

COUNCIL MINUTES  
MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2009

The regular Council Meeting was held on Monday, April 6, 2009 at 7:00 PM in the Euclid Municipal Center Council Chamber. Council President Holzheimer Gail presided.

Members Present: Gruber, Scarniench, Jones, Minarik, O'Neill, Wojtila, Langman,  
Van Ho, Holzheimer Gail.

All Present.

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

Invocation was given by Pastor Joseph Saliga.

A moment of silence was held for the Pittsburgh Police Officers who were tragically wounded and killed in the line duty.

Communications

A new C1, C2 liquor permit to Ramji Enterprises, LLC, DBA Fuel Mart, 21820 Lake Shore Blvd.

Councilman O'Neill – I have not gotten any complaints from the people living in the ward about this address. However, there's quite a packet from the previous owner. There is a new owner in that facility now and they're going to be doing some remodeling. I want to refer to Asst. Law Director Sweeney, if she's got a few comments on this property.

Asst. Director Sweeney – I did get a packet of information from Det. Blakely. As Councilman O'Neill stated, there are a number of calls for service but it is with the old owner, we can't attribute any of these nuisance calls to the new owner. The other concern Det. Blakely had was there was regional ownership. The owners live in New Jersey, however they do operate some liquor establishments or gas stations of this same nature in Ashtabula and Niles and there does not seem to be any problems with this owner and their operations elsewhere.

We don't necessarily want to fight this with liquor control, but the route I suggested, if it is okay with Council, is I can send them, to head anything off at the pass, a nuisance letter advising them what our ordinance is and just letting them know the consequences if there are nuisances at the property. If Council is willing, we can take that approach instead of objecting to the liquor permit.

Director Pietravoia – I just wanted to add to Ms. Sweeney's comments. We have been working through the building department with the new owner. They've been very cooperative in following all our procedures and securing the property until the remodeling started. They do plan to open in June or July this season, once the remodeling is complete. I just wanted to state our experience so far has been one of cooperation with the new owner. They do have an office space in Wooster, Ohio. I know there is a concern about the owner being in New Jersey area, but they do have several stations in Ohio and their main office in Ohio is based in Wooster.

Councilman O'Neill moved to receive and approve without objection. Councilman Van Ho seconded.

Roll Call: Yeas: Jones, Minarik, O'Neill, Wojtila, Langman, Van Ho, Holzheimer Gail  
Nays: Gruber, Scarniench

Approved.

Councilwoman Minarik moved to receive and approve without objections a new D5 liquor permit for JCJ&B LLC, DBA Derby Lounge, 509 E. 185 St. Councilwoman Scarniench seconded.

Roll Call: Yeas: Gruber, Scarniench, Jones, Minarik, O'Neill, Wojtila, Langman,  
Van Ho, Holzheimer Gail.

Approved.

Council has received the following communications:

2008 Annual Report from the Euclid Landmark Commission

A letter from the Euclid Landmark Commission re: Shore Cultural Centre.

Council Minutes

Councilman Gruber moved to accept the Council Minutes of March 16, 2009. Councilwoman Jones seconded. Yeas: Unanimous.

#### ADMINISTRATION REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Cervenik – We will be brief tonight, we have a couple of announcements from our Service Director Mr. Gulich.

Director Gulich – A quick reminder that all this month is recycle your computer month in the City of Euclid. At our Service Garage on Lakeland Blvd., 25200, it is open 24/7. There's containers out at the sidewalk where you can leave any old, unwanted, unloved computer item and it will be either refurbished by RET 3, and donated to a school. Or if un-repairable, it will end up getting recycled and all the bad stuff taken out of it and handled accordingly.

Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup> is our first Shred Day in the City of Euclid. All that paperwork you've been saving up and not knowing how to get rid of, behind City Hall here, from 9:00 until Noon, on Saturday, the 18<sup>th</sup>, you'll be able to bring your stuff to the mobile shredder. Iron Mountain will unload it out of your trunk for you, dump it in the shredder. You'll be able to see it getting shredded and they'll return your boxes to you and you can go back and start filling them up again. Thank you.

Mayor Cervenik – The only other announcement that I have this evening, this isn't a hint or anything like that, but a Euclid resident who lives on 214 St., Devon Rowe, is one of the major players on Michigan State. If we get out of here on time to watch it on television you get to see Euclid resident show his stuff. That's our reports and communications for this evening.

President Holzheimer Gail – We certainly can try, although we do have a very lengthy agenda. I do want to take just a moment to thank all the Directors and Mayor and Chiefs, for sending us information ahead of time. I know that typically you do that, this time we received a lot of e-mails ahead of time and that will help to make for a more productive and efficient meeting and I wanted to publicly thank you for that effort.

Councilman Gruber – I was at the Church of the Living Word in Kirtland yesterday and Father Dave concurs with your hope that Michigan wins.

#### REPORTS & COMMITTEE MINUTES

Councilman Gruber moved to receive the Police Report of February 2009; Fire Report of February 2009; Executive & Finance Com. Minutes of 3/25/09 & 3/30/09; Safety Committee Min. of 3/4/09; Parks & Recreation Com. Min. of 3/18/09; Recreation Com. Min. of 11/18/08; Board of Control Min. of 3/9/09; 3/16/09; 3/23/09. Councilwoman Minarik seconded. Yeas: Unanimous.

#### COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

President Holzheimer Gail – This is the Committee of the Whole for Legislative Matters Only. Anyone may come speak to anything on the Agenda at the microphone. Just so that you know, Item #2, regarding CT Consultants will be referred to the Public Service Committee. Item #7 on the Consolidated Compensation ordinance will be referred to Executive & Finance Committee. #26, #27 & #28 which are the third readings for the Building & Housing Code will be tabled as we do not have the other piece from Planning & Zoning back yet. Seeing no public comments, we will move forward with legislation.

#### LEGISLATION

##### **Res. (275-09) Pawn Shop Lakeland-1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

A resolution granting a Use District Exception, pursuant to Chapter 1375.01(a)(3) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Euclid to George Davet, President of George's Pawn Shop, Inc., to allow a U-4 or U-5 conditional use in a U-6 (Industrial and Manufacturing) Use District in the Ramsey Bennett Building located at 25010 Lakeland Boulevard, Permanent Parcel No. 648-02-005. (Sponsored by Planning & Zoning Commission)

Councilwoman Jones moved for passage, Councilman O'Neill seconded.

President Holzheimer Gail – This is a First Reading. Councilwoman Jones would like to have the first reading this time and have discussion on it at the next meeting. We will consider this a first reading.

##### **Ord. (280-09)CT-Long Term Control Plan-Committee**

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service of the City of Euclid to enter into an agreement with CT Consultants, Inc., in the amount of Three Hundred Ninety Six Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$396,800.00) to provide additional engineering services regarding the USEPA's request for additional study of the City's sewer system for the Long Term Control Plan. (Sponsored by Councilman Wojtala by request of Service Director) (To be referred to Public Service Committee)

Councilman Wojtila moved for passage, Councilman O'Neill seconded.

Director Gulich – I would indeed ask this to be referred to the Public Service Committee so that we can have CT here, make a full presentation on why this is necessary, exactly where we're at with the Long Term Control Plan and how we hope to offer reasonable resolution in the ensuing months.

Councilman Van Ho – I'd like to see the hourly break out for the engineers, the senior consultants and so forth. This type of contract, should be, in my opinion, a not to exceed, based on how many hours they really put in, not just a blanket contract for "x" amount.

Councilman Wojtila – Are we still looking at approving this at the first meeting in May, May 4<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting to stay on our schedule with the US EPA?

Director Gulich – Providing Council is content with our explanation and ready to move on it, yes we would indeed like to bring it back at that time.

Councilman Wojtila – So we are looking at a meeting on April 29<sup>th</sup>, Service Committee Meeting to discuss this.

Councilman Van Ho – On any of our consulting contracts in the future, an engineering type contracts, can we get this type of break out so we know that they're not loading us with high people needlessly and that type of thing?

Director Gulich – Certainly.

Councilman Van Ho – It is not that I don't trust CT, or anybody else who does business with us, let's just say I've seen it happen on a couple of occasions.

Councilman Wojtila moved Ord. (280-09) to the Service Committee. Councilman Van Ho seconded.  
Roll Call: Yeas: Gruber, Scarniench, Jones, Minarik, O'Neill, Wojtila, Langman, Van Ho, Holzheimer Gail.  
Into Committee.

**Res. 59-2009 (289-09) COPS Grant**

A resolution authorizing the City of Euclid, Ohio to make and accept an application for the COPS Recovery Grant to assist Euclid law enforcement agencies in hiring and/or rehiring law enforcement officers in an effort to stimulate job creation and preservation. (Sponsored by Mayor Cervenik)

Councilman Gruber moved for passage, Councilman O'Neill seconded.

Chief Repicky – This grant was submitted two weeks ago. The deadline is April 14<sup>th</sup>. We figure the sooner the better. As I stated in my e-mail there's one billion dollars which equates to about 5500 officers in the United States, which breaks down to about 110 per state. We would love to have ten and we applied for, but reasonable it will probably be one or two.

Mayor Cervenik – If I could get everybody's name added.

President Holzheimer Gail – If we could add all of Council, that would be good.

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

Roll Call: Yeas: Gruber, Scarniench, Jones, Minarik, O'Neill, Wojtila, Langman,  
Van Ho, Holzheimer Gail

Passed.

**Res. 60-2009 (288-09) Police Contract**

A resolution authorizing the Mayor of the City of Euclid to execute an Agreement by and between the City of Euclid and Euclid Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #18, as exclusive bargaining agent for all Euclid Police Officers. (Sponsored by Mayor Cervenik)

Councilman Gruber moved for passage, Councilwoman Scarniench seconded.

Director Frey – After several meetings and I suspect that probably more than a half a dozen sessions with the police negotiating committee and one close but actually turned out to be a tie vote, we were

able to arrive at this compromise agreement. The Police Union and FOP Lodge 18, overwhelmingly approved this change. The significant component change include no change in hourly rates for 2009; a half percent increase January 1, 2010 and a half percent, July 1, 2010, which equates to a .75% increase over the course of the year. A 2% increase for 2011.

Where the city will receive its savings are in three particular areas. First of all, all the holidays including a holiday that falls, according to the contract, falls this week, will be the premium component of that holiday for any officer who works will be in time off only, compensatory time. The premium will be compensatory time and that can only be taken as time off. That will be for the remainder of 2009 and for the entirety of 2010.

Secondly, all members of the police department will have a reduction in their longevity premium, half a percent this year and a half a percent next year as it is shown in the scale that I provided to you. Not only does it affect all members of the department, but it is a long term change in the longevity payments.

Finally the other savings for 2009 comes from the uniform maintenance allowance, where they're be a \$500 reduction in 2009. There will be two payments that will be reduced by \$250 each in June and December.

Other than that, the health care remains the same as it has been with the other unions. There is a shift premium that mirrors the shift premiums in the event we go to a 10 hour shift for officers, there's a shift premium assigned that matches up with a current shift premium. If we go to a 12 hour shift, there will be a shift premium for that overnight shift.

That's the essence of the agreement. It took an awful lot longer to negotiate it than it did to write it up. But those are the changes and I have to compliment the bargaining committee for the Police Dept., they worked very hard in coming to an agreement that will achieve the savings the city asked for in 2009 and 2010. It is two year savings that the city will recover the money that it needed to recover from this contract and it is a compliment to those members of the department who worked hard both to negotiate a reasonable agreement and then convince their colleagues that it was right to provide give backs to the city during this difficult time. Most importantly then, to keep all the members of the force on the force. I ask for your approval.

President Holzheimer Gail – On behalf of Council I would like to thank the administration for their hard work, for the union, for the police officers and the Fraternal Order of Police committee that helped to negotiate this. We definitely appreciate your hard work and your commitment to making this work both to achieve the savings and to also keep our force at an acceptable number. We certainly appreciate that and thank you for all the efforts.

Mayor Cervenik – I would like to first of all thank City Council for helping and understanding the process we had to go through. I also needed to thank the negotiating team, they did everything physically possible to make sure that we did not have to lay off any of the police officers that were slated to lay off. The administration certainly didn't want to see that; council certainly did not want to see that. It was very clear through their efforts in working with us that we accomplished that.

We are depending upon I know the Chief is a little less optimistic than I am. I am depending on more than two, hopefully more than two officers in the COPS grant. The numbers don't necessarily show that but I think we have a good shot at it.

We also have some other funding we hope is coming down the road to help keep our police department and our fire department strong. We've got a couple of items tonight for the Fire Dept. grants purchases that will help.

Over the two years we actually achieved more than the \$420,000 that we hoped to achieve in 2009 only; probably by \$50,000-\$60,000. In addition to that, the reduction in the longevity is permanent. That doesn't disappear in 2011. That full 1% decrease will follow us out through on and hopefully it will convince during future years of other organizations to do the same. It will work out well. It is going to make our budget a little tighter in 2009, but what we lost in 2009, we get in 2010 and we felt that was the best way to go.

Again, thank you and thank all of you and thanks to the members of the negotiating team, a couple are sitting out there tonight.

Councilman Wojtila – I probably should have asked this question on the last piece of legislation, but when do you hear back from the COPS grant?

Chief Repicky – I think we're talking probably June or July, unfortunately. I don't know what they're going to do for three months, but we hope the sooner we get it in, the faster they might turn it around. Like I said, April 14<sup>th</sup> is the deadline.

Councilman Wojtila – I know we talked about quarterly meetings in Executive Finance, or monthly. Are we looking at a meeting coming up to discuss the budget or look at the budget?

President Holzheimer Gail – Yes, we'll probably look to piggy-back the Consolidation Compensation Ordinance and the Finance Meeting potentially April 27<sup>th</sup>.

Councilman Gruber – I'd like to echo your sentiments and the Mayor's for the support from the Police Dept. I think it would be beneficial to add all of Council's names to this resolution. We appreciate their support. Thank you very much.

Councilman Gruber moved to close debate, Councilman O'Neill seconded. Yeas: Unanimous.

Roll Call: Yeas: Gruber, Scarniench, Jones, Minarik, O'Neill, Wojtila, Langman,  
Van Ho, Holzheimer Gail

Passed.

**Ord. 61-2009 (282-09) Pirc & Grass Cutting Co.'s**

An emergency ordinance authorizing the Director of Law of the City of Euclid to enter into a contract with Pirc Company Landscaping and Snowplowing, LLC, 30170 Lakeland Blvd., Wickliffe, OH 44092 and Lake Erie Lawn Service, P.O. Box 618, Geneva, OH 44041, as primary co-vendors to perform grass cutting services and Robinson Family Lawn Care & Snow Removal as the primary vendor to perform yard clean-up services pursuant to Codified Ordinance 1755.28(e) and 529.03, for the year 2009 with an option for a one year extension to December 31, 2010, in an aggregate amount not to exceed Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000.00) per year. (Sponsored by Councilman Van Ho by request of Law Director)

Councilman Van Ho moved for passage, Councilman Langman seconded.

Director Frey – Asst. Director Sweeney is here and will discuss the specifics. I want to indicate to City Council our commitment as I had expressed during the budget process that we were going to make changes in the processing of the grass and nuisance yard violations so that we could more quickly respond to those. I think Ms. Sweeney and Mr. Drazetic have arrived at a plan that will accomplish that. That isn't going to happen unless we have the contractors to rapidly respond to the complaint. With that I'll ask Ms. Sweeney to go through the details of this legislation.

Asst. Director Sweeney – As Law Director Frey stated, we're going to implement some changes to the grass cutting program this year and I'm very excited about it. Previously as most of Council is aware, our inspector is assigned to a particular grass area. They would see offending yard, over six inches and they put this notice on the door. They then go back ideally in 48 hours. They then will mark down that the property was not complied, turn this into the contractor and hopefully the contractor would get over there the next day, in an ideal world. Sometimes the inspector can't get over there on the 48<sup>th</sup> hour, he's getting over there on 72 hours, then he's turning it in, then the contractor is going back there to cut it. So sometimes when it is cited at 6 inches, it ends up being 12 inches by the time the contractor gets over there.

The changes that we're implementing this year is our inspector will still do the citation on the door. He is going to turn it over to the contract immediately and then the contractor will go over there on the 48<sup>th</sup> hour if the grass is not cut and cut it. I'm hoping that is going to cut down on two, three, four days by the time the contractor gets over there. It gives our inspectors time to do what they need to do.

We had a pre-bid meeting, this is the first time we've ever had a pre-bid meeting. I had 15 contractors show up for the pre-bid meeting, some from Euclid, some from outside of Euclid. Of those 15 folks, 11 people did submit bids. I'm happy to report that we're going to go with two contractors this year. They came in at pretty much the same dollar figures. \$18 for a single cut; \$25 for a double cut. They were a dollar different, \$35 and \$36 respectively for triple cuts. It is Pirc Landscaping and Lake Erie Landscaping. Mr. Pirc was one of our snow plowing contractors this past winter. Great references, not only with the city, but outside references. Lake Erie Landscaping also has great references. They've done work for other municipalities in Lake and Geauga Counties.

Councilman Wojtila did ask me some questions by e-mail. One of the questions I do want to answer is, although they're charging \$18, \$25 and \$35 respectively for the cuts, we're billing those homeowners \$150, \$205 and \$260 respectively for single, double and triple cuts. These figures include our administrative cost in tending to this grass cutting program, cost to advertise, paper and notices and tickets, they are not cheap to print. Mailing letters to the banks, getting them to pay, so we do charge a bit for the grass cutting, however we do not want to be in the business of grass cutting. Hopefully somebody gets one ticket on their door and they're cutting their own grass so we don't have to do that. As council is aware, we assess almost \$120,000 in grass cutting last year in September.

With respect to the nuisance. We do have a new nuisance abatement contractor this year, his name is Terry Robinson. He is a Euclid resident and he came in at about \$15 for the clean up and hauling away of debris. Councilman Wojtila also asked about 48 hours notice to correct. It is 48 hours for grass and it also generally tends to be 48 hours notice for nuisance. We do vary that time for nuisance depending on what the situation is if a yard is filled with garbage, somebody can easily pick that up in 24 hours. We can shorten the notice at that point. If it is a big tree that has to be removed because it is dead, we're going to give a little longer than 48 hours there.

That's basically what the new program is going to entail and that is what our prices are and I'd be happy to answer any other questions.

Councilwoman Jones – You mentioned that the citation will go to the vendor. Does it go to the primary vendor or the secondary vendor? How is that determined if the primary vendor is too busy to handle that, how does the secondary vendor?

Asst. Director Sweeney – Actually both Mr. Pirc and Lake Erie Landscaping are going to be co-primary vendors. I did a little research on last year's grass cutting and by our 8 sections that we have split up, assigned to each inspector, I broke it down into how many tickets, or how many grass cuttings we had for each of those areas. Two areas, adding those up, equal what the other six areas have. I'm going to split it up, 50/50. I'm going to give one contractor the two areas that were hit the most. I'm giving another contractor the six areas that were hit the most. It comes to be about 50/50.

Mr. Shaw with Lake Erie Landscaping, his company is a little smaller. He feels that he still can handle half of the city. Mr. Pirc has a bigger company and we feel he can handle half of the city. So we're going to start off at a 50/50 split. If Lake Erie Landscaping can't keep up, I've made it very clear to him, we're going to funnel more work toward Mr. Pirc. We're going to try it at a 50/50 basis to begin with. Again that 50/50 basis is two grass areas versus six grass areas. I did the math the past couple of years and we'll see what happens. They both are going to be co-primary vendors.

Councilwoman Jones – For those vacant homes that we know that are vacant, I think in the past, the notices weren't left on the door, they were just turned over to the landscape company for cutting, will that still happen?

Asst. Director Sweeney – We're implementing a grass watch list and I'm also going to send a letter out to what we feel are bank-owned vacant properties ahead of time, letting them know that we're automatically going to cut the grass if they don't keep up with it. A lot of the banks do have preservation companies that do keep up, but we are going to send that letter out ahead of time, just letting them know. If we do cite your house, if it is occupied, we do cite your house at least two times, whether we cut it or not, you're going to automatically be put on that grass watch list, where we're going to cut it whether it is six inches or 10 days, whichever comes first.

Councilman Van Ho – I think this is a fantastic program and it cost us very little money by the time we get done collecting. I know last year they were right on it when I'd call anybody. I would urge all the citizens to call their council person because 6-12 inch lawn in your neighborhood looks bad and this is quick, easy way to make the city look just a little bit better. Thank you.

Councilman Gruber – I concur with my colleague. However I remember the company that currently has the lowest bid, had a snow plow contract last year and we had several problems with them. So I hope there's a contact number that we can get a hold of them if we need to do that. I'm glad that we have a back-up vendor to just make sure that everything works out well.

Councilman O'Neill – I'd just like to add, again, like the Law Director did say, we don't want to be in the business of cutting grass. This can all be avoided by cutting your grass. I'm sure the neighbors that are next to the houses where the grass is so tall that they appreciate the fact that we're coming out there and cutting the grass. So please cut your grass, take care of your property. Thank you.

Councilman O'Neill moved to close debate, Councilwoman Jones seconded. Yeas: Unanimous.

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

Roll Call: Yeas: Gruber, Scarniench, Jones, Minarik, O'Neill, Wojtila, Langman,  
Van Ho, Holzheimer Gail

Passed.

**Ord. 62-2009 (276-09) Homeowner Assoc. Grant**

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of Euclid to issue the 2009 Neighborhood/Tenant/Condominium Association Grant. (Sponsored by Mayor Cervenik)

Councilwoman Scarniench moved for passage, Councilwoman Minarik seconded.

Mayor Cervenik – As you all know we've been doing this for some time now. The program has worked out very well. We feel it is important to help assist where we can the neighborhood, condo and tenant associations with this grant. Last year 73 associations were mailed applications, 38 grants were requested and issued. They can be used for newsletters, events and communication amongst members and I strongly urge its passage this evening. I know you were very instrumental, I don't want to say a lot of years ago, but years back in helping get this started. It is a very good program. I think even more so this year, with probably some people are going to be choosing whether to join their neighborhood organization or not, so I think their dues structure, some may decrease and this will help them continue working strong for the community.

President Holzheimer Gail – It is a wonderful program and I know that the associations do use it well. I'll just take the opportunity to do a little PSA, public service announcement. If you are not a member of your own neighborhood association, please join and become involved because that really is how we help strengthen our neighborhoods throughout the city. If you are on a street that is not part of a neighborhood association, you can call Kristal Skovira at the police mini-station at 289-8449 or your council person and they can help you get an association started. They are very important to the growth and future of our city.

Councilman Gruber – I think all of our council members would like to have their name on this legislation. It is a wonderful opportunity and I've seen the improvements that have been made in the community and we're lucky to have them. Thank you.

Councilman O'Neill – If the Mayor could just identify where these funds are coming from that they are not capital or general operating funds?

Mayor Cervenik – They are coming from the general fund, they are included in our promotional budget.

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

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

Roll Call: Yeas: Gruber, Scarniench, Jones, Minarik, O'Neill, Wojtila, Langman,  
Van Ho, Holzheimer Gail

Passed. **Ord. (283-09) Council Compensation – To Com.**

An ordinance modifying the 2005 Consolidated Compensation Ordinance (129-2005) by repealing the health care benefits of Euclid City Council members effective December 1, 2009, and modifying the compensation rate of said members effective December 1, 2011, by raising Council members' rate of compensation to \$11,000 annually and that of the Council President to \$12,000 annually. (Sponsored by Councilwoman Scarniench and Councilman O'Neill)

Councilwoman Scarniench moved for passage, Councilman O'Neill seconded.

Councilwoman Scarniench – we are going to move this right to Executive Finance, which will be on the 27<sup>th</sup>, we're not exactly sure what time. But before that date I will have back up information so that all of Council will have it before the meeting and hopefully if there is any questions you can get to my committee and we'll be able to answer them. I just want to right now publicly thank my committee, which was, Jeff Beck, David Hiscott, Roseanne Evangelista and Regina Hauck. I want to thank Councilman O'Neill for jumping on the band wagon. Everybody knows that this is something I've been talking about for at least 10 years and have the good fortune to be able to do this. It is a savings and this year more than ever I think it is appropriate so with that, send it to committee.

Councilwoman Scarniench moved Ord. (283-09) to Executive & Finance Committee. Councilman Gruber seconded.

Roll Call: Yeas: Gruber, Scarniench, Jones, Minarik, O'Neill, Wojtila, Langman,  
Van Ho, Holzheimer Gail

To Committee.

**Res. 63-2009 (284-09) Tim O'Brien Golf Course Com.**

A resolution to appoint Tim O'Brien to the Euclid Golf Course Commission. (Sponsored by Council President Holzheimer Gail)

Councilman O'Neill moved for passage, Councilwoman Scarniench seconded.

President Holzheimer Gail – Tim O'Brien is a Euclid resident. Backing up, Council has an appointment to the Euclid Golf Course Commission. The last member Mr. Slogar's term ended December 31<sup>st</sup> so we are in need of recommending someone from Council. Tim O'Brien has been a resident in Euclid since 1971. He is a retired electrician. He has served as President of the Irish American Club, as well as being one of the charter members. He has been a regular golfer, has participated in golf leagues. He is an all around great person. He's expressed a willingness to serve and I know he will serve the golf course commission well. I would ask for your support to appoint Tim O'Brien to the Golf Course Commission.

Councilman O'Neill – I'll be proud to vote yes for Mr. O'Brien. He's a good friend and he was also a business owner in the city and an avid golfer until recently. We hope to see him back on the links this year.

President Holzheimer Gail – He is hoping by the end of the summer to be back on the course playing.

Councilman Gruber – Absolutely.

Councilman Gruber moved to close debate, Councilman O'Neill seconded. Yeas: Unanimous.

Roll Call: Yeas: Gruber, Scarniench, Jones, Minarik, O'Neill, Wojtila, Langman,  
Van Ho, Holzheimer Gail

Passed.

**Ord. 64-2009 (291-09) Bonds**

An ordinance to provide for the issuance and sale of not to exceed \$843,000 in principal amount of bond anticipation notes of the City of Euclid, Ohio in anticipation of the issuance of bonds for the purpose of acquiring motorized vehicular equipment and appurtenances thereto, and declaring an emergency. (Sponsored by Mayor Cervenik and Entire Council by request of Finance Director)

Councilman Gruber moved for passage, Councilwoman Scarniench seconded.

Director Johnson – The comments that I'm going to make are going to be to all items, #9 through #15. I had sent a memo to Council detailing the purpose of these pieces of legislation. For the members of the public and people that have not had the opportunity to read that memo, I'll try to explain very briefly. These are note ordinances allowing us to issue short term debt to fund our capital budget, which was presented to City Council several council meetings ago and adopted by City Council.

There are some differences, in all cases, the amounts that we are asking for here are much less than what was approved in these various categories, as what we presented to Council and that is because over the last several years, we've managed to accumulate some surplus that totally amounts to about \$223,000. So what we're asking to borrow in all of these categories is much less than what was approved by city council.

One thing that I would like to point out, in addition to the capital budget, the \$5.6 million in water line notes. This is the same amount. This is just a roll over of those notes that we issued last year. The projects that we issued those notes for last year are just beginning construction and some of those projects will come before you later on in this agenda. That is what the \$5.6 million is for. The additional \$740,000 that we're asking for is to fund an additional project that involves the Peterson Fund. That's primarily what that \$740,000 is for.

There was one point that I would like to clarify. In the memo that I sent you and in the second spreadsheet that I sent, on the first page, the Dille Rd. East 204 project. I reflected in the spreadsheet that the funding source was the Waste Water Treatment fund. Initially I think the plans were to use Waste Water Treatment Fund for the funding of this project and I believe that is where we started expensing the engineering and I'll let Director Gulich explain more in detail. The funding source for that now has been shifted to the waterline fund. The wording in the ordinance, if you choose to, probably needs to be changed. I think it does refer to the Waterline fund but it also refers to Peterson and Waste Water Treatment fund. So if you choose to refine that to just the Waterline Fund, that would be fine and Director Gulich can explain what has happened since it has been a very recent change.

Director Gulich – It is important to note also something that was not in Director Johnson’s spreadsheet, but something I did mention two council meetings ago. As Council is aware Cleveland Water Dept. is going to be funding a number of projects here in 2009. Initially 204 Street and Roseland were not on the priority list. If you noticed in my e-mail I sent last week, this was able to make funding for two reasons. Roseland does not have a waterline, a rather unusual thing. There’s no hydrants there. Also there is a dead-end waterline on 204 which is not conducive to good water quality or firefighting capabilities. Currently the businesses that do get water on 204, actually a private property line that comes from Dille that’s not really sufficient. This will correct all that and the Cleveland Water Dept. is willing to fund that portion of the project to the tune of \$279,350. Project will not call for a new waterline on Dille Rd. for the simple reason that waterline even though it is an aged line, it is in good shape. It has a very low break rate and there’s enough infrastructure in that street. It’s a 40 ft. right of way. We’ve already got two waterlines and a number of gas lines, a number of AT&T lines, a number of electric lines. We’ve got two storm sewers and a sanitary already. There’s not a whole lot of room there. We’re actually going to be obtaining easements on the east-side of the street, on five or six properties in order to necessitate the installation of the sanitary sewer. To get back where Mr. Johnson was, we’re initially charging that engineering work to Waste Water. This project since it does not deal with a trunk sewer that handles flow from the other communities, we were unable to fund it from that source. The flow from this area actually goes to regional. It goes under the tracks at Dille Rd. We had visited the opportunity when we got the Issue 2 funding to actually install a pump station and return that flow to the City of Euclid system. Speaking with our engineers and with Mayor Cervenik, when you don’t need to have a pump station, it is better not to have a pump station. Gravity always works, pumps wear out, electricity goes out. It is just preferable to have gravity do the thing there. So we’re able to cut down on expense of this project and again, the reason this project is so important is due to the age and the condition of the sewers, it is having a bad impact of the quality of Euclid Creek and that in turn is showing up at the beaches down at Villa Angela and out into Lake Erie. We’ll be able to correct that and really freshen up the neighborhoods with all the finished construction work that people actually see above ground, not aware of the problem that was existing with the sewers.

Director Johnson – I apologize for this. I just became aware of this in conversation with Director Gulich. Sometime in the future we may have to come back to Council for an additional amendment in the Waterline fund to the tune of \$670,000. The total city’s responsibility is \$950,000 of which Cleveland Water is to reimburse us \$279,350 which leaves a balance of \$670,650. Because of the switch now from Waste Water to the Waterline Fund, we are probably going to have to come back at some point in the future and request this additional \$670,000 because of the shift in funding. Just so that you’re aware.

That’s all the comments I have and if there are any questions, I’d be glad to answer them.

Councilman Wojtila – To Director Johnson, on the memo, the bottom of the first page you kind of outlined all the monies that we’re looking at. You have the \$5.6 on the notes, the additional \$740,000 you talked about. Then the \$4.9 million cash on hand. I add it up it is about \$11,240,000. Your comments is that this is enough money to do the work for 2009. Did you need to say 2009 and 2010?

Director Johnson – That is not \$11 million. The \$4.9 million that I show in the memo is what’s left from the \$6.5 that we issued last year. Last year we issued \$6.5 in notes. I have about \$4.9 million of it left. We only spent \$700,000 of it on one of the projects, I can’t remember which project. What I was trying to explain here was that in order to do all the projects that are scheduled for 2009 construction, I have \$4.9 million, I only needed another \$740,000. That was before I became aware of the switch of that last project. The total outstanding at this point if Council adopts this legislation in the waterline combination sewer notes will be \$6,340,000; it is the \$5 million six, that we started out with from last year that we’re just rolling, plus the additional \$740,000.

Councilwoman Scarniench – One quick question. It says under the Euclid Ave. improvements that Glenbrook and Effingham were done in 2008. Can you tell me what that was?

Director Johnson – I believe it was the sanitary and storm sewer?

Director Gulich – We installed some floatable baffles in those manholes over there. It was part of the sundry streets project.

Councilman Langman – Director Gulich just want to go over 248 project, some items on here that I had questions about. We are still playing to take care of Ellsworth even though it is not listed formally under the 248 Street project?

Director Gulich – We are still planning on taking care of Ellsworth.

Councilman Langman – Have we made any further decisions about the storm water outfall pipe for that project in relation to Harbortown?

Director Gulich – I was going to discuss this a little later, but since you brought it up, right now we met with Mr. Price last week in the Mayor's office. He feels himself that that is the best location, along the easterly property line. A 30 ft. easement along the side over there and CT Consultants, our engineers are in the process of designing it in that configuration. Our liaison with Mr. Mettha feels that those plans can be complete in about two months.

Councilman Langman – Is that compatible with any potential Harbortown development? In other words have we talked with JJR about location and are they comfortable with it?

Director Gulich – They have been consulted and I don't know maybe Director Pietravoia might want to speak up since he has had more recent conversations with JJR than myself.

Director Pietravoia – As you know they are going to be in town on Wednesday. We were planning to take some time with them in the afternoon and show them the actual draft drawings illustrating the 30 ft. easement. They did indicate that our best bet at this point would be to locate the line in such a way that it was on an extreme edge of the property. We think the eastern edge is probably the best location. We'll confirm that with them on Wednesday.

Councilman Wojtila – The interest rate of 6%, how does that compare to last year?

Director Johnson – That interest rate of 6% is pretty standard in all of those pieces of legislation. I think if those are only inserted in those as a not to exceed amount. Generally I believe last year we got about 4-4 1/2 % and I would expect that they should be in that same neighborhood or less.

President Holzheimer Gail- We have Ord. (291-09) in front of us which is for the motorized vehicle equipment.

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

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

Roll Call: Yeas: Gruber, Scarniench, Jones, Minarik, O'Neill, Wojtila, Langman,  
Van Ho, Holzheimer Gail

Passed.

#### **Ord. 65-2009 (292-09) Bonds**

An ordinance to provide for the issuance and sale of not to exceed \$712,000 in principal amount of bond anticipation notes of the City of Euclid, Ohio in anticipation of the issuance of bonds for the purpose of reconstructing, resurfacing and otherwise improving city streets, making certain repairs to sewer facilities in connection with street improvements, installing curbs as necessary and enhancing traffic signalization of city streets, together with the necessary appurtenances thereto, and declaring an emergency. (Sponsored by Mayor Cervenik and Entire Council by request of the Finance Director)

Councilman Van Ho moved for passage, Councilman Langman seconded.

Councilwoman Scarniench – If Director Gulich would just, for the sake of the audience, explain the difference between the waterline improvement, the resurfacing and the rejuvenation. So when we all tell our neighbors what it is that it going to happen on their street, we'll know what we're talking about.

Director Gulich – We'll do the resurfacing, that's probably the easiest one. Everyone knows what we do when we resurface streets. Basically come in and do any full depth repairs that are necessary, repair a water hole that are remaining from the year before and grind down the surface of the asphalt to give it a nice flat look to it and then we'll come in with two coats of asphalt, the leveling course and then the finished coat; come by and gutter seal that, end of that project.

The rejuvenation is what we normally do anywhere within 2-5 years after that asphalt is in place. We'll apply liquid asphalt rejuvenator, it does extend the life of the pavement by up to five

years, very cost effective method of extending pavement life, so we can get up to 15 years or more when we do the maintenance we're supposed to do along with the crack sealing.

The waterline streets. These are streets that have qualified under the Michael Benza study as being worthy of waterline work. That allows us to come back and resurface as we will in 2009 with the streets you see listed there where there's going to be some work done. A couple of the streets and I didn't bring the list in front of me, I think 236 & 238 we did the hydrants up there a few years back. That will qualify those streets to be funded under the waterline fund.

Councilwoman Jones – Maybe I missed that, but can you just explain the crack sealing and what that covers?

Director Gulich – We're resurfacing streets that are anywhere from 50-80 years old. It is inevitable that we'll get reflective cracking from the pavements underneath where there are weaknesses. That's how roads tend to fall apart. If you don't get in there and crack seal, you'll get the water in there, you get the freeze thaw and the pavements will degenerate a whole lot faster. The crack sealing and the pavement rejuvenation are the two best bangs for the buck when it comes to maintaining roads and extending the life of the money we invested in them.

Councilwoman Jones – The crack sealing is not the same as filling in any potholes or anything like that, that's different and separate?

Director Gulich – Crack sealing is exactly what it is called. It is simply coming in and sealing the cracks. When it comes to potholes, that's the area our Street Dept. maintains control of.

Councilwoman Jones – The streets that are on the list, how is it, is there some type of matrix that you keep track of on what streets were resurfaced in which years?

Director Gulich – We do that back in our engineering department and anyone from Council is always welcome to stop back and see Lee Bock there and see how we do that. I understand Councilman Langman made a visit over to Streets Dept. and anyone of our council people are always welcome to come over there and see exactly what goes on over there, or any of our departments.

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

Councilman O'Neill moved to suspend the rules, Councilman Wojtila seconded. Yeas: Unanimous.

Roll Call: Yeas: Gruber, Scarniench, Jones, Minarik, O'Neill, Wojtila, Langman,  
Van Ho, Holzheimer Gail

Passed.

**Ord. 66-2009 (293-09) Bonds**

An ordinance to provide for the issuance and sale of not to exceed \$59,000 in principal amount of bond anticipation notes of the City of Euclid, Ohio in anticipation of the issuance of bonds for the purpose of improving streets and municipal properties by clearing, trimming and planting trees and installing landscaping and playground and/or recreational equipment, and declaring an emergency. (Sponsored by Mayor Cervenik and Entire Council by request of Finance Director)

Councilwoman Jones moved for passage, Councilwoman Minarik seconded.

Councilwoman Jones moved to close debate, Councilwoman Scarniench seconded. Yeas: Unanimous.

Councilman O'Neill moved to suspend the rules, Councilman Langman seconded. Yeas: Unanimous.

Roll Call: Yeas: Gruber, Scarniench, Jones, Minarik, O'Neill, Wojtila, Langman,  
Van Ho, Holzheimer Gail

Passed.

**Ord. 67-2009 (294-09) Bonds**

An ordinance to provide for the issuance and sale of not to exceed \$298,000 in principal amount of bond anticipation notes of the City of Euclid, Ohio in anticipation of the issuance of bonds for the purpose of acquiring furniture and equipment for the city's police, fire, motor maintenance, parks and information technology departments, and declaring an emergency. (Sponsored by Mayor Cervenik and Entire Council by request of Finance Director)

Councilman Gruber moved for passage, Councilwoman Scarniench seconded.

Councilwoman Scarniench moved to close debate, Councilwoman Jones seconded. Yeas: Unanimous.

Councilwoman Minarik moved to suspend the rules, Councilman O'Neill seconded. Yeas: Unanimous.

Roll Call: Yeas: Gruber, Scarniench, Jones, Minarik, O'Neill, Wojtila, Langman,  
Van Ho, Holzheimer Gail

Passed.

**Ord. 68-2009 (295-09) Bonds**

An ordinance to provide for the issuance and sale of not to exceed \$428,000 in principal amount of bond anticipation notes of the City of Euclid, Ohio in anticipation of the issuance of bonds for the purpose of renovating, furnishing and equipping municipal buildings, and declaring and emergency. (Sponsored by Mayor Cervenik and Entire Council by request of Finance Director)

Councilman Wojtila moved for passage, Councilman Van Ho seconded.

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

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

Roll Call: Yeas: Gruber, Scarniench, Jones, Minarik, O'Neill, Wojtila, Langman,  
Van Ho, Holzheimer Gail

Passed.

**Ord. 69-2009 (296-09) Bonds**

An ordinance to provide for the issuance and sale of notes of the City of Euclid, Ohio, in anticipation of the issuance of bonds, in a principal amount of not to exceed \$5,600,000 for the purpose of improving waterlines in the City, including the replacement of hydrants, and declaring and emergency. (Sponsored by Mayor Cervenik and Entire Council by request of Finance Director)

Councilman Wojtila moved for passage, Councilman Langman seconded.

President Holzheimer Gail – Director Johnson I believe we have an amended version on our desks today, (296a-09). Could you tell us where the change has been made?

Director Johnson – In Section 2, the legislation refers to the expiration of these notes as 2009 in your original version. That was caught by bond counsel and they really expire May, 2010. The year was changed from 2009 to 2010.

President Holzheimer Gail – Did everyone get that? In Section 2, the amendment is in the last sentence of Section 2, the first interest payment and first principle payment on the bonds is estimated to be December 1, 2010, rather than 2009. And May 1<sup>st</sup>, is the first sentence, sorry.

Councilman Van Ho moved to amend Ord. (296-09) as stated. Councilman Langman seconded.

Roll Call: Yeas: Gruber, Scarniench, Jones, Minarik, O'Neill, Wojtila, Langman,  
Van Ho, Holzheimer Gail

Amended.

President Holzheimer Gail – Any additional questions on the ordinance?

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

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

Roll Call: Yeas: Gruber, Scarniench, Jones, Minarik, O'Neill, Wojtila, Langman,  
Van Ho, Holzheimer Gail

Passed.

**Ord. 70-2009 (297-09) Bonds**

An ordinance to provide for the issuance and sale of not to exceed \$740,000 in principal amount of bond anticipation notes of the City of Euclid, Ohio in anticipation of the issuance of bonds for the purpose of improving storm and sanitary sewers, and declaring an emergency. (Sponsored by Mayor Cervenik and Entire Council by request of Finance Director)

Councilman Wojtila moved for passage, Councilman Van Ho seconded.

Councilman Van Ho moved to close debate, Councilwoman Scarniench seconded. Yeas: Unanimous.

Councilman Wojtila moved to suspend the rules, Councilman O'Neill seconded. Yeas: Unanimous.

Roll Call: Yeas: Gruber, Scarniench, Jones, Minarik, O'Neill, Wojtila, Langman,  
Van Ho, Holzheimer Gail

Passed.

**Ord. 71-2009 (279-09) Bids E. 214 ST.**

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service of the City of Euclid to enter into a contract, after advertising for bids, for the East 214<sup>th</sup> Street, from Lakeshore Boulevard to South Lakeshore Boulevard, Sewer, Water and Pavement Reconstruction in the City of Euclid. (Sponsored by Councilman Wojtila by request of Service Director)

Councilman O'Neill moved for passage, Councilman Wojtila seconded.

Director Gulich – At long last 214 ST. project is ready to go. We're anticipating being able to advertise for bids a week from Friday. Generally from the time we start the bidding process to getting a shovel in the ground is about 60 days. I think it took 4-5 applications with Issue II. We really tried for this going back years ago knowing that the need was there. Subsequently, quite frankly, we haven't sunk a whole lot of effort into the street and it shows. We are really looking forward to getting in there and getting going on this project.

I'll just mention that we were able to obtain a loan from Issue II for \$958,500, it is a 0% loan. We were able to obtain a grant for \$639,000. We were also able to have Cleveland Water Dept. reimburse us for their fair share, that will be \$656,750. The total project cost of \$3,195,000, that leaves our share at \$940,750.

Over the weekend we got an e-mail from Councilman Wojtila with a number of questions. Having met with Director Johnson just before this meeting, we're comfortable with not having Peterson listed as one of the funding sources; contrary to an earlier e-mail I sent out.

Councilman O'Neill – Thank you Director Gulich for your efforts. I'm sure the people on 214 will appreciate some of the forwarded e-mails that I sent to you on some of the potholes on the street. Thank you to the 214 residents for understanding that this project is going to happen and they're very patient. It has been going on for a long time. I just want to thank the administration for their efforts. I'll look forward to the shovel in the ground.

Councilman Van Ho – Once we got the bids open, I'd like to see a copy of the bidder's list who took it out and how many actually bid. I'd also encourage the administration as we re-do the web page to put that ability for a bidder to drawn down off the web page our bid so that we can get more competition as we go. Thank you.

President Holzheimer Gail – Do we need to amend it to delete Peterson?

Director Frey – Yes, I think we should amend it and just striking out the word Peterson, in Section 2. I think that's the only place it is mentioned as I'm looking quickly.

Councilman Wojtila moved to amend Ord. (279-09) to delete the reference to Peterson. Councilman Gruber seconded.

Roll Call: Yeas: Gruber, Scarniench, Jones, Minarik, O'Neill, Wojtila, Langman,  
Van Ho, Holzheimer Gail

Amended.

President Holzheimer Gail – The only other comment I will make is that there are many mature trees on E. 214 St. and we'll ask that we are very timely with communication and make sure that there's open communication through the whole process in terms of trees and the work that is going on.

Director Gulich – There certainly will be.

Councilman O'Neill moved to close debate, Councilwoman Scarniench seconded. Yeas: Unanimous.

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

Roll Call: Yeas: Gruber, Scarniench, Jones, Minarik, O'Neill, Wojtila, Langman,  
Van Ho, Holzheimer Gail

Passed.

**Ord. 72-2009 (273-09) Bids Lane Lining Streets**

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service of the City of Euclid to enter into a contract, after advertising for bids, for the labor and materials necessary for lane lining of various streets within the City of Euclid for the year 2009. (Sponsored by Councilwoman Wojtila by request of Service Director)

Councilman Wojtila moved for passage, Councilman Van Ho seconded.

Director Gulich – Every year we go out for bids, enter into contract to have our streets completely lane lined. All our main streets need to be done on an annual basis, it keeps them looking nice, it keeps our city safer and keeps us in conformance with the State laws.

Last year we spent \$25,206.50. There is a line item in the Traffic Maintenance budget of \$30,000 intended to cover this and some other professional services. There is a funding source that is outside the General Fund, we do use special revenue funds to fund this operation.

Councilman Van Ho – Same thing as I asked before. When we open the bids, I'd like to see a bidders list and who bid and once again, put the ability on the web to put the bid on it.

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

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

Roll Call: Yeas: Gruber, Scarniench, Jones, Minarik, O'Neill, Wojtila, Langman,  
Van Ho, Holzheimer Gail

Passed.

**Ord. 73-2009 (274-09) Ambulance**

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor, as Ex-Officio Director of Public Safety of the City of Euclid, to purchase a 2009 Braun Chief XL Select Ambulance for the Fire Department from Penn Care, 113 North Road, Niles, Ohio 44446, at a cost of One Hundred Forty Seven Thousand Two Hundred Eighty-Four Dollars (\$147,284.00) through the State of Ohio Cooperative Purchasing Program. (Sponsored by Councilman Gruber by request of the Fire Chief)

Councilman Gruber moved for passage, Councilwoman Scarniench seconded.

Chief Cosgriff – This ordinance is for the purchase of a 2009 Braun Chief XL Ambulance. Under State contract pricing to replace Rescue Squad #1. Current rescue squad is a year 2000 freightliner having almost 108,000. This squad if approved will be built on the smaller Ford E450 chassis and will match the rescue squads 2 & 3 that we purchased last year.

The current rescue 1 will be moved to a back-up status and either rescue 8 or rescue 9 will be removed from service, depending on the recommendation of the service garage. This item was included in the 2009 general permanent improvement budget. I ask for your approval.

Councilman Van Ho – Is there an ability to take the boxes off of the chassis of these things and put them on new chassis and cut down on cost in the future?

Chief Cosgriff – I did get your e-mail on that and I spoke with the Supt. of Motor Maintenance. He said one of the problems with that is, number one, the box has got some problems with the doors itself. They've been welded and repaired a couple of times. As well as the fact that we are going to a different chassis. The old one being the freightliner which is a heavier duty chassis and we're going to a smaller, it is not as heavy duty, but the recommendation is that we'll get similar amount of miles out

of it. It affords a better ride which certainly is better for patient care. To take the box off of the freightliner chassis and put it on the smaller Ford chassis would be problematic, according to the Supt. of Motor Maintenance. His recommendation is just to replace the whole thing.

Councilman Van Ho – I wouldn't dream of stopping this one, but I'm just saying in the future could we look at that because I would imagine we could save significant dollars if it comes that the chassis are compatible as we replace them in the future.

Chief Cosgriff – We could certainly look at it. The problem is the boxes are beaten up too. This has been in service for almost 10 years and going through 10 winters and 10 years of riding on our roads, the boxes are pretty well beaten up too.

Councilman Gruber – I fully support this and I think all of Council's names should be put on this. This would mean that all of our rescue squads are now new and fully functional. With changes the boxes out, with the new technology and stuff, maybe they might not mesh so well. So I fully support the Chief and his quest to get all new rescue squads for the citizens of Euclid. Thank you Chief.

Councilman O'Neill – I concur with Councilman Gruber's sentiments. Also I would like to add, Chief, do we have any plans at looking at a 4<sup>th</sup> squad perhaps next year to be rotating so we have all our units are pretty much frontline units for the department?

Chief Cosgriff – We have not looked into that. We have an engine and a ladder truck that also need replacing.

Councilman O'Neill – I understand. My concern is that you're pulling this well deserved unit out of service, it needs to go and it goes into reserve status. My concern is that unit is pretty beat and we should probably be looking at getting a fourth squad, having a good squad in reserve so if something has to go out for service, we have pretty much a frontline squad that goes into service and it is dependable. We can't afford to have units breaking down when we have patients in the back of them. Especially units that do about 80% of the work for the fire department in the city.

Chief Cosgriff – You'll get no argument from me on that.

Councilman O'Neill moved to close debate, Councilman Gruber seconded. Yeas: Unanimous.

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

Roll Call: Yeas: Gruber, Scarniench, Jones, Minarik, O'Neill, Wojtila, Langman,  
Van Ho, Holzheimer Gail

Passed.

**Ord. 74-2009 (277-09) Exhaust Systems for Fire**

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor, as Ex-Officio Director of Public Safety of the City of Euclid to purchase eleven (11) Ward Diesel No Smoke Diesel Exhaust Systems, installed, from Ward Diesel Filter Systems in Elmira, New York, for the Fire Department for a total cost of Ninety Four Thousand Three Hundred Fourteen Dollars (\$94,314.00), with eighty percent (80%) paid through the Assistance to Firefighters Grant and twenty percent (20%) paid by the City of Euclid. (Sponsored by Councilman Gruber by request of Fire Chief)

Councilman Gruber moved for passage, Councilman O'Neill seconded.

Chief Cosgriff – This ordinance is for the purchase of 11 Ward Diesel No Smoke Diesel Exhaust Systems. If approved, these units will be installed on all diesel powered fire apparatus and they effectively contain 99.9% of exhaust emissions when the vehicles are started on the apparatus floors.

As it stands right now, when we start up these vehicles, the carcinogenic exhaust is pumped into the fire apparatus bay and consequently breathed in by the firefighters. Studies have shows the accumulative effect of breathing in these fumes present a significant health risk later in life. We currently use an exhaust system to exhaust the fumes, but this does not prevent us from breathing in the fumes while they are being exhausted, typically 15-20 minutes later. Down the road, these units can be removed from the vehicles on which they are installed and replaced and installed on the new vehicles. The city will be responsible for 20% of the cost of these units, or about \$19,000 with the remainder being funded by the Department of Homeland Security Assistance to Firefighters Grant.

This was also included in the General Permanent Improvement Budget. I'll be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Councilman Gruber – This is a bargain to protect our firefighters and for the citizens of Euclid. I'd ask that all of Council be put on this as well.

Councilman O'Neill – I totally support this being a firefighter myself, it is not what you breath in but those carcinogens get on the turn-out gear, get on the clothing of the firefighters and it is just a bad thing. As far as switching them over to other apparatus, we buy new squads, we buy new trucks, the only cost to the city is the labor to take it off of one rig and put it on another. The component itself has already been paid for. It really is a win/win situation. What's the life expectancy out of these units?

Chief Cosgriff – I don't know that.

Councilman O'Neill – Thank you, I support the legislation.

Chief Cosgriff – There are removable filters that can be replaced.

President Holzheimer Gail – Cleveland and I think they're trying to get other cities looking to do some anti-idling legislation. This would also help in that regard as well because it reduces the emissions to the environment.

Chief Cosgriff – The way these units work is they run for a limited amount of time to contain the exhaust fumes until we get out of the fire house. Then it exhausts it on a regular basis. That way the filters have a longer life.

President Holzheimer Gail – It is not working all the time, just on the start up.

Chief Cosgriff – Correct.

Councilman O'Neill moved to close debate, Councilwoman Scarniench seconded. Yeas: Unanimous.

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

Roll Call: Yeas: Gruber, Scarniench, Jones, Minarik, O'Neill, Wojtila, Langman,  
Van Ho, Holzheimer Gail

Passed.

**Or. 75-2009 (278-09) Co-Oximeters Fire Dept.**

An ordinance authorizing the Mayor, as Ex-Officio Director of Public Safety of the City of Euclid to purchase five (5) Masimo Rad-57c Handheld Co-Oximeters from "Masimo", for the Fire Department for a total cost of Eighteen Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Six Dollars (\$18,756.00), with eighty percent (80%) paid through the Assistance to Firefighters Grant and twenty percent (20%) paid by the City of Euclid. (Sponsored by Councilman Gruber by request of Fire Chief)

Councilman Gruber moved for passage, Councilman O'Neill seconded.

Chief Cosgriff – This item is also from the Department of Homeland Security Assistance to Firefighter Grant, meaning that 20% of the total cost or \$3,756 will be born by the City of Euclid. This item was also included in the 2009 General Permanent Improvement Budget. Masimo is the only manufacturer of non-evasive carbon monoxide detectors. These units can be used to rapidly determine the level of Co exposure in a person's bloodstream. What this means is that we can clip the monitor onto a person's finger and it will read the level of carbon monoxide and oxygen in the bloodstream immediately. The only other way to take this measure is in a medical facility, equipped with a lab, following and arterial blood sample, which obviously is an invasive procedure. If approved, our intention is to place these units on the fire apparatus in the Command Vehicle and the Fire Prevention Bureau vehicle. We will then be able to monitor exposure to carbon monoxide to our firefighters as well as to our citizens and to our mutual aid companies. Like the previous items, these units will offer us a greater degree of safety due to the exposure of carbon monoxide both in the short term as well as the long term accumulative effects and I ask for your support.

Councilman Gruber – First of all I'd like to thank you Chief and your folks for getting these grants. Anything that helps our citizens and your firefighters, we're all for it. I would like to add all of council's names to this if there are no objections.

Councilman Van Ho – I agree with Councilman Gruber on everything he said.

Councilman Van Ho moved to close debate, Councilwoman Scarniench seconded. Yeas: Unanimous.

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

Roll Call: Yeas: Gruber, Scarniench, Jones, Minarik, O'Neill, Wojtila, Langman,  
Van Ho, Holzheimer Gail

Passed.

**Ord. 76-2009 (285-09) Ford F250 Waste Water**

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service of the City of Euclid to enter into a contract with Valley Ford, 5715 Canal Road, Cleveland, Ohio 44125, for the purchase of a 2009 Ford F250 ¾ Ton Pick Up Truck with Plow for the Waste Water Treatment Plant in the amount of Twenty Six Thousand One Hundred Sixty and 50/100 Dollars (\$26,160.50).

(Sponsored by Councilman Wojtila by request of Service Director)

Councilman Wojtila moved for passage, Councilman Langman seconded.

Director Gulich – This is indeed part of the 2009 Capital Budget. Yes indeed the costs do come from the Waste Water Treatment Plant operation. What we're doing here is replacing a 14 year old two wheel drive pick up truck with a new truck that will be equipped with a snow plow so that we can also use it to fight snow and ice when necessary. I would have to check with Director Frey, I don't know if we need to make any amendments stating that it is from the 2009 Capital Budget and the Waste Water Treatment funds are the source.

President Holzheimer Gail – We do have an amended version (285a-09), in front of us which adds a new Section 2, saying funds to pay for this expenditure are to be derived from the 2009 Capital budget and then renumbers Section 3 & 4.

Councilman O'Neill – To Director Frey, this is going to be a four wheel drive vehicle with a plow. Are there any restrictions on that vehicle, can that be used for plowing during heavy snow in the city outside of the waste water treatment plant? Can it be used on the roads as well? Or does it have to be just used from funds from the Waste Water Treatment Plant?

Director Frey – The vehicle is being funded through the capital program from Waste Water, so it really is a waste water vehicle other user communities provide their share of the cost of that. Technically we can't use it outside.

Councilman O'Neill – The reason I bring that up Madame Chair, is if we see a heavy snow fall that plow is seen by some of our senior residents wondering why it is not out plowing, we could explain it. It cannot be used for other areas of the city.

Director Frey – We'll use it to the fullest extent we're permitted.

Councilman O'Neill – I understand. I appreciate that.

President Holzheimer Gail – Would somebody like to make a motion to amend as indicated in (285a)?

Councilwoman Scarniench moved to amend Ord. (285-09) as reflected in (285a-09). Councilman Wojtila seconded.

Roll Call: Yeas: Gruber, Scarniench, Jones, Minarik, O'Neill, Wojtila, Langman,  
Van Ho, Holzheimer Gail

Amended.

Councilwoman Scarniench moved to close debate, Councilwoman Jones seconded. Yeas: Unanimous.

Councilwoman Minarik moved to suspend the rules, Councilman O'Neill seconded. Yeas: Unanimous.

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Roll Call: Yeas: Gruber, Scarniench, Jones, Minarik, O'Neill, Wojtila, Langman,  
Van Ho, Holzheimer Gail

Passed.

**Ord. 77-2009 (286-09) KNM – Dille Rd.**

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service of the City of Euclid to enter into an agreement with KNM Consultants, Inc. to provide construction management services for the Dille Road and East 204<sup>th</sup> Street Improvements in the City of Euclid (O.P.W.C. Project No. CA 22K/CA 23 K). (Sponsored by Councilman Wojtila by request of Service Director)

Councilman Wojtila moved for passage, Councilwoman Scarniench seconded.

Director Gulich – This is the final piece of legislation we'll need to bring before Council in order to start this project. It will provide for the construction manager, project administration and inspection services that are required for this project. We have a dollar amount for this not to exceed \$150,000. I know Director Johnson spoke a little bit to the funding sources. I was going to go through the whole thing here real quick. For the Dille E. 204 Project, we have a 0% loan of \$950,000 that was mentioned. We have a grant in the amount of \$475,000. We have the Cleveland Water Dept. as you heard cooperating to the tune of \$279,350 for a total project cost of \$2,375,000 that would leave Euclid's share at \$670,650.

I would just like to add, Director Johnson's department got an update from Issue II people down in Columbus. I haven't had a chance to see the spreadsheet, but certainly would like to share it with Council. Since 1990 the dollar amounts on one of these pieces of paper in front of me here, I believe we've exceeded now \$41 million in project completion through funding that was direct result of Issue II. It is quite an accomplishment.

Councilman Gruber – Yes it is and we appreciate the small amount that we have to pay on this, so let's get started on 204. Thank you.

Councilman Van Ho – I think one thing that the people in the audience and the people watching TV need to know, that wonder why we're hiring somebody to supervise this. Hiring these people is the best cost containment we can have because they're out there on the site, they are very familiar with the projects and will save us money in the long run. I'd also like to see hourly break-outs on this, the same that I asked for on CT. Thank you.

Director Gulich – I did find that dollar amount \$41,718,932.

President Holzheimer Gail – Very good, congratulations.

Councilman Wojtila – The K&M Consultants, we authorized them, didn't we recently on other projects, as construction managers?

Director Gulich – Yes, E. 222 St. project, and currently something we're wrapping up is the sundry streets finally. We had to kind of take a break through the winter months and they've served us well, the projects have gotten done on time and under budget.

Councilman Wojtila – K&M serves as our eyes and ears on site?

Director Gulich – Yes.

Councilman Wojtila moved to close debate, Councilwoman Scarniench seconded. Yeas: Unanimous.

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

Roll Call: Yeas: Gruber, Scarniench, Jones, Minarik, O'Neill, Wojtila, Langman,  
Van Ho, Holzheimer Gail.

Passed.

**Ord. 78-2009 (287-09) KNM E. 214 St.**

An ordinance authorizing the Director of Public Service of the City of Euclid to enter into an agreement with KNM Consultants, Inc. to provide construction management services for the East 214<sup>th</sup> Street and Lakeshore Boulevard Improvements in the City of Euclid (O.P.W.C. Project No. CA 14K/CA 15 K). (Sponsored by Councilman Wojtila by request of Service Director)

Councilman Wojtila moved for passage, Councilman O'Neill seconded.

Director Gulich – I think after this one I'm done for the night. This provides for the construction management, project administration and specs and services for the E. 214 St. job. Again, I don't think we need to talk about it anymore, let's just get going on it.

Councilman Wojtila – Director Gulich, total cost of this, not just our contribution but the total project cost?

Director Gulich – Total project cost, \$3,195,000 for the E. 214 St. project. We've got Issue II funding and Cleveland Water funding, leaving Euclid's share at \$940,750. Issue I, 0% loan of \$958,500. A grant of \$639,000 and Cleveland Water Dept. cooperating to dollar amount of \$656,750.

President Holzheimer Gail – I didn't want to confuse people but you said Issue II. It used to be Issue II, now it is Issue I, that's where the confusion comes in.

Mayor Cervenik – You will hear many of us often still referring to it as Issue II. When the second round of funding and bonding came out, they changed it to Issue I on the ballot. Actually its been approved by DOPWICK, so we probably should start saying DOPWICK.

Councilwoman Minarik – On the previous piece, (279-09) we amended it to take out Peterson. Should we take out Peterson on this one as well on Section 2? Because the other one related to this project, E. 214, where the funding is? This time we are using Peterson?

Director Johnson – 214 is Waterline and Cleveland Water.

Councilwoman Minarik – Right, but this one says Issue I, Peterson Waterline and Infrastructure Improvement Fund. I'm just asking?

Director Johnson – You should take out Peterson.

President Holzheimer Gail – Just the word Peterson, correct and keep Waterline and Infrastructure Improvement Fund, just the word Peterson.

Director Johnson – This dearth of projects that are all of sudden we're doing is a real challenge to try to keep up with.

Councilwoman Minarik moved to amend Ord. (287-09) to remove Peterson in Section 2. Councilwoman Scarniench seconded.

Roll Call: Yeas: Gruber, Scarniench, Jones, Minarik, O'Neill, Wojtila, Langman,  
Van Ho, Holzheimer Gail

Amended.

Mayor Cervenik – I want to thank Council for supporting all of these projects and the financing. This is the City of Euclid's version of the stimulus package locally. You're going to see a lot of work done in the neighborhoods and a lot of people working. We appreciate your support in all of this.

Councilman O'Neill – Just to the Mayor, maybe with these workers, we need to hand out some restaurant brochures and they can stop and eat in our restaurants while they're working. Thank you.

Councilwoman Jones – I just have a comment. Out of all these projects that we looked at the Water Dept. is part of most of these, if not all of them. My concern is that even though these are projects that are going to take on different construction people other than the normal daily Water Dept. employees. My concern is the normal daily activities that the Water Dept. has to look after, where does the priority fall on those? We have quite a few leakages on several streets as I spoke to you about Mayor. My concern is what's going to be the priority on the normal daily occurrences or problem issues with the Water Dept.?

Director Gulich – Good question, I'm glad you asked, I'll respond to that. This extra work in now way will affect the work they otherwise do. The work will be performed as part of the City of Euclid's contract. There will be no Water Dept. workers out on the job, except for when they are required to have an inspector there. Two things, this will no way negatively impact the rest of the work they do in

the city. Also the jobs you're aware of that are priorities for this year and next year, it does not have a negative impact on them. The best way to sum it up is these are all bonus jobs we weren't anticipating on getting initially. We made visits down to the Water Dept. Met with the Assistant Commissioners and lobbied for funding for these projects and we did good.

Councilwoman Jones – We should see on the outstanding problem issues now, not including these projects, we should see something happening with those leakages that we talked about, the list of them?

Director Gulich – Yes.

Councilwoman Jones moved to close debate, Councilwoman Scarniench seconded. Yeas: Unanimous.

Councilwoman Minarik moved to suspend the rules, Councilman O'Neill seconded. Yeas: Unanimous.

Roll Call: Yeas: Gruber, Scarniench, Jones, Minarik, O'Neill, Wojtila, Langman,  
Van Ho, Holzheimer Gail

Passed.

**Ord. 79-2009 (290-09) Breckenridge Senior Services**

An emergency ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of Euclid to enter into a contract with Breckenridge Senior Independence for the provision of Nursing and Personal Care Services in the amount not to exceed Twenty Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$22,500.00) for the period of April 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009. (Sponsored by Councilwoman Minarik by request of Mayor Cervenik)

Councilwoman Minarik moved for passage, Councilwoman Jones seconded.

Mayor Cervenik – Terah McNeal Manager of our Senior Programs is here to explain this. I did want to explain that although this amount is under \$25,000 we did want to bring it in front of Council. If it was an annual project, it would have been over \$25,000. Then Terah is going to explain to you what we get for this and how important this program is.

Mgr. McNeal – Breckenridge Senior Independence provides home health aide services and nursing services to our seniors that are basically homebound. This is a part of our health and wellness services and programs that we provide, in addition to many of the other services such as the chore and homemaking. This is specifically designed to help those seniors with bathing and dressing and changing their linens and things like that. To still help them maintain their independence and well being in the home.

Councilman O'Neill – Will they be using the new van that we got them to do this service?

Mgr. McNeal – No, Senior Independence has their own transportation. But the seniors are currently using the van.

Councilman O'Neill – I support this piece of legislation. Anything we do for our seniors and help them stay in their houses and live better lives, I certainly support that and I appreciate what you do for them. I've been over to the Senior Center, the Lakefront Center, and talked to some of the seniors and I see the programs that you do over there and I appreciate your work over there. I support this and I encourage my colleagues on Council also to support it. Thank you.

President Holzheimer Gail – This is part of the Block Grant Funding, so the Citizens Advisory Committee does review the progress from last year and recommended that this be approved for this year. Ms. McNeal, I would like to give you the opportunity if people watching would like information on how to receive these services, who should they call?

Mgr. McNeal – They can call the Senior Center, 216-289-2985 and they can now ask for Outreach and we will start the process from there. We have a social worker who attends monthly meetings that is very informed about the process that is taking place with the seniors that are getting this service. They can call the Senior Center and we can make sure they will be taken care of.

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

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

Roll Call: Yeas: Gruber, Scarniench, Jones, Minarik, O'Neill, Wojtila, Langman,  
Van Ho, Holzheimer Gail

Passed.

**Ord. 80-2009 (271-09) Millisor & Noble**

An emergency ordinance authorizing an encumbrance of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (100,000.00) for prepaid legal services for the year 2009, to the firm of Millisor and Noble in connection with the defense of the City, the Fire Chief and former and unnamed members of the Fire Department in a wrongful termination lawsuit brought by former Fire Chief Michael Dworning. (Sponsored by Mayor Cervenik)

Councilman Langman moved for passage, Councilman Van Ho seconded.

Director Frey – This is really a, it is not pre-paid legal services, but it is a drawn down requisition. This should cover the services for Millisor through the very expensive and tedious process of trial preparation in this case and will cover existing invoices that have been received but not paid by the City for the months of January, February 2009. I would anticipate for services rendered in March and April as well.

Councilwoman Scarniench – Do we need to change that pre-paid to drawn down?

Director Frey – No I don't think that's a material change in the legislation.

Councilwoman Minarik – This will bring the total to four hundred and thirty some thousand dollars so far, Director Frey?

Director Frey – Give me a second here I'll look. Yes, it would be about \$434,000 from the inception of this case in 2005.

Councilwoman Minarik moved to close debate, Councilwoman Scarniench seconded. Yeas: Unanimous.

Councilman O'Neill moved to suspend the rules, Councilman Wojtila seconded. Yeas: Unanimous.

Roll Call: Yeas: Gruber, Scarniench, Jones, Minarik, O'Neill, Wojtila, Langman,  
Van Ho, Holzheimer Gail

Passed.

**Ord. (237-09) Amend 1755.25 - Tabled**

An ordinance amending the Building and Housing Code of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Euclid to add Section 1755.25 "Maintenance of Exterior Drives, Parking, Auto Maneuvering Areas, Walks and Patios setting forth standards to be used in the inspections, construction, and repair of driveways and other paved areas. (Sponsored by Councilman Van Ho by request of CS&ED Director) (Tabled 3/2/09)

Councilwoman Scarniench moved to table, Councilwoman Minarik seconded.

President Holzheimer Gail – These three items as you remember were part of a package. One piece went to Planning & Zoning. They are still hearing that. The anticipation is that it will be back at the next meeting. The recommendation was to table these so that we could discuss them as a package.

Councilman Van Ho – (microphone was not turned on)

President Holzheimer Gail – These were not sent to the Housing Committee. Your legislation regarding the inspections is what is scheduled for the Housing Meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup>. These were separate pieces.

Roll Call on Motion to Table.

Roll Call: Yeas: Gruber, Scarniench, Jones, Minarik, O'Neill, Wojtila, Langman,  
Van Ho, Holzheimer Gail

Tabled.

**Ord. (239-09) Amend Code 1733 Tabled**

An ordinance repealing Sections 1733.05 and 1733.06 of the Building and Housing Code for the City of Euclid to move the City's foundation, grading, and drainage standards under newly enacted Sections 1749.06 and 1749.07. (Sponsored by Councilman Van Ho by request of CS&ED Director) (Tabled 3/2/09)

Councilman Van Ho moved to table. Councilman Langman seconded.

Roll Call: Yeas: Gruber, Scarniench, Jones, Minarik, O'Neill, Wojtila, Langman,  
Van Ho, Holzheimer Gail

Tabled.

**Ord. (240-09) Amend Code 1749 - Tabled**

An ordinance amending the Building and Housing Code of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Euclid to add Section 1749.08 "Minimum Standards for Installation of Drives, Parking, Auto Maneuvering, Walks, Patios and Dumpster Screening Areas setting forth standards to be used in the installation of driveways and other paved areas outside of the public rights-of-way. (Sponsored by Councilman Van Ho by request of CS&ED Director)

Councilman Van Ho moved to table. Councilman Wojtila seconded.

Roll Call: Yeas: Gruber, Scarniench, Jones, Minarik, O'Neill, Wojtila, Langman,  
Van Ho, Holzheimer Gail

Tabled.

**Res. 81-2009 (272-09) Employee Free Choice Act**

A resolution urging Congress to pass the Employee Free Choice Act to protect and preserve for America's workers their freedom to choose for themselves whether or not to form a union. (Sponsored by Mayor Cervenik, Council President Holzheimer Gail, and Councilman Van Ho) (Add Gruber, Scarniench, Jones, O'Neill)

Councilman Van Ho moved for passage, Councilwoman Scarniench seconded.

Councilman Van Ho – I would like to have this to encourage our representatives to vote for this because in recent years there has been, someone has phrased it as a, cottage industry, that has been built up to allow for the intimidation of workers. In many elections, a lot of the workers get fired if they favor a union, this will bring it to a head. They will be able to bring unions in and if we look at Euclid, a great number of our citizens are blue collar workers who would benefit by unions which protect their jobs and give better benefits. I urge that it be passed.

Mayor Cervenik – I also feel that employees should have the ability to organize without being threatened or fearing their livelihood in their present job. Although I may not agree with every paragraph in the act that is in Washington, to stand up for worker's rights to organize and the benefits that workers get in certain industries from a union is why my name is on here. I do strongly urge its passing as well.

President Holzheimer Gail – I did a little bit of research and just wanted to share a couple things about what does the Employee Free Choice Act do. It let's employees decide how to express their choice to organize, whether by balloting or by majority sign up. Brings a neutral third party to settle a contract when a company and newly certified union cannot agree on a contract. It strengthens penalties against companies that illegally coerce and intimidate employees in an effort to prevent them from forming a union. It has been shown that freedom of choice to join with others and bargain for better wages and benefits is essential to economic opportunity and good living standards. Unions benefit communities by strengthening living standards, stabilizing our tax base and promoting equal treatment among workers. Union workers are more likely to be guaranteed health coverage and reliable pensions. When the rights of workers to form a union is violated, wages fall, race and gender pay gaps widen, work place discrimination increases and job safety standards suffer. The Employee Free Choice Act will safeguard worker's ability to make their own decisions to form a union.

This was brought forward to us by a local resident, a group of residents who are part of unions. I think it is certainly my belief that we should support those efforts in our community and in our county to work towards economic justice and better wages for all.

Councilwoman Scarniench – I totally agree with everything you said. When it was brought forward, I did my own research and I would like my name on here and I would hope that everybody on Council would want their name on this on.

Councilwoman Minarik – I do have several problems with this Free Choice Act. First of all the United States Chamber of Commerce is opposed to it. Senator Specter and Feinstein have both come out opposed to it. The minority business groups estimate 640,000 will be lost if this passes. Two of the problems that are from this, snap elections. Yes while members can still have a private ballot, once everything gets in place, there are only several days before the vote takes place. Employers do not have the opportunity to come back and rebut any arguments that the union organizers have made. Probably the biggest problem I have with it is that if when a union is formed, they can't come up with a contract that's able to be managed by both parties such as we did in the city between the firefighters, the police and the administration and all the unions work together, the government will step in with an arbitrator who doesn't necessarily know anything about the business climate and will arbitrarily determine a contract; will arbitrarily set wages; will arbitrarily determine all the benefits. For this reason, I think the system is working fine and I think if the Chamber of Commerce for United States opposes it, that's good enough for me. Please do not put my name on this. Thank you.

President Holzheimer Gail – I did want to add in Cuyahoga County, Cleveland, Lakewood, Parma, Parma Heights and North Olmsted have already passed similar legislation so I did want to share that as well.

Councilman Langman – I am sympathetic to the goals of the act, but there are certain elements to the Act that I think are deal killers, more or less. So I would have to vote against this resolution but I do favor worker's rights to organize in a fair and un-coerced environment. I don't think the legislation working through Congress will address all of that. Thank you.

Councilman Wojtila – At 1:45 this morning I looked at this legislation, didn't have a chance to do much research other than what I pulled off the internet today. I have not had a chance to review the Act in detail. I don't want my name added to the legislation and I at this point will not vote in favor of this Resolution.

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

Roll Call: Yeas: Gruber, Scarniench, Jones, O'Neill, Van Ho, Holzheimer Gail

Nays: Minarik, Wojtila, Langman

Passed.

#### COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

President Holzheimer Gail – This is the Committee of the Whole Public Portion. You may speak to anything for the good of the city. Please state your name and address for the record at the microphone.

Ms. Jinai Amos – 23410 Lake Shore Blvd. This evening I just have a general question about the Neighborhood Tenant and Condo Association Grant. I did try to, since I seen it on the Agenda for this evening, I did try to do a little bit of research online and was not very successful in that. Who is the Department that's organizing that or responsible for that? I would appreciate a contact person or a department. Also if there are any known application deadlines for this year, if that could also be stated. As well as if there are project start date stipulations as well as any general eligibility that might be good for myself and other viewers to know?

Mayor Cervenik – That is run through my office under the guidance of Lisa Mayernik. She can be reached at 289-2786. She can answer all of those questions and help anyone who thinks they qualify or would like to apply for it. As I said earlier, we send out to 73 associations and only 38 grants were actually requested. I would like to see that number go up.

Ms. Amos – Did you have any idea of application deadlines or when start dates usually occur? Are these usually for the following year?

Mayor Cervenik – We mail the applications out. I do have one here which I suppose I can give you.

Ms. Amos – Thank you.

Mr. Ray Petrea – 353 E. 232 St. I've been a resident of Euclid for about 21 years. I consider it a privilege to address this Council and the public. I was quite impressed with the Coral presentation for Shore. Shore has not been addressed for decades. Problems are creative opportunities. If problems are not addressed, they cannot be advanced. Mr. Rubin and his company, Coral Company, has convinced me that they are confident that they can address what needs to be done to make this building a vital, mature point in the reconstruction of downtown Euclid. He is bright, articulate and straightforward and I believe him to be an honest businessman. He has his prior success and surrounding neighborhoods of tackling deteriorating problems and revitalized the Shaker Square area and the area on Cedar. He has a bright intelligent staff. Their teamwork, working together, I believe gives Euclid the best opportunity to revitalize Shore. They have the experience and the confidence and ability to solve problems and resources to call upon them to assist. They have presented a plan that's revocable if the City of Euclid is not pleased with their progress with 60 days notice. They gave no sign of presenting a snow problem to the public. He often said, I don't know, and the reason for that was they have not yet had hands on experience at Shore in managing it.

Shore has untapped potential that can help revitalize this community. There was a number of things on earth and in this world that people said could not be done. One of the first that I can recall is Noah's Ark. People laughed at Noah. The Great Pyramids was a massive task to accomplish. The Eiffel Tower was a task that many people thought was impossible. The Hoover Dame is another one. The Expansion Bridge is a task that was successful. The Holland Tunnel was really a challenge. The no stop highway from New York to Chicago was another but yet a reality and many, many more.

Action is the single most powerful tool of overcoming fear. Martin Luther King said that the time is always right to do what is right. Robert Kennedy said, some men see things as they are and say why; I dream things that never were and say why not.

President Holzheimer Gail – Thank you Mr. Petrea.

Ms. Audrey Kaplan Goodman – 20201 Glen Russ Lane. There's a famous song that contains the lyrics, I believe the children are our future. Teach them well and let them lead the way. I don't know of a better way to teach our children then to provide them with a place that provides an atmosphere filled with arts, music, fundamentals of learning, spirituality and recreation. Here in Euclid we know this place as the Shore Cultural Centre. Without Shore, we will deprive our youth a safe place to express themselves artistically, musically and recreationally. In addition, we would also lose Tri-C and the Culinary School, along with a theater group whose home has been here at Shore for a very long time. Let's not forget that we lost UpStage Players last year when they were forced to find a new home.

What about the people who come to the Hunger Center on a regular basis? Where will they go to find food for their families? Where will the New Day Academy go? What about the numerous churches and their members who attend weekly services? Let's also not forget our Euclid Orchestra. One of the finest local groups of talented musicians who enjoy playing in the marvelous auditorium.

Shore is such a positive in Euclid. The time is now to act on one of the proposals that we heard in recent weeks. We definitely cannot afford to lose anymore of the remaining tenants.

I attended both meetings that outline the proposals for the Shore Cultural Centre. In my opinion, the proposal by Peter Rubin and the Coral Company is the only viable answer. Is it perfect? No. But the Coral Group under Mr. Rubin's leadership has the experience and property management and the dedicated staff to run with their plan and try to make a go of things. I urge anyone from Council who has not seen Shaker Square or University Corners to take a short drive and see what those locations look like now. Coral has transformed them into thriving centers bringing their neighborhood residents together for shopping and socialization. The Shore Cultural Centre could be the same type of location for Euclid. It could also become an incubator for future business people to come and share ideas with others and each other.

We all hear that it will cost so much money to rehabilitate the building. Where will the money come from? Ladies and Gentlemen, sometimes you just have to make a decision regardless of the cost. You cannot put a price on a child's face when they've played well in a sport they love or act in a play or musical program and receive the well-deserved applause from an audience. That kind of recognition is priceless.

Where do any of us find the money to send our kids to college? A State school today runs \$10,000-\$15,000 a year and goes up every single year. Somehow we find a way to pay for it. You find a way, you make a commitment. The Coral Group can find the funds for Shore. They just have to be given the opportunity. Their experience with getting grants and needed funds must be explored.

In closing I'd like to remind Council that putting Shore on the ballot or demolition of the building were never proposals. I'm tired of hearing that rhetoric from you people. Those kinds of statements are cop outs and were never options to begin with. The time for Shore is now. The time for council to make the right decision is now. Let's give the Coral Group the chance to prove what they say they can do. What do we have to lose? Absolutely nothing. But we have everything to gain by

keeping the jewel of our city very much alive. Our children's future depends on it and the future of Euclid depends on it as well. Thank you.

Ms. Pearlitha Taylor – 1495 E. 193 St. I came here tonight to basically talk about Shore Cultural Centre. But after looking at the Agenda and listen to the Council approve so many things, that it hurts my heart, to see how you so freely give away money. You hire landscapers from Wickliffe and Geneva. You put more value on trees and decoration than you do on Shore Cultural Centre.

Not only that, I'm looking at how you fighting a law suit, spending hundreds of dollars each year, that the total is up to \$430,000. Then you want to propose another \$100,000. But you didn't want to do that when the DOJ came to keep the reputation of Euclid are not being prejudice. I am really hurt with what I am reading and seeing here. I can't believe this Council. Do you do any homework? Like for instance, the \$22,500 for nursing care, independent care. Do you know that the County give that free service? You don't need to spend money for that. We have an agency that give that free service. We have all types of program in Cuyahoga County. What are you Council people doing? You're giving away money. You spending money like it is water, but you do not have money to repair Shore.

This is the only place our young children and young men and women has to go. A young gentleman came with me tonight and he was going to speak, but after hearing all these things that you're approving money, selling bonds and borrowing money to do this and do that. I can't believe it. Some of the things that you are doing, it really hurts. It hurt that this City is being sold down the drain. Your values. You do not think out of the box. You have no dreams. You have no vision. I can't believe this. We have building closing, building standing. You talk about putting a Library at Shore. We still paying for this Library that we have. It is not paid for. We just passed a tax levy for that Library. Where are you going to get the money to tear down Shore? That same money you talking about using to tear down Shore, you can use it to upgrade it.

Do you know we have over 20,000 people use Shore Cultural Centre a month? 5,000 a week. These people, the tenants in that building, pay money. What is the City doing with that revenue that's coming in? You're not putting it back in Shore Cultural Centre. Shore did not just get this way. It became this way because our city and our city officials refused to keep that public building up, but yet, you have departments in this city telling homeowners what they should do with their property. You hire people outside this City of Euclid. We have lost so many tax dollars. We have so many vacant homes because most of our city employees do not live in the City of Euclid. Our Tax Department, they do not, people do not live in the City of Euclid. If you do not live here, you do not have an investment. You do not really care. You here for a paycheck. This is being shown everyday, every month and every year.

People come out. Talk to your council people. Let them know that they are here to work for you. Not for the City, for you. They was voted in by you and they supposed to work for you. But this Council is not working for the citizen. I've been trying to get a house torn down on my street, 1555 E. 193 for over 10-15 years. The same house keep get turned over and over. It is an eyesore. Trash all in the yard. It is not kept up. But what do you do? Everything is Lake Shore Blvd. Where Shore is on Lake Shore Blvd. and we want Shore to remain standing because this is something we need. Stop tearing down all our history and rebuild it. Thank you. People please write your council people.

President Holzheimer Gail – Ms. Taylor, while I appreciate your concerns, Council does do their homework. The legislation this evening for all the capital funding, this was after many committee meetings, there were Service Committee Meetings on the waterline projects and street projects. There were many finance committee meetings on the Capital Budget. This is a culmination of many meetings and much work by Council members. We went through them rather quickly because Director Johnson explained them all at the beginning. We've had memos, we've had all the documentation. Just by the vote this evening, you may not see that, but please know that Council does do their homework. All of that stuff is as important to the City as many other programs. I know we don't see the waterlines and you don't see what is under the street, but if you're not getting water to your home, or you're having a sewer back up, they certainly are important. It is our job as council members to make sure the City as a whole is taken care of.

Those are difficult decisions when we have budget issues and we're looking at, we can't do everything we want to do. But absolutely Council is doing their homework. They're working very hard behind the scenes and in the public and at community meetings. I do want to address that and I don't know if there were any comments in response to those comments.

Mayor Cervenik – Only that this Council does so much homework there's time when you drive us crazy with some of your questions and comments. But they're good, they are all very well thought out questions. I think that proves you are doing your conversations amongst yourselves and you do want to make sure that the finance of the city of the future are protected. You have done that quite well. I commend you and I look forward to continuing to do that. The projects that have been funded tonight,

have been talked about many times. They are funded long term. We know where the payments are coming from. It has been planned out. We know that the waterline projects will also be coming over the next five years. We have those all plotted out as well, with a lot of input from City Council. I think that criticism of you as a whole, really is unwarranted. You do do your homework. You do work hard and you make us do our job on this side of the room everyday. Thank you.

Mr. Albert Chylla – 482 Clearview Drive. Euclid, Ohio. I'm here on items #18 and #19 which I dearly support. I want to thank Councilman O'Neill, Councilman Gruber, members of Council for supporting #18, the ambulance. We need it desperately. Yes, our rescue squads go out a lot of times. This would really benefit for the city. I have talked to our fire chief about this before. I really support this. I want to thank Councilman Gruber, Councilman O'Neill. I used to be a volunteer firefighter Councilman O'Neill, when I was a young man and I know what we need.

#19, these diesel filter systems are a big, big asset to the Fire Dept., for the garages, for the trucks. Yes, it will help with the safety and the health of our firefighters. I dearly support this and I'm really happy to see that they'll be installed in the fire stations.

The only thing I want to know is on #18, when will we see this new ambulance in service?

Chief Cosgriff – I believe it is about a 60 day build time on those.

Mr. Chylla – I can't wait to see it because we dearly need it. I just want to wish everyone a Happy Easter and I know the holiday is approaching, so I encourage everyone to enjoy it and have a nice holiday. Thank you very much.

Councilman O'Neill – I would just like to comment on the gentleman's statement. I, too, was a young man when I started on the Fire Dept., and I had a full head of hair and believe it or not, it was brown. I'm sure you did too.

Mr. Tim Fulgham – 51 Sunnyclyff Dr. Euclid, Ohio. First of all I'd like to thank the Council and the City for showing great fiscal responsibility. I think you've done a wonderful job and I appreciate it. Also I want to thank those that sponsored and voted for the Employee Free Choice Act. On behalf of the North Shore AFL-CIO and all the blue collar workers in the City of Euclid, thank you very much.

Ms. Kimberly Sims – 1671 E. 276. I wasn't going to speak. I just wanted to hear the minutes and hear what is really going on. I'm watching it on Channel 22 and it seems for some reason that I'm missing it. It is not coming on as regularly I guess or maybe it is just me.

I'm listening to how you're allocating money. I just want you to be aware that I have a 14 year old son who is musically inclined. He takes two instruments through the Euclid School system, but he also plays guitar. He takes that at Shore Cultural Centre. He's one child that's doing something that's cultural. He do a lot of physical activities, but he has a great instructor, well used to have a great instructor at Shore Cultural Centre. She lives in Lakewood. She's always lived in Lakewood and she said she really didn't have a reason to come to Euclid. Now she comes to Euclid and for whatever reason she called and told us that she's no longer taking students from Euclid because there is so much going on with Shore. I'm not quite sure if you aware of what's happening or what's being said. But I'm telling you that I have a child who is at Shore that was taking electric guitar lessons, especially in the summer. He has plans on doing the audition for the Euclid Orchestra. He wanted to perform in that. I just wanted you guys to be aware of the children that you are affecting. They have many faces. There's many activities there. You need to be aware.

I see, guys you have to make sure that you're not also duplicating services. Now, I mean, you say you're doing homework, I'm not doubting that. I do have contact with some people up here. They send me e-mails and they answer questions for me. But, what kind of homework are you doing about 276 and Lake Shore and Tungsten. Right now our streets have holes in them. Right now, I don't know what you have planned, I've talked to you Kandace and I've seen some e-mails from you, but maybe you can address this even further. But, right on the street that you just had work done recently, we have, the street is cracking. So I'm not quite sure, when I look at this money and I see Mayor that you're talking about your stimulus plan for Euclid. What's your stimulus plan for Tungsten? For E. 276, which is my street? For Coolidge? For the second part where the homes are on Tremaine? I see that you paved the apartments over there. But the homes, we're still, majority are owner-occupied, what's the stimulus plan there? What's going on? Maybe you're working under cover, maybe you're not, you know, telling it, but this is the time to let us know exactly what's going on and how our streets are being affected. Thank you.

Mr. Victor Goodman – 20201 Glen Russ Lane. First and foremost so I get it out of the way, Commissioner Gulich, I need to know why the Shore back parking lot and the entrance to Sims Park

which have holes in them than can actually eat axils is not at least being patched. I think it is imperative that these be taken care of. You can patch my street, you can throw some patchwork in these holes. I don't know how many of you go to the back lot of Shore, but you could lose your car. There are holes there that you could really, especially in the dark. I know you'll get right on it because that's the kind of guy you are. You don't even have to answer, I know you'll do it.

It has come up here and praise about doing homework. Well if anybody had done their homework on the Steering Committee when it came to Shore, Spies would not have even made a presentation. His comparison of Denver, Seattle and Des Moines was so far out of the box, I don't even know if there was a box that could hold it. But I decided to do some research which took me, a minute and a half, that every member of the Steering Committee could have done as well.

Rockville, Maryland. Just to point out a few quick facts. It is right near Washington, D.C. It has a continued growth population that has been moving since 2000 and next year they project 20,000 more people in the city, which already then will be heading towards 70,000. They've gone from 17,000 homes to 26,000 homes. They've gone from 68,000 people employed to 94,000 people. The average age for a person living in Rockville is 38. The average income is \$82,000. They also when the comparison to their new square with a library, they also have 14 retail stores there, 23 dining and entertainment places, 8 service orientated businesses. They are soon to be building a giant grocery store. They also have museums and they have all kinds of other cultural parks.

To compare the City of Euclid is a travesty, I'm sorry. I'm not negative. I know what Euclid is. We've got to live in reality. Maybe we should get somebody to come here and do reality TV, because we're not living in reality when we compare Euclid, Ohio to New York City. That's to me is what was done.

But really what I'm here tonight in the minute forty that I have left, is to speak to the people of the City of Euclid who take dance, or their children do; who exercise or body sculpt; who pray at any of the eight churches at Shore; the walkers around during the day; WIC, which are single mothers and their kids and helping them; the Hunger Center; education; acting; karate; sports; taking piano and guitar lessons. This is not my war, people of Euclid. This is your war. You want to sit there on your proverbial back and not come up here, you're losing your city because of your quiet. Don't expect Victor Goodman or anybody else to save Shore Cultural Centre. Come up to this podium people and speak.

There are three kinds of people in this world; the cans, the can not's, and the won't's. The cans are the optimists. The can not's of course are the pessimists. But the won't's which I see in this city are the cowards and destroyers of tomorrow. Nothing has been planned in this city since I've moved here since 1974 that was planned back in 1974 and finished at some later date. It is not this Mayor that is at fault. It is not this Council that is at fault. It is every Mayor and every council that has sat by and done nothing. No plan, no future, no Euclid.

Ms. Rose M. Allen – 26241 Lake Shore Blvd. First, Director Gulich. On Lake Shore Blvd., turning south onto 260<sup>th</sup>, there at one time was a left turn light, a constant left turn light. I know that changed 2-3 years ago. But it is becoming a bit of a problem because there's a back-up of traffic and sometimes not enough space in the left turn lane for all the cars that want to turn left. Because people encroach into the intersection and therefore the light doesn't automatically trigger a left turn arrow. So could it possibly go back to being a constant left turn arrow? I can wait for the answers after I'm done.

A second intersection that involves turning left. That is turning left onto Babbitt Rd. from Lakeland Blvd. It is an extremely long light. I think I've timed it to be just about 120 seconds. That can be extremely long when you're trying to go some place going south on Babbitt Rd. Maybe it could just be a little fairness to the traffic that is going on Babbitt and traffic that's trying to turn onto Babbitt where there might be a shortened green light so that people can turn left without waiting so long.

Other items, I don't know to whom to address this question, but I'll throw it out and wait for the answers so I can finish. Did Euclid apply for the grant for the health and fitness for the Fire Dept? Did Euclid apply or get any money because I know there were several cities in the area that received about \$50,000 to provide training and fitness programs to keep officers in good physical condition and keep them from having heart attacks and other problems as a result of not getting enough exercise. That's one question.

On to the question that everybody's kind of anticipating, so here it comes. Have we recruited any businesses for the Industrial Park or any place else in Euclid that are willing to begin to manufacture parts for wind turbines? Because right wind turbines I think everybody is well aware that at the time President-Elect Obama came to Northeast Ohio to visit a plant in Bedford Heights, that's Cardinal, and they just built these huge bolts that are parts that hold the wind turbines together. They got a Presidential-Elect visit. Just think what might have happened if Euclid had had something that would have gotten President Obama's attention.

Along the same vein, have we recruited any businesses that are willing to manufacture solar panels or any other alternative energy parts that also are high on the list? Because right now there's

money in President Obama's stimulus plan for communities that are willing to make some effort along these avenues. There's a lot of money that can come to the City of Euclid because we would be able to generate a lot of jobs if we had something, because the good paying jobs, and I think Euclid has a unique situation of having had a place that has a railway that runs through it. I've mentioned it before, we have 15 minutes to the Port of Cleveland. That gives us an advantage over reducing transportation costs. Foreign companies are looking to the States to have companies that manufacturer them here, stateside.

The final comment on that is even Governor Strickland is supporting economic development along the lines of alternative energy and wind turbines. So I'm just curious as to whether we are going to make the effort, or are we going to let that pass us by also?

President Holzheimer Gail – I think sometimes we all have short memories of the good things that we have done. We did have a visit from our President, former President Bush, last year I believe it was in July to Lincoln Electric Robotics Division. We continue to do work, if you've been by the Fogg site, they look like they're working actively, pulling up concrete with lots of machinery there. Will get to all the questions, but I see Director Pietravoia is ready to jump in. Let me let you address, start with you and we'll head back to Director Gulich.

Director Pietravoia – Rose Allen and I do stay in fairly regular contact, so she raises questions that we have discussed privately. We do continue to talk with area businesses that are interested in both turbine and solar panels. Have not actively tried to recruit separate businesses, but we're starting by working with those that are here in Euclid already. In fact I've discussed with the Mayor that we'd like to start a committee of sorts, if you'd call it that, and perhaps Rose Allen would be part of that. I would like to ask Councilman Gruber to be part of that as well, with his activity with the Great Lakes Wind Task Force and area businesses that are already trying to make parts for both turbine and solar panels. Not only to see how we can help them by meeting as a group and having discussions, but to see how we can attract similar businesses to the city.

Also we're participating with the State Department of Development, they're sponsoring seminars and actually they're doing on-line, I guess they would also be called seminars, but they are available on-line so anyone throughout the State can stay in their local community and participate in those seminars. Those are related to the energy dollars that they're going to be providing.

We did apply for and we were notified preliminarily that we will receive approximately a little less than \$200,000 from the Department of Energy. That was determined by formula. We're actually talking with the Dept. of Energy to see how that formula, the specifics for our community, because we believe that dollar amount was low for Euclid. All those things combined will position us, not only to have some funds to spend in that area and try to recruit businesses, but also to help solidify that committee that I referred to.

We are talking with Fogg. They want to be a green industrial park. They would be very interested in any turbine or solar related manufacturers. They have some of the contacts in the industry to possibly make that happen. We are making strides in that direction that Rose Allen is asking about.

Director Gulich – Ms. Allen if I could see you directly after the meeting to get a little more information, that way we could have Mr. Carlo from our Traffic Maintenance Dept. check and see what our options are; plus make sure it is functioning properly.

President Holzheimer Gail – Chief Cosgriff, I believe we did get a grant for health and fitness?

Chief Cosgriff – As you saw on the Agenda tonight we had two items from the Assistance to Firefighter Grant out of the Department of Homeland Security. Both of those items passed tonight were directly related to the health and safety of our firefighters, as well as our citizens. Each year as we apply for that grant, we sit down as a staff and develop our top priorities. We were one of the first departments, I believe it was back in 2003 or 2004 where we identified as a need for us was a wellness/fitness program. We did apply for that grant, back in one of those two years and we were successful. I believe it was somewhere in the area of \$120,000 that we received from the federal government. This allowed us to do baseline physicals. Before starting this program, it also allowed us to buy a Monarch Cardiac Bike where we can measure a firefighter's fitness to show them how they're improving by doing their cardio vascular training from year to year. We do that on an annual basis. We do have a multitude of cardiac and strength training equipment, including treadmills, stationary bikes, cross-country fitness trainers, as well as free weights and weight machines. They are located in all the fire houses. We allow the firefighters time during the day and encourage them to participate in the cardiac and weight training program. I think it has paid off in enormous dividends in reducing our sick time and our worker's comp claims. Thank you we do participate in that.

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Miss Crystal Hill – 1557 Knuth Ave., Apt. 105; Miss Jodi Ferlito 21001 Edgecliff Dr.; Miss Rebecca Maxwell 110 E. 200 St.

Euclid High School's Big Show this year is Disney's Beauty and the Beast. We are excited to announce that not only will the cast and crew from the high school include over 50 talented students, we are also including 35 elementary students from all over Euclid to join the cast.

We have worked very hard and are excited about proving once again that Euclid High School maintains a reputation of performing outstanding musicals.

The performance dates are Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:30PM. Saturday, April 18 and Sunday, April 19 at 2:00 PM. Tickets are available now.

Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$6 for students and senior citizens for all the performances. The pre-sale price for adult tickets is \$8.50 and student and senior citizens is \$5. There's also a pre-sale family packet of 2 adult tickets, 2 student tickets for \$25. For ticket information, please call 216-797-7828. We hope you will come and experience the magic of Disney's Beauty and the Beast. Thank you.

President Holzheimer Gail – Thank you very much for coming. For anyone who has not seen a Big Show production, they are wonderful.

Mr. William Grant – 22600 Lakemont Ave. Tonight I'd just like to remind Council because they are going to be making a decision very fast about Shore, that when you talk to an accountant, all they can see is a bunch of black and white figures in a row as to what something costs. That's the only way they can think, that's their business. But when you talk about Shore, you're talking about civic pride. You're talking about all the civic activities that go on in the city, the thing that makes us into a city. I don't see anybody trying to make a dollar off of City Hall. Same thing, it deals with all the running of the city and the activities of the people.

So, I think when the issue of Shore comes up, I think it has to stay open as a civic center, whichever way you run, privately or with this new group. That's the only thing that makes any sense to the building.

This year we are celebrating our bicentennial. We have 200 years of history in this city. I hope there's going to be many activities going on this summer. I thought it would be very good to take this opportunity to sell Euclid, to show Euclid what a great place it is and it does not look very good when they're talking about tearing our civic center down. I think we could very possibly get somebody here to talk to all the Realtors throughout the entire city, if they could put out one book, if they could just agree on one thing, splitting the cost and making out one book of Euclid for sale and rent. Have every piece of property that is up for rent, every piece that is up for sale, you could have a section there strictly industrial or commercial. Get people to move back into this city, that's the only way you're going to get the tax money and stuff to do all the rest of the stuff we're talking about.

I really think that we have to take enough pride in this city to set it back on its feet. Also you mentioned that thing with solar panels before. I'm just wondering why we don't have some sort of a grant to get solar panels on top of City Hall, on top of the police station, the fire stations, the school. If we could cut down electrical costs that the city puts out, we could do a lot of extra money with that money too. Thank you.

President Holzheimer Gail – We do have a committee that has been working on, looking at solar panels and wind turbines as possible energy savings. The problem is they are quite costly to install and sometimes it takes quite awhile to see the payback. We are working internally and hope to be able to do a project soon. Seeing no other public comments, we will move to Councilmen's Comments.

#### COUNCILMEN'S COMMENTS

Councilwoman Jones – Just a few comments. I would like to say congratulations to Charles and Elizabeth Young, they got married today here at City Hall, so I want to wish them best wishes. I also want to say congratulations to Boy Scout Troop 367. This past Sunday at St. Felicitas Church, they had some ceremony and services awarding those Boy Scouts who are moving up the different levels. There was also a special presentation to Victor Wagner because he moved up to the level of Eagle Scout. Looking at all the accomplishments that he did at such a young age, he's a senior at Benedictine High School, it is amazing that he has time to fun. But all the activities and the things that he does is fun for him and I commend him and his family for that recognition. I would like to say congratulations to the whole Troop 367 on their efforts. I would also like to say special thank you to Mr. Beck who is one of the Scout Leaders.

I also want to say thank you to the Masonic Temple on Tungsten Road for inviting me and other council members to their open house that they had in March. It was very eye-opening, although I had been there a number of times to the Masonic Temple because my son was in Demolay years ago in his teen years. It was good to see that the group is still functioning and going on and even some of the

gentlemen that were there, when my son was in a Demolay, group are still active in that location as well.

I just want to make a comment that was made about doing homework. I feel that I do homework before we come to any council meeting. I always look at the agenda, see what's on the agenda, make sure that I can answer a question with some knowledge. I may not know everything. As far as the administration goes, usually every night when I go home, I'm doing e-mails with follow ups with residents, or I'm sending e-mails to the administration with question that I have. Sometimes it could be 1:00 or 2:00 in the morning, that I'm doing this. There are sometimes during the day when I can take time off from my normal job and I'll just come to City hall, like today I did, and just stop and talk to the Directors face-to-face, to ask questions or get updates and statuses, everything. I do on a daily basis, sometime multiple times a day, take a ride around my ward. It is not always the same route, it is different routes wherever, but I take a ride around my ward so I can see anything so I can be more pro-active. Then if something needs follow up on, I either send an e-mail or I'll call somebody in administration to find out what is going on. Things don't happen as quickly as I'd like for them to, but that's one of the things that I try to do is to stay pro-active and follow up with issues.

We had a whole list of tasks to do for Euclid Ave., last year and we got them done. So I did approach Director Pietravoia and following up in getting started with that task list again. So I do try to do as much homework as I can. This position for me is a lot of research, that's why I've moved up to the glasses now instead of just regular reading. I think they're making the print too small. But it is a task that I knew I was going to have to do going into this position, putting a lot of effort into it. If I didn't feel that I could do that, then I wouldn't be sitting here today, I wouldn't have stepped up to do that. I feel that I have to put 110% of myself into it and the research and the homework and everything that goes along with it, for me is part of that. I feel I do do homework. If there is someone that feels that they're not reaching me or contacting me, you can e-mail me at any time, [kjones@cityofeuclid.com](mailto:kjones@cityofeuclid.com). or give me a call 216-570-4738. Anytime that I'm available, I will answer the phone. If I'm not, please leave me a voice mail and I'll get back to you as soon as I can.

The last comment I want to make is I hope everyone has a Happy Easter and hopefully we'll get out of this snow stage and into the nice weather stage before Easter. Thank you.

Councilwoman Minarik – I think if they make Easter in June, we'll never have snow again for Easter. A couple of things I wanted to talk about the Rain Barrel sale we had. About 60 people showed up, it was a great time. I think the major thing is we gave a lot of exposure to the Friends of Euclid Creek who picked up 15 members. The Euclid Historical Museum picked up one member. I would like to thank the ROTC unit from the Euclid High School, they gave us 4 cadets who were tremendous. They helped people and actually put a few barrels together. Cuyahoga Soil and Water was there with their workshop. It was a beautiful day. Some of the people who showed up didn't know where the museum was, they had never seen it before, so it was really cool. Friends of the Euclid Creek had the refreshments indoors so people had to go through the museum.

The second thing, I would like to thank all of my volunteers who passed out flyers for the Ward 4 Brainstorm and Forum last week and for the sixty or so people who attended. It was a very different format, but I think it was a great learning experience.

Another thing I would like to encourage my council members, we have a Planning & Zoning meeting where this will probably be our last opportunity to bring up signage changes. This is the fourth time. If this gets passed and it comes to Council, if we make any changes, it has to go right back to Planning & Zoning and start all over. I would encourage my colleagues to attend this Planning & Zoning meeting, coming up, ask your questions then.

Director Frey, I have a question. I found out that Judge LeBarron has a policy that when a landlord evicts a tenant, if the tenant leaves stuff in the location, it is the landlord's responsibility to move the stuff with a licensed, bonded truck and then store it at the landlord's expense. I'm confused because I was told this is policy and it started back in Niccum's days and that the Judge is very much within her right to do that. Would you comment a little bit on that please?

Director Frey – All I could comment is a little bit because the City Law Dept. is not involved in the eviction process, it is purely a private matter between a plaintiff landlord and a defendant tenant. I am aware that's a provision that the Euclid Court has engaged in. Cleveland Housing Court had not taken that approach. They allowed the landlords to put the displaced person's property out on the lawn where it could sit until it was scavenged or eventually picked up by the municipal refuse facility. I'm not sure that's a good alternative. I do know that the property after some period of time is considered abandoned and can be sold and the costs recouped if they're sufficient value, those costs can be recouped from that. Landlord tenant activities are controlled by Ohio Revised Code. I'd be happy to look at that Revised Code and send off an e-mail. I presume that is absolutely within the discretion of the Court, however, to put those kinds of requirements. I do know that the Judge allows multi-unit buildings to have the landlord move the material to some other unit in that building. They are not

always required to have a licensed mover move that out. I know that there are times when she has allowed a multi-unit building to store the property themselves within the building. I'll be happy to look at it and let you know.

Councilwoman Minarik – The Judge does have that prerogative?

Director Frey – My sense is she does through the authority of the Revised Code.

Councilwoman Minarik – Thank you. I would just like to wish the Goodman's and my colleague a very blessed Passover. For all my other residents who are not Jewish or Muslim or some other religion, all my friends who are Christian, a very blessed Resurrection Sunday. I love it when these two religious holidays are so close together because it is the power of God at work. It is very encouraging to know that the hand of God is Mighty and he was Mighty back then and he is Mighty today. With that, a blessed Passover and a blessed Resurrection Sunday to all, goodnight.

Councilman O'Neill – I just want to say thank you to Euclid Police FOP Lodge 18, Euclid Firefighters Local 337 and all the unions within the City of Euclid for coming together and realizing what the financial situation of the city is. Coming up with an agreement on all parties that we can all live with. Many thanks to the administration for their efforts in coming together with these contracts. Thank you to the non-union members of the city that also took a reduction in pay. Your efforts have not gone unforeseen.

I want to thank Frank Pietravoia and the Community Development Dept. for their continued efforts in a very tough economic situation that are bringing new businesses and remodeling storefronts within the City of Euclid. It is a pretty tough job and many times those efforts go unnoticed, but I want to publicly thank his department for the hard work that they do.

To Hank Gulich and his crew in the Service Dept., Streets, thank you for your efforts, tough winter. You guys and ladies did a great job with plowing the streets and looking forward to the patching that is up and coming. Spring is here, we see the orange barrels going out, I think that's the State bush, isn't it, the orange barrel, we know summer is coming. Just thank all the employees of the City of Euclid, we appreciate everything they've done for us and what they intend to do.

I'd also like to say that I believe that the Euclid residents are the city's best asset. It is not always brick and mortar, it is not something solid that you can touch. I think it is the spirit of the people of Euclid. I think Euclid is a good city. Do we have room for improvement? Yes we do, absolutely. I think our people in the city are its best asset and I am humbled by being elected to the position that I am, and the ability to serve the residents of Ward 5 and the city residents of Euclid as a whole. With that, I'll say Happy Passover to our Jewish residents and people watching and Happy Easter to the Christian folks out there and with that I'll say goodnight.

Councilman Wojtila – Director Gulich or Mayor, if you can give us an update on the recycle drop off. Is that moving forward?

Mayor Cervenik – We've been in contact with a second group now. The first group could provide drop off service, the cost would be somewhere around \$78,000 a year. We're working with another organization that might be able to cut that down considerably. We should know soon. We were hoping to know tonight, but we did not get a response and we're working on it.

Councilman Wojtila – Have we received the bids on resurfacing proposals that were sent out?

Director Gulich – We received those today. They will need to be tabulated but we got some favorable prices. We got 8 bidders and that's never happened before.

Councilman Wojtila – Any idea if it is lower than last year?

Director Gulich – About the same or slightly lower and I can get that information out once the tabulation is done and we do the award next week.

Councilman Wojtila – Director Pietravoia, I had conversation, met with Marty Castelletti who is talking about giving us all an update on the NSP program. Do you have a time frame of when you think we'll be receiving that? Either legislation or just an update?

Director Pietravoia – We do have a couple of items that will be coming forward in the way of legislation. Either the second meeting in April, the 20<sup>th</sup> or the first meeting in May. We can also work with Council President and the Housing Committee Chair to incorporate that in one of the Housing

Committee meetings if that would make sense. We're scheduled for the 15<sup>th</sup>, we can give at least a partial update at that meeting if there's time. I know it is a pretty full agenda.

Councilman Wojtila – Any type of updates will be helpful. Thank you. I would like to publicly thank two folks from the County that attended a meeting that we had in Ward 6 on March 26. It was at St. Stephen's Church and we had over 60 people attend. Some snuck in that weren't from Ward 6 but we let them come anyway. We had the County Mike Sweeney and Jim Jackovic talk about our County Taxes. Mike talked from the Treasurer's Office and Jim talked from the Appraiser's Office. It was a great meeting and I would like to publicly thank both those gentlemen for sparing their evening for the citizens of Euclid.

I wanted to echo the comments from Councilwoman Minarik about the signage. The meeting is coming up on the 14<sup>th</sup> and do you think we'll have, it will be soon enough or is it to soon that we would have then legislation on our April 20<sup>th</sup> meeting or to May for the actual legislation approving the new sign chapter?

Director Pietravoia – We've been pretty much keeping up with the changes asked for and making those revisions. So I think the hope would be to come to the April 20<sup>th</sup> meeting. If there are extensive changes after the 14<sup>th</sup> we might have to bump later but we're going to shoot for the 20<sup>th</sup>.

Councilman Wojtila – I know Director Will is not here, but if somebody is interested in Adopt a Spot, who would they contact? Is she the Director of that program?

President Holzheimer Gail – I believe the Shade Tree Commission has agreed to take that over, but I would have them call Director Will.

Councilman Wojtila – With that I'll say goodnight and everybody enjoy the weekend.

Councilman Langman – First I want to wish everybody a Happy Easter and Passover. I do want to mention that last Thursday we had a very nice meeting at the Library for BRIDGES. It was a dialogue on racial understanding, racial interpretation. Even though it wasn't a full house, Councilwoman Jones was there with me, I thought it was well worth the time and effort. Those kinds of dialogues help build understanding. I think that we as a city council have a responsibility in shepherding that process along.

In saying that, I want to address my comments to the Council in general. There's been some comments and e-mails flying back and forth lately and I think this Section of our Code applies. That's Section 121.20. It talks about basically the behavior of City Council in various areas. One of them being here of course. In part it reads, dignity and decorum in words and actions is befitting of a member of Council. The image of the entire council and the confidence and the respect of the community is enhanced by such behavior. All Council members should act in a dignified and respectful manner, not only during Councilmen's Comments but at all times. Insinuations about unethical behavior, personal attacks and insults and loud and obstreperous conduct, are out of place and demeaning to the entire council.

Number one this was passed in early 1980 so everything is councilmen. We've come a long way since then. Number two, this was obviously before e-mail. It is my belief that we have a responsibility when we use the city e-mail site to conduct ourselves as if we were here. I bring that up because there was an e-mail circulated that came to my attention about Shore and the activities around Shore that reads in part, when the previous council allocated nearly \$500,000 for a culinary school, when the building needed a roof, windows and most importantly a new boiler and delivery system, to me was morally wrong and it border lined criminal. Now, Councilman O'Neill wrote that e-mail. I don't know what his actual intent was but what struck me was not necessarily those particular words, but that we do this time and time again, not only on Council, but in the community. When an issue comes up, whether it is lakefront or health care consultants or DOJ or Hillandale, we don't simply we don't simply discuss the idea, we tend to then go after the person presenting the idea, without facts and without backup. That, ladies and gentlemen, I believe is the root at why we can't get some of the things done that need to be done. We need as a Council to do better.

I know that in the culinary school example, there was no deceit or unethical behavior or any moral failing and certainly not borderline criminality. But rather somebody, former Councilman Delaney had an idea and pursued it and I give him all the credit in the world for that. We talk a lot of times, those of us that campaign about working with schools and so forth, he went out and did it. It was a tremendous undertaking and he brought, he did his homework basically. He brought the proposal to the Council and it happened to pass. What did that actually mean? It brought a vocational program to the city. It invested in Shore on a pro-active basis which is probably never been done before. He converts space that was underutilized into utilized space.

Councilman Delaney, he can speak for himself, and you can find where he lives and call him up and talk to him. The point is, if we're going to make progress here, then we have to debate issues and ideas, not assign the very worst intentions to a particular idea or person. It is a very subtle thing but I think that we as a Council can make that change and then speak positively and debate ideas in a more rational basis. With that Madame Chair, I will say good evening.

Councilman Van Ho – First, it caught me by surprise when a member of this Council called Euclid a dying town when we were meeting with the Coral Group. As I thought about that several things came to mind. Euclid is not a dying town. I live here and have a number of friends who live here. Euclid is not a dying town, there are a lot of good homes in this city and good hardworking people that live in them that are not even thinking of moving. Euclid is not a dying town, there are a lot of people, in fact, I would say the majority who could care less whether Shore is open or we close it. Euclid is not a dying town, but the majority of people in this city could care whether we fix up or tear it down. They are too busy working to pay their mortgage and keep food on the table.

I think what I find most objectionable about this statement that Euclid is a dying town, is that as members of this Council, we need to be cheerleaders for this City, not disrespecting it to try to win a point. This is a good city with good people in it. I wouldn't trade it for any of the suburbs that have the great cultural centers. I am not anti-art or anti-culture, but it is not the life and death of a suburb. I think this town deserves better from its leaders. I hope that this Council person and the people of a similar persuasion, will spend their energy building up our town, not tearing it down.

I have a question for the Law Director. Am I correct that I am not in conflict of interest to pursue these changes in our housing inspection code?

Director Frey – I have reviewed both the law and the opinions from the Ohio Ethics Commission, and I don't have any issue with you continuing in the role. There is no direct pecuniary interest as a result of your actions, either to yourself, or to your spouse from continuing to push legislation that amends the housing code and programs.

Councilman Van Ho – Thank you. Secondly, I believe that Council should vote up or down on the proposals for Shore at the next meeting. For us to delay beyond that is not fair to the tenants or the citizens, whether they are for or against doing anything with Shore. I for one am not inclined to vote to keep it open at this time. We are at present losing \$250,000-\$300,000 a year on this building. We simply don't have the money to keep doing it at this time. Let's put it in proper perspective. That's three firemen or four cops. I'm not willing to do that to our safety forces to keep it open. I won't do it to our other employees. I know that there are people in the audience who think that we have too many public employees making too much money. I've been in government for too many years to believe that about Euclid.

This budget crisis is real. Shaker, Elyria, North Olmsted and Richmond Heights are cutting police and fire. The only reason we're not is because there was a lot of give and take between the administration and the unions. Garfield is in fiscal emergency. Lorain is in fiscal watch. Beck Center which was brought up several times during the Coral presentation in Lakewood is looking at closing now.

If the supporters of Shore truly believe that the building was worth saving, they should have sought grants or tax levy years ago. Instead, we as a Council are left with a building that will cost us a minimum of \$250,000 to keep open a year. When we're asking our employees to take pay cuts. Oh, and let's don't forget the \$6-\$9 million it will take to fix it up.

For those who have said, take it down, I don't share any joy in that. It is history, it is part of a lot of the citizens of Euclid's lives. It seems the only practical thing to do at this time would be to mothball it for a couple of years. That gives the Shore supporters a chance to get grants, or to put a levy on the ballot. It also gives a chance for the economy to improve so that they have a chance of passing a levy. Thank you.

President Holzheimer Gail – I do want to correct you on your figures. I don't believe those figures are accurate of the cost of Shore. But we're not going to debate that tonight. We do have a meeting, next Monday, April 13 at 7 PM to review and discuss the Shore proposals. Hopefully from that meeting we will have a recommendation to send to Council. That would be my hope.

I think we all need to keep open minds. There's lots of people coming at it from different viewpoints. We do need to make a responsible decision for the good of our community as a whole. I frankly don't think it is just a dollars and cents question. I think Shore brings so much more to the community, but I'm not going to get into that tonight, we'll save that for Monday's meeting.

A couple of thank you's. I did want to thank the foreclosure prevention committee for all their activities during the month of March, which was deemed foreclosure prevention month. They held weekly forums, every Wednesday evening. They went to many of the neighborhood association

meetings, to talk about the resources that were available. There were articles in the newspapers and information available in many places. I do want to thank that volunteer committee, working with Marty Castelletti and I want to thank them for their efforts.

I will remind everyone to go see Beauty and the Beast. They do a great job with the Big Show. That is April 17, 18, 19 at Euclid High School.

I was going to mention the Planning & Zoning meeting as well. We'll just say that council members who have not had a chance to go to one of the Planning & Zoning meetings, make sure you get that ordinance, the updated version from Mr. Beno so you can see it. Why we keep repeating that is because it is a pretty large change, it is a substantial change. I want to make sure everyone understands it and the process that has gone into it, is now is the time for the work to be done. If it comes back to Council and we make changes then, then it has to go back through the whole process. Now would be the time to be involved and make those changes. Again, that meeting is Tuesday, April 14 at 7 PM here in Council Chambers.

We referred the compensation ordinance to Executive & Finance Committee, that will be April 27<sup>th</sup>. I would like to combine that with our monthly finance meeting, if possible to get, at that point we'll have a quarterly review. We can look at where our expenditures and revenue is to date.

A couple of thank you's. It seems like awhile, we had an extra week since our last meeting, so believe it or not, St. Patrick's day was after our last Council meeting and I wanted to thank the East Side Irish American Club. They held a mass at St. Williams to start the day off and it was a wonderful program. I want to thank the Irish American Club, as well as St. William's for putting that on.

More Counseling and Mediation Services opened a new office on Euclid Ave. I believe it was the old job training site, the Ohio Job Training building. They did a fantastic job renovating that building. It really is very nice space. The Chamber of Commerce is also located out of that building and they're doing some great work here in the community. I wanted to congratulate them on their opening.

The Kiwanis had a pancake breakfast this past Sunday and did a great job and their proceeds go to help the kids in the community. They're really doing a nice job, so thank you to the Kiwanis.

Coming up, Euclid Boys League will have a fundraiser, April 24<sup>th</sup> at the Manor. Tickets or information can be found at [Euclidbaseball.org](http://Euclidbaseball.org).

Lastly I wanted to thank Councilwoman Jones. She invited me to participate in a meeting she held, where she invited the faith leaders from the south side to a meeting to brainstorm to get people to meet each other and hopefully build a network to be more informed, more involved in the community. It was a really wonderful meeting. They seemed very positive and appreciative of the opportunity to get together and discuss the programs that they're doing. Hopefully the collaborations that can happen in the future. Congratulations Councilwoman Jones. That was a very nice meeting and one that will continue, so great effort with that.

Lakefront meeting. We have City Growth, Planning and Zoning Committee on Wednesday, April 8, starting at 6:00. That will be to review the JJR work that has been completed and the proposal for the next step.

Housing Meeting, we'll do the Shore Executive Finance on April 13<sup>th</sup> and Housing Committee April 15<sup>th</sup>, which will be the legislation that was sent to Committee. I think it would be appropriate, maybe at the beginning if we could have a brief update on neighborhood stabilization program and the \$1 HUD homes, could be brief, if the next steps aren't ready, it would be nice to at least have an update at that point, if that is possible Director Pietravoia.

That being said, it looks like we're going to be busy for the next month. I thank you all for your hard work and effort and I think this Council actually has done a pretty good job overall in being positive and respectful. It is a good reminder. E-mails are public record. We all tend to be, we all have made mistakes, myself included, and we just need to remind ourselves that we are public officials, we are leaders in the community and as always should conduct ourselves accordingly.

Councilman Gruber – I've learned over the years, don't let your emotions write your e-mails. We'll start from good to bad. Let's start with good luck to Mr. Len Law, who has retired from the Cleveland Sight Center, after many years of being our Chief Financial Officer. He's done a wonderful job and we miss you Len.

The second thing will be on a sadder note, my sympathies go to Mike Perme's family. He was a good friend and also my tax accountant that didn't finish my taxes, but he passed away and sympathies to them.

I'll be on vacation from April 10<sup>th</sup> until the 17<sup>th</sup>. You can call Madeline Scarniench at 486-9582.

Director Pietravoia, the Hertz on Euclid Ave., it looks like they're leaving. Do you know anything about that? I know I'm throwing this at you kind of cold. The Hertz on the corner of Chardon and Euclid, the sign is gone.

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Director Pietravoia – It is my understanding that they maybe gone, but I can't verify that without actually trying to contact them.

Councilman Gruber – I have someone interested in the building.

Director Pietravoia – I will work with you on that if you give me the specifics, we can meet with them together.

Councilman Gruber – Yes, he is already a Euclid business and would like that building. I'd also like to ask you Director Pietravoia, a citizen made a comment about we can get free senior care from the county for \$22,000. Did you have any comment on that?

Director Pietravoia – The program that was before you tonight is funded through Block Grant and Breckenridge Village for many years now has provided the services that Ms. McNeal described. I am sure that the County also does offer a variety of services to seniors. I think most of you are aware, we did receive a County grant and we've received a second County grant and the reason they're doing that is they cannot provide all the services directly. They're going to communities that have established programs and they're asking them to operate the programs for them. We are in fact supplementing what the County offers.

Councilman Gruber – Very good, we want the best for our seniors and I appreciate your help. I'd also like to thank the folks at the Service Garage. I went over there last week and talked to some of the workers, especially in Motor Maintenance, they were very helpful and it was a very eye-opening experience. Again I go over there occasionally and they were very helpful and I appreciate what you do Director Gulich.

Folks in my neighborhood, Upper Valley, Grand Blvd., Blackfoot, Georgetown and E. 193 from Euclid Ave. to Roseland will be receiving some attention this year from our Service Dept. and I appreciate that as well.

There's another question about houses being torn down in the ward. I think south of the railroad tracks we probably torn down more houses than anywhere else in the city. I say keep going.

Last comment, I have the utmost respect for my council colleague, Mr. Langman. But the question about the Shore kitchen, there was no bids, there was no RFP's, there was no RFQ's request for proposals. Actually it was a deal made in a bar. So I have some questions about it as well. We're not going to go any farther. I voted against it.

Councilman Langman – That's what I'm talking about. He's out of order.

Councilman Gruber – That was public record. With that I'll say goodnight.

Councilwoman Scarniench – I, too, would like to thank the Irish American Club and St. Williams. St. Patrick's Day was a wonderful event. It is amazing how many people actually came out for that.

Also I attended the Open House at the Euclid Masonic Temple. It was the first time I had been there. A lot of people I knew and it was wonderful talking to them, talking to the young ladies, looking at their books. They worked very hard on the projects that they do and I commend them and thank you for inviting us.

More is always happening in Euclid. Council President eluded to it, More Counseling. The Ribbon Cutting was awesome. The building they have renovated it, it is amazing, if you have chance to go over there. We just this past, a week ago Saturday, Council President and I had a meeting there with some of the south-side presidents of neighborhood groups and they let us use their building. It was wonderful. We had a great time there and I thank them.

Then onto more. At the Masonic home, we were told about an event that was going on that I hadn't heard about. It was a spring festival, and introduction to college expo. This was put on by Cathedral Worship, Pastors Robert and Michelle Moore. I decided I was going to go. Councilwoman Jones went and I was told when it was all over that I have soul. I'm not exactly sure what that means, but it was a wonderful event and I thank them. Bowling Green University Gospel Choir was there and they were outstanding. The children from the church, everybody. It was a wonderful event and I look forward to more of those. The Hot Dog man is now on Euclid Ave. I never got to see him when he was on Lake Shore. I happened to stop there the other day. I want to say thank you to Walter, he makes super chilidogs. He's over at Shell on E. 260 and Euclid Ave.

We were just notified today about Euclid Petpals Sixth Annual Bark-BQ on Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at the Manor. Tickets are \$30 and are available at the Shelter or through any of the volunteers. That number at the Shelter is 289-2057. If you want to come out for some good food and a lot of fun, join us.

Everybody already told you about Beauty and the Beast, I got my button on.

Councilman Gruber – And you're the Beauty.

Councilwoman Scarniench – Oh you're so sweet, God what have you've been drinking? A couple of things that were said tonight. First, Director Pietravoia, have you've been able to get us any information on the demo prices that we were looking at?

Director Pietravoia – I had an opportunity to attend a School Meeting last week and spoke briefly to the architects that were in attendance there. I'm waiting for some information from them. Hope to have it before your meeting of the 13<sup>th</sup>.

Councilwoman Scarniench – I was also at that meeting and it was very enlightening and I'm not going to talk about Shore tonight, but anybody who sat at that meeting and you listened to what they said, everything makes sense. As far as I'm concerned, we will have a ballot issue. Anybody that I have talked to from the homeowner's group meetings that I have attended, not one person disagrees with putting this on the ballot. We will try to have exactly what we need, the different scenarios and what they would cost. As far as doing homework, I do my homework. This is an issue that the citizens of Euclid have a right to say how they want it to happen and what they want to happen. If they agree to it, they're going to know what it is going to cost us. We have cut services. We've taken pay cuts, our employees. We have to be very diligent about how we spend our money. Over the next month, we will have an answer and we will go forward with that.

Ms. Sims talked about Channel 22. We're not on Channel 22 any more. The only city channel that is on is Channel 20, so please make sure you tell that to folks when they say they don't see us anymore because we are there.

When you talk about the money, and this has been said, over and over again, I would hate to go to 204 and Dille and tell the residents there that we're not going to fix their waterlines, that they're going to continue to have floods because we aren't doing our homework right. We are doing our homework. We are doing exactly what we need to do and to all of our Chiefs and Directors, they are telling us everyday what we need to know and they answer us. I spend a lot of time in this building with the inspectors and everyone else and on that note, good night.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Councilwoman Minarik moved to adjourn. Councilwoman Jones seconded. Yeas: Unanimous.

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Clerk of Council

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President of Council