

COUNCIL MINTUES

October 15, 2007

The regular Council Meeting was held on Monday, October 15, 2007 at 7 PM in the Euclid City Hall Council Chamber. President Gudenas presided.

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

All present.

Others Present: Mayor Cervenik, Law Director Frey, Finance Director Johnson, Service Director Gulich, Recreation Director Will, CS&ED Director Pietravoia, Asst. Director Beno, Chief Repicky, Fire Chief Cosgriff, Housing Manager Drazetic, Asst. Law Director Sweeney, Sgt.-at-Arms Novosel, Clerk of Council Cahill

A moment of silence was held for fallen Police Officer George Brentar.

President Gudenas – Please remain standing. We don't have an Invocation today but very importantly we need to remember one of Euclid's finest police officers whose funeral was today, Officer George Brentar, who was taken from us last Wednesday, in the line of duty. We would like to have a moment of silence to remember his family, Linda, Erica, and Michael, his children and his extended family in the Police Dept. and of course all of City Hall. It is an important family that is protecting the citizens of Euclid. He was a police officer for 22 years and we would like to remember Officer George Brentar and Police Chief Repicky today at the funeral mass had important words to say as Officer Brentar would have said: slow down, and basically let's slow down a little bit to remember Officer Brentar's family and all the good safety force members in our community that is helping us everyday to stay safe and none more so than George Brentar did for 22 years. Thank you.

COUNCIL MINUTES

Councilman Gruber moved to approve the Council Minutes of September 17, 2007.

Councilwoman Minarik seconded. Yeas: Unanimous.

COMMUNICATIONS

Councilwoman Minarik moved to receive the following communications:

A certified letter from Singerman, Mills, Desberg & Kauntz Co., L.P.A. regarding Willo Arms Euclid.

Monthly Financial Report of the General Fund through September 30, 2007.

Councilman Gruber seconded. Yeas: Unanimous.

President Gudenas – The minutes regarding Willo Arms, implied that there will be some new owners of the Willo Arms Apartment project that is very exciting. They plan a multi-million dollar investment in the project and we all hope that goes through.

The financial report we received was also encouraging as indicated before. We received more than anticipated and we're back in line with our projections for the year. Both of the communications were good news.

COUNCIL MINUTES

Councilman Gruber moved to approve the Council Minutes of October 1, 2007.

Councilwoman Walsh seconded. Yeas: Unanimous.

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Cervenik – As you heard earlier today the family of the Police Department and the community, said farewell to Officer George Brentar. Those who came in contact with Officer Brentar, had a common phrase that he was a good natured and friendly person who served with distinction and honor.

There's no doubt that Officer Brentar will be sorely missed in the department and his untimely death demonstrates the risk that our police department, as well as our fire department take on each and every day. We owe much to him as colleagues, and in our safety forces and in our first responders.

Today, at the funeral there are many emotions that we all went through. Sense of loss, sense of duty, sense of pride, sense of friendship. Probably what struck most of us the most when we got to the cemetery there were over 350 officers of other police departments standing in honor of what this man did. In addition to that, not only was our Fire Department Local 337

and all their men there, many other fire departments met us on the way with tributes. As I said we estimated over 350 police officers were there from over 100 different communities.

I would ask you all to keep Linda, Erica and Michael in your prayers. To remember to slow down and pay attention to your family as George did. A lot of people have asked, what can we do to memorialize him and if we wanted to make a contribution what we can do. The family has asked that any contributions you would like to make should go to the Police Athletic League in care of City Hall or the Police Department. That was Officer George's, one of his loves. He really started the program where he took kids and taught them how to fish. He taught kids patience and he taught people around him patience. If you feel the need to memorialize him, send a donation, large or small, to the Police Athletic League here in Euclid. We will miss him and we will remember him.

Thank you.

Director Will – On behalf of the Parks & Recreation Department, Officer Brentar, we would like to give our sympathy to his family. He was very good to the department.

I would like to remind everybody that you could register for various programs, such as the Panther Hoops, our Learn to Swim program and our skating lessons. We will be taking registration on Tuesday from 1:00-7:00 at City Hall. Right now we do still have openings in the Panther Hoops for ages 5-16, although there are limited amount of spots available. Again, you can register tomorrow from 1:00-7:00.

We will be offering our pumpkin splash at Euclid High School Girl's Pool beginning at 7 PM. Wear your bathing suit because it is our idea of a pumpkin patch. Each pre-registered participant will receive a pumpkin. We'll ask you to go into the pool and get your pumpkin out of the pool. If you are unable to do that, we will have some in the gutter and some along side for those who aren't able to do that. It is free, but we are asking you to pre-register. We do have to limit it to the first 50 people.

We'll be having the Howl at the Hall on Monday, October 29th. We'll be inviting the different pre-schools to come in, ages 5 & under from 10 AM until Noon. Then for ages 6-12, from 3:30 until 5:00 on Monday, October 29, to trick-or-treat through the halls of City Hall.

We'll also be having a costume skate party at the C.E. Orr Ice Arena. That will be Tuesday, October 30th at 7:30 until 9:00. You can ice skate for free if you wear your costume. Ice skates are \$2. Tuesday, October 30th from 7:30 until 9:00, wear a costume and we'll also be having a pumpkin carving contest, so bring your pumpkin already carved.

Shore Cultural Centre will be hosting the Euclid Orchestra Fall Concert on Sunday, October 21 at Shore at 3:00 PM. They'll also be hosting a haunted hallway on Saturday, October 27th and Sunday, October 28th from 12:00-3:00. This is for ages, 3-8.

Silhouette Productions out of Shore Cultural Centre, will be performing the Little House of Horrors on November 2, 3, 4, 9 & 10. If you want information pertaining to Shore, call 289-8107.

On October 27th, we'll be hosting our first Free Family Friendly Halloween Euclid Cemetery Tour. If you want to do something just a little bit different, come on up, we'll be opening the gates at 5:30 while the sun is still shining. Bring your family up to explore it. We'll be doing some rubbings on the stones and take photos for a contest. The sunset will be about 6:30 and at that point, bring your flashlights, we'll have some luminaries and we will introduce Roy Larick who will tell us some stories about the cemetery. It is free and it is at 5:30. If you want any information pertaining to the Parks & Recreation Department or the Halloween gatherings, 289-8114. Thank you.

Mayor Cervenik and Councilwoman Walsh presented Resolution 201-2007 to the children of Thomas Jefferson Elementary School who dressed Teddy Bears and provided a storybook to children who are less fortunate.

Mayor Cervenik presented Resolution 200-2007 to senior citizens at the Lakefront Community Center who give their time and talent to help those who are less fortunate.

Director Gulich – Leaf season is finally here although it was 73 and sunny today, but they will be falling real soon. We have started our regular leaf pick up, please have your leaves if you have any raked out to the curb on your regular trash day. As always, if you choose to bag your leaves, you can do that as well. Put them out there, we'll come pick them up.

Also Councilman Langman asked me to mention a situation on 271 that we've been keeping a close eye on. Off of Lake Shore Blvd., there was a bad water main break out there earlier this season. Water infiltrated the gas line out there, the gas main and did quite of bit of damage in the area. Working with the gas company, they put together an emergency plan to

replace that line, yet this season. The day that plan showed up on my desk, I signed off on it for approval so they could go out for their emergency bidding process. I was informed today that they intend on getting this work done before the cold weather sets in. I don't have a whole lot more details, I'll be glad to share them when I do get them, but we're probably looking at a final restoration, probably not until springtime, just based on the fact that they have quite a bit of work to do out there. They recognize that and are on it. Thank you.

Mayor Cervenik – Before I ask the Chief to talk a little bit about Halloween, I do need to mention that this past Saturday evening, Euclid Hospital celebrated its 100 years as a community-based health care facility. It was a great evening, Dr. Toby Cosgrove and others spoke highly of the service that Euclid Hospital gives to us. I talked a little bit about the improvement of the quality of life that Euclid Hospital provides to our community. We applaud the role Euclid Hospital plays to make the City of Euclid a much better place. I'll turn it over now to our Fire Chief Tom Cosgriff to talk about Halloween.

Chief Cosgriff – I also would like to take a moment to acknowledge Officer Brentar and the only thing that I am prepared to say tonight is that I would hope that everyone would pray for Officer Brentar and his family and they are attempting to deal with this horrible tragedy.

In regards to Halloween, the City of Euclid will be celebrating Halloween and trick-or-treating, on Wednesday October 31 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Being that we don't turn the clocks back until November 4 this year, it maybe a little bit lighter, which should make for a safer event for all of us. That is the most important thing is to make sure that we do have a safe Halloween.

Therefore, I would like to stress some of the things that adults and parents need to keep in mind. If you do not want to distribute candy, please turn off your entrance light and keep your door closed. Similarly if you should run out of candy, the same thing applies. Turn off your light and close your door. Children should only trick-or-treat at homes with a well lit entrance way. Obviously young children should be accompanied by their parents and everyone should be cautious when crossing the streets. Motorists maybe distracted and some of the costumes maybe hard to see.

All candy should be inspected by the parents before allowing their children to eat it. Do not allow your children to eat candy, or anything for that matter, if it is not wrapped. In addition, the Euclid Police and Fire Departments, will be out patrolling the streets and we encourage anyone witnessing suspicious activity to give us a call. Let's make this a safe and enjoyable holiday for all of us. Thank you.

Mayor Cervenik – Going back to Officer George Brentar. Those that don't know, Officer George Brentar has a brother who is a member of our Euclid Police force, Anthony, better known as, A.J. Brentar. Our prayers are with him and his family as well.

Last but not least, Director Frank Pietravoia has an announcement to make.

Director Pietravoia – I just wanted to note for those of you who may not have noticed, if you traveled E. 200th Street, I've been working with Councilwoman Minarik in our efforts to get Schwebel's relocated. They have signed a lease, I wanted to announce tonight, I just learned today that the lease is official and there's a temporary sign up in the window, they will be relocating to the former Burger Hardware Store on E. 200th Street. It will probably be 2-4 weeks before they make the relocation. They have to order shelving and install carpeting and things of that nature. We're currently working with them on the permitting side. I know this was important to the neighbors in that area and the whole city, as far as that goes, and we are very pleased this was able to work out.

Second announcement I had, we have an event coming up that we're sponsoring jointly with the Chamber. It is a Business Development Expo and it will be held on November 2nd here at the Euclid Public Library. We've assembled a group of organizations, the County Development Department, the State Development Department and other groups that can help businesses to talk to businesses here in Euclid about their programs that they can partner with the City of Euclid. A special event that day is our key note speaker for lunch will be Lt. Governor Lee Fisher, who also serves as the Director of the Department of Development and he will be talking about economic development in the State of Ohio and some of the programs that he hopes to be implementing in his role with the State. We are really pleased and I would encourage anyone that might be interested to attend. It is open to the public as well as our local businesses. I do have some postcards with a summary of the information for the event that I will have available here tonight. Thank you.

REPORTS & COMMITTEE MINUTES

Councilman Gruber moved to receive the Fire Report of September, 2007; Monthly Finance Report through 9-30-07; Planning & Zoning Commission Min. of 9-11-07; Board of Control Minutes of 9-24-07 & 10-01-07. Councilman Langman seconded.

Yeas: Unanimous

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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

President Gudenas – To clarify a few things, item #2, regarding the placement of garbage cans will be sent to Committee, so we will not vote on that tonight. I'm sorry that's item #3. Item #2, regarding the invocations, there's still a few bugs to take care of. Item 2, regarding the Invocations will be sent to committee for final discussion. #3, is being pulled regarding the garbage containers, that is not quite ready to be voted on. Item #5, which is the one regarding portable storage units, we're going to ask to send to Planning & Zoning for their review. #13, regarding the roof on the jail, we're going to consider that a first reading, or send it to committee, so that will be reviewed along with the study for the jail at the same time.

Mayor Cervenik – As the sponsor, I've pulled that item.

President Gudenas – We were hoping to discuss that.

Mayor Cervenik – I think it would be appropriate to pull it at this time.

President Gudenas – All right, I guess no roof for the jail. Item #13 will be pulled. Hopefully that helps with the discussion tonight.

Mr. Victor Goodman – 20201 Glen Russ Lane. The first item I would at least like an explanation because I don't understand it. A resolution adopting a rate of each tax necessary to be levied both inside and outside a ten mill limitation. Can you please explain that to us citizens?

President Gudenas – All we know is we have to do that every year, that's routine stuff. Inside and outside, usually involves voted and unvoted millage. There's a certain amount of millage that the city government automatically is allowed, the rest has to be voted by the residents. Basically we're just approving what is already in place, we're not changing anything, but the government requires us to confirm, nothing is change.

Mr. Goodman – Learn something new everyday. Being that it is going into committee, Item #2 about the invocations, first and foremost I want to make sure that nobody ever thought that I don't think God belongs in this building. I just had certain feelings and I'd like to, and I'm going to pass this out if Mark would be so kind after he made the copies, to each member and the Mayor and the Law Director. Because I know a gentleman came up here and he spoke about certain things, but this is about Invocations. This deals with the House here in the State of Ohio.

In accordance with the U.S. Supreme Court ruling regarding prayers offered for public functions, prayers before the House should be non-denominational, non-sectarian and non-proselytizing. Prayers should avoid contentious subject matter. And basically should be limited to 2-3 minutes. I hope you will look at these so that certainly let's have Invocations, let them be for all here without feeling unwanted. Thank you.

Mr. Greg Miller – 564 Babbitt Rd. I want to speak to the same item, that is to the Invocations. Before addressing that, I would like to add my condolences to the Brentar Family, to certainly the family by extension, the Police Dept., Fire Dept., safety forces, who feel the loss as members of the family. I'd like to also thank whoever it is who is the member of the administration or the safety forces who took responsibility for having the signs throughout the city say God Bless George Brentar.

The same people who advance the notion that public invocations are inappropriate throughout this country, including in this city, are the people who would ban such signs in our city. The ACLU has opposed such signs throughout the country. The ACLU has opposed "under God" being in the Pledge of Allegiance. The ACLU has opposed references to God on any public institutions and any public documents and any public meetings. With regard to the

update that Mr. Goodman just circulated, not to be contentious, but that update is already out of date. That is the speaker for the house, Jon Husted has already rejected that analysis; has reinstated a public invocation policy in Columbus that mirrors the policy that is going to Committee here in Euclid. That is it allows for sectarian prayer, it allows for denominational prayer, it does not prescreen prayers or sensor prayers as the original legislation had. It only abides by the one criterion that I had referenced in my remarks a couple of weeks ago and that is that the prayers may not be proselytizing. That is, it is not an altar call. It is not a time to use an invocation as a sermon. It is not a time for an invocation to be used to enlist people into a particular religion. An invocation is simply that, it is to invoke divine guidance, divine assistance, divine blessings, on the body that is meeting for the general good.

Having said that, I thank you. I ask God's blessings on you, for moving so quickly on this. I understand that it has its complications and though I regret that it is being sent to Committee, I'm thankful that Director Frey and the Mayor and Council President acted so quickly on getting legislation before this body. I would ask all of us to please just take a moment and reflect on the news, not just here with regard to Officer Brentar whose loss we grieve and whose family we ask God's blessings on, but also reflect on the evening news that we see each night. And on the state of affairs in our country and in our world, beyond the challenges that we face here as a city, and humbly recognize as did our founding fathers that we're not up to that task without divine guidance. We're not up to telling with the task and the challenges of these times without divine providence. That's the purpose for the public invocation in a nutshell. Thank you very much, God Bless you.

Mr. Tom Cooke – 25641 Edgecliff. I also would like to speak on item #2. I fear that what is happening here is you have just opened up Pandora's box and you're only going to be surprised at what comes out. I believe that this ordinance is born out of fear of the State and Federal government and what they might do, not what they will do, but what they might do. My greater fear is that this will lead to the removal of God from this Council and that will be devastating. That will be devastating to this Council, that will be devastating to this community. I believe that this is just the first step in that direction and we should not be going in this direction. If anything, we should be bringing God more into our lives and what we're doing here is we're pushing God out of our lives. I don't care how you cut it, that is not good. That is not good for us as citizens, individuals or a community. Thank you.

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

LEGISLATION

Res. (494-07) Use District Exception-Bethlehem Church

A resolution granting a Use District Exception, pursuant to Chapter 1364.03 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Euclid, to Bethlehem Lutheran Church, in cooperation with Laparade Early Learning and Training Center, Inc., to allow the use of its Parish Hall kitchen facilities for food preparation for off-premise use by nearby day care centers. (Sponsored by Planning and Zoning Commission)

Councilman Gruber moved for passage, Councilman Delaney seconded.

President Gudenas – Will this be a three reading piece of legislation?

Councilman Gruber – Possibly, we'll know better at the next reading, there are some questions.

President Gudenas – Okay, we'll proceed with the second reading in two weeks.

Ord. (481-07) Invocations

An ordinance amending the Codified Ordinances of the City of Euclid, Section 121.07, and to add Section 121.071 to be entitled "Invocations for Council Meetings" to establish policy and rules for the opening of meetings with legislative prayer. (Sponsored by Mayor Cervenik and entire Council)

Councilman Delaney moved for passage, Councilwoman Mancuso seconded.

Councilman Delaney – Is there a reason why we shouldn't table it?

President Gudenas – Well, in case there's going to be discussion on it. There are certain points that keep coming and going and that will be the best way in Committee, to discuss it. If it is tabled, then nothing happens.

Councilman Delaney- Then it comes on the next Council meeting.

President Gudenas – Right, but we wouldn't have had time to discuss it.

Councilman Delaney- Very good.

Councilman Langman moved Ord. (481-07) into Executive & Finance Committee.

Councilman Delaney seconded.

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

Into Committee.

Ord. (485-07) Placement of Containers - Pulled

An ordinance amending Section 941.05, "Placement of Containers; Enforcement Procedure," of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Euclid to require waste containers to be placed to the rear of a residence or outside the public view. (Sponsored by Councilman Langman)

Ordinance has been pulled at request of sponsor.

Ord. (486-07) New Construction Landscaping - Committee

An ordinance amending Section 1703.22, "New Premises," of the Building and Housing Code of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Euclid to contain a provision requiring occupancy of a new property conditioned upon an owner or tenant submitting a letter to verify that landscaping of the property will be completed within six months. (Sponsored by Councilman Langman)

Councilman Langman moved for passage, Councilwoman Minarik seconded.

Councilman Langman – This piece of legislation came about just over the past few years we've noticed that we have had some new construction, residential construction in the city, a good thing for the community. Unfortunately in a few cases, the new owners never installed any landscaping or lawns themselves. You have a brand new house and a yard area that is full of weeds. I've gotten complaints about that. I talked with Ms. Sweeney about updating our ordinances to motivate folks to install landscaping at the appropriate interval of time. The results is the changes that we have before us. The main item is that it does give a time frame for the installation of landscaping so that we don't have homes that are new homes that are filled with leaves or debris or whatnot. With that, I would like to turn it over to Ms. Sweeney to explain some of the details and some of the other communities she looked at in drafting this.

Asst. Director Sweeney – I don't have a microphone right at my seat here, so I hope everyone can hear me. As Councilman Langman said, if we have some new construction, we want to make sure a yard gets planted, so we were thinking once a certificate of occupancy is issued a lawn can be planted within 120 days unless the certificate of occupancy is issued after October 1st, in the fall it would be too hard to plant a yard. We would extend that date until June 1st of the following year.

Councilwoman Minarik – Ms. Sweeney, will this apply to existing homes as well? For example, if an existing home owner decides they're really tired of their front yard and they just want to put it all into concrete? This is just for new construction or does it apply to existing as well?

Asst. Director Sweeney – As Planning & zoning Commission Beno just stated, it is just going to be for new construction. We do have a minimum standard on here that excluding the tree lawn, not more than 15% of the lot or 25% of the front yard may consist of non-growing landscape. We could maybe do something similar for houses that already have yards, but we can work with that on a case by case basis.

Councilwoman Minarik – My next question is, is mulch considered non-growing landscape?

Asst. Director Sweeney – I would assume that is non-growing landscape because growing landscape consists of grass, trees, bushes and other living plants. So, mulch is not growing, not living.

Councilwoman Minarik – I have two houses that I'm aware of in my ward that their front yards are really lovely. The one is just all mulch with stepping stones. The second one is all mulch and then it has stone walls. This is their front yard. Would they now have to pull that all up and plant grass?

Asst. Director Sweeney – No, no, they would be grandfathered, I believe.

Councilwoman Minarik – Then existing homes cannot rip out their lawns and do the same thing?

President Gudenas – Perhaps we might need to amend this further for existing homes to include permanent ground cover type things such as small river stone, mulch and the like because that is fairly common.

Councilwoman Minarik – We're going to amend this?

President Gudenas – This is for new construction. We're dealing with the new, the other items we might want to amend other parts of the code to address these same issues, but taking into account what seems to be working elsewhere.

Councilwoman Minarik – I have a problem telling people that they can't turn their front section of their homes into a completely mulched yard. I can understand we don't want the entire front of their residence to be concrete. But when you get into people's personal tastes in terms of what landscaping is, I don't think we have the right to legislate people's personal taste and what landscaping is. Unless we get more specific, if it is concrete, I can vote for that. If its that we are now going to legislate what we consider appropriate for landscaping, I don't think that is within our function as legislators. Thank you.

President Gudenas- Could it possibly be amended, not more than 25% of front yard may consist of non-growing landscaping that is not covered by mulch or other permanent material.

Councilman Langman – I think the idea was to prevent non-permeable surfaces to encompass those lots. So if we can add perhaps a modifying word, somewhere in there that allows for some discretion by housing and building department, I think that would be sufficient. Ms. Sweeney, can you comment?

Asst. Director Sweeney – Just talking with Commissioner Beno, if it is a new construction, the whole plan has to be approved by I believe by P&Z or ARB. They possibly could modify what their plan is, their landscape plan is with ARB.

Asst. Director Beno – I believe the situation is that if people want to deviate from this code section, they can always present plans to the planning & zoning commission and the architectural review board. This does set up a broad general standard, though which most people are going to be thoroughly able to comply with.

Councilman Langman – So what you're saying is that when the plans for the new construction are presented, all of that would be evaluated through the ARB, P&Z, etc. Again, this is just for the new construction. Our current codes need to be modified probably appropriately as we go along.

President Gudenas – the obvious question would be, we're addressing residential issues, how about commercial issues? Do we need to address that in the future? Obviously the big vacant field by Euclid Ave. and I-90 has been a big dumping ground for mud and junk, no covering whatsoever and it seems unfair to ask the residents to take care of their yards and let somebody dump piles and piles of dirt and fill that is completely uncovered. Is that something we need to address?

Director Pietravoia – We could look at the code language to see if it needs to be strengthened. The Service Dept. does handle vacant lots that are commercially zoned and make sure if they exceed a certain height that they get mowed, in the same way that the Housing Department monitors that on residential properties.

President Gudenas – Regarding commercial land, this is basically raw dirt and fill, there is no grass, there's not even weeds, it's just fill. Do we have any rules regarding a covering dirt with some kind of grass or otherwise?

Director Pietravoia – I'm not sure, I would like to look at the code again to see if there's a requirement for it to be landscaped, I believe that is what you're asking.

President Gudenas – Just grass would be significant eyesore.

Director Pietravoia – Some type of groundcover.

President Gudenas – If we're asking our residents to do it, I think the commercial owners should be equally responsible.

Councilwoman Minarik – So, I'm building a new home and I want my front yard to be all mulch. I have to go to Planning & zoning now to get permission to make my front yard all mulch and get a variance. Wouldn't it be easier just to say non-permeable, to amend it, instead of asking homeowners to get permission from their city government for a variance as to what their aesthetic tastes are in terms of landscaping. If the goal is non permeable front yards, let's just put that in there. I don't think its right to have a homeowner go to P&Z and go, well yes, I want all mulch in my front yard, so I would like a variance to the law. Again, it is their property, I can understand non-permeable, would that be so hard to do?

Asst. Director Beno – If you read this, it does say, growing or non-growing landscaping. I think that mulch beds would probably constitute, may well be included in the language we have here.

Councilwoman Minarik – Mulch is non-growing. Mulch actually prevents weeds from growing. So mulch is a non-growing substance. So the front yards are limited to not more than 25% of the front yard being mulch covered.

President Gudenas – No, no actually what they're saying is, I believe your issues are addressed is that 25% not more can be consisted of non-growing.

Councilwoman Minarik – Correct, not more than 25% can consist of mulch.

Councilman Langman – Perhaps we can solve this by adding non-growing, non-permeable landscaping.

President Gudenas – Can you spell that?

Councilwoman Minarik – Without a comma in between.

Councilman Langman – I'll leave that to the Law Department, since I can't spell very well. In other words, what it will read is that it is non-growing, which it also says non-permeable which means the concrete that we were concerned about.

Councilwoman Minarik – there's not a comma between non-growing and non-permeable.

President Gudenas – Please address all of us.

Councilwoman Minarik – I'm sorry, if there's a comma there, we still get back to the mulch issue. So it has to be non-growing non-permeable, no comma. Then it is all one full thing and then it is a non-permeable non-growing substance.

President Gudenas – What is your amendment?

Councilman Langman – I would add the term, non-permeable between non-growing landscaping. Although I do think the Planning & zoning process is not designed just for the landscaping, it is for the entire process of building the new home. The process incorporates the landscaping, as you're going through the plans to build the new structure. It is a part of it, not separate. We don't want anybody to come back before Planning & Zoning just for mulch. But that can be part of the entire process.

President Gudenas – The motion is to add the word, non-permeable after non-growing so that mulch is included in the growing part of it, is that correct? This is why we have committee meetings to go over all this stuff ahead of time.

Councilwoman Walsh – I would just like to know where does this put the houses on Brush Ave. because they have a non-permeable clay motif.

President Gudenas – Apparently the clay should be covered.

Councilwoman Walsh – the clay is not covered. Will this go back and tell them to put concrete there? Because we could get that for them in Ward 3.

President Gudenas – This legislation I believe is being proposed to eliminate that problem in the future. Where do we stand, let's keep this moving because mulch season will be over.

Mayor Cervenik – I might recommend because of some of the disagreement, if this could not go into a committee. At the season we're in right now, whatever you decide, isn't going to be taking affect until the growing season anyhow and maybe we can work this out. Maybe actually have architectural review board or planning & zoning sit with us and talk about it a little bit. It's council's decision, but we're not going to be growing a whole lot of things, permeable or not.

Councilwoman Minarik – I'll make a motion to send this to committee?

President Gudenas – The motion then would be to send it to Housing Improvements and Building Standards and Zoning chaired by Councilman Langman, a project for you. Let's send it there so we can get this fine tuning there so we then can at the same time address these other issues regarding commercial land and existing homes so we take care of all three things at once.

Councilwoman Minarik moved Ord. (486-07) until the Housing Improvements & Building Standards Committee. Councilman Gruber seconded.

Roll Call: Yeas: Conway, Delaney, Gruber, Minarik, Lisy, Mancuso, Walsh, Gudenas

Nays: Langman

Into Committee.

Ord. (487-07) Amend P&Z Code

An ordinance enacting Section 1377.12 of the Planning and Zoning Code of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Euclid to regulate the use of temporary portable storage units and dumpsters within the City of Euclid. (Sponsored by Councilman Langman)

Councilman Langman moved for passage, Councilman Lisy seconded.

President Gudenas – Because this does amend the Planning & Zoning code, it must go to Planning & Zoning, no ifs, ands or buts.

Councilman Lisy moved Ord. (487-07) to Planning & Zoning Commission. Councilman Gruber seconded.

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

To Planning & Zoning Commission.

Ord. 202-2007 (488-07) Port-o-lets-Amend Code

An ordinance enacting Section 1749.05 of the Building and Housing Code of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Euclid to regulate the use of portable toilets also known as port-o-lets within the City of Euclid. (Sponsored by Councilman Langman)

Councilman Langman moved for passage, Councilwoman Walsh seconded.

President Gudenas – Here we go, can we address the toilets? Keep it clean.

Councilman Langman – This again came about from a couple of interesting scenarios that our residents came up with. A few residents decided to have relatives come up from wherever and visit and so forth and they decided to rent such devices to accommodate the additional guests at occupied homes. We really don't have anything to control where these items are placed on the property. This addresses that you can still do it, but there are still some reasonable limits on the time that these items can be in an occupied home. There are some other items here that address commercial properties, open fields, etc. But the main thrust of the legislation is to control where on the property these port-a-johns can be located and how long.

President Gudenas – Any controversy on this? I see none.

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

Roll Call: Yeas: Conway, Delaney, Gruber, Minarik, Langman, Lisy, Mancuso, Gudenas
Nays: Walsh

Passed.

Ord. 203-2007 Budget Amendment

An emergency ordinance amending Ordinance No. 171-2007, 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)

Councilman Lisy moved for passage, Councilman Delaney seconded.

President Gudenas - #7 & 8 can be discussed at the same time, they're both required for us to do. Basically Director Johnson will clear up any other issues.

Director Johnson – You explained the second piece to come. The budget amendment is to amend for a couple of items in the general fund which total \$56,000. The \$1,230,000 that you see in the permanent improvement is mainly an accounting issue. When we receive the Issue II grants and loans, our auditors require us to show the revenue as well as the expense on our books. This amendment would allow us to do that accounting function to satisfy the auditors. If you want to talk about the next piece of legislation at the same time, we can.

President Gudenas – It would be appropriate. The big item, \$1.2 million is an Issue II thing that we're showing the expense and then the money will come back in the future.

Director Johnson – It allows us to do an accounting function.

President Gudenas – I see no other discussion, so we can proceed with motion to suspend the rules.

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

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

Res. 204-2007 Tax Millage

A Resolution adopting the rate of each tax necessary to be levied both inside and outside the ten-mill limitation, as certified by the Cuyahoga County Budget Commission. (Sponsored by Mayor Cervenik & Council)

Councilman Delaney moved for passage, Councilman Conway seconded.

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

Ord. 205-2007 (484-07) HASRT- Fire Dept.

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor, as Ex-Officio Director of Public Safety of the City of Euclid, to enter into an agreement with the Heights Area Special Rescue Team (HASRT) for the benefit of the Department of Fire and authorize the payment of funds for the joint ownership of equipment and training. (Sponsored by Mayor Cervenik and Councilwoman Mancuso and Councilman Gruber)

Councilwoman Mancuso moved for passage, Councilman Gruber seconded.

Chief Cosgriff – The Fire Dept. has an excellent opportunity to vastly improve our ability to respond to and mitigate specialized rescue incidents at a very reasonable cost. This legislation is necessary to provide entrance for us into the Heights Area Special Rescue Team, going by the mnemonic of HASRT. This team is currently made up of firefighters from the City of Beachwood, Cleveland Heights, Shaker Heights, South Euclid and University Heights. The members of this team are trained to respond to specialized rescue incidents such as building collapse, confined space rescue, trench rescue and high angle rope rescue, to name just a few.

These special rescue incidents are relatively infrequent, making it prohibitively expensive on a per call basis for a city such as our to have a team of its own. The fire services found that by joining together with neighboring communities, taking a somewhat regionalized approach, we are able to deliver a better, safer service to the citizens of each of our communities.

HASRT has been in place and functioning for a number of years and the communities previously mentioned have invested heavily in vehicles training and equipment. This \$20,000 expenditure represents the first payment to this team, as a buy in for the capitalized equipment already purchased by the team. If this is approved, we would also need to make payments of \$10,000 in each of the next three years, representing our total buy in of \$50,000.

In addition, we will also be responsible for a portion of the annual operating expense of this team based on a formula that takes into account, population, total assessed evaluation, and the total area of our city in relation to the whole. This cost will be about \$11,000 for 2008.

The agreement that I've reached with the Chiefs is to have 9 of our members join this team. HASRT will provide training for our members and the team will drill on a bi-monthly basis. This team and the expertise of its members will be available to us 24 hours a day, seven days a week. HASRT utilizes on-duty personnel so the team is mobilized rapidly offering us the best chance for a successful rescue.

In addition the training that our members receive will be past onto other firefighters on our department, making us even more proficient in our day-to-day routine calls. It is my opinion that the value to our city in relation to the cost involved make this an opportunity that we can ill afford to pass on. I ask for all of your support for this ordinance. Thank you and I will try to answer any questions that you might have.

President Gudenas – thank you for the good explanation. I know you had sent us an e-mail explaining all this also in great detail, we appreciate that. I think you've addressed all the concerns and we'd certainly support your efforts here to keep us safe.

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

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

Ord. 206-2007 (482-07) KNM-E.276

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service of the City of Euclid to enter into a professional services contract with KNM Consultants, Inc. to provide construction related services for Tungsten Road Improvements from East 276th Street due east to the Cul-de-sac in the City of Euclid. (Sponsored by Councilman Gruber by request of Service Director)

Councilman Gruber moved for passage, Councilwoman Walsh seconded.

Director Gulich- I think everyone is familiar with the project referring to here, Tungsten Rd. from E. 276 to the end of the cul-de-sac is a heavily used bus turnaround route. A number of routes do have their layover there. It is not unusual to see four and even six buses using that turn around at any given time. It has taken a beating. RTA recognizes that and due to the hard

work of Mr. Pietravoia and his team, we have secured a grant from RTA to perform this work. Also pleased to say that the work concludes a new waterline, which is definitely needed in this area and the doubly good news is that we anticipate completion of this project yet in this construction season. Services we're talking about will provide construction management, inspection, contract administration, and engineering expertise.

President Gudenas – The obvious question is we were at the ground breaking already on Columbus Day, so how is it we're passing this after the project has started?

Director Gulich – Quite honestly, when we passed the authorizing legislation to enter into a contract earlier this spring, we neglected to pass this accompanying piece of legislation which should have been done at that time.

President Gudenas – This firm is already working, it seems like because the work has already started?

Director Gulich - They will be.

President Gudenas – So they haven't done anything yet?

Director Gulich – No.

President Gudenas – They better get to work because I think it was a 60 day project and about 50 are gone almost. Any other questions?

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

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

Passed.

Ord. 207-2007 (490-07) Amend Code Child Restraints

An emergency ordinance amending Section 337.28 "Use of Child Restraints" of the Traffic Code of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Euclid to conform with the recent changes made by the Ohio legislature in Ohio Revised Code 4511.81. (Sponsored by Councilwoman Mancuso by request of Police Chief)

Councilwoman Mancuso moved for passage, Councilman Delaney seconded.

Chief Repicky – This basically updates our ordinance with the State legislation which states that any child between 4-14 has to be either seat belted or in a car restraint. It just mirrors the State law that is now in effect.

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

Roll Call: Yeas: Conway, Delaney, Gruber, Langman, Lisy, Mancuso, Walsh, Gudenas
Nay: Minarik

Passed.

Ord. 208-2007 (493-07) Berea Children's Home

An emergency ordinance authorizing the Mayor, as Ex-Officio Director of Public Safety of the City of Euclid, to enter into a Personal Services Contract with Berea Children's Home, 303 East Bagley Road, Cleveland, Ohio 44107, beginning October 22, 2007 through January 31, 2008, to mentor youth ages 11-15 years of age, in an amount not to exceed \$19,000.00. (Sponsor Councilwoman Mancuso by request of Police Chief)

Councilwoman Mancuso moved for passage, Councilman Langman seconded.

Chief Repicky – This is funding through our Weed & Seed grant to contract with Berea Children's Home for youth 11-15. It is mentoring that we dearly need on the south side for our youth. It will go for 14 weeks through the end of January of next year.

President Gudenas – How many of our kids do you think might be affected by this?

Chief Repicky – It is unknown at this time, but we believe there will be a large turnout for this type of mentoring.

President Gudenas – Will most of these activities be at the mini-station?

Chief Repicky – They will probably be held, mainly at the southwest mini-station at 20001 Euclid Ave.

President Gudenas – All right so more activity at the mini-station.

Councilman Lisy – Have we done a program similar to this in the past?

Chief Repicky – We've looked at other programs to assist our youth and this one seems to be the most important at this time. We've had other programs that we were going to enact and then there wasn't the need or the interest. I believe this is what we need right now at the south end of the city.

President Gudenas – It seems it will start a week from today, October 22, so how do we get the word out to the kids in the neighborhoods?

Chief Repicky – We will get some information from Berea Children's home. We'll have some literature from them and we'll get it out over cable TV and passing it out at our mini stations and police station.

President Gudenas – Heritage Park Association I see is represented perhaps they could help.

Chief Repicky – Yes, we will definitely ask for their assistance.

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

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

Passed.

Ord. (483-07) Jail Roof - Pulled

An emergency ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service of the City of Euclid to enter into a contract with Daugherty Construction, Inc., 22460 Lakeland Boulevard, Euclid, Ohio 44132, through the State of Ohio Cooperative Purchasing Program, to replace the roof on the Police Station/Jail at a cost not to exceed \$180,000.00. (Sponsored by Councilman Gruber by request of Service Director)

Ord. 209-2007 (489-07) Board of Health

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of Euclid to enter into a contract with the County of Cuyahoga, District Board of Health, for various health services for the City of Euclid for the year 2008. (Sponsored by Mayor Cervenik)

Councilman Lisy moved for passage, Councilman Conway seconded.

President Gudenas – This is a routine piece of legislation, they handle assorted issues for the City of Euclid as they have for many years. We assume that the budget is similar to last year?

Mayor Cervenik – There is a slight increase. I'm not exactly sure how much but it is very slight. The Cuyahoga county, Board of Health does many services for our community including rodent irradiation, rabies control, they do all sort of inspections at our various businesses. They are trouble shooters when we need them when we have problems in neighborhoods. They do a lot of work that we really couldn't do ourselves very efficiently. I strongly ask for your support this evening.

President Gudenas – But they do not address ground hogs, we've had a lot of complaints.

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

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

Res. 210-2007 Make a Difference Day

A resolution declaring October 27, 2007, "Make A Difference Day," in the City of Euclid, Ohio. (Sponsored by Mayor Cervenik)

Councilwoman Walsh moved for passage, Councilwoman Minarik seconded.

Director Will – Make a Difference Day was created back in 1992 by the USA Weekend Magazine along with the Points of Light foundation. It was a program that was challenging individuals and rewarding individuals for making a difference. A couple of items that they state would be to pick a day which has been now the 4th Saturday in October, as Make a Difference Day, and they ask you to do something, either give to another, rebuild a dream, contribute to someone in need, teach someone who wants to learn, or inspire those who need hope. Parks & Recreation Department or the City of Euclid has never participated in Make A Difference Day. This year I was fortunate enough to meet some people who came up with some different ideas. Although I may have been late in notifying the public that we were going to do it, we felt that if we even made a difference for one person, it was worth doing this year. Next year we hope to include more people and advertise a lot earlier on this day.

What we've opted to do is have a canned food drive for our Euclid Hunger Center. It has started already, you can bring your non-perishable canned food, diapers, paper products, here to City Hall. If you donate two items, we will in turn give you an admission to our ice arena. We're asking you to do something for someone in need and again, we'll give you an opportunity that maybe you may not have had.

You can bring the items to City Hall, and then on the 27th of October the staff will take them over and present them to the Hunger Center. Hopefully everyone will be able to participate. Thank you.

President Gudenas – Saturday, October 27th, Make a Difference Day in Euclid. Just looking out at the residents here at the City Council meeting tonight, there's quite a few people here that are making a difference everyday in and out, so you're doing a great job and it is good to see everyone here, so you're making a difference.

Mayor Cervenik – Just two of the organizations that we gave a resolution to tonight, made a difference. On this day, especially the youngsters again, do something for your neighbors, do something for the elderly in your neighborhood. Pick up litter in their yard, pull the weeds in their garden, whatever, just on that day, make somebody feel good because that is what Euclid is all about, but don't forget about the Hunger Center as well.

I'm happy to report to you that it is the 4th inning and the Tribe is up 2-0. Just got a text.

President Gudenas – If we all behave, we'll see the 6th inning.

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

CEREMONIAL RESOLUTIONS

Res. 200-2007 Lakefront Community Center Seniors

A resolution of recognition to the senior citizens at the Lakefront Community Center who give their time and talent to help those who are less fortunate. (Sponsored by Mayor Cervenik and entire Council)

Res. 201-2007 Thomas Jefferson Students

A resolution of recognition to Thomas Jefferson Elementary School, who with kindness, generosity and creativity, dressed Teddy Bears and provided a storybook to children who are less fortunate. (Sponsored by Mayor Cervenik and entire Council)

Councilman Conway moved for passage, Councilman Delaney seconded.

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

Passed.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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

President Gudenas – We have Mr. Richard Johnson who's making a difference all the time, helping out with the monthly meal program here in the City of Euclid.

Mr. Johnson – Thank you. I just want to mention that you all know Emma Jackson and her grandson passed away last Friday. So our prayers are with her and the family.

All of you have gotten last week one of these brochures. We can actually move up Make a Difference to the 20th. This is Make a Difference for all of our residents and everyone here in the Administration and Council. This is a community summit for all Euclid residents and it is at Euclid High School Little Theater this coming Saturday at 8:30, please attend.

Last session we heard that Euclid is at a crossroads. That was mentioned at the last Council Meeting. Apparently Gudenas, we have a choice in Euclid. All of our homeowners can go out in front of their house and slap a sign for sale. Or, what we can do is we can roll up our sleeves, we can get to work and we can help our neighbors and our community in making Euclid Number 1 in America.

Today I talked with the Administration here and also a Realtor and just to get the numbers of how many houses are for sale and also the houses that are ready to be demolished. Of that total, it represents 3.8% of the total households in Euclid. The other side of the coin is what, 96.2 of the households are not for sale. 96.2 are not for sale. Sometimes we dwell on the problem, don't we?

Another discussion is regarding the Lakefront Development project, this seems to be some difference on whether the City and K&D are partners. We are already partners with Doug Price and his organization since he has invested millions in Euclid, excuse me, tens of millions in Euclid. Doug Price is already one of our best customers and partners, so let's iron out the minor problems, the details.

I want to ask each of us, all of the citizens here and at home, when was the last time we asked our neighbor, what can we do for you? Or, let me know if there is anything I can do to help you. Euclid has some of the finest support mechanisms, Berea Children's Home is one of them, around besides the YMCA, the Senior Center, the Golf Course, churches, etc. One of the best and probably least known is the Euclid Collaborative. This represents over 55 organizations that is helping all the citizens of Euclid. I counted them today and there is 132 members of that organization. Many of them from outside Euclid and at the last two meetings, some of those from outside including Berea Home for the Children, said that Euclid is the most progressive of all the communities around here as far as helping their citizens.

Lastly I would like to invite each of you tonight to our 8:30 meeting this coming Saturday. It is, and this is to the 50,000 community members here, it is yours and mine community and we cannot expect these 22 council people and administrators to do it all. However, if each of our 50,000 citizens would invest an hour or two a month, we can accomplish all the goals that are set forth before us. So come this Saturday, 8:30 and bring a neighbor. Thank you.

President Gudenas – That's at the Euclid Little Theater at the Euclid High School.

Mr. Greg Miller – 564 Babbitt. On the public invocation legislation that was sent to Committee, I didn't hear, is there a date set for the Executive Committee Session?

President Gudenas – No, we'll probably combine that with some other items with it, so we'll wait until we have three-four items. So, we'll let you know.

Mr. Miller – Is there a projection in terms of when that would be likely to be held?

President Gudenas – Tonight, I don't have that date.

Mr. Miller – Okay, thank you.

Ms. Elaine Dennis – 19600 Renwood. On #4, the ordinance for the yards, does that include the backyard as well as the front yard; they have six months for clean up? I've been calling down since April, this house, the whole back yard is dug out and is very dangerous. There's big gorge in the back. I don't know if they're waterproofing it or what they are doing, but animals, children, can fall in there. This has gone on longer than six months.

President Gudenas – That will be addressed if you could write down the address, the Director will be here.

Ms. Dennis – 19620 Renwood. I've called and called and called.

President Gudenas – The legislation that was on the agenda tonight was for new construction.

Ms. Dennis – That's what I was wondering if that was just for new construction or is it for old construction as well.

President Gudenas – That's why it is going to go to committee because we're going to try to address the existing situations also.

Ms. Dennis – Okay because this is existing.

President Gudenas – Now that it is mentioned on TV, my guess is someone will be there right away.

Mayor Cervenik – Our Housing Manager has a comment on that property.

Mgr. Drazetic – We've been in contact with the homeowner. They do live out of the city. They started the project, they are in the process of finishing it. We've been having conversations with them to secure it and at least put some barriers up there so nobody can fall in. We are aware of it.

President Gudenas – Is there a time limit?

Mgr. Drazetic – We're working with them right now to establish something. They told us they ran out of money so we're trying to get them together with EDCOR or another loan program to get that filled in.

President Gudenas – Right now there is no time limit, but we'll need to set a time limit.

Mgr. Drazetic – It will be done shortly.

President Gudenas – All right, keep us informed.

Mr. Tom Cooke – 25641 Edgecliff. At the October 1st City Council meeting, at the end of the meeting, this was last month's meeting, at the end of the meeting, during the Committee of the Whole Public Portion, Euclid resident Mr. Larry Germovsek explained to Council

President Gudenas – You should not be really mentioning any Euclid resident's name, you should be addressing the chair. We really do bend over backwards here to please everybody. This is not a give and take between one resident with another resident. I would just address the chair without mentioning any names.

Mr. Cooke – Okay I'll try not to do that. During the Committee of the Whole Public Portion, a Euclid resident explained to Council and the residents of Euclid how during the previous week he had received a visit from two agents from the Federal Bureau of Investigation Department of Homeland Security regarding a statement he made implying how he would like to implore Shore Cultural School, or Shore Cultural Centre.

While this seemed quite humorous and innocuous to members of the audience, what became obvious at least to me is that it was a deliberate attempt by a supporter or supporters of Shore Cultural Centre, to silence, not only the Euclid resident, but any opposition to Shore with the intent and total knowledge to destroy the resident's career and family. All that mattered to this person was that the means justified the ends.

This act to silence the Euclid resident was calculated, planned and systematically carried out with complete malice and contempt. What is really disturbing to me is the response or should I say lack of response by Council and supporting members of Shore Cultural Centre who should have vehemently condemned this person's actions that were deliberately aimed at the resident's family. We've all seen what the federal government can do and did do to this city. What do you think it could have done to this Euclid resident? One can only imagine. While this council can justify spending \$600,000 on a law suit in the name of justice and principle that they knew they were going to lose, not a single word of condemnation was spoken in defense of the resident of the City of Euclid and their right to express himself as he sees fit and would have cost this Council nothing.

Your silence and lack of condemnation regarding the actions of this deranged individual or individuals speaks volumes. The actions taken against the Euclid resident were not just intended to silence him, it was intended to put fear into anyone who would dare express opposition to Shore Cultural Centre. The malicious unconscionable actions taken by this deranged person or persons had every intent to destroy the resident and the family along with any and all opposition.

Council President Gudenas, when the Euclid resident initially started to speak on this topic during the public portion of the meeting, you recognized where he was going and you attempted to stop him from continuing to speak. At first I had to shake my head and ask why. Then it dawned on me. You, Council President Gudenas, are one of Shore's most ardent supporters. You are also the leader of this Council and a potential leader of this City, yet you made an attempt to silence this resident and take away his rights to express and defend himself. You choose to say nothing that would condemn the actions that were perpetrated against him.

The decision making process and the actions taken to contact Homeland Security were deliberate, misleading and calculating with full knowledge and intent to manipulate and deceive Homeland Security Officials, for the sole purpose of achieving a personal, selfish and to deliberately harm a Euclid resident and his family and to silence any and all opposition to Shore. The actions taken by this person or group is nothing short of fraud and should be exposed for what it is. If laws were found to be broken, prosecution should follow. As far as Shore Cultural supporters are concerned, I would think they would want to disassociate themselves from this event as much as possible. Shore does not need, nor does it benefit from this kind of negative support.

I expect an appropriate response from this Council and Shore Cultural Centre's supporters. Silence on this matter is not acceptable and can only be considered an endorsement of the individual or individuals who carried out this outrageous attack against the resident's family. I will be following this up at the next Council meeting. Thank you.

Mr. George Struthers - Good evening Council President, Mr. Mayor, City Council members. I'm not from the city, I'm from Brook Park Ohio but I

President Gudenas – You'll need to state your name.

Mr. George Struthers – from Brook Park, Ohio. I actually came, I'm from Pittsburgh and I came here to Euclid as my first city and I moved across to the west to Brook Park. Now I'm looking back and seeing this city and trying because I found somebody that I really, really want to settle down with, and I'm looking at this city and saying, what happened? When I was here, you had all the stores, you had a mall. I just want to know, I'm trying to do all my homework that I can on this city. I have not seen anything in the paper about revitalization so, I took out, the best way to find out about a city is to get out there on a bicycle which I've done. I road the streets and the gentleman said there's only a small percentage of homes up for sale, I have to say that is not quite true from a bicycle standpoint. There are a lot of signs up, there are a lot of empty houses, there are a lot of empty businesses, a lot of places moved out. There's not even a Walmart here. If there was a Walmart, I could say well, that is what happened to Euclid, a Walmart moved in and everybody moved out, but you don't even have a Walmart here.

I'm really would like to hear what you guys are going to do to bring back the industry here in this City. When I was here, Euclid was just swam, it had everything going for it and this was the city, this is why I picked Euclid to move from Pittsburgh to here to Euclid, that was the reason why was because you guys had everything going on for it. I haven't seen anything, all I see is this marina project. I haven't seen you guys, either the candidates or anybody mention about what you are going to do to get this industry back. In that little cities next to you where they built the Walmart as you see up and down, those businesses are gone. It just shocked me that you guys don't have a Walmart and your business are not here. I just would like to know what you guys are going to do to attract people like me from the west side

of Cleveland where the airport is, back over to this side of town. We came here to see what City Council, what goes on here, and that was my question, what are you guys going to do, Mr. Mayor, City Council President, all you guys? Because I really like this city and I'd like to see it come back.

President Gudenas – If you leave us your phone number, I'm sure both of us will give you a call right away and spend an hour with you.

Mr. Dennis Berzinskas – 20890 South Lake Shore Blvd. I don't think a Walmart would cut it. Most of their stuff is made in China, that doesn't bring any industry to anybody except the people that are making themselves rich.

I think our safety forces should never let a day go by that they walk out of the house without caring about their loved ones and never leave in anger. You never know; you never know, our condolences to their families.

Council President Gudenas, Councilman Delaney, thank you and the rest of Council that approved the Culinary Art classes for Shore. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. You're going to go a long way. We have Tri-C that are interested. We can open a restaurant there with the kids in the future. There's so many things that are to be gained from this. This is a positive action for our City. Sure it costs money, but as we all know it's going to be especially, they've never put money in Shore. You have a roof that needs repair. You have a roof on the Police Station that needs repair. These are the hard items that we have to look at, but thank you for having the courage to care about everybody that uses Shore.

We put money into the golf course. You put money into the skating. About time that we put money into the people that use Shore and appreciate it. The people that need it. We have the Hunger Center there. And thank you, Kathy, for your idea about donating. We really appreciate it. I showed you around on Thursday night. I know that the people of this city are so giving. It never astounds me enough. You know, I'm just flabbergasted that people in this city continue to give to the less fortunate. Thank you from the bottom of my heart again. Thank you all and good night.

Ms. Pearlitha Taylor – 1495 E. 193rd. First of all, I would like to thank all of the Council people and the Council President that came out on October the 10th at the library. The meeting was excellent. A lot of people have come to me or called me and let me know that they really, really enjoy coming to the meeting. They learned a lot. Those of you that miss it you miss a lot. It was very informative. I'm sorry the Mayor was not there and my own Councilman Chris Gruber, which informed me weeks before the, the event. But never the less it was wonderful. We hope to have some other ones later on next year not this year but maybe next year.

But I would like to speak on something about Shore Cultural Centre. One of the things I visit Shore Cultural Centre with my nephew and to my surprise it's a WIC office there that WIC office service 1900 people a month, 1900 people. Now look at all the unfortunate and poor people is going to the WIC office, but yet so many citizen of this city want to see that building demolished. Not only does it service so many people but the County is paying a fee unless there's something wrong they pay rent there.

The City will prosecute and do anything to a resident if they did not, if they do not keep their property up. If they do not pay they taxes and yet the City is neglecting their own buildings.

Now to the gentleman that was up earlier that said what happened to the City of Euclid. I ask that myself every day. If Cleveland can come back with Steel City and bring in a Kohl's, a Target and different stores, grocery store, what happened to Euclid? Poor management. No one going out recruiting business for our city. Afraid of a dream. I have a dream. I have a vision. I know Euclid can come back, but we need the right politicians and people in office. We need someone to care about the City and the people not their self. I see one candidate have so many supporters from the County and yet nothing is being done to, for this city. If you have this support from the County, more should be put into the City of Euclid. We should have better services; we should have better roads, better streets, better stores not just dollar stores.

People look around you. Euclid has deteriorated. Look at Euclid Avenue. It's a shame. And like the gentleman said before we did have a Euclid Square Mall. When you come in the beginning of Euclid, you wouldn't believe the weeds that you see growing. The signs. It's not welcoming you at all. Even when you enter Euclid from the Wickliffe area it's bad from Euclid Avenue. We have nothing, nothing at all to offer anyone to come in. Look at our streets the chuckholes. It's only certain people in this area get service. This is a not a one-sided town this is a city. And the City can come back. We need the right leadership. We need the people to get out and speak out. You want better; you deserve better. I want better. I know I deserve

better and I feel the people shouldn't have to go to Mentor, Richmond and different places to shop. Keep your money in the City of Euclid. But where can we go?

I understand Value City will be leaving soon. Oh yeah, that's a secret but they will be leaving soon. They was bought out, but yet Burgerton Combo will they really come to the City of Euclid? Not only that look at the old Dave's Supermarket. I heard one time last Council meeting it was said all the buildings was going to be filled, all but on Euclid Avenue. Euclid Avenue is the dump of the city and that's because the Administration made it that. We deserve better; we want better. Fill up the old K-Marts. Bring someone to the mall. We have the space and we can do it under better leadership. Thank you and good night.

President Gudenas – All right, anyone else?

Mr. Christopher Litwinowicz – 21970 Morris Ave. How y'all doin'? Mr. President, when you look up your name it states that you're from Middle Bass Island? No comment?

President Gudenas – I'm obviously not from Middle Bass Island.

Mr. Litwinowicz – Well, I got evidence of that.

President Gudenas – Well, right now, I'm in Euclid.

Mr. Litwinowicz – But you say your address is what?

Council Lisy – It's not a question and answer period.

President Gudenas – Right, I'm sorry, you'll have to make all of your, your, this is not question and answer, please make your statements.

Mr. Litwinowicz – I've got 5 minutes. I'm trying to take this real serious but I'm not taken serious by the City or my Council. Just let me talk.

Your term expires on November 30, 2007, correct? At that time our Council won't have a president, a city council. My Council has to appoint within 30 days December 6, 2007 or the new mayor or the Mayor at present time has to appoint. It's in the Charter, something you govern by. In the Charter it says you say the Pledge of Allegiance on the opening ceremony. Serious, maybe you should study the Charter as a mayor candidate. That's what was told to me. I did that, learned a lot. Got more kids out of high school to learn about the democratical process.

More oil spills, oil spills, that's what marina brings pollution to Lake Erie; but you want to drive your car, your boat to my city and try to run it the best way you know how. But for the last 4 years you had opportunity to make a resolution, to change the Ohio Revised Code.

Let's talk about employees something you don't represent. That's the best welfare of the city, isn't it? How these kids can make money to save to go to school or these kids are forced, forced Board of Education gets \$73 million. City of Euclid gets so much. I'm not going to let that be known right now, but I'm doing my research and homework on how I can actually make this mall happen. Real economical development by our Senator, our Representatives in my State of Ohio. You guys are in a position to do what you want to do. You all chose to do resolutions on certain events. I thank you for certain ones; I disagree with others. But I can't one Council to agree to change the Ohio Revised Code? I mean there's employees right here. You're even an employee, employee of the City of Euclid, which you were sworn in to do your job. Now you sit there, do your job; but to me, it's not working because we still got a vacant mall, ghost town.

But I still, you know, certain ordinances in the Codified Ordinances they flip flop but they haven't been, you say you're a mayor candidate but they haven't been updated since 1999, that's 2 administrations.

The basketball hoops aren't going up. They will never go up. This city don't like the violence. That's what should have been told, Mr. Mayor. I can't accuse you of lying. I don't know what I can accuse you of. I can just let the facts be known that there ain't the hoops going up. I'm not allowed to be on Board of Education property. For what? I'm a citizen that went to Roosevelt and had a meeting. So a year I got to watch my back and go, everybody's looking at the time. I've got 30 more seconds. That's what the Board of Elections told me. You got 30 seconds son.

Thank you for spending the money the Cultural Centre. That rap was always down there. I don't know what you guys spent the money, but all the materials were donated by the Board of

Education. They pay you \$7,000 rent along with the other stuff. I say we can get Euclid Community College there and thank you so much.

Elect Christopher Litwinowicz November 6, 2007, as your write-in candidate. Thank you.

President Gudenas – That’s out of order. All right, anyone else? I see no one else.

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

Mayor Cervenik – Mr. Chairman, I do believe we have a lot of young faces out here. I believe they’re members of Euclid High School? Probably government class. Could you stand up so we can give you an applause for being here this evening? (Applause) And might be some from Villa Angela-St. Joe’s as well. But I believe before you can leave you need our autographs so after the meeting let’s make sure we sign their agendas so they get credit for being here tonight. Thanks for being here.

President Gudenas – All right. Motion to rise and report all in favor, yea.

Clerk Cahill – You did that. You got that.

President Gudenas – Right, we’re done with that. Okay, so I believe Councilman Langman will start first.

COUNCILMEN’S COMMENTS

Councilman Langman – Mayor, I know it’s been a very difficult past few days so huh, but I have to ask these questions about the jail study. Now this is about a year since we addressed the roof of the jail and what we’re going to do with it. As you may recall, I supported you in going out and getting the dollar figures for that study and what we would do next. And so far I haven’t heard anything since that item was passed and now this item is pulled so where is the data? Where are we in that process of addressing the jail?

Mayor Cervenik – As I said at the last, I think it was the last meeting, I need to get on my schedule meeting with the architects go over a draft that they’re proposing. Before I do that with them I have to make sure with the Cuyahoga County Correctional Officers, I’ve got to talk with organization, such as Lorain County and others that are having problems with their prisoners to make sure that if we do make some changes that could possibly increase our non-violent spaces that are available that we would, in fact, have a guarantee of filling those spaces to make the whole thing work out. So we’re very close to doing it. It will not change, we had thought about doing the roof, proposing a roof and then we decided we will wait a few more weeks. We don’t see the footprint as Council told us, they really didn’t want to see the footprint change significantly if at all on the jail any how; but we’ve got pretty good assurances that the jail will, the roof will hold itself through. Two to three weeks I hope to be able to get that information and some type of guarantee. I think that’s one of the things Council actually asked is that will there be some guarantee from other organizations that, in fact, we will have this inflow of visitors, non-violent visitors of course, and I should have that for you very shortly. It’s not, with some things that have gone on throughout the summer with the Justice Department, others it sort of dropped not to the priority but something will be done next year.

Councilman Langman – Well, my concern is initially we were given about 120-day timeframe and then we didn’t hear anything after that and I wish you would have shared a little bit more of the progress or lack of progress via email. I mean, we, I did support you on that and I didn’t hear anything back. So from that standpoint I’m a little disappointed.

Mayor Cervenik – Disappointed you...

Councilman Langman – So can you, can you guarantee that in the next few weeks we will see something that the Council can evaluate?

Mayor Cervenik – I can guarantee you that I will not meet with the architect for at least 2-3 weeks that I’ve got some other things on the front burner, but I will very shortly after I will be able to do that with you. If I can see if I can get a hold of the draft plans if you’d like to come in and look at it just to see what’s going on. I’d be happy to do that. Council has a standing invitation from me to breakfast, lunch couple times a month whatever it takes so we can handle

that with you if you'd like to see that. It's just, it's just with the with a lot of things have gone on this summer with the Justice Department and that it just sort of didn't get on the front burner any longer, but if you're telling me that needs to be on the front burner then I can sort of stoke it up again. But I didn't think it was on actually a front burner. The cost of the study was only \$12,000. It was the original cost, I think, of about 35,000.

Councilman Langman – I'm well aware of that. I...

Mayor Cervenik – Why don't you and I sit down...

Councilman Langman – I was expecting something, it's a little disappointing. I mean it's.

Mayor Cervenik – Well, some of what we did, Councilman Langman, is the main reason to examine the jail is because, we've, it has a cost of almost \$2 million after revenues. So we did some other things it was presented to City Council to help that by charging under different codes, State Codes and that, which would increase the revenue and it's been very successful. If you've looked at the financial statements from our system, the revenues have increased, actually, a little higher than we thought which also slowed down the reason to spend additional capital money on that. So but we can sit down and talk. We're working on it.

Councilman Langman – Okay, I'll say what I said then I agree with your figures; they're very good.

Mayor Cervenik – Yes.

Councilman Langman – It's just, almost a year is too long.

Mayor Cervenik – Yes.

Councilman Langman – Mr. Chairman, with that I'll just say a few words about Officer Brentar. My deepest sympathies go out to his family and to the men and women of the Euclid Police Department and to the City of Euclid. We've really lost a true public servant. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

President Gudenas – All right, thank you, and just to follow-up I'm still a little confused. We approved this study a year ago November \$12,000. Is there an actual jail study that's been completed over the last 11 months?

Mayor Cervenik – No, Mr. Chairman, it's not been completed and I really don't want to go here this evening because we have a long time, but I believe I just received a draft of a Doty study that should have been done long time ago but that also wasn't that also was put down on the burner.

President Gudenas – I'm just, sorry.

Mayor Cervenik – So we don't have a final study yet. I need to meet with the architect and go over their draft. When I agree with that and when I have a commitment from other correctional agencies that we have, we have some type of agreement that they can use this non-violent space then the study will be finalized and we can release it to you and the general public.

President Gudenas – Okay, well, everything is public right soon as the minute you get it and my question again is of the \$12,000 we approved was any of it spent?

Chief Repicky – Mr. President, if I can interject on the Mayor's behalf? Our Warden's been out for at least 3 or 4 months and she is the integral part of this study. We have met with the architect on at least 2 or 3 occasions and we've met with the State to see what kind of plans we could modify the jail and we're looking at what, we cannot modify the jail as it exists now. If we do then we have to modify it up to the 2007 standards and I don't think this Council would want to do that. So we're looking at other plans like the Mayor said. We're looking at revenue from other cities that are overcrowded. It'll bring additional revenue into this city and we're looking at other plans but the State has to approve them. And we don't want to bring them before Council before the drawings are set and the State has to approve these plans prior to even us looking at them.

President Gudenas – Are there plans then?

Chief Repicky – They're still being drawn up. The Warden and myself met with them probably 2 months ago and they were modifying them. The State of Ohio Bureau of Prisons have changed. They had a retirement and we're waiting to talk to their replacement, who approves the plans through the Jail Standards.

President Gudenas – Again, our concern here is on City Council, we, you know, we were told that the roof both at the Police Department and the Jail was in dire straits.

Chief Repicky – Not the Police Department just the Jail.

President Gudenas – Okay.

Chief Repicky – The Police Department is in dire need of a new building not a roof. It's in dire need of a building. It's 55 years old and the previous Chief and myself have asked Council, that's one of the needs is a new police building.

President Gudenas – Okay, well, we were told specifically that the roof at the Jail was so bad we were given pictures of ceiling tiles falling in, water falling all over the place. It was an emergency work we were told over a year ago and we appropriated the money to do this emergency work and we're a little confused on how this roof is no longer falling apart.

Chief Repicky – We have, we have fixed, we made emergency repairs last year and it has held up, you know, we haven't had that many storms and we've held our own. But like I said, Council here is not been energetic in spending funds. It was tabled. We went for new drawings and like I said we're waiting for the State to approve new drawings through the new Bureau of Prisons' employee that will okay these plans.

President Gudenas – All right, again, it would be nice for City Council, you know, we appreciate your work, but it would be nice for City Council to be told at least a little bit of what's going on and we don't certainly blame the Police Chief for that.

Mayor Cervenik – Mr. Chairman if you'd like to appoint a member of your Council to work with us closely on it over the few months I would be happy to entertain that.

President Gudenas – Well, Mayor, if you look at your minutes from the meeting, you had promised that back in November of last year.

Councilman Lisy – I don't want to put the Law Director on the spot so I'll make this more of a statement rather than a question so please correct me if I'm wrong. I'm getting lots of questions regarding the Department of Justice settlement and from what I've been able to find out is that the Judge has been out of country and so, therefore, she has not been able to approve the new ward plan and it appears she may be lumping this all together when she gets the conclusions of, conclusions of law and issues all that information together from both parties then she'll come up with a statement. Is that to the best of your knowledge also?

Director Frey – Several weeks ago I sent an inquiry to Hilary Taylor and Julius Trombetta from Weston Hurd copied Fred Whatley from the Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office and Sean O'Donnell from the Department of Justice asking exactly that. Where are we with this? I have had a clerk start the process and Director Gulich is assisting in that and actually providing the descriptive outline for the 8 wards assuming the Court will approve those 8 wards so that if or when she does, we are prepared to come to the very next Council meeting with that and get it to the Board of Elections. It's the Board of Elections who faces a serious time crunch.

In fact in a discussion today with Fred Whatley he's indicating that the remedial order is needed by the Board of Elections by October 29th in order for them to get the precinct changes done and the voter notification in time for March 4th. So I don't know where the Judge is. Certainly she is not setting her calendar with me. I have asked our outside counsel and I've not gotten any feedback that would tell me that a decision by the Court is eminent.

There really are two different things. One of them is the remedial order the scheduling type activities that the Board of Elections has to entertain. The second is the approval of the ward

map and the findings of fact, conclusions of law as part of her opinion. Don't know the status of either.

Councilman Lisy – And then the second part of that is that, I guess by default, the election process. And the best way it was described to me is that this is a and this is questions from the resident I'm trying to explain so I just want to make sure I'm correct and I said I'd bring this up tonight and that is it's basically a continuation of the November election. So it is being treated as one election as if the election happened in November, but the Council and Council President race is not happening until right now, March 4th. So even though, so since the Mayoral race is happening, the loser of the Mayoral race cannot run for Council President or run for a ward position. Is that correct?

Director Frey – In fact in the hearing the last time we were in court, the Court indicated that that was her position. That has to be part of that scheduling or remedial order.

Councilman Lisy – It's just not in writing anywhere even in the settlement agreements.

Director Frey – It's not in writing.

Councilman Lisy – And that's why I wanted to bring it up because there's lots of rumors going around that whoever loses is going to be running for a ward position or for council president so that's what I wanted to set straight.

Director Frey – Councilman, the Court indicated that March was part of November if you can follow that logic and so it is one race and you can be a candidate in only one race.

Councilman Lisy – Thank you.

Councilwoman Mancuso – First I want to remind folks that the orchestra is playing on this coming Sunday so please go out to see them. It's one of the best kept secrets in Cuyahoga County so please come out on at 3 o'clock to see them.

Over the past weekend I had the opportunity to be with about 150 folks that all went to Euclid High School. I'm not going to tell you what year. Many of them were from out of town. We, actually, some of them went back and toured the high school. They ate at one of our local eateries. Some of them had gone to the west side to eat at some renown restaurants and enjoyed themselves better here in Euclid. They adored the Lakefront Center. They remembered the bricks and mortar from the original building and loved what we ha done with it. I actually ran into three residents who are moving back into Euclid so be proud. I was ecstatic. So it was a very good, a very position session and people really enjoyed the City and many of them were here for a few days so they actually went through their old stumping grounds and saw relatives, some of who live here in Euclid some who live around us.

On another note I just want to say rarely will you hear me in this Council Chambers address issues that are brought on by our residents whether they are negative or slanted, things we see in the paper. Out of respect for our one resident I will say one time and only on my behalf that this is not the forum to be addressing those issues, this is not the forum to take personal shots at anybody whether they are necessary or not there are lots of other ways to get to the bottom of an issue on either side of the fence. Whether it is politically motivated, whether it is personally motivated, it has no place in this legislative body and, therefore, you will never hear me address this again. There are other forums. We have way too much work to do to be bothered with this kind of stuff in this forum. And with that I will say good night.

Councilwoman Walsh – First of all to the government students who are still here even though it's an Injuns game, I want you to remember one thing. This is your government. You are the government and you need to get out a Voter Registration card and you need to vote and you need to vote in every election whether it's Presidential or just for the little local dog catcher. Government is only as good as you.

I'd like to welcome to Lakeland Boulevard Caruso Cabinets. This is a Council meeting belated because I forgot to do it last time and I did go to their grand opening and it's wonderful.

Shore Cultural Centre, which everyone in the Euclid seems to spell c-e-n-t-e-r. It's incorrectly spelled it's c-e-n-t-r-e, which is little more class. It's no longer Shore Cultural Centre is the students. I had the privilege of going to the culmination of a lot of work with one of my colleagues. And I was mistaken I got there an hour early. I got to sit and talk to some of the kids. There's that commercial that says the spoon cost \$100 and the pot cost \$50 but the

end result is priceless. You didn't invest in a building; you invested in kids. There's not 6 kids there there's 25 kids. The one young man I talked to has a 3.5 average in Chemistry. He's a technology nut. I told him about Dr. Lisy. We had a very good talk. All he wants to do is cook and be a chef. To the mom, Brenda, who lives in my ward and to her daughter, Brianna, who's a student I think it was fascinating to watch them walk around and call each other Chef, to be dressed in such precise uniforms and to do so good. It is not about the bricks and the mortar. It's about the students. And if you can't invest in your own students, everything else is second class. And again I praise my colleague who fought it to the end.

There's going to be a meeting on the other part of Tungsten Road on Wednesday the 17th at the Mini Station in the old Ward 3 and that will be at 7 o'clock and that's to try to get the other end of the street paved.

To the gentleman who moved here from Pittsburgh. I spent the weekend in Pittsburgh I think it's a fabulous city. It's more than a football team. I did notice something that they have a lot of homes that are painted a lot of different colors and blended on these high hillsides they're really gorgeous.

To the government students, directed toward you and to anyone else who wants to listen. There's a saying that power corrupts and absolute power corrupts absolutely. When you're in a position of power, you have the ability to pick up the phone to do good or to bad or do bad, to build or tear down, to create jobs or take one away. The power is yours when you pick up that telephone to build our city or tear it down and each one of us has some power. But if you have that absolute power, you can not use it absolutely in a corrupt manner. Thank you.

President Gudenas – All right, thank you. Please stay seated. We're going to change a tape. Don't go any where it's going to be very quick. We still do have to change something and if you stay right where you're at, we're going to let you know the score of the Indians game because somebody out here knows. But no hints, you've got to wait so we're going to take a break. Okay, it's 3-0 Tribe's up. 3 nothing? 4 nothing? So we're just going to wait one second. We're going to be right back.

All right we're back at our meeting and I just have a couple of comments. I usually wait to see what the residents are saying tonight and we had a bit of a discussion on development issues and my observation is that yes, Euclid has had a decline here and it's been a slow decline over decades. It obviously started as the General Motors left Euclid, as the Addressograph-Multigraph left Euclid and culminated with one of our biggest losses TRW. And we had many of these losses over many years and it was a warning signal that we needed to do better, make changes, diversify our economy and in many cases we sort of waited for someone else to take care of our problems. We were hoping somebody else would come in and just build something for us or buy something and fill it up, but that doesn't happen. There's a zillion competitors not just here in Ohio but throughout the Midwest and obviously throughout the world. And so we sat by as our big industrial base slowly disappeared on us leaving us with a few biggies like Lincoln Electric and Park Ohio, who's unfortunately also moving out as we speak.

Equally the retail decline happened very slowly. I remember downtown Euclid when I first helped with the Merchants Association not that long ago 1977 just about, you know, couple of decades ago we had, I believe, 4 grocery stores, furniture stores, appliance stores. It was, you know, several restaurants, Maxx Doogans, Ground Round, you know, at the same place. It was a vibrant area and again, the decline was slow and my observation was the City waited for someone else to step in and take care of the problem; but no one's going to step in and take care of our problem. We have to address that ourselves. And that's what we've been trying to do, you know, the Administration has their direction and City Council and the residents that's where we have to step in and take control of our destiny. The decline was not all of a sudden. No one just hit a switch and suddenly things went bad. It was many, many small things and big things over many, many years. For us to turn things around we're not going to also just build, you know, Wal-Mart had an interest and their business is no longer good either not as good as it was. Nothing will one thing will turn us around. It's going to be a lot of little victories. We need to win in all parts of the City of Euclid. We need to win on Euclid Avenue; we need to win on Lake Shore Boulevard and Lake Erie. And that's where the City Council has from time to time presented specific proposals and, of course, we get criticism. Why are you fixing up the Shore Cultural Centre for instance; but of course, it brings in a thousand people to the city every single week. A thousand people coming in are going to spend money. Why are you supporting a culinary school? Well, that's going to bring in more people, more investment, more kids and already we're hoping a community college will expand its programming. Why are we working on the lakefront? Well you know, I get emails every now and then and comments, we don't own a boat, what's in it for me? Well, if you go to the Lake Erie islands, for instance, and go visit, we'll never be like that; but 99% of the people that visit there don't

have a boat even though it's on an island surrounded by boats. They go for the atmosphere, the entertainment, the excitement, be able to see different things and that's usually what lakefront development, hopefully, will bring to the City of Euclid, a more diverse economy. More people coming in, water front restaurants and the like.

And same with Euclid Avenue, we have huge amount of vacant land up there and we're told the owner of the land doesn't have a plan. The owner of the land isn't ready to sell. The owner of the land doesn't like it. Well, I think the City of Euclid needs to step forward and direct what happens there. It happens in downtown Cleveland and happens throughout the suburbs where cities do have a great deal of control. If you don't have a plan, then the owners will dictate your plan. So we certainly need to work on plans throughout the City of Euclid, addressing these issues. These are important issues, but we're going to win the battle one small step at a time and it will take years; but we have to win many different battles.

And hopefully one of the good battles we have that we're winning is our Euclid Orchestra. They do a tremendous job. This Sunday at 3 o'clock, it's a by week. They scheduled it so there's no Browns game at the Shore Cultural Centre. It's one of the best orchestras in the region, 3 o'clock at Shore.

Councilman Conway – I think one of the very positive things that we heard earlier this evening and I think it bears repeating is the fact that the City has decided to recognize the Make a Difference Day on Saturday, October the 27th, and the fact that the Euclid Hunger Center is one of the tenants of Shore and we see several hundred families that utilize Shore through the Hunger Center on a routine basis it just shows a tremendous example, I think, of the City working together to serve a need that is in our community. As was mentioned earlier, you can drop off your can food, your nonperishable food, diapers and paper products here at City Hall. There are other locations, such as the library or to the Hunger Center itself on Saturday mornings after 10 a.m. till 1 p.m., but that is something I think it's a very positive thing that we're doing. I applaud the City and specifically the Recreation Department for bringing Make a Difference Day to Euclid, again, on Saturday, October 27th.

I'd also like to congratulate Chef Dan on the grand opening and all of the students. It was a wonderful evening and I'm sure we'll hear a little bit more about that perhaps from Councilman Delaney, but I think it was taking a very good snapshot of something, that again, can be very positive in the community.

And finally on behalf of my family I would just like to send out my thoughts and prayers to the Brentar family. Thank you.

Councilman Delaney – There were a lot of good comments, a lot of positive things happening, but I would just like to express my deepest sympathy and God speed to the family of Office Brentar. He's very soft spoken, very engaging individual. He was always pleasant and yet he accomplished some of the best work being a Euclid policeman. He'll be missed more than we all know. Thank you.

Councilman Gruber – Just a couple of quick items. There is a very interesting article in the Plain Dealer today about Tower City how one of their largest tenants is now a dollar store so it's a regional thing and some of our census tracks have the lowest per capita income in the region are in Euclid. So these things all come into it when someone comes to look at where they want to build a new store or restaurant so we have to keep those in mind as well as our population dropped from about 72,000 to 50,000 people. So we have to work extra hard to regain those businesses. And Chief and the Mayor, Director Gulich, if you'd like, I'd like to offer my expertise to work with you on some building issues that you have at any time. So keep that in mind I'd be glad to help you out there.

And also as the rest of Council, I would like to express my condolences to the Brentar family and the entire Euclid Police Department and God bless both you and our safety forces in your endeavors. Thank you and good night.

Councilwoman Minarik – I would like to talk about the Brentar extend my condolences as well. I think what chokes people up when they see all the uniformed officers at a funeral or something of that nature is the fact that these people have chosen a career with no sense of self-sacrifice. It is so rare in our day and age to see people who rise above the comfort level of society and choose to adopt a position or a career that actually puts themselves in jeopardy for strangers and that's why it is so moving when other uniformed officers stand at attention because you know they have made the same commitment. And it is just a great thing that we have people like that in our community and in our country. With that I'm finished for the night. Go Tribe and I'd like to make a motion to adjourn.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilwoman Minarik moved to adjourn; seconded by Councilman Gruber. Yeas:
Unanimous.

President Gudenas – God bless Officer Brentar.

Attest:

Clerk of Council

President of Council