

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL**

**CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO**

Monday, April 26, 2010

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 p.m.** by President Frank J. Geraci, Jr.

**INVOCATION BY:** Councilwoman Debra Sarnowski

**ROLL CALL:**                   **PRESENT:** President Frank J. Geraci, Jr.  
Council Members Dudley, Marincic, Nenadovich,  
Sarnowski, Suster, Mahoney, Vaughn

**READING AND DISPOSAL OF MINUTES:**

Moved by Clmn SUSTER to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of City Council of April 12, 2010 as submitted. The minutes were adopted with seven YES votes.

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL:** None.

**LEGISLATION OUT OF COMMITTEE:** None.

**REPORTS OF THE MAYOR AND DIRECTORS:**

**PRESIDENT GERACI:** We will move on to the reports of the Mayor and the Directors. Mayor Collova, do you have a report?

**MAYOR VICTOR COLLOVA:** Thank you, Mr. Geraci. I want to start off tonight's report by introducing everybody (for those of you who don't know) Mr. Ron Tomola. Ron Tomola is taking over as the Finance Director. He's actually going to be the Acting Finance Director. When Mr. Obert was getting ready to retire I went to Ron and asked him if he would like the job and he was the Assistant Finance Director, as most of you know. We had some discussions. He wasn't sure that he wanted the job. He had some family issues that ~~he~~ ~~was~~ ~~not~~ ~~sure~~ ~~that~~ ~~he~~ ~~wanted~~ ~~the~~ ~~job~~. He had some family issues that ~~he~~ ~~was~~ ~~not~~ ~~sure~~ ~~that~~ ~~he~~ ~~wanted~~ ~~the~~ ~~job~~. Then I want to move on a little bit. I want to do a little bit of school news. I got a report today and I wanted to read it to you. This is called "Gleeleveland Rocks", not Cleveland Rocks.

"On Tuesday, April 27<sup>th</sup> Garfield Heights High School's Music Express will participate in Gleeleveland Rocks on Fox 8 News in the morning. Eight local high school show choirs have been selected to compete. The competition will run Monday through Thursday April 26<sup>th</sup> through April 29<sup>th</sup>, as well as the week of May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Each show choir will perform a song and that performance will be posted on both Fox 8 Television (that's fox8.comnewsmorningshow) and Q104 radio station.

Once the final show choir performs on Thursday, May 6<sup>th</sup> the poll opens and everyone is invited to vote for their favorite Music Express. I don't even have to hear which ones they were. I know who my favorite is. Show your Bulldog spirit and vote. Voting continues until 6 a.m. Wednesday May 12<sup>th</sup>. The winner will be announced that morning. The winning show choir will then be back on Fox 8 News in the morning on Monday, May 17<sup>th</sup> to receive their prize package. The prize package includes Glee spirit wear, a \$1,000.00 donation to the show choir from Pat O'Brien Chevrolet, tickets to Grease on Thursday May 20<sup>th</sup> and the opportunity to perform in the lobby of Playhouse Square before the show. Finally, after the show the winning choir will enjoy a special meet and greet with the cast of Glee."

This is pretty exciting for our young ladies and gentlemen to compete in this so if you can keep those dates open listen to them. I'm sure they're going to do us proud.

Next I want to move on to a couple of the programs that have already been instituted in the city. Our grass cutting crew has been out cutting lawns. If you have not seen them, presently they've done 102 lawns, vacant houses and they've also done nine city cuts. They've been doing a great job out there. Our plan is to have three crews on the streets. Right now we have one crew. We're waiting for some college students to get off. They're going to come on as seasonal employees. In the next week or two we will be fully staffed with three crews.

The next thing is we have is the Core Community Service Crew. They've been doing a great job also. I want to talk to you a little about what they've done. In the month of April they have completed four homes and one of them was on Horton, one was on Forestdale, one on South Highland, one on East 88<sup>th</sup> Street. You have to see it to believe it. What a job they're doing out there. These houses were totally trashed. When they get finished with them they look very livable and they really make the neighborhood look a lot better. Besides this they've also done clean ups like under the bridge of 480 on Granger Road. They've done a great job. Next month in May they have 13 houses that they're scheduled to do. North Parkway, Plymouth, Saybrook, East 144<sup>th</sup>, Maplerow, Bancroft, Rexwood, Cranwood Drive, Crofton, Saybrook, Alvin, North Parkway and Rexwood. This thing is really taking off and they're doing a great job. This is going to be really good for the city. Just to briefly say how this works out, our Building Department Director goes out and he looks for the applicants. He looks for those vacant homes with the grass over six inches long and just in terrible shape. Not only the grass but everything in terrible shape. He then posts a notice or sends out a notice to give them seven days to complete what they need to complete. If they don't complete it, then our crew comes in. It goes to Court. There's some other steps but that crew comes in. By notifying these people that we are doing this and by them seeing what our people are doing, 12 of the houses that were notified did their own. So this is the idea of this program. This program is to get people to say take care of your home. If you don't we will and it gets pretty expensive. They've been doing a great job and I really do appreciate that.

Moving along, the mobile speed van. The police have been in training today and I believe tomorrow will complete the training. If you have noticed photo enforcement signs have been put up on State routes leading in and out of the city. I think it's 17 and 14? Granger and Broadway. This van is going to be done primarily for school zones. This van right now is operating in Parma and Parma Heights and is about on the same schedule as we are to get started with it in the next few days. If all goes as scheduled, in May there will be a 30-day warning period where anybody that gets a ticket (it's sort of like a warning. They'll write you a letter saying you got caught. Don't do it again.) and after a certain date, around June 1<sup>st</sup>, the tickets will start coming in that respect. But an interesting thing that I found out about this is that every time you get a ticket on that ticket it will have a Website and if you're able to get to a computer and click on that Website there will be a number you click on to and you can see exactly what the police see the infraction you made. You will see what you did as the police see it and monitored it and either issued a ticket or didn't. This is going to be very interesting.

One of the other things I wanted to talk about was a letter that we received from the city of Seven Hills and it's brief and it was actually wrote to Chief Murphy and I was copied on it. This is from the city of Seven Hills.

"I am writing to thank you and your officers who assisted the Seven Hills Police Department in apprehending Mr. x. On April 8, 2010 Mr. x was pulled over for traffic violations and subsequently fled the scene of the stop eastbound on Rockside Road. The pursuit continued into Garfield Heights where your officers had blocked his anticipated route. He then fled on foot for a short time before being taken into custody by the Garfield Heights Police. He has been charged with a felony count for failing to comply with the order of a police officer and driving under suspension. I would especially like to thank the Garfield Heights Police officers responsible for the arrest, Officer Mark Smith, Officer Mark Kaye, Officer Rick Forgash, Officer Timothy Bayen, Officer Brian Kwitlinski. It's our honor to serve with these professionals and dedicated officers."

The reason I read this is it seems we always hear the bad things that are going on. The young men and young ladies that are out there in the police force, I can't believe how much they lay on the line and we all know that. Once in a while it's good to see them get a little thank you. So I wanted to read that for everybody. We're proud of the Garfield Heights Police.

With that let me get into the ordinances. Ordinance 23. This is putting a Records Commission in and Mr. Riley will get into that in his report in a little bit. Ordinance 24. We are putting on some new engineers. We are replacing the other engineers that were here previous. We took a lot of interviews with different engineers. We believe that this group is the best for our city. We believe they're going to do an extensive amount of work for a whole lot less money than we've been paying in the past. They're also going to be on-site. We have an office for them in the city hall. They will be here 16 to 20 hours. If somebody has a question the engineers will be here to answer it. So Ordinance number 25. This is an Internet Café fee. It's not actually an Internet Café fee but for all intensive purposes that's where it's going for. This fee is going to be a \$5,000.00 licensing fee with \$40.00 per month per machine. We're putting that into play because we're going to make sure that the Building Department and the police keep a close eye on everything. We don't anticipate any problems at all. We certainly want to make sure that our residents are comfortable that our police are on the job.

Resolution 21-2010 I believe is going to be put into committee. The Internet Café that was going to go in on Turney Road near Shady Oak is moving their site. They're now looking at the Dollar Store in Turneytown. We're going to set up a public hearing. Mr. Wervey's already in the process of doing that. We're going to set up a public hearing for everyone and we'll go from there. Mr. Chairman, you have my report.

**PRESIDENT GERACI:** Any there any questions for the Mayor?

**CLWN MARINCIC:** Mayor, I have a few things. On the one that we're passing tonight for the Internet Cafes and changing the law. That will still apply for Resolution 20 when we pass it, right? The licensing fee will still apply?

**LAW DIRECTOR TIMOTHY RILEY:** Correct.

**CLWN MARINCIC:** Another thing I have. The city's Website. Where it lists the Council news. Is it possible that we could put Monday's agenda on there before the weekend so that residents could go on the site on Friday or over the weekend and see. I'm not saying list every ordinance. Just the basic agenda that we get. Is it possible to put that on the Internet site?

**MAYOR VICTOR COLLOVA:** That's something we can look into. You know yourself, Nancy, how sometimes it's late Friday before we get the ordinances finished. Late enough where we'd have to get

somebody on overtime to put it on the Website. We're to the wire. If it's possible, we certainly would look at it but it would not be an easy task.

**CLWN MARINCIC:** OK. Because I have residents who say they can't get to the posting places around town. They don't even know where they are. They say why can't we put it on? I said I'll mention it. Then I have one last thing. You're saying the vans will be in the city in May? Right? In the school zones?

**MAYOR VICTOR COLLOVA:** Correct.

**CLWN MARINCIC:** They'll get warning tickets for May?

**MAYOR VICTOR COLLOVA:** For the first 30 days.

**CLWN MARINCIC:** For the first 30 days. Then they should be actually ticketing by June, right?

**MAYOR VICTOR COLLOVA:** Correct.

**CLWN MARINCIC:** So we'll know by July some time how effective it is at least for the first month?

**MAYOR VICTOR COLLOVA:** That's exactly right.

**CLWN MARINCIC:** Hurray! Hallelujah! That all I have. Thank you.

**PRESIDENT GERACI:** Any other questions for the Mayor? Mayor Collova, I have a question in regards to the construction that's going on with Pesano's Restaurant. Is there anything anticipated in going in that particular site?

**MAYOR VICTOR COLLOVA:** We don't have anything in mind right now, but we discussed this morning at the staff meeting it's certainly something we want to get our hands on. We'll be making contact with the owners of the property plus some other suggestions have been made but we will be on top of that.

**PRESIDENT GERACI:** Thank you, Mayor.

**CLWN MARINCIC:** Mr. Chairman, I'm sorry, Mayor. You said they're only going to be in school zones?

**MAYOR VICTOR COLLOVA:** No, primarily in school zones.

**CLWN MARINCIC:** All right because school's over by the end of May. Then after that they'll be. They're mobile. Who knows where they'll be?

**MAYOR VICTOR COLLOVA:** That's exactly right.

**CLWN MARINCIC:** OK. Thank you.

**PRESIDENT GERACI:** Any other questions for the Mayor? If not, we'll move on. City Law Director Mr. Riley.

**LAW DIRECTOR TIMOTHY RILEY:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just want to speak on Ordinance 23-2010, which is the re-establishing of Records Commission. There's been a lot of changes in State law with regard to records retention and public records so we do have a Records Commission but we want to re-establish it under the State law and have everything set up and quite frankly we've got a lot of documents and old records in the basement that we need to get rid of. You can't just go out and shred them. You have to go through a whole process. So we're going to start the process and at some point in time each department will be able to get rid of a certain amount of records. There's a whole schedule that's set up as to what records, how long you got to hold them so that's the process we're going through and that's why we have this ordinance up tonight. Other than that that's my report, Mr. Chairman.

**PRESIDENT GERACI:** Any questions for Mr. Riley? If not we'll move on. Service Director Mr. McLaughlin.

**SERVICE DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN:** Thank you, Mr. President. The hot patch plant opened last week and we started on the main streets. We started on McCracken from the Cleveland line to Broadway. There's a lot there and we're going to start moving on to the main streets and take Rockside Road next. They

were closed today so we didn't get out to do any work. As soon as it rains they close the plant. We'll be doing all the main streets first and then we'll move into the side streets in each Ward.

Also the Cuyahoga County Hazardous Waste Round Up is continuing. This is the second week and the last week. So you can bring the stuff to the Service Garage at 13600 McCracken between 7:30 and 3:00 p.m. every day. We'll be open the Saturday from 8:00 till 12:00. That's the end of my report.

**PRESIDENT GERACI:** Any questions for Mr. McLaughlin? If not we'll move on. Recreation Director Mr. Dobies.

**PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BOB DOBIES:** Mr. President and Council Members, good evening. Work continues at the pool. The filter house major work is complete at this point in time. The cement work will hopefully commence this week. I spoke with the contractor this morning and since we had another monsoon, we have to have some patience and wait till it dries up before we can do any work at this point in time. I announced last meeting that the opening day at the pool would be June 9<sup>th</sup>. I have extended that to Monday, June 14<sup>th</sup>. With the weather being unpredictable at this time I want to insure all the construction work be done in ample time to insure we have a smooth opening day. T-ball practice got off the ground on Monday April 19<sup>th</sup>. I'm happy to report we have about 200 participants. The official season starts May 17<sup>th</sup>. Girls' softball try-outs were held last Thursday. Practice begins in May and the season will kick off Sunday June 6<sup>th</sup> with the All-Sports Parade

At the last meeting I reported we had taken on a joint effort with the Garfield Heights Little League and our school district to refurbish the baseball fields in the city. I'm happy to report that through these efforts five fields are upgraded at this time. William Foster, Konet and the three at Donovan Park. Again, I thank the efforts of the Little League and also the Service Department because they were a great help in this effort. Thank you. That concludes my report.

**PRESIDENT GERACI:** Thank you. Any questions for Mr. Dobies? We'll move on. Acting Finance Director, Mr. Tomola.

**ACTING FINANCE DIRECTOR RONALD TOMOLA:** All I'd like to say at this point, I don't really have a report, I'd like to thank Mayor Collova for his confidence in me. My office is open. If any of you have any questions, feel free to call me. That's about it at this point.

**PRESIDENT GERACI:** Are there any questions for Mr. Tomola?

**CLWN MARINCIC:** Not a question, but just a statement. I was talking to Mr. Tomola before the meeting and I had mentioned that Council had been getting copies of the check run and that Richard Obert had given them to me and I distributed them and I had hoped he would do the same. He said he may be able to e-mail them to all of us. So I think that's wonderful news and I appreciate it. You'll let us know, right?

**ACTING FINANCE DIRECTOR RONALD TOMOLA:** Yes.

**CLWN MARINCIC:** Thank you. Welcome aboard.

**ACTING FINANCE DIRECTOR RONALD TOMOLA:** Thank you.

**PRESIDENT GERACI:** Any other questions or comments? If not, we'll move on. Economic Development Ms. Kuban.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN:** Thank you, Mr. President. Briefly I received some information from the State Treasurer's office. They have some financial planning and budgeting conferences that are available to all residents of the State of Ohio. They are scheduled throughout the State. The one that is in the Cleveland area is on May 7<sup>th</sup> at the Skyline Hotel and Conference Center and you can register on-line or you can call (800) 228-1102. I have some information to pass out for City Council. You can inform your residents. Basically it's information about budgeting, consumer protection,

credit, estate planning, etc. I sent that over to the Neighborhood News already in case they are able to squeeze that into the newspaper.

Also regarding the theater building title has transferred to the Cuyahoga County Land Bank. The next thing they will be doing is an environmental inspection. What they're really looking for are environmental issues such as asbestos. If they find asbestos they will have to remediate it and then they'll be able to proceed with demolition. That concludes my report.

**PRESIDENT GERACI:** Thank you, Ms. Kuban. Any questions for Ms. Kuban?

**CLMN VAUGHN:** Ms. Kuban, are you the one that's in charge of the Website for the city?

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN:** No, our computer guy is. I send him information as we receive it, but things are posted by Paul Vargo. He does the Website.

**CLMN VAUGHN:** OK. Because I had some calls over the weekend concerning about updating our Website to make it more user-friendly, more 2010 lookish. Have we looked into any of that, Mayor?

**MAYOR VICTOR COLLOVA:** Actually we have. We have some employees that are into Websites that have talked to us about different ways to go. I actually contacted a Website company and I asked what it would cost for them to bring us up to where we should be and that number's probably around \$40,000.00 so right now we're going to have to try to make do the best we can.

**CLMN VAUGHN:** OK. It's just that in today's day and age the Website is the gateway to the community. That's why I was asking. All right. Thank you.

**PRESIDENT GERACI:** Any other questions? If not, we'll move on. Building Commissioner Mr. Wervey.

**BUILDING COMMISSIONER BILL WERVEY:** The only thing I would like to mention is that the grant application that Council okayed I guess a month or so ago for the recycling in conjunction with Bauman Enterprises was awarded. The city of Garfield Heights and Bauman were awarded \$250,000.00 which Bauman has to match and we were the only city in the State that got any grant money. Everything else was solid waste districts. That's all I have.

**PRESIDENT GERACI:** Thank you, Mr. Wervey. Any questions for Mr. Wervey?

**CLMN VAUGHN:** Mr. Wervey, I've gotten a lot of phone calls about a house on Turney Road behind Payless Shoes. Everybody sees the house on Turney Road with half the siding falling off.

**BUILDING COMMISSIONER BILL WERVEY:** That house had a point of sale inspection done. They've done most of the violations except for they plan on siding it. I think they have a timetable that they're supposed to be done by the end of this month but I'd have to check to be sure. I can give you a call. The truth is I don't know the exact timetable.

**CLMN VAUGHN:** Right, it's just again, it's right there and everybody sees it. I must have had six calls this weekend on that one. Thank you.

**PRESIDENT GERACI:** Any other questions for Mr. Wervey?

#### **COMMENTS BY CITIZENS:**

**PRESIDENT GERACI:** If not, we'll move on by Comments from the Citizens On The Agenda items only. The rules are this portion of the meeting is for the residents' comments on tonight's agenda only. Comments are limited to five minutes. No one can speak no more than once. Please raise your hand to be recognized.

Anthony Richard, 4647 East 94<sup>th</sup> Street. First of all I got to say you got a Mayor that's starting to do something. Stand up. Stand up. Stand up, Mayor.

**MAYOR VICTOR COLLOVA:** They can all see me. Thank you, Mr. Richard, thank you. Can I respond? I know this is a little bit out of order but I need to say this. I've known you for a long time, Mr. Richard and I

have to say for the first time in a long time I'm overly proud of you. You've actually gotten younger. The last time I saw you your hair was as white as mine and, by God, it's turned black.

**MR. RICHARD:** Stand up.

**PRESIDENT GERACI:** Mr. Richard, are you addressing any of the agenda items?

**MR. RICHARD:** Yes, I'd like to keep the Garfield Heights back to the way it was

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT TO GH123 GROUP LLC FOR THE OPERATION OF AN AMUSEMENT CENTER AT 5637 TURNEY ROAD, GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO 44125 (PP#545-26-023) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.  
MOVED BY MAHONEY TO PLACE IN LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE:

AYES: 7

**PRESIDENT GERACI:** That passes 7-0. It goes into the Legislative Committee.

**ORDINANCE NO.: 23-2010**

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A RECORDS COMMISSION IN THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.  
Moved by MAHONEY to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

AYES: 7

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

AYES: 7

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

AYES: 7

**PRESIDENT GERACI:** That passes 7-0.

**ORDINANCE NO.: 24-2010**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH KROCK ESSER ENGINEERING, INC. TO PROVIDE ENGINEERING SERVICES TO THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS FOR THE YEARS 2010 AND 2011 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.  
Moved by SARNOWSKI to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

AYES: 7

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

AYES: 7

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

AYES: 7

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

AYES: 7

**PRESIDENT GERACI:** That passes 7-0.

**ORDINANCE NO.: 25-2010**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 725 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO WITH RESPECT TO THE IMPOSITION OF A LICENSE TO OPERATE AN AMUSEMENT CENTER, A LICENSING FEE, AN AMUSEMENT TAX AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.  
Moved by MARINCIC to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

AYES: 7

**CLWN MARINCIC:** Mr. Chairman, I'd like to offer an amendment on this legislation. In the last paragraph under 725.01 section (a) in the second line the last two words are "less than six". I would like to amend that to "six or less".

**PRESIDENT GERACI:** Let the Clerk read the amendment.

**CLERK:** The amendment shall read as follows: under Section 1 part (a) the first two lines shall read "Place of business" for purposes of this chapter, and Section 1141.03 of the Planning and Zoning Code means a business within a building or any part of a building having six or less mechanical, electrically and/or electronically operated amusement devices ... "

VOTE ON AMENDMENT:

AYES: 7

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

AYES: 7

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

AYES: 7

**PRESIDENT GERACI:** That passes 7-0.

### **COMMENTS BY CITIZENS:**

**PRESIDENT GERACI:** We'll now move on to Comments By the Citizens. The rules are you cannot bring up anything of a first nature. You must have previously brought a problem to a Councilperson or a City Hall department. You are limited to speak only once for a period of five minutes. Please raise your hand to be recognized.

Anthony Richard, 4647 East 94<sup>th</sup> Street. Five minutes. You guys have a lot of time to do all you want. Please do something to get Garfield back the way it was. I lived here 67 years of my life. I could walk the street. I didn't have to lock my doors. Now you got to lock your doors. Are you safe? Is anybody safe in Garfield Heights? I speak the truth. I never had to lock my doors in my whole life. My wife's afraid to live in Garfield Heights anymore. What are you going to do about it? You're all big shots. What do you do?

**CLMN DUDLEY:** We don't want no remarks made about big shots. We don't deserve that, OK? I want the same respect that I give you, Sir, OK?

**MR. RICHARD:** OK. I respect you. Are you safe in your house?

**CLMN DUDLEY:** Yes. I feel safe and I feel my family is safe.

**MR. RICHARD:** OK. Thank you. This change in society.

**CLMN DUDLEY:** I understand.

**MR. RICHARD:** You understand? You don't understand nothing.

**CLMN DUDLEY:** Yes, I do, Sir.

**PRESIDENT GERACI:** We don't need that kind of interaction. Please keep your comments.

**MR. RICHARD:** OK. I don't feel safe in my house. My wife is scared to live in Garfield. She wants to sell our house and get out of here. What's that mean? I don't see anybody doing anything. You can call the police and do anything you want.

**PRESIDENT GERACI:** Mr. Richard, hold on. Mayor?

**MAYOR VICTOR COLLOVA:** Mr. Richard, I understand that you may not feel safe. We have taken great steps to make sure that the police are responding to every unsafe situation. We have the best police department in this State.

**MR. RICHARD:** I agree 100%.

**MAYOR VICTOR COLLOVA:** I feel very comfortable with them. This Council has taken steps with the juvenile problem that we have to correct that. We are taking steps every single day to insure the people can feel safe and want to stay in Garfield Heights. So the only thing I can tell you is hang on, things are getting better and you'll be back up here thanking us shortly.

the place you're considered retail. They have no say-so in the matter. I also understand that it's only for the larger anchor stores, not for the smaller stores. These are things they told me. I don't have the contract. That's between the Receiver and the tenants. I'll tell you this. That to take a step further, is that we're putting an extraction system in that the EPA is footing the bill. We are down to the last hookup to get it completed and once it's completed we anticipate a clean bill of health from the EPA and some PR saying that we're safe. That will come somewhere down the road. The only hang up to getting that connection is Get Go, which happens to be Giant Eagle. We're working on it but sometimes I shake my head.

**MR. LINDEMAN:** I feel your pain. I have not shopped there since they stopped it. I forwarded you an e-mail I sent to Giant Eagle a while ago.

**MAYOR VICTOR COLLOVA:** Nor have I.

**MR. LINDEMAN:** I won't. OK. You're off the hook. Another thing is for the Building Director. Rental properties in Garfield Heights. I'm told they're inspected every two years.

**BUILDING COMMISSIONER BILL WERVEY:** More like three.

**MR. LINDEMAN:** Does it take legislation from Council to change this? Because I don't think that's enough. We have a lot of Section 8 going on in Garfield Heights. These guys come in, they buy these houses, they rent them out, see ya. My tax dollars pay these people's rent. Their garbage is all over the side of the house. Their grass isn't cut; when they do cut the grass it's always on the sidewalk. They don't believe in brooms. Maybe you guys can look into changing that? The Mayor said the group of people are cleaning up the houses. I've seen them. They're doing a great job. That's all I got. Thanks.

**PRESIDENT GERACI:** Thank you. Any other residents wishing to speak? If not, we'll move on. Miscellaneous Business. Clmn Vaughn.

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:**

**CLMN VAUGHN:** A couple things going on in Ward 7 that maybe a lot of people should know about. One, Arby's is going to be doing a complete reface to their building. It's going to be a new look for them. They chose the store up on Rockside Road. They're kicking it off in this area. It will be a great cleanup for the area. A new look. We're happy that they're doing it.

McDonald's is coming to Garfield Heights. We're going to have another one up on Rockside Road. They're going to be starting that in the next few months. They're going to be building in front of the old Denny's in the parking lot up there. They're coming from Turney-Dunham. They're going to be closing that store and building this one. It will be a great improvement. A great entrance to the city and you know what? It's going to help the shopping center up there. I'm really sad Giant Eagle's not there anymore. It's a real plus. These are the types of things that are going to make our community look that much better.

A couple other things. I want to remind everybody this Thursday evening we're having our Block Watch up at St. Monica's. It's the last time we'll be in the cafeteria. The next month we move to the outside pavilion. So if you'd like to come up and join us, our meeting starts at 7 o'clock. The other evening I was attending a function at St. Monica's and a woman by the name of Louise Sliwinski came up to me and she watches these meetings every week. She wishes she could be here. She's really done a lot for our community and she said to me, Tom, say hello to Louise this week, will you? So I'm doing it, Louise. Hello. That's my report.

**PRESIDENT GERACI:** Thank you, Councilman.

**CLMN SUSTER:** Mr. Chairman, I'd like to make a motion that I be permitted to leave my seat and take the podium.

**PRESIDENT GERACI:** Roll call on the motion.

**CLMN DUDLEY:** Well, Yes.

**CLWN MARINCIC:** This better be good. Yes.

**CLMN NENADOVICH:** Real good. Yes.

**CLWN SARNOWSKI:** I know what it's about. Yes.

AYES: 7

**PRESIDENT GERACI:** Clmn Suster, you have five minutes.

**CLMN SUSTER:** OK. This won't take that long. I'm going to do three Resolutions at one time. Last Tuesday night myself and Members of the Garfield Heights CERT Team were at a thank you reception and meeting and they gave out some Resolutions and tonight I'm here to give those Resolutions out. I just wanted to let some people know they went over a lot of facts and that 95% of the workers that will be working at any of these vaccination places or what we classify them as pods. 95% of the people will be volunteers. When they did the vaccinations this past fall there were over 30,000 people that received the vaccinations. A lot more could have been there but a lot of people were reluctant to get them. At this time I would also like to thank (he's not here tonight) Joe Rode from the Fire Department. Joe did two years of planning to put this whole thing together with CERT. We had dry runs at the high school and then we finally had the pandemic thing come about. But we helped out at Lyndhurst on Sunday. Monday we never thought we'd get called. Monday they called us and told us that our pod would open up on Saturday. So we only had a few days' notice. But at this time I wish I could have the Mayor come up, Mr. Dobies, Sheila Roman. In the essence of time I'm only going to read one of these. Sheila Romaine and here's what it says:

“Resolution 2010-55 March 24, 2010. Whereas a new influenza virus called 2009 H1N1 referred to as the swine flu was first detected in people in the United States in April of 2009 and in June 2009 was declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization.

Whereas a new vaccine was developed to help protect people from the H1N1 influenza virus and became available in limited quantities as of mid-October 2009.

Whereas the Cuyahoga County Board of Health in coordination with the Cuyahoga County Emergency Management Initiative a vaccination campaign against 2009 H1N1 requesting the assistance of the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and other volunteer groups to operate large community-based vaccination clinics referred to as pods.

Whereas the Cuyahoga County Board of Health recognized the critical role that the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and other volunteer groups played in Cuyahoga County's mass dispensing and vaccination efforts, collectively referred to as a mass target capability.

Now therefore be it resolved that the Cuyahoga County Board of Health formally acknowledges the support of the Garfield Heights City Schools, the Garfield Heights CERT Team and the City of Garfield Heights. All volunteers associated with supporting and operating the pods including members of the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), Medical Reserve Corp, Citizens' Corp., the 256<sup>th</sup> Combat Support Hospital Staff as well as local city and school officials shall be recognized for their outstanding performance, tireless dedication and a commitment to the community during the 2009 H1N1 Mass Vaccination Campaign. I hereby certify that this is true. An exact copy of this Resolution passed by the Cuyahoga County Board of Health at its regular scheduled meeting held March 24, 2010.” It's signed by Terence M. Allen, Health Commissioner.

I'll give this one to the school, Ms. Roman gets that one and this one is for the City of Garfield Heights.

One more thing, if I might, on May 26<sup>th</sup> CERT is having a night of where we're going to give out awards. You can sit down. The Board of Health also for the people that participated in the other night's festivities will be getting a Certificate of Appreciation and it will read,

“For Your Outstanding Contribution To The Successful Operation Of Large Community-Based Vaccination Clinics Referred To As Pods During the Cuyahoga County Board of Health 2009 H1N1 Mass Vaccination Campaign. The Cuyahoga County Board of Health, in coordination with the Cuyahoga County Emergency Management and the rest of the public health community recognizes the critical role that the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and other volunteer groups played in Cuyahoga County's mass dispensing and vaccination efforts collectively referred to as the Mass Target Capability.” This too is signed by Terence Allen, Health Commissioner.

Like I say on May 26th we're going to have these awards. We're also going to have certificates coming from the President of the United States and also we'll get a certificate for them and anybody that would like to come and be there that night, you're more than welcome. Mr. Chairman, I'd like to make a motion that I may return back to my seat.

**CLWN SARNOWSKI:** I don't think he can make a motion like that. I'd like to make a motion to let Clmn Suster return to his seat.

**CLMN DUDLEY:** I kind of like it like this. Yes.

**CLWN MARINCIC:** You do look good there. Yes.

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**PRESIDENT GERACI:** Return to your seat. Thank you, Joe.

**CLMN NENADOVICH:** I have one short thing. Dale, being the Chairman of the Ward 3 Block Watch, he posts this stuff on our Website. Incidents like this. I was going to read that, but thank you, Dale. If you go to [www.ghwatchward3.com](http://www.ghwatchward3.com) you'll find information like this on our home site and you'll find links to other city sites and this is what keeps the citizens informed as far as Ward 3 is concerned. You are all welcome to look at the site. Please do it. Dale does keep it up. He keeps it posted with any kind of incident. We've had several and it's all about neighbors getting involved. Exactly what Mr. Richard was alluding to. The neighbors keep the city in good shape. Not just the police. The neighbors. First line of defense. Our eyes and ears. We've got some long time members of the Block Watch here in Garfield Heights. Paul Long being one of them. Very long time member. Originator Vincent Liotta. This is what it's about, ladies and gentlemen. Getting involved in your community. Mr. Richard is right. We are having a hard time, but we can stop it. We, I mean the city and the residents. At that, that's all I have. Thank you.

**PRESIDENT GERACI:** Thank you.

**CLWN MARINCIC:** I have one thing. In May the spring/summer issue of my Grapevine newsletter is going to come out and I print about 1,500 for Ward 2 but I get requests from a lot of people in other Wards. It now is available in a PDF. So if you send your e-mail address to me, I will e-mail you a copy of the Grapevine, but all you have to do is send your e-mail address to [grapevine@att.net](mailto:grapevine@att.net) and I will forward you a copy of it when it comes out. That's all I have.

**CLMN DUDLEY:** I was just thinking to myself I'm glad that he did make that call because we had went through the same thing in the community when ACORN came in it about several years ago and they was going though the Ward 1 area and they was soliciting money and knocking on doors and they didn't have no

respect or regards for time. When I called ACORN and addressed that to them they was a hard group to deal with. I never dealt with them from point blank and it cost them to go through a community. They say bad things about me, but I don't care because my loyalty is not to ACORN or any organization. It's to the residents in my community. You have a lot of Seniors and naturally I had four Seniors who had wanted their money back. They really felt pressured for ACORN taking that \$10.00 from them. They wasn't here to help us. They was here to hurt us. My feeling was right and I was blessed. I looked in the paper and heard on the news when they moved them out of the State of Ohio. They didn't need to be here. They wasn't here to help nobody but themselves.

Something else I wanted to mention. Maybe Mr. Riley can help me on this? All Section 8 people ain't bad. I know some of them. They are great families, first of all. But we do have some of them that we have issues with because when they move in they move several other families into the household with them. Doesn't every city have a contract with the County dealing with Section 8 where if we have an issue with them we can address that issue through the County and get some action taken against that household? Or the landlord?

**BUILDING COMMISSIONER BILL WERVEY:** First Suburbs has a memorandum of understanding with the CMHA which would not spell out those rules but it would state that they'd cooperate with us if we cooperate with them. If anybody has a specific instance where they feel there's too many people in a home, contact us, because CMHA may not have a standard set down but I believe they do but the city has a standard for how many square feet can be in a home per person.

**CLMN DUDLEY:** OK. Because like I said first of all we got some good families on Section 8 and it's just like you don't have to be on Section 8 to be a bad family. We're learning that. Another thing that I'm hoping to see is I talked to the Law Director and he's been really helpful with something that is happening to members of the community is that we're getting a lot of loitering now. We are getting a lot of loitering to the point where it's become ridiculous. It's got nothing to do with the police because they're out there pounding them and I think that we have to be a little more tougher on our loitering rules now. Because it's going on in front of the stores and a gentleman today called me to the side. We're going down to the department tomorrow. He asked a fellow to move after the police left and the young man came in after and threatened him. That was the wrong thing to do because me, myself, at my age and no older person is going to go to hands in a store. My fear would be that some of these younger people (not all of them) is overstepping their boundaries to the point that they threats may be taken seriously and somebody's going to get hurt. We do have to come down a little bit tighter on the loitering. We really do. Like I said, I talked to the Law Director and he was most helpful. I was happy to hear the news he gave me. We do have to make some changes and we have to get a little tougher, not just on the youth. We got to get a little tougher on some of our rules and regulations. We have them in place and citizens, like I see it, you can't be afraid to make that call. I tell some of the residents I'm certain they want me to put in the call because I know some of their neighbors get upset. But sometimes you got to make the call yourself because when you're identifying a person I don't know whether he's going east or west, north or south. I don't have a clue what kind of clothes he's got on so when you leave me a message I have nothing to tell the police. But I honestly think if we don't start a little more tougher crack down we got problems lying ahead of us right now and it's going to spread like wildfire.

Basically I wanted to thank Vince over there. He done a great job cleaning up in our area and I got some other jobs waiting on him but I mean it's the best I ever saw it. When you call him, he's on the spot. Some of them homes they looked bad. They look almost livable now. So I want to thank him for that and that's all I have, Mr. President.

**PRESIDENT GERACI:** Just before we adjourn I have one thing to mention. That the next Regular Council Meeting will be May 10, 2010 at seven o'clock. That will be the only Council Meeting in May. Just for a point of information so nobody comes up here other than May 10<sup>th</sup>. Now I can have a motion for adjournment.

**CLMN NENADOVICH:** I move we adjourn.

**PRESIDENT GERACI:** Roll call.

AYES: 7

**PRESIDENT GERACI:** Meeting adjourned.

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:00 p.m.**

**APPROVED:**

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Frank J. Geraci, Jr.  
President of Council

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:**

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Barbara Molin  
Clerk of Council