

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO

Tuesday, May 29, 2012

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 p.m. by Council President Nancy Marincic.

INVOCATION BY: Clmn Eugene Glenn

ROLL CALL: **PRESENT:** Council Members Dudley, Marincic,
Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster, Mahoney, Vaughn

READING AND DISPOSAL OF MINUTES:

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Reading and disposal of the Minutes from the Monday May 14th Regular Meeting of the Garfield Heights City Council.

CLMN SUSTER: Mme. Chairman, I'd like to make a motion that we accept the Minutes of Monday May 14, 2012 as submitted.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: All in favor say Yea. All opposed say Nay? The Yeas have it.
AYES: Suster, Mahoney, Vaughn, Dudley, Marincic, Nenadovich, Glenn

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL: None.

LEGISLATION OUT OF COMMITTEE: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None.

REPORTS OF THE MAYOR AND DIRECTORS:

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Let's move on to the reports of the Mayor and his Directors. Mayor Collova, I know you have a report for us.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Mme. Chairman, thank you very much. I am going to start off my report today by talking a little bit about the Police Department. When I go out and I talk to people I have an opportunity to talk about the city there's many things I talk about and there's always positives and negatives and the negatives come when you're talking about money, you're talking about the services that we have not been able to do due to the lack of money. But when I talk about positives I talk about Garfield Heights has (and I mean it from my heart) the best safety forces anywhere around and I mean it. We have a great Police Department. We have an unbelievable Fire Department. Our paramedics are the best. Our police officers, believe me folks, if you're in trouble those are the guys you want to respond because they know how to take care of business and it's really a great thing and people and businesses around are happy to know that our Police Department is as good as it is. A leg of that Police Department, a very important leg of that Police Department is the Auxiliary Department. These guys do a phenomenal job. They were all out there yesterday in the 90 degree heat for the parade. They do some things that have to be done and they are able to by them doing what they do they are able to keep our

regular policemen on the streets taking care of the things that they have to take care of so it's an honor today for me to be able to swear in two new Auxiliary Police Officers and with your indulgence and with the help of the Chief, I'd like to do that right now, Mme. Chairman?

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Yes.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: We have coming up with us today Donisius Dow and Michael Bonfield.

The Mayor swore in the two Auxiliary Police Officers at this time.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Congratulations.

CHIEF ROBERT SACKETT: I want to say congratulations to both of these gentlemen. I want to thank you for your patience. I know the process took a little longer than I wanted, but welcome to Garfield Heights.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: A few meetings ago we had a young lady that we all know, Chris Piazza, come up to the mike and talk about a project she wanted to put together. It was a Greenup Project and she asked for volunteers to shape up the city, to shape up the Veterans' Memorials and the different areas of the Civic Center and it has been a total success. I don't know if you have had an opportunity to look at the Center here and the Veterans' Memorials. They have done a great job. I mean a great job. I want to give a little recognition out and this is what I received from Chris. It's the Green Up Project Volunteers. These people have volunteered their time, talent and manual labor to the Green Up Project: After School Daycare Group from Jennings Center, The Learning Circle, Keith Bartko, Mike and Trudy Bordonaro, Jennifer Brooks-Duber, Faith Conroy and family, Frank and Rosemary Davenport, Bill Frank, Stephanie and Marc Galbreath, Ellen Johns, Noreen Kuban, Tracy and Rich Mahoney, Heidi Molschewski, Chris, Lenny and Scott Piazza, Rose Puntel, Mary Ryan, Bob Sackett, Pat Salemi, Debra Sarnowski, Janet and Ken Sinchek, Barbara Tompkins, Judy and Bob Waters, and there may be a few other garden angels who randomly and secretly pull weeds and want to remain anonymous. Donations of plant supplies and special services have been provided by the following: The Garfield Heights Historical Society, Ellen Johns, Vince Liotta, Dave Molar, Amy Nemecek, Yolanda Pulizzi, Mary Ryan, Pat Salemi, Joe Suster, Barbara Tomkins, Judy Waters. Monetary donations and special corporate discounts will continue to be listed in the Neighborhood News. This is really great to see the community come together and do these things. It's amazing. They are putting in time on Sundays, evenings, they are going far and beyond the call of duty and I really appreciate. On behalf of the city, thank you very much.

We have a summer program that I was going to talk about in Caucus. Unfortunately I didn't so this will be a surprise to everybody. This is something I'll read to you. It's about a summer program.

"Program Funds Summer Activities. Cuyahoga County will award money to 28 communities for sports, tutoring, arts and other extra-curricular activities as part of a program to increase after school and summer activities. Government leaders, schools, faith-based organizations, parents and other groups must collaborate on proposals according to a news release. Eleven Cleveland programs will each be awarded \$45,000.00, eleven inner ring suburbs will receive \$35,000.00 and six outer ring suburbs will receive \$15,000.00. The money comes from Family and Children First Council. For more information contact Robin Martin

at [HYPERLINK "mailto:rmartin@cuyahogacounty.us"](mailto:rmartin@cuyahogacounty.us)
rmartin@cuyahogacounty.us or visit startingpoint.org."

This program I was going to talk to Council about today. Don't be surprised everybody, OK? So one of our Councilman's going to be real surprised. Anyways we have a Recreation Board and one of our Council people is the head of the board; I believe it's Mike Dudley. Mike, I'd like to put your committee in charge of this because I think you have been totally outspoken along with many of the rest of us about some summer activities, some activities for playgrounds and kids and this is an opportunity to bring in \$35,000.00 so I'd like you to put together a meeting with your board as soon as you can and let's see if we can get something working on this, OK? I apologize for not saying anything in Caucus, but Nancy ended it too soon. Thank you.

I want to talk briefly about the grass cutting program that's been going on for two months now. We have in the month of March from March 19th through April 30th we had 865 lots that were notified; 286 cut by the crew. 286 in that period of time. 97 in Ward 1, 37 in Ward 2, 44 in Ward 3, 34 in Ward 4, 24 in Ward 5, 25 in Ward 6 and 25 in Ward 7 for a total of 286. They averaged in that period 11 cuts per day. That's a lot when you consider we only had a crew and a half out there and how long the grass was when it first gets going with the rain. From May 1st to May 27th in that 3-week period, almost 4 weeks, we had cut by the crew Ward 1- 110, Ward 2- 17, Ward 3- 26, Ward 4- 27, Ward 5- 17, Ward 6- 17 and Ward 7- 7; a total of 221 lawns cut in that three or four week period. An average of 15 cuts per day. We now have two or two and a half crews in place. The grass cutting program is a total success. The greatest part of this is when they broke it down Mr. Dobies broke this down for me, he talks about the best part of this is that people once you cut their lawn you go from month to month and you see that many of those people are cutting it the following month because we're charging them \$200.00 to do it, it puts the ambition into them to cut their own. So this is a great program. We're really happy and it's going to bring in a few dollars to the city. That always helps. I know Ron's happy about that.

A little update on Transportation Blvd. for Bob and the rest of the crew here, Transportation Blvd. finally is up and running. It's a very slow process in the beginning. I have gone back there with Noreen and we have checked it out a couple of times. They have roads. It's across from Giant Eagle. You can see it. There's a gate that opens into some roads back there. You can see the signs where they are going to put the shale and the signs where they are going to put the fill. They've already had some of the product come in. They're talking about the second or third week of June to start bringing it in in mass so it's great to see that up and running.

The next thing I would like to do if I can. We talked about having the flag for the city some flags for the city and I would like to pass these flags out to the Council Members and to the audience if you can share if we don't have enough copies for every body. We have it broken down into three and these flags we put together were made by Becky Simons downstairs. She works the reception desk downstairs. I came up with three flags that I think look very good for the new Garfield Heights flags and we've looked at many different ones. Some of the school children did some designs for us. I showed you some of the earlier designs. These are the ones that I think look the best. If you look at number 3 the Bulldog and the Trojan stand for as you can imagine Garfield Heights High School and Trinity. There was some question as to whether or not it was a good thing to do with the flag or not but I wanted to put it in front of you and the only difference between the first flag and the second flag is the difference in the color of the State flag and basically if you look at the flag it says exactly what it is. "Garfield Heights Ohio, A Caring Community

Founded 1919". This is something that we'd like to make up on a flag and fly this flag over the wall that we are talking about we are getting ready to put up and any other places that we need a city flag. If you would take a look at that? Tell me what number you would like? One, two or three? Whatever the majority likes I'll probably use the one I like anyways but I'll give you an opportunity. I'm kidding. Which ever one you like. With that said, please let me know if you have any questions you can ask me after my report.

Let me get on with the legislation. We have two pieces of legislation tonight. Ordinance number 30-2012. We're setting up a new fund for the FEMA Fund. Ron will get into it in detail. It's about our fire and police grants and what funds they have to come from. Ordinance 31-2012 is changing the zoning of certain parcels enumerated as follows and there's a person that wants to turn a single family house on Granger and Turney Road behind the SUNOCO station to a real estate office and it has to go through the proper channels and this is how it starts so with that, Mme. Chairman, you have my report.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Wonderful Thank you, Mayor. Any questions? Mr. Dudley.

CLMN DUDLEY: I want to say honestly on these I like them all but there will be an issue and I got to say this to my colleagues, with number 3. The problem would be with number 3 is we have two school districts so I would love to see this number 3 that's why I pray the day when we have one school district in this city and we'd be able to utilize it because you will hurt quite a few residents if you utilize this and their kids are not allowed to attend the school district. It's not a Ward 1 issue, like I said once before we have to take care of everybody's feelings and I tell you it's hurting me to say this because this is one beautiful flag, Mayor. This is beautiful right there. I just hope one day that we have what we all seek in the mind set of the majority that some of us would like to see as one unified school district and unified city but this is one beautiful flag and one I would love to see that flag swaying. I don't mean that I would not support this flag. Don't get me wrong.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Mike, I understand totally that there's been a lot of concern about that.

CLMN DUDLEY: I probably would end up supporting this one regardless, but that is something I would like to mention that it would be a conflict and we have to take that into strong consideration. Thank you, Mayor. Thank you, Mme. Chairman.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Anybody else have comments? Mr. Suster.

CLMN SUSTER: You had mentioned a wall. I think a lot of people know what wall you are talking about. What I want to know about that you had mentioned when you had given us the renderings of what this wall would look like in front of the fire station you said there was a possibility that they were going to be selling like they did for the Civic Center here bricks to have your name put on? Is that still going to happen?

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Actually that was one of the considerations. The other one was to have businesses in the area donate. I have a meeting with Marymount Hospital to talk about that. That's coming up at the end of next week. We are looking at different ways to fund it. We believe that we can get the entire project, which is going to cost probably in the area of \$9,000.00 - \$10,000.00 total. Because we are doing it in-house some of these things cost \$40,000.00 - \$50,000.00 to do, we're doing it in-house for \$9,000.00 or \$10,000.00. In fact a couple of the businesses want to do it and if you noticed on that wall and we'll give you another copy shortly on the wall there's going to be a place for a plaque you know, sponsors donated. We'll figure out a nice saying for whoever wants to donate for it. Selling bricks is also another option. Yes.

CLMN SUSTER: OK. That's all I have. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Anyone else?

CLMN DUDLEY: One more question, Mayor. What you just mentioned the bricks. Would it or would it not be illegal if we do some of this in-house but we still take in the contributions for the labor of our city employees from the Service Department the fellows working. Can we still accept that as payment for their labor and the contributions made to build this wall?

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: That amount of money that I talked about the \$9,000.00 or \$10,000.00 is for materials because we are doing it in-house with our employees. I don't know if we could get their money from them or not? I mean for their work. I'm not sure how that would work to be honest with you. But depending on how much money we could get donated I'm certain we could do something as long as it's right.

CLMN DUDLEY: OK. So we get to keep the extra money for the city, correct?

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: I'm not sure.

CLMN DUDLEY: If it costs \$9,000.00 or \$10,000.00 and the donations come in for \$30,000.00 or \$40,000.00 for the city we are allowed to maintain that extra money we received, correct?

LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY: It would probably depend on under what premise it was donated. I would expect that the people that donated. If they donated to be used for the wall they would want it to be used for the wall.

CLMN DUDLEY: Yes it would be used but I'm saying the donations what we asking for are we allowed to keep the money or do we have to return it?

LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY: That would be up to the donor.

CLMN DUDLEY: OK.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Is that all you have?

CLMN DUDLEY: Yes, Mme. Chairman.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: I have a couple of things, Mayor. Regarding this I like the first one. Who came up with the motto "A Caring Community"?

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Actually Becky. Becky came up with this entire idea.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: I think that the flag, etc. is great but I'd like to see us hold a contest for a new motto for our community. I'll bet you we come up with something really good.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: That's something to look at. We had some different things come in from the children of Garfield Heights High School that did some stuff for us, but by far this was the best because we are a caring community. That's something to look into also.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: OK. I would donate \$25.00 towards the prize out of my own pocket.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: I accept.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: OK. My second thing is, Mayor, I'm sure you hear this all the time and I'm going to put it out there one more time to stress how badly we need new microphones because the people are telling me they can't hear us on cable TV. Anything in the future related that we can replace this PA system?

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Let me tell you something I feel much like you do, Nancy, but every time I walk into the Finance Department they say turn my volume up higher. Yes, we do need it. We need a lot of help with this. We will get it but we have to wait till the time is right. We're still dealing with the State, in everything we do and right now they are worried about us getting out of the red and not so much about being on TV. I understand. I can appreciate what the people are saying because I know when I listen to it I have to run the volume way up.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Yeah and I have some residents that tell me they can't hear it at all. Every time a Grapevine goes out I get calls and it seems like everyone before they hang up says I can't hear it.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Volume up. Council people talk louder and everything will be fine.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Hey I'm sitting on a cushion now so I'm closer.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: I understand.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Thank you, Mayor. Anyone else have anything for the Mayor on his report? OK. We will move on to our City Law Director, Tim Riley.

LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY: Thank you, Mme. President. I have no report tonight.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Any questions for our Law Director? Moving on, Police Chief Sackett.

CHIEF ROBERT SACKETT: Thank you, I have a short report. First I want to thank the Mayor and Council for allowing us to add the two new Auxiliary Officers. Believe me they will be put to use very quickly. Also I want to echo what the Mayor said about the Auxiliary Police, especially I want to thank them for their volunteering in the race. I know it was a few weeks ago but this has been my first chance to thank them publicly. And also for the parades. That's something they do every year. Yesterday's parade and next Sunday's Baseball Parade but I do want to thank them and most of them come out for those. Besides those two things they do a lot of things people don't see. Those are the most visible but definitely well needed. We could not do it without them. With that you have my report.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Wonderful. Any questions for our Police Chief? There being none, Service Director, Mr. McLaughlin. Do you have a report?

SERVICE DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN: Yes, I do. Thank you, Mme. President. About the sound system we've been looking into that because our sound system is very outdated. It's actually come to a point where I'm going to have a hard time finding the

tapes to tape it because they don't make them anymore. But it is an expensive thing to take care of and we'll see what we can do with it.

Next I've done some water breaks a couple water breaks I pulled a crew off the patch because of the damage and how large the water breaks did damage to the streets Richland and Garfield Drive I had to pull a crew off and repair that because it was half the street on Richland in front of a house so I had to get to those. I was hoping to hold off for another month or so on the water breaks and get them all at once.

We are in Ward 1 patching. I think what I was told today by the foreman off of 131st there's five or six more streets that we have to do in order for that area to be complete and we'll be moving on. Some days I only have two patch crews out there. Vacations have started and I have the welder and everybody else out patching but I'm going to move them around the best I can daily and take care where the problems are for the day.

Speaking of problems I'm still having rubbish problems. We're getting constant calls. I just spoke to the Chief and he had someone out over the weekend and I also got some calls. I don't know how to stop this. Unless people just start getting tickets all the time for it but every day. Today there was probably 25 calls about people having their stuff out a day two days early. I know there was a holiday but they've never worked on Memorial Day so it's going to be pushed back a day but we're going to see what we can do. I was just talking with the Chief before the meeting.

We also have problems with someone dumping in the city. Especially Ward 1 is very hard hit up there. Trucks are going down the middle of the street just lifting their beds and dumping in the middle of the street and keep going. In the last month we've had six of them. Over the weekend we had one on Orchard and hopefully we did catch this guy because a resident had the right license plate They dumped shingles in the middle of the street and kept going. We're getting tires dumped. Martin Luther King at Thornhurst twice in one week they dumped tires right in the middle of the street. This takes time to clean up. I have to bring the loader and people to do it but I mentioned that to the Chief and hopefully we start catching some of these people that are doing it. I just wanted to make a mention of that.

What I have here is what I talked to you about last time. The Mayor's idea about having the paper shredding. We are going to do it. I sent you the memos on it. It will be Saturday June 23rd from 9 a.m. till 12 noon here in the Civic Center in the parking lot. It will be for residents only and not businesses. It will be residents of Garfield Heights and you'll be able to bring up to four bank size boxes. I don't know if you know a bank size box is this wide and this high. You'll be able to bring those and they'll shred them. Hopefully if it's a success we'll try to take a look at it again in September. I know that people are asking me after I mentioned it last time I got calls about it. The Mayor thought it was needed so that will be the day that we'll be doing it. That's the end of my report.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Thank you. Any questions for our Service Director? I have one comment. If we catch who is doing that dumping can we pick it up and dump it all on their front lawns?

SERVICE DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN: No.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Seriously that's the most disgusting thing I've ever heard.

SERVICE DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN: I thought it was one thing and it's been going

on for a month now. It's not the same thing. Twice it's been shingles. We might have an idea. The police are checking. It was a roofing company that the license plate came up to but the other things, tires. On McCracken Road between Lee and Broadway they dumped tires there. You can only watch so much.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: What is that? Just some \$400.00 fine for littering? Is that all they're getting?

SERVICE DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN: You'd have to ask Mr. Riley about that.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Mr. Riley? Chief?

LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY: There's an ordinance on that.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Do you consider it littering or?

LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY: Yeah, it's a littering ordinance.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: It should be more than that. We might need to look into that, huh?

Thank you. Any other questions for our Service Director? Let's move on to City Engineer Dave Krock. Do you have a report?

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BOB DOBIES: Absent.

CITY ENGINEER DAVID KROCK: I do, Council President. Thank you. I wanted to give some updates on construction. First of all the Thraves and Grannis sewer project is wrapping up. It's in the final restoration of pavement and front yards and sidewalks and things.

The Overdrive project should start construction very soon. We've got all the contracts in place now with that contractor.

Rosewood and Bancroft we've got a project there and eliminating of some grinder pumps in that project is going to be going to bid very soon. We've got all the approvals in place.

Then the big project is McCracken and just giving up there. The design is pretty well done. We're working through some approvals of the city of Cleveland but we intend to advertise for bids starting next week. Then we will advertise a couple weeks. We'll take bids. June 29th if all goes well if we don't have any hiccups so that July 1st the money's available. That will put us in pretty good shape for starting some time in July. That's my report.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Thank you. Any questions for our City Engineer? There being none we'll move on to Finance Director Ron Tomola.

FINANCE DIRECTOR RON TOMOLA: Thank you, Mme. Chairman. I just wanted to make a few comments so Ordinance 30-21012 the setting up of the new FEMA Fund. This came about through the Safer Grant and the Firefighters Assistance Grant that the Fire Department received this year. To meet Federal and State regulations we have to set up a new fund. All the money comes into that fund and then it's available to transfer to the fund that actually expends the dollars. So if anybody has any additional questions about that feel free to ask me and with that you have my report.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Any questions for the Finance Director? I have one. So we're collecting a little more taxes than usual right? I want a new microphone system.

FINANCE DIRECTOR RON TOMOLA: Yes, tax collections are up a little bit over last year but it's still early in the year and we don't know what the second half collections are going to bring.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: If it gets better can you see a new PA system in our future?

FINANCE DIRECTOR RON TOMOLA: I can definitely see one in your future.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: How distant future? Maybe the beginning of next year?

FINANCE DIRECTOR RON TOMOLA: Possibly.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: OK. You all witnessed it. Thank you. Any other questions for the Finance Director? Now we shall move on to Economic Development Noreen Kuban. Do you have a report?

BUILDING COMMISSIONER BILL WERVEY: Absent.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN: Yes, I do thank you, Mme. President. I know it was a little warm yesterday so I wanted to make a comment. In the winter they have the HEAP Program for winter heating but there is also a program that people are unaware of for the summer. It's called the Energy Assistance Summer Program and you can get up to \$250.00 in assistance in the form of an air conditioner, a room air conditioning unit, fans or utility assistance. Income eligibility guidelines apply. For instance with a household of one person the income is \$22,340.00, for a household of two it's \$30,260.00 and for every additional person it increases \$7,920.00. You can make an appointment to apply for the program. The phone number is 216-518-4014. I understand it's very difficult to get through the line. The appointments fill up very quick. A resident told me you should start calling at midnight. If you wait till 8:30 in the morning you can't get through the phone. Or they take walk-ins before 10 a.m. at the office downtown at 1849 Prospect Avenue. You have to bring with you your current bills and income documents. So I'm going to pass this out to Council Members. You can share this with your residents. I will also put this upstairs at the reception desk. That concludes my report.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Thank you. Any questions for our Economic Development Director?

There being none, that concludes the reports of the Mayor and his Directors and we will move on to Comments by Citizens on tonight's agenda. I'm going to have our Clerk read the rules.

COMMENTS BY CITIZENS ON TONIGHT'S AGENDA:

CLERK: Comments are strictly limited to brief statements not to exceed five minutes with comments limited to the legislation on the current evening's agenda.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: No citizen may speak more than once. Does anybody want to comment on the evening's agenda? Raise their hand? Anybody?

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: There being none we will move on to legislation and the first item on the agenda is Ordinance 30-2012. Will the Clerk read the title.

ORDINANCE NO. 30-2012

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 74-2011; ORDINANCE NO. 22-2012; AND ALL OTHER TRANSFER AND ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCES, AND ESTABLISHING THE FEMA FUND PURSUANT TO AUDITOR OF STATE BULLETIN 98-013 (ATTACHED), FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2012.

MOVED BY SUSTER TO CONSIDER BY TITLE:

AYES: Suster, Mahoney, Vaughn, Dudley, Marincic, Nenadovich, Glenn

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

AYES: Suster, Mahoney, Vaughn, Dudley, Marincic, Nenadovich, Glenn

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

AYES: Suster, Mahoney, Vaughn, Dudley, Marincic, Nenadovich, Glenn

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Roll call on the adoption beginning with Clmn Suster.

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

AYES: Suster, Mahoney, Vaughn, Dudley, Marincic, Nenadovich, Glenn

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Ordinance 30-2012 stands adopted with 7 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 31-2012

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING CODE OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, KNOWN AS ORDINANCE NO. 121-1962, PROVIDING FOR THE REVISION OF THE BUILDING ZONE MAP BY CHANGING THE ZONING OF CERTAIN PARCELS ENUMERATED AS FOLLOWS:

<u>PARCEL NO.</u>	<u>OWNER OF RECORD</u>	<u>FROM</u> U-1	<u>TO</u> U-4
542-30-001	PAMELA M. WILKES	(SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL)	(GENERAL BUSINESS)

MOVED BY SUSTER TO CONSIDER BY TITLE:

AYES: Suster, Mahoney, Vaughn, Dudley, Marincic, Nenadovich, Glenn

CLMN SUSTER: Mme. Chairman, I'd like to make a motion that we refer this to the Ways and Means Committee so we can have a public hearing.

Motion to REFER TO WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE:

AYES: Suster, Mahoney, Vaughn, Dudley, Marincic, Nenadovich, Glenn

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Ordinance 31-2012 has been placed into the Ways and Means Committee.

COMMENTS BY CITIZENS:

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: That concludes all the legislation on the evening's agenda. Now we will move on to Miscellaneous Comments by Citizens and our Clerk will read the rules.

CLERK: Comments shall be restricted to any problem a citizen has which has previously been submitted to their City Councilperson or to the city hall department directly involved. If submission of a problem to a department or a Councilperson has

been made and there is a lack of service rendered in this regard, then the problem may be presented during comments from citizens at this meeting. It is the intention of this rule that no request of a first nature be presented on the floor at this time.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Comments are limited to five minutes. No citizen shall be heard more than once. If you would like to take the microphone, raise your hand. Anyone wishing to speak?

Melanie Weiss, 5400 Transportation Blvd. I wanted to thank everybody on Council and the city and the residents for making the groundbreaking so wonderful. I especially wanted to do a shout out to Tim McLaughlin in the Service Department and Brian Mahoney as well. Just a real short story. Our deputy director came over to see me in our temporary location. She said oh my gosh we need a parking lot, we need the ability to put a tent up, we need to do this and that. I said not a problem. Fifteen minutes later after I talked to Mr. McLaughlin it was ready to go and I met with Brian Mahoney to go over everything and it worked out just great. But it was more above and beyond than I ever thought it would have happened and for example the streets had been cleaned, landscaping had been done, I couldn't have asked for more help and more assistance and it just came naturally to everybody that helped me that day. So just a big thank you for that. I also want to thank the Mayor for saying such nice kind words about the library and about me as a manager. I have to say that it is such a great day when I can stand up and say look at what's happening and it's really happening and we're going forward. I couldn't be more proud or more happy to be here in Garfield. I also today gave Noreen Kuban a couple I don't know what those are officially called but they are pictures of what the library's going to look like. I figured that since Mr. Suster had brought that up to me. He said we need something like these at the Civic Center and I said I agree so I got Bostwick Design to give me those so if you look at it where the new library's going to be with all the construction you can say wow that's where all the windows are going to be and that's where the entrance is and parking so it's pretty nice.

I would also like to extend my invitation to everybody to come to our temporary location and look at our floor plans. They are pretty detailed and they are up for everybody to see and I would love to go through them with you if you are interested or if you just want to look. So I would like to open this for any questions you may have for me.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: What is the guesstimate on completion?

MS. WEISS: I hear either spring or summer next year and in my mind I can't believe that's going to happen until I come over here every day and it's really moving and I believe it's going to be done at least by summer. Does anyone else have a question?

CLMN DUDLEY: I just want to say that Mayor hit it on the head because you do a great job at that library and I know I did call you all on numerous occasions to get information to look up and doing the cheater's way instead of looking up myself but they have always been courteous about giving me information and telling me where to find it on my system, etc. You all did a great job over there. Appreciate the services.

MS. WEISS: That's so nice to hear. That's not the cheater's way. That's what we like to do so keep them coming.

CLMN DUDLEY: I will.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Melanie, is it OK if we share what Noreen has with the audience here?

MS. WEISS: Absolutely. Sure.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Noreen, can you bring it out for them?

MS. WEISS: I will help her. Like I say it's really happening and I'm going to have a big banner when we have that ribbon cutting—it happened.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Anyone else have any questions? We appreciate the updates.

MS. WEISS: Thank you.

Economic Development Director Noreen Kuban showed the drawings of the future library to the audience.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Thank you. Anyone else wishing to speak tonight?

Bob Halan, 12416 Oak Park Blvd. The wonderful news that the Mayor gave out about Transportation Blvd. and also about McDonald's. First of all I got to give you my background. I'm Polish and Austrian. I was married to an Italian for many years, but I will do an Irish jig as Bob Halan or Santa Claus when these two projects are completed. I guarantee you I'll be there.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: We'll be looking forward to it, Bob.

CLMN VAUGHN: Bob, get back up here. I've been waiting a long time for this. Starting this week they will be drilling for their geo sinks. Fencing is going to be going up at McDonald's. They expect to break ground on July 1st thereabouts. It will be a four month project. Not a normal 90 day project but 120 days. It's well worth it. The first day it opens Bob, I'm buying you a hamburger.

MR. HALAN: I'll be there.

CLMN VAUGHN: And I'll judge your Irish jig.

MR. HALAN: No. The day that they open please give me a call. Santa Claus will make a personal appearance.

CLMN VAUGHN: It might be that time of year? OK.

MR. HALAN: Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Anyone else wishing to speak tonight? There being none we will move on to Miscellaneous Business beginning with Clmn Glenn.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

CLMN GLENN: No comments.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Nothing? OK. We'll move on to me. I have a few things. I want to remind everybody that we're going into summer session so starting in June, July and August we will only have one meeting a month and that will be the second Monday. I would like to thank our Veterans for a very profound and meaningful Memorial Day parade. I thought it was really nice this year.

I would like to congratulate our two new Auxiliary Police Officers and pray that God keeps them safe and our safety forces at all times. I would like to thank the Community Garden volunteers because they did a phenomenal job and I had the opportunity to see Memorial Island and it was wonderful.

Last thing I need a ride home and I'm hoping one of my Council Members would remember this before. Thank you, Mr. Vaughn. Mr. Suster do you have anything this evening?

CLMN SUSTER: Yes I do. I have one thing. Next Monday evening we'll have our Block Watch Meeting. We're going to be fortunate to have Melanie Rapp there. She will be having the renderings of the new library and let us know what's going to be going on on the inside and what's going to be nice about it is the room that we have the meeting in will be facing where they're doing the construction and basically we'll be able to take these renderings and put them up against the window and you can tell exactly how the building's going to be looking. We're also going to have Noreen Kuban, our Economic Development Coordinator, who is going to go through what's going on in economic development in Ward 5. Our meeting will be at 7 o'clock next Monday evening here at the Civic Center in room 018 and everybody is invited. Anybody that would like to come is more than welcome to come. That's all I have this evening.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Thank you. Clmn Nenadovich?

CLMN NENADOVICH: Thank you, Mme. Chairman. I'd like to thank everybody that in any way helped with the Memorial Day services, the parade, coming out and watching those that marched. I think it was a great tribute to our Veterans living and deceased. I think we did well this year. We did a good job.

I'd also like to thank Chris Piazza and her garden crew for a job well done. The city's never looked better. I thank you and with that I have nothing else.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Clwn Mahoney?

CLWN MAHONEY: I would like to congratulate our two new Auxiliary and that's all I have.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Clmn Dudley?

CLMN DUDLEY: All right. Almost the best for last. First of all I wanted to mention on the dumping issue that I don't have no doubt that sooner or later like they said they got the license plates for one that they going to catch these individuals that is dumping in the Ward. Like I say when they get them I hope they give them a little jail time if possible on top of the fine. That is ridiculous. It's a silly thing to do. I just hate individuals who are nasty and trifling. The word is trifling when you do stuff like that.

I also want to congratulate our two new officers and welcome to what I consider one of the best forces they is. I brag about us a lot. I also want to thank that grass crew. We was hard hit up in Ward 1 before coming up there and you been doing a great job.

Thank you, Tim, for coming up there and patching them holes and God knows them holes was opening up like wounds on your arms or something like that and I appreciate that. I tell you, Mayor, you made my day. I don't have nothing to go home and complain about tonight. I was so happy to hear the news that finally we're going to have something

to do with some of these young people this summer. Have something to look forward to. That definitely made our day.

Another thing I want to cover and I believe Tim said probably it's going to be on the ballot this year is public employment for City Council Members. I never thought it was a conflict that we be able to work public jobs because it was only really held to us. If you remember the former Council Presidents they was able to hold basically any type of employment and we know there's other elected officials within this city. If you're School Board Members you can work anywhere you want to work. The restrictions only put us in restraints that we give up good jobs. I'd like to work in the Veterans' Administration. I can't work at the Veterans' Administration and what kind of conflict is that for me to be a Council person and go over and work with VA and work with Vets because that's what I want to do? There's no conflict right there. I hope that be on the ballot this year. That you all will see fitting in your heart. That's a dinosaur law and it should have never existed. I don't believe we should work for the County. Absolutely not. I don't believe we should work for the city of Garfield Heights because then we could not be the boss of our own bosses. That's not going to work. We should be able to go to other cities. We should be able to go to VA if we want to work or any other entity out there. Heavy equipment operator. I can't use that because the private right now is just so packed by a lot of individuals taking up positions. So I really would like for you all to support that. If that comes on the ballot, do allow us to seek other employment if we choose to. It's not a conflict to work for certain entities so I'd really like to see that dinosaur erased once and for all. Once again I believe my colleagues covered that. I thank everybody for coming out for Veterans' Day and that's all I have.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Thank you. Who's left? Clmn Vaughn?

CLMN VAUGHN: Thank you. First of all it was great seeing so many people lining the streets yesterday and enjoying the parade. It was great to honor our Veterans. I want to commend the captain and his crew that redid that 1953 fire truck. It looked fantastic.

I want to wish best luck to the Auxiliary Police. I'd like to announce on Thursday night we'll have our Block Watch in the pavilion at St. Monica's. If it's real cool like they're predicting, we will move inside. We're going to have Sheriff Reid as our speaker.

On June 7th a group from the Block Watch and myself from Ward 7 are going to do a farewell luncheon for the kids. A hot dog and kind of potato chip thing as St. Monica closes its school at the end of this year. It's a bittersweet situation. These kids have been through a lot this year so we thought we'd have a little something for them. Starting on July 1st St. Monica's School will no longer exist and it will be St. Benedict's and we wish them the best of luck. McDonald's is coming. I will buy you a hamburger, I promise. With that, that's the end of my report. I would like to make a motion that we adjourn.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: All in favor say Yea. All opposed say Nay. The Ayes have it. The meeting's adjourned. AYES: Vaughn, Dudley, Marincic, Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster, Mahoney

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:53 p.m.

APPROVED:

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Nancy Marincic, President of Council

Barbara Molin, Clerk of Council