

President Gudenas – It seems the County should do a little more to encourage cities to do that.

Director Gulich – I certainly wish they would.

President Gudenas – Instead of everybody getting that fifty-cents, maybe they should up it to more for everything you recycle as a positive thing.

Councilman Langman – Director Gulich, does this include in this plan hazardous materials like paints, oils, solvents, anything like that?

Director Gulich – The Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District will continue to have its special plans. Right now all summer we have the phone book drop off. In April we had the computer drop off. We're going to have that in the fall, the details aren't out yet. But to answer your question, yes, the County will continue to accept the hazardous waste.

Councilman Langman – So do our residents, do they have to go to where for that type of disposal?

Director Gulich – That solid waste drop off was just completed at the beginning of June. The County did advertise quite heavily in the local papers and the major papers. There will be another one I understand later in the year but they use the County Fairgrounds for that particular practice.

Councilman Langman – So they have to take the hazardous waste to the County Fairgrounds. Is there any place on the east-side?

Director Gulich – Actually no, but please keep in mind that many of the items they advertise that you can't even bring there, we do allow people to put on their treelawns in the City of Euclid, latex paint being a big one. Lots of people have old latex paint, if you dry it out, leave the lids off, that's a major item and that's something even the County doesn't accept as part of their hazardous waste drop off plan.

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

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

Passed.

Ord. 130-2006 (157-06) Assessment Vacant Lots

An ordinance to levy assessments for the cutting of weeds and cleaning of vacant lots as provided in Chapter 1113 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Euclid. (Sponsored by Mayor Cervenik and Councilman Gruber by request of Service Director)

Councilman Gruber moved for passage, Councilman Langman seconded.

President Gudenas – Pretty straight forward.

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

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

Passed.

Ord. 131-2006 (158-06) Uniforms

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service of the City of Euclid to enter into a contract after advertising for bids for uniforms for the years 2007 and 2008. (Sponsored by Mayor Cervenik and Councilman Gruber by request of Service Director)

Councilman Conway moved for passage, Councilman Gruber seconded.

Director Gulich – Our bargaining unit agreements require us to do this. In 2005 it came as a cost to the city of \$8,842.22. We do have a line item in the operating budget that Council has approved in order to make sure we can fulfill this contract requirement, we'll go out for bids.

President Gudenas- How many different classifications of uniforms do we go out for bids? Because I know some departments do and some don't. Who decides that?

Director Gulich – Best answer I can give you is we try to keep it real simple. We keep the uniforms generalized across the board. I can speak directly to the ones involving my departments, perhaps Director Frey could better answer that question.

Director Frey – Most of the collective bargaining agreements have some type of uniform requirement. For instance the police and fire, we don't provide uniforms, we provide an allocation. In other contracts we provide uniforms to the individuals and I think those are the ones Director Gulich is speaking to tonight. Waste Water Treatment, Streets, Parks, Building Maintenance and Weatherization is not a bargaining unit but we provide uniforms to our Weatherization people that are going out into our residents' homes.

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

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

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

Passed.

Ord. 132-2006 (159-06) Salt 2006/07 Season

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service of the City of Euclid to enter into a contract after advertising for bids for the City's requirements of Salt for the 2006/2007 Winter Season, for the period of November 1, 2006 to October 31, 2007. (Sponsored by Mayor Cervenik and Councilman Gruber by request of Service Director)

Councilman Gruber moved for passage, Councilman Langman seconded.

Director Gulich – I believe I got this information out during the week. For the past two years Cargill has agreed to extend the contract with a 0% increase. We came to Council and they granted that one year extension. Again I negotiated with Cargill for a 0% increase. Just this past week they came back to me, they said they could guaranty a 3% increase for the next coming season, not a 0% increase. I tried to get as much information for Council as I could on the status of other contracts as being bid. They are all going up, that's no big surprise. Most even more so than what we negotiated.

If Council wishes, we can simply go out for bids and see where the numbers come. I would be quite comfortable with that. Or, if Council would prefer and we might need Director Frey's help on this, we could amend the legislation and do a 3% extension.

President Gudenas – The ordinance reads that you will advertise for bids and what is the advantage of not advertising for bids? We could always go back to the 3% if the bids come in higher, or am I missing something?

Director Gulich – I haven't been able to get in writing from Cargill that they would guaranty that once we go out for bids. In other words, what they bid will be their new price when we go out for bids.

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President Gudenas – How many bidders to do you expect?

Director Gulich – Two.

President Gudenas – We are presented with a decision, do you take the 3% guaranty or what's behind curtain #2 and not go out for bids?

Councilman Delaney – Thank you for copying us the e-mail. It says right here, the City of Mansfield up 3.34; Franklin Township 6.6; Berea up 4.25; Middleburg Heights up 6%. These are all increases. Director Gulich is right, we have two salt mines, Cargill and Morton. It looks like we better go with Cargill.

President Gudenas – That locking in for 3% is for one year or two years?

Director Gulich – For a one year period which would cover the 2006/2007 winter. Sounds far away, but it is not.

President Gudenas – Director Gulich, your recommendation is to lock in at 3% as opposed to the bids?

Director Gulich – I would be quite comfortable with that if Council was indeed comfortable with that as well.

President Gudenas – Do you know of any communities that have received proposals less than a 3% increase so far?

Director Gulich – I'm not aware of any.

President Gudenas – Any other discussion because we would have to amend the legislation? Nobody? So we're going to go out for bids?

Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail – I make the motion to amend the ordinance to lock in at the current rate.

Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail moved to amend Ord. (159-06) to remove after advertising for bids and instead put in verbiage to accept Cargill's proposal for a 3% increase. Councilman Langman seconded.

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

Amendment Passes.

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

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

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

Passed.

Ord. 133-2006 (160-06) CT Consultants Agreement –

Tungsten Rd

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service of the City of Euclid to enter into an agreement with CT Consultants, Inc. for Engineering Services required for the preparation of construction plans and supplemental specifications for the Tungsten Road Improvements from East 276th Street due east to the Cul-de-sac in the City of Euclid. (Sponsored by Mayor Cervenik and Councilwoman Walsh by request of the Service Director)

Councilwoman Walsh moved for passage; seconded by Councilman Langman.

President Gudenas – And this is part of that RTA project that we heard about before and we are going to be reimbursed for a good chunk?

Mayor Cervenik – 340,000, Director Pietravoia?

Director Pietravoia – We will be reimbursed for 80% of the project costs and I believe it was, let me see if I can get the exact amount for you.

President Gudenas – And it's already in our Capital Budget?

Director Pietravoia – Yes, this has all been approved by Council. What we're doing this evening, I don't want to take Director Gulich thunder here, but this would be to have the actual design plans prepared by CT. So the actual funding and reimbursement has already been approved. We're waiting for the legal documents back from RTA to actually execute them so we wouldn't initiate this work until those documents are back and signed.

President Gudenas – All right, any discussion further on this? I see none.

Councilwoman Walsh – I just wanted to say I was down there with Mr. Zorn this past week and they're really ecstatic about this happening and the residents will really be thrilled.

President Gudenas – Excellent.

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

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

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

RES. 134-2006 (162-06) Neighborhood Housing

Services (NHS)

A resolution stating the City of Euclid's intent to enter into a memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Neighborhood Housing Services of Greater Cleveland, Inc., (hereinafter, NHS) for the provision of various housing programs as outlined in the attached draft MOU. (Sponsored by Mayor Cervenik and Councilman Langman by request of CS&ED)

Councilman Langman moved for passage; seconded by Councilman Delaney.

Director Pietravoia – As we discussed with Council when we reviewed our housing initiatives, we've been having discussions with this organization to partner with the City to help us with some of our housing programs. In particular this Memorandum of Understanding would allow us to take the first step toward formalizing that relationship with them and to start some of the educational and counseling programs that were listed in the handout that was distributed to Council.

If we go beyond that into the Purchase Rehab program and some of the other areas that are a little more complicated, it will likely require an actual contract and we would come back to Council for those services. But we're anxious to get this started. They're willing to start some of these programs and sessions during the summer months if we can get this Memorandum of Understanding passed and get the process started.

President Gudenas – All right and so for the residents, again, they're going to help residents repair their homes and our guidelines for income eligibility etc.?

Director Pietravoia – There are no restrictions on their programs so that there are no income restrictions.

President Gudenas – Okay, so that's very good to know and regarding education counseling things like that?

Director Pietravoia – In addition to the educational programs there is a potential that we could work with them to provide, similar to what we do with EDCOR, we'll have to look at this very

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carefully with them to provide some lending that lending does not use the federal dollars like our EDCOR programs do and that's why I was indicating that there are no income restrictions similar to the EDCOR program.

President Gudenas – And these educational programs do we know when they may start? Where they're going to be?

Director Pietravoia – We would like to hold them here in the City of Euclid. Some of them are very easily held here. Others are actually held at their offices which are located in Cleveland. For a small fee they can bring those programs to Euclid and our goal is to talk to some area banks that, obviously most banks deal with lending for housing, to see if they would help sponsor those sessions and pay for the small fee that it might cost to bring them here to Euclid.

President Gudenas – All right.

Director Pietravoia – We're literally talking about maybe \$2-300 per session so it's not a huge fee on their part.

President Gudenas – All right and again our understanding is that if we get lucky here, they may also make additional investments in actually maybe acquiring homes and rehabbing homes sort of like what EDCOR has started to do?

Director Pietravoia – Correct and in fact, we will continue discuss with EDOR. It could end up being a 3-way partnership between the City, EDCOR and NHS.

President Gudenas – That'd be very exciting if we could do that.

Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail – Thank you, Director Pietravoia, it's exciting to see. There's no mention of cost in here. Is that something that needs to be worked out still or will there be a cost for us to partner with Neighborhood Housing?

Director Pietravoia – There may be a cost for some of the educational programs in terms of bringing them here to the City of Euclid. It would be on a per session basis in the range of \$2-300 and that's what I was mentioning earlier. We would look for sponsors to cover those costs.

Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail – But there's no costs for our residents to take advantage of these programs

Director Pietravoia – Correct, if we cover the fee to bring them here to the City, then there'd be no cost to the residents.

Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail – I, you know, and I saw that it was mentioned several times through this Memorandum of Understanding that they would like to provide programs here and there's some that mentioned they had to do them there. I would, and I don't know if you had any, you know, what the depth of the conversation about having a local presence here in terms of office space or something, I think that would be appropriate if we're going to really work on expanding and, you know, I don't want to assume that they can partner with EDCOR in their office, but I think it would be certainly easier for our residents to have a local place, you know, to meet about counseling or to meet about some of the programs in addition to obviously the programs being held here. The individual services those type of meetings, I think, the easier we can make it for residents to take advantage of these programs the better off they'll be whether that could be here at City Hall some place or perhaps at Shore or some place. I would like to pursue that further if that's possible.

Director Pietravoia – I agree 100%. Our goal would be to provide as much as if not all of the services including individual counseling and financial guidance things of that nature right here in the city. And there is some language in here that says we will make office space available as necessary to accomplish that.

Councilman Lisy – It also says we'll have a primary and secondary designation in that same section. Have we identified the person within the City that will be that point of contact?

Director Pietravoia – Initially it will be our Assistant Director Bob Gliha, who’s been closely involved with our housing programs over the years. Council may recall we have another position that we’ll be filling this year in the department. Our expectation is that individual may assist with this program as well.

Councilman Lisy – And this, I think this is a wonderful program and what I’d like to do is make sure we get the word out so that people can take advantage of it. And that’s why I’d like to make sure they know who the point of contact is. Thanks.

President Gudenas – Would we like to add all of Council to this? So we shall amend it to add all of Council with the Mayor on the sponsorship any further discussion? I see none.

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

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

Res. 135-2006 (164-06) Ohio Job Ready Sites Program

- PMX

A resolution authorizing the Director of Community Services and Economic Development, or his designee as the official representative (the “Site Improvement Project Manager”), to file an application to participate in the State of Ohio, Department of Development’s, Ohio Job Ready Sites Program for the development of the former PMX site, and to provide all information and documentation required in the application for submission. (Sponsored by Mayor Cervenik and Councilman Conway by request of CS&ED Director)

Councilman Conway moved for passage; seconded by Councilman Gruber.

Director Pietravoia – We, with Council’s support, we’d like to go forward and apply for this new program that the State is just making available for the first time this year. It’s called the Ohio Job Ready Sites Program and as is implied by the name what the State is trying to do is to advance money for capital improvements, such as streets, underground utilities, land acquisition to get sites ready so that when companies come looking in Ohio the site is actually ready to develop not the situation we currently have which is typically there’s a 2 to 3 year lead time to make those kind of improvements.

There’s a first round of application this summer, July 19th, which is why we wanted to get this before Council before the summer recess. We expect to be in that round with an application with Council’s support. There is a category in this program. It’s titled, “Smart Office”, and essentially what it would help to fund is professional office research and development and related to manufacturers that might be part of a business park so that’s the particular category that we’d likely go after. It’s pretty widely, the eligible improvements are pretty widely defined, acquisition of land and buildings, building construction, as I mentioned earlier, roadways, underground utilities, remediation of environmentally contaminated properties so there’s a wide range of possibilities as to how we could use this funding if we’re successful in obtaining it.

President Gudenas – And are they looking for certain minimum size parcels to be eligible or more likely to get funding if they’re larger than smaller?

Director Pietravoia – Yes, Mr. Chairman, in one way we were very disappointed when the final guidelines came out for this program because for just straight traditional industrial development, they’re requiring a minimum 200-acre or larger site, which would have disqualified PMX; but the particular category I mentioned of Smart Office would qualify a portion of the site. And what they’re essentially requiring is that there’d be a minimum of 150,000 square feet that would fall into that category. That would translate into probably about 20+ acres of the 80 some acre site.

President Gudenas – And why not include all of it?

Director Pietravoia – We could except that I think we want to leave the flexibility for manufacturing or industrial development as well on this site. If we were to apply for the entire

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88 acres and receive the funding we would actually be obligated to develop the entire site for that particular Smart Office use.

President Gudenas – I see.

Councilman Conway – Director Pietravoia, this sounds like an excellent program and I know you just ran through a couple of the criteria, but would something like the Century Corners property also be eligible for this or is there something or we should actually consider doing as well?

Director Pietravoia – The Century Corners property, the amount of acreage that's left there would be too small to accommodate the 150,000 square feet minimum under this category.

Councilman Conway – Thank you.

Director Pietravoia – Also, I guess I would like to comment that even if it were eligible we would have to make a decision about one location because our chances would be much slimmer if we submitted two different locations. It is on a competitive basis so that raise a good point with other communities in the area.

Councilman Langman – Director Pietravoia, I support going after the grant, but the way the program reads as far as its minimum requirements, it seems like a lot of the older communities in Cuyahoga and Hamilton etc. are going to try crowd into the last category to bid for dollars on that. Does that put us at a competitive disadvantage because obviously there's not too many communities around here that's going to have a thousand net contiguous developable acres etc. so how's the money divided so we have a reasonable chance of obtaining these funds?

Director Pietravoia – You raise a good point. It is the only category that we could qualify to apply under so we feel it's worth the effort to at least make a stab at it. The funds are distributed on a state-wide basis. We would compete locally first and if the local committee advances our project to Columbus then we would compete with all the other projects throughout the state. There are not too many communities locally that would have even enough land to accommodate the minimum 150,000 square feet so we think locally we would actually do pretty well and make that round down to Columbus.

Councilman Langman – Are you aware if the City of Cleveland is also pursuing the same programs?

Director Pietravoia – I do not know that specifically but my guess would be that they will try for some of this funding.

Councilman Langman – Okay, thank you.

President Gudenas – And what is our goal in terms of funding, how much money? Do you have a specific request?

Director Pietravoia – At this point I don't have a specific dollar amount. Once we work through the application requirements, we'll have a better idea. There, there is a limit I believe a program limit of \$5 million per project; but that they may not apply to the Smart Office. It may be a lesser dollar amount for Smart Office.

President Gudenas – All right.

Councilwoman Walsh – I certainly would support this and since it's in Ward 3 I would like to have my name on the legislation please.

Mayor Cervenik – I'd like to have everybody's name on it please.

President Gudenas – And we shall then I guess add everybody to it anything else?

Director Pietravoia – Just to take a minute at this point and we can discuss it further later if you'd like, but just to update Council and residents. As all of Council knows by this point the building is completely down. They've just about completed clearing all the debris from the site from that

demolition and they're going into a next phase of actually filling in areas that are necessary, at least temporarily until the development starts, there's some voids in the ground that have to be filled so over the next several months that's the area that they'll concentrate in while we're applying for these funds. I would expect that there'll be other programs that we're going to be identifying and coming back to Council to apply for other funds as well.

You may recall when we entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with this property owner one of our responsibilities that we said we would undertake is to pursue going after grant funds for the project so we're in that mode now and will be over the next probably 3-6 months.

Councilman Langman – Director Pietravoia, did, I don't know maybe you said it and I missed it, but did they remove the concrete floor also or is that?

Director Pietravoia – They did not remove the entire slab at this point in time. Part of the concern was that would involve some remediation so while we're going after remediation funds we essentially agreed to hold off on the removal of the slab.

Councilman Langman – Okay, thanks.

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

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

Ord. 136-2006 (153-06) 27101 Shirley Avenue –

Demolition

An emergency ordinance authorizing the Building Commissioner of the City of Euclid to enter into a contract, after obtaining three informal quotes, for the demolition of the structure located at 27101 Shirley Avenue, 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 and Councilwoman Walsh)

Councilwoman Walsh moved for passage; seconded by Councilman Lisy.

President Gudenas – And this home we've heard earlier does need significant repair at the same time Director Pietravoia will tell us that there is a potential contract to purchase the property and if the purchase takes place and they do the work immediately, then we won't tear it down I guess.

Director Pietravoia – Correct, Mr. Chairman, I want to support Councilwoman Walsh and yourself and other members of Council in trying to advance properties like this to get them through the process more quickly. This is a, I believe a good circumstance because we do have a contractor that has signed a purchase for the property. It just took place within the last week while all of this was being formulated. We would like to give him the opportunity to assume the violations and within a 90-day period to actually make the necessary repairs, rehab the home and do a purchase rehab and put it back on the market; put it back into productive use. If that fails for any reason, if the purchase agreement doesn't go through, if there's problems with the title company looking into the title transfer, we would have the backup of this ordinance to move forward on the demolition process.

I do want to qualify that we would have to go through all the necessary requirements of our ordinance before we could proceed with that in terms of the actual notifications that are required by our law. But this would give us the authority to start that process if the purchase rehab doesn't go forward.

President Gudenas – All right so this is the beginning of a process and either the home will be repaired shortly or we won't see it.

Councilman Langman – Director Pietravoia, how long has the home been in this condition?

President Gudenas – I believe the fire was in November of last year.

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Director Pietravoia – Yes, as the resident, the neighboring resident stated earlier it was November 29th of 2005. There have, actually, been problems even prior to that just in terms of general maintenance of the property, but the fire exaggerated that and the conditions you heard described tonight are mostly a result of that fire.

Councilman Langman – And has anything been done since the fire to secure it, do anything to rehab it?

Director Pietravoia – Yes, Mr. Chairman to the Councilman, I'm actually going to defer to our Housing Manager, Ron Petkovic, because he has had some direct involvement with the property.

Manager Petkovic – As Director Pietravoia has stated, there's been some, quite a few exterior problems with this home throughout the years. This gentleman went through a very nasty divorce. He is fatally ill at this time due to the fire. We do have a buyer that has a signed contract that is now at a title company and the search should be done by next week. If for any reason that the search fails, then we will proceed with this demolition order that Council passes this evening.

The buyer intends on having an architect go to the scene with him to return this place to its past condition, what it should look like as a bungalow.

Councilman Langman – What is the age of the home?

Manager Petkovic – I do not know that.

Councilman Langman – Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Councilman Lisy – Ninety days seems like a long time, I know that's probably in our ordinances and all the paperwork we have to go through, but is there anything you can do to accelerate that process, Chairman or Director Pietravoia?

Director Pietravoia – The 90 days would include the time necessary to work with the architect, prepare the plans and then actually undertake the rehab. So I think it's probably a reasonable time period to have a complete rehab of the property.

Councilman Lisy – Is there steps that can be taken by the potential new owner in the meantime to address some of the life issues that are associated with the house as it is?

Director Pietravoia – I guess and I'll ask Mr. Petkovic back me up here if I'm incorrect that some areas of the property had to be secured because of the fire. They're not secured in a permanent way and that's part of the issue that the neighbors and Councilwoman has brought to our attention, but they're secured in a fashion that would hold the property together to prevent any further deterioration until it can be rehabbed.

Councilman Lisy – I just don't want.

Director Pietravoia – So the, you know, tarps placed on the roof where the roof was damaged from the fire and things of that nature have already been put in place.

Councilman Lisy – Thank you.

Manager Petkovic – I've been assured by the buyer of the home that once this transfer takes place there will be a dumpster in the driveway immediately and his crew will be starting on the back demolition of the home and then start to rebuild it.

President Gudenas – So we're being told that there's a 90-day time period, not to start the work but more or less to complete most of the work.

Councilman Lisy – And that's what I'm looking for. I wanted some type of progress, some type of good faith for the residents in that neighborhood.

President Gudenas – They would need to see improvements right away with repairs and cleanup and all that, which they would see if the sale goes through because the person is making that assurance. And if it doesn't happen, surely the house will be gone.

Councilwoman Walsh – How does the fact that it's in tax foreclosure figure into this? Is that still going to allow him to buy it? I believe there's \$13,000 owed on the tax foreclosure.

Manager Petkovic – Yes, that's part of the purchase agreement from what I understand from the buyer. That's all taken into consideration. The taxes will be paid for and even if that wasn't part of it, the title search certainly would show that. But that's part of the agreement.

Councilwoman Walsh – I really don't see how he's going to repair it because if you've been to the back of the property, I live in that type of house. I believe they were built in 50s and what you would have to put in to it would be so much you're never going to resell it and the house is only worth probably 90,000 max.

Manager Petkovic – Well, we certain, I don't have and wasn't privy to the amount that the purchase price was. The house is rehab-able as it stands though.

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

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

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

Ord. 137-2006 (163-06) CT Consultants – Zoning

Official Services

An emergency ordinance authorizing the Director of the Department of Community Services and Economic Department to pay CT Consultants in an amount not to exceed Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) for Zoning Official Services performed from March 1st, 2006 through June 30th, 2006. (Sponsored by Mayor Cervenik and Councilman Conway by request of CS&ED Director)

Councilman Conway moved for passage; seconded by Councilwoman Mancuso.

President Gudenas - Director Pietravoia this basically came up because the Housing Manager was hired a little later than planned and as a result, isn't that what's this is about?

Director Pietravoia – Yes, Mr. Chairman, actually, as we, it's the appropriate last item because this is how I started my remarks tonight with the hiring of our Assistant Director for Zoning, Building and Housing. With that hire in place we need authorization from Council to pay the final bill essentially for the services from Andy Torowski from CT Consultants.

So what we've done during the period that Andy stayed on while the hiring process was in place, we are paying CT for the services we would have had of Mr. Beno if he had been earlier. We're moving from the money from the salary line item down to Professional Services to pay this contract. So it's an accounting housekeeping piece for tonight.

President Gudenas – All right, any further discussion on that, I see none.

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

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

CEREMONIAL RESOLUTIONS

Res. 121-2006 (165-06) Anne Ferlito – National Disney

Teacher

A resolution of congratulations to Anne Ferlito on being named a 2006 National Disney Teacher Award Honoree. (Sponsored by Mayor Cervenik and entire Council)

Res. 122-2006 (166-06) Euclid Pet Pals – Paper Drive

A resolution of congratulations to Euclid Pet Pals for winning the Great Paper Drive from Abitibi Recycling by coming in First Place in the Multi-Bin category. (Sponsored by Mayor Cervenik and entire Council)

Res. 123-2006 (167-06) Pat Barnes - Congratulations

A resolution of congratulations to Pat Barnes on the occasion of receiving the F. Robert Weisenberger Award from the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority. (Sponsored by Mayor Cervenik and entire Council)

Res. 124-2006 (169-06) Mark Smykowski – Sympathy

A resolution of heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends of Mark Smykowski who died in Iraq while serving his Country in Operation Iraqi Freedom. (Sponsored by Mayor Cervenik and entire Council)

Councilman Lisy moved for passage; seconded by Councilman Delaney.

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

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

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

President Gudenas – Public portion, Committee of the Whole, anything on the general welfare for the City of Euclid.

Ms. Rose M. Allen – 26241 Lake Shore Blvd. I'm here to give a partial report of the activities of the City Services Evaluation Committee. These are not any final results and I, Jeff Beck the co-, well, our, it's late people. Our Vice Chair wants to give part of this report, but he has an early flight and ask that you forgive him for having to depart; but I will give you some of the information. I'll make it brief because it is very late.

Our, we have had three occurrences of distributing surveys. We distributed surveys at the Memorial Day Parade and the results that we have, these are not complete results. These are just partial results. These are from the parade. We did distribute surveys at the Lakefront Festival on Saturday and Sunday and we have not had a chance to get those returned yet. We are asking people who did receive the surveys to return them by June 22nd so that we can begin to tabulate those and give you a report. And we do have some of the issues and concerns that were expressed on the comment portion of the survey. I have copies for each person in Council and the Mayor so that you can at least have an idea of what people are concerned about at this time.

And just briefly the surveys, the results so far indicate that 92% of the respondents are homeowners, 8% renters. Ward 1 respondents 26%; Ward 2, 17%; Ward 3, 13%; Ward 4 22% and no Ward declared on the survey 22%. And you will have more of those figures.

What we are doing tonight is giving you the issues that people have expressed in their comments. And if you have other questions, we also intend to put together some results so that we can request a meeting with Council and go over what we've done so far.

President Gudenas – Would you like our Sergeant-at-Arms to pass them out?

Ms. Allen – Yes.

President Gudenas – Thank you.

Ms. Allen – Hold your questions and comments for another time.

President Gudenas – Don't worry. Thank you very much for your good work. Next please.

Mr. Albert Chylla – 482 Clearview Dr. Director Gulich, I'd like to know is there anyway we can still try and stay on top of the garbage at the RTA shelters along Euclid Avenue, you know,

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they're getting a little, you know, full, especially by the Speedway on 222nd and Euclid. It's kind of a little messy.

The other thing I want to say is congratulations to our Chief for the hiring of our firefighters. It's been a long time; we need them. Any word on our new truck?

Chief Cosgriff – We're expecting to receive that truck by the end of the month or early next month.

Mr. Chylla – We need it.

Chief Cosgriff – Yes, we do.

Mr. Chylla – And then the other thing I wanted to say is that Director Pietravoia and to our Fire Chief we have a serious problem with the Goodyear Auto Repair Shop by the Burger King with tires being stored along that side of the store entrance. It's a potential serious fire hazard. We don't need a tire fire there. It can happen. They're stored up there properly. The problem is they don't need, they don't, they don't need to be there. It's, it's disgracing, disgusting, I'll reword that. And I think, Chief, we need, you know, maybe send an inspector up there to say, you know, move them. It's serious. You get a fire tire there and the whole building will go. It's a serious problem.

And Chief Maine, congratulations on your new Mini Station, I was there to see it. It was, it's great. I'm very happy for you and keep up the good work, the Administration, Council have a terrific summer and we'll see ya. Thank you very much.

President Gudenas – Thank you, any comment on the tires, Director Pietravoia?

Director Pietravoia – We'll coordinate with the Fire Chief and his staff to check it out both for Code violations as well as potential fire hazards.

Mr. Chylla – Oh, it's definitely, it's a, I mean, it's a definite, it's a serious problem there. I mean, there is just, it really doesn't even belong there. I mean, I don't know why they have them stored there.

Director Pietravoia – We will check it out and make sure that they make other arrangements if they're violating our Codes.

Mr. Chylla – I would appreciate that because I drove up there tonight before I came here and they were just, no, they were there and it just needs to be addressed a little further.

President Gudenas – Thank you very much.

Director Pietravoia – Thank you.

Mr. Chylla – Thank you, have a nice summer everybody.

President Gudenas – Well, we'll be back sooner than later.

Mr. Dan Soloky – 1767 E. 228th St. A new face here, my wife is the one back there that spoke earlier and I tried to get her to get up here and plug my show. And since my wife wouldn't get up and plug the show, I'll have to do it. It's called the Piano on the Hill and it is a piano concert, but it's not a bore like watching somebody play the piano for an hour. We wanted to do something for Euclid so as she told you we went out and took probably 7, 800 photographs starting on the hill. We went to Mr. Gruber's hill. I love the Indian Hill too. If you go to, I like how you can walk up, I just talked to you, I like how you can walk up from my hill to your hill look over at mine and back again that hill people only understand that but it's something special something beautiful.

So we put, yeah, a lot of those things, we just took pictures of the town, place that I've lived for 52 years and it sounds corny but I'm here for a reason. There's deep roots here and I just wanted to do something. I wanted to use my talent volunteer it and we came up with a really nice television show. What you end up with is a Ken Burns type documentary and we went down like, I'm supposed to read this off. When you get old, you have print this big to read it off. You'll hear Italian opera on it. You'll hear Sentimental Journey, Stranger on the Shore. These are matched up, the songs are matched up to sunset pictures down at the lake like what we saw at

Kathy Will's festival and I'll call it your festival because you did a great job. We had a great sunset every night for that thing. Well, you'll see sunsets, a little bit colder because we filmed these back in March and April. You'll see them on our show set to music.

We did a second show that I hope will air some time in August. I'm hoping. For that we went to Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine. That, I'm not Catholic but that is the most beautiful, peaceful place I have ever seen in my life. We set 3 or 4 old hymns including Ave Maria to music. We also did a jazz version of Greensleeves, which if you like Vince Guraldi, the Charlie Brown pianist, I play in that style once in a while. We got Greensleeves pictures of leaves just starting to pop this year. So it's a show for you but it's called Piano on the Hill. It's going to air next month, I hope, the first show and the second show should air in August. I hope you'll watch it. We worked real hard on it.

It really shows Euclid the way only a resident that's been here for half a century sees it. Everything from the hills down to the lake and I think it's one of the most beautiful places a person can live. You get a great change of seasons here. I have no idea what I said for the last 3 minutes, but I really hope you'll watch my show and I hope we can produce a few more. We've got some ideas to use the Shore Cultural Centre.

I did want to say before I get off here I was made aware that they finally have a new piano at the Shore Centre. You also have an old Steinway that's dying slowly so I hope you'll let me in the Shore Centre to play it. Play it back into life. I like to say well pianos, I hope you kind of leave the key under the mat and let me play it. And please watch the Piano on the Hill next month. Thank you.

President Gudenas – Thank you very much. Where is that piano at Shore Cultural Centre? Being delivered, oh, we're getting a donated one. Where will it go?

Director Will – It's going to go in the front of the lobby. I know it was discussed many, many times, but it is being donated to the Board.

President Gudenas – Okay, very good.

Mr. Tom Cooke – 25641 Edgecliff. Today I will be addressing the resignation of Euclid High School Track Coach, Mr. Al Benz. I found out about his resignation through an article that was published in the News Herald on Thursday, June 15, 2006.

The following are quoted excerpts from that News Herald article. Coach Al Benz said Euclid High School was one terrific place and one of the best high schools in Ohio during his first stint at the school from 1967 to 1974. Benz has a decidedly different view of Euclid as he leaves the school now. Citing a lack of discipline in the school to the point that it was unsafe Benz confirmed that he resigned as the Euclid Boys Track Coach bringing to a close a tumultuous two-year stint.

Quoting Benz in the article, I'm not going to tell you that the reason I resigned was to spend more time with my family. That is not true. The situation there for me was not acceptable. I cannot work in that environment. Sometimes it borders on being unsafe. We had so many ineligible athletes Benz said in 2 years we had 16 outdoor track athletes and 23 indoor athletes ineligible. That's a lot.

While Benz was frustrated with the state of the school, he had a different tone in discussing the Athletic Department. Tom Bank was very good, great to work for Benz said. He was very supportive. I can't say anything negative about him and the other coaches I worked with and the coaches in the other sports were good to work with too. I am going to miss the kids. There are some real good kids, but there's enough of the rest to make it very difficult for me.

I personally had the great experience of being coached by Al Benz in Track during my 4 years of attending Euclid Central and Euclid High School in the years 1970 through 1973. The selfless giving of his time and talent during my many years under his coaching I remember it and appreciate it to this day 36 years later. Al Benz is one of the finest Track coaches this high school will ever see.

Lack of discipline is at the core of the majority of the problems within the Euclid School System. Discipline is not determined by family's income or social position within a community. Discipline is not a fad that comes and goes over time. Discipline is timeless. Anyone who would argue against what I have just said will forever be wrong. I will not place the blame for lack of discipline on the Euclid teachers or the educational staff. They can only work with what they receive and only within the confines of what we as a community deem acceptable. The blame for lack of discipline and unacceptable behavior that falls lies squarely on the parents and/or guardians of these children. Behavior whether it is acceptable or unacceptable originates in the home. This statement is a truism and is not debatable. Let me repeat and I leave you with

one final quote by Al Benz "I'm going to miss these good kids. There are some real good kids, but there's enough of the rest to make it very difficult for me." It is time to get rid of the rest. It is time to get rid of those students that make it difficult if not impossible for others who want to learn.

Our children should not have to pay the price for aberrant behavior of a group of students who, for whatever reason, choose not to conform to this educational system. This will only come about when we as a community decide to take real action and demand from our leaders swift, all encompassing and immediate change. Thank you.

Mr. Tim Jackson – 24390 Mavec Ave. I'm here tonight to speak about foreclosures. There are an alarming number of properties currently in the foreclosure process in Euclid. While a clear majority of our friends and neighbors take pride in maintaining their properties, a majority of the properties in the foreclosure process are no longer being maintained as required by the City ordinances. These properties are not only an eyesore, but a growing blight on our community, in our community. While I believe Ron Petkovic and his housing team are doing everything they can do, they do not seem to have adequate resources to enforce the current ordinances nor do they have the authority to eliminate the issues in a timely manner.

It is time to enact legislation that will severely penalize those that are allowing or have allowed are neighborhoods to fall into disrepair and/or are unwilling to follow the ordinances of this city. Currently it takes far too long to remedy a problem while waiting for a foreclosure action to conclude. Many of the lenders are from outside of Euclid and do not have a stake in the community. A few of the lenders are located in the area, but they are more focused on other segments of their business rather than maintaining a property that may be back in their possession because of a foreclosure action.

After reasonable efforts to be determined had been made to resolve a violation over a specified period of time, also to be determined, it is time to penalize those unwilling to be good neighbors. Increasing the fines for offenders might allow the Housing Department to become self-funded. A \$5,000-10,000 fine will certainly get a violator's attention more so than the fines currently in place. Those unwilling to comply and/or are repeat offenders should lose the privilege to lend money for mortgages in Euclid. As a last resort, the City could take ownership of the property and sell it to someone willing to make Euclid their home.

Many residents have a foreclosure story from their neighborhood. I encourage the residents to share their stories with their Council person or the Mayor. Hearing these stories may spur action in the near term rather than at some point down the road. It is time to enact legislation that will severely penalize those that are allowing our neighborhoods to fall into disrepair by not following the City's ordinances. I suggest the Council President assign some summer homework by way of asking Council and the Mayor or his designee to prepare and present draft legislation at the first Council meeting after the summer break. Time for action is now. Thank you and good evening.

Mr. Warren Wallace – 24430 Mavec. Say congratulations to the Mayor and expressly Jack Johnson for bringing our credit rating up. It's a really good thing for the City. Thank Council for passing #2 and #3. Also the Mayor stated he would like to find out, get a committee to do something different next yesterday for the festival see how it would work. I'm not one of those that's going to come up here and say it was super fantastic like everybody else is, but the music, we couldn't relate to that maybe have some R & B. Something we can relate to, some Black music so everybody can enjoy it. You know my, you know me. If my tax dollars goin' to pay for it, I want to enjoy it too so let's try to get some Black people in here and we can enjoy it a lot more.

I'd like to welcome Assistant Director Paul Beno to the City. Is it Beano, Beno? Thank you. I'd like to welcome you to the City and you've got a full plate here.

Director Pietravoia, you can answer when I sit down here. Were there any minor candidates interviewed for that position and if so, how many and if not, why not?

I want to talk about something my son wants me to talk about here. This a note he got from the Euclid School District. It has come to our attention that some of our students may be engaging in an activity called the Chocking Game. It is an old activity, but this is the latest name for it. The purpose of the activity is for students to receive an intensely full rush that accompanies loss of consciousness. Children cross themselves by restricting air flow to their brains. This is a very dangerous activity that has led to many tragic outcomes including death. The Chocking Game is a secret activity that can be carried out alone or in the company of others. This is, of course, no test, there is no, of course, no test for this. It is chemically undetectable; however, there are some signs which should raise a red flag for parents. These are, this is also for grandparents and aunts, uncles, friends, any concern party because only parents got this letter

but everyone should look out for this. Unexplainable marks or bruises on their throat, frequent severe headaches, redness of eyes, belts, lashes, ropes or shoelaces tied in strange knots or found in unusual locations. Unexplained cuts or bruises from falling. Disorientation after spending time alone, locked bedroom doors.

Also want to touch on something else, this stuff right here is called Duster and it's killing our children. It's a keyboard cleaner, computer cleaner and it's air. Apparently, well, my son told me about it. Well, I said it's air how can it kill? This is how it kills. The high from this gas paralyzes the user for several minutes and gives a feeling of euphoria. Both dusting and huffing can result in damage to the brain, lungs, heart, kidneys and liver and can cause death. In computer cleaning products a Freon type of gas of fluorinated hydrocarbon is the dangerous ingredient. So the kids, and like myself, they think 'cause it's air it's not going to kill anybody. Councilman Delaney, you're laughing and joking. This is for everybody's children. My time, my time.

This duster right here seems to be the air of choice. The Freon gas in this here, it collapses the lungs. It deteriorates the brain. I don't have a whole lot of time. You can check it out on MSNBC and just type dusting, but they name it after this particular one right here. This is like the Rolls Royce of it.

Also, it says disappearance of products this is signs you look for. Disappearance of products at a rapid rate, empty cans or containers, large stashes of chemical products in the child's room, strange smells around the child, residue of a product on a child's clothes and complaints of numbness to the tongue. The Freon creates a, a, a, freezer burns in their mouth. The Freon, same thing that's in refrigerators, air conditioners and these kids are taking this stuff, but you can do a lot of research on line just type in duster. Time's up. Thank you.

President Gudenas – Councilman Delaney, you would be out of order as he was mentioning your name. Thank you.

Director Pietravoia – Would you like me to respond to the question?

President Gudenas – Oh, right, I'm very sorry, right, there was a specific question regarding the interview process for the position.

Director Pietravoia – Yes to Mr. Wallace's question we did interview two minority candidates as part of the process.

President Gudenas – Thank you.

Mr. Dennis Berzinskas – 20890 S. Lakeshore Blvd. On ordinance 5 I didn't hear the Henn Mansion, the 50 cents on a dollar match, was that on the agenda or not?

Mayor Cervenik – There was no need to amend. That was included in the original budget.

Mr. Berzinskas – Thank you.

Mayor Cervenik – In the Capital.

Mr. Berzinskas – On #13, one of the things, one of the technologies of today's nanotechnology if you listen to the City Club about a month and a half ago, we're ripe for nanotechnologies in this area. I think we should go out and seek people like that that want to start a business, start research. The degrees are at least a Bachelor's degree and a professor for every two workers so you could bring some high paid, high skill jobs into the City and we can be on the cutting edge.

Kathy Will, thank you, the hours and hours your people spent at the fair, 3 o'clock in the morning going home on a Saturday evening, coming back to work at 8 o'clock in the morning, at least, at CEI we had an 3-hour turnaround. Thank you. Your people were extraordinary thank you.

If you rehab a burnt out house on a humid day, it still smells burnt. You know, if you're going to re-fix a house that's basically a garage with divided walls, tear it down. Bring some better housing to the city.

The other thing thank you, Charlene Mancuso, for bringing the helicopter because all the kids loved it from the littlest to the 80-year-olds loved it. Thank you. And she gets mad when I say ask her what one blade costs and there's four rotor blades. They have three helicopters always in service, one in for repair all the time. It's astounding what that costs and the skill levels of the pilot and the doctors on board there. It's something short of fantastic. Thank you.

The other thing my phone number's 216-481-9485, I'm serious about inspecting. If the City won't do it, the citizens will. I'm tired of listening all the repairs are, they need to be years later. I want to get everything done in a timely fashion. If you can't do it, don't want to do it, the citizenry will. Thank you.

Mr. Joe Udovic – 21371 Naumann. I'm back. First, I have a full plate, too. First two things I'm going to talk about are landscape issues. As I was driving down Euclid Ave., I noticed our planters, or the hanging baskets, we ended up with a very poor selection of plants. I don't know how this occurred. I thought it was on our Wish List that we were going to be having some type of hanging baskets. As I was in Cleveland Heights on Friday, the plants are already in bloom. From what I see in our hanging baskets, I cannot tell if they are impatiens, petunias, geraniums or marigolds. I'd be willing to work with the Recreation Director and help with the selection process next year so that we get a better quality. Maybe if we spend a little bit more money, we could have gotten a much better selection.

Yes, we did have a beautiful fair, but last week I did my Euclid route and as I was driving by Sims Park, I mentioned this to the Councilman of Ward 2, being that I'm a landscape designer and a horticulturalist, I noticed someone was cutting the grass there very low and this is where the cars are being parked. We had 90 degree temperature, do you know what happens when you cut a grass low in heat? You cause the lawn to go under more stress than normal. I don't understand how we didn't raise the bar here and made this mistake as well. We are below water, we had very hot temperatures and we are going to continue getting hot temperatures. Now that the lawn has been mowed very low, you're causing more stress and more environmental conditions to bring disease into that lawn. Hopefully we will come up with a better solution for next year as well. Once again, I'd be willing to talk with you and help you out on this as well.

I also would like to talk about the Pepsi contract. I was watching at the last council meeting, as one gentleman spoke this evening, we do have a diversity in this city. I don't understand why we just end up with Pepsi. There are people out there that do like more than one type of soft drink. For example, Shore Cultural Centre, it is a very large building. Could we not have a Pepsi machine in one location and maybe a Coke in another location? If I'm not mistaken, didn't Pepsi pay us \$12,000; couldn't we get another \$12,000 from another vendor?

Now I do have some questions. 1) Could someone please explain to me what the status of Mr. Calabrese's property is? I noticed the concrete is still there. Is he in some type of litigation with the City of Euclid? What type of time-frame are we looking to see that concrete removed? I know there are people out there who are looking for some kind of clean fill along the lake. Can he donate some of that concrete to have it removed off the property?

Next question, I know that we have a private business operating out of Memorial Park, the batting cages. The gentleman's complaint was that Milton Ave. during 4th of July, that street is closed so it lacks, it impairs his business to operate and function properly. What will be the procedure from the Police Dept. or the Recreation Dept. to make sure that street is open so people coming into the park, for example, prior to the fireworks show if they want to try the batting cages they can park up to there and use this facility. I also noticed that the contract I had was signed by Mr. DeMinico and former Mayor Paul Oyaski. Will this Council be getting a new contract? Is that still in the works?

My next question is to Ward One Councilwoman, I also heard you make some comments about attending some beach event. I also live in Ward One and I brought up some issues, or it was brought up during the last election that our side of Ward One has a high traffic count between 200 and 222. I talked to Euclid Trio, they came up with a solution. Have you been in touch with Euclid Trio? During the summer break will you be looking into what can be done to eliminate some of the high traffic volume that people are going between 200 & 222 from Nicholas, Tracy, Naumann? I would like to hear your response to that as well. Have a great summer and hope to see you again.

President Gudenas – Anything new on the Calabrese property?

Director Frey – The question raised, there is an appeal pending from the decision by Council, I'm sorry, by the Planning & Zoning Commission to determine that concrete crushing is a prohibited use. That appeal is pending in Common Pleas Court. There was a case management conference on that and a briefing schedule has been set. The record has been filed and the briefing schedule set. We will get a determination probably in several months.

President Gudenas – Are we handling that in-house, the legal part of it?

Director Frey – Yes we are.

President Gudenas – The question on Milton, I think that's a safety issue, if not making it a cut-through, which has been discussed many times, it is much safer not to have a bunch of cars speeding through. Batting cages contract, what's the status?

Director Will – We've been currently trying to work with the owners of the Strike Zone to look at the possibility of renegotiating their contract. At this point right now it was left in the hands of the owners of the Strike Zone from myself and Director Frey to come back to us with their recommendation of what they wanted us to take to City Council. To this date we still have not heard back from them.

As far as the Pepsi contract goes, if I started to split up the different locations and have them separated, that's going to lower the amount of money that we would be able to take in.

President Gudenas – Anything on the traffic, Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail?

Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail – Mr. Udovic, I'd be happy to talk with you. I have extended that offer before to sit down with you and the neighborhood groups. I have not specifically spoken to the Neighborhood Trio in the last near future, but would be happy to attend any meeting they invite me to.

President Gudenas – We'll be very happy to change the tape right now. Let's just sit where we are at. Give them a minute or two, don't go anywhere so that we can finish.

President Gudenas – We're back in regular business. There was one other question. The grass was cut a little extra short in that one spot for Life Flight for their helicopter to land there, one time deal for their safety.

Mr. Tod Guntner – 390 E. 257. First of all I would like to again thank the Mayor and City Council for that wonderful Resolution; also thank the citizens because they made it possible. Thank you everybody, we greatly appreciate your support.

We would appreciate your continued support on July 8th. Petpals will be having their Annual Car Wash at the Animal Shelter on that day, the 8th, from 9:00-3:00. Donation is only \$5. I don't think you can get a car washed anywhere for \$5 anymore unless you have children. Come on out and join us on a very hot day and get your car washed.

On July 22, which is two Saturday from that, we will be holding our annual open house and anniversary party. It will be held at the shelter again from 12:00 until 4:00 PM. We will have free hot dogs, pop and chips and anniversary cake and we'll have some games and prizes and raffles and all kinds of things and maybe a few surprises. I don't have anything that I can tell you about yet, because I don't want to spoil anything or have somebody say you said something to early, we can't do it. You got to come out and check it out. It is all free. Come and join us for a wonderful afternoon.

Last thing I'd like to talk about this evening is the Euclid Lakefront Festival. We had a chance to go out there and make people aware of what Petpals is all about. I spent most of that weekend, in fact I was there, 4 hours on Thursday; 6 hours on Friday; 12-18 hours on Saturday; and I was even there Sunday for the wind storms. Got to talk to a lot of people; in fact after Thursday night I even sat down a chair next to me, so that people could sit down and talk and I appreciate all the people, all my friends, all the acquaintances that I have; all the people that came and adopted animals, 1-3 years ago, they came and talk to me and other members of Petpals. It was a very nice event and it was even nicer because of the camaraderie and it was a very enjoyable weekend and I hope it is twice as good next year and that is going to be hard to do because it was pretty darn good this year. Thank you.

President Gudenas – You should add that you spent about 4 ½ hours here today.

Mr. Victor Goodman – 20201 Glen Russ Lane. You'll have to forgive me, I have this dry thing from medicine so I have to clear my throat every two seconds. First I'd like to make one very important announcement. The tape of the Town Hall Meeting of March 18th will be available later this week through the Euclid Public Library. There will be two copies there. I also was told that I would have to wait 5-8 weeks to get it on ECTV, the Library has very graciously said they will accept it. I urge every citizen at one point or another to take it out, see what other citizens had to say, so that you can join us in other forums with your opinion. The tapes will be at the Library later this week.

I would like to ask both the Mayor and the Police Chief, and I understood everything you guys said. But I wish that over the summer you guys would get a hold of the Police Chiefs and Mayors of our adjoining cities, or the like, and just throw out the ideas of a regional jail and see what they might be willing to input back. Who knows, you may get some very positive things. I do hope that you will pursue it with the other people.

Based on what I heard that we're going to have some special council meetings, so how is the public going to be informed so that we know to be able to attend?

President Gudenas – If you're on the e-mail list, you'll get the e-mail immediately. Otherwise we put the notice here at City Hall. Anybody wants to be on the e-mail list, please give a call or we also send out notices if there's enough notice or faxes.

Mr. Goodman – I would like to ask Mr. Pietravoia a question, actually it is my wife that wanted to know. We past on the way home from the Festival that there were a lot of semi-trucks parked at the Kmart place, and I'm wondering if they are all Royal or are truckers using that as a parking area?

Director Pietravoia – We will investigate that. It is my understanding, the property is zoned industrial and with the permission of the owner you can park semi's there. I believe those truckers have permission from the owner. They are not associated with Royal Appliance.

Mr. Goodman – But at least if we check because if they are doing something they shouldn't it really makes that corner look even worse.

Director Pietravoia – I recently observed the same thing myself. It seems like the number of trucks is growing so we will investigate with the owner.

Mr. Goodman – I'm sure we've all heard the term, chicken without a head. Well, I watched one and that's Kathy Will. I have never seen a person in such perpetual motion in my entire life. I just wonder where she had a moment to do anything that might have been important to her. I saw the same with her assistant. But I've never seen one person move so fast. Anybody who would like to know what a chicken without a head looks like, its Kathy Will.

I did attend the Festival on two nights, I volunteered in booths. Over all, I would have the say the Festival was a great beginning. I think they learned a lot of things that they won't do next year and I think they learned a lot of things that they will do. The wine tasting was beyond scope and I don't drink wine, I don't drink, so I didn't partake, but it was sure fun watching it and it was great. If anybody needs any glasses for wine, please call Councilman Mancuso, she has about 1,000 of these glasses from whatever.

But it really was a great time and anybody who came there, I think that the organizations that were fundraising did well and I appreciate what the citizens did. Also, besides the rocket, we had Batman. We've got to give him so notice because that guy must have been sweating like anything I know. The only thing that somebody said that they would really like to see next year is ice cream. Take care, have a great summer.

Mr. Ron Emser – 26501 Farringdon Ave. I'm tired, it's late. I just wanted to for one thank all the citizens that came out and especially participated with the wine tasting. I just came back from vacation a few hours ago so I missed the whole thing and it was like a communication black-out. I had no idea how it went and I was afraid to call anybody and ask. So anyhow, upon returning I got a few phone calls so I'm glad that worked.

But, I really stepped up here to primarily give credit to the Euclid Hunger Center for the lion's share of the whole board, just everybody took some different aspect of responsibility for the wine tasting. Without their help it wouldn't have happened. Kind of scary planning an event and having it come off from long distance. It worked, I'm glad to see it happened and perhaps we can do it again. Thanks, good night.

President Gudenas – And our Sgt.-at-Arms is next?

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

COUNCILMEN'S COMMENTS

Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail – A couple of brief announcements. Ward One's second Bridging Community Connections meeting will be this Thursday, June 22 from 7:00-8:30 at the

Church of the Epiphany which is at 210 & Lake Shore. We had a very good first session. Hopefully we will have the same people back plus a friend.

Euclid Youth Soccer, they were here at the last meeting talking about all the great programming they do. They will be continuing their soccer sign ups and registration, Saturday, June 24th and Saturday July 15th, both from 10:00-Noon at the Euclid Public Library. I believe those are the final two registration sessions. They offer soccer programs ages 4-13 for both boys and girls.

Euclid Hospital is holding their community event, this Thursday, June 22nd. That's always a nice evening and a good chance to support and see the hospital and the programs they are providing.

Another piece of good news, Lincoln Elementary school, their PTA in conjunction with the City and the School Board, will be building a playground this summer; replacing their existing playground and adding onto another one. This is close to a \$40,000 project, a great part of that was raised through fundraising efforts at the school. And to make that money go further, we are doing a community build. I am inviting any resident who wants to participate, as well as businesses, anyone out there who would be interested can contact me, I will give you more information. The dates will be Sat., July 29th and Sunday, July 30th. We're told that if we have a working volunteer group of 20-30 people we can finish it pretty quickly. Anyone who's interested in helping can call me and I will give you more information. That is where a portion of my ward allocation is going to help fund that. That's the city's role in that. The bulk of the thanks goes to the Lincoln Elementary students and the parents for buying lots of cookie dough and candy and all kinds of good stuff.

This is, I suppose, a good time to sort of look back at this, the beginning of our term, we're at the summer break so to speak. I think we started out fairly well. I think the last two meetings have been a little rockier and I would ask and I include myself in this, all of Council members and the administration let's sort of take a step back. I think we need to work harder on the communication. We need to do more work outside the meetings, so our meeting here can be productive. We need to check our level of respect I think again, especially for other groups coming in and people who have different opinions. I'm all for committee meetings to discuss things, but I also would like to have work getting done. It gets frustrating when we discuss something three times and can't make a decision.

I would like to ask everybody to let's check the way we're doing business. Let's look back, make sure we're asking our questions throughout the two weeks, not only on the council floor and that goes both ways. I think overall we've had a good start. I look forward to, it sounds like a productive summer as well. We'll have some additional meetings and that's good because things are happening. I would just ask all of us and I include myself, let's get back to doing some good work and make sure we use our time productively both here and outside of the council meetings. I know everybody is busy, everybody is busy. We took this job because we wanted to do it and that means putting time in and that means doing research and asking questions not only here but in between meetings as well.

With that, we'll see everyone soon, but wish everyone a safe and happy summer and looking forward to the 4th of July Fireworks. I get to attend a couple of neighborhood parades usually that day so that is fun.

Thank you.

Councilman Langman – Law Director Frey and/or Mr. Petkovic, have we had the occasion yet to use the nuisance abatement ordinance that we passed in mid-May?

Director Frey – I know that you sent an e-mail to the Prosecutor's office this week. I'm sure Mr. Jerse will duly follow up on that. I'm not aware that we have brought anybody into the Prosecutor's office on a nuisance abatement. Nor, am I aware on either portion of that, the exterior repairs or the assessing of costs that we have done anything outside of the grass and the more traditional assessments that we have done. I think the answer is no, unless Mr. Petkovic has other information that I'm not aware of.

Mr. Petkovic – We have not done anything on that and I believe I know where you're going to go with this. I'll wait for your next question so I can answer it.

Councilman Langman – The next question is the 22nd, Cultural Gardens who we've been dealing with now for a very long time, is supposed to have their screening fence completed along with other violations corrected. Do we have any inkling that in fact they are going to comply with our ordinances?

Mr. Petkovic – That gentleman was called into the Prosecutor's Office. We had a meeting. He left with the understanding that it has to be done by the 22nd. That was the Order from the Prosecutor's Office. Thursday is approaching soon and he will be treated no differently than an owner of a commercial building, or any other apartment building or occupied home or rental property. In the terms of Mr. Gruber, it will be hammer time.

Councilman Langman – Some of the residents point out, we see in the surveys we got, folks want us to take a very hard line with folks that are disobeying the law with regards to property violations. That's going to be part of our housing discussion, Director Pietravoia, Mr. Beno, as we go forward, we need to come up with strategies to implement the tools that the council has passed. I'm looking forward to that. It is going to be a very long and hard working summer. We're going to have a lot on the plate. I look forward to working with your staff and the rest of the administration to make sure that we efficiently enforce the code.

I would like to thank Kathy Will who really did a tremendous amount of work. Hopefully when we do this again, we can assist her a little bit. I saw a couple of times she looked pretty stressed out but she pulled off a very, very fine event. I would like to mention especially, the Henn Mansion, the East Shore Garden Club, really had it decked out with various flower arrangement, it looked fantastic with all the flowers, it was really a great event. With that, Mr. Chairman, I'll say good night.

Councilman Lisy – On housing, Director Pietravoia, and again we set up goals as a council to address certain issues and a few of those issues on my list were trying to round up additional funds for lakefront development. Can you tell us where we stand with our Congressional friends?

Director Pietravoia – We have made significant progress this year thanks to the efforts of not only on our side on the administration, but with Council's help and with the residents with the letter and post card, we had made it further in the process than we have in the past. Both on the Senate and House side we've made it into two different bills, transportation bill and energy and water bill. We are awaiting as it makes it way through that Committee process, a word for dollar amounts, funding, we should know by the end of the summer for sure, whether we're successful in drawing down those funds. The good news is, the great news is that we've made it further in the process than we have in the past.

Councilman Lisy – Even though it is not the entire amount that we're looking for, this is an avenue that we can go to in later years and we can also go through additional funds. This summer I think I'll get together with you and we'll start working on some of those other avenues.

The other item was with respect to software to help track violations and help the housing department out. Can you give me a status of where we stand on that software?

Director Pietravoia – We mentioned this briefly earlier. There's a new software offered by New World systems, it is called a community development module. In addition to helping us with our permitting for housing and building, it will also include a component that will allow members of Council, the administration to not only register concern or complaint, but also to see and track the complaints that have come in to various departments throughout the city. That's a very key component of that software that we think will help well beyond just our department. We expect that to be in place as part of the community development software module by the end of the summer.

Councilman Lisy – To make sure that it is going to address everything that the residents are looking for, I plan on scheduling a Technology Committee Meeting to go over the features and capabilities of this prior to its complete installation. Director Johnson can you add to that?

Director Johnson – We have tentatively scheduled the week of June 26th for their first visit to begin to work on the set up and the installation.

Councilman Lisy – Will they be willing to give a presentation to Council that evening?

Director Johnson – I could check and see.

Councilman Lisy – While the experts are here, we could at least have a Technology committee meeting to go over some of the information, just to make sure it is addressing all our issues.

Director Johnson – If this date does hold, they will be here for the entire week.

Councilman Lisy – So we'll pick the Monday or Wednesday of that week and we can see how many people can attend. With respect to that New World Systems software package, we also wanted to make sure there is a much more user friendly version than our AS400 for both the staff and council to get access to financial information. How is the transition from the AS400 to the Windows based system coming?

Director Johnson – Not without a little bit of pain, but we did manage to go live last week with the financials. We have scheduled July 17th to begin to run the parallel for payroll and we anticipate running live on payroll, August 21st.

Councilman Lisy – We are doing duplicate systems right now with the AS400 and the Windows based system?

Director Johnson – For payroll only, yes.

Councilman Lisy – I looked over the financials, everything looks pretty nice because our expenditures are down by \$550,000 than where we projected and our revenues are up by about \$270,000, I'm sorry, \$169,000 up for the year with our income tax being up \$270,000. It is not as high as I'd like to see it, but we're very aggressive I thought at the beginning of the year when we set those dollar amounts. As long as we're ahead of where we projected, I think we're doing great. Thanks for the monthly projections.

Director Johnson – I feel confident that we'll meet our revenue projections. We have had some ups and downs in the income tax collections. I think it is primarily because the projection that we have, there's a timing issue there but I'm pretty sure that at the end of the year we'll come out okay.

Councilwoman Mancuso – First I would also like to thank everyone who participated in the Festival. I do hope the group gets together very soon to go over, good, bad, uglies, wonderfuls, and what we will do next year. I also think we owe a thank you to Mr. Ron Emser who was not at the Festival, but who while gave a great deal of credit to the Hunger Board, was instrumental in getting the wineries to actually commit to us, sight unseen, quite honestly, to try this for the very first time on the lakefront. I don't think we have to convince them anymore that this is the place to do it, bigger, better and more wonderful next year.

If you did not get the opportunity to participate in the Festival, you missed out and you certainly should try to participate next year, wholeheartedly because I think it will only get bigger and better and much more productive for everybody in the City of Euclid. It was something to be proud to be part of.

I would be remiss if I did not ask Mr. Gulich to speak to the blocked sanitary mains. I have had more e-mails and one of the main questions seems to be, use said in your one e-mail to Mr. Reese that we've had five blocked sanitary mains in 2006. How many homes does that impact when we have a single blocked main?

Director Gulich – The particular one that we had a number of transmittal about last week, three that we're aware of.

Councilwoman Mancuso – Three homes and to go through without getting specific to the homes, what does the city do for this homeowner who may have never had water or raw sewage in their basement ever before?

What do we do for them, anything?

Director Gulich – Obviously we do approach the homeowner and obviously we express our condolences. We always check to see, we make sure that there's not a problem with the lateral connection. Obviously when there's a blocked main, there's certain conditions that need to be corrected over there. Normally the problem goes away right away. In this particular instance, we advise the people on clean up methods and who they could possibly contact. Of course I always advise people that they are welcome to talk to our claims office and consult with them as well.

Councilwoman Mancuso – Have we assisted them financially at all?

Director Gulich - These particular people, I'm not aware that they filed a claim.

President Gudenas – Yes they have, I have a copy.

Director Gulich – I wasn't aware of that. Normally that goes through Roseanne Evangelista, that office, then she goes through the process of gathering the data which is mainly our reports, talking to our people and of course the homeowners.

Councilwoman Mancuso – Director Frey, have we done anything with these folks that you know of?

Director Frey – Nothing has been presented to me yet.

Councilwoman Mancuso – So no claims?

Director Frey – I have not gotten anything to approve or review in the nature of a claim settlement. I don't know whether all of the information Mrs. Evangelista would need has been presented, insurance and that sort of thing comes into play. I'm certain at some point I will get that to review, I don't have it yet.

Councilwoman Mancuso – Director Gulich, and I know you and I corresponded and you said you do the best you can with what you have. Is there some process we can put into place for our older mains that we could check on them more often rather than when someone is telling us they have a problem?

Director Gulich – Obviously you would expect to find the problems in the older mains. Not something that is guaranteed of course. We know some areas where we have the old invert type systems where we have had problems come up before. We do pay more attention to those areas. I don't want to give people the impression that we're absolutely ignoring other areas just because there are newer sewers there. It doesn't really mean that there's not any likelihood that they could block up.

Councilwoman Mancuso – But do we have a process in place where we go to visit, other cities have, and I understand they have different resources, we have different resources, we can go round and round. Do we have a process in place where we look at our different mains on a regular schedule so that every part of our city is getting the advantage of at least saying, yes we came to look at it, we did look to clean it out. I mean something could happen the next day, but in this case it was a very prolonged period of time.

Director Gulich – It is not unlikely that it will be a 4-5 year period before we'll get around.

Councilwoman Mancuso – The residents should expect a 4-5 year routinely cleaning out these mains.

I agree with my colleague, Holzheimer Gail, I think we have a lot of work to do this summer. I think this Council has been working very hard to this point. I don't think we're done. I look forward to the debates, the discussions and the committee meetings, so that we can move forward. I don't think anybody has stood still since we were elected. I think a lot of things have already been accomplished. The city is moving. There's been a tremendous amount of cooperation on both sides of the table. There will continue to be debate, I hope, so that we come to the best resolutions and options that this administration and city council can give the residents. Frankly, that's what we're here for, so frankly I look forward to it. For the residents, have a great summer because you'll see us right here.

Councilwoman Walsh – I want to thank everybody who put me up here because I've had a wonderful six months. I think it is a true honor to serve people. A couple sad things happened in this tenure and one being that a gentleman named John Churney, who lives on Babbitt Rd. He once called me and he said come on kid I'll sign your petition and we became friends and we were going to sit on his porch and time the light on Babbitt Rd. which doesn't click quite right; his wife called me last week. So it doesn't go unnoticed, I would like to say goodbye John because you were a good man and you loved your city.

I would also like to thank Alecia Larkin and all her children. If the city still has possession of Shore Cultural Centre, I think they could help here because she was on her hands and knees

trying to scrub the fountain and get the underwear out of the spray thing. Maybe we can take it over and she brought her little baby up there and that's the sign of a true, true volunteer.

I also think Ron Emser did a fabulous job. The people at the fair did a fabulous job. Everybody was just warm and touchy feely and it was worth every bit of effort.

We've had a couple meetings and we're going to be doing something really cool I think. I'm collecting golf clubs and tennis racquets and it doesn't matter if they're wooden. I'm going to really shock Chief Maine now because I'm going to ask you to drop them off please at the mini-station #3, because they are on my back porch now and I got a new puppy and it is just not going to work. We're going to work on giving low cost or no cost golf and tennis lessons to the kids in Euclid. I would also like to request because we're not going to move those bins, it is obvious, can we have a sign on them that says what you are allowed to put in them. I don't think you should be putting chairs in them and so forth. I do not see any sign on there, if you had some kind of list, maybe it would help people.

In the words of Diana Ross, I want to end with something very positive. My BRIDGES meetings, Ward 3's BRIDGES Meetings will be on July 6th, 20th and August 3rd and will be at the New Refuge Church at 26300 Brush Ave.

Again, it's been a wonderful 6 months. I think we are the most positive wonderful group. I still will debate Dr. Lisy because I don't know why I'm not on the Technology Committee, but that's his call. Thank all of you. I hope all of you have a wonderful summer. To that's side also, God Bless each and everyone of you and I love you Chief Maine.

President Gudenas – Thank you much. What Councilwoman Walsh was referring was a meeting we had with Supt. Joff Jones of the Euclid School system and a couple of school board members and the like and we've been brainstorming on ideas on what we can do to help the kids during the summer. I believe Director Will is going to follow through on a couple of them initially to have a little bit of free swimming at some of the neighborhood pools, which we hope to announce and we were talking about expanding the golf lessons, tennis lessons and the like, low cost things that we can do with the donated equipment that we can pass out. We hope to have a report back, an announcement on those special neighborhood pool days and other things that have resulted from that meeting regarding recreational programs including maybe something special with the sand volleyball courts.

Also we had talked and hopefully we can make an announcement shortly, because of the success of the Second Lakefront Festival, to have some additional concerts in the park like we used to have on the lakefront on Sunday evenings; we're hoping to have six of them yet this year, this summer, starting in July. Director Will and I and Mayor Cervenik are sponsoring a Jazz Night hopefully. Hopefully we can put something together. We had some donations possibly of some funding for that. We don't have it all finalized today but we want to keep the people coming back to the lakefront, it is a beautiful place to be and it does help sell our city.

Also, I was at Board of Control today and I was very pleased to report that the City is buying its first video camera that will be used for surveillance of some neighborhoods to help the Police Dept. keep track of what's going on. Something we've been hoping that would happen. Hopefully that will be in place shortly. I'm sure there's a lot of secrecy behind it. But somebody will be watching certain areas and that should help everybody.

Also, as we know we have our 64 goals, I guess, I'm not sure how many are out there at the Council entrance. They are there for a reason to keep reminding us on all the goals and ambitions we have for this term. So it would be also good for us this summer for us to re-read what we have started working, what we still have yet to do so we can focus our time and energy on those items that we think are important. We certainly can't do everyone of them but we can at least keep working on those that have to be done.

Also, just a little bit more background which I'm tending to do at the end of these meetings. I've been around long enough that I could obviously tell this was going to be a long meeting and we're basically at 5 hours here. Council meetings aren't normally the time you work out the details to legislation, such as the by-laws, rules and regulations of our Cable TV Commission. That's something since I was on Council back in 1995, I don't remember us spending much time at all. It deserves more attention than just hello and goodbye at a council meeting. It deserves a lot of hours and that's why I hoped that would go into a committee so that we could give it the time and effort they deserve for the time and effort they are putting in. I just hope to remind everybody that our council meetings are usually not the time to present the last bit of information and all that, and it generally is not the responsibility of the City Council to come up with every possible question ahead of time on legislation that they are not sponsoring. We do expect the administration to have answers to legislation being sponsored by the administration. That's expected. We can't possibly come up with an e-mail to everything possible because in this instance for instance, we didn't get our packet until the end of the day

Friday and I was gone and some of the stuff I didn't see until Sunday. It is a little bit to late to go over a lot of these important things.

One thing again as I'm wrapping up is the roof of the jail. This is one thing that I'm trying to avoid in the future. We're told that we need to act on a jail immediately or it is going to cost us \$300,000 right now. Well that jail is not even 20 years old. As a resident Berzinskas said, why in the world would a 20 year old, not even a 20 year old roof need to be replaced, why didn't we maintain it at all? We need to know who is responsible for that roof. Why did we neglect that roof? Why did we put ourselves in a position that we can't repair the roof? And in fact, City Council to this day has received no information, no reports, specifically about that roof indicating that it cannot be repaired, temporarily or not and we're told it just has to be replaced take our word for it. Well that's not the way I'm going to do business over here.

We are going to have discussions, that's what we're here for. We're not here to rubber stamp my positions or anyone else's positions. But we are going to have discussions and that's part of the process. When you have 10 elected people, you're going to have more than one okay. If we all rubber stamped everything, I think there would be more upset people than that.

Finally, we're on recess. But we will have to have a few meetings. We did get the initial report from our law firm regarding the Department of Justice position and I had tried to arrange a meeting, the chief lawyer is out of town until tomorrow. We might very well have a meeting next Wednesday. It might be at 5:00 Executive Session to go over the findings of that report and what we do next. I can't schedule it because unfortunately he's been out of town and didn't return my phone call. That's number one.

Number two, we'll probably have some city council meetings, special meetings, focusing on only what's important, but council members are like everyone else, they do have plans, they do travel, they leave, so it's not the time for committee meetings. We do have a recess so no committee meetings, special council meetings that have to be done and we do have to do something with the Department of Justice so expect that one. With that, Councilman Conway.

Councilman Conway – Well I certainly appreciate that response.

President Gudenas – He's the only one that gets applause before he starts.

Councilman Conway – That's pretty nice. The first thing I'd like to do is once again congratulate the six new firefighters that were sworn in tonight as cadets for the fire department. That's probably been one of the more rewarding things that we've had the opportunity to do. I think we started out our very first council meeting swearing in some new police officers. We've had the opportunity to do it a few times during the first six months and it is something that we all should be very proud of that we've been able to work together with the administration to improve our safety services and our safety forces and something that we all take a great amount of pride in. For tonight, not only congratulate the six new firefighters tonight, but all the new police officers and firefighters that have been sworn in over the last six months.

I would like to once again welcome Mr. Beno to the City of Euclid and we look forward to working very, very closely with you and it is a pleasure to have you come to our meeting tonight and I look forward to seeing you quite a bit in the near future.

Director Will, thank you and congratulations for all your hard work on the Community Festival. Obviously in many ways this was the first time; we've had some festivals in the past but this is really a rebirth of the community festival and to have it at Sims Park was a tremendous success. I've been to a lot of festivals in my time and certainly there's plenty of opportunities for improvement, we're going to learn from this, build momentum and continue the trend of the fantastic festival going forward. Thank you for all your hard work, your staff's and everybody else that you thanked earlier this evening, a good thank you for myself as well. We appreciate how well the community festival went and look forward to working with the committee to make the necessary improvements so that we can have as successful and actually a much more successful community festival next year.

One quick question, I'm not sure if this is best directed to Chief Maine or Director Gulich, but the question I have received a couple times in the last week or so, especially from people who are commuting from Rt. 2 merging onto I-90 E with some of the construction that's taking place on the on ramp. A lot of people have asked, they often see a Euclid Police cruiser sitting there directing traffic. I'm pretty sure I know the answer, but can somebody address for the residents how that expense is allocated back, I believe from the State, just to reconfirm that for us.

Chief Maine – Councilman Conway, your suspicions are correct that cost is picked up by the State as part of the contract. The police officers working there are working on a side job, flat

rate that's set. We use city police cars because that is the safest way to do it. I think it is a small cost to pay.

Councilman Conway – I absolutely agree with that, but like I said I did get a couple of questions and I wanted to make sure the residents understood that's not a bill that we absorb here in the city for that particular work. I appreciate that.

Lastly, to echo a few other comments, it has been a tremendous six months. I know a lot of people are very curious as to what kind of relationships that we would be able to develop between specifically myself and the administration. I think I've been able to foster some great working relationships. I'd like to thank all the Directors for all your support and help and the Mayor, we've been able to accomplish a few of our goals at this point and I do appreciate how well we've worked together to accomplish many things for the good of the city. I would just like to wish everybody a happy and safe summer and I'm sure we'll see you throughout the community. Thank you and good night.

Councilman Delaney- I, too would like to welcome Mr. Beno. Look forward to a lot of quality time on many of these issues.

Thank you Kathy Will, this is well deserving, much of the work that went into this festival began in December and January and it was an ongoing task. It is never easy to put a lot of this together considering the competition that's out there. Much of this work had to be put down in contracts by February and March. It was a very tall order and very much accomplished. We've got a great thing to build good will on and that's the key, it is going to be marketing and getting the word out and continue to build on it.

One of the requests, suggestions that came out of this is really off the subject but I think it is worth mentioning. I would like for you to talk to the Shade Tree Commission and maybe come up with a way of clustering the trees, identifying trees, coming up with a legend that we could perhaps put a plaque out. They all have different colors throughout the seasons and I'm sure that we have a lot of people that can help them out with that. I could give you names if you want, but I think its important and maybe we could find a way to decorate our park with another small tree monument.

I have another question about the litter control. I haven't heard yet if we're working on a plan, if its ongoing, if we've talked to the managers of the fast food restaurants, if we've studied our bins, where they are at, the bus stops. But, I did get a mailing as I'm sure everyone did in Cuyahoga county about the City of Cleveland Water Dept. and of their top 10 ways to protect Lake Erie, number one was avoid littering. Seeing that we have more shoreline than anyone else throughout the State outside of Cleveland, I think that it is worth mentioning again. I hate to sound like a broken record, it is not my style, but certainly I know the residents close to those corners don't like the wind-blown trash.

One more question for the Rec Director, I've had some concerns about the community center, about the transition with the seniors at 5:00. As they close out their programs and maybe other events coming in, does Forko have control of the cleaning, the removing of debris, cups, cans, what not? As we talked about a maintenance schedules with our other buildings, do we have a maintenance schedule as far as the windows, the floors, you can enlighten me on that?

Director Will – I would be glad to do that however, I'm going to refer that over to Director Pietravoia because honestly the senior center as far as that goes is not under my responsibility.

President Gudenas – Director Pietravoia, is that your responsibility?

Director Pietravoia – If I could just ask for clarification, are you referring specifically to the on-going cleaning and maintenance of the building itself?

Councilman Delaney – Right, I'm looking for responsibilities.

Mayor Cervenik- It's directed to the Service Director. He's building maintenance. As far as the inside cleaning goes after an event, the contract that you passed at the last meeting spells out that if Forko needs to have it cleaned, they get it cleaned and bill us and vice versa to us. It just takes away all the telephone calls back and forth. Yes, I believe we have a maintenance person on there full time. We've got the floor machine, they are doing that on a regular basis and they do wash windows. That's all going through the Service Dept.

Councilman Delaney – That's good news, thank you very much. Finally I feel I should address the resident's concerns, may have been a little intimidated by my body language during his

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comments. Please don't feel that way. I've never missed a council meeting in five years. I've been to almost every committee meeting. I'm certain that your comments, I heard. I'm certain that your issues, I'm familiar with. Your words, your minutes are in the official record and you get the attention that everyone else deserves. I just ask that we stay, we keep the dignity of the room and stay positive and we learn to work together. Everybody have a nice summer and I'm sure we'll all be back here soon.

President Gudenas – Councilman Gruber will be the last one and the first one we can wish good morning to.

Councilman Gruber – I was going say, hello to Tuesday. I would like to welcome Asst. Director Beno. He just turned 5 hours of comp time, so figure out where you are going to be going with that. I also have a question about the Beverly Hills Tavern, when will we see that come down? Shortly I hope. Anybody know?

Director Pietravoia – The last time I discussed it with Bill Gallagher our Building Official he indicated that by the end of the last week in June, the building should start coming down. They had to deal with an asbestos report that had to be cleared by the State before the actual demo could start.

Councilman Gruber – I would also like to let everybody know that the banners are going up on Euclid Ave. They look pretty nice along, those flowers are coming around, the hanging baskets need a little nurturing but I think they'll come around. Since this is a big night for thank you's, I would like to thank Director Gulich for meeting me up on Chatworth to meet with some of the residents about some concerns they had on a recent project up there. Thank you very much Director Gulich, he was up there within 15-20 minutes, my call and I really appreciated that.

Also I would like to thank the Mayor for on a Sunday afternoon, two weeks ago, he met me at a house on Genesee where we had some security issues. We didn't have anybody else to call so the Mayor and I secured the property and I appreciate you taking the time to do that.

I'd also like to thank Unique Landscaping for the work they're doing at the mini-station. I know that he is doing a really nice job, Chief, I saw you set up some kind of massive watering system, I thought we had a water slide over there but he told me no, that's just his watering. I also understand he's going to get the parking lot seal coated and striped at no charge to the city. That's very nice of a Euclid business to do that.

I would also like to, besides my heartfelt sympathy to Diana Ross and her family, I would like to thank her for putting together the series of events that we recently had at Hilltop. We didn't have a very large attendance, but it was a close group, there was open dialogue, many issues came up and it was a very positive event. It is a creative and a new way to look at things and it was very enlightening, I enjoyed it and I wish her the best of luck and her family.

In closing, I would like to wish everybody a happy and safe summer and to remind everybody that even though we're not here, we're still available. We're still working, if you need anything, please call anyone of us and we'll be glad to serve you.

With that council president, I'd like to make a motion to adjourn.

Councilman Delaney moved to recess for Summer. Councilman Conway seconded. Yeas: Unanimous.

President Gudenas – Director Beno, not all the meetings go 5 hours, some go 6, so be prepared. Good night.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Councilman Gruber. Seconded by Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail. Yeas: Unanimous.

Attest:

Clerk of Council

President of Council

