

**COUNCIL MINUTES
OCTOBER 2, 2006**

The regular City Council meeting was held on Monday, October 2, 2006 at 7:00 PM in the Euclid City Hall Council Chamber. President Gudenas presided.

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

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

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

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

COMMUNICATIONS

Council has received the following communications:

An e-mail from Councilman Langman that he supports the passage of Ord. (191-06).

A memorandum from Asst. Law Director Sweeney and Asst. Director Beno regarding the UDE on 1465 Dille Road.

A Resolution from the City of Broadview Heights expressing opposition to the rate hikes sought by the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District.

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Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail moved to receive and approve the Council Minutes of September 18, 2006. Councilman Gruber seconded. Yeas: Unanimous.

President Gudenas – At the podium where the Agenda is, we have two additional items for anyone who is interested in taking one home. One is a draft of the Euclid Public Involvement Committee, EPIC, regarding more involvement in our elections. We discuss this in future meetings, but we're passing out a draft version.

Also, a survey of other governments throughout the State of Ohio, versus at-large, ward positions and the like which was prepared for the City of Euclid.

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Cervenik and Recreation Director Will recognized EYSO Travel Soccer Teams who were victorious in the Bay Village Soccer Tournament over Labor Day Weekend:

Girls U14 - Coached by Leo Kodramaz and Tony Indiana

Boys U14 - Coached by Joe Betsa, Ezio DeAngelis, & Rich Slade

Girls U12 - Coached by Marty Sudar, Frank Bruno

Mayor Cervenik and Fire Chief Cosgriff administer the Oaths of Office to the 4 of the 5 new Lieutenants:

William Anderson; Bryan Banning; Jason Northup and Thomas Terbanc.

Director Will – Congratulations to all the firemen. I appreciate everything you do for us and the city. Also congratulations to the three soccer teams. They make Euclid proud. I have to thank the Euclid Youth Soccer Board, it is a volunteer board that puts this league together. Without your help and patience with our department, that would never be possible. Thank you and congratulations.

A few announcements, we will begin our Winter Golf Rates and Briardale Greens on October 14th. We'll be offering a new class called Start Smart Golf. The class will be held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:15 until 7:00. Starting October 17th thru November 7. It is a parent and child activity for boys and girls ages 3 to 5. The program is designed to offer the introduction to the game of golf. Participants should wear regular athletic shoes and will meet at Briardale Greens. Class will be held outdoors, weather permitting. If it is not nice outside, we will go in the clubhouse. Start Smart Golf for ages 3-5. To register call 289-8114.

Our second session of swimming lessons will begin on Tuesday, October 24th. You can register at City Hall on Tuesday from 3:00-7:00 PM.

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The Euclid Police Athletic League and the Parks & Recreation Department will be sponsoring the first 50 Tour Skateboard Contest at the Skateboard Park on Saturday, October 21st. This event will be held from 10:00 AM until 4:00 PM. Applications are available at any Euclid Police Station or you can call 289-8449 for more information.

There's still time to register for Panther Hoops. You can register at the Recreation Office on Tuesday from 3:00-7:00 and the deadline for the winter basketball league will be October 10th.

This Sunday will be the last regular game of our Euclid Tackle Football Team. They play on Sunday at 12:30 at Central School.

The Euclid Hockey Association will be sponsoring a 12 week cross ice hockey class at the Ice Arena on Wednesday nights and Saturday mornings. Equipment is provided free of charge. The player needs skates and mouth guards only. Jerseys will also be provided. It is an introduction to ice hockey. You can register at the Rec office or at the ice arena. Class does begin this Wednesday, October 4th.

On Friday, November 3rd, from 7:00 until 10:00 PM there will be a youth ice skating party at the C.E. Orr Ice Arena. The cost is \$5 and includes your admission and ice skate rental. There will be a DJ spinning the tunes during the entire event. Thank you and hopefully we'll see you at some of the programs.

Director Pietravoia – I just have one quick announcement a reminder tonight for tomorrow evening is our first Foreclosure Prevention Workshop. You may recall as part of the city's housing strategy we partnered with Neighborhood Housing Services of Greater Cleveland to hold a series of workshops here in the community. The first one is tomorrow evening at Euclid Public Library at 6:00 PM. There is still room to register if you are interested. I will give you the phone number to call, 458-HOME, 458-4663. I would encourage you to attend if you are facing a potential foreclosure yourself or if you have friends or family, you can come to learn about how you might be able to give them some advice to get them through this process.

Reports & Committee Minutes

Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail moved to receive the Board of Control Minutes from September 11th and September 18th, 2006. Councilman Conway seconded.

A representative from the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections gave information on registering to vote; absentee voting and also House Bill 3 which requires all voters to have identification.

Lot Split

Lot Split - Council should approve or overrule Planning & Zoning Commission's approval to allow the split of Parcel #641-26-005, approximately 9.5448 acres of land, into one 8.2782 acre parcel containing Saint Christine's Church and Rectory buildings, and one 1.2666 acre parcel containing a school building at 840 East 222nd Street.

Asst. Director Beno – On September 19, 2006 the Planning & Zoning Commission held a public meeting to discuss the proposed lot split. Notice was mailed to 32 affected property owners. Issues related to parking and fire lanes were discussed at length. A detailed cross easement was submitted by the applicants as part of the application and this will become a recorded document on both parcels. The Planning Commission voted unanimously to recommend approval of the proposed lot split. If there are any additional questions, I'll be glad to try to answer them.

President Gudenas – I know we have Fr. Henry from the church and others. I see no question, shall we proceed with the vote.

Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail moved to sustain Planning & Zoning Commission's approval of a lot split at 840 E. 222 Street. Councilman Gruber seconded.

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

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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

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President Gudenas – For your information, Items 3, 4 & 5, which are listed as second and first readings might very well be voted on tonight. If you have any comments on 3, 4 & 5, this would be the day to do that.

Mr. Dallie Vernon – 1497 E. 196 St. I just wanted to encourage City Council tonight again on Item #2, the redraw of the boundaries. I personally don't find any necessity in having to do anything to that, but of course we have to quarrel with the Justice Department and this seems to be the most logical way to go.

I notice on this list of cities giving council sizes that there probably only 2 or 3 on the whole sheet, 2 or 3 cities that do not have at-large seats. Obviously Euclid has been singled out from all the communities in the area. For this law suit, it just seems silly to me and if this Council finds itself having to go to court, I applaud you all. Vote yes on this, let's get this done. Thank you.

Mr. Edward Dickson – 2142 Waynoka – I am an African-American resident of Euclid for 19 years. Beginning with my residency, I have been involved in the civic activities of Euclid for all these years.

I have served as President of Indian Hills Homeowners Association, President of the Euclid Public Library, Community Liaison for Fair Housing, President of Planning & Zoning Commission and a member of several citizen committee, including the committee for Block Grant, as well as the Euclid Hunger Center.

We are all familiar with the famous quote from space program "Houston, we've got a problem." I can paraphrase that expression and say "Euclid, we have a problem." The problem now is adherence to the Justice Department mandate to redistrict. Since receiving this direction, Euclid has allowed itself to be exposed again, as a struggling Bush-league inner city suburb; lacking unity of leadership and the intellectual commitment to work together to generate a thoughtful well developed redistricting plan for which our city is quite capable.

The problem is not going away until we come up with a solution that's fair and equitable for all of our constituency. The plan presented by the City Council does not come close to the minimum requirements. This plan represents somewhat of a gerrymander or worse patronizing effort to appease minority voters. This is not an acceptable, viable solution.

Redistricting should not be a ploy to keep selected officials. But should be viewed as a thoughtful process that can affect the lives and welfare of all of our Euclid citizens. Any planning of new voting districts should have the leadership of the Mayor with the collaboration of City Council and in accordance with the City Charter and not from the President of City Council with the concurrence of chosen few of the council. The Mayor is our city leader, not vice versa.

For my input, I propose that the new redistricting eliminate the elected position of Council persons at-large. In my opinion, the at-large position cannot and does not represent the various constituents at all times. Rather they are partisan in their voting and their choice of issues.

Euclid, we do have a problem, but one that a conscientious, dedicated, collective effort can resolve to preserve the name of Euclid as the Lakefront City of Superior Service with a fair and just democratic process. A city in which I'm proud to live in. Thank you.

Mr. Dennis Berzinskas – 20890 S. Lake Shore Blvd. Years ago they wanted to have the top nine vote getters, not run for a specific place, but top nine vote getters, name recognition only. We've got wards. We've got at-large seats. This way an at-large seat, anybody can vote for you all over the city. It is the person that makes the difference. The person that makes the difference is the voter. An informed voter at that. That's what we need.

This mindset that we have of being singled out, comes from Washington, complaint driven. A little over two years ago we had a complaint driven and we invaded Iraq because they had weapons of mass destruction. To this day they haven't found those. Maybe this is their excuse to look in Euclid.

Mr. Mike DiDomenico – 24770 Farringdon Ave. I also wanted to comment on #2, which is the proposal to re-draw our four ward boundaries. I'm against that idea but I'm against it for a different reason. We've done nothing wrong, I still want to know why the Justice Dept. has targeted Euclid. We haven't been shown the evidence that the Justice Department has against us. While some people might say that this is a pro-active stance, it could also be interpreted as being a guilty plea, as if we have done something wrong.

Right now with our current set-up of having 4 at-large and 4 wards, I think that's very fair. I get to vote. Every voter in Euclid gets to vote for six members of Council. The Justice Department's

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offer is not even the plan that we have here. The offer of the Justice Department says is eight wards. That takes away 4 people I get to vote for and I only get to vote for two. That's less representation than I have now.

I think that before we go to the Justice Dept. and we come with an offer, which there is no guaranty they are going to accept, they might say, tough, so you changed it, big deal. What I want to know is what evidence they have against us. I want our lawyer to go through the discovery process and then we'll find out that, in my opinion the Justice Department's suit is full of holes and they should go pack up and go after somebody else. Thanks.

Mrs. Madeline Scarniench – 1511 E. 221. As far as this list that was out here with all of the cities and their sizes and everything. It is very interesting that only three and if you include us, four, have more at-large seats than they have just ward seats. You really need to take a look at this.

I've talked about this before. There is a process on how you fix this. I did not say anything last week because to me it was like being at a rally for EAC. Anybody who wants to read the Charter, page 6 tells you. This is not something new folks. This is something that is required by Council every ten years. This is just the first time you're hearing about it because normally it is done behind closed doors and it affects very little people. The people who get moved into a different ward because of the population, they get their notices and its over and done with. This to me has been a ploy, this is a game. I'm not going to say, not to vote for this because it will make each ward equal and that is your job.

But please, quit letting people believe that you've done something that's new and unusual because it's been going on since the city began. Thank you.

Mr. Jerry Corbran – 24250 Maplewood Dr. I want to thank Council leadership for devising this plan. Leaders, lead, that's what you've done. I still think it was totally unnecessary to do this. As Mr. Tilk said last week, the demographic shifts will assure a minority advantage by 2010, just three years from now.

I note that the ward populations are equal, as drawn by this plan. That should be the only criteria for boundary re-drawn. I feel however that the real aim of the accusers, who are yet to be identified, is to weaken the structure of the current council. I thought the 8 ward Justice Department plan would do just that.

This has national implications. If the Justice Department has their way, it will affect thousands of cities throughout the nations. Thank you very much.

Ms. Dawn Knez – 1884 Braeburn Park. I oversee the East Beverly Hills Neighborhood Association, but I'm here just to speak my own opinion. I've been finding many people over the course of the last week inquiring about my opinion and I find that I have more questions than I have answers at this particular point. I find myself in agreement with the gentleman who spoke previously about wanting specifics pertaining to these allegations. I feel that in order to prepare an adequate defense, our city needs to have specific information. Without that, a proper defense seems almost impossible.

I also just want to throw out some words of caution. In terms of the rezoning plan for this proposal, again, being a relative new comer to this situation and the political arena in the City of Euclid, my caution would be that it is almost appearing as though this is a tacit implication of our guilt. I'm not convinced that there is something that Euclid's done wrong. There's one word of caution.

The next would be the caution pertaining to expenses. I know that we struggle economically. I know that we've had our struggles to build unity in our city and I think that the expenses in addition to the economic expenses need to be considered. The expenses such as the intangible ones that build ill-will. The expenses that built mistrust in our city. I think it is all of our responsibility to work together, not only who we elected, but I think you need to engage the people in the city to try to find the most adequate solution to this pressing problem.

I would just hate to see a solution or a proposed remedy that actually amounts to what we're being accused of. Thank you very much.

Mr. Bill Udic – 23871 Effingham. I just can't see why we should rush to a settlement for this case. Seeing how two years ago we were involved in that church thing. Last year the recall thing. Now this year, this. Let's play it cool. I think Euclid needs a little peace after all this, that's all.

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

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LEGISLATION

Ord. 163-2006 (201-06) NEOSO

An emergency ordinance authorizing the City of Euclid, Ohio to become a member of the Northeast Ohio Sourcing Office (NEOSO), adopting the Code of Regulations, and directing the Mayor to enter into the Membership Agreement, the Master Services and Consulting Agreement, and the Master Products Agreement. (Sponsored by Mayor Cervenik)

Councilman Delaney moved for passage, Councilman Lisy seconded.

Mayor Cervenik – NEOSO, the Northeast Ohio Sourcing Office was launched in 2005 with the expressed interest of serving politically, legally and operationally sustainable mechanism to improve economic conditions of our local governments. Basically what we have here is a regional effort to find ways to group together various communities, not only in Cuyahoga County, but I think there's a 5-6 county area to pull together and to be able to achieve economy of scales in various services and purchases that all cities do in common. Some of them are auto parts purchases, IT user training programs, contract administration and the concept of using a shared sheep information officer, which is something that maybe something very appropriate here for the City of Euclid.

There is no cost to this program. We are one of the few cities in the First Suburbs Consortium that are not a member. I presented this to you tonight hoping we can become a member. I e-mailed you various information concerning the NEOSO. Mr. David Akers, Executive Director is here this evening. If Council could suspend the rules, I would like Mr. Akers to say a few words and he can answer any specific questions you may have about the organization. The only time that this would have a cost to us is if we actually use the services they provide and if we're using the services they provide, then it has obviously saved us money.

It gives us another avenue, similar to the State of Ohio no-bid contract which is called State Cooperative Purchasing program. This is just another arm we can use to help save costs for our residents. If we could, if Mr. Akers could say a few words and answer any questions you may have.

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

Mr. Akers – Thanks you very much for having me tonight. I must tell you I've had the opportunity to go to a lot of council meetings and this has been fascinating so far. It is neat to see the Championships, the Lieutenants and all that as well.

President Gudenas – Wait until the end.

Mr. Akers – Mayor thank you very much and Council and Council President, thank you for the opportunity to be here. Very quickly the NEOSO, as the Mayor mentioned, is an initiative, it is a council of governments, if you are familiar with those, you are probably a member of several already, that's designed to aggregate, to achieve economies of scale.

The thing I would suggest to you to consider, if you were to go up about 150,000 ft. and look down at northeast Ohio, in a 13 county footprint, going from Lorain to the Pennsylvania border, we have 745 local governments. That includes over 400 municipalities, of course of which you are one; almost 200 school districts; 13 county governments themselves; approximately 200 special districts anything from libraries to colleges, universities, sewer districts and the like. Collectively the budgets of all of those entities are somewhere in the order of \$40-\$50 billion a year. It is the equivalent of a Fortune 30 company.

The rhetorical question that led to the creation of NEOSO, is, are we achieving the same kinds of economies of scale as 745 entities that are all relatively contiguous to one another that we can be? I believe and NEOSO believes the answer to that question is no. So we're created to serve as an extension of our members. As an extension of the Finance Dept., the Service Dept., and otherwise to identify opportunities to work together. We service a contracting entity as the Mayor mentioned, the State can with the State bid process, we do a lot more than the State does and we do it differently. But, we do this on a purely voluntary basis. We do the work, if it works for you, you can then choose to take advantage of that offering or not. As the Mayor said, the only time there's an obligation on the part of the city financially, is if we built a business case that your staff says this is something that we should pursue and purchase. In that event, you can.

I've brought some additional materials for everybody tonight which I'd be happy to pass around. What you will find in this folder as you open it up, on the right hand side, the Mayor had

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mentioned several different offerings that we've already put together. I will not bore you with those unless you'd like some more information. Saving money isn't sexy. I just want you to be aware that this isn't fascinating stuff but it is effective.

On the right hand side what we've done is created a one-page summary of the six different offerings that we have. You can peruse those and see what it is that we currently offer today. On the left hand side and perhaps more apropos to the discussion this evening, there's a one page document entitled, Change a Little, Save a Lot. If you were to look at that document, across the top, you can identify the size of your budget. On the left hand side what we've done is listed each of the various services and products that we put together so far. You can look across each row to the appropriate column based on the size of the city's budget to get a feel for what the range of potential savings are that we found so far. That's not to suggest that every government would achieve all of those. But, we've done an awful lot of work over the course of the past almost 2 ½ years now, to identify and begin to implement opportunities to save money. The bottom half of this page, the bullet points you see listed there, are in fact a summary of the work that we've done. For those of you who say, gee, where'd you come up with this? That's where we came up with it. I'll stop talking and answer any questions if there are any.

Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail – Thank you Mayor for bringing this to us and Mr. Akers for being here tonight. You both indicated there was no cost to us as a city unless we choose to do a service, but there was a reference to membership dues in the contract. Is that something that will be coming later?

Mr. Akers- There's a reference to membership dues in the contract, in the event that the Board of NEOSO which is elected by NEOSO's members, in the future decides for some reason to implement dues, we are funded right now by foundations. The fund for economic future, which you may have heard of recently contributed \$1 million to NEOSO to help us get going, along with a number of other foundations. Our objective is to be financial self-sustaining, such that we're offering products and services of such value that the small percentage of revenue that we generate when our members utilize those pay for our operations.

The protection we built in for members, in the event that dues are implemented and you say, hey, we don't want them, you can get out of NEOSO at any time in a number of different ways, including by legislative action of the Council.

Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail – I think it's very exciting and something that our region needs. I'm anxious to learn more as we get into it and see perhaps if we will be looking at shared services and other ideas that extend beyond purchasing and contract. I don't know if you have any thoughts on that or something maybe in the future.

Mr. Akers – I would tell you that right now we've got a couple of programs on the horizon, expanding the auto parts program to covering more different types of purchases within a garage. Again, that's more product orientated. We are putting together a small task force right now to begin to evaluate what the opportunities are for local governments to save money with regard to health insurance costs. I just, for the record, that's not anything that we anticipate that would be available for implementation until January 1, 2008. We're also doing a couple projects right now, for example around building and facilities maintenance, doing a project there and a pilot project around how to bring some tools, cost effectively, to finance departments. We're looking at a number of different areas and are wide-open to any suggestions Councilwoman that you might have.

President Gudenas- Just a simple question, for instance, a week or so ago we bought a bunch of envelopes for the Tax Dept. We bought them from a local vendor, Councilwoman Walsh was at Board of Control, she shopped around and found we could have saved a couple thousand or so. You would have something as simple as that in your buying group?

Mr. Akers – Absolutely, if enough of our members want us to implement an offering in that area, then we would.

President Gudenas – Let's say in an envelope situation, you would charge an extra percentage or two above the cost for your services?

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Mr. Akers – I'd flip it around and have you look at it from your perspective. From your perspective, let's say its rubber bands, if you could buy a bag of rubber bands today for \$1, that's what you can buy them for. If NEOSO comes along and says we can get you the same rubber bands for .90 cents, then your decision is fairly easy, do I want to pay the \$1 or the .90 cents. Within that .90 cents, and you'll know how it is calculated before you ever enter into an agreement with us, we'll tell you, there could be .02-.04 cents that are going to NEOSO. But, from your perspective, you're making a decision regardless of what NEOSO's fee is, you have A & B to compare. Our challenge then is to make sure that we can bring you enough value in terms of cost savings or cost avoidance, that we can still afford to have a fee in there for NEOSO to pay for the work that we've done.

President Gudenas – Will this be a process via the internet for the city to get prices? Or, do they have to get on the phone all the time to keep checking on what's your deal versus Sam's Club down the road?

Mr. Akers – The way we structure for commodities is generally a cost-plus scenario. So vendors that end up working with NEOSO and winning our bids or winning our RFP's have to agree to charge a certain amount above what their costs are. We'll only do that when we can document over time that those costs then are substantially below what would be available to you on a day-to-day basis in a retail market. So in effect, if you're familiar with an adjustable rate mortgage, you'll always know what your spread is. With NEOSO it is the same kind of thing.

President Gudenas – So you won't have a price list? It will be item by item?

Mr. Akers – Correct.

President Gudenas – I know the School Board is involved in a buying group too and that's a whole different buying group than yours?

Mr. Akers – Absolutely.

President Gudenas – But yours is better probably?

Mr. Akers – Without question.

Councilman Lisy – Does this lock us into any type of exclusivity with your group?

Mr. Akers – No.

Councilman Lisy – To the Mayor, you've had your meetings with this organization. Are there anything in particular that jumped out at you that you wanted to use such as the auto parts or the information technology assuring the information CIO?

Mayor Cervenik – We had a meeting last week with the information technology person. They do a lot of work down at Case University. The Finance Director and myself have committed to going there and taking a look at what they do, it may just be the answer that we need of sharing that person instead of having a person on full-time and the difficulty of hiring somebody with that knowledge and skill part-time. We're very, very interested in that.

Our auto parts, we will look at it. Some of the economies of scale and the advantages that some of the smaller cities can receive in NEOSO, we already experience because of our size and our volume. There are a number of programs that we have that I firmly believe will help this community save money and provide better services.

Councilman Lisy – That was one that when I was looking at the list of all the services that they provide, some of the issues we're having with information and technology, no disrespect to our current staff, they're doing a great job at it, but it's a challenge converting over some, sharing information between departments and sometimes a job is better handled by somebody else who does it everyday. Thank you.

President Gudenas – Will that include web design and web updating and the like?

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Mr. Akers – We don't have that yet, but again as we get to critical mass of our members that are looking for that, then what we do we actually work with those members to shape the requirements and then go see if we can provide or find a value at it, opportunity in the market place.

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

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

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

Ord. 164-2006 (191-06) Re-Districting Plan

An ordinance authorizing the Council of the City of Euclid to re-draw the boundaries of the City's four councilmanic wards, and to present an approved re-districting plan to the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections. (Sponsored by Mayor Cervenik, Council President Gudenas and Council persons Conway, Delaney, Holzheimer Gail, Langman, Lisy, Mancuso, Walsh) (Recommended for passage by Executive & Finance Committee)

Councilman Lisy moved for passage, Councilman Delaney seconded.

President Gudenas – We had our meeting on Monday to go over all of this. Our live meeting, we did get more e-mails, I think we have over 30 so far including 4 more that came in the last few days. Anyone have anything to add to this?

Councilman Delaney- I appreciate everyone's comments and attendance. I think it was pretty remarkable as this issue went forward that our Committee Meeting, we actually used live e-mails, an e-mail basket we had set up several weeks ahead of time. We allowed everyone to participate and have their time. Just a lot of misconception and I think it is important that we try to make sure that we're clear as we educate our constituents. But as this charge came forward, it wasn't anything that City Council was asking for. As disappointed as we were that the Justice Department did decide to do that, we want to demonstrate that we are taking it seriously. This is something that you wouldn't want to sit back and not address.

So I believe that as we went into process with this and we had our Committee meetings, the Mayor and the Law Director were present, all of Council were present and basically our process to this point has been to hire our legal counsel and take the legal counsel's advice and move on forward. I think that there's a little bit more to go, but as you stay tuned, we will have post results and that's what we're trying to achieve is a balance for both, the charges from Washington, D.C. and all of our constituents. Thank you.

President Gudenas – To answer a couple questions, one during the comments were told, why don't we just get all the specific information on what's going on, what's behind this, what needs to be done. That was specifically asked of the Federal Government and their legal representatives who came to town said we're not going to get any of it, that we will hear nothing, none of their facts will ever be given to us, even if we do go to Court, they said they'll start all over and create new facts so we'll never find out who's behind it, why are we here, how we got selected or what the complaint was, who made the complaint. That information will not be told to the citizens of Euclid for reasons we can't quite figure out.

Why are we rushing through this? Well, we're in court. We tried to negotiate with the federal government and they said no negotiations. We're filing and we actually will be in Federal Court tomorrow morning at 10:00 on this issue. Our legal representatives feel that we have done nothing wrong, as many residents have said. I think we here in Euclid believe that; that we have done nothing wrong, but at the same time, we can't ignore the Federal Government and we are listening to what they are asking us to do and we're doing what we can right now so that we can settle with the Justice Department. We have been found guilty of nothing, but yet at the same time we would like to get this behind us and focus on making the City of Euclid as good as we can, which is what we're elected to do. So, that's why we're here.

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Mayor Cervenik- Thank you very much. We need to understand that City Council and the Administration and the residents are united in our feeling and our firm belief and knowledge that this community has done nothing wrong. This community is an open, prosperous community, great neighborhoods. We have done nothing other than to grow and to change over the past 50 years. Changing our borders will not change anyone's attitude.

What will change people's attitude is when we take step 2 of this program and form the Euclid Public Involvement Committee. As with everything else we have acronyms and this one is EPIC. That Committee, made of citizens of the City of Euclid, will help to educate and to involve all members of our community into the political process. That's what will change attitudes. That's what will provide us with the true understanding of the differences we possess and learn to grow and prosper from those.

I'm proud to stand here before Council tonight and be united, because the City of Euclid has done nothing wrong. The City of Euclid has handled their diversity extremely well. I was born and raised here. I'm proud to be the Mayor. I ask tonight that City Council unanimously pass this legislation so it can be presented tomorrow in our case management meeting in Federal Court.

I would also ask Council to be extremely aware and cautious of the concerns and questions that our Ward Council people will be asked about this. Our Ward Council people need to be kept in the loop, from the very beginning. After all, they are representing the people that will be moving to a different ward. Change is usually good, but it also comes with some confusion and some questions. We must make sure that we address the questions of the Ward Council people and even more importantly, we need to address the questions of those in the wards that will be moving into a separate ward.

Is this the answer to the law suit? No, it's not. But it certainly is a beginning and it certainly is a sign that this Council, this Administration and this whole community is going to work together to solve our own problems. Problems that we know we can handle ourselves and we'll do a very good job in short order in getting them done. We need all of you. Anyone who is interested in serving on the committee and we don't have all the parameters of the committee yet, but if you're interested, please call my office or the Council Office. It is not a political committee. It is a committee that will help this community get to know each other and make us all participate and want to participate even more than we do now. We've got a pretty active community. I think you can go to city council meetings throughout Cuyahoga County and northeastern Ohio and you're not going to see the number of people that you see here in this building on any given Monday night.

So, be proud of Euclid. Don't be ashamed of the accusations that the Federal Government is putting on us because they are not true. Be proud of Euclid and let's all work together and we will find the end of this road and Euclid will be better for this. Thank you.

Councilman Lisy – There's also been a lot of misinformation going out there and quotes that don't exactly happen and other things like that that the media picks up on and that creates part of the problem. We have passionate residents that come up to the microphone and speak their mind and their basing their information on what they read and what little information is out there. That's why an informed community is a strong community, so we have to get the information out there and try to do it in the best manner.

Talk to us. We know what's going on. We try to keep our comments limited because it is a pending litigation, but we are not coached, but we do have some positive things to say. Council President, there was an article this past week that I thought some of the information in there was incorrect that some of the residents called me and were concerned about, could you elaborate.

President Gudenas – All right, in fact I did contact the newspaper. The first thing we have to do is make sure all the wards are equal in population, as close as 25% as possible, that's mandated by our Charter and all the other rules that we have to follow.

It just so happens that there's also demographic statistics that change and the end result of these ward changes is that the community becomes more diverse with the same people living here. There seems to be a higher concentration of minority population in Ward 4 than in other wards. The end result is that it will not increase, it will actually decrease as the boundaries change. I believe the rough number of the minority population in Ward 4 will go from 55% down to about 51%, but the Ward 3 minority population, will go from I believe from somewhere around 39% to around 46%. To be a more balanced spread of the population so that there is more of an opportunity for minority voters to elect candidates according to the Federal Government of their choice, in fact they have a specific word that they use.

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The Plain Dealer reported that we are concentrating population more actually in Ward 4, which is exactly the opposite of what we're doing. It's leveling our population out throughout the city so that we don't have large concentrations of any group, we're trying to even everything out throughout the city as best we can, based on how people live here. I think this plan does that and this is what the Federal Government, through the Justice Department asked us to do.

Councilman Conway – One other piece of information, I think it's important to clarify for the residents. As all of you know we do have an election coming up on November 7th and even if this piece of legislation is passed tonight and goes to the Board of Election, there will be absolutely no changes that will impact where people are used to voting on November 7th this year. I know I have gotten some calls that if this goes through tonight, will there be any immediate impact, but I wanted to make sure that people knew that nothing will change of your voting habits for November 7th based upon this legislation. I'm sure that any changes that are made for future elections based upon this, will be clearly communicated to all the residents. We will make sure that these steps are taken to make sure the communication is very essential and effective as to how it impacts any future elections.

Councilwoman Walsh – I just want to say that it has been a very long week for myself. There's a line from a movie that says, you should never betray the family and I don't believe this Council has betrayed the City of Euclid. I believe this side of the table and that side of the table have pledged to work together for everybody.

But something very interesting happened tonight. The reporter from whatever station, ran out to the Hall to interview and adult, when you had all those wonderful children here and you paid no attention to them. That's what we're here for, for the future of Euclid. If we have our differences, so be it, let's talk to each other, let's work with each other and let's make it happen. Thank you.

President Gudenas – Just for the record we had over 30 e-mails that came in, all but one or two were not in favor of the Federal Government plan. We had a live Council meeting last Monday and the e-mail was on all the way up until today. We had a good group of people come out and let us know what you're thinking and what we should be doing, it is greatly appreciate and most of all it is extraordinarily good for the City of Euclid that we're all sponsoring the legislation, every Council member and the Mayor, so that we speak loud and clear to the Federal Court that the City of Euclid can take care of its own issues and we don't need whoever these people are from Washington to tell us how to do our business.

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

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

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

Ord. 165-2006 (186-06) Parking E. 193-E. 196 Sts.

An ordinance amending Section 351.12 of the Traffic Code, Part Three of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Euclid to prohibit night parking on East 193rd Street, East 195th Street and East 196th Street during certain hours. (Sponsored by Council President Gudenas and Councilman Conway)

Councilman Conway moved for passage, Councilman Gruber seconded.

Councilman Conway- First of all I'd just like to thank the residents that I've had the opportunity to speak with over the last two weeks regarding this ordinance; especially those residents who live on the impacted streets that this ordinance will have an affect on.

The residents were very much in favor of making this kind of change to restrict some of the parking which would be typically at 2:00 AM, now it would be 11:00 PM. The one request that was asked of me was to add Roseland as part of the parking ban restriction, so that is something I would like to amend at this time. The second thing I'll ask for is based upon the enthusiasm that we did

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receive when we were out on the streets is to make this an emergency ordinance so we can immediately make this effective.

Councilman Conway moved to amend Ord. (186-06) to add Roseland to the parking prohibition. Councilman Gruber seconded.

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

Councilman Gruber – Thank you Mr. Conway and what we discussed initially, you were going to survey the entire neighborhood, house by house, was that done?

Councilman Conway – I did not go house-to-house but I did contact as many neighbors as I could. I did attend a Heritage Park Homeowners Association which there were many residents who live on those streets and everybody spoke favorably of this.

Councilman Gruber – I was just making sure that folks who work afternoons and nights that couldn't be there, because I had known you said you were going to survey each and every home, I was just curious if you did that or not. Chief Maine, do you see any enforcement issues with this or can we depend upon your department to help us out?

Chief Maine – We'll enforce this as appropriate as we can. I'd remind everybody that this is not an emergency ordinance so there will be a 30 day time period ...

President Gudenas – We did change it to emergency. We're going to, Councilman Conway had asked us to do that.

Chief Maine – There will still be a period of time, I don't know exactly how long it will be before we can enforce it because it will have to be posted. I know that the signs are not made up yet, so there maybe a couple of weeks. But once its posted, and the neighborhoods are aware, then we will be enforcing it.

President Gudenas – It will take time for the signs and I'm sure the neighbors will be the first to know that the signs are up there and make sure they're followed.

Councilman Conway moved to amend Ord. (186-06) to include the emergency clause. Councilman Gruber seconded.

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

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

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

Res. 166-2006 (200-06) UDE Master's Church

A resolution granting a Use District Exception, pursuant to Chapter 1375.01(a)(3) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Euclid to allow a UR-1 (Daycare) use in a UR-2 (Church) Use District at Master's United Methodist Church, 771 East 260th Street, Permanent Parcel Nos. 645-32-017 and 018. (Sponsored by Planning & Zoning Commission)

Councilwoman Walsh moved for passage, Councilwoman Mancuso seconded.

Councilwoman Walsh – I don't want to embarrass them but the new day care people are here tonight, if they would come and introduce themselves. I did get a chance to meet them so it is going to be a fine asset to Euclid.

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

Ms. Tracy Justice my residence is 26662 Richmond Hts., Ohio and Robin Hicks, 26769 Huckleberry Circle in Richmond Heights, Ohio.

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President Gudenas – Well you need to come to Euclid.

Ms. Hicks – We actually live in Euclid.

Ms. Justice – We’ve lived in Euclid together for over 15 years.

President Gudenas – I think we’re all in support as far as the Administration had reported. We could proceed with waiving the second and third reading.

Director Pietravoia – It is important, just that we get on the record, the recommendation of Planning & Zoning, very briefly. Mr. Beno will take care of this.

Asst. Director Beno – On September 19, 2006 the Planning & Zoning Commission held a public hearing to review the proposed Use District Exception and to allow a Day care within the existing church building and fenced play area. The Board voted unanimously to approve the requested Use District Exception from a U-R-1 to a U-R-2 use district.

Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail moved to suspend the three reading rule requirement. Councilwoman Walsh seconded.

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

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

Res. 167-2006 (202-06) UDE Jesus House

A resolution to renew the Use District Exception previously granted to Francis Akin Tella, Pastor of Redeemed Christian Church of God, Jesus House, (hereinafter “Jesus House”) at 1465 Dille Road. (Sponsored by Mayor Cervenik)

Councilman Gruber moved for passage, Councilwoman Walsh seconded.

Councilman Gruber – I would like to waive the remaining readings on this and vote on this this evening. The Jesus House has been a true asset to the community and I hope my colleagues support this.

Councilman Delaney – I would like to second that as well. Years ago when Pastor Tella came here and we had a committee meeting and all the concerns and everything has worked out wonderfully and it has been a great asset to our community.

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

Mr. David Lindner – I’m the attorney for Jesus House and we have several of the members here today; Mr. Samunu, Dennis Ochoka, Theo Ochoka and Mike Ogby are all here. We appreciate Council’s support for the Church and its activities.

Just one point I wanted to clarify on the reading is that the Council does have the authority under Resolution that was passed previously to approve this exception on a permanent basis. I just wasn’t sure if that was clear from the wording of the Resolution. Jesus House would like to have this granted on a permanent basis if the Council so seems fit or for a longer period. I believe the initial period was two years, we said it could be renewed for another two years, or longer at the approval of Council. Jesus House, as people have noted, has been an asset to the community and would like to continue their activities in that location with the ability to do so permanently if that’s possible.

President Gudenas – Any comment from the Law Director, Director Pietravoia on this? Is this the appropriate time or would they have to go back to Planning & Zoning and apply for a longer extension?

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Director Frey – The Settlement Agreement that was executed in this case provided that there was a two year Use District Exception approved as part of that settlement, with the opportunity for the church to submit an application directly to City Council for an extension in the Use District Exception for an additional two years. While Mr. Lindner and I have had some discussion, unless I've missed that in the entry, I don't see where this extends beyond that. Certainly it maybe the will of City Council to make this a permanent, if there is such an animal, a permanent Use District Exception, it would require an amendment to this legislation tonight.

President Gudenas – Perhaps we could visit that in the future because it is sort of catching us a little bit by surprise on all that. Right now it is a two year extension and we can work with the Councilman in Ward 4 and the rest of the administration and see how we can change that in the future.

Mr. Lindner – Thank you, I appreciate that.

Councilman Gruber moved to waive the three reading requirement. Councilman Delaney seconded. Roll Call: Yeas: Conway, Delaney, Gruber, Holzheimer Gail, Lisy, Mancuso, Walsh, Gudenas Reading requirement waived.

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

Ord. 168-2006 (174-06) Satellite Dish Reg.

An Ordinance to amend Section 1377.09 of Chapter 1377 of the Planning and Zoning Code of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Euclid as outlined below: (Sponsored by Planning & Zoning Commission) (Recommended for passage by Planning & Zoning Commission)

Councilman Lisy moved for passage, Councilwoman Mancuso seconded.

President Gudenas – We talked about these at a previous Council Meeting. We sent them to Planning & Zoning. They approved them and send them back to us; anything further to add on #7 and #7. I see nothing else.

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

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

Ord. 169-2006 (175a-06) Garage & Shed Reg.

An Ordinance to amend Section 1377.01 of Chapter 1377 of the Planning and Zoning Code of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Euclid as outlined below: (Sponsored by Planning & Zoning Commission. (Recommended for passage by Planning & Zoning Commission)

Councilman Conway moved for passage, Councilman Delaney seconded.

President Gudenas – This is the same as #6, we sent it to Planning & Zoning, they approved it and send it back.

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

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

Ord. 170-2006 (203-06) Vehicle/Grant/Seniors

An emergency ordinance authorizing the Mayor or his designee to apply for a grant for eighty percent (80%) of the cost of a light transit vehicle for Euclid Senior Programs under Section 5310 of the U.S. DOT Federal Transit Administration Capital Grant Program. (Sponsored by Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail)

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Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail moved for passage, Councilman Lisy seconded.

Director Pietravoia – This legislation is pretty straight forward. Our Senior Programs Manager found a grant that we would be eligible to apply for. It would pay for 80% of essentially a mini-bus type vehicle, similar to the Community Transit vehicles that RTA operates throughout the City. It would have a larger capacity and would help tremendously in operating our Transportation program for the seniors.

We had budgeted in next year's capital budget, or had proposed in the 5 year capital budget, I should say, the purchase of an additional vehicle for senior programs. That amount would be sufficient to cover the 20% match that this grant would require if we're successful in obtaining it. We're looking for Council's support this evening so we can get our grant application in.

President Gudenas – What's the likelihood of being successful with the grant application?

Director Pietravoia – We have been recognized locally for our senior program by the officials that run this grant program, so I believe we would have a very good opportunity of receiving the grant.

President Gudenas – This will be a new additional vehicle or will one retire when we get this one?

Director Pietravoia – We retired a vehicle either this year or last and it was replaced by a new van that we just received in September of this year. As these vehicles age, the vans in particular, we will retire them. Director Gulich maybe more familiar with what the time is for the next one to retire.

President Gudenas – Basically the service will remain about the same, just better equipment?

Director Pietravoia – Yes, although this would have increased capacity in terms of the number of passengers that it can hold. It would actually in a way limit the number of trips that we need to make because it has a larger capacity.

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

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

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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

Ms. Rose M. Allen – 26241 Lake Shore Blvd. One month shy of being there 30 years. I'm sure there were comments earlier about the ordinance redistricting the voting wards of Euclid. But I do have a couple of questions. I know it states that it is required by the Charter that redistricting be done according to the population. Has anybody looked into how many registered voters are in the areas that are being looked at at this time?

President Gudenas – We did not. Cleveland State used census figures, which is strictly population.

Ms. Allen – I have requested information from the Board of Elections regarding the number of voters in Euclid. I have just not to long ago, less than 24 hours, I've had information, I've not had time to look over it. But I do believe that if you look at anything, you should look at the number of registered voters, not population because there are a number of people who move into some place but chose not to register to vote, or chose not to move their voting identity to the City of Euclid. That can be documented.

I still have some concerns about being forced to do something to accommodate complainers that probably haven't been here long enough to understand anything about the history of Euclid and what's here. This city is not a racist city. There is prejudice and there is racism everywhere. But I'd like these people to remember that nothing happens in politics without Euclid's input, be it Republican politics or Democratic politics.

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When Stephanie Tubbs Jones wanted to become Prosecutor, Euclid delivered the votes that appointed her, against a candidate named Mike Corrigan whose family had a dynasty in politics. Euclid helped deliver the votes that appointed her and Euclid helped deliver the votes that elected her to that office.

The same thing held true when Peter Lawson Jones became Commissioner, when former Mayor Campbell had decided to vacate that seat. Euclid helped to deliver the votes that appointed Peter Lawson Jones as a Commissioner and again helped to deliver the votes that elected Peter Lawson Jones to that office.

I'd like to know where these people are who come out and say Euclid is racist. Because if anybody doesn't know, Stephanie Tubbs Jones, who also happens to be my sorority sister, is not a Caucasian. Peter Lawson Jones, is not a Caucasian. I don't understand this issue of racism and the way it is being taunted out in the community. It troubles me that people who really don't know what's going on are the ones that want to come in and have a lot of say in what's going on.

There are some issues in Euclid that need to be addressed, no doubt about it. But it takes an effort. Nothing happens in the City of Euclid without a political machine behind a person or an issue. I think that's what has to be looked at, getting people to get behind a qualified candidate and elect them, not based on the color of their skin, but based on what they are able to do; the content of their character as Martin Luther King so eloquently stated. That's something that we still need to look at now; be it Caucasian, Italian, Irish, whatever, we need the best persons in office, because Euclid's future is riding on who gets into office.

We have wasted too much time in this city, not accomplishing missions that could make this city a viable vibrant community that I know it can be. I've been here 30 years and I'm still waiting for some of the things to happen and it is not going to be done because somebody wants something because of the color of their skin. We need people who are qualified to do the job and that's it, based on qualifications and nothing else. Because I don't want to see a divided Euclid, a Black Euclid and a White Euclid. White concerns and Black concerns. That does not do anything to bring this community together. In order for Euclid to survive and meet the real challenges that this City faces, such as bringing industry into Euclid, bringing jobs, making this community a viable one where it gains population rather than losses, it can't be done based on what people perceive to be a problem in Euclid when they really don't know that those are indeed the facts.

So when you think about the redistricting, I would suggest that you contact the Board of Elections, I'll be happy to share the information that I have. And base it on how many registered voters and voters are the ones who determine what happens, not population. Thank you.

Mrs. Madeline Scarniench – 1511 E. 221 St. On a light note, but first I would like to introduce someone, some of Council may not know this young lady, Beverly Charles, is sitting in the back of the room next to me. She is on the Weed and Seed Steering Committee with myself and Councilman Gruber and she's also the representative from Congresswoman Stephanie Tubbs Jones' office and she felt that it was necessary for her to come to visit us tonight so hi, Beverly.

So on the light note I have to tell you about something that's near and dear to my heart, food. This past week I had the opportunity to go to Sticks and everybody kind of knows how I feel about the golf course 'cause I grew up in the projects and my tree that I used to climb is still there; but I said okay I'm going to go. Well, let me tell you, that's the jewel in the middle of this City that nobody knows about yet because I sat there and I had a sandwich that just reminded me of when I lived in the projects of a certain place that we all know and loved. It was the most fabulous, first thing on the list. I'm not going to say what it is first thing on the list. You're going to have to go and check it out. You'll know what I'm talking about. But it's absolutely fabulous sandwich and fresh cut French fries to die for. I now know where I can go have a great lunch whenever I need to go out for lunch. It's at Sticks and I hope to see a whole lot of Euclid residents come out and enjoy it because it was fabulous.

President Gudenas – We'll need some golfers, too. Bring some clubs.

Mr. Tod Guntner – 21290 Edgecliff. Lot of stuff going on with Pet Pals this month, first of all, Saturday, this coming Saturday the 7th at 10 a.m. at St. Christine's Church on 222nd Street is the annual Blessing of the Animals. So if you have an animal, appreciate you coming out; Pet Pals is going to have a table there just come by and say hi.

Next, the Our Town All Around books are on sale now and they do not have a start date, which means if you buy one today, you can use it today and those are good through December 1, 2007.

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They are \$25 and available at the Shelter Tuesday through Saturday 12 to 4 and Thursday evenings 6 to 8 at 25100 Lakeland Boulevard.

Next is our annual Halloween photos. This will be held on October 21st, which is a Saturday, from 12 to 4 at the Shelter; and this year we have a special promotion going. We are going to use the proceeds from this event to help defer the cost of body armor for our two new canines. So please come on out and bring your dogs; bring your cats and get those pictures taken.

We're also having our 4th, this is our 4th year. We're very proud of this, our Annual Four Paws Clam Jam and Boo Bash. This will be held on Friday evening, October 27th from 6:30 to 11:30. It will be held at The Manor on Rockwell Drive. Tickets are \$40, which includes more food that you can eat, open bar, Chinese auction, Halloween costume contest and we would appreciate everyone's support there again.

I do have to thank all the residents of the City of Euclid and beyond for their continued support bringing their newspaper, magazines, catalogs and their junk mail to the Shelter. We are, we're amazed at the amount of money, the amount, the number of tons that we get every month from the residents and we do appreciate your support and hope you will continue to support us in the future. Don't forget we also take aluminum cans. You can drop them off at the Shelter 24/7. There's a couple of recycling bins right outside the door and also used printer cartridges. We'll take all printer cartridges and we can get 100, \$120 a month from that so that's another good source of income for us without having to come to you and ask you for money every day. So thank you all for your support throughout the years and we'll hope to see you at some of our events. Thank you.

Mr. Dan Soloky – 1767 E. 228th St. And I was just going to say I always wanted to follow the dog pound announcements because we got the best dog and the best cat from the Euclid Animal Shelter. They love each other and they love us and they kind of fill up our home.

But I'm here to talk about the Piano on the Hill show. We have our third show coming out some time this month. I think toward the end of the month. We had upwards of 12 people watch our first two shows this summer. It was heartwarming and seriously, we had a few people watching they mentioned it so I'd like to invite everybody to watch our third show. I was going to tell you all about the show how we went to the Euclid Festival and filmed that, which we did, and that was a lot of fun. Sunsets on the lake and how we went to Henn Mansion, which we did, and the civic center and that's all great and, trust me, it's a great show; watch the show. But something happened last week at the Hospice at the Western Reserve that made me change. I want to talk about one number in particular on the show. It's a number called "The Last Rose"; we did an orchestration on that one, which came out really nice, and that's not what I want to talk about. We filmed that number in part at the Hospice and you'll see these beautiful flower gardens, arbors and walkways. That's what the patients look out at and beyond that they look out at that beautiful lake. I had been a musical volunteer over at the Hospice since June that kind of happened by accident, but it's the best accident of my life so far.

It wasn't long after I started the playing piano over there that I met an old fella named Joe. I was playing "Moon River" one time. It's kind of funny; it's Art Modell's old piano. I never thought I'd get anything decent from Art Modell, but it's a great piano. Thank you, Art, for the piano nothing else.

This old fella named Joe came rolling out in a wheelchair. He was 93 years old and he was remarkable. Sometimes he used the chair as a walker. When he got tired, he sat down and he rolled around like nobody's business. Turns out "Moon River", he went to a place called Patteruski's and he informed me the guy, this some 50 years ago, the guy at Patteruski's played the piano better than I did; but according to him I wasn't bad. And that fella who played "Moon River", well, that was the first date he had with his wife. They were married some 30 years so he said that's a good memory and he shared it with me and then it was my memory too. He started coming out every so often when I played after that. There was a time when I came over there and I started playing he was in the corner playing cards with a bunch of young fellas. He was a card shark at 93 years old. He came over to the piano after the game broke up and we talked and I played some songs. We had just a few conversations over the three months that I knew him. I'm already running out of time. I can't do this.

What I wanted to tell you was that I came down here tonight to put into the official record that an old man named Joe passed away at the Hospice and that's a place a lot like heaven. It's not quite, but it's close. He left the earth with the same grace and dignity with which he lived. He was a card shark and a character and a music critic and a gentleman. He liked the song "Moon River" very much and despite his 93 years he passed in the fall of his life. See there's no winter for guys like Joe. He was as vibrant as the autumn leaves all the days he lived. But this is just one story

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from the Hospice. I'd like to use the program Piano on the Hill to introduce you to more old Joes so please watch the Piano on the Hill and please visit the Hospice of the Western Reserve and thank you very kindly.

Mr. Bud Hilf – 891 E. 237th St. I'm here to continue the theme of food and shows. As Business Director of Upstage Players, I'm proud to announce that Upstage Players presents a Halloween dinner theater, The House of Raven Spit, a comedy spin-off of a murder mystery taking place in 1914. This is the first time we're actually doing one as a benefit for ourselves. It will be a spaghetti dinner murder mystery Friday, October 27th, at the American Legion Hall at 20790 Arbor Avenue. It's off of 200th Street behind Roosevelt School. For \$15 you get salad, pasta dinner, dessert and play admission. It's an interactive play where people that come in are divided up into members of one or two families that are feuding. There'll prizes for those who solve the murder correctly, a Chinese auction and a 50-50 raffle and also prizes from neighborhood businesses for the best costumes.

If you only want to come see the play, it's \$9, if you only want to come eat dinner and don't want to stay for the entertainment, \$9. The doors open at 6; dinner will be served at 6:30; play will begin at 7:30 be about an hour for the show, hour and a half and you'll still have a little time to go over to see, over to The Manor to help benefit the Euclid Animal Shelter. Sorry that we're competing there, Tod, didn't realize we were settling for the same date. We'll have to do a better job of communicating there. For tickets or for more information you can send a self-addressed stamped envelope to 891 East 237th Street, Euclid 44123, checks and money orders payable to Upstage Players. For other information you can call 216-731-5793 or e-mail upstagetickets@yahoo.com. This is a murder mystery that we'll also be performing for a church in Kirtland the next night and also in October the City of Painesville Recreation Department has contacted us as well to do a show. We're looking forward, though, to being able to perform it for the residents of Euclid. When we did the one at the Henn Mansion a couple of years ago, we got lots of positive feedback people wanting to see more murder mysteries so we'll be doing another one. There'll be flyers out in the lobby. It's a fun interactive murder mystery and nice thing is I'm not part of this one so you don't have to see my bad acting on stage this time just here at the podium. Thank you.

Mr. Dennis Berzinkas – 20890 S. Lakeshore Blvd. You know, the Court system in Ohio said the funding for schools, we're not funding them right. So what do they do? They ignore it. It's called dummifying up of America. Just like this lawsuit, make 8 wards, dumb up of America. We have the best of the best I feel. You have your ward leader and then you have at-large seats. You mean every ward's got a brilliant person in it that we can't wait to elect to bring us on to a great future. Though we had a Council last time, few of them I wonder if they could spell their name right.

This is not the type of city that's going to sit back and take it from the government. We show coming up here as citizens that we pay attention. We watch what you're doing and we ask questions, a lot of questions and we want answers. You know there's no dumb question, but there's a lot of dumb answers. Go and hold your head up high. You've done nothing wrong; we've done nothing wrong.

Responsibility, when I was in the 10th grade our math teacher last period told us to go home and have our parents call City Hall. Have your Council people call them and say don't let the condominiums rise on the lake. He said sooner, he said first of all, you'll have a lot more people living there that don't pay their fair share for the facilities they use in Euclid. And he said then again soon or later the government's going to come along, that word again government, is going to come along and say you have to allow children there. And then it's going to hurt our schools so they won't pay their fair share. Now I didn't graduate the 10th grade yesterday. You can see the trouble we have now in our schools. What percentage of this City, what percentage do we have they're on welfare? Anybody? You know? I was told by former director it's 20%, 20% out of 100 that's a lot. That affects all of us and what affects all of us, what's the Administration and I asked the Law Director last time, what are you doing to preserve my house, everybody else's house in a manner that we expect. Keep up the value, that's what I mean. What have you done? The Mayor has Directors; let them do their work. You would, you, let them have their jobs to do and get busy, start bringing industry, start looking beyond our borders. Don't do the TV lineup. I'm sure somebody else can do that. Do your job as a Mayor and the Law Director. We're paying you; we're not paying you guys enough, though; I'm sure you can agree. But look I know a lot of you go out of your way to help Euclid and I appreciate it and I'm sure everybody else here does too, but

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hold your head up high. Euclid's done nothing wrong, except we're knowledgeable. We won't let the government ridicule us and tell us we're doing something wrong when we're not. Thank you.

Mr. David Gilliam – 20240 Kathy Dr. I spoke on the 25th about the particular redistricting that's going on in the City of Euclid and I just kind of felt the need to kind of just come back tonight to just kind of clarify my position and then kind of give my interpretation of what the issues are. I don't feel the Department of Justice called the City of Euclid racists. And as I've said before, I've been here for 4 years going on 5 and I've never had any form of discrimination, any form of racism or any form of adverse reaction from me being a Black citizen in the City of Euclid. I volunteer coaching basketball with the Parks and Recreation league. Flag football and also with the Euclid Boys League and I've done very well in that and I've enjoyed every moment of it. But I think I have to make some things very clear.

Black or White all of us want the same particular things in life. We want the quality of our services to be met or superior. We want to have safety. We want to have good schools and we want to have a decent quality of life. I think the individuals that live here regardless of their race or their ethnicity or their religion all want those core values.

The Department of Justice had just affirmed that the at-large/ward voting system dilutes the strength of Black Americans in the City of Euclid. They also stated that this evidence is virtually polarized voting patterns in regards of elections of Euclid City Council. They're implying that block voting or slate voting in some cases inhibits or, inhibits individuals of minority descent to be able to be on the actual, to be elected, excuse me.

Now, my particular interpretation of that, I haven't been here long enough to discuss that; but I have some questions that I just want to point out to you that are real hard truths. Euclid became in existence in 1796 and became a city in 1930. There have been no African Americans elected to office either the Mayor, the Council or the School Board. As an African American I would have a concern about that, not saying that anybody is racist, I'm just having a concern about that.

The actual information that I received was off the census and it talks about the population of Euclid decreasing as we speak, but the African American population is increasing. These are things that people of my color would have a concern about based upon these particular facts. Dividing the particular city into eight wards does not guarantee an African American will win. I agree with all of you and I think it's a bad plan; but the particular redistricting plan that was being submitted tonight, it doesn't address the slot issues, which to some people leaves a perception that individuals are slotted against each other versus being slotted in to possibly win.

Now the one truth that I have spoken to between my Black friends and White friends, as we all say, were that they have a concern about the influx of individuals coming from other areas who do not hold Euclid values, who do not really concern themselves with the quality of life, educational system, safety for that matter and we all understand that that could be a problem. But there is the perception that's out there that the significant number of African Americans from other municipalities who are moving to Euclid because of the location and the affordable housing stock may cause a problem and make our city vulnerable and put ourselves into a position to replicate some other cities that have had decay.

You're charged to not let that happen; you're leaders. And I'm not indicting you I'm just reaffirming what you're here for. You are in charge of making sure this City does not become vulnerable. A city destroyed, a city is destroyed when it becomes vulnerable. It becomes vulnerable when long-standing core citizens leave because the demographics have changed. A city becomes vulnerable. A city becomes vulnerable when, excuse me, a city becomes vulnerable when leadership is compromised, unfocused, reactive instead of pro-active and timid. We have ordinances; we have laws; we have individuals that are elected. You have the opportunity to make sure this City stays great. It's going to change. The census has showed it. It's going to change.

All I can say is this. If we don't take the lead on this, the Administration and the Mayor, the Council and the citizens collectively, we both have these issues to deal with. One truthfully and honestly, some of your political careers might be stained by this if it's not addressed appropriately. Two, the image stays tarnished and it never changes; and three, you will have more transient people coming in here using this particular situation to say see, I told you so Council, the Mayor, the citizens can't get it together. Euclid is racist; Euclid is a bigot city. It's not and it never was called that, but I'm saying to you honestly and truthfully today lead this city and begin to put those things in place that will not make this City vulnerable and we won't have to talk about something about a place becoming a ghetto or poverty increasing or economic development not being there or jobs not being created. That's my only concern that I bring to you to the table.

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I want to thank all of you for taking these jobs and taking them seriously. Running out and being elected and being voted and also being part of the City Administration as well, but you have a strong, strong challenge for the, put upon you and I'll just ask that you lead and you lead with the input of, not only, your colleagues but also the citizens as well including the individuals who may feel slighted. Represent the engaged and disengaged that's all I ask. Thank you.

Mr. Bernard Knez - 1884 Braeburn Park Dr. Vice President of the East Beverly Hills Neighborhood Association, we meet every last Tuesday of the month at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church. I just wanted to, actually, two reasons I came to tonight's meeting. Number 1, to gain some insight on issues facing the City I think I did a little bit. Number 2, I wanted to stand up here at the podium and show my support to the Administration here and particularly to Chris Gruber, who pretty much, came to every single one of our meetings and I applaud you. You come in with a lot of motivation and passion and we appreciate it every month. And actually I believe our association has a, has a, more people coming to their meetings than any other association in the City and we all appreciate it.

Also wanted to throw appreciation to Krystal Skovira, she was instrumental in starting up our organization. We're almost at the one year mark.

Mayor Cervenik and Hank Gulich fielded some phone calls about services in our City. Very responsive, very supportive, we appreciate it and also to Pastor Craig Bode for allowing us to hold our meetings at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Thank you very much.

Mr. Mike DiDomenico – 24770 Farrington. I guess I'm beating a dead horse, but I wanted to talk to, really like the people at home. There was this lawsuit again with the Justice Department and the way I understand it is that they don't like our at-large slots. They don't like that we have slots person-against-person and they somehow feel that that's diluting the minority vote. And so the current offer, as I understand it, on the table from the Justice Department is that you will change to 8 wards and lose all your at-large people.

I find it kind of, couple of things kind of interesting, I think, is our United States Senate doesn't matter what part of the state you from as long as you pick two of them. Those sound like at-large slots to me so the Justice Department should tell the United States Senate that at-large slots are bad and they don't represent people, but they're not.

And for the people at home there was this flyer, I don't know who took the survey but it was sitting on a table and there are a total number of 13 cities in a couple of townships listed here and how their council's broken down. By this flyer, two of these, the numbers don't add up so I'm going to throw those out so there's 11; 38 of those have more ward council people than they have at-large council people; 24 of those are equal of ward and at-large; 44 have all at-large and 5 have one more at-large than they have of ward. So on this list alone there's 73 communities that have at-large slots predominantly and the Justice Department, as far as I know, is not going after any of them.

I think the one thing I've heard tonight that kind of disturbs me is that there's people that are participating in voter fraud because they live here in Euclid and yet they vote somewhere else. And I think if the Justice Department or any should be going after those people and leaving us alone. So that's just some information for the folks at home. Thank you.

Mr. Warren Wallace – 24430 Mavec. Got a couple issues, first of all, I want to clear the fact up there's a bunch of people asking if I'm following Council President Gudenas now and why did I switch from the Mayor's camp to Council President's camp? I was never in anybody's camp so that's cleared up there.

I've been asked a lot about the Mayor and his wedding fee and it's getting on my nerves, man. You know this guy does this because he wants to not because he has to. He does it to provide a service to the City workers. Now I hear Council people accusing him of misappropriating funds or being a thief and that's plain wrong. I mean we go through our little dirty politics here, but to call the Mayor a thief or imply that he's stealing that's wrong. At what time does it go beyond the person and start hurting his position, you know, hurting the Mayor's position here so we really need to stop that getting in the paper, fighting and just calling the guy a thief. I mean he deserves a lot of what he gets and he irritates me a whole lot and so I'm not saying just leave the guy alone just calling the guy I thief is wrong, you know.

Also, Council President should be commended for coming up with a solution. So far this is the only solution I've heard with this redrawing the Federal lawsuit. I haven't heard anything else from anybody so I think that's good. You showed good leadership of coming up with some kind of

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solution whether I agree with it or I disagree with it. You came up with something. Nobody else is coming up with anything.

Also as far as this wedding fee, I think we should solve this where the money's going. Everybody wants it. The seniors want it; this guy wants it and that guy wants it. If the Mayor will still do it, I think we should send it to the Rec. Department. I think we should send it to the children, give it to the soccer programs, the football, baseball, hockey, basketball. These kids, they go out every week and play against other cities and some of the equipment they have is just barely safe. Some of it is ragly and you should see the way the other teams are, uniforms are, I mean, it makes us look pretty bad and their representing our city, you know. They're the future leaders so we should give them something, you know, and I'm not talking about the Mayor, the money the Mayor gets goes to them so they don't have to get money from here. The money they're still getting, the pennies that they still get should stay there and the pennies that's coming from the Mayor should add on to that. They need a little bit more, I mean, these are, this is our future and if we don't take care of these kids now and teach them right, when we get older we're going to catch it because what we're doing now. So we really need to look out for these children and that money will be a little something. Thank you.

President Gudenas – Thank you, we're right at our 2-hour mark. If we all just stay here, we'll be able to switch the tape instead of taking a break. Well, we're right at 2 hours. Our tape's literally going to run out in a matter of 30 seconds and you probably have more than 30 seconds is my guess. No, let's just, we're going to wait for them to change the tape so I'll tell you when to start. Don't go anywhere. We'll just wait until I see it on the monitor. All right, we're back in business. Please state your name for the official record.

Mr. Joseph Kleindienst – Thank you very much. Greetings Council members and City Officials, I'm a resident, a very proud of resident since birth in the Ward 4, Mr. Gruber's 4th ward. I am here to, if I can do this in 5 minutes, present an idea for a new attraction. We had a few people talking about entertainment and what I want to do is add to that. I've been a volunteer in several organizations over the past several years and I've learned a little bit about things that can be done on an individual basis, which I'd like to try, and with my apologies to all the Council members that may have already read my letter probably the best way for me to do this is just to read the letter and I should be able to do that in a few minutes.

The idea, again, is a project that I'd like to try to get set up in one of the City's buildings and I'll just begin. The following is a brief introduction of a plan for a new attraction one I've been working on for quite some time and I hope to bring to the City. I've had a couple of false starts in other areas, but I really think that being this is my home this is the place for it to be.

The project is going to be a small-scale museum and it will be very well suited to fit in on the lower level of the old City Hall building, which as I understand is for the most part vacant right now and is, I guess, is being used mainly for storage but my project will fit nicely into that area. The museum will be a very unique, quite unique operation in that my goal will be to mix the fun and lighthearted subject of vintage and other collectible toys, something that the Baby Boom Generation is really going hog wild over lately with help of EBay and other organizations. But I want to cross that with a wealth of information about the many, many public service organizations who serve this and our surrounding communities. What better place to put such a museum right downstairs from the other two very unique museums right downstairs, the Polka Hall of Fame and the Softball Hall of Fame and what I'd like to do is squeeze it in. It's not a lot of room downstairs, but I really think this is going to be a fairly small scale operation.

The detail about the subject matter as well as the intended audience of such a museum, those of us age-wise in their 40s to 60s we are the Baby Boom Generation are always looking for new and different ways to recapture our youth and our childhood, hence the hobby of toy collecting has become, is just gone nuts over the last couple decades. And for those of you who follow the hobby there are a lot of places to buy collectible toys. EBay, of course, is the best place. A lot of people and auction sites do the, just the periodic looking at the internet to see what's out there and what's available.

But what I want to do is the audience for such a group of products covers all the expanse of collectible toys, from new and used to antique, vintage and contemporary toys. This past weekend and I'm sorry, now I'm reading and I shouldn't be, about 2 months ago Channel 25 in Cleveland did a broadcast of the State of Ohio which is on every Friday evening. I happened to catch a 3-4 minute segment that explained basically the love of the hobby itself. If there's anybody out there, if you

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grab a pencil and paper, I do want to give you a phone number, later on I'd like to get a lot of people to call me and to give me their impressions of this idea.

Anyway, I've taped the broadcast and I'd like to share it with anybody that's interested in seeing it if they didn't already see. What I want to do, is I want to, the museum would offer a lot of traditional toy types, as well as a focus on how pop-culture has influenced the toy industry over the past decades.

So much for the fun and entertainment and onto the serious section for areas of the museum. Myself, as well as close friends and family have come face-to-face with several serious health issues.

President Gudenas – Sorry, you're time is up for today. We really do hold it at 5minutes.

Mr. Kleindienst – I'm almost done, can I have another 2 minutes?

President Gudenas – I'm sorry, then everybody else needs the 2 minutes. I'm sorry.

Mr. Kleindienst – The most important part is yet to come, so I guess I may see you in a month.

President Gudenas – We'll be back in two weeks for part two.

Mr. Kleindienst – Thank you very much.

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

COUNCILMEN'S COMMENTS

Councilwoman Mancuso – I just want to spend a couple of minutes to request of my colleagues and this administration and of our residents that are out there, that we all remember that this Council and Administration has in the past, is currently responded to and will continue to respond to either justified or unjustified threats to the way we govern ourselves.

Having said that, I don't want any of us to lose sight of why we're here. As one gentleman said, we're here to lead. We're here to pay attention to the projects in this city that will keep us grand. We have a lot of things that need to be done. I don't want this single issue, while it maybe important, and it is important, to cause us to de-rail all the wonderful projects that we are all involved in. Everybody up here is working very hard. This is not the only important issue in the city and we all need to keep our eyes focused and our activities focused on what else is going on here; what else we need to be working on. We have budgets coming up, we have a lot of other issues that we need to pay attention to.

We will all attempt to not make us vulnerable, as the gentleman put it. But I think we have other issues that may not as media savvy, it may not as inflammatory, but they are probably as important and need our attention. We need you to participate in that with us and not be sidetracked. With that, I'll say goodnight.

Councilwoman Walsh – First of all, I knew the daycare people were good people and they stayed for the entire meeting. So, God Bless them always. If I have any more children, I'll send them there.

I had the opportunity to go to Euclid High School Open House and I was totally, pleasantly surprised. It was a good feeling. I bought my Euclid Panther T-Shirt and I wear it proudly.

I also promised Mama Cantena's that I would mention the Spaghetti Dinner Sunday morning at St. Christine's Church and I forgot the flyer, but I think it starts at 11:30 and it is \$8, and I hope Mama Cantena doesn't get mad at me.

I have three e-mails asking Director Gulich, we are truly picking up leaves, that it is just a bad rumor that it is never going to happen again in our entire lives?

President Gudenas – They'll be picking them up, just not yet.

Councilwoman Walsh – I concur with Councilwoman Mancuso. Sometimes there's a lot of bonfires and every bonfire has the opportunity to get bigger and more important. But I think we in the city have to be firemen. I think it was appropriate what happened tonight at the beginning, making the people lieutenants.

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This is a touching city, a miraculous city and it is our city. I don't believe half of what I hear. I hope that I am making a change, maybe some of you think for the good, maybe some of you think for the not so good. But I'm trying and in the course of being here almost a year, there's a lot of people that go forth in this city that are trying. Tod with his passion for the dog pound, Dolly with her passion for Shore, Dennis for his passion for everything. They don't get paid and they continue on. There are so many good people here that we don't need outside media to give us a black eye. Let's join together and be a family. Solve our problems and go forward, because we are superior in the City of Superior Services.

President Gudenas – I would just like to draw attention to our next Executive & Finance Committee meeting which will be Wednesday, October 4th, right here. At 7:00-7:30, we'll have a presentation from the City Services Evaluation Committee and questions and answers and the like, to go over where they stand in the survey they are conducting. At 7:30 we will be meeting with the Euclid Community Television Commission to go over the plans for our cable TV station and equipment, how we can improve it, what we would like to do as significant modernization to go the all digital format so that we can have more of our meetings live, like we had our committee meeting the other day. Have more programs going on at once, like we heard before that may take 4-5 weeks or longer to get a program on there. But with better equipment we can run more programs at the same time. We'll be going over these issues, which is the only thing we have planned until our next meeting, as it stands now.

Also, all of Council, Administration and anyone here, and can also get one at the Council Office, is the draft for the Citizen's Committee that was briefly discussed to go over ideas on how to encourage more residents to be involved in our city government and to be informed on how our city government works. There's no time-table on it be we're looking for ideas, suggestions and we have a two-page outline on how to get that started because we have to start with something. That's in the works on that.

I just would like to throw in my comments regarding the last two. I've been around here a lot and I've been to meetings where all kinds of accusations come and go, but throughout this process Euclid residents have asked a lot of questions and have demanded answers and Council members doing the same thing. But, throughout the process I would say we've handled our responsibilities in a professional way so that we can deal with these important issues that we're faced with in a very professional way, to handle what needs to be done. At the same time we have to understand our limitations here on City Council. We cannot change our government, if we wanted to, only the people of Euclid can make any changes like that. If we wanted to, and this is what we told the Federal Government, they came in demanding, we need 8 wards and I said we can't do that, we have no authority, regardless of what you say, for us to change that government, it is only by the vote of the people. We could put it on the ballot, people can vote on it. If they vote yes, it's yes; vote no, it's no, period. Unless of course a Judge orders something, that's the only other way to change it.

So what we're doing now is within the limitations of what we're allowed to do here on City Council and what we're authorized and expected to do and of course it is one part of our overall evolvement of our city government and we're doing our best.

Councilman Conway – First thing I wanted to do tonight was again to congratulate the four new Lieutenants that we had the opportunity to swear in tonight. It has been by far one of the greatest privileges that I've had since I've been elected on Council to see so many new firemen and promotions, as well as police officers, to really bolster our safety services. I know that's one of the more rewarding things that we've had the opportunity to participate in as council members. So again, congratulations to the 4 new lieutenants.

As well it was a great way to start the meeting by seeing our three soccer teams who do so much to represent the City of Euclid and it is something that we can all be very, very proud of, especially in these times, as has happened in the past, sometimes one issue does have the ability to take the limelight away from certain positive things in the community. And again the examples that we saw tonight with the Lieutenants and the soccer teams is something that we should all be incredibly proud of.

I also had the opportunity to welcome a new business to the City of Euclid with their grand opening of Express Personnel Services. I'd just like to wish all the best to the Mack family for investing in the City of Euclid, opening up a business on Euclid Avenue and thank them for their hospitality for really having a very nice grand opening and I wish them all the best.

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The first question for Director Gulich, several residents and I know I believe Councilman Langman has corresponded with you as well regarding some of the issues on 264 and Forestview with some of the treelawns that you've been looking into getting those re-seeded after some of the work that was done. Can you give those residents an update as to the process that you're making?

Director Gulich – Yes, it has been a battle getting that contractor back. We had to call some of the higher-ups with the gas company in order to have that contractor come back which we expect to happen the middle of this week. We should be getting some good weather, we'll have an inspector out there while that work is being done and we'll certainly want to address all those concerns over there. Thank you for asking.

Councilman Conway – Director Will, thank you very much for providing us the golf course figures through end of September. I know you are certainly aware that we have three months left to go with a lot of revenue that we need to generate. Is this report that you've passed out tonight, is this something that is done on a daily basis?

Director Will – Councilman Conway the one report that has the daily items on it, yes, that is processed out of the golf course and it is done each and every day.

Councilman Conway – Is it possible and I assume the rest of my colleagues would like to see this as well, since we are in the critical time of the year to make sure we hit those revenue projections. Can you please e-mail this out to us on a daily basis?

Director Will – On a daily basis, if that's what Council wishes, absolutely.

Councilman Conway – I know that's what I would like. Again I would think the rest of my colleagues can either look at it or more onto that particular day. My next question will be to Director Johnson on kind of a similar topic. Is there finally something that we can do to eliminate some of the spam that we're getting on our laptops? Throughout the weekend and I don't know if it is also in the city server as well, but there could be 100 spam e-mails to 5 important e-mails that we get.

Director Johnson – Hopefully you have noticed that it has dropped and then it reoccurred. We have been talking with a vendor about spam filter and software. Because of the delay in just getting a quote from the company, we tried a 30 day trial. So for 30 days I believe it did work. The 30 days ran out and we still had not gotten a price quote from the vendor. Finally when we contacted them again and begged them to please give us a quote on the price of the software, he said it would still take two weeks before they would get back with me and I asked him for another 30 day free trial. Hopefully you would notice a decrease, but there was about a 10 day period where I agree with you, it was unbearable.

Councilman Conway – I think we can all definitely benefit and I hope that becomes a permanent fixture because my number one concern is accidentally deleting an important e-mail from a resident while I'm going through the 100 e-mails that we need to quickly purge from our e-mail box. Thank you very much for your efforts in taking care of that situation. With that, everyone have a nice evening.

President Gudenas – I will mention that we did get one from the golf course without a message part of it. It was sent to the Chamber members and some people may have deleted it regarding a special offer because there was nothing in the message box. So, I would always encourage the message box to be used.

Mayor Cervenik – I meant to tell Director Johnson today, normally when I come in on a Monday, I will have anywhere from 150-175 e-mails, most of them are spam. It was wonderful to come in today and have 14 only 3 were spam, so it is working. So let's get them under contract and do that, because that's tough.

President Gudenas – I switched to Firefox and I get one, none from the city. Actually I use the U.S. mail a lot too.

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Councilman Delaney – Madeline Scarniench had brought up a great point about Sticks, the jewel that no one knows about. Director Will from our committee meeting a couple of weeks ago, we've gotten almost everything except the marketing plan. Said we'd have a comprehensive plan in two weeks, it is over two weeks, and what should we expect?

Director Will – We are meeting tomorrow just to review everything and by the end of the week you will have that. I apologize that you do not have that in your hands today, but you will have that at the end of the week.

Councilman Delaney – Thank you so much. One more thing, I was at Shore today and the handicap lift is still red tagged and I believe the work was done and is the State coming out to approve that work?

Director Will – I don't have the actual dates of anything in front of me right now, but we have been in contact everyday with the gentleman that had come out and done the work on the lift and with a gentleman by the name of Lance through the State of Ohio and they have assured me that they will be out this week to get that up and operating. I will keep you updated on it. I know its taking forever to get that done, I apologize, but we're dealing with the State to send an inspector out. I did tell them that City Council will be again asking me that this evening, so I hope that they'll follow through and get that taken care of by this Friday.

Councilman Delaney – One thing that I want to emphasize that I hope doesn't get lost in a lot of our process with our proposed redistricting, is that we are going to establish a public involvement committee. Please by all means, anyone that's interested in participating, contact City Hall to be on the Committee through our efforts here. One of the good points that resident Rose Allen had brought up was the amount of people that are registered voters. One of the charges of the committee will be voter registration. A lot of recruitment is needed and that's always good to find new, active people willing to participate.

On a final note, our proposed toy museum curator being cut off a little bit short, I wanted to make sure Joseph Kleindienst's phone number got out there. If you want to help Joseph Kleindienst with his proposed toy museum, you can contact him at 571-4100. As he said, a proud Euclid resident and that's area code 216. Thank you.

President Gudenas – Just to follow up on some other questions to Director Will because I know we had some comments from people in Ward 4 on trees that were removed at 195 and Euclid Ave. They were asking why there were removed and are they going to be replaced?

Chief Maine – A lot of the vegetation in that particular area was removed to help a line of sight in trying to address some of the quality of life issues that had arisen in there. We checked with the businesses who were involved as well as all the homeowners that were directly affected with the removal of that vegetation and they were all very, very supportive of it. I think there is some talk of replacing some of that vegetation, but I don't think there's anything concrete yet as to how that is going to end up looking.

President Gudenas – With a different kind of tree that's not as obstructive?

Chief Maine – I don't know if we've gotten that specific yet.

President Gudenas – I know some residents did like the trees that were there, flowering, etc. in the spring and wondering what our plan is. Is this, I don't know if you're allowed to comment, related to our video cameras that we're putting up?

Chief Maine – Like I said, it is an attempt to try and address some of the issues that have arisen down there, there were line of sight issues and that sort of thing.

President Gudenas – National security I guess.

Councilman Gruber – I would like to thank Dawn and Bernard for coming to the meeting tonight, learning first hand, they are very active in their association and they should be very proud of the

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attendance, they do have an excellent attendance and some pretty good snacks too I may add. Thank you.

Marketing program for Sticks. I had a mini-marketing program. I brought Madeline down there and I'm sure she's going to go out and tell 5 or 6 friends and she is going to get more folks out there. So I encourage all of our council members to attend and our residents as well. It is a bargain. It really is. You get a lot of food at a reasonable price and it is a nice atmosphere. If you get a chance, come down there and I'd also like to thank Mr. Ed Dickson for attending tonight. It is always nice to see Mr. Dickson at the podium.

Any parking complaints on 193rd, 191st, 195th, call Councilman Conway. Piano on the Hill. I've had the pleasure of seeing that a few times. It really is a very nice, very well put together, very entertaining, very relaxing, really a quality project. I commend you both for that. So, I must have been the 13th person that watched it. Thank you very much, very nice.

Also on this list that we've received today, there's well over 100 cities and it was interesting to note that our peer city, such as Cleveland Heights, Lakewood, Mentor, none of them have over 7 council members. Only 6 cities on the list have more council members than us and that is the City of Akron, City of Findley, City of Lancaster. There are a lot of cities that aren't on the list, so we can't, City of Toledo, City of Warren and the City of Zanesville. I remember when we had the Jefferson-Wells report, one of their recommendations was to cut the number of council members. So we better watch how we use these lists, we might put ourselves out of a job.

On the last note, I would like to send my condolences to Jim Pajk and his family on the loss of his father; a very active Euclid citizen for many years. My condolences go out to the Pajk family.

Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail – Just a couple of brief announcements. This Thursday, October 5th, the E. 210 Street Association which is between Lake Shore and South Lake Shore will be meeting at the Church of the Epiphany. I believe this is the third meeting of that association.

Next week on Wednesday, October 11th, the Naumann and Renwood Association will be meeting at 7:00 at the American Legion Hall on Arbor. Those are both associations that are newly formed with the help of Krystal and the Police Dept. I appreciate the hard work they are doing.

Speaking of community policing and PAL, I wanted to announce to the residents and council members that the Police Athletic League Night at the Races will be Saturday, October 14th at 6 PM at Tizzano's Party Center. I will have tickets Wednesday at our Executive Committee Meeting for anyone who wants to get them. They also sell horses for each of the races and ads, so you can get involved in many ways. It supports a wonderful program.

At the last neighborhood meeting of the North Shore Properties Association, Officer Steve Shubert was there and spoke about some of the things that PAL is doing and they involve hundreds of kids in the community in athletic activities, tutoring activities, fishing, outings, lots of different activities that are giving kids positive ways to stay involved, stay out of trouble, get to know the officers in a good way. It is really a good opportunity to support their efforts. The Police Athletic League 6th Annual Night at the Races at Tizzano's Party Center, October 14th at 6 PM. Any questions about that, you can contact Kristal and the mini-station at 289-8449.

Councilman Lisy – While reviewing the minutes for the Board of Control, I noticed that the Mayor was going to remind everyone of the Senior Snow Plowing program. Do you want to give the highlights?

Mayor Cervenik – The Senior Snow Plowing program, you can sign up now with Senior Programs, 289-2985. I believe its \$89. We had a very good price this year \$89 for the whole season. The catch here is they will come once a day when the snow exceeds 2 inches. They probably won't be there at 7:00 AM in the morning. At that rate, that won't happen that quickly. But they will be there once a day and again your contract is with the snow plowing company, North Coast. We've had Pirc in the past, but the Service Director checked him out and he comes very highly rated by people he worked for. So, call 289-2985 because believe it or not, snow is right around the corner.

Councilman Lisy – I was impressed with the rates and I just want to make sure our seniors get to take advantage of that.

Mayor Cervenik – If you have an income level of about \$24,000, I believe it is the same as the Homestead. However, if you need that, still apply, once we reach that plateau, we can do up to 300 homes, once we reach the date where we have room, we will allow any senior or disabled person to join that program as well.

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Councilman Lisy – I would like to recognize the Mayor and Director Gulich for their prompt response on a Saturday. This is one reason why I think the way our City is structured is rather nice. My Ward Two Councilman was busy that day and a resident was concerned about flooding in her basement which she just repaired from the previous flood. So when the water main broke up the road from her and there's water running down her street and the water started to pool in front of her house due to our hydrobrakes that are in the street, she started going down the list calling first her ward council person and then the at-large. Councilman Conway and I showed up and we had some phone numbers that we can get access to the Mayor and he gave us his home phone, cell phone and work phone. On a Saturday she could not get a hold of anybody at work because it is a Saturday. So, the Mayor came out there and he was able to get a hold of Director Gulich and we had eased the fears of that resident that her basement would be flooding again. It is one of the reasons why we have wards, I think that really pays off.

But it also brings up a question about how our community service module is coming along. It would be really nice, she calls once and it is logged into our system and then we know she's not going around calling all the at-large people. Director Pietravoia, how's our community service module coming along?

Director Pietravoia – We're making very good progress. The system essentially right now we're training our staff to use the new system so that sometime within the next month, we're hoping by the end of October early November we would be able to go live on the new system. At that time we'll start putting out the information to Council and others about how we can log in various issues that come before both City council and the administration so you'd be able to check on an item and its status.

Councilman Lisy – It also addresses my colleagues comment about getting budget information because the financial module is also available to us and once we get it all resolved, I'm still having problems logging onto it from afar, but we can create a report, just as this golf course clubhouse report is created, and have the e-mailed to us everyday. Everyday that we turn on our computer the report would be generated for us. The technology for the budget modules are also available. I started setting up some of the forms and sheets to create and I haven't had any problems accessing it.

There was one concern when I was looking over these budget numbers, our green fees look awfully high to generate between November and December. Has that number been updated on this sheet?

Director Will – The numbers that you have for the budget for the golf course on the financial sheet, are the ones that were passed at the end of last year. The updated ones, Council will be getting the reductions out to them by the end of the week.

Councilman Lisy - What about the fences for the Memorial softball diamonds to get the higher fences for the protection of the people on the bleachers?

Director Will – We have ordered all the new bleachers, the player benches for Diamond 5 and Diamond 6. We have the quotes for 5 & 6 for higher fences, they will be installed, we have them, but we have to wait until our fall-ball is done so we can put them up, so we can install them. They will be up and running by the beginning of next season.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Lisy moved to adjourn. Councilwoman Walsh seconded. Yeas: Unanimous.

Attest:

Clerk of Council

President of Council

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