

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO

Monday, November 8, 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 Cllm SUSTER to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of City Council of October 25, 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 of the Mayor and the Directors. Mayor Collova?

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Thank you, Mr. Geraci, Council. Report tonight, I want to first report on we have 200 turkeys being donated to us from Minuteman Inc. for Thanksgiving. These turkeys will be given to Garfield Heights residents who are registered with the Food Bank. If you're not registered with the Food Bank you can do so from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. from tomorrow through November 18th. Distribution of the turkeys will be on November 22nd and 23rd here. So that will be a good thing for some people that are looking forward to a good Thanksgiving.

The other thing I'm going to talk a little bit about is the Lighting Ceremony. We're going to have lights. The question was asked to me, phone calls, etc. if we're going to have the Christmas lights this year. Yes, we are going to have Christmas lights. We're going to have a Lighting Ceremony. What we did this year is we backed down a little bit. In previous years I understand we spent between \$5,000.00 and \$8,000.00 each year to replenish the lights. What we're going to do this year is use the lights that we have from last year so there's no expense although it will be toned down a little bit. It will be Christmassy and the one thing that we're going to do to save a little bit of money is we're going to turn the lights off at 11:00 p.m. In the past they were on all night long. But we think that will be good. It's going to be the Civic Center and I believe the Police Station and Fire Station.

The other thing is that same day that we have the Lighting Ceremony, which is on November 27th, we're going to start that day with a Craft Fair. The Craft Fair starts at 10:00 a.m. and goes till 5:00 in the evening. The Craft Fair is being put on by the employees and staff here at no cost to the city. It's all volunteer work and I understand they have 60 booths lined up so it's going to be a nice fair. It's going to be a good affair and although we toned down the Lighting Ceremony it's still going to be a good thing. We're not going to bring in outsiders, other dignitaries, etc. We're keeping this for Garfield Heights so please come. We're going to have a good time. It's going to be toned down but it's still going to be a great night. We're also going to have Skate With Santa on Sunday. This year it's going to be different than the normal day with the Lighting Ceremony. From 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Sunday at the Rec Center on November 28th will be Skate With Santa.

A couple other things to report on. I've been contacted by a couple of billboard companies. There are some locations in Garfield Heights that they would like to put a billboard on. We're sitting down and talking in negotiations. Although nobody's really happy about putting up billboards hopefully they'll be in places that don't affect anybody and generate quite a bit of money for the city so we're looking into that.

Also Council will be glad to know that the legislation that you passed recently about the transfer of the bonds that has been completed and Ron will get into more detail if you'd like. The savings to the city is \$92,000.00. That was a great move.

With that said, I want to talk a little bit about the election. As you know, in the election the traffic cameras went down. The wishes of the people were not to have traffic cameras so that went down, but as you know the rubbish fee ended in a dead tie. Hard to believe, but it's sort of like this is Garfield Heights and it's sort of comical if you can say it's comical to think about over 9,000 ballots end up in an exact tie is phenomenal. But anyway here's the events that should take place when there is. From November 2nd to November 12th the Board accepts the vote by mail of properly postmarked ballots. There are 17. These are going to be the extra ballots that will be counted at the recount. We have 17 of those. The Board reviews provisional ballots for accuracy of registration and the precincts, if they are correct precincts. Provisional ballots could be marked wrong, could be voted at the wrong precinct. There's quite a few different things that could happen. There's a total of 382 of those ballots. November 13th the Board opens the provisional ballots. All ballots are included in the final official count process and after November 13th there could be an automatic recount if the difference in the count is one-half percent of one percent of the total votes cast. So assuming using round figures, 9,000 votes cast, one percent is 90, half of 90 is 45. If it falls within the 45 votes there will be an automatic recount. That will take place no later than 10 days after the declaration of the automatic recount. So that's what we're looking at as far as the election process as we know it to be at this moment.

Some of the things that we have to do, depending on what happens with this vote will dictate what the city has to do financially but right now there's going to be a couple of cuts that we decided to implement within the next couple weeks. We will be presenting them to Council at the next Council Meeting and some of those cuts we're going to start charging for sewer calls. We hate to do it but unfortunately we don't have a whole lot of recourse. We're trying to figure out ways to bring in money so we're looking at \$100.00 per call. We have checked with the sewer companies out there—Roto Rooter and everybody else. It's going to be anywhere from \$300.00 to \$400.00 to get your sewer done so this is still quite a savings for the residents. We're also looking at charging for animal traps like they do in some of the other cities, but we have not put a dollar amount to that yet, but we're working on that as we speak. Those are some immediate cuts we're going to do.

Some of the other cuts that we're looking at doing if, in fact, the rubbish fee goes down as well as the cameras. As you don't know right now, what I'm going to tell you is that the Service

Department's down in numbers, as I've told you before, which means that we're going to have one less crew not replenishing anybody where the people leave, we're going to have one less crew on the snowplows. We're still going to do the streets. We're going to do them as hard as we can but you have to be patient because we're working with a lot less people. But the Service Department always does a great job and I'm sure they will continue to do that. We're looking also at the Senior Center. We're looking at gearing back in the Senior Center and possibly closing it all together. It's one of the last things we want to do but it's also one of the things that we'll have to do if we have to make up this deficit. We're also looking at the same thing with the Rec Center. We're looking at the Rec Center. We're looking at gearing back; maybe overlapping shifts. We're looking at different ways to reduce the amount of money that is going through that Rec Center and the possible closing of it entirely. What we would plan to do is to close it entirely. There are many contracts the hockey and the ice skating people have. We want to honor those contracts as long as we can. That will take us well into next year, but then we will talk about closing after that.

I also have asked the rubbish company, J&J Refuse, to come in. I want to talk about negotiating the contract. One of the biggest things that we put the rubbish fee into place one of the most common calls I received was why do I have to pay because I only have one bag of rubbish; I don't have any rubbish. There was quite a bit of that going on so that led us to maybe thinking about the possibility of having rubbish collection every other week instead of every week. That would certainly save on the \$1.5 million or \$1.4 million that we're paying on rubbish right now. But these are some of the things we're looking at. Of course layoffs and concessions also fall into that and also the hall rental. Hall rental we're going to try to cut back on the hall rentals. We actually lose money on that. I tried to figure out a way that we could make money. That's why I continued it, but we're actually losing money so we're going to be looking at closing the hall at 5:00 p.m. We'll keep it open for the Council Meetings, but the other meetings that have been going on and the other hall rentals that have been going on will be cut out. So we'll honor whatever hall rentals we have at this point.

With that said, I want to get into tonight's legislation. Tonight's legislation. Ordinance 75. What we're doing is entering into a contract with Cuyahoga County General Health District to provide health services to the city for the year 2011. We've been doing this right along for some time. It's a sort of a mop-up sort of provision that we have to do yearly and with that, Mr. Chairman, you have my report.

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

LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just a brief report tonight. I put on the table over there information from the Board of Elections which covers the official count and recount information regarding the election. So if anybody's interested there are some over there. I didn't make a lot of copies because this is available on the Website and it kind of explains what the process is, what the dates are and what the procedure is. So if anybody has any questions on that you can look either at the ones I left over there or go on the Website and see that. With that you have my report.

PRESIDENT GERACI: Thank you, Mr. Riley. Any questions for Mr. Riley? Service Director, Mr. McLaughlin.

SERVICE DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. President. The last couple weeks we've been trying to buckle up some of our summer projects. The patch crews. Also there are two leaf trucks out. We're about one quarter of the way into our second run through the city. Weather permitting we'll be through a couple more times. I ask that the leaves get raked onto the tree lawn

but not into the street. The other night when we were out there with some slush that we had to plow and there was leaves pushed up to the ends of some of the streets because it was all put out in the street, that just makes it difficult for the catch basins and the plowing.

The Mayor mentioned the Christmas lighting and I have a couple guys going through all the lights and we're trying to make a whole set out of everything that we have. As the Mayor mentioned it's going to be scaled back. The Fire Stations, Justice Center, Civic Center, Rec and the library will have some kind of decorations on them but it may not be as much as what we've normally had in the past. That's the end of my report.

PRESIDENT GERACI: Any questions for Mr. McLaughlin? Let's move on. Finance Director Mr. Ron Tomola.

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BOB DOBIES: Absent.

ACTING FINANCE DIRECTOR RON TOMOLA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. A short report tonight. As the Mayor said, the bond sale that was approved almost a year and a half ago is essentially completed now. We priced the bonds on October 28th. The bank did it for us. The closing is this Wednesday. It will be the final funding day for the bonds. The \$92,000.00 that the Mayor referred to was the savings on the refunding portion of the bond sale, which were the two refunders that we put out for the '98 issue. Overall given all the hurdles we had to overcome I think the bond sale went pretty well. I want to thank everybody that was involved in it but two people especially Mr. Barry Keefe even though they're not here tonight, Mr. Barry Keefe, who is the city's Bond Counsel and Mr. Jeff Rink who is our banker with Key Bank Capital Markets. Without their help I don't think we would have got this bond sale done.

Just want to keep you informed we also made some moves today through the Finance Department. We have suspended for the rest of this year and possibly into next year the use of blanket purchase orders. We're trying to get a handle on the expenditures of the city. That means that every item that needs to get purchased should have its own purchase order. We used blankets in the past for things like auto parts, you know, building maintenance supplies, etc. I'm not going to use blankets anymore. I'm trying to keep that down. The other thing I did was went to emergency purchase orders only to get a little better handle on expenditures. That's my report.

PRESIDENT GERACI: Any questions for Mr. Ron Tomola?

CLWN MARINCIC: Mr. Tomola, does every purchase order through the city come across your desk at one point or another?

ACTING FINANCE DIRECTOR RON TOMOLA: Everything has to be approved by me. Yes.

CLWN MARINCIC: Thank you.

PRESIDENT GERACI: Any other questions? City Engineer, Mr. Dave Krock.

CITY ENGINEER DAVID KROCK: Thanks, Council President. I want to provide an update on the Henry Street closure. That will be this coming Monday the 15th. The closure will actually happen. It will be about a four month closure. That's between McCracken and Southern. There will be detours posted for that.

In Wards 5, 6 and 7 the Sanitary Sewer and Manhole Rehab Project. That's going to be put on hold until spring due to weather considerations, that's what they're doing.

And just another brief update on the City View Project. We continue to work along with some of the technical issues there with EPA and we're making some headway. It's just taking some time but I just want to let you know that that's still ongoing. That's my report.

PRESIDENT GERACI: Thank you, Mr. Krock. Any questions for Mr. Krock? Economic Development Director Ms. Kuban.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN: No report.

PRESIDENT GERACI: Any questions for Ms. Kuban? Building Commissioner Mr. Wervey?

BUILDING COMMISSIONER BILL WERVEY: I don't have much, but for those who aren't already aware Marymount's putting a large addition on the front of the building--a surgical addition--and they should be starting work on that over the next couple weeks so if you see activity there that's what it is. It's been planned to such a degree that it should not have any effects or it should not worsen the Henry Street closing. That's all I have this evening.

PRESIDENT GERACI: Any questions for Mr. Wervey?

COMMENTS BY CITIZENS:

PRESIDENT GERACI: If not, we'll move on. 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. Anybody on the agenda items? If not, we'll move on.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None.

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

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCE NO. 75-2010

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS WITH THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT TO PROVIDE HEALTH SERVICES TO THIS CITY FOR THE YEAR 2011.

Moved by MARINCIC 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.

COMMENTS BY CITIZENS:

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 the problem to a

Councilperson or a City Hall department. You are limited to speak only once and for a period of five minutes. Anybody?

Karen Stiler, 13028 Willard Avenue. We have a very severe littering problem. People open their car door or windows and just fling anything out. This is what I collected on Willard Avenue and Darlington in one day. This is nuts. This is my home and this is what I have to look at on my street. What we have to do is pass a law. No littering. Thousand dollar fine. Macedonia has it. Our city is dirty. Our city is dirty and it shouldn't be. This is our home. But it breaks my heart when I look out the window and see pop bottles and cans and paper and everything all over the place. I'm like the old Polish cleaning lady. I take a bucket and I go out and I start picking it up and it's not enough. I have to go home and get a bag. This is what I filled from Willard and Darlington. How many streets do we have in Garfield? How many bags would I have had? Thank you. I hope we can do something about this.

PRESIDENT GERACI: Thank you.

SERVICE DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN: Excuse me, Mrs. Stiler. You can leave those here. I will take them.

CLWN MARINCIC: Can I make a comment? I know exactly what she is talking about. The fact that there is so much litter. I try to walk different areas of Ward 2 on a daily basis and I always carry garbage bags with me and if it wasn't for the fact that I clean it up myself, it would be exactly what she said it is on Willard. I actually put it in my newsletter and asked residents to instill it in their children because it's mostly kids doing it, how important it is and how unsanitary it is and to instill in them a respect for their city and their community and not to do this. It helped in Ward 2. It really did and I'm hoping that the other Council people will help spread the word through their Block Watches. That's all I have.

PRESIDENT GERACI: Thank you, Councilwoman. Anybody else wanting to speak?

Greg Suter, 12101 Tonsing. All I've heard tonight is what we're cutting. I haven't heard one word of what we're doing. How are we going to make Garfield Heights a better community? How are we going to get cash flow coming into this community? Now you have City View who just lost another two businesses. I don't hear a report coming from this side. I don't hear any ideas. You just sit here. That City View is a prime spot for a wind turbine farm and a solar energy farm. The city of Cleveland is having wind turbines put off the lake. We can get that company to come in here and at least look at that area. There's a lot of wind and there's a lot of space there. That space is dead. We got to face it. On the other side you got Bridgeview. That could be developed for businesses, nanotechnology, bio-technology and even the solar company that would come in here could have a headquarters there. A couple years ago there was a German solar company that wanted a headquarters here in Cleveland. I don't know what happened to that, but that may be a possibility. So I urge you to start thinking about ideas to get money and cash flow coming to this community. You could put a hotel on Bridgeview. Great view of Valley View. You could have cash flow coming in from a city tax. Start thinking about how we can make this place better and not wallow in our misery here. I did not agree with the cameras being. I agreed with having the cameras and another point is that I think that the issue of the cameras that legislation was worded so wrong. It should have been do you want the cameras? Yes. Or you don't want the cameras? No. I urge you also to consider putting it back on the ballot and having it clearly stated. Do you want the cameras? Yes. Vote Yes. Or you don't want the cameras. Vote No. Thank you.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Mr. Chairman, let me respond, please. First off, you gave some great ideas about the windmills and some of the other technology that you're talking about. They are

great ideas. I guess the only thing that we've ever given any thought about here is how to cut people. That's not altogether true. We talk to businesses on a daily basis. We have had more meetings with windmill turbine people and they're trying to get one up in Neo Park. They're trying to do that. We're working on legislation right now. These are things we do on a daily basis. We're bringing people in here. If you keep following the Council Meetings you'll hear the new companies that are coming in, the new projects that are going on. This is what's taking place on a daily basis. This is what this Administration is doing. We're not just looking at cuts. I want to tell you something. The other thing is it's important to know the facts. The facts are we have no rights with City View or Bridgeview. It is not our property. I couldn't put a windmill there if I wanted to. That's not our property. They are owned by the bank and a receiver through bankruptcies, etc. There was companies that came in and said we would like to put some wind turbines near where Bridgeview is. They have to talk to Huntington Bank. We can't do it. Some of the suggestions you make are great, but if you really get the facts to all of this you can understand that we are trying these things. We explore every avenue there is to try to get money and we are being successful, but the problem is it's down the road a little bit and we have to bridge the gap of the financial problem we have now. But your ideas are excellent. It's just a matter of trying to get them to work through them.

MR. SUTER: My only response would be this. That you have a new County Executive and he was the former Mayor of Lakewood. I'm sure you know him. You have to get together with the regional government officials. You have to get together with the newly elected Governor Kasich and you have to work with these people and you can get to Huntington and talk to Huntington and there's connections with these businesses and you could get things done. That's including the EPA.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: We have met with the Strickland people prior to him losing the election and we will be glad to meet with the Kasich people as I'm sure we will. We've met with Dennis Kucinich out of Washington, DC to help us through these financial problems. These are some of the things we're doing. Your ideas are great. We're on top of it. The problem is getting it done. It seems real easy to be able to just say let's get some businesses in Garfield. We do go out and try to bring them in. Some of them we've been successful on. But we can't bring somebody into Wal-Mart and say this is now your location. Put up shop. You know what I mean? There's more to it than what you think, but we have been very successful if you've been keeping track with the Overdrive, the new County recycling, the new library. We have companies. We're filling places up, but it takes time.

MR. SUTER: The new library. Did you talk about there's enclosed windmill power units that they can put on this new building to reduce the costs?

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: We know about the rooftops. We know about in Northfield they got two on a medical building. We been there. We researched them. We're on top of it but it's a matter of putting it all together. What we don't want to do is and this is why we're a little bit tentative on the windmills. We need legislation to stop every store owner to put up a little windmill because then what does it look like? There has to be legislation to say where it can go where it can't go. This is what we're working on now. So this is stuff that we are doing. We're in the process of doing but it doesn't happen overnight. It takes time.

MR. SUTER: OK.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: All right? Thank you.

PRESIDENT GERACI: Thank you.

CLMN DUDLEY: Mr. Chairman, I just want to mention something. I don't think nobody been sitting here and not doing nothing. I don't think anybody's been kind of slobbering in their guilt or whatever because maybe the election didn't go the way some think it is but like I said I haven't given up on the rubbish. But I'm going to tell you honestly. We have worked hard. We have worked hard through this whole crisis. Nobody has given in. So we are not just sitting here. I just want to correct on that part. We still continue to work and it's easy to come up there and mention anything when you don't understand what's going on in the background. I just wanted to say that to you. We work very hard.

PRESIDENT GERACI: Thank you, Councilman. Anybody else? Let's move on. Miscellaneous. Clwn Mahoney.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

CLWN MAHONEY: Wow. I get to go first. I just want to mention one little program that the Mayor and Community Development Corporation and the Chamber they will be starting. It's called Shop Garfield Heights. You can go to the Rec Center and pick up a card. But one of the things is that businesses throughout Garfield Heights will be giving a special discount to people who live in the city of Garfield Heights and shop in Garfield Heights. It's a way of keeping businesses here and at the same time helping the residents. Real quickly I just want to name off two little things that people will be doing. Dr. Thompson of the Family Pet Clinic is going to give a free intestinal parasite test on any species that defecates once per year. One free heartworm test on any dog. One per year. Free wellness screen on any cat or a dog over seven years of age. That's a blood work that checks the kidneys, the liver, the blood sugar. Other discounts will apply also if you get a dog from the County Kennel. The Boulevard Convenient, 10% off any deli item excluding salads and sandwiches. Cyngier will do a \$10.00 gift card toward service or repair, \$50.00 towards their cleaning services to Garfield Heights. Steven Cook, Matrix III Income Tax, a \$25.00 coupon for preparation to all city workers and then free tax and financial check up. Rad-Air will give a 12% discount to Garfield Heights residents with a maximum discount of \$50.00. This is a program that came to be when Mayor Collova was running for office. It was something that he thought of and I want to thank him for seeing it through and doing exactly what you said you would do and that's all I have.

CLMN VAUGHN: Just to let everybody know that the Block Watch for Ward 7 will be on November 18th this month due to Thanksgiving and all in the city are welcome. Please join us. I don't believe we have a speaker yet. I thank everybody that went out and voted no matter how you voted, at least you went out and voted and I appreciate everybody that took their time to work the polls. People that gave up their whole day to either pass out literature or whatever, it really was appreciated and I personally want to thank you. Hope everybody has a good week.

CLMN SUSTER: Our Block Watch meeting for Ward 5 will be November 16th. It will be at the Fire Station and that will probably be our last meeting at the Fire Station because we're going to move over to here at City Hall on December 1st. Also Tracy had mentioned about getting a I.D. card at the Rec Center for this project that we're going to do Shop Garfield. The price of the card is a dollar. So that's basically just to cover the cost of what the cards are. That's all I have.

CLWN SARNOWSKI: I have a question for Mr. Riley. You were looking for a Court Administrative position. Can you update us on that? Did the Judges pick one out yet?

LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY: I'm not sure if they have finalized that yet. I have not heard from them.

CLMN NENADOVICH: I have nothing. Thank you.

CLWN MARINCIC: A couple things for our Law Director. Tim, do you know what the fine for littering is presently in Garfield? Is it \$500.00?

LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY: I'm not sure. I'd have to look. I know we have a littering ordinance. I don't know what the maximum fine is though right now.

CLWN MARINCIC: OK. I'd like to double it. Honestly. If a thousand dollars is what it takes then a thousand dollars is what it should be, because she's right. It's terrible. Until I started picking up everything in Ward 2 it was a mess. I got to tell you. I was running out of places to dump it along the way. I would scoot into the park, find one of their dumpsters and toss it in there so it is definitely a problem.

Another question, Tim. Who wrote the wording for the ballot issues?

LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY: As you are aware, the petitions were presented and then Council passed an ordinance sending them down to the Board of Elections. The language that appeared on the ballot was exactly what was on the petition word for word. I checked it for commas, periods word for word because I didn't want anybody saying that they changed the ballot language. So what was on the petitions was what was sent to the Board of Elections and what was on the ballot.

CLWN MARINCIC: Thank you. That's been a big question. Everybody said who wrote it? I said well and now you've publicly let everybody know exactly where it came from and why it was worded the way that it was.

LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY: Correct.

CLWN MARINCIC: OK. Secondly, as for economic development, I know Noreen Kuban spends probably every waking moment thinking about economic development in this town. She never stops. I got to give her credit. She's done an awful lot under this new Administration and worked very hard and I want to thank you for that. As for City View, I think that things will move very slowly there but there's a lot of hope there at Bridgeview. Our Mayor has said in previous meetings there are developers that are interested and we could see something happening within the next year or so. I've told everybody this. You put a JC Penney, a Lowe's in town and I'll never leave again. That's the truth. So I'm shooting for those two stores more than anything. Wind turbines have been discussed, believe me, the ideas you brought up are so good we've been talking about them already. And a hotel? That would be fantastic. The thing is the economy has been so bad and everything's on hold with a lot of people and it's happening nationwide, not just here in Garfield Heights, but we're working. We've never stopped and we'll continue to work as hard as we can for every single resident in this community. That's all I have tonight.

CLMN DUDLEY: Save the best for last.

PRESIDENT GERACI: Yes, we do.

CLMN DUDLEY: No, first, I want to encourage people to do what I do most of the time. Spend as much of your money, you know, kind of visiting a bit the businesses of Garfield Heights. If you got to fuel see if you can fuel in the city of Garfield Heights. If you got to go to the grocery store try to use it in Garfield Heights. If you got to get your hair done try to do it within your own city.

Second of all I want to encourage people to go over and take a visit to 13455 Dressler Road. That's the Family Life Center. I believe they do have a program over there where they help the

residents and individuals. It's not just for Ward 1. It's for everybody to find jobs, locate jobs. They kind of help you with the paperwork, applications, etc. I believe they have a before and after care and some other programs going on over there so I encourage you to come over to the Ward and visit.

I have to say I want to really go and extend a big heartfelt thank you to Ward 1. I mean it overwhelmingly understood the situation and I mean they came out and we done tremendous support to get those measures through. We gave it our all. We knew what was at stake. I love that Ward. I love the city of Garfield Heights, but one thing I got to say Ward 1 never failed me and they have never let me down and I work hard not to let them down and not to let the city down. I thank them for that.

CLWN MAHONEY: If I may interrupt for one moment? Mr. Dudley's Ward passed or failed both issues (it depends on how you look at it) four out of four precincts so job well done, Mike.

CLMN DUDLEY: Thank you.

PRESIDENT GERACI: Could I have a motion to adjourn?

CLWN MARINCIC: I make a motion to adjourn.

PRESIDENT GERACI: Roll call.

AYES: 7

PRESIDENT GERACI: Meeting adjourned.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:39 p.m.

APPROVED:

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Frank J. Geraci, Jr.
President of Council

Barbara Molin
Clerk of Council