

## COUNCIL CAUCUS MEETING MINUTES

### CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO

Monday, March 9, 2015

Council President Joseph Suster called the Caucus Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**Members Present:** Michael Dudley, Sr., Councilman Ward 1  
Nancy Marincic, Councilwoman Ward 2  
Mike Nenadovich, Councilman Ward 3  
Gene Glenn, Councilman Ward 4  
Joseph Suster, Councilman Ward 5  
Matt Burke, Councilman Ward 6  
Tom Vaughn, Councilman Ward 7

All Council Members were present.

There were no communications to Council.

President Suster would offer the invocation and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Clwn Marincic would dispose of the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of 02/23/2015 as presented.

Clwn Marincic moved to accept the Caucus Meeting Minutes of 02/23/2015 as presented and the Minutes stood approved by a unanimous (Marincic, Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster, Burke, Vaughn, Dudley) vote.

Ordinance 06-2014: Clmn Suster advised that he would move to adopt.

Ordinance 07-2014: Clmn Burke advised that he would move to adopt.

Ordinance 08-2015: Clmn Vaughn advised that he would move to consider by title.

President Suster recommended that if Council had any questions regarding the updated Sunshine Laws they should ask Assistant Law Director Weiler.

**CLMN DUDLEY:** I mentioned this before and I wanted to mention it again. You know, I have talked with some of these other cities and I said once before I asked if you had some money for us to do things in our Ward with our community and we found out later, we discovered that we didn't have a dime that Council was allocated by some type of stipend. I mentioned that before because I am financing myself a newsletter costing me about \$400.00. Those things cost. Like I say I'm not going to dwell on it, but I when we all agreed to give back our money from our Council pay (which has nothing to do with this) because the city was in a terrible bind, but then it turns out all these pay raises going around and I'm not asking for no pay raise. I could care less about that, but I would like to be sure that Council receives something--some type of stipend- so we can do a newsletter or do like Warrensville and these other cities and they use it for programs, fairs and festivals for their community. Nothing personal. I would like you to look at that.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** At one time we used to have \$2,500.00. I think the only time we took any money out of that was one time and we sent Debbie Sarnowski to school and it cost us \$1,000.00. Since then I would have to take a look at it, but if we still have that \$2,500.00?

**CLMN DUDLEY:** No, we don't. I asked for it before and they said we don't have it. I'm saying we should have something so that we can give something to our Wards. If you want to have some type of little fair where we can have inflatables, etc. and put some non-profit we should have that money.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Well the time to talk about that is when we have our Budget Meetings, you know? And ask them to put that back in as a line item.

**CLMN DUDLEY:** I did and that's when you thought we had it last time, Joe, and you found out that we didn't have it.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Well this time we don't ask them to put it back in as a line item.

**CLMN DUDLEY:** All right. That's all, Mr. Chairman.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Anybody else? Tom?

**CLMN VAUGHN:** Ron's office? Can we talk to anybody up there about it?

**CLMN DUDLEY:** No, because we already know that this conversation took place before. We thought we had it and we discovered we did not have it so I don't like the supporting Members of Council.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Bring it up during our Finance Meetings, if we're still here.

**CLMN DUDLEY:** OK. I will.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** We can always reinstate it. All we have to do is make a line item out of it. The only reason we did away with it was to try and help the city when we were in fiscal emergency.

**CLMN DUDLEY:** Right. But when all these pay raises is being given we're not giving nothing back to the people and it's about time we gave back something.

**CLWN MARINCIC:** But everybody has to agree. I remember. It's a vote of Council for what that money is spent on.

**CLMN DUDLEY:** Right. Nothing personal.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Yes, that's right. You have to like when Debbie came she came and we actually told her what she needed for a GPA when she got done for the money.

**CLWN MARINCIC:** Right.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** OK.

The Chairman then brought up the topic of Summer Session, asking Council to choose the months for holding a single meeting. There was a general discussion, but it was not resolved.

Clmn Nenadovich moved to adjourn, Clwn Marincic seconded and the Caucus Meeting was adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Approved,

Respectfully submitted,

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Joseph Suster  
Council President

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Barbara Molin  
Council Clerk