

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

Monday, October 11, 2010

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

INVOCATION BY: Councilwoman Tracy Mahoney

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

READING AND DISPOSAL OF MINUTES:

Moved by Cllm SUSTER to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of City Council of September 27, 2010 as submitted. The minutes were adopted with seven YES votes.

LEGISLATION OUT OF COMMITTEE: None.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL: None.

REPORTS OF THE MAYOR AND DIRECTORS:

PRESIDENT GERACI: We will now move on to reports by the Mayor and the Directors. Mayor Collova?

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Thank you, Mr. Geraci, Council. A few things to go over today. One thing I want to start with is we have many concerns, I've received many phone calls about juveniles and the problems that we maybe have on juveniles in the city. Although I don't think our city's much different than other cities I think one of the reasons, and we've talked about this in the past, one of the reasons that it appears to be a problem is because the juveniles today, unlike in our day, have nowhere go. They don't have intramurals programs after school, they don't have the youth centers that are in a lot of the communities and so what they do is we get them 1,000 to 2,000 strong hitting the street at 2:30 or 3:00 and it looks like a gang although there's a few loud, 99% of them are acting perfect so I checked and tried to look into some programs involving the youth. Right now we have Noreen and Rebecca looking at grants for youth programs to try to get grants so we get something done for the year. But let me tell you a couple of things I found out and was aware of but I didn't have the details and I want to share with you today. Myself and Bob Dobies drove across the street to St. John's. St. John's has a "Tag Night". This has been going on for a few years. Tag Night stands for "Tutoring and Gym". What they have over there is every Tuesday and Thursday from 5:30 to 7:00 they have 4th to 8th grade kids coming in and these young men and ladies can play pool, ping pong, basketball, they have a gym there and they also can get tutoring if they need some help; if they want some. I met with the pastor, Vern Bock, and I met with Karen Dutton who is the youth coordinator. They explained the whole thing to Bob and I. At 5:30 to 7:00 it's from 4th to 8th. From 7:30 to 9:00 on Tuesday an Thursdays it's high school kids. These are Garfield Heights residents that have a place to go to play basketball. I understand there's quite a few kids that go up there to have a good time with games, etc. I'd like this to spread around because this is something that they can take in more kids and help all of us. I think it's a great program until we get our youth program off the ground.

Along with that I checked with The Word of Righteousness Church on Dressler. They have a Child Enrichment City Program and it's sponsored by Pastor Charles and Doctor Lytle. I want to give you some of the things that's going on there that I think are pretty interesting. They have a school age center licensed by the Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services. Children ages 5 to 12 are accepted in their before and after school programs. Children attending Kindergarten part-time are accepted in a half day Kindergarten program as well. The Garfield Heights City Schools District provides bus transportation from the schools to or near the Child Enrichment Center and staff will complete transport from the bus stop to the classroom. Fifty four children are accepted at a time. There's a total of three classrooms divided by age group. Each classroom is designated to accommodate up to 18 children at a time. Classrooms are well structured to provide nutritious snacks, homework assistance, leadership development, computer instruction, creative exploration in a nurturing environment. This is The Word of Righteousness Child Enrichment Center. I had an opportunity to go over there and take a look at it. It really is great. They fixed that place up amazing. It's a great place for the kids to get some learning, to get some crafts in and I think it's really good. For anybody that may be interested, they would call Word of Righteousness Church. The phone number there is (216) 365-3336 and the phone number at the St. John's is (216) 518-1943. At St. John's you have to pay to get in and it costs you a quarter. You pay one quarter and you come in for the night. They do that for specific reasons. You have to follow the rules. They've had very little if any problems. They really have a nice program so it's something to look at and I'd like that to get out so if you need any information on that either contact us or the two programs.

The other thing I want to talk to you about today is one of the other things that some of the Seniors have brought to my attention is that they want to know how or if they are on the Homestead Act. So what we have done is we have brought in a Cuyahoga County Coordinator for Outreach. Her name is Valerie Price. She's coming in on Monday, October 18th from 10:00 to 2:00 and on Monday October 25th 10:00 to 2:00. She will have a computer here. She will check or not you're on Homestead and if you're not she will tell you how to do it and assist you in applying for it. I think this will be a big help to the Seniors.

With this said I'm going to get into the legislation. First on the agenda is Ordinance 68-2010. This is a CDBG Grant for street resurfacing. We're asking for \$500,000.00. Ordinance 69. This is a tax abatement for Overdrive, the company we've been talking about bringing a world headquarters in. This is what we're calling an enterprise zone agreement and it lasts the tax abatement. Noreen can get into it more specifically. Ordinance 70. When I had a business meeting a couple weeks ago some of the things the business people came up and asked what they were talking about times are bad, they need to advertise more and they were talking about putting up portable signs—those A-frame signs—and different signs to bring people in so people notice that they're there. We looked at one of the other communities what they had in place and we presented it in front of Council today. Hopefully this can help the businesses out if it passes. Ordinance 71-2010 is the same as Ordinance 68. This is a CDBG Grant again for street resurfacing. This one's for \$300,000.00. There's two different grants. We applied for both of them. It would be nice to get both. Hopefully we can get one, but we are applying for both of them. Ordinances 72 and 73. This is about the issuance of sales and bonds and we have our bond representative here today. We also have Ron that can discuss this. We originally passed this in September 2010. It's exactly the same thing. Because it got delayed for a couple of different reasons, most notably the November vote, we have to put this up just because of a timeliness issue but it's already been passed and approved. We're just doing it exactly the same way.

Resolution 42. What we're doing and Ron can get into this for you, we're requesting in advance that the tax money owed to us by the County be released to the city. Resolution 43. An emergency resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor. These are things

like housekeeping. They happen every year and again Ron can get into that more in depth. Resolution 44 is a resolution commemorating National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. We're more than happy to do this. On the Second Reading Ordinance number 66 is the ordinance involving the pawnbrokers and second hand dealers. This is the ordinance that the police asked us to put up. Right now if something is stolen or they want to check items at a pawn shop when they get there, to the pawnshop, they say we've already melted them down. So this is one restriction on what the pawnbrokers and second hand dealers have to do. That is it for the legislation and with that, Mr. Chairman, you have my report.

PRESIDENT GERACI: Thank you, Mayor Collova. Any questions for Mayor Collova?

CLWN MARINCIC: Mayor, do you have any comments on the Pizza Hut shooting?

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Do I have any comments on it?

CLWN MARINCIC: Who did it or anything?

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Quite honestly the offices were closed today. I knew about it. I was informed about it Friday night. I know the person was shot in the leg, but I have no more information than that.

CLWN MARINCIC: You don't know how he's doing or anything?

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: No, I don't.

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 TIM RILEY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have no report tonight.

PRESIDENT GERACI: Any questions for Mr. Riley? We'll move on. Service Director, Mr. McLaughlin. He's not here.

SERVICE DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN: Absent

PRESIDENT GERACI: Recreation Director Mr. Bob Dobies.

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BOB DOBIES: Mr. President and Council Members, good evening. A short report. Our soccer program is in full swing and will continue till the end of the month. Please go out and support your favorite team. As I mentioned at the last meeting we'll have a Halloween Skate Saturday October 30th from 5 till 7 p.m. We'll have a fun-filled evening with candy and trophies for best costumes.

If you allow me to go a little bit off base here, Mr. President, I'd just like to remind everybody here that the School District will have an operating levy on the November ballot. It's an 8.9 mill levy. It will generate \$3.9 million a year. I know these are difficult times, but I would ask all to support Issue 7. I would ask that Ms. Linda Reid and Mr. Saluka be allowed to come before the Council meeting on October 25th to make a presentation and to answer any questions citizens may have. Thank you. That concludes my report.

PRESIDENT GERACI: Any questions for Mr. Dobies?

CLWN MARINCIC: The school issue since you brought it up. What is that going to cost the average family? I've gotten a lot of questions regarding that.

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BOB DOBIES: Basically in the past the formula was based on a \$100,000.00 market value. This time though it's based on a \$90,000.00 market value so if you have a \$90,000.00 house today it would be assessed at about \$20.49 a month.

CLWN MARINCIC: So about \$21.00 a month?

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BOB DOBIES: Exactly. If your property values less it would be less than this. \$21.00 a month on average.

CLWN MARINCIC: \$360.00 a year if you have a \$90,000.00 home?

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BOB DOBIES: Correct.

CLWN MARINCIC: OK. Thank you.

PRESIDENT GERACI: Any other questions? Finance Director Mr. Tomola.

ACTING FINANCE DIRECTOR RON TOMOLA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Council, I would just like to urge your Yes vote on Ordinances 72 and 73, the bond ordinances and on Resolutions 42 and 43. That's my report.

PRESIDENT GERACI: Any questions for Mr. Tomola? We'll move on. City Engineer, Mr. David Krock.

CITY ENGINEER DAVID KROCK: Thanks, Council President. Two updates on street closures and construction. First of all, Henry Street closure. We do have a date now. It's October 25th. That's in two weeks. There will be changes as well. McCracken and Claremont will be a four-way stop. It is currently now, but we're hoping that will help ease some of the congestion in the area.

Then there's a manhole rehabilitation project going on in Wards 5, 6 and 7. I will have some additional details on that schedule to pass along to you as soon as I have it but it looks like things will start this next Monday. They are out there working now but things will really get going next week and this is a repair of over 500 manholes south of I-480 in the city. That's all my report.

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

BUILDING COMMISSIONER BILL WERVEY: Absent.

PRESIDENT GERACI: Economic Development Director Ms. Kuban.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN: Thank you, Mr. President. I'd like to urge Council to support Ordinances number 68 and 71. These are for our annual CDBG applications. Basically they are both for street improvements. One is for a \$500,000.00 grant request that is for a one-time only grant. This year they're doing \$500,000.00 for the first time and the other one is \$300,000.00, if in the event we don't get \$500,000.00. Also Ordinance 69-2010 is an enterprise zone tax abatement agreement for Overdrive and this is to offer tax abatement for their improvements on their property on the new building they're purchasing.

Finally, I just want to remind everyone of the Harvest Fest on October 24th. Chris Piazza is selling tickets in the back for our Community Gardens and this is from 1:00 to 5:00 in the dining room at the Civic Center and you could eat in or you could take out. We have some things you can buy and we also have food. That concludes my report.

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

CLWN SARNOWSKI: You have the two grants that we're applying for? If we get the first one there's no chance of getting the second one? Or is there a possibility that we might get two?

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN: No, you would only get one grant award.

PRESIDENT GERACI: Any other questions?

CLWN MAHONEY: Ms. Kuban, could you explain to our residents why Ward 6 is not eligible for either of these grants?

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN: Yes, thank you. In order to maximize our points for the grant, we are looking at streets that are in improvement target areas and the highest quartile of low and moderate income districts and what we're looking at is the overlay of those two districts and in Ward 6 there are no qualifying areas.

CLWN MAHONEY: Thank you.

PRESIDENT GERACI: Any other questions for Ms. Kuban? If not, I have a couple comments. I'd like to recognize somebody here tonight that's been the assistant to Becky, our camera person. Mr. Sam Piazza, our student from Garfield Heights. He's been attending. He's been helpful. He's our audio technician. Keep it up. You're doing a great job. Thanks, Sam.

COMMENTS BY CITIZENS:

PRESIDENT GERACI: With that we'll move on to the Comments from the Citizens On The Agenda. The rules are this portion of the meeting is for the residents' comments on tonight's legislation only. Comments are limited to five minutes. No one can speak more than once. Please raise your hand to be recognized. The agenda items only. Nobody wishing to speak? OK. Fine.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None.

PRESIDENT GERACI: We'll now move on to Ordinances and Resolutions.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCE NO. 66-2010

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING CHAPTER 721, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS RELATIVE TO JUNK AND SECONDHAND DEALERS WITHIN THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, AND REPLACING IT WITH CHAPTER 721 RELATIVE TO PAWNBROKERS AND SECONDHAND DEALERS.

Moved by SUSTER to PASS FOR A THIRD READING:
AYES: 7

PRESIDENT GERACI: That passes 7-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 68-2010

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FUNDS AND ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF IMPROVING STREETS IN THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS.

Moved by MARINCIC 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. 69-2010

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN "ENTERPRISE ZONE AGREEMENT" BETWEEN THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS AND BLUE SKY CAMPUS, INC., AND OVERDRIVE, INC., FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING INCENTIVES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN OFFICE CAMPUS FOR ITS HEADQUARTERS.

Moved by SARNOWSKI 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. 70-2010

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1140.23 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS ALLOWING FOR THE PLACEMENT OF PROPERLY CONFORMING PORTABLE SIGNS.

Moved by MARINCIC to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

AYES: 7

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

AYES: 7

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

CLWN MARINCIC: Before I vote, I would just like to say regarding this legislation to allow businesses to have portable signs I'm not in favor of it. I think that they take away from the way our city looks. I think they're not maintained properly. I've seen them in other communities and I think they make the city—I think they will make it look junky to be honest with you and I think we could do without them. I understand the intention, but I think there's a better way for a business to advertise their business than to put these up. Also I think they're dangerous. Unfortunately I have actually tripped over some of these signs that were left in the wrong spot. I don't think they'd be an asset so those are the reasons that I'm voting No.

AYES: 1
NAYS: 6

PRESIDENT GERACI: That fails 6-1.

ORDINANCE NO. 71-2010

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FUNDS AND ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF IMPROVING STREETS IN THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS.

Moved by SARNOWSKI 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. 72-2010

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF BONDS IN THE MAXIMUM PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$1,320,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF: IMPROVING CERTAIN STREETS AND PROPERTY IN THE CITY, INCLUDING MARTIN LUTHER KING DRIVE, PARKVIEW AVENUE, BLYTHIN ROAD, EAST 85TH STREET, SAXON ROAD, EAST 131ST STREET, MAPLE LEAF DRIVE, GRANIS ROAD, EAST 90TH STREET, EAST 117TH STREET, EAST 134TH STREET AND CERTAIN OTHER STREETS DESIGNATED BY THE CITY, BY RECONSTRUCTING AND RESURFACING, RECONSTRUCTING CATCH BASINS AND OTHERWISE IMPROVING, ALL TOGETHER WITH ALL NECESSARY APPURTENANCES THERETO; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Moved by VAUGHN 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. 73-2010

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF BONDS IN THE MAXIMUM PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$4,930,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF: (I) RENOVATING, IMPROVING AND EQUIPPING THE RECREATION CENTER, (II) ACQUIRING AND EQUIPPING MOTOR

VEHICLES, INCLUDING POLICE CARS, AN AERIAL PLATFORM TRUCK AND OTHER TRUCKS, AND RELATED EQUIPMENT FOR USE BY THE DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY, (III) IMPROVING BROADWAY AVENUE BY CONSTRUCTING, WIDENING, GRADING, CURBING, PAVING, RESURFACING AND OTHERWISE IMPROVING THE SAME, (IV) CONSTRUCTING, INSTALLING AND EQUIPPING TRAFFIC SIGNALS IN TURNEY ROAD, BROADWAY AVENUE, GARFIELD PARK BOULEVARD AND OTHER STREETS AND LOCATIONS IN THE CITY IN COOPERATION WITH THE STATE OF OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, (V) IMPROVING STREETS WITHIN THE CITY INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO RECONSTRUCTION AND REHABILITATION OF TRANSPORTATION BOULEVARD AND ANTENUCCI BOULEVARD, WIDENING, UPGRADING AND IMPROVING BROADWAY, INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC SIGNALIZATION, AND INCLUDING PREPARATION OF PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS AND ESTIMATES, AND OTHERWISE IMPROVING STREETS OF THE CITY IN ACCORDANCE WITH PLANS OF THE CITY ENGINEER, (VI) IMPROVING EAST 131ST STREET BY CONSTRUCTING SIDEWALKS, CURBS, RAMPS, INSTALLING SIGNALIZATION AND SIGNS, LANDSCAPING AND OTHERWISE IMPROVING, AND (VII) IMPROVING AND EQUIPPING HATHAWAY PARK INCLUDING DESIGN, ENGINEERING AND SITE IMPROVEMENTS, EACH ALL TOGETHER WITH THE NECESSARY EQUIPMENT AND APPURTENANCES THERETO; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Moved by SUSTER 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.

RESOLUTION NO. 42-2010

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION REQUESTING ADVANCE IN TAX SETTLEMENT.

Moved by SUSTER to CONSIDER BY TITLE:
SECONDED BY SARNOWSKI:
AYES: 7

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:
AYES: 7

VOTE ON ADOPTION:
AYES: 7

PRESIDENT GERACI: That passes 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 43-2010

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR.

Moved by SUSTER to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

SECONDED by SARNOWSKI:

AYES: 7

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

AYES: 7

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

AYES: 7

PRESIDENT GERACI: That passes 7-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 44-2010

A RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING NATIONAL BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH.

Moved by VAUGHN to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

AYES: 7

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

AYES: 7

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

CLMN VAUGHN: Before I vote, I think many of you know that this breast cancer holds a very special place in my heart. For the past year my wife Barb, who for the first time has been able to attend a Council Meeting, has been fighting breast cancer since October 18th of last year. This is a devastating disease. This disease I've seen her go from being perfectly healthy to a person that looked like she was knocking on death's door. As my 10 year old said to us as this disease progressed during the year, this is not a disease that just affects the sick individual. It affects everybody in her family. This, my friends, is today's leprosy. This is probably one of the worst diseases we have out there, and we do need to find a cure for this disease and we're very fortunate in the city that we live in (I'm talking in Greater Cleveland) that we have such great institutions as the Ireland Cancer Center and Cleveland Clinic because they are milestones ahead of other places. We've sent her records out. We've had them to see if we were getting the best and they were sent right back here so yes, please, let's keep these families and these people in our prayers and I vote Yes.

AYES: 7

PRESIDENT GERACI: That passes 7-0.

COMMENTS BY CITIZENS:

PRESIDENT GERACI: We'll now move on to Comments By Citizens.

CLMN VAUGHN: Mr. Chairman, could I have your attention for one minute?

PRESIDENT GERACI: Yes.

CLMN VAUGHN: Could we all give my wife a hand of applause for what she's going through? Thank you.

PRESIDENT GERACI: We'll now move on to Comments By Citizens. The rules are you cannot bring up anything of a first nature. You must have previously brought this 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.

Leonard Leone, Briarcliff Road. Good evening Council President, Council Members, Mayor. At this time I would like to put a proclamation to the Mayor for all the Members of Council, your staff here that's doing a wonderful job. Mayor, I would hope that Council and you pass a resolution for each and every one of you on Council because they deserve it and please do it. I also want to commend a couple of the Councilmen. Tracy Mahoney on this past Friday, October 8th my wife and I were up in the Building Department and Tracy Mahoney happened to be in there when my wife and I were having a little legal problem and I want to commend Tracy Mahoney for helping us and Mayor, the Building Department, that was very knowledgeable on certain papers and Notary we had to have done due to a serious illness. I also want to commend the Director, Mr. Dobies, for the beautiful job you're doing, Sir, with the Rec Department. You, Mayor, you're taking a lot of flack from a lot of these people here in Garfield Heights, but God Bless you. Stay with it. You, Mr. Dudley, I remember you from last week. You stood your ground and I commend you very highly for that. You're a great Councilperson. God Bless you and all of you deserve it. Every one of you. You, Mr. Tomola, everybody else and as for you, Mr. Piazza and the camera people I just want to say one thing. You are usually doing a good job but last time I watched it on the program everything froze. So let's try to correct that. Other than that God Bless you everyone and thank you. One more thing. Also, you, Mr. Suster, my Councilman, I forgot. You did a wonderful job when I made a call to you and you responded immediately. Thank you, Sir. Bye-bye.

PRESIDENT GERACI: Is there anybody else?

Gary Wolske, 6109 Hathaway. I just briefly want to correct something that Councilperson Marincic said. It's \$245.88, not \$360.00 for the School Board.

CLWN MARINCIC: I never was good in math.

PRESIDENT GERACI: Anybody else?

Rick Pirrone, Garfield Heights. I'm going to spin some redundancy back from the last meeting, so please don't take it personal, OK? I just wanted to touch on some of the issues that transpired since I've been attending the meetings going back to May. First off, it was in the first couple of few meetings by Clmn Dudley and Mayor Collova that if there were going to be letters mailed out to the residents concerning the changes that in the process of being initiated, and I believe if we divert back to archives we'd go ahead and find out what was the Mayor's response to Mr. Dudley saying that there was no city money to do such a feat because it would cost too much. But over the past week there was money found in your treasury to go ahead and mail letters to the residents to promote the ballot. That's a good thing. I'm not knocking it down but letters could have been mailed out in the beginning because the petitions were not initiated at that time yet. But my point in case there's some facts. Fact one, Pepper Pike just had a city income tax in August. Fact two, it was voted down by 57% of the residents. Fact three, the Mayor found \$950,000.00. Fact four, you know one of the first things that he did with this money was that he gave a 15% salary increase to his Council Members, so the only thing that I'm asking the residents to do I'm not for it or against it and I'm not telling anybody to vote against it or vote for it. Open the eyes. Just because the facts are there facts can be deceiving at times.

But secondly, I just want to address two articles that I posted in the Neighborhood News and I'm sure everybody has noted them but referring to the ballot issues amongst other issues, after the

June 23rd edition I received a letter from the post office. There was no return address and the individual was stating their concerns about my article. I filed that article with no concerns because I had a right to vent. I submitted another article on October 6th regarding the same issues. I received another letter on October 9th and I'm assuming that it was from the same person because the cursives are very similar. I believe in free speech totally to a degree and I believe that the articles printed were of sound verbose and they did not harm anybody. I didn't even remotely wish harm on anybody, but the letter that I received in the mail October 6th was wishing harm on my home and it was using racial slurs and it's at the police department now with the detective division to go and test for fingerprints. I just want to let the individual know that doesn't have enough guts to put a return address or even sign their name but telling me to come to Council to express my opinions, I am. I'm here. I live on Granger. You can come and visit me. In my closing I just want to send my prayers to the Sarnowski family.

PRESIDENT GERACI: Thank you. Anybody else?

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Mr. Chairman, if I can respond?

PRESIDENT GERACI: Yes, Mayor.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Rick, I know exactly what you're saying about people sending anonymous letters and not saying too nice a things because I get probably two or three a day. But at least your letters you sign, so I appreciate that.

Mr. Pirrone spoke from the audience (inaudible).

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Again, I appreciate what you're saying because I get them every day. The second thing is that letter that I sent out to the city? You still have a copy of it? Check at the bottom of it and see who paid for it.

Mr. Pirrone spoke from the audience (inaudible).

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: I have a few thousand, not many, but a few thousand and if you want me to send something out. Come on, Rick, be reasonable. You walked up to the microphone and you made it sound like that money came from the city. That's what you made it sound like.

Mr. Pirrone spoke from the audience (inaudible).

CLWN MARINCIC: Mr. Chairman, we're having a debate going on with someone in the audience and someone sitting there. It's not going to come through on the tape recording. It's not going to work.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: I just wanted to respond to your question. That money did not come from the city and the city cannot afford to send the letters.

PRESIDENT GERACI: Anybody else?

CLMN DUDLEY: I notice you had mentioned the fact that I had asked the Mayor about mailing the letters and actually I have revisited the Mayor several times to ask him and encourage him to write the letters. I was glad that he chose to do it even though it came out of his campaign fund because I felt as though the people don't get a chance to watch the Council Meetings, some people don't read the Neighborhood News and it's just not placed in The Plain Dealer the way it should be so I was happy to see the letters come out because before that I received a lot of calls and the letter

kind of cut down the calls explaining it to them. So whether he done it out of his personal or whether he done it with the city I'm glad it was done but I m glad it didn't come out the city because that's one less dollar we got to spend but that showed he really cared enough to get the word out in my opinion.

PRESIDENT GERACI: Thank you, Councilman. Anybody else?

Joe Turik, 5119 East 131st Street. Ordinance 72. The bond issue. You're going to do some work on some of the streets. Is that going to come into being this year? Or next year? Or when is that going to happen?

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: That, Joe, would probably be dictated by if we get the grant or not, when we get it.

MR. TURIK: So it wouldn't be this year anymore?

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: I would say No.

MR. TURIK: Something's got to be done with Turney Road and many other streets. There's all kinds of cracks all over the place. If you let this thing slide through this winter you're not going to be able to drive down Turney Road. You're going to need a tank to go down Turney Road. It's that bad. The water gets in those cracks and it freezes, unfreezes. It's going to make it very, very bad. It seems to me like you should get your crews out there to go to work before the winter sets in. Too bad Mr. McLaughlin isn't in today I could get an answer from him. Is there any hope to get it done before the winter sets in?

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Every time we get a call about a pothole, Joe, we get out there. It's hard to canvass the whole city because we're very understaffed, but we're doing the best job we can.

MR. TURIK: So you're saying you don't have enough people to fill in the potholes?

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: I'm saying that we have enough people to fill the potholes but if you're going to be picking up leaves, etc. it takes away because we don't have as large a staff as we used to so if we're going to pick up leaves it's going to take from the potholes. Whatever we do it takes from another service because we don't have available manpower.

MR. TURIK: So you may not be able to get the potholes filled before winter? Is that right?

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: That's right, Joe.

MR. TURIK: That's not a good sign. What you ought to do is there must be many people in Garfield lost their job, got laid off or something and call for volunteers. I bet you there would be a number of people who would jump up and say yeah, I'll do some volunteer work. Is such a thing possible?

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: The reason I don't think it would be possible, Joe, is not that we don't have people who would volunteer. They volunteer all the time, but if I have them working on the roads, etc. I think there would be a whole lot of liability out there. In case somebody got hurt they wouldn't be covered by Workers' Comp because they weren't being paid. There's a lot of legalities that I think would stop that.

MR. TURIK: I think it's worth taking a chance. Get guys that are capable of taking a pick and a shovel and putting the juice in the hole. Your big guy, McLaughlin, or whoever drives that little grader to mash them down there. It doesn't seem like it's a very hazardous job. Since you can't get anybody to volunteer or you don't want to, what about these guys that's sitting up here in jail—the wife beaters, and all kinds of criminals up there? Have them sign a waiver that if a car hits them or truck rolls over them they won't hold the city liable. Give them a day off for every day they work for the city. Doesn't that sound like something practical?

PRESIDENT GERACI: Excuse me, Mr. Turik. You have 30 seconds to wrap it up.

MR. TURIK: Is that right?

PRESIDENT GERACI: Yes.

MR. TURIK: That's not very much time.

PRESIDENT GERACI: Thank you.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: I'll check in and see if there's something we can do with the prisoners. I don't think we can but I'll check into it for you.

MR. TURIK: I've seen prisoners work on the roads down in Georgia and some of the Southern States. They have criminals worse than we have in these big States.

PRESIDENT GERACI: Mr. Turik, your time is up. Thank you. Anybody else?

Chris Piazza, 11004 Brunswick Avenue. I just wanted to say a couple of positive things. There are a lot of positive things going on in this city and I'm really quite proud of this city. One of the important things that's happening right now is there is an incentive called the Flag Project and when I came up with this idea I didn't know it would snowball like this and I didn't know the kind of letters that I'm receiving from people who are making donations. One of them really struck me. It was a woman who made a donation and she was talking about how proud she was of the American flag and how she was a Veteran of World War II. She was a Women's Army Corp person stationed in India and she thought it was such a great idea. She was all behind this and encourages everyone to participate. So I just wanted to say that. Her name is Mrs. Marlene Raficci and I think that's a really great thing.

Some other real positive things that are happening are Mr. Turik spoke about volunteers. We have that Community Garden Program that was started this year, run by a lot of volunteers and we do have great volunteers in this city. We're also having positive things happening too, like the Harvest Fest, the Craft Show. These are all volunteer things that aren't costing the city any money. I challenge anybody else out there to come up with some ideas or you volunteers that have some great ideas. Come up with something else that's positive to keep the city going. I know there's a whole bunch of you out there that love the city as much as I do so. Thank you.

PRESIDENT GERACI: Anybody else want to speak?

CLWN MAHONEY: Can I say one thing about Mrs. Piazza? Mrs. Piazza has lived here many, many years and as long as I can remember Mrs. Piazza has been someone who volunteered her time and worked hard to help make Garfield Heights a great city and I'm proud to know her and acknowledge her for all the hard work that she and her family does as well.

Barry Fashimpaur, Thraves Road. On Ordinance 70-2010. that's the one you guys voted down on the signs? That's a done deal, right? There won't be any more on that? How about we pass a resolution to keep other signs out of the city? I see mattress signs all over. They just come and they place them anywhere they feel like. Off the highways. On street corners. Is there a way we can keep those signs out of the city? As long as we're not going to let our own businesses do it, how about not letting other people come in and do that?

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Barry, there's already legislation to prohibit that so if you see a sign like that come up, just call the Building Department. They'll have it taken down.

MR. FASHIMPAUR: OK. Thank you.

PRESIDENT GERACI: Thank you. Anybody else? Anybody else wishing to speak? If not we'll move on to Miscellaneous. Clmn Dudley.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

CLMN DUDLEY: I'll make it quick tonight. I wanted to mention to the gentleman. I am disappointed that somebody would send you a letter because you chose to voice your opinion in Council Chambers or to you or any of your family members. I'll tell you that's absolutely wrong and I hope that they catch the individual and they punish him to the fullest extent. Nobody deserves that. You got the right whether we agree with you or not to go up and say what you have to say. That was absolutely wrong and I am disappointed for somebody to do something like that to you or your family.

Second of all, I am thankful that the Mayor mentioned the Family Life Center and I wanted to tell everybody that the Family Life Center is for every body. Dr. Lytle and Pastor Charles really worked hard on that facility over there and I thank Bob Dobies down there because every time we called him he always came to the rescue to give us some type of advice to help move the center forward, you know? Because it's a city project. It's for everybody. It's not for a particular Ward, etc. I thank the Mayor because I know I was hounding him from the beginning right from when he moved into the building and he always came through for us.

I want to thank everybody for the nice cards, etc. that our family received and ask you that you keep Clwn Sarnowski's family in prayer also. That's basically what it's going to be. It's going to be a quick night tonight. Thank you.

PRESIDENT GERACI: Thank you.

CLWN MARINCIC: First of all, I want to thank you, Mayor, for pointing out the two churches that are having youth programs going. I knew about the one at St. John's but I didn't know about the other one in the old community center. I think that what Karen Dutton has done with this program has been a small miracle and I talk to her occasionally and this has been her baby since Day One. There's no trouble there. There's a little bit of prayer at the beginning and a little bit of prayer at the end. The children in there, teens mostly, all get along wonderfully and it's really an asset to our community. I think it's time we celebrated our youth a little more than we do in this town. So I appreciate any other programs that you can contribute to help our city progress with this.

Secondly, I want to thank you for using your campaign funds to send out that letter. I'd love to see a copy of it, but I think that was very generous of you. I appreciate it.

Lastly, I don't think most of you in the audience know this, but these chairs up here are 20 years old and one of them is old and wobbly. If we get here first we switch it around to make sure we

don't get that one bum one. Mr. Dudley drew the bum chair tonight. So if he seems a little off balance it's his chair; it's not him. That's all I have tonight.

PRESIDENT GERACI: Thank you.

CLMN NENADOVICH: The only thing I have is I want to wish Debbie and her family the best and we will keep you in our prayers. I know what tragedy is, but we wish you the best, Debbie.

CLMN VAUGHN: Debbie, you and Walt are in our prayers. Anything Barb or I or the boys could do for you please feel free to call. I invite everybody to come to the Oktoberfest and I also ask everybody to remember the Holiday Craft Fair and Skating with Santa. I understand there's going to be a certain special Santa for these events so I do recommend everybody put that on your calendar and try to attend.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Is that Santa a Holy Name grad?

CLMN VAUGHN: You know, Holy Name's been around so long--probably. Everybody have a good week.

CLMN SUSTER: I only have a couple things. I think everybody's been watching the ads on TV from the different candidates and last week I was out doing some shopping and you hear of how many jobs have been lost here in Ohio. When you look at this and you think, think about it for a while. You can't blame anybody but us for what the situation we're in today. Myself, the Mayor, everybody that's sitting here today because years ago what happened is we started sending everything to China to be made. I was in the candy business for 35 years and a candy company that I worked for, a national brand, right now if you pick up a bag of their candy which was made in Chicago, Illinois will say it's made in Mexico. You look at the ingredients and it's nothing near what they had as far as ingredients goes when it was made here in the United States. The point I'm trying to make is so many people have lost their jobs. Go look at the Chrysler plant out in Twinsburg. Take a look at old Geauga Lake. We did this ourselves by letting them ship everything out of China to come here to the United States and we buy it. You know, we lost Wal-Mart. They have their own ships that bring containers in every day from China. That's where they come up with a lot of those low prices. I'm not condemning Wal-Mart, believe me. What I'm trying to say is as long as we pick this stuff up and it says Made in China, put it down. We have to get our people back to work. It's the same thing with cars or anything. I bought a Mercury in 1991 and I bought it because it was a Ford product and I thought it was made in the United States. The first day I had it I opened up the door. Made in Mexico. Assembled in Mexico. These are the kinds of things that if we're going to get people back to work we have to look out for ourselves.

We're getting ready to work on a program when in fact we have a meeting tomorrow with Becky and Noreen Kuban and Mrs. Longo with the CDC which is the Community Development Corporation and we're coming up with a program to Shop Garfield Heights. It isn't just going to be it's for Garfield Heights but we have to look at this as a bigger scope. Before I leave the city if I'm going anywhere I try to purchase everything I can within the city. Gas--no matter what it is. Everybody has to start doing that. We have a lot of little businesses and if we don't go to those businesses they're going to close up. Everybody will say why did xyz restaurant close down? Because nobody was in there. You had Arabica Coffee on Turney Road. I used to have meetings there when I was with the Chamber of Commerce. We'd be sitting there for two hours and maybe two people walked past the door. How long can a guy stay in business this way? I think we have to really start thinking about ourselves and our country and we have to buy what's made in the United States. So.

Also next Tuesday, October 19th Ward 5 will have a Block Watch meeting at Fire Station No. 1. We have Lt. Nick DeMarco who's going to talk to us about safety in the home. Everybody's invited. You too. I'd like to see as many people. For the first meeting we had last month I was very impressed. We had about 20 some people here and at the first meeting I had two volunteers that distributed fliers for me this last weekend to different homes on different streets. We're going to take a couple different streets in Ward 5 and deliver our fliers so that people are aware of this.

I offer my prayers to Walt Sarnowski. When I heard about this last week I was taken because of the fact that he's younger than I am. But I will continue to pray for him and I wish him the best of luck.

CLWN MAHONEY: Rick, I'm sorry about the letter that you received as well. I've gotten those in the mail a time or two as well and I often wonder like if you want to put pen to paper, write your name because I can't really help you or answer your question if, you know, you don't give me your name,

Also Vic, thank you, as Nancy said, for using your own money to put up the letter to all the absentee voters.

In regards to Tag Night, my daughter attended Tag Night at St. John's. It's a great thing. She enjoyed it very much. She's too old now, but when she was of age she went and she enjoyed it. It was a nice way of getting the kids together in a Christian environment. In regard to Joe's comments, my husband is a Union man, my father is a Union man and I have never been allowed to walk into Wal-Mart, so.

Debbie, if it's OK with you, can we have a minute of prayer for your husband? I'd like to ask that everybody please have a minute of prayer for Debbie's husband.

(Minute of prayer.)

Debbie, if there is anything that the Mahoneys can offer your way, please let us know. We will continue to pray for him.

PRESIDENT GERACI: Before we adjourn I would also like to make a comment to Debbie in regards to Walt. I experienced a lot of what Walt was going through and my family has too and my deepest heartened sympathy really goes out to you. I wish you the best and Walt. I know Walt very well. I had coffee with him many times. We'll keep you in our prayers so we wish you the very best. With that.

CLWN MAHONEY: I make a motion to adjourn.

PRESIDENT GERACI: Roll call.

AYES: 7

PRESIDENT GERACI: The meeting is adjourned.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:02 p.m.

APPROVED:

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Frank J. Geraci, Jr., President of Council

Barbara Molin, Clerk of Council