

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

**CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO**

Monday, November 23, 2009

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

**INVOCATION BY:** Councilwoman Nancy Marincic

**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 November 9, 2009 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 now move on to the reports of the Mayor and Directors. Mayor Longo, do you have any report?

**MAYOR THOMAS LONGO:** Yes, Happy Thanksgiving, Mr. Geraci and Members of City Council. My tour of duty is coming to an end. I'd like to thank the people of Garfield Heights for allowing me the privilege and honor to serve this community for the past 26 years. This kind of reminds me like the first time—first meeting we had in trying to get the Council to approve the administrative staff and if it wasn't for Neil Bowler talking to some of the Councilmen after he talked to them it was fine. Just remember the new Mayor deserves his team. I learned real fast that it's impossible to please everyone so I did the best that I could and I wish the Mayor-Elect Vic Collova success and good health in the next four years and we are all presently working on a smooth transition. To help facilitate that transition, we have introduced, per Mayor-Elect Collova's request, two appointments for him. One is for the Law Director because Mr. Mack's leaving and Resolution 32 which would appoint Tim Riley the Law Director. I think most of you know Tim. And Resolution 33. Je'nine Nickerson would be the Prosecutor or Assistant Law Director. Extremely capable lawyer. Your support will facilitate the transition.

In referring to tonight's further agenda, Ordinance 63 is the legislation that we've been working on for three weeks for Red Flex that sets up the civil fines and the procedures, etc. that is required. We're just sitting right on the edge ready to start with the installation. If this is passed then within the next couple of days we will have a schedule of when they will be coming in with the cameras and of course the first 30 days is just a shakedown. They send out friendly reminders that you sped through the intersection. Ordinance 64 which will help you get through to re-do the financial plan for the State and also to establish the permanent appropriation by March 21<sup>st</sup>. Ordinance 64 is a temporary approach to appropriations that allows the city to operate through January, February and March. If you have any questions, Dick Obert can address those. Ordinance 65 transfers a piece of a city-owned parcel on Chaincraft that was supposed to be Henry Street.

It's a paper street. It's wooded. It's covered over. It's been like that for 90 years. Nothing is going to go in. ~~They put in the Whitehouse Bridge and this would allow the people that own the property down below which is Baumann Enterprises too to square off their property so we urge Council to approve that.~~

Resolution 54. Jim Bukac. I had a lot of fun with Jim. He came from Maple Heights. If you would have been at our first interview it was absolutely hysterical. He went home not knowing what to expect and nothing's changed. It's kind of nice when you hit it off right off the bat and everything that you know about an individual is put right there and that was one of those moments. Resolution 55. Dave Mack has been with me going back to the days with the figure skating clubs when I was on Council. Back in 1983 the American Civil Liberties Union came after us and Dave became God's lawyer, defending Baby Jesus in the manger scene. Looking back on it it was funny but it was a nightmare. They didn't like manger scenes. We put a Santa Claus in with it, etc. then we ripped it out. It was wild. I believe because of that event because of the Good Lord being represented by Mr. Mack we survived 26 years.

The only thing that else I want to pass on is that this Sunday we're going to have the Christmas Lighting Ceremony and of course at 4 o'clock the swearing in of the Mayor-Elect and the Council up in the big hall above us so make sure you stop by and get the feel for the direction that the Administration for the city for the coming year for 2010 will be taking and I'm sure Vic will outline his program and his goals and objectives. This concludes my last Mayor's report.

**PRESIDENT GERACI:** Thank you, Mayor Longo. Are there any questions for the Mayor?

**CLWN MAHONEY:** Who is Nick Bowler?

**MAYOR THOMAS LONGO:** Neil Bowler. Former Mayor. He was the last Republican Mayor of Garfield Heights back in 1956 through I think it was 1961. A guy by the name of Jack Donovan beat him.

**CLWN MAHONEY:** I don't think I've heard the name.

**MAYOR THOMAS LONGO:** He used to deliver milk. He was a cagey guy, really. Interesting man.

**CLWN MAHONEY:** You'll be missed.

**PRESIDENT GERACI:** Any other questions?

**CLWN SARNOWSKI:** Do you know what kind of locations they will have for the red light cameras? Or what they are considering?

**MAYOR THOMAS LONGO:** Yes, there's a list of them we gave them. They're flushing this all out with the police. It will all be made public. I could name some of them off what they're considering. It's quite obvious what they're considering: Rockside and Turney, Transportation and Granger, the Boulevard and Turney, 131<sup>st</sup> and Broadway, I-480 and Broadway. There's one other in there someplace. They're looking at all these and then part of the mix is there going to be any reconstruction and when that's going to happen, as to whether or not that would impact the operation of the cameras so that's all put together and our police are working with them hand in hand but they are not going to do nothing unless they can get this piece of legislation so they are certain of being able to recoup their investment.

**CLWN SARNOWSKI:** What timeline are we looking at?

**MAYOR THOMAS LONGO:** I don't know yet.

**PRESIDENT GERACI:** Any other questions for the Mayor?

**CLMN VAUGHN:** Mayor Longo, on the appointment of Mr. Riley and Ms. Nickerson, I wasn't around when a lot of this stuff was signed before with the changing of salaries, etc. Do they go in under the new salary?

**MAYOR THOMAS LONGO:** Oh, sure. As of December 1st there is a new salary schedule in place to all the administrative staff.

CLMN VAUGHN: OK. Thank you, Mayor.

**PRESIDENT GERACI:** Any other questions? If not, we'll move on. City Law Director Mr. Dave Mack.

**LAW DIRECTOR DAVID MACK:** Thank you, Mr. Geraci. I would certainly urge Council; I'd strongly urge Council to pass Resolution 52-2009 appointing Tim Riley as the new Law Director as of December 1<sup>st</sup> and also Resolution 53-2009 appointing Je'nine Nickerson. They have been great members of the Law Department and they will serve this community well.

As you know this is my last Council Meeting also barring a special meeting between now and November 30<sup>th</sup>. I know Tim Riley will do an excellent job in this seat. I have no doubt about that. I want to express my deepest thanks to Mayor Longo for hiring me on December 1, 1983 and mostly for not firing me somewhere in the middle. The people of Garfield Heights just don't know the time, effort, energy and love that this man has expended as Mayor making his job and a lot of ours 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. In my book, he is and always will be one of the best Mayors in the State of Ohio. I want to thank the dozens of Council people over the years that I've served with and the dozens of Directors and I especially want to thank the special people in that Law Department that it was my privilege to work with. I'll always be grateful especially to my Assistant Law Director Gerry Stachewicz and most certainly as you all know Bea Zelasko. Finally I'd like to thank all of the people of Garfield Heights, the city where I grew up and my mom, dad and brother, Tim, lived until they passed away. Thank you very much for the privilege.

**PRESIDENT GERACI:** Thank you, Mr. Mack. Are there any questions for Mr. Mack? If not, we'll move on. Service Director Mr. Bryan Mahoney

**INTERIM SERVICE DIRECTOR BRYAN MAHONEY:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. First I want to wish Mayor Longo good luck. I worked for Mayor Longo for 26 years and he has always had the city's best interests in mind so good luck to him and his family. I'd also like to congratulate Dave Mack and Jim Bukac on their retirement. Good luck to both of you.

Most important I want to let you know that leaf pickup will continue throughout the city. We're finishing up Ward 7 right now. We'll finish it up tomorrow. We'll be starting back down in Ward 3 and we'll continue to go street to street and go through the city another time and weather permitting as often as possible for the rest of the year. I'd also like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. That's the end of my report.

**PRESIDENT GERACI:** Thank you, Mr. Mahoney. Any questions for Mr. Mahoney? If not we'll move on. Recreation Director Mr. Jim Bukac.

**PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR JAMES BUKAC:** Thank you, Mr. President. We have a lot of activities going on in Recreation this weekend. Starting with Friday where we have our Annual Gold Cup Hockey Tournament which will bring in hockey players from all over the State of Ohio between the ages of 8 and 13 over to the Rec Center so if you're into youth hockey it's a fun place to be. On Saturday the 28<sup>th</sup> at Fire Station No. 1 our Fitness Program will be doing a free fitness demonstration for anybody that wants to come on and try their hand and see if they'd like to join into our Fitness Program that we have. The goal is that they like it and they continue on with us in our Fitness Program. Sunday, in conjunction with the swearing in of the new Mayor and the tree lighting we will be shooting fireworks from the pool deck at the Recreation Center and then immediately after the lights go on we will have our Annual Free Skate down there and of course Santa Claus will be making his visit and it is confirmed. He was a little busy but he will be there to see all the good little boys and girls over at the Rec Center. That's the Sunday evening.

I'd like to thank Council for Resolution 54. I'm humbled. I will be sticking around for a while to assist the new Mayor and his choice for Recreation Director in the transition to make sure that things go smoothly. I also want to assure the Mayor and he can let his choice know that I will be always a phone call away if I'm needed and I certainly extend that to the Members of Council and to all the Directors. It has been an absolute pleasure and privilege being here for all these years and Mayor Longo it has been great. I thank you for your bringing me on board and being part of your team and it is an experience that I will never, ever forget. Thank you and good luck to you. That concludes my report.

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

**CLWN MARINCIC:** Jim, I just want to thank you for all you've done all these years and I appreciate you staying on. You know, I was worried that you weren't going to stay for a little while and help the new Director. I appreciate you doing that. Thank you for all you've done for this community these many years. That's all I have.

**PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR JAMES BUKAC:** Thank you, Councilwoman.

**PRESIDENT GERACI:** Any other questions? If not, we'll move on. City Architect Mr. David Spehar.

**CITY ARCHITECT DAVID SPEHAR:** Thank you, Mr. President. I think with the exception of Dave No. 3 I'm the newest member of the Mayor's Administration so I just want to also thank Mayor Longo for bringing me on board and it's been a real pleasure. I just wanted to say to Dave No. 1 and Jim, good luck. That's all I have.

**PRESIDENT GERACI:** Are there any questions for Mr. Spehar? If not, we'll move on. City Engineer Mr. David Neumeyster.

**CITY ENGINEER DAVID NEUMEYER:** I have no report tonight, Mr. President, I'd just like to wish Mayor Longo the best of luck and health in his retirement and same going with Mr. Mack and Mr. Bukac.

**PRESIDENT GERACI:** Are there any questions for Mr. David Neumeyster? If not, we'll move on. Finance Director Mr. Richard Obert.

**FINANCE DIRECTOR RICHARD OBERT:** I have no official report tonight. I would like this opportunity to say good bye to Mr. Mack and of course Mr. Bukac and my boss, the Mayor. I also am retired but I got stuck. Three different divisions of the auditors are saying to me, "In this fiscal emergency, you can't leave." I'm not trying to be funny, but I really wanted to go the first of the year too. I'm tired. You know, as a joke. But it couldn't have happened at a worse time--this recession. I was going through all the reports that I've been giving out to the State. It started in 2005. That's really when it started. It just dramatically is getting worse and worse. Less people are working. The monies are just disappearing. It seems like the costs are going up with everything and you can see it at the gas pumps even—which we have to buy diesel for. But it's such a terrible conclusion that at our staff meeting this morning I was telling one of the fellows that we lost about \$1.6 million with all these retail outlets shutting down and it just made a world of difference. It made the finance job really a lot easier when you have money and it gets really hard you know? It's like I'm this terrible human being because I say no, but you look at the money and you got millions of dollars in bonds which are paying in a couple days. It's not a fun thing any more. I would really appreciate and thank the Mayor. I had a wonderful 26 years and probably 22 of those years were pretty decent. The last four have not been so decent though. We had a good team and I just wish the very best for Mr. Collova that he can assemble himself a good team like we had. That's the end of my report.

**PRESIDENT GERACI:** Thank you, Mr. Obert. Any questions for Mr. Obert? If not, we'll move on. Economic Development Director Ms. Noreen Kuban.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN:** Well on that happy note, I have no report tonight, but I'd just like to wish Mayor Longo, Dave Mack, Jim Bukac the best in their retirement.

**PRESIDENT GERACI:** Thank you, Ms. Kuban. Any questions? If not, we'll move on. Building Commissioner Mr. Bill Wervey.

**BUILDING COMMISSIONER WILLIAM WERVEY:** Good evening, Mr. President. I'd like to urge passage of Ordinance 65, the vacation of Henry Street and just note that it's been a privilege to work with the Mayor, Jim and Dave these years that I've been here. That's all I have this evening.

**PRESIDENT GERACI:** Thank you Mr. Wervey. Any questions for Mr. Wervey? If not, we'll move on. That concludes all the reports from the Mayor and the Directors. I also would like to congratulate Mayor Longo, Mr. Bukac all the ones that are retiring and immediately going back to work, unfortunately. That's

life in the big community we live in. I wish you the best when you do retire and wish you good health to you and your families. Good luck to every one of you. Now, let's move on.

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**COMMENTS BY CITIZENS:**

**PRESIDENT GERACI:** Comments from the Citizens on the agenda. These are the rules. Comments shall be strictly limited to brief statements not to exceed five minutes with the comments limited to the legislation on the current evening's agenda. No citizen shall speak no more than once. Any members in the audience willing to say a few words? If not, I don't think so. Very good. Are there any committee reports tonight? No.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** None.

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

**ORDINANCE NO. 63-2009**

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO BY THE ENACTMENT OF NEW SECTION 313.11 THEREOF, REGARDING AN AUTOMATED TRAFFIC CONTROL PHOTOGRAPHIC SYSTEM.

Moved by SUSTER 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. 64-2009**

TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENDITURES FOR THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR THROUGH MARCH 31, 2010.

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.

**ORDINANCE NO. 65-2009**

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE TO VACATE OF A PART OF HENRY STREET AND CHAINCRAFT ROAD (GENERALLY DESCRIBED AS THE AREA EAST OF PERMANENT PARCEL NUMBER 544-18-002 AND WEST OF PERMANENT PARCEL 544-21-020).

Moved by MARINCIC to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

AYES: 7

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Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

AYES: 7

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

AYES: 7

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 52-2009**

A RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR OF TIMOTHY J. RILEY TO ACT AS THE LAW DIRECTOR FOR THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO, DURING THE PERIOD COMMENCING DECEMBER 1, 2009, TO SERVE AT THE PLEASURE OF THE MAYOR.

Moved by MAHONEY to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

AYES: 7

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

AYES: 7

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

**CLMN DUDLEY:** Before I vote, I'd like to say that I've gotten to know Mr. Riley over the last several years and he's more than qualified, I would say honestly and a good person. Whenever you call him he does return your calls, no matter how little the question he always comes up with the answer. I don't think we could have picked a better choice to do that position than him. I vote Yes.

**CLWN MARINCIC:** Welcome aboard. Good luck, Tim. I vote Yes.

**CLMN NENADOVICH:** Again, welcome, Tim. I look forward to working with you. I vote Yes.

**CLWN SARNOWSKI:** I also look forward to working with you and welcome aboard. I vote Yes.

**CLMN SUSTER:** Before I vote I'd just like to welcome Tim and I worked with Tim in the past asking him some questions which he was very helpful in and I would like to welcome you to the Administration. That's all I have. I vote Yes. I wasn't going to vote for you.

AYES: 7

**PRESIDENT GERACI:** That passes 7-0. Welcome, Mr. Riley.

**RESOLUTION NO. 53-2009**

A RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE APPOINTMENT BY THE LAW DIRECTOR OF JE'NINE NICKERSON TO ACT AS ASSISTANT TO THE LAW DIRECTOR AS THE HEAD POLICE PROSECUTOR FOR THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO, DURING THE PERIOD COMMENCING DECEMBER 1, 2009, TO SERVE AT THE PLEASURE OF THE LAW DIRECTOR

Moved by MAHONEY to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

AYES: 7

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

AYES: 7

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

**CLMN DUDLEY:** Before I vote, I have to say one thing about Ms. Nickerson. I just wouldn't want to be on the other side, you know, honestly. I do frequently visit the Courts just to see what's going on in our Court system and I have definitely seen her in action. Once again, I do not think we could make a better choice. She's a great person and definitely a great prosecutor. I saw that part. With that I vote Yes.

**CLWN MARINCIC:** I've only had the opportunity to work with Je'nine for a short time and she's really impressed me and she is truly qualified to take over this position. I vote Yes.

**CLMN NENADOVICH:** Ms. Nickerson, welcome aboard. I vote Yes.

**CLWN SARNOWSKI:** I've seen Ms. Nickerson in action too and she is very qualified. She has the facts and I would not want to be on the other side also. Welcome aboard. We're very lucky to have you. I vote Yes.

AYES: 7

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 54-2009**

A RESOLUTION BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL, ON BEHALF OF THE RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, HONORING AND THANKING JIM BUKAC FOR HIS GENEROUS AND OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS.

Moved by MAHONEY to READ IN ITS ENTIRETY:

**CLWN MARINCIC:** Before I vote I just want to say one thing. I think this was by Clwn Mahoney and entire Council because she did not say entire Council. And of course yes I vote Yes to have it read in its entirety.

AYES: 7

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

*(The Clerk read Resolution 54-2009 in its entirety.)*

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

AYES: 7

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

**CLMN DUDLEY:** Before I vote, I want to just say it's been a pleasure for two years and you done a great job, Jim, I never had any complaints about the work you've done over there and you always came up with something to keep the majority of the kids busy. I know that was appreciated. I wish you the very best. You take care. I vote Yes.

**CLWN MARINCIC:** I'm going to miss you too, Jim. You are leaving some pretty big shoes to fill here and I just hope whoever gets this position is up to it. It's nice to know you're going to be around to help him out. Thank you once again not only for being our Recreation Director but for being my friend, too. Thank you. I vote Yes.

**CLMN NENADOVICH:** Mr. Bukac, I want to thank you from on behalf of my experience with you working with the Block Watch the past 7 and a half years. Whenever I needed anything in the parks, etc. you were always there. You answered my call. You cut grass. You got tables. You did whatever we asked and you did it. We were grateful for you. With that I vote Yes. Thank you.

**CLWN SARNOWSKI:** Good luck in your retirement when you do retire. Thanks for all you have given to our community and all the hard work that you have done. I vote Yes.

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**CLMN SUSTER:** Before I vote I'd just like to wish Jim the best of luck. I can remember interviewing Jim in 1988 and then he was hired. Jim's not only been the Rec Director to me but he's been a close friend of mine. There wasn't anything that I've ever called him for that he wasn't able to help me with. It was either a Yes or a No or he was very specific about it. I thought I was the only guy in the world that ever listened to Jerry Vale until I talked to Jim one night and I can picture him now on one of his cruises listening to a Jerry Vale CD and enjoying himself. I'd like to wish you and Diane a lot of good luck. I vote Yes.  
AYES: 7

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 55-2009**

A RESOLUTION BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL, ON BEHALF OF THE RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, HONORING CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS LAW DIRECTOR DAVID E. MACK FOR HIS OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS AND LIFETIME ACCOMPLISHMENTS.

Moved by MAHONEY to READ IN ITS ENTIRETY:

AYES: 7

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

*(The Clerk read Resolution 55-2009 in its entirety.)*

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

AYES: 7

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

**CLMN VAUGHN:** Before I vote, just one clarification. St. Ignatius High School is in Cleveland, Ohio, not Lakewood. We don't want to mix it up with that other school that's on the other side of the border. I vote Yes.

**CLMN DUDLEY:** Before I vote, I just want to say it's been a pleasure. I won't have you to bother and call all the time now. You know, if you didn't want to play that one-on-one you will have to retire on me, OK? I'm going to miss you, Mack, and it's been a wonderful two years. I wish you the best. With that I vote Yes.

**CLWN MARINCIC:** I, too would like to wish you the best, Mr. Mack and it's been a pleasure working with you. I want to apologize for all the times I called you at 10 and 11 o'clock at night and you answered the phone. I want to forewarn Mr. Riley that I called Mr. Mack at 10 and 11 o'clock and that I am going to do the same with you. But I wish you well and I hope you enjoy whatever you choose to do further in life. I vote Yes.

**CLMN NENADOVICH:** Mr. Mack, I wish you the best, healthy, happy and a long retirement. I vote Yes.

**CLWN SARNOWSKI:** It's been a pleasure working with you, Mr. Mack, all these years. I wish you good luck in your retirement. I vote Yes.

**CLMN SUSTER:** Before I vote, here again I'd just like to say Dave has not only been the Law Director to me but he's been a friend. And as Nancy said I called him late at night, Saturday, Sunday, holidays no matter what it was. Here again 99 and 9/10 % of the time when I asked Dave for advice he was correct and he's been a real pleasure to work with and I hope that he and Nancy get to spend some quality time now that he doesn't have to work as hard being here and I wish you all the best. I vote Yes.  
AYES: 7

**PRESIDENT GERACI:** That passes 7-0. Congratulations, Mr. Mack, also. I wish you the best of health and happiness.

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**COMMENTS BY CITIZENS:**

**PRESIDENT GERACI:** We'll now move on to Comments by Citizens. These are the rules. Comments shall be restricted to any problem a citizen has which has previously been submitted to his Councilperson or to the City Hall department Directors involved. If the submission of a problem to a City Hall department or a Councilperson is made and there is a lack of service rendered in this regard, the problem may then be presented during Comments from the Citizens at a future meeting. It is the intention of this rule that no request of a first nature be presented on the floor at this time. Comments shall be limited to five minutes and no citizen shall speak no more than once. Anybody?

Dale Liederman, 4772 Blythin. Let me say congratulations to the people who are retiring. I wish you the best. To the Mayor, thank you for backing our Block Watches. I hope the next Administration backs us also. I believe they will. Just make this city go forward. Thanks.

**PRESIDENT GERACI:** Thank you, Dale. Anybody else?

Mildred Whitmore, 13154 Forestdale Drive. I just want to thank the Mayor. He always told me if I had a problem and I couldn't get it solved call him directly and he has been a man of his word. He has always corrected the problem. Thank you. But I would like to ask you, we was told to rake our leaves as someone would get them up. I raked up 15 33-gallon bags of leaves out of my backyard. Will anybody rake up the leaves in the playground so they won't blow back into our yard?

**INTERIM SERVICE DIRECTOR BRYAN MAHONEY:** Unfortunately we normally can't make it to the parks to clean them up because we're busy trying to get them off the streets but we'll look into it. We'll see if we can't get a little. We'll throw them in the woods for you.

**MS. WHITMORE:** Because they will be dancing all over. Thank you.

**PRESIDENT GERACI:** Thank you very much. Anybody else have any comments? If not, Miscellaneous Business from any of the Councilpersons? Ward 1. Clmn Dudley.

**CLMN DUDLEY:** You didn't save the best for last this time.

**PRESIDENT GERACI:** No, go ahead.

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:**

**CLMN DUDLEY:** First of all I'd like to wish the Mayor the best in his retirement. Like I say Ms. Whitmore hit it on the head, if you called him and he said he was going to do something he always did it. It was a great place too. I did visit him whenever I had a question or a concern about anything that I could always take my two children with me, Isaiah and Elijah. I take them everywhere with me and they really loved going to his office. When you go into his office and you take kids he always has something to give them. They would never go in that place and come out empty-handed, you know? They looked into his fish aquarium or he went into his closet like Santa Claus and he always had something in his hand and I wish you the very best There were some good years with you, Mayor. Take care.

**PRESIDENT GERACI:** Thank you, Clmn Dudley.

**CLWN MARINCIC:** I, too, would like to wish you the best, Mayor and I wish you and Eileen many years of traveling and enjoying being together without your phone ringing off the hook. The last thing I would like to do is give my Thanksgiving wish to all of our city just like I did last year.

May your stuffing be tasty,

May your turkey be plump,

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May your potatoes and gravy have nary a lump,

May your yams be delicious,

May your pies take the prize,

And may your Thanksgiving dinner stay off of your thighs.

That's all I have this evening.

**PRESIDENT GERACI:** Thank you, Clwn Marincic. That's great.

**CLMN NENADOVICH:** Mayor, Mr. Bukac, Mr. Mack, again I want to thank you for all your cooperation through the past seven or eight years on something Mr. Liotta and I started a long time ago--the Block Watch system. You've always been there. You had answers for us, you served us very well and Mr. Mahoney I hope you know that the Block Watch system succeeded because they were always there. They did the best for us. I wish you the best retirement and a healthy, happy and a long life. Enjoy it. Thank you.

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

**CLWN SARNOWSKI:** I have a question. When is the next Financial Planning Commission Meeting?

**MAYOR THOMAS LONGO:** December 9<sup>th</sup>.

**CLWN SARNOWSKI:** December 9<sup>th</sup>? And I'd also like to wish you, Mayor, a very happy and healthy retirement and good luck with everything that you do.

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

**CLMN SUSTER:** I would just like to say if anybody didn't know, this past Saturday the Garfield Heights CERT Team, which is the Community Emergency Response Team, helped (not giving the shots) but we helped the people there giving the H1N1 virus shots. We expected approximately 3,000 people, but only 600 and something showed up. The week before that we were at Brush High School where they gave out approximately 4,000 shots and I think these organizations ought to be commended because there was a lot of work that went into the planning which started about six months ago and last Monday not knowing we got a call from the Cuyahoga County Board of Health saying next Saturday you will give out shots which then put the CERT Team into action. We set up Friday night, we did the shots Saturday and I'd like to commend everybody for that. Also tomorrow night we'll have the Ward 5 Block Watch Meeting at Fire Station No. 1 at 7 o'clock.

The things that I'm going to be thankful for this Thanksgiving is that we had a Mayor that took 26 years out of his life even though it was a job. I used to go to work at 5:30/6:00 on a Sunday morning and I'd see his car there and I'd think to myself this guy never goes home. It's been a pleasure working with him. We didn't hit it off when I first got on City Council but we knew enough to sit down and talk to one another and when he sat down and told me the plans that he had for this city I was amazed and I thought you know this is the kind of guy that I want to work with and be along side of and Tom, I want to wish you and Eileen the best. I know you'll spend a lot of time in Arizona and I just wish you the best. I'm also thankful that the residents of the city of Garfield Heights voted Mayor-Elect Vic Collova who's got a big job ahead of him but I know that he's going to accomplish the things that he's going to set out to do. I've talked to Vic quite a bit and I also would like to wish him the best. On behalf of my family I'd like to wish everybody in the city a Happy Thanksgiving, if you're traveling be safe. We want you to be here at the next meeting.

Our meetings for the month of December (you can mark this down) we will have a meeting on December 14<sup>th</sup>. The Meeting that is normally scheduled for the 28<sup>th</sup> will be moved to the 21<sup>st</sup> so we don't have to have a meeting in between the holidays. I've already talked to Mr. Riley about this and he'll have legislation that

will be put up for the next meeting. Here again I would just like to wish everybody a Happy Thanksgiving and that's all I have. Thank you,

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

**CLWN MAHONEY:** I'd like to wish everybody who is retiring good luck and good health and each of you have touched my life in a very special way; helped me grow into the position that I have now. I think of you guys all three of you as family members. Two little quick stories I wanted to share about Dave Mack and the Mayor and members of my family. One of the years that the Mayor was running when I was newly on, my daughter Megan was eight and the Mayor put out this piece of legislation with his face on them and we would go to his little headquarters and every time I would go there Megan would grab these things with the Mayor's face on them. One day I woke up to his face plastered all over her bedroom. It was so crazy. She had like the biggest crush on him. She's now 19 and has outgrown that. Now she's telling me that Vic Collova's going to make one hot Mayor. My kid scares me a bit. But on that same venue I have a niece, Kendra, who, remember, Dave, when she was? For whatever reason my family likes these guys and she also had a big crush on Dave Mack. He never had his picture taken or I'm afraid I would have walked into her room with the same thing but she would write him notes and she liked him a lot. Like I said the three of them have been like family to me and I will miss you and I love you and I thank you for helping me grow. To Tim, good luck. You already know that I think you will do a great job, you and Je'nine both. Vic, way to go, bud. That's all I have.

**PRESIDENT GERACI:** Thank you, Councilwoman Mahoney.

**CLMN VAUGHN:** I wish everyone good luck in your retirement. Thank you for the years of service that you gave to Garfield Heights. I want to wish everybody a Happy Thanksgiving. Enjoy your holiday and I also say why don't we adjourn this meeting?

**PRESIDENT GERACI:** On the motion to adjourn, roll call.

AYES: 7

**PRESIDENT GERACI:** Everybody have a nice Thanksgiving. Drive home safely.

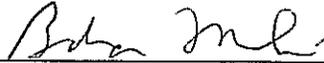
**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:50 p.m.**

**APPROVED:**

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Frank J. Geraci, Jr.  
President of Council

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:**

  
Barbara Molin  
Clerk of Council