

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO

Monday, December 22, 2014

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 p.m. by Council President Joseph Suster.

INVOCATION BY: Councilman Michael Dudley, Sr.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Roll call please.

ROLL CALL: **PRESENT:** Council Members Dudley, Marincic, Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster, Burke, Vaughn

CLWN MARINCIC: Mr. Chairman, before the Pledge of Allegiance I ask that we could have a moment of silence for the three police officers that lost their lives in the line of duty over the past few days.

(A moment of silence was held.)

CLWN MARINCIC: Thank you.

READING AND DISPOSAL OF MINUTES:

CLMN BURKE: Mr. President, I would like to make a motion that we accept the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council for Monday, December 8, 2014 as written.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: All in favor of accepting the Minutes as printed, signify by saying Yea. All opposed? That passes with 7 Yes votes.

AYES: Burke, Vaughn, Dudley, Marincic, Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster

CLWN MARINCIC: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to make a motion that we waive the 72-Hour Rule on Resolution 22-2014 by individual roll call.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: On the motion by Mrs. Marincic to waive the 72-Hour Rule for Resolution 22-2014 by individual, would the Clerk please read the roll.

CLMN NENADOVICH: Until there's more information involved, I vote No.

CLMN GLENN: I want to take some time to talk about this bill that is House Bill 469. What it says is to have a device put on a convicted drunken driver, already convicted by the Court. This does nothing to the already convicted DUI. It will protect citizens in the city, in the State, in the country. Thirty States already have passed this bill. They are on-line. The bill is called Annie's Bill. My wife's name is Annie. This fits to the heart of the bill to save lives of victims and it only helps the victims. The lawyers are against this bill. One, because it's motivation for lawsuits. Also it's motivation to defend a DUI victim or criminal that's already convicted. So this bill will only help the community. Now I'd like to vote Yes for this bill.

CLMN BURKE: Before I vote I want to say that I just got this this afternoon and I haven't really had a chance to research it and I would like to research it and waiving the 72-Hour Rule will keep me from being able to do my type of research on it so I vote No.

CLMN VAUGHN: Before I vote I take the same sentiments as Matt. I'd really like some more time. There's a lot of pros and cons with this bill and before we do something like that, we tie our hands I believe we need more research on this and I'm sure that other places have done the same so with that I vote No.

CLMN DUDLEY: Before I vote I concur with some of my colleagues here is that this is the first time I saw it when I walked in there and it was given to me in Caucus Room. You got to be real careful on bills because bills have attachments. I don't have a clue what is attached to this bill. It could have a attachment saying let a prisoner out of jail after 24 hours because he started a little trouble. I just hypothetically speaking. I need to actually go back and read this bill and research it before I vote on it but I'm really against drunk drivers, etc. I'm not really a drinker. I haven't drunk in years. Being here I probably will. I haven't but I want to research it and see what's going on so I'm not going to say I wouldn't vote for it in the future but right now I can't because I have no time to research it now. With that I have to vote No.

AYES: Glenn

NAYS: Marincic, Nenadovich, Suster, Burke, Vaughn, Dudley

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Resolution 22-2014 will not be on this evening's agenda with 1 Yes vote and 6 No votes.

CLWN MARINCIC: Mr. Chairman, I think there's another piece that we have to waive the 72-Hour Rule on. Resolution 23-2014. I'd like to make a motion that we waive the 72-Hour Rule on Resolution 23-2014 and put it on the evening's agenda.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: On the motion by Mrs. Marincic to waive the 72-Hour Rule on Resolution 23-2014 and put it on tonight's agenda all in favor signify by saying Yea. All opposed? Resolution 23-2014 will be on tonight's agenda.

AYES: Marincic, Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster, Burke, Vaughn, Dudley

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None.

LEGISLATION OUT OF COMMITTEE: None.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: There being none we will move on to the reports of the Mayor and his Directors. Mayor, do you have a report for us this evening?

REPORTS OF THE MAYOR AND DIRECTORS:

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, yes I do. First off I'd like to report to everyone Bob Dobies had his surgery on Friday. He had a hip replacement. He is doing fine. He's already up and walking around and we expect to be seeing him back in a few weeks so we certainly wish him and his family well.

The first item that I have today. I wanted to read something. This was sent to us by the Mayor of Maple Heights and the Fire Chief of Maple Heights and it was addressed to our Chief Nemetz.

“On Thursday November 27, 2014, Thanksgiving Day at 08:24 hours our department was dispatched to a routine fire alarm at 17000 Rockside Road. Upon leaving quarters it was quickly evident by the volume of smoke on the horizon that this would not be the case. We began an operation that would ultimately terminate at 23:00 hours on Saturday November 29th. It is only through efforts of all the companies that responded that we were able to first protect the ammonia threat and save most of the complex. This is a testament to our interoperability training and education of all involved in this incident. I as representative to the city of Maple Heights and members of our Fire Department would like to express our gratitude for the assistance that you rendered us in this incident. I am proud to have had the ability to have worked with members of your department in that time.

Signed by both the Mayor and the Chief.”

We thank them for this. This is what it's all about. Communities reacting when they need to, helping each other. They will do the same for us and they have in the past. I wanted to read that. Thank you to the Fire Department for once again doing a great job.

Next I want to talk about something that's a little disappointing. The skateboard park. As many of you may or may not know, the skateboard park has lights along with the tennis courts and the gazebo and these lights stay on till 10 p.m. when they automatically go off. Recently for the second time since I've been Mayor, some, I can only assume they were kids. I don't know for a fact broke into the high voltage box so they could reset the lights and keep them on later. The electricians that came out told us that this is such a high voltage box that if they touched the wrong wire in that box they would be electrocuted. I have to tell you this second time it happened after the first time it happened we put larger bolts, larger locks to keep them out. They were able to cut through these locks also. Once again we have gone to a harder lock to get through and bigger bolts, but I want to tell you that if this happens again and I want everybody to understand this that I would certainly hope Council would back me up on this, that we will turn the power off over there and there will not be lights on over there. Because I'm going to tell you what's going to happen. Somebody's going to get hurt or worse and somebody's going to blame the city. We're going to get blamed. Bad enough somebody's going to get hurt, but we're going to have a headache like that so I want to say this is your last chance. I hope that this gets out so people are aware and these young men and ladies that were responsible, if they were young men and ladies, because this is the final straw and as you know if I say it I mean it. The power will be cut off. There will not be lights there anymore so I wanted to say that and it's a shame because 99% of the kids that use that skate park and the tennis courts are good people that enjoy the recreation that we offer them and it's a shame that a very small few should ruin it for everybody but unfortunately that's what we're looking at.

One other thing I wanted to report on. Our Turney Road project. Dave our Engineer's going to get into this in his report but I received a e-mail that was somewhat disturbing and somewhat comical. Somebody e-mailed me and said

“Mayor, how long is this mess going to last on Turney Road and why is this ridiculous project going forward?”

I have to tell you that I responded that the project is going to be about two years long and I agree that at times it's going to be a mess, but to say that this is a ridiculous project is unbelievable. Sometimes this is what we put up with but I am here to guarantee you folks when the mess is cleared in a couple years we're going to be very happy and very proud of having a

brand new Turney Road with brand new waterlines. So bear with us. We know there's some problems. Dave's going to get into it in his report, but that's part of progress.

With that I want to thank my staff all of the Directors and all the employees for the hard work that you've all done. I want to thank all of Council for your dedication and hard work. You have made the tough decisions that needed to be made to keep the city afloat. They weren't always the most popular decisions but they were the right decisions and I thank you very much for that. Most of all I want to thank the residents for their support. It's been an honor to serve you as Mayor this past year. It's been difficult at times. It's also been very rewarding. I look forward to a bigger and better 2015. We're really looking forward to some good things.

I just wanted to say this. That I had some students visit me in my office not too long ago and they were asking different questions of the Mayor. One of the questions they asked was what's the hardest job that you have? I gave it some thought. The answer to that is planning for the unexpected. What I mean by that is you can be cruising along as we all know things are going well, money is coming in a little bit through the Finance Department, roads are getting paved, we're talking with business coming in and then wham. The worst storm hits and we have more potholes in the city than we ever had before. Or bang. We have a fight with some juveniles. It goes viral on the Internet and we're nationally known for our juvenile problems. Worst than that I wake up one morning and the Governor signed a paper that takes about \$3.5 million out of the city out of the General Fund. These are tough to plan for. You can't plan for those things. You try to prepare for them but you can never plan for them. I thought the only way to respond to it is I don't know what's coming next—whether it's good or bad, but I know it's coming. When it gets here we as a group will handle it and I want the residents to know that we are preparing for everything and hopefully everything we're preparing for is going to be good.

With that I wanted to wish everyone from my wife and I a Merry Christmas, a Happy prosperous New Year and I really am anticipating a great year in 2015 and as long as we work together, which I know we will, it's going to happen.

With that said I'll get into tonight's legislation. Ordinance 72. The city will be putting in 42 pieces of new equipment, copy machines, printers, etc. Ron can get into that a little bit. It's from Meritech and we've dealt with it in the past. The cost is just about \$100.00 a month more than what we're paying now for reconditioned equipment. We think it's a great deal and we think we should go forward with it. Ordinance 73 is allowing the sale of our tower truck. It's our fire tower truck. If we put this out and we get the number we're looking for which is over \$500,000.00, we would be able to use that money to get a brand new fire squad and a brand new engine which is sorely needed, much more than a tower truck. We will not sell it unless we get the price we're looking for so Ron can also get into that in his report. The appropriations are in 74 the appropriations and transfer of certain funds. Ron's going to talk about it also along with 75 the year end appropriations Ron will get into. Ordinance 76 is an ordinance to enter into a agency agreement with Cuyahoga County Land Utilization Corporation as the city's agent. The Cuyahoga County Land Demolitions program. Noreen can talk about that. It's the \$50 million project that the County has come up with for demo funds that we are certainly hoping to get a good chunk of that money.

I want to talk little bit about Resolution 23. That's the one that was put on the agenda tonight thanking the safety forces of Garfield Heights for an unbelievably great job again throughout the year. Right now we're going through a period where some of the police are getting beat up and there's a lot of questions going on. I could tell you this that I could not be more proud of the guys that we got working for us. I want to give you a little idea of some of the things that they do in

the course of a year. In the Fire Department they responded to 87 fire calls, 660 first responder calls, 730 calls which included carbon monoxide, blackouts, etc. We received as a city mutual aid 76 times. We gave mutual aid 34 times. We are presently up to 4,641 calls for the year, 100 and some calls over what we had last year. On the EMS side there's 3,651 patients that were attended so far this year. Last year there was 3,469 patients. Of those 3,600 and some patients 210 were cardiac calls, 53 stroke calls and 18 cardiac arrest calls which we were able to save a portion of those 18 that were already gone and we brought them back with the equipment and the guys that we have on the job. This is an unbelievable service to our city and I could not be any more proud.

Moving to the police side, the police on an average get 21,000 calls a year. Fifty to 60 are for robberies, 400 are domestic violence complaints, 1,400 are for fights or disturbance calls, 60-70 general weapons offenses, and listen to this. They have confiscated 90 guns and 40 knives. These guys put their lives on the line every single day and you know you hear that and you say it but you really don't realize it till you see reports like this. Chief, I'm proud of your guys. This whole city's proud of your guys. They do a great job. We support hem 1000% and I ask Council to certainly support that legislation which I'm sure they will.

With that again I want to thank everybody for all these calories in front of me. I appreciate it. Just what I need a few more pounds, but I will certainly enjoy every single piece of this candy. With that, Mr. Chairman, you have my report.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you, Mayor. Does anyone have any questions of the Mayor on his report? Does anyone have any questions of the Mayor on his report?

CLWN MARINCIC: I have a statement regarding the skateboard park. In my opinion you should have it turned off and stay off once the lights go off. I don't want to take a chance on this happening a third time and someone getting hurt. In my opinion the second time was enough. That's all I have.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: OK. Does anybody else have any questions of the Mayor on his report? There being none we'll move on to Law Director Tim Riley.

LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. No report tonight.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: OK. Thank you. Police Chief Bob Sackett. Do you have a report for us this evening?

POLICE CHIEF ROBERT SACKETT: Yes I do, thank you. First, Mayor, I want to thank you and thank Council in advance for the ordinance the Mayor spoke about. The only thing I would add is that those numbers that you read on the police side are large, obviously, and it kind of makes you open your eyes a bit. What these guys really do out there, what really makes it difficult for the guys on the road answering the calls is that yeah we go to 1,400 disturbance calls or so a year, but the thing is when you go to them you don't get a little red flag on your computer saying this one's going to be the bad one or this one's going to have a gun or what or this one's going to be easy so you can let your guard down. These guys are going to all these calls, never really knowing which ones are going to be bad, which ones will run into violence, who's going to run from them or fight with them, etc. and that's really what makes their jobs difficult and why they deserve this resolution and your support. In light of all that's happening around the country it's humbling and I know we have you guys' support but it's really nice to see something like this on paper so thank you.

The other thing I'd like to talk about is on Saturday, December 13th we participated with the FOP Shop with a Cop. It's the 19th year that it's been in existence. We participate every year. Essentially what happens is people sell tickets, they buy tickets. With that money we take needy individuals, needy kids shopping. Our Garfield Heights effort the last couple years has been coordinated by Detective Dillon. He does a tremendous job but he has a lot of help. First all the people that buy the tickets, they donate money at the last minute they're handing us money, put this towards the kids. There's companies that donate money. That's what makes the whole thing go. Also we have a lot of police officers and a lot of citizens that volunteer to be escorts. We try to get each family of kids in a police car of some sort and we try to get a policeman or police employee with some citizen escorts to team up with them. We go to Wal-Mart and go shopping. Then we have a pizza party. I think anybody that's ever participated and I've participated many years, you kind of walk away and you wonder was this more beneficial to the kids cause you see the joy on their faces or was it really beneficial for us? Our friend Pat, she volunteered this year for the first time and I heard more than once from her that it was great and she's glad she did it. So everybody that was involved I want to thank from the Auxiliaries to the police officers, citizens and all the escorts. I want to thank everybody. With that you have my report.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Is there any questions for Chief Sackett on his report? Does anybody have any questions of the Police Chief? There being none, we'll move on to Service Director, Tim McLaughlin. Do you have a report this evening?

SERVICE DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN: Yes, I do, thank you, Mr. President. We finished up the leaf collections for this season. The trailers have been cleaned up and the trucks have been changed over for our winter service. The salt trucks have been out a few times in the last few weeks with the snow and a lot of times it was the ice. There was a lot to deal with but we have not had a lot of snow so far but we did have some problems with the ice. The crews are out now trying to cold patch. Plus we brought out the trailer for the hot patch type trailer. We brought that out a couple times now. Still getting used to that. Trying to break in all the employees on it but we're getting it out there.

Last thing I have is I know some of you been contacted about (especially Clwn Marincic) about some work that's been left out there with the County. Catch basins and some street repair because the way November was they're very far behind too. There's some people that aren't real happy about having barricades in front of their house. There's about 20 or 25 places that they haven't been able to complete catch basins that started. We met with them last week. They're still trying to work on it. It will continue. I ask that the residents in those areas have patience. That's all I have.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you. Does anybody have any questions of Mr. McLaughlin on his report?

CLWN MARINCIC: Regarding Mr. McLaughlin's report I would like to share a little interesting thing that happened with a resident in my Ward. There were seven or eight cones in the front and the street in front of their yard because the water department is so late in fixing this. In the holiday spirit let's say the residents strung garland from cone to cone. When life serves you lemons make lemonade and that's what she did. That was very clever. That's all I had to share.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: OK. Does anybody else have any questions of Mr. McLaughlin? There being none we'll go on to Mr. McLaughlin again and he's going to give Mr. Dobies' report tonight seeing he's off ill.

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BOB DOBIES: Absent.

SERVICE DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN: Thank you again. Mr. Dobies has left me his sheet here. I don't know that I can deliver it as eloquently as he does but I'll try my best. Saturday December 13th they had their 20th Annual Christmas Holiday Skating Exhibition. It went well. There was about 200 spectators. On December 21st another successful afternoon with the Annual Skate with Santa. We had about 175 residents who took advantage and came here to skate and see Santa. Kids got to sit on Santa's lap and this year Santa was on the ice also with the kids in the rink. Pictures will be posted on the Web page. All kids got a treat bag on the way out. It was a nice family oriented event. Thanks to all the volunteers, Mike and Bernie Nenadovich and resident Pat Dovak.

Currently registration for indoor soccer (futsal) till January 17th. Session 3 in the Final Learn to Skate is January 19th and plenty of additional public skating sessions during the Christmas and New Year's break. That's all he gave me.

One other thing I want to thank you for all the things on the desk here. It just made me think about cancelling my doctors appointment in two weeks for sugar. I think I'll probably have to wait till like March to go see him, but thank you. It's appreciated.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Do you want to take any questions on his report or not?

SERVICE DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN: Yeah I guess I should say Yes.

CLMN VAUGHN: You're doing such a great job you can take his place now.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Does anybody else have anything for Mr. McLaughlin? OK. There being none we'll move on to Dave Krock our City Engineer.

CITY ENGINEER DAVID KROCK: Thank you, Council President. I just want to give a quick update on Turney Road. Section 1 is nearly complete. The water's on. We got the last of the services connected. The goal tomorrow is to finish up some of the concrete work. They're going to move the barrels a little closer to the center so we have a little wider lanes. They're going to sweep the street, including some of the side streets where there's a lot of direct build up.

The next stage they're going to start working on on January 5th they are going to start on Section 2. That will be from Plymouth they're going to work up to just this side of Granger Road. Section 2 really goes all the way to 480. We'll be dropping off notices to residents and businesses in that area. It will be on the Websites as well. So far I've had pretty good success I think with a few water main breaks and a few flat tires but they're doing OK so that's the update there and all weather permitting especially once January comes. We'll see how much they can actually get done. That's my report.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you. Is there any questions of Mr. Krock on his report?

CLWN MARINCIC: I have a statement. I must say that at least in Ward 2 the people doing the work were very considerate of all the traffic and I try to avoid the area to tell you the truth to alleviate some of the problems that they had, but they were very respectful of all motorists and I appreciated their kind work and everything that they did.

CITY ENGINEER DAVID KROCK: I'll pass that along. It is tough work out there. Thanks.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: OK. Anybody else? We'll move on to Finance Director Ron Tomola.

FINANCE DIRECTOR RON TOMOLA: Thank you, Mr. President. I'd like to make some comments on some of the legislation tonight. Ordinance 72, the office equipment piece, I think is a very good move for the city. It's 40 some odd pieces of all brand new equipment. Copiers printers, fax machines. We've gone through with the vendor. Actually Bruce Hobson, our IT Manager, has gone through every office with the vendor and they've looked at areas where they can consolidate equipment so if you had a fax machine and a copier running right next to each other and one machine can do both they replaced it with one machine instead of two which will save us in maintenance costs in the years ahead. It's a five year lease agreement. A little over \$22,000.00/year. It's \$100.00 more per month than what we're paying right now. I think it's a no-brainer, but that's my opinion. Obviously you have to make the final decision.

Ordinance 73 is an attempt to dispose of the 100 foot tower truck. It's a 2008 so it's relatively a newer vehicle. The Mayor and the Fire Chief and I have all talked about what we believe the value of that piece of equipment is. We can't go any lower than what we think it is because we need to come up with money to buy the two pieces we want to replace that with, which is a new squad which the Chief has been asking for for over three years and we've tried three times to get grants. We've not been successful getting a grant for a squad. The other piece would be a brand new pumper which I believe right now is 17 years old. So he'd be coming back in a couple years asking for a pumper anyhow. If we can get rid of the tower right now, replace it with those two pieces of equipment, I think it's a good try. Now we will not let that tower go for less than I'm not saying we're not going to make every penny we need to buy the two pieces, but we'll come as close as we possibly can and as the Mayor indicated we're looking somewhere around \$500,000.00. If we get a little more than that I think we're doing very good.

Ordinances 74 and 75. 74 it's the final appropriation measure. Close out 2014. 75 opens 2015. If you have any questions on those I'd be happy to answer any questions you might ask specifically. I think it was Friday afternoon I e-mailed out the Adjusted Forecast that I put together last week so everybody should have gotten that in their e-mails. If you have any questions on that document call me during the day. I'd be happy to answer any questions. Thank you for all the goodies. With that you have my report, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: OK. Does anybody have any questions of Mr. Tomola on his report? Does anybody have any questions of Mr. Tomola on his report? OK. There being none we'll call on Social Services Director, Kathy Rush-Parssons.

SOCIAL SERVICES DIRECTOR KATHY RUSH-PARSSONS: Thank you, Mr. Suster. I almost could not reach over all my little doo-dads here. I have no report this evening but I would just like to again thank everyone for all the goodies. This is my first Christmas here so I didn't realize we had such rewards for all our hard work so thank you very much and Merry Christmas to everyone. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you. Economic Development Director Noreen Kuban. Do you have a report for us this evening?

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN: Yes, thank you, Mr. President. I just have a couple comments. I'm sure a lot of people noticed in the Neighborhood News about the multipurpose trail along Warner Road. They recently installed a bridge that goes over the

creek. If you haven't seen it I would recommend that you drive over there because it's rather impressive and they will be wintering over until spring.

Second, regarding the \$50 million demo fund, this is available to all cities within the County and the agency agreement just allows us to have the County Land Bank manage the demolitions for us. I know the Building Commissioner is still putting together a list of properties that we would like to have demolished and obviously we're going to try to get as many down as possible.

Finally, Pat Salemi asked me to mention this. There have been several nominations for our Annual Christmas Lighting Display Contest. She thinks it's about 100 nominations. She asked me to say that while there are a lot of lovely displays in every Ward the ones that are nominated are the ones that stand out and I would ask City Council to assist in selecting the number 1 display and if residents want to participate I would suggest you call your Councilperson. Thank you. That concludes my report.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: OK. Thank you. Are there any questions of Ms. Kuban on her report? Are there any questions of Ms. Kuban on her report? There being none we'll move on to Building Commissioner Bill Wervey.

BUILDING COMMISSIONER BILL WERVEY: Good evening, Mr. President. I don't have a report, but like Noreen I'd like to urge passage of Ordinance 76 because the Land Bank is much more qualified than we are to undertake actual nuts and bolts details of contracting with people to demolish the houses. That's all I have.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: OK. Is there any questions of Mr. Wervey on his report? There being none we'll move on to Comments by Citizens on tonight's agenda. Would the Clerk please read the rules?

CLERK: Comments shall be strictly limited to brief statements not to exceed five minutes with comments limited to legislation on the current evening's agenda. No citizen shall speak more than once.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Is there anyone that has any questions on tonight's agenda? Is there anyone that has any questions on tonight's agenda? There being none we'll move on to Ordinances and Resolutions.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

PRESIDENT SUSTER: We'll begin with Ordinance 72-2014. Would the Clerk please read the title?

ORDINANCE NO. 72-2014

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A NEW AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS WITH MERITECH, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE AND MAINTENANCE OF OFFICE EQUIPMENT.

Moved by MARINCIC to CONSIDER BY TITLE

AYES: Marincic, Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster, Burke, Vaughn, Dudley

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

AYES: Marincic, Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster, Burke, Vaughn, Dudley

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

AYES: Marincic, Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster, Burke, Vaughn, Dudley

PRESIDENT SUSTER: On its adoption, beginning with Mrs. Marincic.

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

CLWN MARINCIC: Before I vote, I'd like to say I'm completely in favor of this, our Finance Director had a wonderful contract for us, we need the equipment badly, we're getting it for a small amount more than what we were paying before and it's a win-win situation all the way around and I happily vote Yes.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Before I vote, I would just like to say I myself did some business with Meritech years ago when I was running a company and their equipment is very good and they stand by it on everything that they do so nobody has to worry about them. With that I vote Yes.

AYES: Marincic, Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster, Burke, Vaughn, Dudley

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Ordinance 72-2014 passes with 7 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 73-2014

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF FIRE TOWER TRUCK WHICH HAS BEEN DETERMINED TO BE NO LONGER NEEDED FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES PURSUANT TO SECTION 129.02 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS.

Moved by MARINCIC to CONSIDER BY TITLE

AYES: Marincic, Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster, Burke, Vaughn, Dudley

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

AYES: Marincic, Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster, Burke, Vaughn, Dudley

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

AYES: Marincic, Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster, Burke, Vaughn, Dudley

PRESIDENT SUSTER: On its adoption, beginning with Clwn Marincic.

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

CLWN MARINCIC: Before I vote, I'd like to say this is an answer straight from heaven. This is our Mayor, our safety forces, our Finance Department everyone working together to come up with a solution that we badly need. We need a new rescue squad. We need a new pumper truck and this tower truck has been more of a white elephant, more trouble than it's worth and we have other communities that have this truck who will come to our aid if we need it. This is a great solution. I'm confident that we're going to get some good bids on it and I want to thank everyone who had a hand in working on this and coming up with this outstanding idea and I vote Yes.

CLMN NENADOVICH: I echo Nancy's comments and a lot of good work done by this committee and these Directors. Thank you very much for finding the money when we need it. I vote Yes.

AYES: Marincic, Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster, Burke, Vaughn, Dudley

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Ordinance 73-2014 passes with 7 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 74-2014

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 50-2014 AND ALL OTHER TRANSFER AND ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCES, TRANSFERRING AND ADDITIONALLY APPROPRIATING CERTAIN FUNDS WITHIN THE GENERAL; STREET

LIGHTING; AVERAGE PAY; PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT; POLICE PENSION; FIRE PENSION; RECREATION; STREET CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE & REPAIR; STATE HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT; CITY INCOME TAX; MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAX; STORM & SANITARY SEWER CONSTRUCTION; WATER MAIN REPAIR; FEDERAL NUTRITION BUDGET; COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT; LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST; INDIGENT DRIVER ALCOHOL TREATMENT; ENFORCEMENT & EDUCATION; FEMA; DEBT AMORTIZATION; MUNICIPAL COURT PROBATION SERVICES; MUNICIPAL COURT SPECIAL SERVICES; MUNICIPAL COURT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT; GARFIELD HEIGHTS FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER; STREET IMPROVEMENT BOND 2010; GRANGER RD/TRANSPORTATION BLVD IMPROVEMENT; TRANSPORTATION/ANTENUCCI IMPROVEMENT 2004; BOND RETIREMENT; REVOLVING EQUIPMENT; AND RESTRICTED FUNDS FOR THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2014.

Moved by SUSTER to CONSIDER BY TITLE

AYES: Suster, Burke, Vaughn, Dudley, Marincic, Nenadovich, Glenn

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

AYES: Suster, Burke, Vaughn, Dudley, Marincic, Nenadovich, Glenn

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

AYES: Suster, Burke, Vaughn, Dudley, Marincic, Nenadovich, Glenn

PRESIDENT SUSTER: On its adoption, beginning with myself.

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

AYES: Suster, Burke, Vaughn, Dudley, Marincic, Nenadovich, Glenn

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Ordinance 74-2014 passes with 7 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 75-2014

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENDITURES FOR THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2015.

Moved by SUSTER to CONSIDER BY TITLE

AYES: Suster, Burke, Vaughn, Dudley, Marincic, Nenadovich, Glenn

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

AYES: Suster, Burke, Vaughn, Dudley, Marincic, Nenadovich, Glenn

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

AYES: Suster, Burke, Vaughn, Dudley, Marincic, Nenadovich, Glenn

PRESIDENT SUSTER: On its adoption, beginning with myself.

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

CLWN MARINCIC: Before I vote, I'd like to thank all the members of the Administration, everybody on City Council for their hard work in Finance Committee Meetings. I know our Chairman Mr. Suster told everybody when they walked in don't ask for anything because you're not going to get it. So no one did, but somehow we make it work and it's because of all the hard work throughout our community and how our residents accept that we have to make cuts and I want to thank everybody and I vote yes.

AYES: Suster, Burke, Vaughn, Dudley, Marincic, Nenadovich, Glenn

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Ordinance 75-2014 passes with 7 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 76-2014

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGENCY AGREEMENT WITH CUYAHOGA COUNTY LAND REUTILIZATION CORPORATION (CCLRC) TO ACT AS THE CITY'S AGENT IN THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY PROPERTY DEMOLITION PROGRAM.

Moved by MARINCIC to CONSIDER BY TITLE

AYES: Marincic, Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster, Burke, Vaughn, Dudley

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

AYES: Marincic, Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster, Burke, Vaughn, Dudley

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

AYES: Marincic, Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster, Burke, Vaughn, Dudley

PRESIDENT SUSTER: On its adoption, beginning with Clwn Marincic.

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

CLWN MARINCIC: I'm happy that we're putting this up. Maybe we can get rid of some more of these eyesores in our community and I vote Yes.

AYES: Marincic, Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster, Burke, Vaughn, Dudley

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Ordinance 76-2014 passes with 7 Yes votes.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-2014

A RESOLUTION ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS THANKING THE GARFIELD HEIGHTS POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS FOR THEIR DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY.

Moved by VAUGHN to CONSIDER BY TITLE

AYES: Vaughn, Dudley, Marincic, Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster, Burke

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

AYES: Vaughn, Dudley, Marincic, Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster, Burke

PRESIDENT SUSTER: On its adoption, beginning with Clmn Vaughn.

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

CLMN VAUGHN: Before I vote, this morning when I talked to the Mayor about putting this up the two of us felt we had to do this. This is something that we need to take the time out to honor the guys that serve our city. The guys that are out there all the time both the police and the fire. I can remember as a kid standing at my Uncle Jack's funeral after he was killed here in Garfield Heights and these guys give their lives and you know that it just doesn't affect them. They're out there doing their job every day but their wives and their families live with this and as the son of a policeman I can remember this. These are tough times right now we're going through. These men and women need our support. With that I vote yes.

CLMN DUDLEY: Before I vote, I'd like to say that I do appreciate what they do and it is a tough job and I appreciate the relationship. The Chief and the department helped me a lot from what we have on 131st now compared to how it was years ago. People still thought I joked, Chief, when I told them some of the houses you went to because we had bullying issues that some of them meeting the Chief said they would have never done what you done and the juvenile officers who went out their way but if you see some of the officers talking some of their children people thought that it was harassing but they didn't realize that quite a few of the officers actually stopped these kids and they introduced themselves. A lot of people wasn't aware of that. Somebody thought they was harassing. Had a conversation. I said no. They give the young

people their card and let them know you had a problem you can call us and to build a relationship, but I thank them for a lot. They contributed a lot in the change out of making it a better community up there. Thank you all for catching our Subway robber and if you'd a saw them the other night. I make it quick. The way he had no flashlights looking on the ground you'd a thought they was looking for a \$1 million bill. They did catch that robber and we appreciate it because that's one more criminal off the street. It is a dangerous job. We appreciate everything that the department do. We know the Fire Department goes into these houses and they going through these homes and they don't know who they helping or what's going to be awaiting on them so it is a real dangerous job. With that keep them in my prayers and I vote Yes.

CLWN MARINCIC: Before I vote, I'd like to say my personal thank you to everyone in our Police Department and in our Fire Department because they're always there. When you're asleep they're up. If you have a traffic accident they're there. If you have a heart attack they're there. No matter what your needs are our safety forces are on call 24 hours/day every day, Christmas, the New Year's through every holiday. Thank God they're here and they do a remarkable job. I think that what we need to do when you see them is say thank you. That's my goal this year. To thank any one of our safety forces that I see personally whenever I can and I happily vote Yes.

CLMN NENADOVICH: Again I echo both Councilpersons' comments and I'd like to add I always joke about it that when danger or a fire comes there's people running out. The police and fire are the ones running in. Thank them for that. Chief, thanks. I vote Yes.

CLMN GLENN: Tonight I am wearing blue in support of the police. I'd like to say I have their back. When I need help I'll want the police to be there. I'm a homeowner. I vote Yes. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Before I vote I, too, tonight wore blue for a reason and that was to show respect for the police. You know these officers that were killed in New York and the one that was killed in Florida they weren't just killed. They were brutally murdered. The two officers were sitting in their police car and they were shot and I don't know about the other one that was shot down in Florida but one other thing we have to remember to say some prayers for their families. What time of the year could this be that something drastic like this could happen to them? It's a time in our life but the thing of it is it has to stop.

With that I'd like to wish everybody a very Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year, a safe New Year and I'm going to say it's been a pleasure working with the Mayor, his Administration and City Council throughout this whole year. We've accomplished a lot. Some like the Mayor had said in his report there's some things we've done that we really didn't want to do but it had to be done. Here again I just would like to say Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everybody. I vote Yes.

CLMN BURKE: Before I vote, I would like to echo the comments made by my fellow Councilpersons and I would like to add too that I have talked to a lot of the officers as I see them out and about, especially at the football games and at sporting events, etc. One of the things that strikes me is I never hear them complain about anything. They could be standing out in the rain and I never hear them complain. I know they're dedicated and I want to thank them for the dedication and I vote Yes.

AYES: Vaughn, Dudley, Marincic, Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster, Burke

PRESIDENT SUSTER: That resolution passes with 7 Yes votes.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS BY CITIZENS

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Next we will move on to Comments by Citizens. If the Clerk will please read the rules.

CLERK: Comments shall be restricted to any problem a citizen has which has previously been submitted to his/her Councilperson or to the city hall department directly involved. If 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 Citizens at a future meeting. It is the intention of this rule that no request of a first nature is presented on the floor at this time. Comments shall be limited to five minutes. No citizen shall be heard more than once.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: is there anyone that has anything to speak tonight? Mr. Halan have you talked to somebody at Council about this? Have you talked to somebody about City Council?

Bob Halan, 12416 Oak Park Blvd. Yes, three Councilmen. One acknowledges not to acknowledge me. Two have.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: OK. Go ahead.

MR. HALAN: It's just the last time I'll be able to speak to you for this year. I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. This from the general public. Not a problem. It's from the heart for all of you. Merry Christmas. Happy New Year.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Is there anyone else that would like to speak this evening?

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

PRESIDENT SUSTER: There being none, we'll move on to Miscellaneous Business, with Mr. Dudley.

CLMN DUDLEY: All right I get to go first tonight. First of all, like I said I think the department does a job well done because Subway has been robbed several times and I was glad they caught the individual right away. Now to show our hard work has been done in keeping the community safe. Also in our department when I first came on and Chief became Chief, you know, I don't believe there was any complaint on any issue that we wasn't able to resolve and it's always been to me real comfortable to talk to him and I don't think that we had a resident ever brought a complaint to him that they called me back and said hey, I didn't like talking to him. He was incompetent from my Ward or was uncomfortable. Everything we brought to his attention was always taken care of. The residents would always tell me, hey, I'm happy with outcome whatever the case may be. I like maintaining that relationship. He's more than a Chief. He's been a good friend most of all and I thank you, Chief, for that.

I want to tell people too, it's the holiday season. You got to remember family is important and if you have a family that's going through some struggle time, if you have an extra toy that you can give to that family, don't hesitate. It's appreciated. If you know they going through a time where there's a lack of food and the food lockers have been extended way beyond their reach by some communities, if you can give them something.

I'd like to thank you, Ron, for closing the year. One thing about you, Ron, you're always true for other people to listen. That's their choice. You put it on the line. I respect that about you, Ron. You done a great job and still continue to do a great job. Taking away from everybody else we don't have time to thank the whole row so we thank you as a group. But also I wanted to say

next year, January 16th I will be celebrating my 36th anniversary and I want to say to her loving you is because you're beautiful all over. Nine kids later. Nine good kids. Yes we had nine kids, 32 grandchildren and I love them all, but she's been beautiful and been a good wife and dealing with some of this stuff that you had to deal with in the city she's been very supportive of me and I love her for that.

I say Merry Christmas to the community. You all been very supportive to the city as a whole and Ms. Whitmore, I got to mention you because you been faithfully coming to these meetings when others haven't come so the rest of you all show up one time. One last thing I'd like to see next year if you live in the city of Garfield Heights, make one meeting a year. Get off your behind and come to one meeting. Sit in. Bring your kids. Let them see how they government is run. I wish each and every one of you all up here a very Merry Christmas and everybody in Garfield Heights. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Mrs. Marincic.

CLWN MARINCIC: I would like thank all my fellow Council Members, all the members of the city Administration and several people in the audience for all the wonderful gifts that were sitting here when I sat down today. That was very sweet of you. With that I would like to wish everyone a safe and joyous Christmas and the happiest most prosperous of New Years to come. 2015's going to be a good one. I know it. That's all I have.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you. Mr. Nenadovich.

CLMN NENADOVICH: As always every New Year, remember the people that aren't here. People that are overseas. Yesterday the 21st I had the opportunity to be the Santa Claus at the skate rink and the kids come up, I want a Barbie doll, I want a bike. I had two little girls come up to me and said this. They wanted their daddy home from the war. Keep that in your prayers. The numbers are growing. There's a lot more being killed than you can imagine.

I'd also like to wish everybody a Merry Christmas and again thanks for the gifts. I'd like to thank my second family. I spend more time here than I do at home. I want to thank you for the wonderful six years you've given us so far working with you and the great job you've been doing and hopefully you'll put up with me a little bit longer. Again Merry Christmas to everybody. I thank you all, especially dad down there on the end.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Are you done?

CLMN NENADOVICH: I'm done.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Clmn Glenn.

CLMN GLENN: Thank you, Mr. President. I want to remind everybody we have the Block Watch January 6th at 7 p.m. Hopefully the Mayor and the Police Chief will be there. We'll have speakers. I'd also like in remembrance of any policemen that died serving in the line of duty, this is a remembrance. It's a sad day that policemen have to go to their jobs in a dangerous situation. Being a Union guy all my life, I support the Union blue collar worker. If we had situations at work like that where our lives were in danger we'd walk off the job. Never want to walk off the job.

I want to thank all the residents in our Ward that had Christmas lights put up. A lot of hard work. A lot of pride that goes into that. I also want to remind safety for the construction workers and the Service Department workers going out and doing their work. Traffic will be hazardous. Snow will be coming. So safety first. I'd like to thank all the Administrators, the Mayor for a good prosperous year. We're going to put this behind us. We got a tough year going ahead.

I, too, would like to thank Ron Tomola for doing a good job keeping our debt above water. With that you have my presentation.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: OK. Thank you. For everybody's information our next meeting will be January 12th right here in the Council Chambers.

I gave what I wanted to say mostly when we were honoring the policemen. I apologize for getting out of line with that. I saw something today on the news which was very disturbing to me that they had on the news tonight that in the year 2014 to date throughout the United States 610 police officers had been killed. It really caught my heart when I heard that because we have men and women out there that are trying keep our cities straight and that you have these thugs that think they can do what the heck they want to do when they want to do it. These people are out here protecting us and a lot of them don't make it home. I had a son-in-law that was a police officer. I have a grandson that's a police officer and when the police officer comes to my house. When they deliver our mail on Friday night I say to them before I close the door, please have a safe night. That's all I have. Mr. Burke.

CLMN BURKE: Thank you, Mr. President. I would like to say thank you to the Mayor and our safety forces as well. To all the city employees, all the Directors, all my fellow Councilpersons for their dedication to the city. Also for everybody who gave these gifts. Tim, I too, will be canceling my doctor's appointment for sugar I'm sure after this.

I would also like to say thank you to the Ward 6 residents out there who decorated their house for Christmas. I had the pleasure of driving around yesterday and looking at the lights to judge them. I did send in my pick and I got to tell you I was taken away by a lot of the creativity that is out there in our Ward. I was kind of proud to be part of Ward 6.

I would also like to say thank you to the Ward 6 residents for placing their trust in me in representing them this past year. It's been a wild ride. It's been fun at times and it's had its moments. But the dedication still goes and I will still work hard for you. I would like to thank everybody and wish everybody a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Mr. Vaughn.

CLMN VAUGHN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I want to say what an enjoyable evening it was last Thursday night at our Block Watch. It was a great time. I want to thank those that came. I hope next year we can get more people to attend our Block Watches. We even had a guest appearance by the Mayor. We're very thankful that you came. Dad was there. It was good and Vic, I want to thank you for the words that you shared with everybody. It really meant a lot to me. It's been a pleasure working with you these past five years. Yes, we've argued, yes, we've had our debates, but we've always walked away as gentlemen and the next question that usually came out of his mouth was hey, Tom, how's the family? I'm like come on. I appreciate that. I really do. It's been a pleasure.

I want to remind everybody that on Christmas if there's anybody that's home alone there will be a free dinner served up at St. Monica's between 12 p.m. and 2 p.m. Please go on up. There will be plenty of things to eat, to enjoy companionship and if there is anybody that needs meals please call. They will be more than glad to deliver them.

I would like to thank my colleagues for backing me tonight on Resolution 23. It's tough for those policemen and firemen out there right now. Take the time out in the next few weeks. Stop an officer. Say thank you. Call the Fire Department and say thank you to them. We take them for granted a lot of times and they take a lot of verbal abuse from us, too. But these guys have our backs and now's the time for us to have their backs for them.

I have really enjoyed the Christmas lights that are out there; my Ward of course has the best set of lights. Mr. Raffo and I will be driving tomorrow night making our final decision. I want to thank everybody that's taken time out to do it. My residents, you're the best. I've enjoyed these past five years. I hope we have five more to go. It's been a lot of fun. We've had our ups and downs but we're going to make Garfield Heights a better place to live and it's going to become the place to live. Everybody drive safely. Take your time the next few days. Remember the real reason behind the season. Take time out to pray. Most of all enjoy your family. God bless.

Mr. Chairman, with that I'd like to say we adjourn this meeting.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: On the motion by Mr. Vaughn to adjourn the meeting all those in favor signify by saying Yea. All opposed? Meeting adjourned.

AYES: Vaughn, Dudley, Marincic, Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster, Burke

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:07 p.m.

APPROVED:

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Joseph Suster
President of Council

Barbara Molin
Clerk of Council