

**COUNCIL MINUTES
DECEMBER 18, 2006**

The regular City Council meeting was held on Monday, December 18, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. in the Euclid City Hall Council Chamber. President Gudenas presided.

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

Others Present: Mayor Cervenik, Law Director Frey, 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 Sister Phyllis Ann of Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine.

COMMUNICATIONS

Council has received the following communications:

A letter from Police Chief Maine announcing his intentions to retire.

The Monthly Finance Report of the General Fund through November 30, 2006 from Director Johnson.

COUNCIL MINUTES

Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail moved to receive the Council Minutes from December 4, 2006. Councilman Gruber seconded. Yeas: Unanimous.

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS

President Gudenas – And we will proceed to Administration Reports and Communications and anyone who's here at City Hall you're not observing something strange, but the Mayor reported that the lights have been replaced and it's a lot brighter here and in the lobby, which really does make a difference. Every 20 years we decided we're going to change the lights or 18.

Also the poinsettia out front has been given by one of our new businesses here in the City of Euclid, U-Can-Do Occasions and they're a florist on Lakeshore Boulevard across around where the Bistro Restaurant is so we welcome the new florist in Euclid U-Can-Do Occasions and they have free delivery in Euclid. So if you haven't bought a gift yet, they'll deliver it for you. Mayor Cervenik.

Mayor Cervenik – It is much brighter in here and out in the hallway, but that's also because it's the holiday seasons and Euclid is full of the holiday spirit.

Mayor Cervenik swore in the Euclid Public Involvement Committee, which is going to be referred to as EPIC.

Mayor Cervenik – I have a couple of announcements I'd like to make before I, some of the Directors do. Number 1, I'd like to thank the many businesses, members of City Council that attended the Holiday Open House at the Henn Mansion on December 7th. As you know, the goal of the gathering was for areas businesses to get together both large and small to meet each other and become better acquainted with each other and what they can do to help Euclid grow as a business community. I'm happy to tell you that we had a fabulous turnout and met a lot of new people that I wish I would have met sooner, but the fact is we've all met them now. It was a great, a great evening. In May with the help of the Library and the Chamber of Commerce, we're going to be holding a business symposium that will mainly be geared towards small businesses so that we can find out ways, we would like to present ways in which we can help the small businesses in the community; but even more importantly during that symposium to listen and find out what these businesses need from us. Some of the programs that we have and the county has and the state has may not be what the small businesses need so we will need to hear from these small businesses what they need from us so that they can thrive and prosper because our big businesses, obviously, are the bread and butter of our tax base but the small businesses are those that provide the quality of life in the great quality of living that this community has. So again, we really, really enjoyed that evening and hope to see it grow.

Speaking of holiday gatherings, I've had some calls concerning the Christmas lighting in the City or maybe I could phrase it differently, the lack of Christmas lighting in the City. Yes, we don't have some of the customary lightings and decorations that have been up in the past. Some of it's budgetary, some of it's the fact that the inventory we had was very difficult to put up this time. A lot of, it was older. In our directors meeting today I talked with the Finance Director and the Service Director in the City in the past up until about 1997, 1998 spent approximately \$20-25,000 each year purchasing Christmas and holiday decorations. And they replaced the older ones and it was a good system. That hasn't been done and we pulled out the lights this year. They really weren't quality of what we wanted. So what we're going to do in January, early January is fine the deals and sales that are out there and propose to Council that we possibly increase our Beautification Program a little bit more to make sure that we get on an annual basis of purchasing some of these Christmas and holiday decorations in our business districts. In addition to that we're going to be sitting down with the businesses on the main streets and that and see if there's not ways that we can work together and put a theme

together next year for the business community so that these businesses are decorating their storefronts and their buildings as well and really light up the town next year. So as we did not have maybe some of the lighting that some people like to see, I got to tell you the Christmas spirit in this community over the past 10 or 12 days has been phenomenal. I've already mentioned our business open house. We had the Euclid Ministerial Society Association, St. Christine's Christmas in Euclid where they had choirs from 10 or 12 churches singing of all denominations, faiths and creeds. It was phenomenal. They had nearly 600 people in the church and it just really brought things together.

The Shore Cultural Centre Board, they had a number of events this past week and it was phenomenal. It just brought the whole community together. The Euclid Chamber of Commerce had their holiday gathering as well and Friday night I was also able to attend the Annual Christmas Dinner at Living Waters Church. And there's a whole lot more going on in this community to further the holiday spirit and to bring us all closer together. So although maybe the lights were a little dim this year, I can guarantee you that the spirit is out there and thriving. I would like to say that the lights would be glistening in the snow, but right now we don't have any snow and except for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, that's fine with me and I think the Service Department and everything. But we will work on that. We will be discussing with Council during the Capital Budgets what we might need to start that replenishing of the holiday decorations again.

You have before you, I think I've given each of you the contract that the City of Cleveland will like all communities to enter into concerning City of Cleveland taking over the, what they call assets, what I call liabilities and that is our waterlines. Part of that would be a tax sharing agreement whereby if a community left Cleveland to come to Euclid, we would have to reimburse them some of those taxes. The Administration has spent a tremendous amount of time reviewing that program and for the most part we feel it's a very positive move not only for the community, Euclid itself, but also for the region as a whole. I attended the Mayors and Managers Association meeting on Thursday and most of the Mayors are doing what I'm doing tonight is presenting you with the contract. Take a look at them. Please get back to us. I talked with Director Ciaccia today and he is going to set up a time where they will come out, Water Department will come out and give City Council a presentation of what this contract really means, the benefits to us and then you'll have an opportunity to question them on any concerns you may have.

As you know right now, we have a waterline, an infrastructure program to replace our waterlines and since the City of Cleveland is looking at taking over that responsibility, we have an opportunity to do other things with the funding that's already in place for our waterlines and infrastructures so we'll be talking about that as well. But over the holidays if you could please take a look at those contracts and if you have any concerns, questions, please let us know because it really is a, really presents us with a great possibilities of getting some infrastructure work done in this community.

At this time I would like to first of all turn it over to Kathy Will. She has a couple announcements. Kathy.

Director Will – Just to make a few announcements, the Euclid High School pool because of the holiday season will be closed December 22nd through January 1st. We will reopen on January 2nd and the next session of the Learn to Swim will begin on January 9th. If you're interested in enrolling your child or an adult in the lessons, you can come to our office between the hours of 9 and 4 and register. Again, the lessons for swimming will be January 9th through February 13th.

The Ice Arena will be closed on December 25th, December 26th and January 1st. We will be closing at 3 o'clock on December 24th and December 31st. We've added some public sessions 12-1:30 and 2-3:30 on December 21st, 22nd, 27th, 28th and 29th. If you want more information regarding the public sessions, you can call the Ice Arena at 289-8649. The next session of our Learn to Skate will begin on Tuesday, January 2nd.

Finally because of this wonderful weather, I just want to remind everybody that Briardale Greens Golf Course is still open and we've had play. You've actually had to make tee times and it's been extremely crowded so thank you to Mother Nature and I hope it doesn't even snow on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Sorry.

Mayor Cervenik – Ah come on, you're a Scrooge, come on.

Director Will – But thank you and I wish, the Parks and Recreation Department wishes everybody a great holiday season. Thank you.

Mayor Cervenik – Very good, Chief Maine.

Chief Maine – I just want to announce to the community and to Council that last week we received a letter from the Attorney General's office announcing that the City had again been awarded a DARE grant for the 2006/2007 school year. This is a grant that the Council had passed a resolution of support for a few months ago and we just received notification that we again gotten that grant. It's for \$17,600 and will offset a good portion of the officer's salary for that program. This is a program that we feel very strongly and that the school helps support. And we think not only because of the message against drugs and gangs but also because of the relationships that it helps establish with the police officers and the kids in the school so just wanted to pass that on.

Mayor Cervenik – Very good, thank you. Hank Gulich.

Director Gulich – With Christmas and New Year's both being on Mondays this week, garbage pickup will be one day late for the, for both of those weeks so that one should be a pretty easy one to remember. And here it is three days until the first day of winter on December 18th here and we still have a truck out getting leaves this week. We have one Vac-All out. There's some errant piles and some people did do some raking I saw over the weekend. We'll be out there getting them this week with the nice weather. We do have to convert all of our large dump trucks over for salt spreading so we do have to take those boxes off so after this week we will not be picking up leaves. So if you do want to do some raking with the next couple of nice days, please bag the leaves, put them out with your regular trash. If they're already out there and there's a few out there, we'll get them during the course of this week. Thank you.

Mayor Cervenik – Very good, Frank Pietravoia.

Director Pietravoia – Couple of announcements tonight from the Community Development Department, first of all, I'm pleased to announce to you tonight that we've completed a hiring process for our Senior Program Manager. Margaret Hastert-Wolf had a planned retirement this year. She will be leaving us at the end of this calendar year and we went through an extensive interview process and a search process as a result of her retirement. And I'm pleased to inform you tonight about the outcome of that process. We did have an interview team in place and a consultant that assisted us through the process. The interview team involved our Assistant Director Bob Gliha, a member, two members from our Senior Advisory Council, City Council Chair of the Senior Programs Kirsten Holzheimer Gail and the consultant that we retained and along with the Mayor and myself once we got to the finalists for the position. We've extended an offer and it's been accepted by Tara McNeil. Tara is a Euclid resident and she's had previous experience in running a similar municipal senior center. Prior to that she had extensive administrative experience in several different capacities including as Director of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program with Cleveland Heights, I believe for a period of 5 or 6 years there.

So with that announcement I would also like to take this opportunity to publicly thank Margaret for her many years of dedicated service. We hope to bring her back early in the year to recognize her officially at one of our next Council meetings. She's worked for many years to shape the program into what it is today and we are very confident that Tara's going to be able to takeover the reigns and move the program forward even further. She will be starting, by the way, officially this Wednesday. We introduced her to the staff this morning and her first full official day will be Wednesday. Fortunately, that will give her at least a couple of weeks of transition with Margaret before she leaves officially.

On the Economic Development front, the past two weeks have proved to be very positive for the Euclid community in some ways some early presents for the City of Euclid. We've had good news on the economic development front. I know some of you received an email even today from Councilman Fred Lisy on one of the announcements that I wanted to make this evening. We've had coverage as a result of these announcements in the Plain Dealer, Cleveland's Crain, Cleveland's, Crain's Cleveland Business, I apologize, and the Euclid Sun Journal. Three major projects I wanted to highlight and a couple others with just a quick mention.

Stack Containers, a company that's been at Heritage Business Park for 10 years, they broke ground on November 29th for a new building on Rockwell Drive. They're going to build about a 30,000 square foot building that location. They transport goods by truck that arrive here locally by rail. They employ about 50 people now and they expect to grow here in Euclid as a result of this project. They are in our Community Reinvestment Area so they will qualify for financial assistance through that program.

Hose Master was just in Crain's today and that's the article that Councilman Fred Lisy had passed on to all members of Council. Another success story, they're currently located here on East 222nd Street. They've been for many years; they've grown their company here in the City of Euclid. They manufacture a unique product, flexible stainless steel hoses, almost one of a kind in the country and they have a worldwide market because of the unique nature of their product. They recently purchased the building adjacent to them, Eli Crane. Eli Crane had been downsizing for some time and wasn't able to make a go of it in the size building they had here in Euclid. As a result of that purchase, they're, Hose Master will expand to about 250,000 square feet; they'll add about 30 jobs over the next few years and increase their workforce here in Euclid to over 250 employees. The City assisted with the State aid that was announced. They'll be getting a job tax credit through the State of Ohio. They're also in the CRA so they may qualify for benefits there depending on the amount of money they invest in their building, the building they purchased. And we may be assisting through the Storefront Program. The details of that are yet to be worked out.

The third and probably the most exciting, I've made some comments over the past couple of meetings about the interest we've had in the PMX site. Visconti, a local commercial real estate developer, recently announced that they've taken an option to purchase the site with the intent to develop a regional retail center at that location. Still very early in the project but it's very good news for the community. We should all be very proud and excited that a company of Visconti's caliber is interested in making a major investment here in the City of Euclid. So as we obtain more information, I've already had a request from members of Council, we'll

be setting up a meeting with various members of Council to introduce them to Visconti and to bring more information forward as the project develops so we're very excited about that as well.

Not to be overlooked, Georgio's Pizza coming into the former East Coast Custard on East 222nd Street. Hopefully, they'll be opening shortly and, of course, Dave's Supermarket had their grand opening yesterday at their new location, former Tops location. So lots of good things happening on the business front here in the community and I wanted to make sure to at least share the highlights of those with Council and with the residents.

With that I'd like to turn it over to Mr. Beno. He has a brief report on the Housing Department and our Zoning Code progress. Thank you.

Commissioner Beno – We're making progress on both the setup and the training for our new custom software program in the division. This process involves setup, testing and then re-testing of the additional sections which are interactive as they're brought on line. We've had training sessions for all of our personnel, both inspectors and office personnel. And most of the setup work and the training has been done. We are expecting an intensive week of testing and additional fine tuning in the week after Christmas. And then the representative from New World will be in town the first week in January when we expect to bring all the sessions, sections of the program into full use in the new system.

I'd also like to update you on our contract with the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission. We've received a draft ordinance from the Planning Commission to revise our regulation of churches and group homes. The Planning Commission's work is still under review. What they gave back to us is a very comprehensive approach to the regulations. They've gone, you know, way beyond just a minor tweaking or a minimal kind of change for us. They're making some substantial recommendations and that's why it's taking us a little bit of time to get those ready for you. But we do expect to have them introduced in January. And that concludes my report.

Mayor Cervenik – Very good, last but not least you certainly have in front of you our Department for Tax receipts for the month and the year. As you know, we had a rough month of November. Okay? We're about \$600,000 below the projection in November and I've told you before I was very concerned about the October, November numbers that they seemed a little on the high side and as Director Johnson explained to you in an email we had a company last year that had a stock ownership buyout, which translated into full taxable income, W-2 income. That, which almost doubled their payroll for the year, that tax amount increased amount was included in the projections during the calculation of the projections for 2006. So for the year we're down 346,000, which is 1.53% off the projections right now. I'm looking forward to a strong December if the lines of people, delinquent tax collections are any indications that have been in the rotunda of City Hall this past two weeks I think we're still going to come very close to our projections. It's going to be difficult to be on those.

At the same time outside of, I think it's the inheritance taxes, we have other areas of revenue that are making up for this. Our Ambulance collections are up considerable. The interest income is up; the revenue is up almost double, I think, from what we projected. The Court revenues are up much more than expected. Our Jail receipts, the housing of prisoner receipts are decreasing, are down; however, they're down more because of the fact that we didn't open up the jail, women's portion of the jail until later on in the year and you will see a corresponding decrease or non-expenditures of what was projected at the Jail as well. So for, if you take the Jail as a piece of itself, we are actually ahead of our budgeted projections. So I think overall when all is said and done at the end of the year, we're going to be very, very close to our total income projections. I've asked the Finance Department to, in the future when we're working on our projections, to take the top 25 or 30 taxpayers and do a moving average of their receipts for the year so that these anomalies don't effect what we're doing. But all in all I'm very encouraged by the report so far through November.

I'm extremely encouraged by the, the results that Mr. Pietravoia's been talking about with the expansion at Lincoln, with the new 150 jobs at HC Starck and with Hose Masters expansion and others, I think, I'm very confident, you know, that we will be fine in 2007. It will be a good positive year. So that's the end of communications from the Administration other than the fact that I would like to wish each and every one of you and those in the audience and the residents a very Merry Christmas, happy holiday and a very healthy, happy and prosperous 2007. I think if we all keep working together as we have this community will continue to grow and with that I end.

President Gudenas – Thank you. So are you saying the Tax Department will be open Christmas Eve?

Mayor Cervenik – I'm going to give them Christmas Eve off. They'll be open through the 22nd. They're doing a wonderful job. They really are.

President Gudenas – Get a little time off.

Mayor Cervenik – But you can mail it in and I will tell people that if you're paying your estimates even though your City estimate is not due until January, if you send that estimate in and pay it before December

31st, not only do we get that income ahead of time, but you're able to take that as a deduction on your 2006 tax return instead of waiting 'til next year 2007 to take it. So instead of paying it on the 15th of January, pay it before the 31st of December and you get a benefit on your Federal taxes.

President Gudenas – All right.

Mayor Cervenik – Okay?

President Gudenas – Our timely tax tip for 2006. And I can vouch for Dave's being open. I drove by there several times and it's the busiest I've ever seen that parking lot.

Mayor Cervenik - I was there an hour before the meeting and it was extremely busy. What they've done in that store in the short as days as they had is phenomenal. I did talk with Dan Saltzman who was there while I was standing in line and they've got a lot of plans to further beautify and make that store a very friendly, friendly atmosphere and to really be their flagship store in all of Ohio. So we wish them the best.

President Gudenas – Yes, we do and I'm sure they'll do well. All right with that we move on to reports and committee minutes.

REPORTS & COMMITTEE MINUTES

Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail moved to receive the Animal Shelter Report from November 2006; Executive & Finance Committee Minutes from November 29, 2006; Planning & Zoning Minutes November 21, 2006; Board of Control Minutes from November 27 and December 4, 2006. Councilwoman Mancuso seconded. Yeas: Unanimous.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Councilman Conway moved to go to the Committee of the Whole for Legislative Matters Only; seconded by Councilman Delaney. Yeas: Unanimous.

President Gudenas – It's not a very long agenda, six items, so take your pick one of the six if you have anything to talk about and we do have a, some representatives from Carlisle Management and the Provident Group regarding Willo Arms purchase. They can talk later during the legislative portion or now and anyone? I see no one.

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

Ord. 215-2006 (247-06) Capital Trust Agency agreement

An ordinance authorizing the Capital Trust Agency to operate within the boundaries of the City of Euclid, Ohio; authorizing an agreement between the City and the Capital Trust Agency and authorizing execution and delivery of certain documents and instruments in connection therewith; approving a form of Interlocal Agreement for the issuance of multi-family housing revenue bonds, and providing an effective date.
(Sponsored by Mayor Cervenik)

Councilwoman Walsh moved for passage; seconded by Councilman Lisy.

President Gudenas – This is our second reading. It was brought to our attention last meeting regarding the sale of the Will Arms Apartment Complex, which would be right along I-90 south of Euclid Avenue about 700 some apartment units owned for many, many years by Royal American Group. And after all 40, 50 years whatever it is of ownership, they're planning to sell out to a different non-profit organization that plans a million or so dollars in improvements and a lot of other interesting proposals to increase the quality of life there. And the City of Euclid is here to approve it so that they are able to sell some bonds, probably at a tax-free interest rate to save on expenses as part of an additional financing they have out of state too.

So we had a whole bunch of information sent to us about Carlisle Management, who's been here for also many, many years, currently manages the Bonneville Condominium building on Lakeshore near to 260th Street. And I've known Chuck Schulman for many years. He's been a very good operator of apartment buildings in Euclid. And so a lot of our questions have been answered since the last meeting. So do we have any more questions after, you know, we've had about a phone book size worth of documents given to us and they're pretty good. We do look forward to the new group coming in because they normally have additional involvement in the communities they have investments in and we certainly could use their support. So any other questions? I see none. We can then proceed...

Director Frey – If, I, if you would indulge me just for a moment given that there are no questions, it's probably unnecessary but I would like at least introduce to the members of Council and the audience the President and CEO of Provident, Steve Hicks. Mr. Hicks, if you wouldn't mind, just so people can see who it is that will be

the group owning the property. And then I know Mr. Schulman is here from the Carlisle Management group and again they're the property manager, proposed property manager for the 700+ units and I appreciate Council's indulgence in giving us the additional time to get the material together and it is comprehensive. And I want to thank Mr. Hicks and Mr. Schulman and Bob Labes from Squire, Sanders for getting that information to us. And I think it's an exciting opportunity for the City to grow on the positive things that Royal American has done with that property and I want to commend them on their work on behalf of the residents of the City as well. So if there are no other questions or questions for Hicks, we'd ask Council to approve this legislation. Thank you.

President Gudenas – Thank you, yes?

Councilwoman Mancuso – Perhaps since we have the group here that we could just briefly summarize what it is you're going to do for the audience and the people who are watching because I know we had a lot of questions last time, which Council has the benefit of having the information; but we may not as an audience out watching understand what you're going to do and what you've come about as far as what you're going to spend and how you're going to maintain the properties and the type of loan that you were going to take out that had to do with Capital Trust, briefly.

Mr. Steve Hicks – I'm the President and CEO of the Provident Foundation. We are a national 501(c)3 non-profit organization with offices in Baton Rouge, LA and Nashville, TN. I appreciate the opportunity to be here and to respond to the questions that Mr. Frey has presented to us. We've had the opportunity, I hope, to respond to all of the questions that had been submitted. We also had the opportunity to visit a little bit this afternoon as well when I first arrived in Euclid.

In response to your question with regards to what Provident is going to do, Provident Foundation through Provident Housing Resources, Inc., which is also a 501(c)3 through which we acquire affordable housing properties. We will be purchasing the Willo Arms Apartments from the Royal American group. The Mavec family has set the bar very high. They've owned this property for over 40 years. We applaud the way that they have maintained the property all of those years. It is in very good condition. In addition to that we know that they have been active in the community and they have provided a number of programs at the property for the benefit of the residents.

Provident, as a non-profit foundation, that's one of the things that we look forward to doing is bringing to this particular property what we have done at over 4,000 other units of affordable housing in other parts of the country where we have our service-enriched housing program, as we refer to it, where we bring certain programs that we hope will benefit the residents both the adult residents as well as children in the local community. We provide day care, after school programs for children that, who reside at the facility. We have a number of other programs aimed at the adult population from providing budget courses on how to budget your family income, your family expenses. We provide training programs to assist residents in learning how to go on job interviews, assisting them with that process; bringing community colleges in to offer programs on site at the facility. But we don't come in with just something that we think would work in Euclid, Ohio. We look forward to continuing the discussion with the Mavec with the programs that have been successful at the facility over the years; also, working with Carlisle. Carlisle has been active as you all know better than I since 1971 in this region. So we know that we're going to learn from them.

The key is that we're not coming in operating a property in Euclid, Ohio and taking the money back to Nashville, Tennessee. It's going to be reinvested in this community. We've demonstrated that on other properties that we have owned and operated. The timing of our appearance here in Euclid is good in the sense that we were notified last week we have an affordable housing property in the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex and we're pleased to say that the National Affordable Housing Management Association, which represents management groups, management companies, managers of affordable housing properties literally from coast-to-coast, thousands of units, thousands of properties, our property in Lincoln Meadows in the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex placed first in the country for our Community of Quality Award that is the highest award that that Association presents and we were cited for our exemplary family development programs that we offer in our properties. The on-site resident manager of our facility will be in Washington, we'll be sending her to Washington in March where she will receive this recognition and we think, again, that speaks well for Provident organization.

As those of you in the community know, it's a 740-unit property. It's a very large property, but we're very confident working with the Carlisle Management Group that we're going to continue the quality of residences that the Mavec family and Royal American Group have done all these years. And we look forward to being a responsible corporate citizen in Euclid and Cuyahoga County and through our manager, through our staff at the Provident Foundation we will be here to respond to your questions. Any time there are any issues we want to make sure that we're responsive to local government. I particularly look forward to learning more from Ms. Walsh in whose ward the property is located with some of the programs that she's involved with in serving the local community through her involvement with the Salvation Army.

So we thank you, like to wish all of you a happy holiday, Merry Christmas, and again we look forward to starting our role as a corporate citizen in 2007.

Councilman Lisy – Thank you for attending our meeting, we really appreciate it. When we have programs already in place and you're bringing programs in place, how do we eliminate duplicated, duplicative programs?

Mr. Hicks – Well, first of all, we're not going to duplicate programs. That's the first thing. We're going to be taking an inventory of the programs that have previously been offered, trying to learn as to which ones the residents have really been active with. What are the ones that they have participated in? We want to see what do the residents want not what we want to bring to them and we're going to look to Carlisle as well as from Royal American Group to learn more about those programs and see if there's some areas where we can put some of our resources to work to bring new programs. Certainly, we would never duplicate through our efforts. That's a waste of time and resources. We'd much rather work with the local community because what we do in Scottsdale, not Scottsdale in Phoenix, Arizona or what we do in southern California or Connors, Georgia is not necessarily what is going to work in Euclid, Ohio and what the residents need in order to build their families, make them more active participants and contributors to the local community. So we're going to learn from Cuyahoga County and from Euclid and then put our resources to work.

Councilman Lisy – Thank you.

Director Pietravoia – Just to add that to address Councilman Lisy's question, Krystal Skovira from our Community Policing and Weed and Seed has already had contact with Carlisle and they are going to be meeting specifically to talk about the programs that we already offer and how they could work together rather than duplicate those programs.

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

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

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

President Gudenas – Welcome to Euclid.

Mr. Hicks – Thank you, Council President; thank you, Mr. Mayor.

Mayor Cervenik – At this time I would just like to thank Bruce Mavec, Royal American Management as well as his right-hand man Bob Sorin for what they've done to that property over the past 5-7 years. They have really turned it around, made it a very desirable place to live. They have worked with our Police Department, our Community Policing with our various organizations, non-profit organizations and we thank you very much and we look forward, Mr. Hicks, to you continuing that and we just want to thank you and welcome you to Euclid.

President Gudenas – All right, very good, we'll move on to item #2.

Ord. 216-2006 (249-06) NPDES Discharge Fee

An ordinance authorizing the Director of finance of the City of Euclid to expend Fifteen Thousand Five Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$15,550.00) as payment for the annual NPDES discharge fee as required by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency. (Sponsored by Councilman Gruber by request of Service Director)

Councilman Gruber moved for passage; seconded by Councilman Lisy.

Director Gulich – This is an annual fee we have no choice but to pay to the Ohio EPA, NPDES permit. That stands for National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System came into effect in 1993 as part of HB 152. This fee is based on the amount of water we process every day and the money is deposited into something called the Surface Water Protection Fund, which is used to improve permitting and expand water quality monitoring.

President Gudenas – Thank you very much.

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

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

Ord. 217-2006 (250-06) Codified Ordinances

An emergency ordinance to approve the editing and inclusion of certain ordinances and resolutions as parts of the various component codes of the codified ordinances; to provide for the adoption and publication of new matter in the updated and revised codified ordinances; and to repeal ordinances and resolutions in conflict therewith. (Sponsored by Mayor Cervenik)

Councilwoman Walsh moved for passage; seconded by Councilman Delaney.

President Gudenas – And basically what this does is take all the legislation we have passed since April of 2004 and make it all consistent with everything before it. Take out what doesn't apply any more, what's been changed and we have a nice big book that's completely redone so if anybody wants to look up the current rules, regulations and ordinances in the City of Euclid, they'll be accurate instead of a whole bunch of pages all over the place.

Director Frey – That's true. The print version of all the legislation that this Council's enacted in the past three years through about midway through 2006 is included in that update and those pieces of legislation are quickly going to be inserted into all the bound volumes. They are already available on line. There were, however, many changes made by American Legal through changes in State Code where they move, primarily in the traffic and criminal sections where they move changes in State Code into our Local Code. We went through an extensive review, both in the Prosecutor's Office and in the Municipal Court to ensure that we wanted to accept those changes. Some we did not. So you will also get a second smaller print packet that will supplant some of the other material so you're going to actually have two bound sets, if you will. The first update, the second update with the changes we essentially reverted back to our prior code, those changes are not yet on line. They will be soon on line; they're not yet. In the 300 Sections and the 500 Sections I would urge caution if anybody is going on line to make sure that they're looking at the right version. It's all detailed in this legislation before you and if approved tonight, would become effective as the update to the Codified Ordinances. What we're trying to make sure we didn't do was to require the Police Department and the Court to start issuing under new Code Sections. So we were very careful to make sure that we picked that up and I apologize to Council that it took us a little longer and why you ended up with a second smaller packet if you get a bound volume. But that was the purpose of it.

We feel very confident that we are as up to date as we can be in print and will be very up to date electronically and that would clearly be the preferred way to get to our Code would be electronically.

President Gudenas – All right, thank you for adding to that. Any questions? I see none.

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

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

Ord. 218-2006 (251-06) Expenditure Appropriation ending 12-31-06

An emergency ordinance amending Ord. 127-2006, which makes the annual appropriation for all expenditures for the City of Euclid for the period ending December 31, 2006. (Sponsored by Mayor Cervenik by request of the Finance Director)

Councilman Lisy moved for passage; seconded by Councilman Gruber.

Director Johnson – This is the final amendment for our 2006 budget year. No million dollars surprises this year. We have some small amounts, \$40,000 for additional gasoline. I believe what happened was, although the price of gasoline during the course of this year has dropped, at the beginning of the year we still had relatively high prices and I believe our consumption was up slightly also. And the other \$12,000 is the result of the settlement of some of our collective bargaining agreements. The \$1 million that you see that shows as Note Rollovers is a part of the legislation that we adopted allowing me to issue notes for the waterline improvements. This is more of an accounting issue. The \$1 million that we had issued the year prior is what's considered a note rollover. We re-issue that note and this allows me to do this on the books as I stated earlier it's an accounting issue. If there are any questions, I'd be glad to answer them.

President Gudenas – All right, one thing, Director Gulich and I went back and forth a little bit on today is our fuel purchases to try to get as much control as we can over that. And the question is what kind of policy do we have here in the City of Euclid regarding filling up vehicles that are also used for personal use. In other words, some, and there's not that many, City workers are able to take the City car home with them and who's actually paying for the fuel when that car goes from the place of business here back home and then from home back to here and I read through the compensation ordinance and it seems like that is not permitted; but then

Director Gulich implied that it may be not so clear. So where do we stand with that? Do we need a specific policy in place to clarify it?

Director Johnson – There is a section of the Codified Ordinances and I believe the Law Director could probably illuminate that.

President Gudenas – Okay.

Director Johnson – That addresses that.

Director Frey – It's actually in the City's Personnel Policy Manual that talks about the requirements for those individuals who are permitted to take a City vehicle to and from their home to work and it really it deals with the issue of automobile insurance coverage, who's allowed to use the vehicle and basically excludes anyone but the employee from using the vehicle but does require that the individual provide their own insurance naming the City as an additional insured. In addition all City employees who operate City equipment whether or not they take that equipment home are required to report to the City any instance of where they have, have been issued a traffic citation. So there are some restrictions in our personnel policies regarding the private use of City vehicles. It does not specifically address the issue of fueling of those cars. The employees do have to report those miles that they operate the vehicle not for City purpose and that becomes taxable income as well. But those are the only restrictions that we have unless any of the departments have specific use restrictions, but that's from the City's personnel policy. The compensation ordinance as you're aware provides that a vehicle is available to the Mayor and again has similar restrictions in it for that use. That's Section 9.3 of the consolidated compensation ordinance.

President Gudenas – So to clarify what is the policy for using City gas for a vehicle that's taken home?

Director Frey – As I indicated, the personnel policy and the compensation ordinance do not make a specific provision. So I don't know if Director Gulich can discuss specifically what occurs. That's what we have in print.

President Gudenas – So it does, there's nothing that officially allows...

Director Frey – There's nothing in print.

President Gudenas - ...someone to use our City gas for personal use?

Mayor Cervenik – Anyone who has a City car, and I believe there are only eight of them; they can use the City gas. If this Council feels that they should reimburse the City for that percentage of gas used in their car based upon what they report as personal use for W-2, you certainly can do that. I as a habit actually very seldom is my car not used for business. Personal use I'm usually in the City the times I do it while I know it's personal use I usually fill it the tank up myself. In fact one time I did it and the controls, we have pretty strict controls on the pump, it kept telling me my mileage I was entering was wrong, but that's because I had put a couple of tanks of gas in it myself during that time and so the computer said well, that doesn't make sense because your mileage shouldn't be that high. So it is pretty well restricted.

We have the Fire Chief, the Assistant Fire Chief, the Police Chief, the Assistant Police Chief, my car, Dean Grida's, Scott Reese's and the Superintendent of Waste Water. I believe those are the only cars that are taken home at this time so it's, it's.

Now we do have the new problem with patrol cars, those are filled up by the City; but those patrolmen under that program do not take those cars out of town. They will be used somewhat for personal use inside the City, but that's all part of that program so that we have some police presence there.

So if Council so desires that, that's fine; but it, there's minimal personal use of these vehicles other than traveling to and from work.

Councilwoman Walsh – Well, thank you, Mayor, because that kind of explains what you're doing, but I certainly think it would be appropriate to have some kind of log in each vehicle marking down that it was used for personal so that there would be no questions asked. And if you have that record that would answer a lot of questions that the constituents could possibly bring up well, I saw such and such happen. I don't think it can be so care free and loose just to protect yourself and to protect the City. And certainly if they're using it for personal, I know at the shocking rate of 2.35 a gallon, which went up 10 cents a gallon today and I need gas I would like to use some of that gas, too, and I know that that would be illegal in my mind. So I think a log is necessary.

Councilwoman Mancuso – Just to clarify, the eight cars that are being used are all employees who live within the City so the mileage is fairly low?

Mayor Cervenik – I'm sure you're aware of the fact that the Police Chief does not live in the City.

Councilwoman Mancuso – Police Chief, everybody else lives in the City, though?

Mayor Cervenik – No, our Superintendent of Waste Water does not live there either.

President Gudenas – Well and there's several of the Assistant Chief...

Director Frey – Assistant Police Chief is out of town.

Mayor Cervenik – The two Assistants are out of town.

Councilwoman Mancuso – So how many of our cars are actually going out of the City of Euclid at night to go home?

Mayor Cervenik – Waste Water, four, four of the eight.

Councilwoman Mancuso – So four of the eight are actually traveling out of town every night?

Mayor Cervenik – Yes.

Councilwoman Mancuso – I don't think this is something we're going to clear up tonight, but I think it's something we should look at.

President Gudenas – It's, we're not going to solve it today, but it's something we should consider because our fuel costs are being, you know, increasing and very few firms in the private industry will give you a car and all the gas you want to use to go home, you know, that's quite a benefit to have. And, you know, as a, I announced a meeting or so ago that the goal would be to try to save \$100,000 in some of these smaller expenses and this is one that would be several thousand a year and I think we're going to need it because our budget for next year is going to be very difficult to accomplish everything we want unless we hold the other expenses in line.

Anything else? Okay, so the good part is as Director Johnson said there was no major surprise. I do remember back, I think it was in 2002 we had over a million dollars or so, that was quite a surprise after being on the job for 3 week. So with that.

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

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

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

Ord. 219-2006 (252-06) Inter-transfer of Funds

An emergency ordinance providing the schedule of inter-transfer of funds between all funds. (Sponsored by Mayor Cervenik by request of the Finance Director)

Councilman Gruber moved for passage; seconded by Councilman Delaney.

President Gudenas – And this basically is something that is required for us to officially document in a separate piece of legislation all of the transfers we've just done, more or less, so this would be something we should expect in the future so that there's always legislation backing up these transfer of funds. And there's nothing new here just documenting what we've already done.

Councilman Lisy – Some of these funds have obsolete names, maybe, can we look at updating the names, like sidewalks repair, we're not really doing sidewalk repair.

President Gudenas – We might.

Councilman Lisy – How would we go about doing it? I know that's...

President Gudenas – We're supposed to.

Councilman Lisy – Is there a better name for it that we could use and how do we get it changed if we can change it?

Director Johnson – I suppose we could just change the name of the Fund. I would probably have to notify the County Auditor of the fund name change. I would suggest that that would probably be done in the form of a resolution, some sort of legislation officially changing the name of the fund. But I mean....

Councilman Lisy – I think there's a lot of good things that are going to be happening in that account because that's the nuisance abatement account and sidewalk repair doesn't do it justice that's all I'm concerned about.

Director Johnson – Actually, the full name of it is Sidewalk Repair and Replacement; but we just, it's a mouth full; but we can do that. I would suggest that we do it in form of legislation.

Councilman Lisy – Thank you.

President Gudenas – And we should add that we are adding \$300,000 to our Self-Insurance Fund, which hasn't had a big increase like that in a while. With that addition, Director Johnson, would you know what the new balance will be for the Self-Insurance Fund?

Director Johnson – I don't know where we will end up this year. I would imagine it'd be somewhere around \$100,000 left. What we have been doing over the last several years is just transferring enough money to cover what we expect our litigation costs and our settlement. We had some structured settlements and the payments on those structured settlements and basically all we've done for the last several years is just transfer enough to make what we know those bills are.

President Gudenas – All right and this again confirms the money to the Euclid Endowment Fund, the \$472,000 going back into that account.

Director Johnson – Right.

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

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

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

230-2006 (253-06) Annual Expenditures through December 31, 2007

An emergency ordinance which makes the annual appropriation for all expenditures for the City of Euclid for the period ending December 31, 2007. (Sponsored by Mayor Cervenik and entire Council by request of Finance Director)

Councilman Langman moved for passage; seconded by Councilman Conway.

President Gudenas – And this is legislation we have to approve by yearend. It shows that total spending will be about \$13 million for the year, but of course that's not really the case because we just have to put enough together until our actual budget is approved; hopefully, some time in January or February. And so, this is not the actual budget; it's something that is needed to be passed so that we can stay in business while we approve our actual budget.

Director Johnson – Exactly.

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

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

Councilman Gruber moved to go into the Committee of the Whole; seconded by Councilman Conway. Yeas: Unanimous.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Ms. Kate Wenrich – 294 E. 264th St. I'm here representing the Memorial Park Elementary School FAST team. FAST is Families and Schools Together. And I wanted to come and say thank you very much to Mayor

Cervenik, to Council President Gudenas also Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail and Councilman Langman for attending our graduation last Thursday night. The families were very thrilled that you guys stopped by and a good time was had by all. And we graduated 10 families last Thursday and we're going to do it again in the spring. So hopefully, we can have more in attendance. Thank you so much.

President Gudenas – Thank you. It was a wonderful, wonderful program.

Mr. Tod Guntner – 21290 Edgecliff. First of all, I'd like to wish everyone in the City of Euclid and beyond a very happy, prosperous, healthy and safe holiday season.

Next year we're going to be going back to curbside recycling. That happens I think March 1st, Mr. Gulich? Thank you. And I'm here tonight to ask you to still bring your papers to the Animal Shelter. Abitibi is still giving us \$20 a ton. To date the citizens of Euclid have donated with their time and their energy and their gas 689,520 pounds of paper material. That equals 384 tons and almost \$7700. Last year we were at 54 for the whole year so we're what about 25% higher already. We still have two months to go. I'd like to thank all of the citizens for their efforts for their support and for their papers and ask for everybody to please continue because this is that much more money that we don't have to ask in the form of other fund raisers so we greatly appreciate all the help in the past and look forward to help in the future also. Thank you, everybody have a good evening.

Mr. Tom Cooke – 25641 Edgecliff. Just one question regarding the sale of Willo Arms to Provident Foundation, being a 501(c)3 organization, do we lose anything in property tax revenue or any kind of revenue?

President Gudenas – We believe no.

Mr. Cooke – We believe or do we know?

President Gudenas – Uncle Sam, well, no, Uncle Sam loses.

Mr. Cooke – Considering...

Mayor Cervenik – Mr. Chairman, we know; Mr. Cooke, we know that we do not. That's still a taxable operation and they will be paying the same amount of property taxes, in fact, if I'm not mistaken through conversation, we may actually see a small increase in taxes because they paid more than the County has it appraised for right now. And in normal circumstances that's going to dictate the new taxable value. So we will, we will continue to collect taxes.

Mr. Cooke – Okay, beautiful. Thank you.

President Gudenas – All right.

Councilwoman Walsh moved to rise and report; seconded by Councilman Langman. Yeas: Unanimous.

COUNCILMEN'S COMMENTS

Councilman Gruber – I'd like to thank the Indian Hills Homeowners Association for a wonderful holiday dinner they had last Saturday night. It was nice to see all the neighbors and friends out there.

Also, the best of luck to Walter and Barbara Apanasewicz tomorrow and a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to everyone, have a Happy New Year. Good night.

Councilwoman Holzheimer Gail – I will keep this short and brief as well. I wanted to comment on the Shore Cultural Centre events. They were very enjoyable and the Mayor's Business Open House. It was great to meet and see so many businesses come out. I enjoyed the first half of St. Christine's Holiday Concert 'til I had to take my daughter home.

And I wanted to announce the Conscious Nest that we approved their zoning at the last meeting is planning an open house to meet their instructors and to learn more about some of the classes that they will offer. That's the building that's at 201 and Lakeshore Boulevard on Ardwell, the old Knights of Columbus Hall. They're going to be doing a lot of learning and yoga, kind of mind and body improvement classes. So the public is welcome to their open house Saturday, December 23rd from 12 to 4.

For those looking forward to next year already both of our January Council meetings will be on Tuesdays because of New Year's day and Martin Luther King day so those are January 2nd and January 16th, 7 o'clock.

Also enjoyed the FAST graduation, congratulation to those families and a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and looking forward to a safe, healthy, prosperous New Year.

Councilman Langman – I, too, would like to thank Miss Wenrich and Ken Ferlito, Euclid High Class of '81, who was the principal over at Memorial Park. The FAST graduation was a very nice event. And with that I'd like to wish everyone a very safe and happy holiday season. Thank you.

Councilman Lisy – Director Pietravoia, can you give us an update on what's happening with the construction site or the concrete crusher?

Director Pietravoia – Yes, I'd be happy to give a report on that. I have visited the site. Mr. Beno is visiting the site on a regular basis and the Mayor has been to the site. And I know several members of Council have also been there. The crushing is progressing. To date we're not aware of any issues or problems as a result of the crushing. I've asked publicly and I'll ask again tonight if there are any issues to please call our office and bring it to our attention. Mr. Beno might be in a better position to tell us how far they are in their progress at this point. It looks like they're pretty far along from my observation.

President Gudenas – Mr. Beno says no.

Director Pietravoia – Oh.

Commissioner Beno – They're more than half way.

Director Pietravoia – More than half way.

Councilman Lisy – Yes, it looks like more than half the pile's gone and it's a pretty impressive project so Director Johnson, if you can get the video crew out there, it's amazing how they separate the rebar from the concrete and crate the, take the big chunks all the way down to recyclable concrete. It's a pretty impressive project.

Director Pietravoia – They are also scheduled for the Architectural Review Board this Thursday evening for their new building, the Calabrese Company.

Councilman Lisy – Thanks and, Mayor, that was a wonderful event you had with the businesses and when you work on a plan on how to get them more involved, we really need to take care of the businesses that we have. Not that we're not, but anything we can do to make them feel welcome because it's a lot easier to keep our existing businesses than to replace them. And that leads me to the presentation I went down to see where it was an urban renewal.

I wasn't sure if I was going to be one of the only people in attendance, but it turned out 500 other people showed up to the event. It was well attended and I keep telling myself I'm going to get notes and pass it out to everybody here on Council and the Administration because we are orders of magnitude better off than some of the areas that were featured in this program. And they had to basically start from scratch and revitalize their areas. We're not by any stretch of the imagination that bad off. And so there was a lot of lessons learned thought that we could implement now to prevent any type of unfortunately negative economic impact to the City of Euclid. So I'll be getting that out to everybody shortly. Thank you.

Mayor Cervenik – Councilman Lisy and Council people that attended the event, thank you very much. It meant a lot to me that you took the time and we've all been pretty busy this time of year; but it meant a lot more to the businesses there that the Council and the Administration was there in force. And I know it's Councilmen's Comments, but because of what you said about the 500 people showing up. At the Mayors and Managers Meeting Egger the new editor of the Plain Dealer said what he's found out in a short time he's been in northeastern Ohio is that we all have this inferiority complex and we need to get rid of that. He's from St. Louis and he's extremely impressed with northeastern Ohio and the people in it and the various communities so I think that's why there were 500 people at the meeting and we're going to all grow out of that inferiority complex.

Councilman Lisy – It was amazing because the Lincoln Land Institute had a video and Euclid was featured in it and a lot of other areas of Cleveland were featured in it. And this was done in 2004. It is now 2006 entering 2007 and some of those areas they said were of our major concerns for northeast Ohio are actually being revitalized with Steel Yard Commons and the such. So in a short time period of time period there was a lot of revitalization going on. I just thought there's a lot of lessons we can learn from it. Thank you.

Councilwoman Mancuso – I also agree. I'm very happy that the Mayor had his open house. The Chamber of Commerce also had a wonderful holiday social along with the Shore Cultural Centre all last week. I think we were all looking at each other every evening between 5 and 7 or 6 and 9. For me, however, I did get to meet some new business owners. One of them donated the plant we have here; the U Can Do Occasions, Rick and Marie were very open with how happy they are to be able to open a business here in Euclid. And if you get

the opportunity, please stop by. They're in downtown Euclid. You can walk the strip, right across from the Bistro. The art gallery is there. This new shop is there. There's a lot going on here.

I'd also like to congratulate the entire staff of Dave's. As I walked in there yesterday, through all the chaos they had gone through on Saturday where they actually had their butchers and that walking all of their trays and everything across the street, by Sunday they were all smiling. The poor customers from Dave's that were now in this huge Tops store were wandering and they were like it's okay. In 2 weeks this will be yours; you will be comfortable. So everybody was really chipping in yesterday and it was very busy. It was probably one of the busiest times I've seen at that location. So kudos to all of them because you know they were working very hard over the last few days just to get it up and running. And to all my colleagues and to our audience, have very happy, safe holidays and a happy New Year.

Councilwoman Walsh – I, too, was at Dave's yesterday morning and it's just fabulous because they so believe in Euclid as we all should believe in Euclid. And I got a call tonight from Mama Cantena's and she wants a little plug. They are selling candles for, paper candles for a dollar or five dollars and all of that money goes to the Euclid Hunger Center. So their generosity is to be commended and the people who buy the candles are to be commended.

I do want to personally, I tried to get Christmas cards out to them but I in my line of work am extremely proud, I just can't say enough about the Euclid citizens. They came down to Coats for Kids; they came down to Toys for Tots. The Euclid Senior Center visited the VA Hospital distributing gifts. They dressed teddy bears. This week they have, several Euclid residents have adopted families who they will never meet and all of those gifts will be given out all day Saturday and they'll be bringing their gifts in. Euclid is such a fine, caring, wonderful community. I could never have been prouder in anybody than this week when my fellow citizens and the residents came down and blessed at work. You're great guys.

And I don't want to be too much of a Polly Anna, I do want to wish everybody on this side, on that side and out there a very Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and Happy Holiday Season. God bless all of you.

President Gudenas – And I also would like to thank Mayor Cervenik for having that great event at the Henn Mansion. It was beautifully decorated, lot of nice business people. Many I hadn't met before including U-Can-Do Occasions with free delivery in Euclid. And it was great food, great beverages and it was free. So any time a politician has a free event, you've got to go there. So I recommend the next one, pardon me? And Bi-Rite, I'm sorry, I didn't have the whole list, but on Euclid Avenue our other newer supermarket that opened earlier in the year was also very instrumental. I guess a lot of the items were donated by Euclid businesses.

And we also on City Council would like to do whatever we can to help promote it so if you have an item and you're in business in Euclid and it can fit on a little table in front of our Council podium here, bring it down and we'll give you a free plug. Anything we can do to help. Pardon?

Mayor Cervenik – I said, Mr. President, Tod Guntner is going to bring a dog.

President Gudenas – A dog, yeah, right, we can put a pet there to adopt for the meeting. And on a more serious note we're obviously going to have to start working on the budget next year. And our budget hearings will be on Monday, January the 8th. It will be a very short meeting 'cause that's Ohio State football game, but I'm just kidding. We're not going to meet on, just seeing who's paying attention. We're not going to meet on Monday the 8th, but we will meet because our Council's meeting is on Tuesday the 9th, we'll meet Tuesday the 10th.

Clerk Cahill – Planning and Zoning is on the 9th.

President Gudenas – I'm sorry, Planning and Zoning is on the 9th and we'll meet Wednesday the 10th to start our budgeting hearings and Thursday the 11th of January and most likely, but maybe not we'll need another day and that would be the 17th, which is a Monday in January. So those are the initial days 10, 11 and 17th.

Clerk Cahill – Wednesday.

President Gudenas – I'm sorry Wednesday. I don't have, I'm cheap. I don't have next year's calendar yet.

Mayor Cervenik – Because the Council meeting is Tuesday.

Clerk Cahill – Because of Martin Luther King.

President Gudenas – Correct, correct, because Martin Luther King, the Council meeting's Tuesday. I'm glad this is our last meeting because I guess I'm tired so with that I would like to say that we are going to have our challenges with the budget. We are, we've done well this year and it will be basically about balanced after we make these transfers back to the Endowment Fund into the Self-Insurance Fund, it'll be about even. But we've already promised some raises to all the workers here for the City of Euclid so we're going to see

expenses increase and we're going to have to really work hard to make sure we do as well next year as we did this year and at the same time, we're going to have to start planning for some bigger redevelopment projects in the City of Euclid, which will make our Capital Improvement Budget also very important to make sure that we have enough funds to do the important things, significant things that our residents are expecting us to do to keep the City dynamic and growing and attractive for the residents that are here now and for future residents.

So with that I'd like to wish everybody Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Happy New Year. Thank you all for giving us great support for this year. I've around some of these meetings a lot of times and I think this year was one of my most enjoyable years to be here and hopefully next year will be the same.

Councilman Conway – I, too, also wanted to thank the Mayor for putting on the business open house; but more importantly I'd like to thank all the business owners who turned out to the event. I think every time that you plan an event you hope you'll have a big turnout and to see the Henn Mansion filled with our business owners truly was a testament as to how excited business owners are at the direction that the City is taking. So again, thank you to the business owners and thank you to the Mayor for putting on the event.

I would also like to congratulate Shore Cultural Centre for all their activities that they have put on during the holiday season. It's always great to see the building filled with a lot of people taking advantage of all the great activities that take place at Shore.

I did also want to thank the Euclid Public Library for providing us the nice gift that they left for us tonight. We certainly appreciate that they kept us in their thoughts so I'd like to thank the Library as well.

To Director Pietravoia, thank you for all the encouraging news. It sounds like 2007 might be one of the finest years that we have on the economic development fronts and we look forward to continuing all the positive activities that are taking place under your leadership. And with that I'd just like to also wish everybody a happy holiday, Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and I hope everybody has a fantastic 2007.

Councilman Delaney – I would hope to piggyback on some of Councilman Lisy's remarks about the urban renewal. I had mentioned at the last Council meeting in my comments that some of the realtors statistic reports had jumped out at me. And we had a resident that commented about houses for sale and, of course, this is a slow time of year but right now there are 544 active listings and 22% of those listings are in pre-foreclosure; 16% of those listings are in foreclosure, which classification you put that in a financial hardship. If you break that 38% out, it's about 337 listings that are average, normal for the marketplace for this time of year. So as far as houses for sale and our market and where it's going, it's something to watch but it's really nothing's that over the top as far as our residents and our housing stock and where our real estate is. However, I think that as we've passed legislation this year in regards to foreclosures and try to keep after it, keep more up with the housing stock, the County is also very intent on helping with this project and with the greater need in the County and with what Councilman Lisy had mentioned with the urban renewal projects there may be a great opportunity for us early on in 2007 to address these needs with the help of the County. So I'm looking very, very forward to having this come forward, come to the public and I think that we're going to have some very good news on some of these challenges that we all face. Just some other things to look forward to, I know it's an issue that we all face and perhaps we'll have legislation right off the bat.

Closing, just like to say happy holidays and a wonderful 2007 to come and Mr. Chairman it's my honor to move to adjourn the year 2006.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Delaney moved to adjourn; seconded by all eight Council members. Yeas: Unanimous.

Attest:

Clerk of Council

President of Council