

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO

Monday, April 10, 2017

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

INVOCATION BY: Councilman Eugene Glenn

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

READING AND DISPOSAL OF MINUTES:

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Reading and Disposal of the Minutes of March 27, 2017.

CLMN BURKE: Mr. President, I would like to make a motion that we accept the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of the city of Garfield Heights for Monday, March 27, 2017 as written.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: On the motion made by Clmn Burke to accept the Minutes of Monday, March 27, 2017 as submitted, all those in favor signify by saying Yea. All opposed?

AYES: Burke, Vaughn, Dudley, LaMalfa, Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster
That passes with 7 Yes votes.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL: None.

LEGISLATION OUT OF COMMITTEE: None.

REPORTS OF THE MAYOR AND DIRECTORS:

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Wed I move on to the Reports of the Mayor and his Directors. Mayor, do you have a report for us this evening?

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have a short report. First off, I want to pay a special thanks to Jeff Snodgrass, the owner of Sterling Professional Group, for donating \$1,000.00 to our Meals on Wheels Program. We talked about the program at the last Council Meeting and how important it is to the Seniors in our city to be able to get meals. This thousand dollars is going to go a long way to give an underprivileged Senior in our city food for the year so that's great. I want to thank Jeff and his family for that donation. Also, I want to read something.

Garfield Heights Historical Society is hosting a Black Walnut Festival on October 14, 2017 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Black Walnut Festival. Please join us for this historical event Saturday October 14th, 10:00 -5:00. Fun, apple cider, black walnut bakery, pumpkin carving and music. Come all amateur bakers and join us for our First Black Walnut Baking Contest. There will be four categories to choose from: cakes, cookies, breads and pies. Join us as our participants are judged on their original black walnut recipes by our panel of five celebrity judges. First, second, third place winners receive bragging rights, ribbons and winners will have their recipes published. Applications can be

obtained Saturday at the museum or in the Neighborhood News. The deadline is September 30, 2017.+

Sounds pretty exciting. I was delivered a black walnut today. First time I ever saw one. It sounds like it's going to be a good time. I'm certainly going to be there.

Next I wanted to say I think Chief Byrne could certainly comment on this more than I can but I want everybody to know that the Chief reported today to the Seniors that the security cameras that we have up (the 12 of the 50 that are up) have helped us in aiding in catching somebody that was breaking the law. So that's a great start. I'm really impressed with that already. I can't wait to get the rest of those cameras up. If you have any questions I'm sure that the Chief can comment a little bit more on that.

Turney Road as you may be aware has finally started. The phone calls haven't stopped coming in since Turney Road started. Folks, it is an inconvenience. We all know that. Every time a project like this comes up there is surely some inconvenience, but the positives will certainly outweigh the negatives in this. The only thing I ask is for those of you who are taking the side streets. Many of you are. Those red signs are stop signs. They mean stop. I don't want to see everybody getting tickets out there but the police are around. We need to protect those side streets. They have a lot of kids on them so slow down, stop at the stop signs and in a very short time we'll be back on Turney Road.

The next thing I wanted to talk about. For the past probably 15 years I've been involved with the Golden Gloves Boxing Tournament in Cleveland and I've always been proud of talking about some of the boxers that come out of Garfield Heights. We've had some great ones: Earl Joel. Henry Hughes, Omari Braxton. I hate to always mention names because I'm sure I'm probably leaving some great ones out. We've had some great boxers in Garfield Heights. Saturday night I want to tell you something. We had a young man out of Garfield Heights fight in the Open Division Tournament. He's one of the best boxers I have ever seen. This kid is dynamic. He is unbelievable and I was proud to say that he was from Garfield Heights. Council, I want to bring him in and ask him to come in next month for the next Council Meeting and introduce you to him. This is somebody that needs a lot of congratulations. This kid's going somewhere so I'm really proud. This kid's name is (and I hope I don't get the last name wrong) Cody Orowski. He's unbelievable. We're going to hear a lot about that young man.

I also wanted to talk about the ice show. I know Mr. Dobies will get into that shortly, but I got to tell you what. I was there yesterday for that ice show and it's like watching the Ice Capades. Folks, there's no better place to spend an afternoon than watching that ice show. I can't believe the effort and the perfection that goes into this entire program from the staff and from the artistry and the music and the skaters it's unbelievable. I understand it was about 60 participants, two/three won awards, but I'd tell you 50 of the 60 could have won, if not all 60. They go from four/five years old up to high school seniors skating and beyond that. What a great program. Mr. Dobies, you tell your staff they did a fabulous job. It was outstanding. Folks, you can't miss it. It's a great show.

The next thing I want to talk a little bit about was shortly we are going to be bringing the Garfield Heights boys' basketball team up again for another outstanding season. The reason we do this is because when you talk about the kids in the ice show, you talk about these basketball players, you talk about this boxer, you know you hear so many bad things about the kids going around this country, but this shows you what education is and how proud we are of all you guys. Surely going to be coming up here Coach Johnson who always does us proud and once again

you guys did Garfield Heights proud. I was at that game. You should have won. I blamed the referees. Of course, I'm a little partial, but you guys did a great job and we're going to have you up here shortly.

The last thing I want to talk about before we get into today's legislation is, as everybody knows, we have a program with the County to repair sewers, repair the problems with your home sewers. This project is quite expensive. Each year (and I would say each year) last year and each year is pretty close we spent \$1,125,248.00 on sewer repair. We had a meeting today and they came in and they're talking about we should raise our fees. We know we can't do that and I told them we can't do that because of our high taxes already. We can't do this anymore. Here is the problem that we have. Usually when there's a sewer problem most of the time it's roots. Roots that grow into the sewers. We have old trees. Old sewer system. They come out for that. We have no problem when they come out for that because they have a blade that cuts those roots out. Those roots do grow back, but it takes 1.5 to two years before they come back. So in that regard we go out and service your house once every two years. We have houses and they showed us a report today that we've been out there five, six, seven, eight times in a year and they have what the problems are. Folks, it's not roots. It's diapers, wippees, sanitary napkins. It's things. Grease. That are going into the sewers that are causing all of these problems. Whether you are a renter or you own the house help us out a little bit. We don't want to have to raise fees, but at the same token at \$1,250,000.00 you can see at some time we're going to have to do something. It may be limit the amount of calls to your house before you pay it for yourself. We don't want to do these kinds of things, but I want everybody to know that this is the direction we're heading in because we just can't give money away. You know how many streets we could pave for \$1,250,000.00? A lot of them. Instead, we're paying to take wippees and diapers out of the sewers. Work with us a little bit. Help us a little bit and throw them in the trash where they belong.

With that, Mr. Chairman, I'd make it into tonight's legislation. Ordinance 20-2017. This is legislation about cameras. Now this legislation has been before you previously in the past. After some research with Finance Department and with the Police Department, we were going to buy the cameras. We think it's better to lease the cameras so we're going into a leasing program. Questions can be answered by Barb. Ms. Barb Biro will answer any questions you have. That's why this legislation is in front of you today. It's for the body cams for the police.

Resolution 17-2017. A resolution ratifying the appointment of Joyce Tubbs as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals. If you remember about a month ago, we added someone to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Something did not work out with her pension. She could not accept the job so she never took the job so we are appointing Ms. Joyce Tubbs as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals. She's a great young lady. She does a wonderful job for the community. I think she's going to do a great job for the Zoning Board. Resolution 18. We're going to ratify an appointment by the Mayor. Dan Baillie as a member of the Neighborhood Advisory Committee Reutilization Program. This is the Land Bank. This is the last piece of the puzzle. We added the people on to this committee. We can now start working on some of these vacant lots and some of the other programs that this Land Reutilization group will work on.

Lastly, Mr. Chairman, I want to talk about Resolution 16. This has to do with the Garfield Heights Varsity Boys' Basketball Team. I would like to bring Sonny Johnson up first if this is all right with the Chairman. I'd like Sonny to come up, if you would, Sonny, please? Sonny, we can't thank you enough for everything you do. I know that these kids do all the work and you get all the credit, but that's how it usually goes. You do a great job. I text you and tell you you make the city proud. I'm not kidding you. We're proud of what you've done in the city of Garfield

Heights. We're proud of your teams. We're proud of all your kids. I couldn't ask for anything better. I would like you to bring your kids up and introduce them to everybody if you can be so kind.

Coach Sonny Johnson: Some have basketball practice tonight for the big tournaments on the weekend. Four of them got jobs. I'm going to introduce the ones who are here. Eric Lough is a sophomore at Garfield Heights, coming back next year. This was a hard worker for this year. Really gave us a lot. Mr. O's trying to get him on that football field so hopefully he'll be playing two sports next year, which he needs to do. Carl Makey is a junior. He'll be back next year. Just a hard worker. Probably one of the hardest working kids we had. He plays every sport from golf to tennis. This boy he does everything so we just happy to have him here today. These two guys here I want to mention are unbelievable. When I say that you know we lost a lot last year. Not saying all the other kids, but to lose what we lost last year and to have the best leaders I probably ever had in my life between these two guys, Sean Christian. He's going to Cleveland State on a full basketball scholarship. He's one of the top shooting guards in the State of Ohio. I'm going to talk about him for a minute. He never left. He played this year. We were nervous because they told him not to play. They told him he needs surgery and was supposed to have been out for the year, but he decided to play and he really played on one leg. I've never had a kid practice for 2.5 hours. He'll get there early and then he'll stay 1.5 hours late every day. Non-stop. He's a special kid. I get a little emotional when I talk about these two. Morian Jackson I'm going through the same thing. He's going to Toledo University on a full basketball scholarship. He's ranked the number one point guard in the State of Ohio. He came to practice early, left late. We would not be where we are without these two because we have a lot of new faces and new guys and they showed these guys how to win and that's really important.

Here go my coaches. Coming late as usual. I'm always starting practice. Coming in late. Those two are outstanding. I want to say to our coaches more importantly I want to say I'm not just saying it starts at the top and it starts with support. The Board of Education, Mr. Dobies, you guys, you know me and from over the years I've been here 13 years as a head coach here. I think 15 years altogether. I was a freshman and JV and then 13 years as a varsity coach. That's a long time. We been together for a while. There's always support. From Ms. Hager, you know. From Mr. O. Him and Ms. Hager getting to know each other and she was. I don't think nobody was more happier than her. She went out in the hallway. It was an exciting time for the kids, but it starts with your principal showing so much support. The kids fed off of that. Mr. O. led them from day one support like no other. I just want to say this. I don't think he missed a basketball game. He gave me a couple of pointers who needs to be in. I said OK, Mr. O. Anything we needed basketball wise. I don't ask for much. He'll take care of me with that. That's a blessing to have. These kids appreciate that. We appreciate you not just what you've done supporting basketball. You don't miss a volleyball game, a track meet. You go to a lot of events and I think everybody should appreciate what you do for the support you show. To my coaches, staff, raise your hand Coach Rich. He is considered the best trainer in Cleveland. I'm getting older so we need somebody that can really train. He brought so much to our team. He stayed late with all our guys. He's unbelievable. My cousin, Coach Tim, is a freshman coach. He starts at the bottom. He makes our job easy when he's working with those kids and they get to know our system coming right up. My brother is the JV coach and the varsity assistant. He's the head coach right with me. I might be the one people see in the media, but I wouldn't be half the coach I am if I had another head coach with me. That's my brother. As you can see, we just try to keep it family. That's the way you do it and that's the way I look at our community. I don't want nobody around me that I can't trust or that's not going to be on the same page we are as a team or as a community. We try to do the best we can for Garfield Heights and I thank you all for honoring us and having us coming over there today because that means a lot.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you. At this time, I'd like to make a motion that we go to Resolution 16-2017. Will the Clerk please read the title?

RESOLUTION NO. 16-2017

A RESOLUTION HONORING AND CONGRATULATING THE 2017 GARFIELD HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND REACHING THE OHSAA DIVISION I STATE REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP.

Moved by SUSTER to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

PRESIDENT SUSTER: On its adoption, beginning with myself.

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Before I vote, I, myself, I would like to congratulate each and every one of you. I'd like to say to these young men that are going on to college, best of luck to you. People don't know the time that you have to put in to be into these sports. For you to give up your time and also the coaches to give up your time to take these gentlemen as far as you have I would like to say congratulations. I vote Yes.

CLMN BURKE: Before I vote, I just want to say congratulations to you all. A few years back, I had the pleasure of being in Cincinnati, Ohio, during a snowstorm and watching on TV Mr. Frankie Hughes from Garfield Heights, so I will be following you guys as you guys move up. You guys make us proud. Sonny, thank you for putting your time in and being a positive role model for these children. With that, I vote yes.

CLMN VAUGHN: Before I vote, I want to say congratulations. Thanks for another exciting year. Wish you all luck those who are moving on. Mr. Johnson, you have an excellent program. Keep up the good work. With that, I vote yes.

CLMN DUDLEY: Before I vote, I'd like to say congratulations to the coaches, staff. You got a great set of coaches there, Sonny. And to the young men I know people don't realize it ain't just about your practicing and your hard work on the court, but maintaining the grades to stay a part of that team, people don't understand there's a strong educational part. I mean the practice and trying to find time to maintain that grade makes you some exceptional young men. I'm just so proud of you as if you were my very own sons and stuff. I appreciate what you all done for these young men pointing them in the right direction. With that, Mr. Chairman, I vote Yes.

CLMN LAMALFA: It's like they say it's very hard to play at a high level every year, year after year and you guys do a good job. I vote Yes.

CLMN NENADOVICH: Before I vote, I'd like to thank all of you, especially the coaching staff. Good luck in college. Study hard, because if you get hurt you'd have something to fall back on. I hope you don't. We're always talking about the bad kids. You're the good kids. Keep up the good work. Yes.

CLMN GLENN: I'd like to thank you, Sonny. I see that the Superintendent's not here. I'd sure like to thank him, all the coaches, all the players. A winning program. We like to think on City Council the Mayor, the Commissioners here have a winning program. It installs pride, good work ethic. It continues on to later life. All these work habits you will find as a coach and as players as citizens in the future so you get good jobs. Thank you, Sonny. I vote Yes.

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

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Resolution 16-2017 passes with 7 Yes votes.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Thank you, guys. With that said, Mr. Chairman, I would just conclude my report by saying this is really great for the city of Garfield Heights. I really appreciate all the youth that are doing so fine in Garfield Heights and I wish more of them would follow the trend. With that, I want to wish everyone a Happy Easter. Have a safe holiday. Mr. Chairman, you have my report.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you, Mayor. Next, we will move on to Law Director, Tim Riley. Do you have a report for us this evening?

LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY: No report tonight.

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

POLICE CHIEF ROBERT BYRNE: Yes, I do, Mr. Chairman. Thank you. I just wanted to clarify something. At the last Council Meeting, Mr. Piasek pointed out to me that I had mentioned we received a certificate from the Ohio Collaborative in Forceful Hiring. What I really meant to say was Use of Force in Recruitment and Hiring. Our job is not so bad yet that we have to force people to work for us. I just wanted to clarify that. I don't know how it came out that way, but somehow it did.

I also wanted to thank Mr. O and the staff at Garfield Heights High School. Last week when they were on vacation, we used a couple of their classrooms for some mandatory training we had to do for the State. Mr. O provided that for us and he had some people there to open the doors and kind of keep things moving along and cleaned up, etc. so I appreciate that.

As the Mayor mentioned earlier, we had one incident over the past two weeks. We had a hit-skip accident in the area of Turney and McCracken and we used the cameras to track down the suspect in that hit-skip and he was ultimately found and cited for the hit-skip. We also had another incident with a robbery. This didn't pan out quite the way we wanted it to, but keep in mind we only have one set of cameras up in that area right now. But we caught a robbery suspect in the camera in a snowstorm. We realized who he was. We were very quickly able to follow his footprints and realized he got into a car. So I think once we get more cameras up these are the things that are going to pan out and work out for us. Those cameras I think are going to be real good for us. Mr. Chairman, with that you have my report.

SERVICE DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN: Absent.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you, Chief. Does anybody have any questions of the Chief on his report? Does anybody have any questions of the Chief on his report? There being none, we'll move on to our Parks and Recreation Director, Bob Dobies. Bob, do you have a report for us this evening?

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BOB DOBIES: Yes, I do. Mr. President and Council, good evening. With the warm weather, tentative pool opening date is Saturday, June 10th. We'll be taking registrations for the summer starting May 23rd. If you know anybody interested in becoming a lifeguard, please stop by the Rec to pick up an application or go on the Web. So there's no questions, only certified lifeguards will be hired. You have to be at least 15 ½ to take the class. It's a great summer job for high school/college students. Always looking for some good people.

Tomorrow we will have our T-ball draft. If anybody is still interested we do have a few openings left. The office will be open till 5:00 p.m. tomorrow. That's because we have the draft at 6:00 p.m. so the draft will be going on that time so they won't be taking applications, but if you find you need to tie it up yet we will still be able to take you. It does start on the 17th practice so if you have any interest please give us a call.

Girls softball signups will end on April 29th. Please check the Web or call the office for extended hours.

Little League is still willing to take signups and you're welcome to pick up an application and sign up at the Rec or call Mr. Bob Merrick at (216) 990-8386. He's got a new aide, Kirk Mariolo, a very young and energetic man (216) 533-1376. He's the one to be contacted for signing up.

As the Mayor mentioned, our figure skaters finished with the Annual Ice Show this past Saturday and Sunday. If you didn't attend the 49th you missed out on a wonderful experience. The city is very proud to continue this tradition now for 49 years. What an outstanding performance by our troupe of skaters. This year's theme was Setting the World on Fire. I know it ignited our packed audience of over 600 in two days this year for the event. Our skaters performed their routines. Their municipal program emerged from the efforts of Ms. Betty Bocell, who we all know as Ms. Betty. She coached for over 40 years here and her legacy remains strong and will continue in the future. With the competition always being exceptional, Mayor Collova presented the 2017 Mayor's Trophy to Ms. Julia Milosevic. Please check our Website in about a week for pictures of the event. We're in the process of getting all that information together.

One of the last things. We're all aware that the grass crews are out and posting properties. They will begin cutting shortly. This year the list was developed with vacant properties only. That doesn't necessarily mean there's no house there. A vacant house and/or properties. We have 565 total properties at this time. We normally end up with over 1,000 by the end of the season. What I would like to remind everybody, if you're maintaining your property, you have a service and you get posted, just please call the Building Department and we will rectify the situation. We've had a handful of people call us already because they got posted. They've proved that either they're maintaining the property, they have a service, and/or actually the Building Department sent me one picture and the house looked better than my house. You know what I mean? We'll do due diligence when we can to take you off the list.

The last thing I'd like to bring up. We had a situation in March where we had reported the Garfield Heights Trinity Alumni Game, which we've had for the past four years. During the game, the older guys broke one of my pieces of glass, one of the larger ones, which is probably a 4x 5 piece of glass. Fortunately, I had one in the basement, but with I guess the Mayor would say my cheapness, I was looking for the easiest and cheapest way to do this so in discussing it with my staff we kind of surmised what we thought we could do as long as we had a pulley-type system. I reached out to the Fire Department and Lt. McKee said they had a set of pulleys and he had some experience with the pulley system. Within the week we had the glass back in. The estimate I got on the glass and installation was about \$700.00 and our city fellow employees helped us out and we got it done for nothing because I had the glass. I want to extend my thank you to the Fire Department for a job that is appreciated. Thank you. That concludes my report.

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

being none, we'd move on to our City Engineer. Dave Krock is not with us, but we do have Fritz Alderman. Fritz, do you have a report for us this evening?

CITY ENGINEER FRITZ ALDERMAN: No report.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: OK. Finance Director Barb Biro. Do you have a report for us this evening?

FINANCE DIRECTOR BARBARA BIRO: Thank you, Mr. President, I do not.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you. Social Services Director Kathy Rush-Parssons. She's not here.

SOCIAL SERVICES DIRECTOR KATHY RUSH-PARSSONS: Absent.

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

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN: Yes. Thank you, Mr. President. I'd like to point out that Resolution 18-2017 is the appointment of another member to our Land Bank Committee. We like to have a quorum. We need a quorum and we want to anticipate that if someone is unable to make a meeting that we have enough people.

Second, I've mentioned this before, but on May 13th from 9:00 . 12:00 p.m. we're having our Annual River Sweep. This year we're going to have two locations. One in the city of Cleveland and one at Forestdale Park off of 131st Street. The hours are from 9:00 . 12:00. I'm requesting everyone to volunteer because we pull out a lot of rubbish from that area.

Finally, we have received a lot of phone calls about Ceo's. It's a restaurant/bar that has been in Garfield Heights for a long time. Recently there was demolition on two sides of the property. I want to explain we received grant money to do this so the original structure, which actually is the Warner family built it in probably the early 1800's. We think 1818. Also as part of the grant, we are able to take down a two-car garage to the west of the site and the Cuyahoga County Land Reutilization Program was able to put in new sidewalks, new curbing and they seeded the whole site. And in the future, hopefully this summer, we will need to replace the roof so we'd have to have some fundraisers to raise the money for that. Like I said this is all grant funded. The city did not have to invest money in this. That concludes my report.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Are there any questions of Noreen on her report? Are there any questions of Noreen on her report? There being none, we'd move on to Building Commissioner, Mark Moro. Do you have a report for us tonight, Mark?

BUILDING COMMISSIONER MARK MORO: I do. Thank you. It's short. First thing is I'd like to thank everybody on the dais for helping and supporting me to get me up to speed in the new position. I'm getting there. I'm trying to get caught up on some of the complaints that have been lagging.

Second of all, as Director Dobies said about the notices, it was quite a task to compile that list. We do apologize if anybody is on the list and should not be. Again, just contact our office. It's a work in progress. We'd keep whittling away at it this entire summer until we have a good list again for next year. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you. Are there any questions of Mark on his report? Are there any questions of Mr. Moro on his report? There being none, we will move on to Comments by Citizens on tonight's agenda. Would the Clerk please read the rules.

COMMENTS BY CITIZENS ON THE AGENDA:

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: Do we have anyone that would like to speak on tonight's agenda? Do we have anybody that would like to speak on tonight's agenda? There being none, we will move on to Committee Reports. Do we have any Committee Reports this evening?

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

PRESIDENT SUSTER: There being none, we will move on to Ordinances and Resolutions, beginning with Ordinance 21-2017.

ORDINANCE NO. 21-2017

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH WOLFCOM ENTERPRISES FOR A FIVE YEAR LEASE OF A BODY WORN CAMERA SYSTEM INCLUDING ALL REQUISITE SOFTWARE AND MAINTENANCE

Moved by NENADOVICH to AMEND ORDINANCE 20-2017 TO ORDINANCE 21-2017:

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

Moved by NENADOVICH to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Before I vote, I want to ask the Chief one question if I might? Are we going to supply the SROs with cameras?

POLICE CHIEF ROBERT BYRNE: At this time, we are simply giving them to the patrol officers. Lieutenants, sergeants and patrolmen that are assigned to patrol duties.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: OK. Thank you. I vote Yes.

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

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Ordinance 21-2017 passes with 7 Yes votes.

RESOLUTION NO. 17-2017

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION RATIFYING AN APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR OF JOYCE A. TUBBS AS A MEMBER OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO TO FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF REV. ROBERT JONES DURING THE PERIOD COMMENCING IMMEDIATELY AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2018.

Moved by DUDLEY to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

CLMN DUDLEY: Before I vote, some of you all don't know. I know the Mayor and several of the Members of Council know Ms. Joyce Tubbs. She's a good person; a great person in the community. She has been involved in numerous programs and she has worked with me as well as others throughout the years. Like the Mayor says, she is going to be a great thing for that zoning board. I believe she'd get along with them fine. She's smart. She's intelligent. She's a great thinker. I look forward to her becoming a part of the zoning board. With that, Mr. Chairman, I vote yes.

CLMN BURKE: Before I vote, I would like to also echo what my colleague down there said. I've known Ms. Tubbs for a long time. I believe she is one of the most knowledgeable people. Very professional. I know she'd do a great job on the zoning board. With that, I vote Yes.

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

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Resolution 17-2017 passes with 7 Yes votes.

RESOLUTION NO. 18-2017

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION RATIFYING AN APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR OF DAN BAILLIE AS A MEMBER OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COMMITTEE LAND REUTILIZATION PROGRAM OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO, FOR THE TERM EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2017 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020.

Moved by GLENN to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

CLMN GLENN: Before I vote, I want to recognize my friend, Dan Baillie. He's bringing to this committee his technical skills, management skills to this committee. He's also the chairperson of Block Watch 4. So you got a very good asset in Dan Baillie here. I vote Yes.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Before I vote, I also would like to echo what Gene had said. Dan is a very knowledgeable person. He's involved in a lot of other things other than being put on this committee here. Everything he does he does very well. I wish him luck. I vote Yes.

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

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Resolution 18-2017 passes with 7 Yes votes.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS BY CITIZENS

PRESIDENT SUSTER: We will now move on to Comments by Citizens. Would the Clerk 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 any comments this evening? Is there anyone that has any comments this evening?

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

PRESIDENT SUSTER: There being none, we will move on to Miscellaneous Business beginning with Mr. Glenn.

CLMN GLENN: Mr. Chairman. No comments today.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you. I have two easy announcements. Next meeting will be April 24, 2017 right here in the Council Chambers.

Also I'd like to wish everybody a Happy Easter. I hope you and your families if you're traveling anywhere, please be safe and have a good time with your family. Enjoy yourselves. Next, Clmn Burke.

CLMN BURKE: Thank you, Mr. President. I just wanted to remind everybody to slow down on the side streets. As the Mayor said I've gotten a few phone calls this week about cars just flying down Silver and Bangor. There's children out playing. Make sure you're running the speed limit. Yes, those red signs are stop signs so you do have to stop.

I also would like to say thank you to Jeff Snodgrass for his donation to the Meals on Wheels. He is a person who has some properties and I believe lives in Ward 6 so I do want to say thank you to him.

Also remind everybody that my Community Awareness Meeting is Monday April 17th at 7:00 p.m. right here in the Civic Center. This month I have a representative from the Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office to come in and speak. I want to thank Chief Byrne for helping set that up for me.

I also would like to wish everybody a safe and Happy Easter as well. Thank you. That's all I have.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Before I go on to Clmn Vaughn I would ask the Mayor or the Law Director to draw up a resolution for Jeff Snodgrass please? On that, I will move down to Mr. Dudley.

CLMN DUDLEY: You forgot about our friend down there?

PRESIDENT SUSTER: He's not here. Clmn Vaughn.

CLMN VAUGHN: You OK, Nancy? Joe knows I'm playing. First of all I want to say that when the construction began at 7:30 on April 4th. About 9:30 I got my first phone call concerning it. I checked in with the Mayor. There is no extended hours of road construction as of right now on Turney Road so that was their first concern.

The other thing is folks, please slow down on Turney Road right now. There's holes. It's just a mess. For your own protection. With kids running across the street not knowing where the crosswalks are please take your time. Take a few more minutes. I want to see everybody get safely down Turney Road.

I want to thank Jeff Snodgrass for his donation. Jeff is a great asset to this community. He participates in many programs both here and the city and Knights of Columbus. He does great works with them as well. That was a very generous donation.

I want to wish everybody a Happy and holy Easter. Enjoy your family. They will be doing the walk leaving out of St. Monica's I believe at noon on Good Friday so if you'd like to walk it will be all flat terrain. There will be some buses from different churches to help if people would just like to ride along. With that I wish everybody a happy holiday and that is all I have. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you very much. Mr. Dudley.

CLMN VAUGHN: Thanks, Mike, for remembering me.

CLMN DUDLEY: I'd like to reiterate what the Mayor and Members of Council stated. Be careful at stop signs. Stop signs do mean stop. Also one of the Members of Council spoke on watch out for the children. Kids are running out in the street. Sometimes they shoot out of driveways and they just don't stop chasing a basketball or something so we go to be careful about that.

We know Easter is coming up. Once again, it's a holiday and I want everybody to enjoy it. It's also a day of forgiveness. He forgive them for what they done to Him. We should be able to forgive each other about little petty things that we got going on in life. Life is too short, people. Every weekend you look up you see people getting killed left and right. It's become sad. It's not that law enforcement ain't doing their job, it's just that a police officer can be sitting two doors down from me it don't mean that something won't happen at my house. We got to have a little more value. We got to appreciate life. We got to teach the children to have a strong appreciation of life. You saw the young man about 15 years old get shot by a drive by shooting they shoot the professor too. There's a lack of respect out there. We keep it in our prayers. At the same time there comes a point where people got to start being held accountable for their actions. It's come to that time. I want everybody to enjoy their Easter. Enjoy your family. Like I said forgive the family member you don't speak to. Give them a call. You never knew if that will be the last time you get a chance to hear their voice or speak to them. Keep everybody in your prayers. Keep the city in your prayers. I'm happy to say that I'm proud of this city. I think all the pieces of the puzzle is coming together and this is like my 10th year I been saying it since I been here. Nothing against the previous Members I worked with here, but you can see the puzzle coming together like a complete puzzle. You missing one piece until you get it you down complete it. There's some good things done. We're moving in the right direction as a city as a whole. Enjoy your Easter. God loves you and so do I. have a Happy Easter. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Joe.

CLMN LAMALFA: I'd just like to wish everyone a Happy Easter. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you. Mr. Nenadovich.

CLMN NENADOVICH: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Going along with what Mr. Dudley says I think that's a very good comment he made, as all the comments that were made tonight. But going with this Turney Road project, be a little courteous when you come to an intersection. Don't block the street so nobody can turn left. Let the car make the turn. You're not going to get anywhere faster than the car in front of you. It's two lanes. Use your head, ladies and gentleman. Look behind you. If there's a line of cars stuck, you're holding up five mille of traffic because you won't give that inch. Show a little courtesy, please.

I'd like to thank Mr. Dobies for a fantastic ice show again. I did make a comment about it to Mr. Dobies Saturday when I went. I watched these skaters progress and they've come to Katie McBeath. That girl floats across the ice like a wind. What a fantastic skater, as all were. The cutest were the ones in the fire outfits. They came out. They stood there. They moved their hockey sticks and they did a great job. It was a great show. Thank you, Bob. The rink looked better than ever. Thank your staff for me, too.

I'd like to thank Jeff Snodgrass for his donation.

I wish everybody a Happy Easter. Stay safe. Don't eat too much because it is one of the holidays where. well most of the holidays I don't need a holiday I'm sorry. I wish everybody a Happy Easter. Stay safe and God Bless you all. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Before I close the meeting, I would like to make a comment. I've worked with some of these Council people longer than others and also with the Mayor. You hear me. I kid around. I kid around with Tom or I kid around with Mike. The reason we can do this is because we do spend a lot of time together. When we're at meetings, we don't argue. We go to solve a problem, not to argue about it. These are a lot of hard working people. Since Mayor has been Mayor, we've got the budget in line somewhat and the only way you can do that is to be here and have a positive attitude. When we have meetings I don't think anybody here comes with a negative attitude because they know that we want to do the best for the city and all the residents. Here again, I'd be repetitive about it, I would like to wish everybody a very safe and Happy Easter.

With that, I would like to make a motion that we adjourn.

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

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

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:58 p.m.

APPROVED:

Joseph Suster, President of Council

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Barbara Molin, Clerk of Council