

2022-2023

UPDATE TO EUCLID CITY COUNCIL GOALS



A NOTE FROM COUNCIL PRESIDENT CHARLENE MANCUSO

In this update of the Euclid City Council Goals for 2022-2023, you will see some of the areas the Council has been addressing. While all goals initially described at the beginning of this 2022-2023 term may not be cited in this update, progress on all goals will once again be reviewed in the final 2022-2023 update that will be completed at end of the 2022-2023 term. Please know each goal is important to this Council and is being addressed.

When a City Council can work toward community-based priorities, making them goals to achieve, there will undoubtedly be cost savings, better resource allocation, more informed resident participation, and a more unified proactive commitment to issues that need to move forward. Many of the goals listed have quantitative measures put in place to focus us on our discussions and decision-making.

Any Goals realized by City Council require the coordination, collaboration and commitment of the Mayor, City Department Directors, and staff. When we work toward common goals, we can address and accomplish so much more for our community.



REVIEW OF TAX STRUCTURES/POTENTIAL REVENUE ENHANCEMENT

- The Council initiated financial work sessions chaired by the Council President and conducted with the Finance Director at regular intervals to keep council members apprised of the current state of city finances. This strategy will continue in 2023.
- Establishing a methodology to support rental assistance and business support. Pending for 2023: the Village of Healing - requires KHG/P&D Dept/Council support and review.
- The Council continues to receive quarterly updates on Income tax collection. The council will continue to support RITA which has exceeded 2021 and 2022 revenue projections.
- The Council will continue to establish and support purposeful uses for American Rescue Act Funds (ARAF) through 2023.
- The Council held an Executive and Finance meeting to review our Bond Debt Service Fund to determine what the City can reasonably spend on major/capital projects. This information is necessary to make fiscally responsible decisions about capital expenditure.
- In 2023, the Council will again evaluate our annual sewer rate study to determine any sewer rate changes needed. These discussions will occur in the Public Services & Utilities committee chaired by Councilman Wojtila.
- Executive and Finance Committee meetings will be held to review current policy and standards and to address long-term goals.



MASTER PLAN

- In December of 2022, the Council supported and adopted the recommendations made in the Sustainability/Clean Energy Recommendations report as part of our Master Plan for the community. This was at the recommendation of the Sustainability Committee chaired by Councilwoman McIntosh.
- In November of 2022, the Council approved the resolution that adopted the Downtown Euclid Special Improvement Corporation (SID). This allows downtown property owners to form a governing body with the ability to receive special assessment funds to implement service plans.
- In January of 2023, the Council approved two resolutions supporting the inclusion of city-owned parcels and established a Ward 5 seat, Councilwoman Hannum, on the Downtown Euclid Improvement Corporation.
- The E.185th street project has been supported and guided by Ward 4 Councilperson Jarosz. It is underway with completion projected to be Spring 2023.
- Euclid Ave revitalization is underway. Successes include Euclid Ave. resurfacing; partnership with Cleveland Metroparks and their trail extension; and the NOACA study of Chardon Rd. Councilman Tolton Has been involved in reinvigorating the business district.
- The Council has supported an RFP process for CDBG fund awards in lieu of an automatic award to EDCOR. This is the result of the 2022 resident survey weighing interest in developing a CDC. The Council is in support of this endeavor which should occur in 2023.



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MASTER PLAN

- Ward 5's Downtown Walkability Project was conducted in collaboration with the Planning & Development Department. Outcomes will be addressed in 2023.
- The Council regularly refers to the City of Euclid Master Plan in legislative debate. Examples include St. Roberts rezoning, Downtown Walkability Plan, Sims Park, green spaces, city-wide playgrounds, and lakefront development. This support will continue in 2023.
- The Master Plan developed in February 2018 will be reviewed in 2023 to determine relevance to current issues impacting our community.
- Recent addendums to the Master Plan include Top of the Tank and NextGen Sustainability Recommendations Report, both supported by city council.
- A review of the Master Plan will be held in Chairman Jarosz's Building, Housing, and City Planning Committee in 2023.



SAFETY



- The pilot program for officer training in Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu is ongoing. This program will be evaluated in 2023.
- Former Councilwoman McIntosh plans to bring yoga & meditation back to EPD in 2023. Other programs and funding should continue to be researched and brought forward.
- Safety facilities: long-term assessment and planning information have been completed. Next steps in 2023 include site location, engineering, cost analysis, and funding sources. The Council will continue to be involved in this project as it moves forward.
- Body cams, always supported by the Council, are now included as part of the uniform requirement; funded through a state grant. New vehicle Dashcams have also been purchased.
- Flock license plate readers (Ord.040-22) were installed in 2022. The Council supports decision-making about differing camera types to promote city-wide safety.
- A Speed Table pilot project is slated for 2023 for the Sims Park driveway (due to speeding & pedestrian safety complaints).
- The Council may be revisiting dangerous dog policies along with Dog owners' responsibilities in 2023.

SAFETY

- The Council is currently discussing, in the Safety Committee, legislation introduced by Councilman Tanner addressing the identification of armed security guard legislation. This would mean all armed security guards working in the City of Euclid would have to wear some type of identifiable patch or clothing indicating they are security. Discussion will continue in 2023.
- The Council is discussing a possible Ord. 078-22, section 501.31- Parental Responsibility. sponsored by Councilman Tanner. The issue was sent to the Public Safety Committee, chaired by Councilman Jarosz in June 2022. Discussion will continue into 2023. This legislation would make parents more responsible for the actions of their children.
- Following a Safety Committee recommendation, the Council supported and passed legislation that would require video surveillance at apartment complexes of 50 or more units. Another tool to create a safer environment for residents.
- In 2023, the Council supports working with the Service Department to introduce solar warning flashing speed signs on Euclid Ave. to decrease the speeds driven, making the road safer.
- In November 2022, the Council sponsored and passed Ord. 126.2022. This ordinance created Traffic Code 375.03 which prohibits the operation of snowmobiles, off-highway motorcycles/dirt bikes and all-purpose vehicles/ATV-type vehicles from operating on any public street in the City of Euclid.



HOUSING/BUILDING PROCESSES, P&Z CODE REVIEW



- In November 2022, the Council passed an ordinance that permitted the rezoning of the St. Robert's property, approximately 7.8 acres that were originally zoned institutional. This decision followed community meetings for residents to voice their issues, suggestions, and input. There were also committee meetings to discuss the best residential usage.



- Ward 5 Councilwoman, McIntosh and Ward 6 Councilwoman Jukic initiated a resident meeting on the site so the Council and administration could more effectively determine usage parameters. The passage allowed our Planning & Development department to develop an RFQ which would bring us different types of development for the property.
- 2023 will see more activity with the "St. Robert's" property as more ideas are analyzed.
- Review and revision of our Landbank Disposition Policy which began in 2021, will continue to be a focus in 2023 to ensure relevance to our current City goals.
- The Council supports continued collaboration with the building team led by Kristal Grida to address priority areas and issues within the city. Ward 5 has seen successful intervention in the priority areas addressed. This collaboration will continue in 2023.
- The Council will support and work with our nuisance inspectors in 2023 to provide more consistent use of our nuisance ordinances to make residents responsible for removing tree limbs, branches, and debris from their property. 2023.
- Numerous Planning and Zoning codes have been reviewed and revised for 2022. This endeavor will continue in 2023.
- In 2022, the Euclid Historical Society voiced interest in renewing the discussion pertaining to the disposition of the house/property, (Township Hall) adjacent to the Euclid Historical Society. In 2023, discussions concerning the property, its use, and financial opportunities to accomplish any redevelopment will be scheduled.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS & DEVELOPMENT

- The Council supports the downtown Ambassador program to continue throughout 2023. The downtown SID will consider if the Ambassador program remains for 2023. The downtown businesses and the Sims Park visitors have had a consistently good experience with those participating in the program.
- We continue to have issues in getting the City flag made in quantity so they could be installed on city-owned properties.
- In December 2022, the Council reviewed the 12-month Moratorium in place for small box stores and voted to extend the moratorium through 2023.
- The Euclid website and the city's social media have been a focus in 2022 and will continue in 2023 as we try to bring communications to residents in various forms and media.
- The Council will make it a priority to address entertainment/business accommodations/restrictions in locations adjacent to residential neighborhoods in 2023.



SUSTAINABILITY EFFORTS:



- The City has been awarded a Community Planning Grant from the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission to develop an active transportation plan. As a reminder, an active transportation plan is essentially a mini-master plan focused on goals and strategies to support increased walking, biking, and other transportation for daily life and recreation. This work is critical for transportation equity and quality of life for all residents, particularly those who do not or cannot drive and need to walk or use mobility devices for daily trips. A preliminary meeting with the County Planning team to share expectations and planning efforts has been held. Several council members have supported and participated in these discussions. The council will continue to participate in the ongoing discussions in 2023.
- The Council supported and approved adding the NXTGEN Sustainability recommendations as an addendum to our master plan.

PARKS AND GREENSPACE:

- In conjunction with NOACA, the Council and area residents, we have reviewed and provided ideas, questions, and suggestions for publicly owned land that is being evaluated for the feasibility of a recreational trail along Euclid Ave, incorporating Chardon Rd in its planning. These efforts will continue to be supported by the city council in 2023.
- In December of 2022, the Council established priorities for playground replacement. The Council has and will continue to support the revitalization of our many parks and playgrounds in the city, Tungsten Park, Hero Park, and Heritage Park are all scheduled to be completed in 2023.



ASSETS



- Shore: Monthly Makers Pop-Up Market added in 2022. The Council will continue to support activities that assist in the reduction of the annual subsidy to the building and increase its community-based activity. 2023 will see quarterly Makers Markets added to the activities of Shore as it interacts with the community.
- The Council will continue to support window replacements at Shore in 2023, made available by grant funding.
- In May 2022, the Assets Committee heard initial plans for building a Recreation/Wellness Center. Plans included researching an appropriate site and determining a funding source.
- At the May 16th Council meeting Council supported and passed a Resolution supporting the construction of a community wellness and recreation center.
- October 2022 Council supported and approved two Ordinances (Ord. 120.22 & 121.22) to provide the Briardale Golf course with needed equipment at an expense of \$221,000.
- The Council will review all its assets in the Assets Committee chaired by Councilwoman Jukic in early 2023 so priorities can be established for 2023.
- In November 2022, the Council supported and passed the acceptance of grant funding from the state (\$500,000) which allows us to begin the development of Phase III of the Waterfront Improvement Plan. Support of this project will continue in 2023.



STREETS & INFRASTRUCTURE

- Plans to replace the 7,000 feet of waterline and replace fire hydrants from Mohican to Lakeshore Blvd were supported and passed with funding from Cleveland Water. The repaving of E. 200th street is planned with funding from the county in 2023.
- The Council will support and participate in the results of the study done on high accident areas throughout the city.

NEIGHBORHOODS

- Councilwoman Steele has begun discussion within ward 8 about developing Ward Block Delegates to foster better communications.
- Councilwoman Steele continues to research the development of a winter snow program and a summer lawn program for Seniors utilizing grant dollars.

MISCELLANEOUS

- The Council created an Ad Hoc committee to discuss and make recommendations to City Council regarding the necessity of taking and keeping verbatim minutes at regular and special council meetings. This committee is chaired by Councilwoman Jukic (Res. 112-22) The Committee will meet to discuss the issue in 2023.
- Councilwoman McIntosh sponsored an ordinance that provides renters the ability uses a COVID-era ability to pay back rent to prevent an eviction, with council's support, the ordinance passed.

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