

COUNCIL MINUTES

April 16, 2012

The regular Council Meeting was held on Monday, April 16, 2012 at 7:00 PM in the Euclid Municipal Center Council Chamber. Council President Holzheimer Gail presided.

Members Present: Gilliam, Scarniench, Jones, Lynch, McLaughlin, O'Hare, Langman, Van Ho, Holzheimer Gail.

Others Present: Mayor Cervenik, Law Director Frey, CS&ED Director Pietravoia, Service Director Bock, Fire Chief Cosgriff, Police Chief Brickman, Recreation Mgr. Stephens, Commissioner Beno, Mr. Sonnhalter, Mr. Kulchytsky, Clerk of Council Cahill.

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Councilwoman Scarniench moved to receive the Council Minutes of April 2, 2012 . Councilman McLaughlin seconded. Yeas: Unanimous.

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Cervenik – We'll be very quick tonight. The Downtown Euclid engineering plans have begun as of Friday. I emailed you all and it is good news that the Route 2 will be repaved this summer, it is badly in need. It is also computer disposal month. Take your computer parts, supplies, wires, whatever you have up to the Service Garage, all residents can do that free of charge. They will be recycled by a non-profit group RET3. They guaranty the safety and elimination of all information on your computer parts. The only thing we ask is you do not bring up televisions. Sometimes people bring up small TV's thinking it is no different than a monitor when in fact there is quite a bit of difference. That's all for this evening.

REPORTS & COMMITTEE MINUTES

Councilwoman Scarniench moved to receive the Board of Control Min. of 3/26/12, 4/2/12. Councilman Gilliam seconded. Yeas: Unanimous.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE FOR LEGISLATIVE MATTERS ONLY

There was no comments from the public.

LEGISLATION

Ord. 41-2012 (043-12) Rezoning

An ordinance rezoning 26193 Euclid Avenue through 26245 Euclid Avenue, P.P. # 648-23-020, 021, 022, 027, 028, 029, from U-3 (apartment house) use district to U-4 (local retail) use district and further amending Ord. No. 2812. (Sponsored by Planning & Zoning Commission)

Councilwoman Jones moved for passage, Councilman Lynch seconded.

Commissioner Beno – On March 13, 2012 after public notice and at its regularly scheduled meeting, the Planning & Zoning Commission voted to recommend approval of a rezoning of these parcels which are currently developed as a free standing restaurant and a self-service car wash. The rezoning will be from U-3 to U-4. This rezoning will match the zoning and actual use and development pattern of the lots. I'll be glad to answer any questions Council might have related to this proposed rezoning.

President Holzheimer Gail – This is a public hearing and offer the opportunity if there is anyone here to speak tonight on item #1, Ord. (043-12), this would be the time. Seeing none, any questions from Council?

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

Councilman Gilliam moved to suspend the rules, Councilman McLaughlin seconded. Yeas: Unanimous.

Roll Call: Yeas: Gilliam, Scarniench, Jones, Lynch, McLaughlin, O'Hare, Langman, Van Ho, Holzheimer Gail.
Passed.

Ord. 42-2012 (044-12) Rezoning

An ordinance rezoning 26173 through 26189 Euclid Avenue also known as 26182 and 26188 Brush Ave. P.P. # 648-23-032 and 033, from U-1 (single family) use district to U-4 (local retail) use district and further amending Ord. No. 2812. (Sponsored by Planning & Zoning Commission)

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

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Commissioner Beno – On March 13th the Planning & Zoning Commission voted to recommend approval of a rezoning of these parcels which are currently developed as a multi-tenant retail building and a free standing commercial building occupied as a tavern from a U-1 district to a U-4 district. This rezoning will match the zoning to the current uses and development patterns of the lots. I'd be happy to answer any questions Council may have.

President Holzheimer Gail – This is also a public hearing after three readings. If anyone is here to speak to item #2, Ord. (044-12), this is the time. Seeing none, any questions or comments from Council?

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

Councilman McLaughlin moved to suspend the rules, Councilman Lynch seconded. Yeas: Unanimous.

Roll Call: Yeas: Gilliam, Scarniench, Jones, Lynch, McLaughlin, O'Hare, Langman, Van Ho, Holzheimer Gail.

Passed.

Ord. (055-12) Rezoning – First Reading

An ordinance rezoning 26190 Lake Shore Blvd., P.P. 645-20-077 from U-8 (Office Building) use to U-2 (two-family) use district and further amending Ord. No. 2812. (Sponsored by Planning & Zoning Commission)

Councilman O'Hare moved for passage, Councilman Langman seconded.

Commissioner Beno – No comments at this time, I'll hold for the public hearing.

President Holzheimer Gail – This is a required three readings for the public hearing, so we will consider this first reading.

Ord. 43-2012 (063-12) Land Bank Sale Naumann

An emergency ordinance authorizing the sale of Permanent Parcel 641-11-142, 19311 Naumann Avenue, from the Euclid Land Bank to Kenyata Thomas for an amount of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), as authorized by Ordinance Nos. 98-2010 and 101-2011. (Sponsored by Planning & Zoning Commission)

Councilman Lynch moved for passage, Councilwoman Jones seconded.

Commissioner Beno – Acting in its role as land bank advisory committee and at its regularly scheduled meeting of April 12, 2012, the Planning & Zoning Commission reviewed the application to purchase the land bank parcel located at 19311 Naumann Ave. All adjacent parcel owners were notified of the hearing and there were no competing proposals. This property does meet the conditions adopted in the land bank policies which guide the pricing at \$1,000. The applicant does own the adjacent parcel. Transfer will benefit the city by reducing long term maintenance cost. The lot is over 5,000 sq. ft. in size and the applicant's property is current on its taxes and has no current violations. I'll be happy to answer any additional questions council may have.

Councilman Lynch – I enjoyed sitting in on the Housing Committee Meeting last week. We had a presentation update on the progress of the Euclid Land Bank and with Planning & Zoning's recommendation I'll also be supporting the legislation.

Councilman Lynch moved to close debate, Councilman O'Hare seconded. Yeas: Unanimous,.

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

Roll Call: Yeas: Gilliam, Scarniench, Jones, Lynch, McLaughlin, O'Hare, Langman, Van Ho, Holzheimer Gail.

Passed.

Ord. 44-2012 (064-12) Land Bank Sale Coulter

An emergency ordinance authorizing the sale of Permanent Parcel 647-37-046, 22320 Coulter Avenue, from the Euclid Land Bank to Mahadeo Bridgemohan and South Shore Properties, LLC, John Tullio Principal, for a total amount of Two Dollars (\$2.00) – One Dollar (\$1.00) each, as authorized by Ordinance Nos. 98-2010 and 101-2011. (Sponsored by Planning & Zoning Commission)

Councilwoman Scarniench moved for passage, Councilwoman Jones seconded.

Commissioner Beno – Acting in its role as land bank advisory committee, the Planning & Zoning Commission reviewed the application, as well as a competing application for the purchase of 22320 Coulter Ave. Both adjacent property owners are cooperating in this purchase. In the advisory committee process the two competing proposals were modified into one proposal to split the lots as you have before you tonight. The proposed price is in conformance with the pricing policies adopted by the Council in Ord. 101-2011, in that the net result of the split is each of the two lots will be less than 5,000 sq. ft. The property meets the conditions adopted for reduction below the Auditor's estimated value. The applicants do own the adjacent parcels. The transfer will benefit the city by reducing long term maintenance costs. Both applicants properties are current on their taxes and have no violations.

There are two significant conditions being imposed on this sale, first the lot will be split and consolidated into the adjacent lots. Second a deed restriction will prevent development based on concerns from one of the neighboring property owners on Coulter Ave. One of the applicants is here this evening and I'll be happy to answer any questions that Council may have.

Councilman Gilliham – Commissioner Beno, just so I get clarification on this, this particular lot is being split and it is going to be owned by a private owner and also an LLC which is the principal Mr. Tullio, correct?

Commissioner Beno – That is correct.

Councilman Gilliham – The deed restriction implies that there is no type of commercial development of any sort, or is it more general, could you explain a little more what the deed restriction implies?

Commissioner Beno – The deed restriction is on new construction on the lot. This lot is zoned single family and the deed restriction will expire when the owner of lot to the south sells or no longer resides in the property. It is expected to be a relatively short, in real estate terms, a relatively short period of restriction.

Councilman Gilliham – One last question, I'm curious, I didn't get a chance to view the actual property but I did see the pictures there. In any particular situation could the organization itself, South Shore Property apply for any type of variance to have some type commercial market or pave it over to have a flea market or anything? Is there any possibility of that being used for business?

Commissioner Beno – In order for the property to be used for business it would have to satisfy both the restriction, which is being imposed here, it would also either have to be rezoned or be granted some sort of Use District Exception by City Council. In any case it would have to come back to this body for approval.

Councilman Gilliham – That's all I was asking to make sure there was a process if there are any changes that would have to go back to City Council and Planning & Zoning. I'm satisfied with your answer.

Councilwoman Scarniench – This property is very unique because both the owners live on 222, their property is on 222. This piece of property that they're going to be buying is the first lot on Coulter where there was a house that we took down some years ago. Mr. Tullio tried to buy this property a year ago and we fought against that because of the neighbors. You're talking about three different neighbors plus Mr. Tullio. It became apparent that we needed to do something and Mr. Bridgemohan decided he would buy the property so that it would satisfy what was happening with the neighbors. That's what has happened. Then Mr. Tullio came in and countered saying we could do this and we've had several meetings and we said specifically as long as Mrs. Tullio was alive or living in that house nothing can be put on the property and he had no problem with that. That will be a deed restriction that is in there. His intention at some point after she's gone would be to put in a driveway to make his driveway bigger or to put garages for his tenants because right now there is nothing there. It would go both ways. Bridgemohan couldn't do anything with the property either unless she agreed and that would be how it is. It was a very big concern to her, to Mrs. O'Brien and I think it is all worked out and it will be a successful joint adventure in the near future so I hope everyone will approve it.

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

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

Roll Call: Yeas: Gilliham, Scarniench, Jones, Lynch, McLaughlin, O'Hare, Langman, Van Ho, Holzheimer Gail.
Passed.

Res. 45-2012 (065-12) Transit Waiting Environment Euclid Ave.

A resolution authorizing the Mayor of the City of Euclid to submit a Grant Application to the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority (GCRTA) seeking a Twenty Five Thousand Dollar (\$25,000) Transit Waiting Environment (TWE) Project grant to provide funding to design and implement improvements to the passenger shelter and waiting areas in the Euclid Avenue Corridor planning area, as currently under study as part of the Euclid Avenue Corridor TLCI Plan. (Sponsored by Mayor Cervenik, Councilpersons Gilliham, Scarniench, Jones)

Councilman Gilliham moved for passage, Councilwoman Scarniench seconded.

Director Pietravoia – As you are aware we went after a similar grant for the downtown area after we completed the downtown plan. Mr. Sonnhalter is here this evening to explain the opportunity before us this evening for Euclid Avenue Corridor. I'll let him explain this piece of legislation.

Mr. Sonnhalter – We're pleased to have this second opportunity to apply to the RTA for this grant. As Director Pietravoia stated we were successful in the first round and we incorporated the recommendations of the Downtown TLCI steering committee and came up with a project we think turned out very well. We're seeking this opportunity as we work through our Euclid Avenue TLCI process and in our discussions with RTA and other parties to bring the same level of planning and implementation to the Euclid Avenue Corridor. There are a number of opportunities, areas in which we could do this project. We're working with RTA and others to narrow it down to a specific area. In any case, these are projects that would be enhancing the transit waiting areas and enhance pedestrian accessibility to those areas.

Councilman Lynch moved to close debate, Councilman O'Hare seconded. Yeas: Unanimous.

Roll Call: Yeas: Gilliham, Scarniench, Jones, Lynch, McLaughlin, O'Hare, Langman, Van Ho, Holzheimer Gail.

Passed.

Ord. 46-2012 (030a-12) Amend Code Chapter 1705

An ordinance to amend Section 1705.03 "Home Owners' Exception" of the Building and Housing Code of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Euclid to clarify the intent of council when this code section was enacted in 1970. (Sponsored by Councilman O'Hare by request of Public Service Director) (Recommended for passage as amended by the Housing & Building Standards Committee)

Councilman O'Hare moved for passage, Councilman Van Ho seconded.

Commissioner Kulchytsky – To briefly recap, previously before Council we presented an amendment to the registration of contractors, specifically to alter the way the homeowner exception is read. When it was originally developed the purpose of it would be to create a greater level of accountability and afford the city and homeowners recourse when violations are present. In essence it provided safety mechanism for citizens who are doing construction work or had contractors doing construction work at their residences.

Over time the ordinance has maintained its original language but it has allowed for unscrupulous contractors, for example, to convince homeowners to pull permits under this exception and thereby hurting the individuals, the citizens that reside in those homes. Additionally it has allowed for multi-property owners in the pursuit of business, for example rental properties, to use the same exception, to pull permits under the homeowner's exception, conduct construction work without having registration and to be able to use the homeowner exception which was originally afforded only to residents.

When we originally presented this before the Council, the believe was that it might be too restrictive of an ordinance because it only permitted the homeowner that actually resided in the home to pull permits and you had to be a primary resident of that house or household.

When this went to committee hearings we went through several iterations and came up with a middle ground or proposal that required that any high risk venture of construction, such as foundation work, concrete work, mechanical, electrical, plumbing, would absolutely require registration. This would prevent unscrupulous contractors from convincing a homeowner from pulling a permit on their behalf and for the city to have no recourse against that homeowner. Additionally it increased the amount of safety for our citizens that are renters in the city by us having some controls over the multi-property renters. Essentially that's the concept behind our current ordinance and I'm open to questions.

Councilman O'Hare – This originally started as a homeowner's exception and probably with the passage and the way this has been reworded that really no longer applies any more and that is to the good. I commend Mr. Kulchytsky in the revision of this, this is really how legislation works, it was introduced to Council, it got quizzical looks from a number of us and we have trouble with the language. It went back and was rewritten.

It went to committee once, we got further input from the investor community, the contractor community, where they disagreed with some things. Now they agree that we fix this substantially, it doesn't necessarily mean that they liked it but they all agreed that it was done very fairly. This came up the second time to the Housing & Building Standards committee and it was recommended for passage unanimously and that's why I'm ready and proud to support this.

Councilman Van Ho – To the Law Dept., I had asked about the inclusion of domestic partners in the list of people such as a brother-in-law, sister-in-law and everybody else. What is your opinion on that?

Director Frey – Ms. Sweeney is looking at various options for language that's inclusive of a wider range of individuals. We're not prepared at this point to make or recommend further amendment.

Councilman Van Ho – What we would do is go ahead and pass this and then do an amendment to it in the near future assuming she can come up?

Director Frey – That would be my recommendation. By the way, to all of Council, we actually do need to amend this, to this version. I don't think there's ever been a formal vote to go from (030-12) to (030a-12).

Councilman Lynch – I too would like to commend Councilman O'Hare and Mr. Kulchytsky in the work that they put on this legislative process. I think we did talk about a lot of these details and additionally the less restrictive version that we're including some family members, that point is well taken. My broader concerns and I'll try to keep them brief because I expressed them at the committee meeting that anytime you have a regulatory system or a regulatory state usually what happens is you have an overbroad regulation to get to a small percent of bad actors. I don't think we've done enough to make this regulation narrowly tailored, just to get to those bad actors, enough to convince me to support this legislation. There's a number of people who own properties and are do-it-yourselfers that are perfectly qualified and capable of doing work on a home which they own. They may not necessarily be licensed and bonded, but I still don't think that we should restrict that person's liberty interest in fixing up their own home if they're perfectly well qualified to do so. The effect of this legislation is now no one in the city of Euclid is going to be able to do significant work on a home without being licensed and bonded. Is that accurate?

Commissioner Kulchytsky – I would tend to disagree with the accuracy of that statement. There is a significant amount of work, any homeowner or homeowner of multiple properties to be able to still pull permits and do that work within the city. As I mentioned it will still allow such things as kitchen renovations, even additions of sunrooms. What we excluded were the high risk items that the citizens of Euclid were suffering because contractors were recommending they pull permits, or flippers would purchase a property and resell the property and resell these problems to the next buyer.

The items we constantly had to attempt or pursue bond on. We did narrow it down to items that are hurting citizens. I gave an example at the committee meeting that there was an individual who hired a contractor who was bonded for the waterproofing work that he conducted for her and we are pursuing the bond to \$7,700. However he also convinced her to pull her homeowner electrical permits and that leaves her in a situation where we cannot help her with almost \$3,000 worth of work. It does allow a lot.

Councilman Lynch – I understand and that point is well taken which is why I would encourage a more narrowly tailored legislation which says that even homeowners have to be bonded if they're going to do this sort of work. Now the situation that Councilperson Scarniench had said about somebody putting leaflets on the door and having no recourse. If everyone who pulls a permit, homeowner or not, is required to be bonded, then the city does have a recourse. I'm just concerned that it is too overly restrictive. It is a well intentioned piece of legislation and I think it needs to be addressed but I'm concerned on an overly broad piece of legislation that may encourage people to not pull permits in the first place. That's the other big concern is we're going to drive down people who are actually doing things on the radar. Those are my comments, thank you.

Councilman Gilliam – A question for Commissioner Kulchytsky, by no means am I a trades person, by no means do I have the knowledge that you possess. You said something about the higher risk jobs that are in a home. Most of these are considered Schedule A type of things as far as if there was a violation, mechanical, electrical, plumbing. These are things that would be serious conditions either to the sale of a home or into correcting violations, am I correct?

If I could rephrase the question? Thank you, I probably did confuse you because I confused myself. The thing that I wanted to point out, if I wanted to buy a home in Euclid and I have all of these major issues, even if I thought I could do it, it would be in my best interest, dealing with mechanical, electrical, plumbing and things of that nature, to hire a contractor and that's what the intent of this is to provide the registration of people fixing this, to provide the safest method and to get qualified individuals to do those repairs, correct?

Commissioner Kulchytsky – Correct. It also allows us to collect income tax from the contractors that are doing work within the city. That should be mentioned as an extension of that.

Councilman Gilliam – The reason why I'll say I support this is I've known numerous landlords who have had issues with using, I would say non-qualified individuals to repair homes. One for turnover, two for increasing their profit. I won't designate what city that is, but in some cases you have seen neighborhoods begin to deteriorate in that capacity because of the use of these individuals who are not apply qualified or very much deceptive in what their potential job can bring in. We've seen some challenges and I do think this is at least a strong statement and a very responsive step to possibly having those types of activities, not only increasing Euclid but cause major issue across the city. I'm in support of this and I think it is fair. I truly understand Councilperson Lynch's statement, but I think at this point, this type of control is a middle ground control and the owners and the contractors will be fair in assessing this as the proper thing to do.

Councilwoman Scarniench – I have to agree with Councilman Gilliam. The fact is we're trying to protect the homeowners. That's the whole thing. It is going to be our job now to make sure that they know how important this is for themselves. As I said at the committee meeting, I'm one of those people who ended up losing money because I used somebody who was not a licensed person way back when when I was young. I know how that all works. As I said, probably in our next newsletter that goes out citywide, we can make sure that's in there so people understand. Okay it might cost you a little more but this is what's going to happen. As long as they're a registered and qualified person, if they do something wrong, you're not going to lose your money. That's a big thing. I think the legislation is good the way it is and we just have to move forward and make sure all the residents of Euclid understand what we've done and why we've done it and hopefully they will do that. If they go ahead and do something in their house because they think they can do it, they're going to do it. If something happens, they're the ones who are responsible for it. We just want to let them know this is the best practice, this is the best way to do things.

Councilman Van Ho – As someone who has sold real estate here for a number of years, I've seen a lot of these home-fixed jobs and there have been an awful lot of them that were unsafe. That might be nice if you don't care whether you burn your own house down, but most of the houses in Euclid are very close together and if you're my neighbor and you do one of these hack jobs, you very easily could be burning my house down too, which is where I think we need to step in as a city to make sure we don't cause problems for the neighbors, as well as problems for people who unwittingly have hired their buddy Joe because he knows electricity.

Councilman Langman – Perhaps after six months or maybe a year we can have another Housing Committee meeting and go over how well the legislation, assuming it passes, has worked and then we can make any changes after the fact. Although I do have a few concerns, I don't think they're warranted enough to stop implementing this. Like most legislation, it is a work in progress.

Councilman Langman moved to accept the amendments as presented in Ord. (030a-12). Councilman Van Ho seconded.

Roll Call: Yeas: Gilliam, Scarniench, Jones, Lynch, McLaughlin, O'Hare, Langman, Van Ho, Holzheimer Gail.

Amendment accepted.

Councilman McLaughlin – Mr. Kulchytsky, can you define or is it defined somewhere what electrical, plumbing, concrete masonry is? Define the level of electrical. If I want to move a switch, if I want to put an outlet in, if I want to put a flag pole light out. Are we talking about anything electrical?

Commissioner Kulchytsky – It is not as restrictive as that. The way we would approach this is the way the State of Ohio approaches things that require permit. If it is considered something that is part of maintenance, it could be done by the homeowner or perhaps whoever they choose to utilize. If it is switching out a light, or doing something low voltage outside is not an issue. Electrically if you start wiring up new circuits, that's a level of risk that is high enough that should require permit and should require qualified individual to do the work.

Councilman McLaughlin – It is by Ohio Revised Code, that's what we're going to follow?

Commissioner Kulchytsky – The exception of the Ohio Building Code through the Ohio Revised Code, correct.

Councilman Lynch – To make a point, we're going beyond Ohio Revised Code. Ohio Revised Code doesn't demand we make these exceptions. I understand we're following their model here, but the City of Euclid is opposing additional regulations that are not required by the State of Ohio, that's the first point.

The second point, I just wanted to clarify, my statement was not incorrect in discussion of Section 1A, that Councilman McLaughlin was asking. As I read this legislation, even homeowners will be required on their own homes to pull permits for the type of work articulated in the final paragraph. Essentially the effect of this legislation is preventing anyone in the City of Euclid, even if it is your own home to do some of this work. I understand this is a homeowner's quality piece of legislation and that's very attractive to me. I understand the intent of this legislation. But, preventing even a person who lives in their own home to work on their own home if they want to assume that risk really violates a fundamental concept that we have in our country about liberty and owning property. It is a real concern. I would like to see this be a little bit more narrowly tailored so that it is not such an overly inclusive piece of legislation. I understand the intent we have to do something on the front end, we don't have all the resources to really catch things after the fact whether it gets a green tag or a red tag. I appreciate that but I have a concern that a lot of people are going to find out they're not going to be able to work on their homes when I think they should have the right to do that. That's what this is about, I think some people should still have the right to do that. That's the reason I won't be supporting the legislation tonight.

President Holzheimer Gail – Commissioner Kulchytsky, the first Housing Committee you had gone over other communities and how they compare in terms of homeowner exception. If I remember correctly most other communities did not allow that. Can you speak to that at all, how this compares to other communities?

Commissioner Kulchytsky – Yes, most communities have requirements that they use a homeowner becomes licensed, bonded and insured. Or that they have a requirement that only the homeowner residing within the residence can pull permits. They do restrict it to the individuals that live there. Which one of the concerns of Council was that was too restrictive. We opened it up to allow for homeowners to do significantly more. As to Councilman's two points, the first point that we're adding additional restrictions above the State of Ohio Building Code and Residential Code of Ohio, that is not true because the State of Ohio allows the permitting procedure and the issuance of permits and registration to be controlled by the municipality. We are not altering the actual language of the Ohio Building Code or Residential Building Code.

Councilman Lynch – My point was the State of Ohio doesn't require this restrictive approach. The State of Ohio doesn't care one way or the other if our homeowner's exception remains as it was. We are in fact becoming more restrictive than is necessarily required by the State of Ohio. That was my point.

Commissioner Kulchytsky – The State of Ohio does not regulate our permitting process for residential work at all. It is not a matter of them saying it is more restrictive or less restrictive, they say it is a municipal issue. They do step into commercial already when it comes to registration, but residential they do not comment either one way or the other. It is a local municipality issue. There is no one way or the other on that.

Additionally I would defer to Law Director Frey on this. Correct me if I'm wrong. I read Section A as no provision of this code shall be interpreted to require that the owner of very specific elements be registered to hold a certificate of qualifications to perform the work. I'm reading it as a homeowner can pull a permit without becoming registered. Then we have some exceptions of divisions. I disagree that it would globally remove the rights of a homeowner to do work. Director Frey, if you may.

Director Frey – I think the Commissioner's reading is correct. The homeowner can do the work by pulling the permits, except for that listed group at the bottom of that Section A. They don't have to be a registered contractor, but they can and would be required if it was permit work to pull the permits. They could do that for every function but those that are specifically listed on the bottom of that section.

Councilman Lynch – Just for clarity, Law Director, it is correct to say that even a homeowner would not be able to do masonry or waterproofing on his home under this legislation, is that correct? Even a homeowner who lives in the home would not be able to do that type of work, is that correct?

Director Frey – If it was the type of work that Mr. Kulchytsky mentioned that the Ohio Building Code would require it to be done under permit, that's correct. Some work, some and I don't know the answer, I'm assuming tuck pointing could be done without the need to have a permit to repair some missing mortar. Rebuilding the foundation wall would require a permit. It is that type of work the homeowner could not do individually unless that homeowner were a registered licensed contractor.

Councilman Lynch – Just to soften this, I understand I'm talking about a rare case but I think these people's rights are still worthy of protecting if we can make the legislation more narrow. That's my concern. I understand the intent of the legislation and I appreciate everyone's efforts.

Councilman Van Ho moved to close debate, Councilman O'Hare seconded. Yeas: Unanimous.

Councilman Gilliam moved to suspend the rules, Councilwoman Scarniench seconded. Yeas: Unanimous.

Roll Call: Yeas: Gilliam, Scarniench, Jones, McLaughlin, O'Hare, Langman, Van Ho, Holzheimer Gail.
Nay: Lynch
Passed.

Res. 47-2012 (061-12) 2012 Capital Improvement Budget

A resolution adopting and approving the attached Administration's recommendation for the 2012 Capital Improvement Budget. (Sponsored by Mayor Cervenik)

Councilwoman Scarniench moved for passage, Councilwoman Jones seconded.

President Holzheimer Gail – This Resolution we received at the Executive & Finance Committee meeting this past Wednesday. The draft budget was passed out the week before that at the end of the Safety Committee Meeting. We did have a presentation and discussion in the Executive & Finance Committee. Before I turn it over to the Mayor I would just like to remind Council that again any item over \$25,000 would have to come back to Council for individual approval.

Mayor Cervenik – You summed it up quite well. We went through line by line on all the items. If other questions have arisen, I'd be happy to try and answer them at this time.

President Holzheimer Gail – I do want to share, I received an email from Sandra Weber who is the President of the Indian Hills Association. I did forward that to all of Council this afternoon so I won't read the entire email. But she did want to be here tonight and was not able to but wanted to share, she went through some history which you saw on the email. Certainly is very much in favor of this spray park at Indian Hills and is hoping that council will support that. Indian Hills Association did begin a petition approximately a year ago requesting a sprinkler spray park and improvements to the baseball diamond which have begun. Our Association has been diligent in working with the Mayor and Mac Stephens to make this project a reality. Our neighborhood needs a facelift. We need an outlet for activity of our younger children. Spray parks are safer, require no guards and can be green using recycled water. Our ball diamond has begun to receive the attention it deserves. Indian Hills would like to see the homeowners association and church teams utilizing that field in the future. I'm asking that you please support the proposed legislation allocating some capital budget money to go towards the sprinkler park as Indian Hills Association celebrates its 70th Anniversary this year, I couldn't think of a better gift. That was from Sandra Weber and I know Councilman Gilliam has been advocating on their behalf as well.

I will just add that I don't see it just as an Indian Hills amenity. It certainly will be a City of Euclid amenity and a great addition to the community.

Mayor Cervenik – I agree, I think we're all going to be very surprised at the number of people that use the spray park, especially the youngsters. It is very refreshing on a hot day. The fear of drowning is virtually not there. Something new, something different in Euclid and that's what a lot of the items on this capital budget and other things that we're trying to do as an administration and council is to make the City of Euclid very competitive and very inviting, more inviting than other communities and I think we're succeeding. I think this is a very important part of that.

As I mentioned in the capital budget, I only included 2012, but come May 1st my Finance Director Tom Malone will be here and he is very good at forecasting and creating projections. I do plan on presenting to you for your information what would be the administration's intent over the next three years as well to make improvements and some of those do include concerns we have at Memorial Park, the pools, the ice arena and other things. We really need to do this and it is a balance. It took a long time to put this together so that I could try to address some of the major issues and also put a little, I hate to use clichés, but the Wow factor into a few things. Let people know Euclid is a wonderful thriving community and cares very much for their families. Virtually everything here does that. I'd be happy to answer any other questions that you didn't ask last week.

Councilman O'Hare – Mayor Cervenik, what date is that again when Mr. Malone starts?

Mayor Cervenik- May 1st, I can't wait. I've got to tell you, we've have a very excellent Finance Dept. They all know what their job is, most of them have been there for quite some time. I've appreciated all their help. Formulating the operating budget and the capital budget and a few other things they've had to do along with my mayoral position, May 1st can't come soon enough. You will all very much like Mr. Malone, who is sitting out there as an observer, it will be very refreshing for me and you and everyone else. We know what we need to do. We know what we need to do to keep this city strong.

We have to always look long term at our financial future and we do that and we've done that and will continue to do so. All councils, not just this council but prior councils have been very, very helpful in my term as Mayor in helping the city stay solid financially in some very, very tough times.

Councilman O'Hare – Along the lines of looking toward the future, and I fully appreciate this is a framework, this is a platform and as items move through over the \$25,000 they'll come back to us. Of particular interest to myself and a number of other people on Council I suspect is the Information Technology. Adding up the numbers here it is over 10% of the capital budget and in 2012 and beyond IT is critical, it is how we do business with each other, it is how we do business with community, how we be more efficient and effective. Along those lines, it is very easy, in most other department to see where things fall, Recreation, Police & Fire, governed by safety. One sort of gap if you will, information technology and that as far as operations, maybe it is something we look at in a different way, maybe it falls under Service, I don't know. It seems to fall into a gap, so I'll be very interested in, as those items come up that we give it some consideration. I fully support it, I want to make sure we're making investments that we can sustain and grow from. Thanks.

Councilman McLaughlin – For a clarification, is the water park next to Memorial, is that considered a water park or sprinkler?

Mayor Cervenik – That is considered an inter-active pool, there is depth to some of that water.

Councilman McLaughlin – The sprinkler park will be virtually no standing water?

Mayor Cervenik – Pretty much yes. I think we'll be very surprised at the usage it gets. The pool was under utilized by residents.

Councilman McLaughlin – There are plans to man it, to have supervision at the park?

Mayor Cervenik – I would imagine we're going to have somebody on staff. We won't need 4-5 lifeguards like we do at a pool. I think we'll definitely have a park attendant whether it is summer help or whatever up there. That park is going to become pretty busy with the ball diamonds being fixed up and this being done.

Councilman McLaughlin – The \$100,000 for the switches, are we changing phone systems, or is there a reason why those switches are being changed? Do you know the background on that?

Mayor Cervenik – I tried to get a hold of Carol Keller today but not through her fault but more through my scheduling, I wasn't able to. This was actually budgeted for last year, this is money that was allocated in last year's budget, not this year's. If I'm not mistaken they're over 10 years old, we're having problems with them. I don't understand exactly what all the switches do but we've been experiencing some significant problems with them and they feel it is time to be replaced but we will give you a full report on that.

Councilwoman Jones – I would like to thank the Mayor and Director Bock for answering the questions that I had emailed to you. The only other one and Councilman McLaughlin answered one of the questions I had about the switches. The one item that mentions general computer software and replacement, have we identified what software needs to be upgraded? As these software products, products that we currently own or are we upgrading to releases that we're leasing? How does that work? I see the amount is here and I was just wondering, did we come up with that amount based on current contracts that we have with specific vendors?

Mayor Cervenik – It is a little bit of both. I will be able to get a list of what is included in there. We had virtually the same amount of money budgeted in 2011 and as you can see there's only about \$9500 remaining. It is for the update that we're carrying over from last year's budget. It is purchasing new computers, software, it is the licensing. You've heard the commercials where you can't just buy one license if 15 people are using the software. Each computer has to pay the license fee for it. It is replacing, for instance we have 4-5 computers out there now that we bought and we're using them for the tax service. When they are done, those will go to replace some of the computers of some of our staff that are very outdated. It is a pretty extensive amount of different projects that are done there. I was unable to get in touch with Carol today, we will provide that to you. Anything over \$25,000 does come to City Council. I'll get you a recap on what we expect to spend there any how, in case any of those items don't exceed \$25,000 and they may not.

Councilwoman Jones – Under Recreation section for the items listed here, this question goes to Mr. Stephens, I would imagine this works along with whatever is being spent from the Recreational capital budget. Is that going to collaborate with these items? Or is the Recreation Capital budget going towards something totally, I know it is not going to go towards this, but is it going in enhancements as well or is that for a totally something different?

Manager Stephens – The items under the Rec Capital budget, 320 Account I believe it is, those items have already been designated for. For example, just off the top of my head I think we have “x” amount of dollars designated for certain types of equipment. It will be used exclusively for that. Whereas, in the general capital budget, I know there’s an amount designated for the proposed basketball courts in Memorial Park for example. Those monies will be used exclusively for the basketball courts. Or the monies that were designated for Indian Hills will be used exclusively for the Indian Hills Spray Park.

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

Roll Call: Yeas: Gilliam, Scarniench, Jones, Lynch, McLaughlin, O’Hare, Langman, Van Ho, Holzheimer Gail.
Passed.

Ord. (066-12) Parallel Fences

An ordinance repealing Section 1387.06, Parallel Fences, of Chapter 1387 of Title 13 of the Planning and Zoning Code of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Euclid. (Sponsored by Councilperson Scarniench)

Councilwoman Scarniench moved for passage, Councilwoman Jones seconded.

Councilwoman Scarniench – This Resolution is before you, I’ve had many discussions with Mr. Beno. As it states, this issue comes up constantly at Planning & Zoning and they’re always granting the variances. The distance between our fences right now is actually a hardship to a lot of people, I know it would be for me because it would take away 3 ft. of my yard and my yard isn’t very big. It is that type of thing. Instead of constantly granting these variances, it is time to update this code and do what is right for the citizens of Euclid. By sending this back to P&Z, they will go through it, they will make their adjustments before it comes back to us. I hope you all support it.

President Holzheimer Gail – This does need to be referred to Planning & Zoning.

Councilman Langman moved Ord. (066-12) to Planning & Zoning Commission. Councilman Van Ho seconded.

Roll Call: Yeas: Gilliam, Scarniench, Jones, Lynch, McLaughlin, O’Hare, Langman, Van Ho, Holzheimer Gail.
To Planning & Zoning Commission.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

No public comments.

COUNCIL MEMBERS’ COMMENTS

Councilman Gilliam – I have one question for Director Bock. I was inquiring, I haven’t been down on E. 204th, but have you received any updates from the Illuminating Company about the street lights on E. 204 & Euclid. There was one of the corner of Roseland and E. 204 and two lights on the southern part of E. 204 & Euclid. They are all brand new lights, but they weren’t illuminating and I didn’t know if there was a malfunction. I talked to Mr. Valencic and he sent some information to them. I didn’t get a chance to see after our last council meeting whether there has been any change, I just wanted an update on that.

My comments are geared towards, what happens when a community decides that they have certain needs and they work hard to do it. Bluntly speaking, the residents of Ward 1 have made a determination that they needed to have certain things in their community and at the time the pool wasn’t operational. We’ve had numerous meetings and numerous conversations, Mr. Stephens and I disagreed on certain things. The Mayor had heard all the responses, the residents worked extremely hard to send information to the Mayor, Mr. Stephens. I personally want to say thank you to Mr. Stephens and the Mayor for responding. This was quite a quick turnaround for us. What I mean by that is everything that happened in the past year was a result of the residents working hard, you two listening and finding avenues and ways to get that done.

I also thank my colleagues on Council for supporting this capital budget. Quality of life issues are going to be a major concern for all parts of Euclid and we have an opportunity here to invite people into Ward 1, not only from all of Euclid but other communities to see what is going on in Euclid. I think this will be a positive, positive impact.

I also feel the addition of the basketball courts, we are having younger and younger people come into Euclid as families. Many of them may have avenues to go to the YMCA or the Rec league. Some individuals do not have the opportunity to pay because of funding or also because of lack of knowledge. Until then we have an opportunity to provide some level of recreation for those young individuals coming in. I think this is a good thing.

I also feel the residents who requested these things, the residents who talked to different council

people and administrators take advantage of this. Impose on your children to use these resources responsibly. The reason why I say this is because we've had some concerns in the past and one of the things that we have to be mindful of that this is all city property and we must put it to good use. I would not want to see a spray park or a splash park remain vacant. Council, the administration has put forth an effort to bring certain activities in the Recreation Dept. and it is important the people utilize them and utilize them responsibly. This is a great thing for the City of Euclid.

The last thing I wanted to comment on is it gets a little warm out here and I've received some concerns and calls from residents in Ward 1, to the underdogs out there, I know probably none of you are watching because this is not the most entertaining thing to watch, but to the parents, please tell your children that this is a great community where you have an opportunity to now even do more as we begin construction and begin to add onto our city. Be mindful of your neighborhood, respect your neighborhood, respect individuals who are traveling through our streets who are looking at Euclid as a model of quality. It is important our children understand that we may not have all the answers but now we're starting to provide some answers with activities and this city will support you but support us in doing that.

With that being said, I'm going to close my comments. I'm extremely happy tonight, but it took the work of the residents in Ward 1, it took Mr. Cervenik listening, Mr. Stephens listening and putting together a plan and I like the fact that it came to fruition in such a fast time. I know I can be a little impatient but I am grateful for this, it was quicker than I expected and the only question I have is for Mr. Bock, is there any update on that situation, or I just need to turn on E. 204 and look down the street?

Director Bock – I will be in contact with First Energy tomorrow as I meet with them tomorrow afternoon with their liaison and I will get an update on it. They have been working on lights in other parts of the city. I've seen repairs in other areas and I will check where 204 is on their list.

Councilman Gilliam – I actually saw them there one time addressing the situation but it wasn't corrected at that time. The major concern to the residents on those streets is those are new lights and they're saying did they give us bum lights, I'm just pointing that out to you.

Councilwoman Scarniench – First off I would like to say thank you to everybody who worked hard to put the Spring Fling together on Saturday, it was a great event. It was nice that it was inside, that was a good move, moving it over to the Bliss Lane because no matter what the weather is outside, you can be inside and have a great deal of fun. There were lots of vendors there. It was interesting to find out from Marty Castelletti that we've actually sold three of our houses, which was really great. That's the kind of news we need to hear more about. Congratulations to everybody and I hope the Animal Shelter made a bunch of money of their hot dogs.

This Saturday is the rain barrel workshop at the Historical Society at 21129 North Street, from 10-11:30. Even if you haven't signed up to build your own rain barrel you can still come and sign up to do one at another place. They have workshops going on all over throughout the County and they'll have a list of them there. Some of things you can do there is look at the worm farm, I can hardly wait, container planting, the solar garden fountain which is a really cool thing and folks from our Memorial Park community garden will be there. That is Saturday from 10-11:30.

This one I'm going to read. Shore, the following Saturday, April 21st from 1-4:00, you're invited to come and Explore Shore. They are having an Open House for the community to come out and check out the many things that are happening at the Cultural Centre and everything is free. They will have the doors open, crafts and activities, you can go to a fitness class and dance demonstrations, hear live music and learn all about the fun things on offer for this spring and summer. Along with the many programs, there will be a community garage sale throughout the first level. Come browse for treasures and find yourself a bargain, wander through an artist open studio, catch a recital and get hands on with make and take craft activities. Affordable refreshments will also be available. Visitors can buy a delicious meal at the culinary bistro or treat the kids to popcorn. Everyone will find something fun and it is a great opportunity to see the new things that are happening in the heart of downtown Euclid. All activities take place, located right downtown at 291 E. 222 St. It is very easy to get to. If you have any information that you need more of, call 289-8578 or the website, www.shoreculturalcentre.com.

Councilwoman Jones – This is the season where high schoolers are now getting into their prom status or getting ready for prom. I would like to announce, My Fairy Godmother who is a store that has either new or slightly used prom dresses or even any other occasion you want it for. Their whole philosophy is helping every Cinderella make it to the ball. They have Say Yes to the Dress Prom Sale going on where you can get everything you need for prom for \$50 or less. I personally know somebody who went to this store last year for prom and at first her daughter was a little skeptical about going there but she was very satisfied with the dress she got, it was a new dress and the dress was only \$25 and it was a style that she was looking for. They do have up-to-date styles, they do have various lengths of dresses, so please take the opportunity to go. They are open on weekends from April 7th-June 9th, Saturday and Sunday, plus during the week. It is located at 4652 Warrensville Center Road and you can call for questions, 216-355-9712. If you know anyone who is

looking for a prom gear or even for a wedding reception, you can always check them out.

I would also like to announce the Euclid City Schools cordially invite you to tour the new and old school buildings. For the four elementary schools that are being built, you can tour the new Chardon Hills magnet school and the old one is Glenbrook on May 5th from 9:00-11:00 AM. The Arbor Elementary School which was Roosevelt, from 12:00 PM until 2:00 PM, both on May 5th. On May 12th, Shoreview Elementary School, which was Upson, 9:00-11:00 AM and Bluestone Elementary which used to be Thomas Jefferson from 12:00-2:00 PM. Take an opportunity to take a tour of the new schools. If you have any questions about the new schools, call 216-797-2910.

I would also like to say congratulations to those that will be graduating high school this year on your new venture, whatever that maybe. Whether you're going on to continue education or you're starting into the job market, or whatever it is, please set your goals, what you want to do. If you set your goals and focus on them, you can establish them. So many times there's obstacles that may get in your way but it is how you handle those obstacles which will make a difference. Good luck to those graduates that will be graduating this year.

April 26th, next Thursday at 6 PM, at the Lake Shore Theater, there will be a movie premiere. There is a movie being put on that night, called Bully X project. It is a movie that Mr. Banks, part of the Reading RAM program is putting on. The whole program is, he takes a group of young people who are school aged kids or young adults and he teaches them how to work the recording equipment. They're actually in the movie, they're recording, they're doing all the work for the money itself. That will be shown at the movie theater. The movie time is 7:30. They will have a red carpet in front of the movie theater, they bring the performers in on a limousine, just like you watch on the awards, they go in and take pictures in the lobby. It is a great event for them to be able to project a topic that is critical to them and it is on bullying. It is a way for them to project and share it with other young people as well. I hope you take advantage of that. It is April 26th, 6 PM for the red carpet and 7:30 for the movie.

Chief Brickman, can you elaborate on the event that is also going on April 26th at the Lakefront Community Center, the safety event that Sgt. Knack is having?

Chief Brickman – I didn't bring any details associated with the event with me tonight. I can get it to you via email and get you updated on that. I will also be on the website.

Councilwoman Jones – It is an event, open to the public, April 26th at 7 PM. It is going to go over strategies and things for the summer as far as community policing strategies. That's the email I saw and that's all I know about it. If you could send more information out about that, it would be great.

Chief Brickman – He does have various events planned throughout the summer involving programs at the Library and Community Center involving different crime prevention, tips, techniques that individuals can use as well as community policing activities and events that are going to be taking place. I will get you all updated on that.

Councilwoman Jones – We do have a Safety Committee Meeting April 25th at 6:30 PM. Hopefully all the Safety Committee members can make it and other council members as well. Thank you and good night.

Councilman Lynch – With the council's and residence's indulgence, I would like to speak tonight as, not just a council person, but as a community member. On April 10th last week my wife and son's residence which was in India, the non-violence center that they were staying was demolished. About 150 policemen stormed the campus, mostly as a result of the institution refusing to give any government bribes. They've existed for about 30 years in a populated part of India and there was increasing pressure and harassment and intimidation and this was the final straw which was focused on a handicap, the only handicap access residence at the facility, which is also where my wife had been staying. A number of American citizens and Canadian citizens and Brazilian citizens, as well as Indians who live there were manhandled. A USA citizen had his finger broken, bruised and pinned on the ground for about 10 minutes by police.

The really offensive part of this is not just a result of not giving bribes, but the people when they came to demolish it didn't present any legal papers. This is supposed to be a country of a rule of law, the center had because of the threats gotten a court order protecting the property, a stay to prevent any demolition like this. But the restraining order was not respected by the police officials and administrators who were seeking bribes and they demolished one building and they're seeking to demolish another.

The most troubling part was the video that was taken of the whole incident of people protesting. One American citizen lied down in front of the bulldozer that the police dragged away. I would just ask anyone who wants to know more about this cause, which is what it is becoming, to please go to the YouTube channel, StarNewsReal. Additionally I've written an open letter on my blog, scott-lynch.blogspot.com.

I've always talked about using best practices and my deep admiration for Gandhi and the real ideals that have come out of America and which the real ideals that India and America both hold. This has really made me deeply value the greatness of our nation, that it is really a country of a rule of law. We have certain rights that no matter what amount of money you pay, the system works for you. I won't say there's no

corruption in America, far from, but we have a deep respect for a system and a rule of law that people can be treated fairly. It is nothing short of a domestic terrorism what happened and I just request everyone's indulgence to share this at this venue here. Because human ideals are human ideals. We have a globalizing society to the extent that we can globalize our best practices in America and increase the rights of workers, increase the rights of a rule of law, everyone will be benefited. America's and India's future is together in this next century and in that regard I consider ending corruption in India an American and nationalist work that will benefit everyone.

I encourage people to visit those websites and if there's any way they can help and lend their voice, we're all just speaking up on our own and that's how action and change happen. I'm very honored for everyone's ear and concern in whatever work you maybe able to do. Thank you.

Councilman McLaughlin – Mr. Mayor I had my first phone call and hang up from a resident who was very upset with me. I know, first one. It wasn't because I didn't do my due diligence, I tried to do it and my job and I didn't do it well and it was a function of not having the proper tools in front of me. One of these days I'm going to take a half day vacation and come over with an org chart and have you just fill out all the names for me and I'll surprise you. That will be very helpful for me because I just don't know my way around City Hall yet. I don't have a lot of time to do it because I work during the day. When I do it, it is on my lunch hour and have to be very precise.

Mayor Cervenik – If you're on a tight schedule like that, you've got my cell phone number, call me and I'll take care of it. I'll get the right people out to do.

Councilman McLaughlin – I don't want to bother anybody. It would be better if I could route my way through myself. I don't want to have to bother the Mayor for every detail. Regarding the electronic sign that we'll be purchasing for Euclid Ave, perhaps if we do our good work and get a decent bid that we could save maybe a couple thousand out of that for a new sign at Orr Arena perhaps? Just a thought for creative financing.

The Euclid Relays is coming up May 4th and I always attend that. It is a great function for the city. I went to the Spring Fling and met Dick Goddard and let me tell you, as good as he looks on TV, that guy looks fabulous in person. I thought it was just the makeup, but that guy looks great, very with it. It was a fun event. With that I'll say goodnight.

Councilman O'Hare – It is difficult to follow up from a compliment to Dick Goddard, but I will try. Along those lines, especially because it is such a warm day, it is interesting that we're talking about the splash park and so forth and hearing about let's try something different, let's try something for a wow effect. That's all well taken. Along those lines, something relatively simple but got a wow effect from me was the postcard from the Development Department for the properties available for sale owned by the City of Euclid. I thought it was well done and either as a result of that or other efforts, some of these properties have been sold. Again, compliments on that, that's a wow factor to me. Sometimes even the boring things are good and important and not known quite so well.

Along those lines, the e-gov site, the changes made for when somebody enters a complaint or a comment or a compliment being resolved. I understand you're working through the issues, it is great to see the effort in that. So much of that can come in, just streamline residents being able to know that their efforts are getting done. Again, it is boring, it is behind the scenes but doing a good job that way.

Lastly a boring thing that nobody will notice but we on this side do and will be noticed in the future. It is the commitment made to accruing funds for retirement separation pay. Haven't been able to do it, finding a way to do it, as mentioned in the last meeting, I think it puts us in good stead among our peers in Northeast Ohio community of doing that. Again, nice job on that.

Councilman Langman – Just one announcement about Arbor Day. Myself and Councilman Van Ho are part of the Shade Tree Commission. We along with the city are proud to sponsor Arbor Day. This year we're honoring Mr. John Williams which many people know from the Historical Society and being a history major from Kenyon College, knowing one's history is very important. Mr. Williams along with the other members of the Historical Society have done tremendous work over the many, many years so an honor well deserved. That will be Friday, April 27th at the Euclid Historical Museum, 21129 North Street, in our fair city, lovely part of town. It will start at 6:00 and hopefully all of my colleagues can attend. I know the Mayor will be there and it is a wonderful honor for a really terrific guy, Mr. John Williams. With that, I'll say goodnight.

Councilman Van Ho – This is directed to the Police Chief. On April 6th I was reading an article in the Plain Dealer that several west side suburbs, Fairview Park, Lakewood, North Olmsted, Rocky River, Westlake and Bay, have put together a program where people can drop off their old prescription drugs there for them to be disposed of the proper way instead of flushing them down the toilet which affects the Lake. We can't filter them out at our sewage treatment plant; it's affecting the water quality. If you could talk to those police chiefs, see how they did it with looking at doing something similar to that in Euclid.

My next question is to the Service Director. When you are turning onto Lake Shore from Babbitt, 222 there, the 25 mph sign is just when you turn, you're going to miss it in most instances. Is it possible to move that down so the motorists have a fighting chance of seeing it?

Director Bock – We'll take a look at that. If it is possible to do, we'll do it.

Councilman Van Ho – As long as we're in the neighborhood there, could we put overhead signs or signs on posts when you're coming out of Bliss Lane as to which lanes you should go if you're going to go down Babbitt or 222 and which ones turn there? It would just be much more clear.

Director Bock – We can take a look at it.

Councilman Van Ho – I just want to say the Observer Neighborhood Association which is 236-239th off of Babbitt is meeting tomorrow night at the Library. Anyone in that neighborhood should stop by. They are very active and interesting neighborhood association. With that I'll say goodnight.

President Holzheimer Gail – I think most of my announcements were made, that's the good part of being last. Other than are we still accepting applications for the City Hall Academy, Mayor, do you know?

Mayor Cervenik – Yes we are.

President Holzheimer Gail – I just wanted to announce that for those who have not seen it. Kristal Grida has put together a City Hall Academy which is a five week program, plus the sixth week is graduation. It will be Thursday evenings here at City Hall during the month of May from 6:00-9:00 PM. The first class is limited, so if you're interested in being a part of the inaugural class, the application is available online or by calling Kristal Grida at 289-8449.

It is an in-depth look at city hall, each week two departments will present what they do on a daily basis and give residents an opportunity to see and learn about city hall. The Citizens Police Academy has been very successful, this is meant to get an in-depth look at City Hall. It will be a very exciting program open to any residents or business people who live or work in the City of Euclid. There is no cost and see our city website for a link to information about the City Hall Academy and the application.

Councilwoman Jones mentioned there will be tours of the new buildings and at the same time old buildings. Each of the elementary schools that are closing, Roosevelt, Upson, Thomas Jefferson and Lincoln are also planning events to invite back people who went to the school, neighbors, anyone who wants to go in and see the schools again. They're going to have programs, they're going to have memory books and things like that to see. I know Roosevelt's is May 24th from 4:00-8:00. Upson is May 9th from 6:30-8:00. Thomas Jefferson is May 24th from 4:00-7:00 and Lincoln, the school my daughter is at, I don't have the date but I will be happy to make sure you guys get that. I know there is one planned during the month of May. I assume those dates and the dates Councilwoman Jones stated, the tour of the new buildings, are available on the School's website and maybe we can get a link to them from ours. All of my other announcements were made.

Councilman McLaughlin – I just wanted to say I logged onto City VPN and the email was up and running and I was so ecstatic. Thank you for whoever corrected that.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilwoman Scarniench moved to adjourn. Councilman McLaughlin seconded. Yeas: Unanimous.

Attest:

Clerk of Council

President of Council

